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Theresa Rasmussen is overcome with emotion after New Horizons-Chamber Director Liz Zweibohmer tells her that she will be the grand marshal for the 2024 Heartland Days Parade.

A TOUCHING PARADE INVITATION

LONGTIME NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER ASSISTANT WILL LEAD THE 2024 HEARTLAND DAYS PARADE THIS SUMMER

BY BOB FENSKE
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Theresa Rasmussen entered the New Hampton Municipal Utilities Monday thinking she was attending just another Heartland Days Planning Committee meeting.

Instead, the longtime New Horizons-Chamber assistant was blindsided.

Mind you, in a good way — a very touching and humbling way.

"T, I've been kind of keeping something from you," New Horizons Director Liz Zweibohmer said when the meeting began and with that,

Rasmussen's husband Sam entered "stage right," carrying a bouquet of flowers.

"I know the first thing on our agenda is to talk about picking a grand marshal," Zweibohmer said, "but to tell you the truth, we've already

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UIC appears to be the best, safest bet for New Hampton

Superintendent lays out options during community meeting

BY BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton's top school administrator told those who attended a community meeting on Tuesday that the district does have options when it comes to finding the Chickasaws a new conference.

Superintendent Jay Jurrens also emphasized that no final decision has been made and

that ultimately it's not up to him, but rather the School Board, to decide where New Hampton lands after more than a century in the Northeast Iowa Conference, the oldest in the state.

But he also told the 60 or so residents in the crowd that he believed New Hampton's best bet was to take the Upper Iowa

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Rolling to history

New Hampton's Jamison Porath follows through on his shot during Tuesday's district meet at Bowlaway Lanes, where he became the first bowler in school history to qualify for the state meet. See STORY, Page 10



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

A quartet of girls meet on the dance floor and “catch up” during the Father-Daughter Dance this past Friday.

It's a record year for Father-Daughter Dance

BY BOB FENSKE
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Kayla Flick will admit that she did more than a few “double takes” last Friday night at the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department’s annual Father-Daughter Dance.

"I'm used to seeing a lot of the dads in sweats, out coaching and things like that," she said, "and they walked in with suits and ties on and I'm like going, 'Wow, you clean up nicely.' And the girls, of course, they were shining and beaming."

It was a record night out at the Pub at the Pinicon, where 213 fathers, grandfathers,

daughters and granddaughters had themselves one heck of a party.

They feasted on kid-friendly food like pizza, chicken strips and Mac 'N' Cheese - then again, those are pretty Dad-friendly staples, too, right? And they danced up a

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Student Briefs

TV second quarter honor roll

Students named to the honor roll at Turkey Valley High School for the second quarter include:

- 3.75-4.0: Lauryn Dagit, Alexa Mueterthies, Courtney Ball, Jocelynn DeSloover, Mya Ives, Caleb Kriener, Nicholas Bernhard, El-laney Bodensteiner, Mitchell Kriener, Ava Kuennen, Jadeyn Mueter-thies, Anna Reicks, Karsyn Reicks, Bree Balk, Annika Bodensteiner, Hunter Kruse, Karstyn Lukes, Delaney Busta. Kinsey Reicks, Bode Balk, Ryann Schmitt, Mariah Thronsdon and Halle Weber.
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- 3.00-3.24: Bryn Franzen, Jacob Hanson, Kesley Reicks, Alex-is Gruenberg, Elizabeth Hyer, Levi Kruse, Treyton Franzen, Aaron Malven, Genesis Palacios, Graham Schmitt, Isabella Stika, Tyler Forbes, Keira Myers, Larry Vrba, Morgan Wenthold, Aidan Berst, Autumn Maklenburg, Burke Busta, Tristan Pullman and Adriana Tiedt.

UNI dean’s list

Students from the area that are attending the University of Northern Iowa were recently named to the dean’s list. To be elig-ible for the dean’s list, a student must have earned a grade point average of no less than 3.50.

Fredericksburg: Tiffany Beyer, Abigail Zabel.

Lawler: Rosalie Busta, Aleah Hackman, Gracie Reicks, Kara Reicks.

Nashua: Jayne Levi, Shara Ungs.

New Hampton: Ryan Boeck, Taylor Claussen, Erik Heeren.

Alpha: Jordon Snyder.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Members of the New Horizons-Chamber Heartland Days Planning Committee pose for a photo with this year’s parade grand marshals, Theresa and Sam Rasmussen, during a meeting Monday. Pictured are (front row, from left) Becky Babcock, Patty Phillips, Liz Zweibohmer, Megan Baltes, Kayla Flick, (second row) Emma Schwickerath, Karen Clemens, Sam and Theresa Rasmussen, Bobby Schwickerath, (back row) Kristi Pederson, Kym Nosbisch, Morgan Underwood, Jacob Rasing, Kayla Smith, Kerstin Schwickerath, Dustin Lewis and Jill Eike. Two committee members, Mindy Humpal and Jeff Bernatz, were unable to attend Monday’s meeting.

Chamber honors one of its own with grand marshal honor

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decided who we’re going to ask.”

A dramatic pause followed and Zweibohmer asked the question: “T, will you be our grand marshal.” And the tears flowed.

“I knew when I saw Sam come in, I was going to cry and I wasn’t wrong,” Rasmussen said. “I didn’t have a clue at all, not a single clue. It’s overwhelming to be asked, and I can’t tell you how humbled I am by this.”

She paused and laughed.

“And I knew I couldn’t say no,” Rasmussen said. “One thing I’ve learned about working with Liz for the past year or two is it’s really hard, maybe even impossible, to say no.”

So on the evening of Friday, June 7, Theresa and Sam Rasmussen will be at the head of the parade that kicks off New Hampton’s biggest annual festival.

Zweibohmer said her assistant is the perfect choice for the 2024 version of Heartland Days for a couple of reasons.

“First, anyone knows Theresa knows she puts her heart and soul into Heartland Days, really any chamber event,” the chamber director said. “Second, as a lot of you know, T’s retiring after Heartland Days, and we just think this would be a perfect way to send her out.”

Zweibohmer paused and laughed as she glanced at her assistant.

“Although, you know we’re really not ever going to let you go totally,” she said. “Seriously, you mean so much to New Horizons, to our city, to Chickasaw County Tourism, we really want you to do this so will you be our grand marshal?”

And Rasmussen graciously accepted.

Rasmussen has worked at the chamber for the past 10 years, and she said she’s enjoyed every moment of her foray into helping New Hampton businesses and organizations put their best foot forward.

“I enjoy working with the community, I enjoy working with the businesses, I enjoy working the events,” she said, “and honestly, there’s nothing I don’t really love about my job.”

Still, retirement beckons, although Rasmussen said she’ll stay active in the community.

Her three children — Christina, Gabrielle and August — and Sam’s children — Kirstin, Katie, Stacy and Tony — have blessed the couple with 19 grandchildren and she’s ready to devote more time to them.

First, though, is getting ready for another Heartland Days — one that will include the parade and the headline band Pork Tornadoes on Friday, a host of activities at the park on Saturday and the band IV Play that evening.

“It’s my favorite weekend of the year,” Rasmussen said. “Yes, it’s a lot of work, but we have such a great group of dedicated volunteers, it doesn’t feel like it. It’s just fun.”

Safe well water is the topic of ISU Extension program next month

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This program is being offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offices in Bremer, Chickasaw, and Fayette counties.

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and risks of being a private well owner and links to be connected to additional resources to manage their well, such as how to get wells tested for free, plus funding for helping maintain wells.

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Kyle Bouska (above) dances with his daughter, McKaia, while Todd Stange does the same with is daughter, Madison, at the Pub at the Plnicon this past Friday.

Mothers, sons to go bowling March 2

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storm, too.

It was, as it always is, a grand night. And it was packed.

The 213 attendees shattered the old record of around 175 a year ago, and few, if any, didn't have a blast at what has become a rite of the Friday before Valentine's Day.

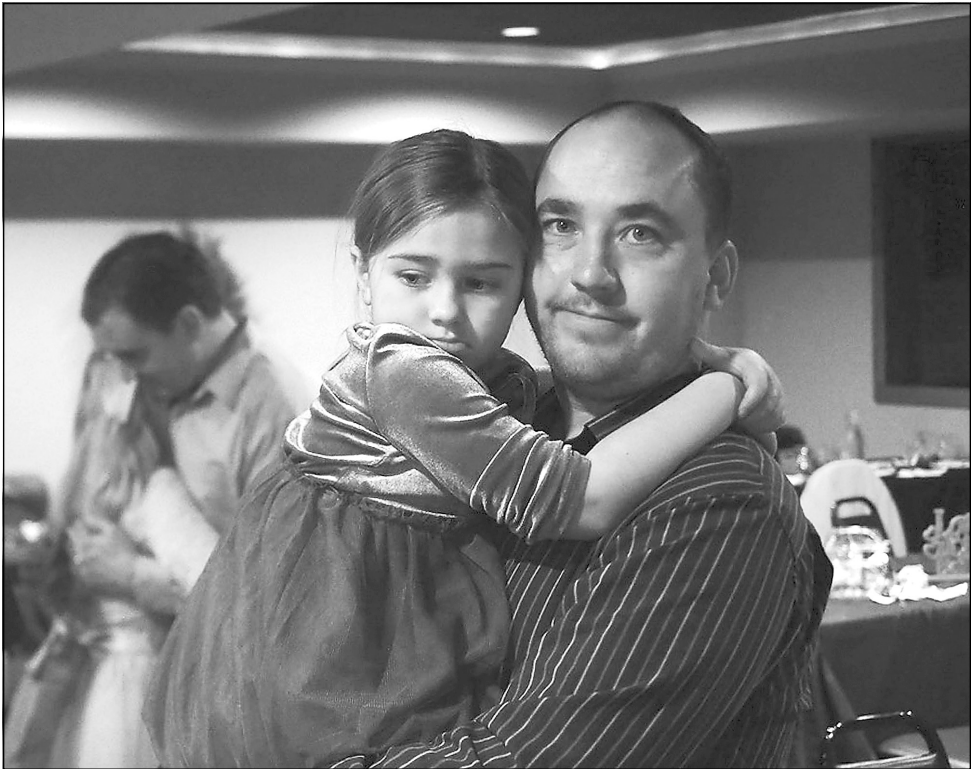
"It was awesome," said Flick, the Parks and Rec assistant who helped put on the dance for the first time. "It went so smoothly, and I can see why it's one of our most popular events. The girls just love it, and I think the dads would say the same. I absolutely loved it."

She also wanted to make sure those who volunteered to help at the event received their due.

"They're absolutely critical to all of our events," she said. "We can't do things like this, like the Halloween Parade, like Breakfast with Santa. We're so appreciative for them."

And while the dance put the spotlight on dads and daughters, moms and sons aren't being left out by Parks and Rec.

That's because Flick and her boss, Tara Hackman, are now putting the finishing touches on Mother-Son Bowling, which will be held on Saturday, March 2, at Bowlaway Lanes.



The theme for the event is "Rock 'N' Bowl" and the cost is \$35. Each additional child will cost \$15, and admission includes bowling shoes, the bowling itself and a meal that will include pizza and pop.

"We're really looking forward to that," Flick said, "and I think we'll have as much fun at the bowling alley as we did at the dance."



Photo courtesy of Clair Blong

From left: Jordan Jirak, Melvin Bodensteiner and Ralph Steinlage study the Black Hawk bridge model Steinlage created in his Lawler shop which is now on display at the Lansing Public Library.

Lawler man creates model of Lansing bridge now on display

By CLAIR BLONG
For the Tribune

Ralph Steinlage, an active modeler with the St. Lucas Historical Society, has created a 13-foot long model of the Black Hawk Bridge in Lansing.

In recent months Ralph became very interested in this States of Iowa and Wisconsin construction project to replace this historic bridge. His nephew, Nic Humpal, is one of the construction managers on the project.

Ralph says he spent over 75 hours in the past month creating the model in his craft shop in his hometown, Lawler. Many problems were encountered in modeling such a large structure. Ralph says he enjoys those challenges: researching the structure blueprints, scaling the model, selecting the appropriate materials, and then combining these materials into a viable model.

Ralph especially likes to share his models with the local com-

munities. Twelve of his historic building models are displayed in the German American Museum in St. Lucas. Ralph's Black Hawk Bridge model is displayed in the Lansing Public Library.

The Black Hawk Bridge will be torn down once the new bridge is completed in 2026. The Black Hawk Bridge spans the Mississippi River. It connects the town of Lansing in Allamakee County, Iowa, to Crawford County, Wisconsin. It is the northernmost Mississippi River bridge in Iowa.

According to Wikipedia, this riveted cantilever through truss bridge was constructed between 1929 and 1931. The designer and chief engineer was Melvin B. Stone. The McClintic-Marshall Company of Chicago erected the trusses. The steel came from the Inland Steel Company.

Originally a privately built and operated bridge owned by the Iowa-Wisconsin Bridge Company, it was closed between 1945 and 1957 due to damage

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Sheriff doesn't share how he came up with rate increases because contract not finalized

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contract that calls for 1,020 of service during the year.

All the other cities in the county currently pay the drive-through rate to comply with a state law that requires municipalities to provide law-enforcement to their residents.

Shawver, though, said he didn't think he could "go into" how he arrived at the new rates that would be effective at the beginning of the fiscal year, which commences on July 1, because he didn't feel he was at liberty to disclose information about the pay for his deputies and staff until after the supervisors approved the tentative agreement with Teamsters Local 238, which represents the county's deputies and dispatchers.

"I'm not sure what the two contract towns are going to do," Shawver said. "They're kind of waiting, of course, for the numbers."

But Supervisor Travis Suckow, who represents the city of Fredericksburg, said he has talked to a "few of the council members and they have flat out said that why should we pay more if the sheriff's department wants to do less."

Suckow said that it was his understanding that "in their meeting, you told them that you are not going to enforce any more codes."

Shawver quickly responded. "We never have," he said. "The only city ordinance in the current contract are snow-parking violations."

Shawver did say he was pro-

posing to remove snow-parking violations from the next contract.

"It becomes more of a hindrance more than anything," he said. "We can't guarantee we're going to be there, it helps with consistency. ... Fredericksburg calls, OK, we might have one person out. Then Nashua calls, who gets priority."

He also added that "it's not like it they call referencing a city ordinance, we're not going to show up. We'll show up, but as far as enforcing them, that's up to the city councils to do."

Supervisor Matt Kuhn eventually made the motion to accept Shawver's recommendations and after Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski requested a second three times, he finally seconded the motion.

But with Supervisor Jake Hackman not able to attend the meeting and only Cerwinski and Kuhn supporting the motion, the tie meant it went down to defeat.

"The reason I voted no," Supervisor Steve Breitbach said, "is I really like when we can discuss [how you came up with the rates]."

And on Wednesday, they were scheduled to discuss not only the rates but also the tentative agreement with the union representing Sheriff's Office staff.

In other words, stay tuned, but the Tribune will have an update on its website at nhtribune.news and also will have a story on Wednesday's meeting in which the agenda also includes a budget workshop, in next week's paper.

Turkey Valley first semester honor roll

The honor roll for Turkey Valley's first semester is as follows:

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It's a busy stretch for Christians

Ash Wednesday begins Lent, which leads all of us to the glory of Easter

I regret to inform you that the time really and truly has come to put away your last few Christmas decorations.

That's because, in many churches, this week marks the start of Lent, the 40-day period that paves the way to Easter.

Unlike the Christmas season, Lent is solemn and solitary. Many Christians spend it making sacrifices, such as by fasting on Fridays or refraining from indulging in certain foods or drink. Others take on new spiritual practices, like daily Bible reading.

These unique Lenten behaviors help participants prepare their hearts and minds for Easter festivities. I still remember how good a cold Diet Pepsi tasted for the first time in almost two months on Easter Sunday the year I gave it up for Lent.

For those who are unfamiliar with these traditions, I've put together a quick guide to upcoming events. Apologies in advance for

oversimplifying some of these traditions:

Mardi Gras: Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, is the last hurrah before Lent arrives. Churches often celebrate by hosting pancake suppers. This year, Fat Tuesday falls on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. At Ash Wednesday services, faith leaders use ashes to smear a cross on the foreheads of participants.

The cross "is meant to show that a person belongs to Jesus Christ, and it also represents a person's grief and mourning for their sins — the same sins that Christians believe Jesus Christ gave his life for when he died on the cross," according to USA Today. The holiday will be celebrated on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14, this year.

Lent: Lent is the 40-day period of penance that leads up to Easter. During Lent,

"we are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops writes.

Palm Sunday: Palm Sunday commemorates the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem ahead of his crucifixion. Churches celebrate by handing out palm fronds for members to wave during the service. Palm Sunday always takes place the Sunday before Easter. It's on Sunday, April 2, this year.

Maundy Thursday: Maundy Thursday services focus on Jesus' final meal with his disciples and his arrest. This year, it will be celebrated on Thursday, April 6.

Good Friday: On Good Friday, Christians remember Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. Participants in Good Friday services often hear reflections on Jesus' last words. It will be celebrated on Friday, April 7.



The Rev. Kevin Frey serves as the senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton. For more information about Trinity, visit the church website at trinitylutherannewhampton.org.

Easter: Easter is the main event!

It celebrates Jesus' resurrection. Easter is on Sunday, April 9, this year.

However you may choose to celebrate this season, know that the outward things we do are to be a sign of the faith which is alive within us.

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221 Oak St.
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218 3rd St. NW
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m.

ST. LUCAS

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC

215 East Main
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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HOLY TRINITY

124 N. Main St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

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New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens (far right) talks about the issues the school district is facing with the apparent demise of the NEIC during a community meeting that was held Tuesday evening at the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium.

School Board to take up conference issue Monday

CONFERENCE: FROM 1

Conference up on its invitation to apply and that he would make that recommendation to board members when they hold their monthly meeting this coming Monday night.

“They want to do what's best for the district and especially our students,” Jurrens said, “and my job is to do the research, present options to them and give them the information they need to make their best decision.”

Jurrens said he believes that there are only two or three options available to New Hampton as it looks for a new home with the all-but-certainty that the Northeast Iowa Conference will cease to exist on June 30, 2025.

That's because the following day, Crestwood will officially become a member of the UIC, leaving the NEIC with just four schools — New Hampton, Charles City, Decorah and Waukon. Under state law, conferences must have at least five members to exist.

The NEIC has been in flux since Oelwein departed the NEIC for the North Iowa Cedar League, beginning with the 2021-22 school year. That year also saw the conference vote 5-1 to remove the NEIC's largest school, Waverly-Shell Rock, in an effort to attract potential new members through expansion.

But Jurrens said that both times the NEIC extended invitations — first to Osage, North Fayette Valley, Sumner-Fredericksburg and MFL MarMac and then later to just Osage and North Fayette Valley — all of them were declined.

NEW HAMPTON'S CONFERENCE OPTIONS?

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE

Big School Division: *Crestwood, MFL MarMac, **New Hampton, North Fayette Valley, South Winneshiek and **Waukon.

Small School Division: Central Elkader, Clayton Ridge, Kee High, Postville, Turkey Valley and West Central.

NORTH IOWA CEDAR LEAGUE

Eastern Pod: Jesup, Oelwein, Sumner-Fredericksburg, Union and Wapsie Valley.

Central Pod: Aplington-Parkersburg, Denver, Dike-New Hartford, Hudson, Waterloo Columbus.

Western Pod: AGWSR, East Marshall, Gladbrook-Reinbeck, Grundy Center, South Hardin.

• Crestwood has been accepted for UIC membership, effective with the 2025-26 school year.

• New Hampton and Waukon have been invited by the UIC to apply for membership in the conference, effective with the 2025-26 school year.

When Crestwood jumped ship last month and was approved for UIC membership earlier this month, the demise of the NEIC was all but official.

When the UIC accepted Crestwood last week, it also extended invitations to New Hampton and Waukon, but the league set a deadline of March 1 to receive answers.

Option No. 2 would be joining the North Iowa Cedar League, a conference of 15 schools that are divided into three divisions. And a third option, one Jurrens said he wouldn't support, would be to become an independent.

He said the NICL, though, is not looking to expand and pointed out that while schools in that conference closest to New Hampton are open to the idea, others aren't.

“The farther south you go in that league, the more no's I'm hearing,” he said, “and just to give you an example, I talked with the Hudson superinten-

dent, and that's probably the hardest no I've ever received.”

He also added that if New Hampton didn't apply to the UIC and was rejected by the NICL, “I'll be very honest and tell you I don't know how the Upper Iowa would respond.”

When asked by one audience member how the coaches felt when it comes to a future home for the Chickasaws, New Hampton boys basketball coaches Ryan Rausch and Brock Frahm both stated that they felt the UIC made the most sense.

“I think that's less risky,” Frahm said, “and provides the smooth transition for us.”

In the letter requesting New Hampton and Waukon apply for UIC membership, that conference's superintendents said they envision a large-school division and small-school division in which crossover games would be optional.

The large-school division would include Waukon,

Crestwood, MFL MarMac, New Hampton, North Fayette Valley and South Winneshiek while the small-school division would have Kee High, Central Elkader, Clayton Ridge, Postville, Turkey Valley and West Central.

“We already play many of those schools,” said Jurrens.

The tenor in the room Tuesday night might be best summed up as this: Residents are sad to see the NEIC go, but they are coming to terms that the state's oldest conference is not savable.

Some had concerns that Decorah, which will be the NEIC's largest school once Waverly-Shell Rock departs at the end of this school year, could end up in the Upper Iowa.

Jurrens said he expects that Decorah will apply for UIC membership, and that the UIC very well might reject that application.

But he pointed out Decorah then can take its case to the state, and if a 30-day mediation period doesn't yield results, the Department of Education can place Decorah in a conference.

On Tuesday, though, he said the School Board is focused on what's best for New Hampton and its students.

“We do appreciate the input, the feedback,” he said. “That's why we had this meeting.”

Briefs

Applications available for Friends of MercyOne scholarships

The MercyOne New Hampton is accepting applications for Friends of MercyOne Healthcare Scholarships, in the amount of \$750. Five scholarships are available to graduating seniors or non-traditional students who reside in the MercyOne New Hampton service area.

Applicants must plan to further their education in a health care field. Some qualifying fields of study include but are not limited to medical records technicians (transcription and coding), pharmacy and pharmacy techs, laboratory techs, radiology techs, dietetics, physical/respiratory therapy, psychology/mental health, as well as nursing and pre-medicine.

The scholarship will be awarded to students who exemplify character through academic achievement, volunteerism, and extra curricular participation. In awarding the scholarship, strong consideration will be given to students with financial need. However, the scholarship may be awarded to a promising student regardless of financial need.

Students interested in the scholarship may download an application at www.mercyone.org/newhampton (search “scholarship”). The completed form must be returned no later than April 1 to MercyOne New Hampton, Friends of MercyOne Scholarship. 308 N. Maple Avenue, New Hampton, IA 50659.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Monteith at 641-394-1626.

Bethany students to perform at Redeemer and Saude in March

The “Virtuosity Tour,” featuring students majoring in music at Bethany Lutheran College, which is located in Mankato, Minnesota), is set to visit two area churches next month.

The music students will perform at Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton on Friday, March 1, beginning at 5 p.m. and will also perform at Saude Lutheran Church in rural Lawler at 1 p.m. the following day.

The shows will feature solos or duets highlighting performances on the piano, organ, voice, clarinet, and flute.

There is no admission fee for the concerts, but a freewill donation will be taken at each location to help with tour expenses.

The students are directed by Professor of Music Benjamin Faugstad, who is the brother of the Pastor Peter Faugstad, who serves as the pastor at Redeemer, Jerico and Saude Lutheran churches.

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Iowa Pork Producers to hold regional conferences in Nashua

Four educational conferences for pork producers across Iowa will take place Feb. 19-22.

The Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa Pork Industry Center, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach are joining forces to offer updates on the economic outlook of the pork market, swine health, disease preparedness and more.

Pork producers, production

employees, veterinarians and others are encouraged to register.

Locally, the location on Wednesday, Feb. 21 will be the Borlaug Learning Center, 3327 290th St. Nashua.

In addition to the regional conference program that runs from 1 to 5 p.m. each day, a separate morning session from 9 a.m. to noon will provide Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus training.

Preregister by contacting IPPA by phone 800-372-7675 or email bsmeby@iowapork.org.

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The family of Dixie Lee Steffes would like to thank all the friends and relatives that gave flowers, gifts and attended our Mother's Memorial service and Mass on Saturday, January 27th, 2024. We also greatly appreciated all of the warm online condolences from everyone. We thank everyone at Hugeback-Johnson for all their help and comfort. We thank Father Jerry Kopacek for celebrating the Mass. We wish a special thank you to Marge Zipse and daughters Amy & Brenda for sharing so many wonderful memories of our Mother & family.

We are honored to list below the family friends whose contributions went to the St. Joseph's Community School Student Lunch Program.

Ahrens, Dominic & Shelley	Gorman, Gary & Julie	Rowe, Sharon (Mathews)
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Dixie Lee's kids and granddaughter are honored to have matched the above contributions to the Student Lunch Program at St. Joe's of New Hampton. We were proud to deliver a total of \$3,000.00 to St. Joe's! Thank you all so much from the Steffes Family.

*Terry Lynn & Tim Rausch,
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Almanac

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Wednesday	46	33	--
Thursday	58	32	--
Friday	37	26	--
Saturday	36	25	--
Sunday	39	20	--
Monday	46	17	--
Tuesday	40	28	--

Forecast

Thursday: Sunny and breezy with a high of 33 and a low of 20.

Friday: Chance of morning snow showers and then partly cloudy; high 27, low 10.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 27 and a low of 17.

Sunday: Sunny and breezy with a high of 27 and a low of 17.

President's Day: Sunny, still breezy and it's back to the 40s as we'll see a high of 42 and a low dropping to 27.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton School Board, 6:30 p.m., High School Family and Consumer Science Room.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1898, a massive explosion of unknown origin sinks the battleship USS Maine in Cuba's Havana harbor, killing 260 of the fewer than 400 American crew members aboard and eventually leads to the Spanish-American War.
- In 1903, in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, the first "teddy bears" go on sale.
- In 1942, Singapore, the "Gibraltar of the East" and a strategic British stronghold, falls to Japanese forces.
- In 1953, Tenley Albright, a 17-year-old from Boston, becomes the first American female to win the world figure skating championship.
- In 1965, Canada officially adopts the "maple leaf" flag.
- In 1998, after 20 years of trying, racing great Dale Earnhardt Sr. finally wins his first Daytona 500, NASCAR's season opener that is dubbed the "Super Bowl of stock car racing."

Birthdays

- Galileo Galilei, the Italian astronomer, physicist and engineer who has been called the "father of science," was born in 1564.
- Susan B. Anthony, American women's suffrage movement leader, was born in 1820.
- American actor and comedian Chris Farley was born in 1964.
- Matt Groening, creator of TV's "Simpsons" turns 70.
- Actress Jane Seymour turns 73.

Corrections

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Thelma Allen, 96

Thelma Allen, age 96 of New Hampton, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, at the Shell Rock Healthcare Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at Harvest Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Anthony Harris officiating.

Inurnment will be held at the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, prior to the service at the church.

Thelma Marie Means was born Jan. 18, 1928, in Lamont, the daughter of C. Willard and Aletha (Fry) Means.

She attended schools in Lamont, Aurora and Stanley before attending New Hampton High School, from which she graduated in 1945.

After high school she attended summer school classes at Iowa Teachers College for teaching in rural schools. She taught in Dresden Township and near Devon.

On Dec. 22, 1946, she married Darrell K. Allen at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

They rented a farm near Devon before buying a farm south of New Hampton in the spring of 1950. To this union five children — Gary, Karen, Dean, Darwin and Brian — were born.

Over the years Thelma worked for Stork Hatchery, Sara Lee, Comprehensive Systems and Chickasaw Senior Center. She was the First Baptist Church treasurer for 10 years, Sunday School teacher and secretary for the Pioneer Cemetery Board. She also enjoyed driving senior citizens to their out of town medical appointments.

Her major hobby was family genealogy. She loved researching old newspapers and cemeteries looking for clues to connect family history.

Survivors include two sons, Gary of Meridian, Idaho, and Darwin of Waverly; one daughter, Karen (Don) Montgomery of Burlingame, Kansas; two daughters-in-law, Julie (Roger) DeSloover of Fredericksburg, and Monica Allen of Red Bluff, California; 11 grandchildren; two bonus grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; eight bonus great-grandchildren; one great great grandson; 12 bonus great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Warren (Bud) Means of Fredericksburg; along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Brian; son, Dean; granddaughter, Staci Allen; son-in-law, Bill Gebel; daughter-in-law, Sharon Allen; daughter-in-law, Deb Allen; bonus daughter-in-law, Barb Schuler; and bonus granddaughter, Debbie Annin.

Also my very best friend ever, Jesse, Brian's black lab!

In lieu of flowers memorial suggestions are Harvest Church, Chickasaw County Pioneer Cemetery restoration or Carnegie Cultural Center.

Dean W. Allen, 70

Dean W. Allen, age 70 of Red Bluff, California, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Dean was born June 8, 1953 in New Hampton, the son of Darrell K. and Thelma (Means) Allen.

He attended New Hampton Community School from which he graduated in 1971. He completed the farm management program at the Area One Community School in 1972.

On July 14, 1973, he married Vickie Decklever. They had one son, Shannon. They later divorced.

On Jan. 10, 1981, he married Monica Mord in Hilmar, California. To this union, two sons, Shawn and Ryan, were born.

Dean started his working career by joining the family farm for several years. Later he moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he started his driving career. He drove for Greyhound Bus Company then for Roadway Trucking Company.

From there he switched to being a company driver for Walmart. This led to an opportunity to transfer to a new Walmart distribution center in Red Bluff, California, where with his years with Walmart put him at the top of the seniority list.

He retired with a perfect driving record.

Dean and Monica were active members of the Serendipity Corvette Club. They enjoyed camping, riding his motorcycle, road trips in their Corvette and jet skiing.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Monica; three sons, Shannon (Monica) of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Shawn (Kimberly) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Ryan (Jessica) of Marysville, California; his mother, Thelma Allen of New Hampton; two brothers, Gary of Meridian, Idaho, and Darwin of Waverly; one sister, Karen (Don) Montgomery of Burlingame, Kansas; four granddaughters; one uncle; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents; maternal grandparents; his father; one stillborn daughter, Staci; one brother, Brian; brother-in-law, Bill Gebel; sister-in-law, Sharon Allen; sister-in-law, Deb Allen; and bonus sister-in-law, Barb Schuyler.

Condolences can be sent to Monica and family at: 20820 Edward Court, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Marilyn Reicks-Botterbrodt, 91

Marilyn Louise Reicks-Botterbrodt, age 91, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, at her home in Hartman, Arkansas, in front of her large picture window overlooking the lake, her "happy place."

She was lovingly surrounded by her husband and family.

A funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at Hartman Baptist Church, 208 Main St., Hartman, Arkansas, with Pastor Jeff Mize presiding.

Visitation will be one hour prior to funeral service.

Burial will be 3 p.m. on Friday at Friendship Cemetery in Springdale, Arkansas.

Dorothy M. Campbell, 94

Dorothy Marilyn Campbell, age 94 of Nashua, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2023 at St. John Lutheran Church, Nashua, with the Rev. Todd Burrichter presiding.

Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua following the service.

Friends greeted the family an hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Madonna (Donna) Ann Cashman, 94

Madonna (Donna) Ann Cashman, age 94, died at Memorial Hospital in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024.

A Mass of Christian Burial for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma have been entrusted with Madonna's arrangements.

Donna was born on the family farm near Lourdes on Jan. 7, 1930, to George and Clementine (Brophy) Hughes.

She attended school in Lourdes and graduated from New Hampton High School in 1948.

She obtained her teacher's certificate and taught five years in Howard County rural schools.

On June 9,1951, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Lourdes Donna was united in marriage to Glen Cashman. To this union four children were born. She remained at their home to care for her growing family.

In 1969, she returned to teaching in Alta Vista and later New Hampton. She received her BA in education at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, and completed advanced work at other universities in Iowa.

She belonged to Chat and ? Club and was a member of I.C. Rosary Society as well as education associations.

She especially enjoyed her family, dancing to big band music, gardening, swimming, quilting, sewing and traveling to 49 states, the provinces of Canada, Ireland, Wales, England, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Jamaica and Mexico.

Those left to cherish her memories are her sister, Peggy (Francis) Nibaur, her four children, William (Sharon), Waverly, Dr. Timothy (Joyce), Santa Teresa, New Mexico, Michelle (Randy) Till, LaMotte, and Daniel (Deb), Urbandale; grandchildren, Kyler (Paige), Justin (Amber) and Trevor (Jessica) Deutmeyer, Brent (Erica) and Colby Till, Ann, John (Esma) Cashman, Molly (Casey) Dodder, Sarah (Nitesh) Patel, and Kelsey, Katie and Juliana Cashman; great-grandchildren, Gabe, Henry, and Juliana Deutmeyer, and Kerry Dodder, McCoy and Wrenley Till; in addition to many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glen; her parents; siblings and in-laws; Virginia and Carter J. Bergen, William Hughes, David and Marta Hughes, and Neil and Joan Cashman; nephews, Mike and Neil Cashman; and niece, Sara Nibaur Baughman.

Donna Cashman

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at the Community Center.

H u g e b a c k - J o h n s o n Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg have been entrusted with Milo's arrangements.

Milo Mark Drape, 69

Milo Mark Drape, age 69 of Fredericksburg, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, at the Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at the Fredericksburg Community Center.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at the Community Center.

Larry Oeltjenbruns, 72

Lawrence "Larry" Oeltjenbruns, age 72 of Shell Rock died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, at Allen Unity Point Hospital in Waterloo.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, prior to the memorial service at the funeral home on Thursday.

Parish Scripture Service.

Graveside services will follow at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Briefs

Head Start open house set for this evening

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC) is excited to announce its Head Start Preschool Open House and Registration night to apply for the 2024-25 school year.

The event takes place this evening from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Head Start classroom, 206 W. Main Street in New Hampton.

Head Start is a free all day, five days a week, 3- and 4-year old preschool program. Nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack are served daily at no cost to families. Qualified teachers use the Creative Curriculum to help children learn and provide the academic and social skills they need to be successful when they reach kindergarten.

Free before and after school care may be available for parents who are working or are in school full-time. All families with children who are 3-4 years old by Sept. 15 are encouraged to apply for Head Start.

Families can also apply by reaching out to their local Family Services Specialists. NEICAC provides the support and resources to improve the stability and quality of life for individuals and families with limited resources.

Turkey Valley preschool registration next week

Turkey Valley Preschool new student registration for the 2024-2025 school year is Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 3:45-6 p.m. Registration will be held in room 670, located right inside of the elementary entrance doors.

Please bring your child's birth certificate as proof of birth date and his/her social security number.

If you are unable to attend registration, you may send someone who can register your child on your behalf or call the elementary office 563-776-6011 to make other arrangements to register your child.

Event Center to hold Irish Stew fundraiser March 14

An Irish Stew fundraiser will be held Thursday, March 14 at the Chickasaw Event Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m., with proceeds to go to Event Center renovations.

On the menu will be Irish (beef) stew, cornbread, desserts and drinks. Food may be dine-in or carry out and there will be door prizes all night. Tickets are \$15 and the center is located at 301 North Water Ave. in New Hampton.

Vianna Holschlag nursing scholarship available

MercyOne New Hampton is accepting applications for the Friends of MercyOne Vianna Holschlag Nursing Scholarship. Five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded.

The scholarship is available to students from the MercyOne New Hampton service area who plan to receive higher education in the field of nursing. Applicants may be traditional or non-traditional students, entering or pursuing either an associate degree or a baccalaureate program in nursing.

The scholarship will be awarded to students who exemplify character and ideals as determined by the Auxiliary Executive Board. In awarding the scholarship, strong consideration will be given to students with financial need. However, the scholarship may be awarded to a promising student regardless of financial need.

Students interested in the scholarship may download the application at www.mercyone.org/newhampton (search "scholarship"). The completed form and essay must be returned no later than April 1, to MercyOne New Hampton, Friends of MercyOne Scholarship, 308 N. Maple Avenue, New Hampton, IA 50659.

Iowa PBS to premiere 'Tractor Wars' Feb. 26

Embark on a historical journey and follow the race to develop a reliable tractor in Iowa PBS's new documentary, Tractor Wars. The hour-long program will premiere Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. on the statewide network.

It will be rebroadcast Sunday, March 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 9 at 1 p.m. Tractor Wars will also be available to stream on iowapbs.org and the PBS App.

In the early 20th century, hundreds of companies were experimenting with vehicles to bring power farming to agriculture.

"It took a lot of experimentation to get to what we now recognize as the tractor," said Iowa PBS Producer and Director Peter Tubbs. "This film will appeal to tractor enthusiasts, but will be equally engaging for those simply tagging along. I'm glad to share this important story in the tractor industry with our audience."

Property Transfers

Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR and Janice Brahn Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST EX W28R S34R SW NW 27-95-14.

Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR and Dexter W. Brahn Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST EX W28R S34R SW NW 27-95-14.

McBride Family Farm LLC to Leslie Buryl Parker IV and Carly Joan Parker; N1/4 SE 24-94-13 S1/2 NE 34-94-13.

James Vernon Eggerichs, James V. Eggerichs, Susan Joanne Eggerichs and Susan J. Eggerichs to Randy Eugene Nosbisch and Morgan Whitney Nosbisch; N4AC S8AC E1/2 SE NE 19-96-13 N12AC E1/2 EX COMM 54N SE COR SE NE 19-96-13 S16R E1/2 SE NE 19-96-13 PARCEL C SE NE 19-96-13.

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News Bits From Our Past Compiled by Terri Josephson

Week of Feb. 11 1949 (75 years ago)

• Last Tuesday evening a grey 1938 Ford V-8 belonging to Joe Kostka disappeared from its parking space in front of the Goss residence on South Linn Ave. It is known definitely that the car was there at mid-night, but missing Wednesday morning.

The Kotska car was found later Wednesday morning parked near Mrs. Mary Krieger's home on South Maple Ave. The machine had been serviced so the tank was full. When found the car was almost out of gas and the oil was down a quart, bearing testimony that the Ford had been "borrowed" by a party or parties unknown.

• Earl Lampson has sold his taxi business to Elmer Witt of Charles City, effective Saturday, Feb. 12.

His headquarters will be in Cusach's Sandwich Shop. His hours for taxi service will be 12 noon until 12 midnight for the present. Mr. Witt will charge 25 cents for the first passenger plus 15 cents for each additional passenger within city limits. Mr. Witt is experienced in the taxi business and recently sold his Yellow Cab business in Charles City to four brothers.

1974 (50 years ago)

• State Representative Charles E. Grassley of the New Hartford area announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Third District Congressman. Rep. Grassley has been a member of the Iowa House of Representatives for 16 years and during the past two years has served as chairman of the Appropriations Committee. Prior to that, he served as chairman of the Education Committee.

In addition to his work in the Legislature, Grassley is

engaged in farming near New Hartford. He and his wife Barbara, the former Barbara Ann Speicher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Speicher of New Hampton, are parents of five children.

• Damages estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were estimated in a fire Feb. 12 at Ferkin's Motel, south of New Hampton on Highway 18 and 63.

The fire, which apparently started in a large commercial clothes dryer in the garage of the structure, caused extensive damage to the garage, the house and the motel office and three vehicles parked in the garage.

The adjoining 56-unit motel reportedly was not damaged. The fire occurred while owners Mr. and Mrs James Ferkin were vacationing.

1999 (25 years ago)

• The New Hampton girls were a 76-58 winner over Charles City in a home game on Friday night to lock up their second straight Northeast Iowa Conference championship. The girls roared to a 41-15 halftime lead and Chickasaw head coach Chad Pemble said the first half of Friday's game was the best half of basketball they played all year.

The win brought the Chickasaws to a final conference season record of 10-2. Waverly Shell-Rock is currently in second place at 9-2.

• The New Horizons-

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING JURISDICTION OF CITY OF LAWLER BOX CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 23-1268

Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Documents and Estimated Costs for Improvement.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby given notice that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of Lawler on the proposed contract documents (plans, specifications and form of contract) and estimated cost for the improvement at its meeting at 7:15 P.M. on March 4, 2024, at City Hall, Lawler, Iowa.

The description of the type of public improvement and its location are as follows:

Work in general consists of removal of existing culverts and small bridge and installation of concrete box culverts at Benz Street, Depot Street, Owl Street, Diagonal Street, and Grove Street within the City of Lawler.

The City Council will meet at a meeting in said Council Chambers at 7:15 P.M. on March 4, 2024, to consider the plans and specifications, estimate of cost and proposed form of contract and to act upon the bid proposals and to consider entering into a contract for said improvements.

Any persons interested may appear at such meeting of the City Council for the purpose of making objections to the plans, specifications or contract or the cost of making the improvements.

This Notice is given by authority of the City of Lawler.

Mark Muetherlies, Mayor
Attest: Suzie Byrne, City Clerk

No. 23678
2/15/24

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #52
Located at: C Storage
625 S Linn Ave
New Hampton, IA 50659
And rented in the name of:
Heather Praska

Will be sold at public auction sale on: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items
MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$250 per unit.

If the tenant of the above storage unit pays rent due before the auction, the sale will be canceled without notice.

NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #42
Located at: C Storage
625 S Linn Ave
New Hampton, IA 50659
And rented in the name of:
AJ Vetter

Will be sold at public auction sale on: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items
MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$300 per unit.

If the tenant of the above storage unit pays rent due before the auction, the sale will be canceled without notice.

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Duane Quirk, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003185 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Duane Quirk, Deceased, who died on or about December 5, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on January 19, 2024 the Last Will and Testament of Duane Quirk, deceased, bearing date of May 21, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Lori Quirk was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated February 6, 2024.
Lori Quirk, Executor of Estate 420 W. Main St. New Hampton, IA50659

Michael K. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004194
Attorney for Executor
Kennedy & Kennedy 12 E. Main St. PO Box 406 New Hampton, IA50659

Date of second publication 15th Day of February, 2024

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Chamber held their annual banquet on Feb. 6. Just over 100 people were in attendance. Karen Amundson, director for the Chamber, presented the Governor's awards for Outstanding Individual Volunteer, Grant Anderson and Outstanding Business Volunteer, New Hampton Lumber.

Others volunteers receiving recognition in a variety of categories were: Karen Frisch, Muriel Meyer, Gayla Hugeback, Jackie Perkins, Randy Frisch, Jan Pacovsky, Olin Amundson, Janet O'Connell and Steve Geerts and the New Hampton Fire Department.

2014 (10 years ago)

• The third-annual Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance was held Saturday night. Each year the dance draws out more and more couples with this year being no different. Each year the event has a profession-

al photographer in attendance to take pictures, a dinner is served followed by music and dancing. Before the dance began, Miss Heartland Maddy Miller took a group picture with all the girls.

The event is a collaboration between the New Hampton Park and Rec and the New Hampton-Chamber.

• The New Hampton Tribune for a second straight year has taken home one of the highest honors the Iowa Newspaper Association bestows. During last week's annual INA Convention, the Tribune was named the winner of the Bill Monroe INA Innovation Award for its work on helping raise funds for the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial.

2019 (5 years ago)

• Angel Antonio, a freshman art student, will be receiving some national attention. The

talented artist who is making a name for himself is just as adept with ink as he is pencil lead, and next month, one of his works will be displayed at the National Art Educators Association Conference in Boston after Antonio's entry in the Art Educator's of Iowa's "Flag Contest" was selected the winner by a panel of judges.

The downside is neither Antonio or his art teacher, Melissa Nelson, will be able to attend the conference. Both teacher and student are proud of the accomplishment.

• Four New Hampton-Turkey Valley wrestlers will be participating in the traditional State 2A wrestling tournament, which starts Thursday at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. The four wrestlers include, Mason Cleveland at 126, Max Babcock at 145, Evan Rosonke at 182 and Carter Reicks at 220.

ments Project, and the taking of bids therefor be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Denner, Geerts, Holthaus. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted. This statement is a summary of the resolution adopted. Anyone wishing to review the entire resolution may view a copy at Ionia City Hall or email city clerk at Ioniaclerk@outlook.com. Engineer will receive bids for the construction of the Project before 2 pm on February 28, 2024. Proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 2 pm on February 28, 2024. The bid opening will be conducted virtually via teleconference. Public hearing will be on March 4, 2024, at 7:20 pm in Ionia City Hall where Council will consider the bids received for the Ionia Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

Day will order the LED Time and Temperature sign and it will be installed on Main Street.

Discussion on FY 24/25 budget and requests.

Clerk discussed HF 718 stating there are a new public hearing requirement and a new related Iowa Dept of Mgt budget data submission requirement for budget FY 24/25. Day made a motion, seconded by Geerts, to set public hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year City Property Tax Levy on March 25, 2024, at 6:30 pm in Ionia City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Chickasaw County EMS 2023 Report was reviewed and discussed.

City will stay with The Insurance Office, Inc for insurance coverage provided by ICAP (Iowa Community Assurance Pool).

Agenda item to approve Resolution 24-5 A Resolution authorizing a loan and disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the paying of \$315,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 was tabled. A special meeting will be held February 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Ionia City Hall to authorize the loan.

Rausch left at 8:42 pm.

Jendro will have a holiday February 19; therefore, garbage and recyclables will be collected in Ionia on February 20, Tuesday.

Motion by Day, seconded by Denner, to adjourn meeting at 8:49 pm.

Randy Taylor, Mayor
Attest:
Donna Geerts, City Clerk

No. 23676
2/15/24

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE Ionia Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements FOR THE City of Ionia.

Public Notice is hereby given that at 7:20, P.M. on the 4th day of March 2024, the Ionia City Council will, in the Ionia City Hall Council Chambers, hold a hearing whereat said Council will resolve to adopt plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of the Ionia Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and, at the time, date and place specified above, or at such time, date and place as then may be fixed, to act upon proposals and enter into contract for the construction of said improvements.

General Nature of the Public Improvement

The project generally includes furnishing all labor, material, and equipment necessary for the lagoon sludge removal, parshall flume & vault structure, wooden shed and flow meter readout, manhole and sewer line replacement, site restoration, and other miscellaneous items.

At said hearing, the City Council will consider the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for said project, the same now being on file in the Ionia City Hall, reference to which is made for a more detailed and complete description of the proposed improvements, and at said time and place the said Council will also receive and consider any comments/objections to said plans, specifications and form of contract or to the estimated cost of said improvements made by any interested party.

This Notice is given by authority of the City of Ionia

No. 23677
2/15/24

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 26.12 FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

You are hereby provided notice pursuant to Iowa Code section 26.12 that Chickasaw County, Iowa, intends to enter into a contract for a proposed public improvement project with an estimated total cost that exceeds the competitive bid threshold in section 26.3 or as adjusted in section 314.1B.

The proposed public improvement project is to establish a public water connection between the City of New Hampton and the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center.

The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for the proposed public improvement project are available for inspection at the office Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc., 215 North Adams, Mason City, Iowa 50401 (641-424-6344).

A public hearing on the proposed public improvement project will be held in the boardroom at the Chickasaw County Courthouse, 8 E. Prospect Street, New Hampton, Iowa, at 9:10 a.m. on March 4, 2024.

At the public hearing, any interested person may appear and file objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, or estimated total cost of the proposed public improvement project. Written objections may be filed with the Chickasaw County Auditor, 8 E. Prospect Street, New Hampton, Iowa, until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024.

Following completion of the public hearing, a contract may be awarded for completion of the proposed public improvement project.

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Read The Legals

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of IONIA				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
The City of IONIA will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024				
Meeting Date/Time: 3/4/2024 07:10 PM		Contact: Donna Geerts		Phone: (319) 239-0289
Meeting Location: Ionia City Hall, 101 W Iowa Street, Ionia IA 50645				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	62,361	0	62,361
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	62,361	0	62,361
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	41,133	0	41,133
Licenses & Permits	7	540	0	540
Use of Money & Property	8	1,000	0	1,000
Intergovernmental	9	288,500	0	288,500
Charges for Service	10	87,000	0	87,000
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	492,540	5,000	497,540
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	22,602	0	22,602
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	995,676	5,000	1,000,676
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	34,640	0	34,640
Public Works	17	164,200	0	164,200
Health and Social Services	18	226	0	226
Culture and Recreation	19	47,000	20,000	67,000
Community and Economic Development	20	3,000	10,000	13,000
General Government	21	32,700	4,000	36,700
Debt Service	22	0	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	281,766	34,000	315,766
Business Type/Enterprise	25	797,540	35,500	833,040
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	1,079,306	69,500	1,148,806
Transfers Out	27	22,602	0	22,602
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	1,101,908	69,500	1,171,408
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-106,232	-64,500	-170,732
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	30	675,247	0	675,247
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024	31	569,015	-64,500	504,515
Explanation of Changes: Revenues: Miscellaneous-Park donations. Expenditures: Culture and Economic Development-Replace ball diamond lights. Community and Economic Development-Time and temp sign. General Government-Library flooring and parking lot improvements. Business Type/Enterprise-Wages, benefits, mileage reimbursement, hydrants, and chemicals.				

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Strong first half not enough as Turkey Valley girls see season come to an end with regional loss

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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East Buchanan used a strong second half to race past the Turkey Valley girls basketball team in an opening-round Class 1A regional contest on Thursday in Winthrop.

This postseason game was a lot closer than the final score would indicate as East Buc led by just two at the break – 29-27 – but utilized a 18-3 advantage in the final period of play to win by 23 points – 63-40.

Although the Trojans season came to a conclusion in the elimination, survive-and-advance contest, TV head coach Steve Hoffert liked the fight he saw from his youthful team that featured just one senior in Mariah Thronsdon.

“I am very proud of how the girls competed tonight. They didn’t back down and they han-

dled East Buc’s press well,” said Hoffert, in his second season.

East Buchanan (15-7) played Edgewood-Colesburg on Tuesday in the quarters in Class 1A, Region 1.

Turkey Valley (7-15) shot 75 percent from the free-throw line against the host Buccaneers. That equated to 15 makes in 20 attempts at the charity stripe.

Trojan sophomore Addison Steinlage amassed double-digit scoring with 10 points. Thronsdon worked her way to nine points and was 7-8 from the free-throw line. Annika Bodensteiner, another sophomore for Hoffert’s UIC bunch, netted eight points.

The Trojans had trouble from beyond the arc as TV shot just 1-15 from 3-point land. Hazel Nieman, a freshman, made TV’s only 3-pointer of the game.

TV junior Layni Schuchhardt finished with four points, six

rebounds and three assists.

The Trojans ended up sweeping the season series over rival South Winn on Monday of last week to conclude the regular season. TV won the second matchup in Jackson Junction – 46-38. TV beat South Winn, 42-35, in Calmar in the second game of the season clear back in the last week of November.

With that win in the regular season finale, TV finished a game ahead of the Warriors in sixth place in the Upper Iowa Conference with a mark of 6-10.

Haylee Hanson, the Trojans’ sophomore center, scored seven points, grabbed eight rebounds and swiped seven steals in the win over the Warriors.

Thronsdon was 5-for-14 from the field for 10 points and was able to muster up five steals.

TV freshman forward Isabella Stika hit three field

goals in five attempts and pumped in nine points. Stika also snared seven rebounds. Steinlage scored seven points and had six rebounds.

TV overcame 28 turnovers against South Winn and the two teams combined for 57 turnovers as the Warriors turned it over 29 times.

Thronsdon ended up leading the Trojans in scoring this winter with a 7.4 ppg clip. Bodensteiner averaged seven points a game and Steinlage sported a 6.6 scoring average. Hanson averaged 5.8 points-per-game and was the team’s leading rebounder (5.5 rpg).

TV will return its entire roster in 2024-2025, with the exception of Thronsdon, who will graduate later this year.

“This team grew a lot throughout the season. They never backed down from any challenge that was given to them,” said Hoffert.

TURKEY VALLEY 46, SOUTH WINNESHEIK 38									
SW	10	9	9	10	-	38			
TV	14	9	11	12	-	46			
Addison	Steinlage	2-9	2-4	7,					
Annika	Bodensteiner	1-5	0-0	2,					
Layni	Schuchhardt	1-2	0-0	2,					
Mariah	Thronsdon	5-14	0-2	10,					
Delaney	Busta	1-1	1-1	3,					
Hazel	Nieman	2-3	2-3	6,					
Emersyn	Hoffert	0-0	0-0	0,					
Isabella	Stika	3-5	2-4	9,					
Haylee	Hanson	3-7	1-2	7.					
Totals		18-46	8-16	46.					

3-point field goals - Steinlage 1-3, Bodensteiner 0-2, Thronsdon 0-3, Stika 1-1.

Rebounds - Hanson 8, Stika 7, Steinlage 6, Bodensteiner 2, Thronsdon 2, Busta 2, Nieman 2.

Assists - Steinlage 2, Bodensteiner 2, Schuchhardt 1, Thronsdon 1,

Nieman 1.
Steals - Hanson 7, Thronsdon 5, Nieman 4, Steinlage 1, Bodensteiner 1.

Blocks - Hanson 4.

EAST BUCHANAN 63, TURKEY VALLEY 40									
TV	12	15	10	3	-	40			
EB	12	17	16	18	-	63			
Steinlage		5-14		0-0		10,			

Bodensteiner 3-8 2-2 8, Schuchhardt 0-3 4-6 4, Thronsdon 1-5 7-8 9, Busta 0-1 0-0 0, Nieman 1-3 0-2 3, Hoffert 0-1 0-0 0, Stika 1-1 0-0 2, Hanson 1-6 2-2 4. Totals 12-42 15-20 40.

3-point field goals - Steinlage 0-6, Bodensteiner 0-3, Schuchhardt 0-1, Thronsdon 0-2, Nieman 1-2, Hanson 0-1.

Rebounds - Stika 7, Schuchhardt 6, Steinlage 3, Hanson 3, Thronsdon 2, Bodensteiner 1, Busta 1.

Assists - Schuchhardt 3, Steinlage 1, Bodensteiner 1, Nieman 1.

Steals - Thronsdon 2, Steinlage 1, Schuchhardt 1, Busta 1, Nieman 1.

Blocks - Busta 1.

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The Lawler City Council met in regular session on February 5, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Mark Muetherthies presided.

Council members present: Scheidel, King, Wilson, Croell and Roberson

Council members absent:

Others present: Jay Uhlenhake, Renea Huinker, Ryan Wicks and Nick LaRosa

Motion made by King to approve the Agenda with an addition regarding City Burning.

Second by Croell. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to approve the previous minutes and approval of current bills.

Second by King. All Ayes. Motion passed.

ARAMARK, RUGS	276.86
JENDRO, GARBAGE CONTRACT	16,309.29
SANDEAN & COOMPANY, INC., DUMP TRUCK	153.2
UPS,	122.91
TEST AMERICA,	95.6
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAXES	1,709.89
IPERS, IPERS	1,292.33
MIENERGY, ELECTRICITY	21,911.01
CASH,	446.16
HAWKINS, AZONE	488.19
BLAZEK CORPORATION, Clean culvert Brush St	770
TEAM LAB, SUPER BUGS	804
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, JANUARY 2024 MINUTES	129.71
LAWLER PUBLIC LIBRARY, OCT NOV DEC 2023 PAYMENT	3,500.01
ROGER DRECKMAN, CLEAN CULVERT BRUSH ST AND	1,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION, COPY PAPER	72.96
IOWA ONE CALL, EMAIL	4.5
ROSENBAUM AUTO, SNOW PLOW	996.47
VISA - J UHLENHAKE, SNOW PLOW	1,517.66
VISA - S BYRNE, USA FILING	380.19
HAWKEY INTERCONNECT	37.32

FEHR GRAHAM, BOX CULVERT ENGINEERING	36,750.00
HACH, CHLORINE	274.41
PAYROLL CHECKS, TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	6,355.47
REVENUE, CLAIMS TOTAL	95,398.14
GENERAL FUND	556,019.99
SEWER FUND	9,320.42
SANITATION FUND	4615
ROAD USE TAX FUND	16,419.29
CAP PRO STORM DRAINAGE FUND	3088.68
WATER FUND	2,863.05
SEWER FUND	3996.58
SEWER FUND	38,520.01
SEWER FUND	2,203.81
SEWER FUND	6324.64
SEWER FUND	2,815.01
ELECTRIC FUND	7073.1
STORM WATER FEE	23,256.56
CITY OF LAWLER 2023 GROSS WAGES	29298.3
SUZETTE BYRNE	1214.69
JAY UHLENHAKE	26,969.45
CATHERINE HUMPAL	63,405.00
GWEN KUEHNER	584.55
MARK MUETERTHIES	175.00
DALE KING	1,200.00
JOHN IZER	300.00
JEREMY SCHEIDEL	250.00
LIBRARY	275.00
IPERS, IPERS	288.12
INGRAM, BOOKS	225.3
BETTER HOMES, RENEWAL	202416
PREVENTION,	51.36
MAGNOLIA JOURNAL, RENEWAL	15
VISA	154.08
HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL	31.12
MIC’S PLUMBING & HEATING	86.73
CASH	8,016.00
MARYJANESFARM	21.95
PAYROLL CHECKS	1,459.93
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	1,459.93
CLAIMS TOTAL	10,365.59
GENERAL FUND	10,365.59
Ryan Wicks and Nick LaRosa were here to present the council with the plans for the Box Culverts construction. They	

went through each culvert with the council and answered questions.

Renea Huinker showed the council the updated library. She explained they are still waiting on a grant she applied for to help the library with expenses.

Mayor Muetherthies told the council he asked John Izer to be on the Board of Adjustment and he agreed. Motion made by Croell to appoint John Izer to the Board of Adjustment. Second by Scheidel.

Ayes: Croell, Scheidel, King, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

The council discussed the Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Rate for FY24/25. Suzette explained to the council this Public Hearing will need to be a separate council meeting. Motion made by Wilson to have the Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Rate April 1, 2024 at 7:05pm. Second by King.

Ayes: Wilson, King, Scheidel, Croell and Roberson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Suzette presented the council with the Budget FY24/25 for their review. She explained to the council that property tax went because of the Debt Levy since the city had a new loan for the box culvert project.

Wilson informed the council of a citizen burning and said it just wood. A nuisance letter will be sent to resident with a copy of the ordinance.

Next meeting will be March 4, 2024

Motion made by Croell to adjourn at 6:58pm. Second by King.

Ayes: Wilson, King, Scheidel, Roberson and Croell

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Suzette Byrne City Clerk

No. 23680
2/15/24

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES
February 5, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Skeleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw Co Patrick Dirks, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Rust Elliott Hendrickson, Inc (SHE), Shorlin Lingbeek, Charles City Press Christopher Hall, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Engineer Roman Lensing, Ranae Carey, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Mike Kennedy

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve the agenda for February 5, 2024. Roll Call All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the meeting minutes from February 1, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Veterans’ grave maintenance fees.

No public comment.

Chickasaw Co Extension Youth Coordinator Patrick Durks discussed budget request.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to authorize the (SHE) engineer to send bid documents for the Public Improvement Project for the Heritage Building Center out, set public hearing for March 4, 2024 at 9:10 AM for the Proposed Public Project and direct the auditor to publish in the county official newspapers. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Nay; Breit-

bach. Motion carried.

Discussed vehicle ordering and purchasing for this current FY23-24 and next FY24-25 for the Sheriff’s department.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to have the auditor open the sealed bids for Newspapers; New Hampton Tribune, Nashua Reporter and Fredericksburg Review. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Number of yearly Subscribers Vanguard Publishing Co 189 New Hampton Tribune 1049 Nashua Reporter 259

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to designate the New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter as the County’s official newspaper. Roll Call: Ayes; Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to acknowledge the hiring of Leighton Gaul, Assistant to the Engineer, starting February 20, 2024, at \$31.00 per hour. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge wage increase of Liza Herold, Assistant to Engineer, to \$33.00 starting February 19, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, Seconded by Breitbach to approve agreement between Chickasaw County Board (Roads) and IUOE Local 234 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027) and authorize chair’s signature. Roll Call: Ayes; Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski. Nay; Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed Swift Current FMA Property Acquisition Grant Funding process and potential applications with EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by

Suckow approve and authorize chair’s signature on Chickasaw County Land Mobile Radio Equipment Transfer Agreement with the city of Fredericksburg. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 9:23 AM. Roll Call: Ayes; Kuhn, Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to exit CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 9:40 AM. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

No action out of closed session Discussed forming safety and wellness committees.

Discussed Resolution No. 02-05-24-07 for Interfund Operating Transfer.

Budget work session

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Kuhn, 911 Service Board, January 31, 2024 and EMA, January 31, 2024.

Supervisor Cerwinski, Cedar River Watershed Project, January 29, 2024.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 11:44 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2024 7:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Geerts at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Fisher, Larsen, Porath, Speltz and Denner. Humpal was absent. Also in attendance were Casey Mai, Kristi Pedersen, City Attorney Todd Prichard, Mary Prouty, Cory McDonald, Bob Fenske, Tara Hackman, Kelly O’Donnell and several NHHS students.

Approve meeting agenda:

1. Approve meeting agenda

2. Approve City Council Minutes of January 2, 2024

3. Approve City Claims of \$168,149.02

4. Finance Committee Minutes of January 8th & 15th, 2024

5. Fire Dept Minutes of January 8, 2024

6. Park & Rec Board Minutes of January 10, 2024

7. FMC Landfill Minutes of September, 9, 2023 (Annual Report is available for review)

8. Department Head Minutes of January 11, 2024

9. Library Board Minutes of January 11, 2024

10. Advisory Board meeting Minutes of January 12, 2024

11. Class C Retail Alcohol License #LC0035934 The Pub at the Pinicoin; 2-25-2024

12. Class B Retail Alcohol License #LG0000234 Dollar General (North Linn) 3-1-2024

13. Special Class B Retail Native Wine Permit #WBN000647 Pocketful of Pines - Amendment

14. Hotel/Motel Grant Recipients List for 2024

15. Correspondence from Chickasaw County Auditor regarding EMS funds.

16. Chickasaw County EMS Annual Report January 2024

17. Request Police Dept Assistance with “Their Fight Is Our Fight” 5k on April 26, 2024

18. MercyOne NH Medical Center Agreement Regarding Healthcare Services to Low Income Indiv.

19. Application for Tax Exemption under Urban Revitalization Plan: Matthew & Casey Paulus

20. Street Closure Request: Makers Market June 7-8, 2023

21. Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2024

22. December 2023 Finance Reports

Moved by Larsen, seconded by Porath; that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Humpal. Motion carried.

Tara Hackman, Park & Rec Director, informed the Council of the Park & Rec Boards request to allow property that was donated to the Park department in 2004 is deemed back to the previous owners. Hackman said the area is not of any use for recreational activities.

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Larsen; That Resolution No. 6611 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY, be approved. Ayes - Fisher, Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays - None. Absent – Humpal. Resolution approved.

Public Works Director Mai shared additional information to the Council regarding the vacating the ROW of Gardner Street. The portion of this ROW on the east side of Spring Creek will be maintained by the Park & Recreation Department. Approximately 12,000 sq

feet on the west side of Spring Creek is in the Flood Plain and will be unbuildable unless exceptions are granted for the food plain issues. Mai received a land value estimate from the Chickasaw County Assessor of \$18 to \$0.48 per square foot. The estimated cost to conduct a survey of the ROW would be approximately \$4,000. Both adjoining property owners are interested in purchasing the ROW. After a lengthy discussion the Council directed PWD Mai to have the property surveyed as one lot and to sell the property to the highest bidder, with a minimum bid of \$8,500.00.

Moved by Denner, seconded by Fisher; That Resolution No. 6612 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY, be approved. Ayes - Fisher, Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays - None. Absent – Humpal. Resolution approved.

PWD Casey Mai was recently contacted by the Chickasaw County Engineers office requesting the City’s interest in improving Kenwood Ave from Hwy 18 south to 210th Street; the east half of the road is in the City Limits. Mai concerns are primarily financial as this section of road has not been included into any Capital Improvements Projects discussions. Mai explained his upcoming revenues, expenses and projects he is planning for the immediate future. Chickasaw County may continue with the project if the City will sign a 28E agreement for repayment of the city’s portion of expenses, which is estimated to be \$170,000 - \$180,000. Moved by Porath, seconded by Larsen; To direct PWD Mai to continue working with the Chickasaw County Engineer to develop a 28E Agreement for the Kenwood Ave street improvement project. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Humpal. Motion carried.

PWD Casey Mai shared 4 summary sheets of street improvements needed for South Broadway, North Maple, Logan Street and East Cleveland. The total cost of these street improvements from a quote from March 2023 is \$5,842,641.60. These four sections of streets were classified as the most deteriorated streets and Mai in requesting council direction on continuing with the street improvements. Moved by Porath, Seconded by Speltz; To direct PWD Mai to get updated estimates for the street improvement project for South Broadway Ave, North Maple Ave, Logan Street and East Cleveland Ave. and to report back to the council. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Humpal. Motion carried.

PWD Mai shared photos of the Mikkelsen Parking lot which is located at the NW corner of the intersection of East Spring Street and South Locust Ave. The lot is in deteriorated condition and the street department staff has been filling holes for several years. The steps located on the north side of the parking lot have been fenced off as they are unsafe. Council is also concerned about the condition of the parking lot at the Public Library as it is also experiencing sink holes and deteriorating condition. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Porath; To direct PWD Mai to solicit estimates for replacement of the Mikkelsen Parking lot and the Public Library parking lot and report back to council. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Humpal. Motion carried.

Police Chief Tim Pederson is interested in purchasing a UTV for the police department and is needs a resolution from the City Council to include with his grant application with Black Hawk Gaming Association. Pederson has already applied and received two grants for this project; his goal is to purchase the equipment without use of taxpayer

funds. Moved by Porath, seconded by Fisher; That Resolution No. 6613 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA, IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR BLACKHAWK GAMING GRANT FOR THE NEW HAMPTON POLICE DEPT, be approved. Ayes - Fisher, Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays - None. Absent – Humpal. Resolution approved.

The City has received complaints regarding the deterioration of the decorative brick on Main Street. The City does have extra brick and staff will replace bricks as they decompose and become trip hazards. This is becoming a bigger problem each winter. The brick was placed in 2009 during the construction project; the lifespan of the bricks was impacted by the salt and chemicals used during winter. PWD Mai presented examples of the decaying bricks. Council asked Mai to purchase additional pallet of bricks to replace crumbling existing brick.

The street department is requesting to purchase used equipment to replace the current 1978 SnowGow snoblower due to replacement parts becoming obsolete to find. The Street Committee request to schedule a committee meeting to discuss this purchase as well as the street projects being discussed.

City Clerk Clemens informed the council that the current custodial service has notified us that they will no longer be cleaning city buildings. Clemens will start the search for a new vendor.

City Attorney Prichard informed the council that the existing lawsuit with Precision of New Hampton is in the appeal process.

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 16 Feb. 5

	W	L
Bowlaway Lanes	82	62
HereZ 2 U	81	63
Brite Spot	79	65
Big Willie's	78	66
Butch's 1	78	66
Dak's Tap 1	76	68
VFW	73	71
Butch's 2	71	73
Dak's Tap 2	68	76
Rascals	62	82
Hide-A-Way	62	82
The Office	54	90

RESULTS

Dak's Tap 1 7, Butch's 2 2
Butch's 1 7, The Office 2
Hide-A-Way 5, VFW 4
Bowlaway Lanes 6,
HereZ 2 U 3
Brite Spot 5, Dak's Tap 2 4
Big Willie's 7, Rascals 2

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Hide-A-Way: Tim & Cody
Big Willie's: Dennis & Small Block, Les & Danny
Dak's Tap 1: Dustin & Tony
Bowlaway Lanes: Mitch & Jamey
Dak's Tap 2: Danny & Gary

TABLE RUN

HereZ 2 U: Tim

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 16 Feb. 7

	W	L	GB
Hide A Way	72	54	0
Schucky's	69	66	3
Butch's I	68	67	4
Dak's Tap II	67	59	5
Butch's II	66	60	6
Dak's Tap I	64	62	8
Bowlaway	61	65	11
Big Willie's	55	71	17
The Office	54	72	18

RESULTS

Dak's Tap II 5, Bowlaway Lanes 4
Butch's II 7, Big Willie's 2
Schucky's 7, Hide A Way 2

Butch's I 5 Dak's Tap 4
The Office - Bye Week
THREE-GAME WINNERS

Dak's Tap II - Jess McCa-be & Staci Vrzak
Butch's II - Karen Scwier & Sue Matthews
Schucky's - Crystal Red-del & Barb McAvoy

COFFEE CUP BOWLING

STANDINGS	W	L
Rochford Insurance	10	2
Hugeback-Johnson	8	4
Vern Laures Auto	6	6
Mid-Tech Services	6	6
Geerts Plumbing	5	7
D&K	5	7
Muscari, LLC	3	9

FEB. 7 RESULTS

Week 19

Rochford Insurance 4, Huge-back-Johnson 0
Mid-Tech Services 4, Mus-cari LLC 0

D&K 3, Vern Laures Auto 1
Geerts Plumbing 3, Dummy 1

LEADERS

High individual games: Di-ane Nehl 205, 183, Rita Geerts 197.

High individual series: Nehl 567, Rita Geerts 531, Kristy Kirkus 509, Linda Lecht-enberg 504.

High team games: Geerts Plumbing 440, Rochford Insur-ance 433, 429.

High team series: Roch-ford Insurance 1,289, Geerts Plumbing 1,242, Mid-Tech Services 1,228.

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

Sister Vicky Arndorfer 40

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)

Lorraine Pullman (sub) 74

Splits converted

Jeanne Roder 4-10

Karen Schmitt, Secretary

Porath becomes first NH bowler to qualify for state

Chickasaws put forth best result of season at district meet with three placing in top eight; Porath one of four Chickasaws to record 600 series

By KELLY TERPSTRA

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The New Hampton boys bowling team made history on Tuesday night at Bowlaway Lanes.

Chickasaw junior Jamison Porath bowled his way into the state tournament at the Class 1A district meet held in New Hampton.

The left-handed Chickasaw roller was one of just four indi-vidual bowlers in attendance at New Hampton's district that will compete at the state meet next Wednesday at Cadillac XBC (Xtreme Bowling Center).

The state takes the top four individual qualifiers from eight district meets in Class 1A that comprise a 32-man state brack-et.

Porath shot lights out as he rolled an opening game of 213, followed by a 227. His best was yet to come as he fired a third, 10-frame set of 243 to finish with a 683.

Porath becomes the first ever Chickasaw to qualify for the state meet. New Hampton is in just its second year of competi-tion in the sport.

What's Porath's plan when the small-school class individ-ual state meet gets underway at 9 a.m. this coming Wednesday?

"I'm just going to wing it and see what happens," smiled Porath.

Of course, Porath will also receive plenty of instruction from Chickasaw head coach Andy Aries.

"I kind of help do the think-ing for him, so that way it kind of eliminates the process for him," said Aries. "It's one less thing he has to think about at the time and one less stress-thing he has to do."

Aries said Porath was leaving the seven pin early on in the individual round. Adjustments were made and they worked to a tee, as Porath listened to his coach and the rest is well, history.

"When he started leaving them, I asked him if he felt com-fortable about picking his speed up a little bit. He was almost spot on out there and it worked great for him," said Aries.

West Delaware's Brady Hartke was crowned the dist-rikt champ as he rolled a 569, followed by Sumner-Fredericksburg's Carlos Sanchez (684), Porath (683) and Logan Clasen (672) of Maquoketa.

The Chickasaws almost came away with two more individu-al state qualifiers as freshman Charlie Kriener finished sixth overall with a 658 and junior Gabe Macon wound up with another amazing total of 655 – good for seventh place.

The boys competed in baker rounds in the morning ses-sion to start the festivities at Bowlaway Lanes. The district champ was West Delaware



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New Hampton's Gabe Macon (left to right), Jamison Porath and Charlie Kriener all finished in the top eight at the individual district meet held at New Hampton on Tuesday. Kalista Porath (below) gives Jamison a hug after he qual-ified for the state meet at Bowlaway Lanes.

(3,198), who was the lone squad to advance to team state. New Hampton finished fourth with a 2,872.

The Chickasaws broke two school records on the event-ful and milestone day at their home alley.

The last five baker games rolled by NH set a new all-time best mark at New Hampton as the Chickasaws came up with a total of 1,031 – breaking the old mark by 18 pins.

Kriener now holds the school record for all-time high series with a 468. The previous best mark was 429, set by Porath earlier this year.

Porath eclipsed that with a 440 two-game series and so did Macon with a 458.

"They all threw really good shots. That was the key thing. They stayed focused. They worked on one frame at a time, throwing one shot at a time," said Aries. "That's what got 'em to where they're at."

Kriener, who said he started bowling competitively in fifth grade, had this to say about his performance.

"The ball was just coming off the hand," said Kriener. "I've got a lot of room to improve – small things, picking up spares, maybe a little more strikes."

Macon is a amazing story as he's come a long way in a short amount of time as he is a first-year bowler.

"On our individuals we just started striking and just kept going from there," said Macon. "I think we have to give props to our coach. When we threw our shots, he'd know what to change and what to do."

Did Porath know he had it in him to vault himself into the

state field prior to Tuesday's big round?

"Honestly, I had no idea. I had no plan on coming here to state. I'm ready for it, though," said Porath.

The girls competed on Monday at the regional quali-fying meet – also held at New Hampton.

With just three girls – New Hampton finished fifth out of six teams with a 990.

Madison Dreckman, a senior, was the top Chickasaw bowler with 366.

"There's not enough words to say about the girls. They bowled beyond outstanding," said Aries. "For only having three people...each girl averaged over 100 for their three-game set. Which for them over the sea-son is above and beyond their average."

New Hampton took on Decorah last week Tuesday at home on Senior Night. The Vikings won both the girls and boys meets.

New Hampton finished out the regular season on Friday at Arrowhead Lanes in Waukon. The NH boys beat Waukon, 2,716 to 2,163 to earn its third win of the year. The girls fell to the Indians, 1,996 to 931.

DECORAH 2,630,

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 1,245

Medalist - Rylee Averhoff, Decorah 379.

New Hampton scores - Madison Dreckman 257, McKenzie Herzberg 221, Sophia Rivera 209, Kassidy Meyerhoff 187.

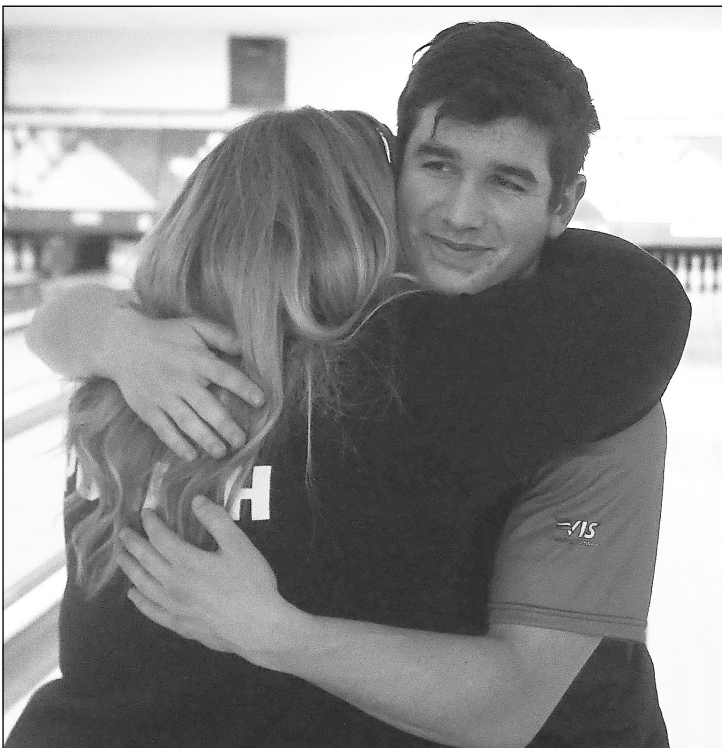
WAUKON 1,996,

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 931

Medalist - Lauryn Howard, Waukon 327.
New Hampton scores - Meyerhoff 206, Rivera 205, Dreckman 196.

DECORAH 3,016,

NEW HAMPTON BOYS 2,820



Medalist - Landon Marr, New Hampton 426; Cade Averhoff, Decorah 426.

New Hampton scores - Marr 426, Jamison Porath 404, Gabe Macon 383, Kody Kleen 371, Jaxson Porath 366, Chase Gebel 301.

NEW HAMPTON BOYS 2,716, WAUKON 2,163

Medalist - Jam. Porath, New Hampton 414.

New Hampton scores - Jam. Porath 414, Jax. Porath 375, Marr 361, Macon 351, Kleen 330, Gebel 279.

CLASS 1A REGIONAL GIRLS STATE QUALIFIER BAKER TEAM SCORES

West Delaware 2,541, Durant 2,337, Sumner-Fredericksburg 2,051, Denver 1,986, New Hampton 990, Oelwein 494.

GIRLS STATE INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

Ashlynn Watkins, Durant 188-193-180-561, Macy Huston, Durant 182-183-194-559, Alivia Boger, Denver 203-182-163-548, Natalie Palmer,

West Delaware 181-153-193-527.

NEW HAMPTON

INDIVIDUAL SCORES
Dreckman 124-119-123-366, Rivera 107-94-107-308, Meyerhoff 109-116-81-306.

CLASS 1A BOYS STATE QUALIFIER BAKER TEAM SCORES

Maquoketa 3,198, West Delaware 2,973, Sumner-Fredericksburg 2,916, New Hampton 2,872, Denver 2,858, Durant 2,745, Oelwein 2,241.

BOYS STATE

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS
Brady Hartke, West Delaware 247-202-237-569, Carlos Sanchez, Sumner-Fredericksburg 205-237-242-684, Jam. Porath, New Hampton 213-227-243-683, Logan Clasen, Maquoketa 231-226-215-672.

NEW HAMPTON

INDIVIDUAL SCORES
Jax. Porath 190-171-130-491, Kriener 237-231-190-658, Kleen 191-216-210-617, Macon 245-213-197-655, Jam. Porath 213-227-243-683, Marr 185-149-214-548.

Turkey Valley lets big lead slip away

TV BOYS: FROM 18

Levi (Izer) to have this gym open all the time. I would come in the middle of the night for 'em if we could keep going," said John Izer, who just com-pleted his third year as TV head coach.

Five TV seniors – Oliver Schmitt, Caleb Kurtenbach, Braylen Byrne, Russell Nieman and Aidan Holthaus – played the final game of their hoops career in Jackson Junction after Ed-Co limited TV to just a sin-gle point in the extra stanza of play and rallied from a 13-3 hole at the beginning of the sec-ond quarter.

"They were there when I started. They were the young group that I had my eyes on," said Izer. "I loved the way they played."

TV played well at times – but Ed-Co played better when it mattered the most as it took its first lead of the game after a Will Wiskus putback of his own miss made it 57-55 with 3:39 left in the overtime.

The Vikings tied the game at 55-55 in regulation after junior guard Pryce Rochford split the Trojan defense right down the middle and headed to the rack with bad intentions. He converted on the layup with 30 sec-onds left and TV could hold for one possession after the game was tied for the first time all night.

A missed shot down low didn't find the bottom of the net for TV and that gave Ed-Co

a chance at a buzzer beater. Rochford's 25-footer at the horn did not draw iron.

After a Schmitt made free throw in OT – the only points TV would score in that extra four minutes of play after reg-ulation was completed – Caden Cole nailed a baseline shot to give the Vikings a 59-56 lead with 58 seconds left.

"We had short-legged shots – short-legged, tired. "Ollie" had all them looks in there," said Izer.

Izer broke down what Ed-Co was able to do to get back in the game – mainly it was their defense and junior forward Kyler Cole's five three pointers, four of them coming in the sec-ond half.

"They're in a good confer-ence. He has them playing hard. They play that defense that can booger a guy up – it's that 2-3, spread out. We were getting it to the middle. We had a lot of looks," said Izer.

The Trojans 2-3 zone limited Ed-Co to just a single field goal in the first period of play. Then Izer went to a man-to-man defense after the Vikings start-ed exploiting TV's zone with long-range shots.

"We just lost track of their shooters," said Izer.

TV led by as much as 22-9 in the first half after Schmitt buried a baseline 3-pointer with 2:28 left before halftime. Ed-Co ended the first half on an 8-1 run to trail 23-17 at intermis-sion.

TV came storming out of the

locker room as Izer's bunch went on a 9-0 run to start the third period and led 32-17 with 6:28 left in the third – the larg-est lead of the game.

The Trojans saw four play-ers hit double figures in scor-ing. TV sophomore J.D. Kruse was a perfect 5-5 from the field for 13 points. Trojan sopho-more Logan Busta, Nieman and Schmitt all netted 10 points apiece. Kurtenbach notched nine points – all on 3-pointers.

Ed-Co (5-18) plays TV's main Upper Iowa Conference rival in South Winneshiek, a team that handed the Trojans a 64-55 loss in the final week of the regular season, tonight (Thursday) in the semifinal round.

"We wanted that South Winn game. That place would have been packed Thursday night," said Izer.

"You gotta like our chances there."

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 64, TURKEY VALLEY 55

SW 22 10 19 13 - 64

TV 16 18 14 7 - 55

Caleb Kurtenbach 2-9 8-10 13, Russell Nieman 0-1 1-2 1, Logan Busta 2-9 4-4 8, Oliver Schmitt 8-14 5-6 22, Aidan Holthaus 0-0 0-0 0, J.D. Kruse 3-5 1-2 7, Calen Franzen 0-0 0-0 0, Cale Langreck 0-0 1-2 1, Braylen Byrne 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 16-42 20-26 55.

3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 1-7, Busta 0-1, Schmitt 1-1, Bryne 1-3.

Rebounds - Busta 8, Schmitt 4, Kruse 4, Langreck 3, Byrne 3, Kurtenbach 1, Holthaus 1.

Assists - Schmitt 3, Kurtenbach 2, Busta 2, Bryne 2, Nieman 1.

Steals - Schmitt 5, Busta 2, Kurtenbach 1.

Blocks - Busta 2.



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Turkey Valley's Caleb Kurtenbach looks to pass the ball to an open teammate during Monday night's game.

KEE HIGH 75, TURKEY VALLEY 38

Kee 17 21 21 16 - 75

TV 7 10 14 7 - 38

Kurtenbach 2-7 0-0 4, Nieman 1-4 0-0 3, Busta 4-10 2-4 13, Schmitt 6-12 4-6 17, Byrne 0-4 0-0 0, Kruse 0-0 0-0 0, Franzen 0-0 0-0 0, Ethan Orvis 0-0 0-0 0, Langreck 0-2 1-2 1, Mitchell Kriener 0-0 0-0 0, Jonah Orvis 0-2 0-0 0, Jordan Kriener 0-0 0-0 0, Holthaus 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 13-41 7-12 38.

3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 0-5, Nieman 1-1, Busta 3-5, Schmitt 1-4, Byrne 0-4.

Rebounds - Busta 10, Kruse 5, Nieman 2, Kurtenbach 1, Bryne 1, Langreck 1, J. Orvis 1, J. Kriener 1.

Assists - Busta 3, Schmitt 3, Kruse 2, Kurtenbach 1, Bryne 1.

Steals - Schmitt 4, Nieman 1,

ED-CO 60, TURKEY VALLEY 56

E-C 3 14 19 19 5 - 60

TV 13 10 20 12 1 - 56

Kurtenbach 3-11 0-0 9, Nieman 4-7 1-1 10, Busta 4-11 0-0 10, Schmitt 3-15 3-4 10, Bryne 2-9 0-0 4, Kruse 5-5 3-4 13, Langreck 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-59 7-9 56.

3-point field goals Kurtenbach 3-11, Nieman 1-3, Busta 2-8, Schmitt 1-3, Bryne 0-1.

Rebounds - Byrne 9, Kruse 9, Busta 8, Nieman 4, Schmitt 3.

Assists - Busta 8, Kurtenbach 4, Schmitt 4, Kruse 1.

Steals - Busta 3, Nieman 2, Schmitt 2, Kruse 2, Kurtenbach 1, Bryne 1.

Blocks - Busta 2, Byrne 1.

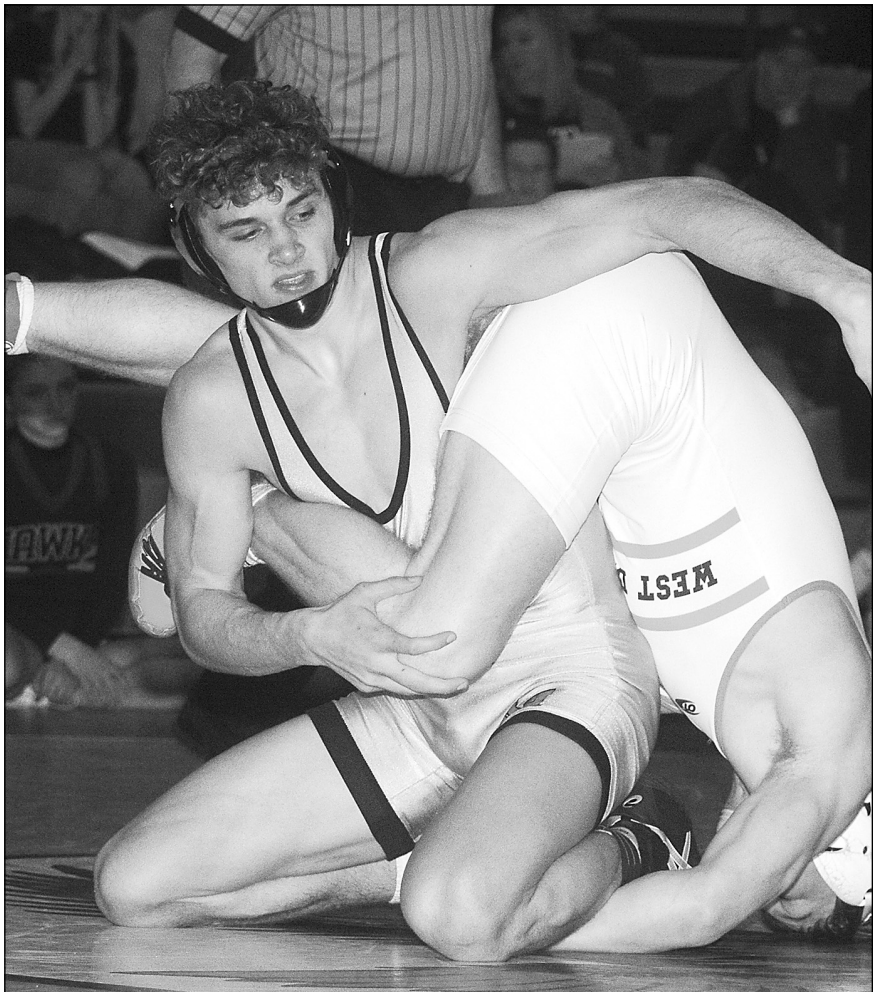
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New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Braden McShane (above) puts the finishing touches on a fall — the 100th of his career — in the 215-pound finals while fellow Chickasaw Karson Kolbet (right) works for a takedown in the 157-pound title bout at Saturday’s Class 2A district wrestling tournament.



Chickasaws enjoy a banner day at district tournament

NH/TV: FROM 18

tickets by winning true-second matches.

“In this sport, you have to have a short memory,” NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said, “and I think in a lot of ways, that’s the story of this team this year. ... We wrestled a brutal schedule, so a lot of our records don’t look all that great, but they learned what they need to do from those losses and just kept getting better and better. Eight’s a heck of a number. Of course, there’s always heartbreak at any district, and dang it, we would have liked more.”

He paused for a moment — one in which the pain he felt for his guys who didn’t make it was written all over his face — but then smiled.

“I’m proud of our guys. Really, really proud of them.”

The two Chickasaws with state meet experience dominated their weight classes. The top-ranked McShane scored two first-period pins, and his district title fall was the 100th pin of his storied career. Kolbet, meanwhile, came in ranked 11th and seeded second, but he, too, never saw the second period as he racked up three pins to win his crown.

“There’s a reason Braden is ranked one,” Paulus said. “Obviously, he’s incredibly talented, but he works at it, too. He’s always looking to get better, and as good as he is, I don’t think we’ve seen the best Braden McShane yet.”

Kolbet, meanwhile, may be the calmest wrestler in NH/TV’s room, but he said it’s the best way for him to deal with the expectations he has for himself.

“Coming back as a state qualifier, I didn’t want it to be pressure and not have fun,” he said. “For me, I’m way better when I’m relaxed, and I just keep reminding myself every time I got out on the mat that’s it’s just another match.”

NH/TV’s third district titlist was definitely the biggest surprise, for Shekleton is a freshman, and first-year high school wrestlers who make state at a weight like 150 are a rare breed.

He claimed the crown with a wild 9-7 win over top-seeded Spencer Martin of Maquoketa. The two scrambled through a 5-5 first period, but Shekleton chose neutral for the second period, and 18 seconds into the

frame, he scored a takedown and put together an exceptional ride for the rest of the period.

Martin would tie the match at seven with 33 seconds left, but Shekleton came up with a takedown on the edge of the mat with just nine ticks remaining.

“It was a crazy match, a very crazy match,” Shekleton said after running his record to 19-13. “I mean that last nine seconds felt like forever.”

Asked if he thought a district title and a state tournament qualification were in the offerings this soon, he couldn’t help but smile.

“Man, not when we started the season, I can tell you that,” he said. “I’d say at the beginning of the season I was more passive on my feet and I feel like once I flipped the switch and realized I knew I had to score more ... I started believing in myself more, that this could become a reality.”

The three Chickasaw runners-up that didn’t have to worry about a true-second match all pointed to their semifinal matches as the obvious keys to earning trips to Des Moines.

“I just knew for me, I had to put myself in a good position and to do that, I had to win that one,” said Bucknell, who was third-seeded but pinned second-seeded Will Griswold of Center Point-Urbana in the semifinals. “Win that one, and the road was going to be a lot easier. I wish I had won the final, but I’ll take it. Going to state, that’s a big deal.”

Ditto for Schaufenbuel, who will head to Des Moines with a 24-25 record. He earned his trip with two pins before dropping a 4-1 decision in the finals, and like so many Chickasaws, the February Schaufenbuel doesn’t look anything like the December one.

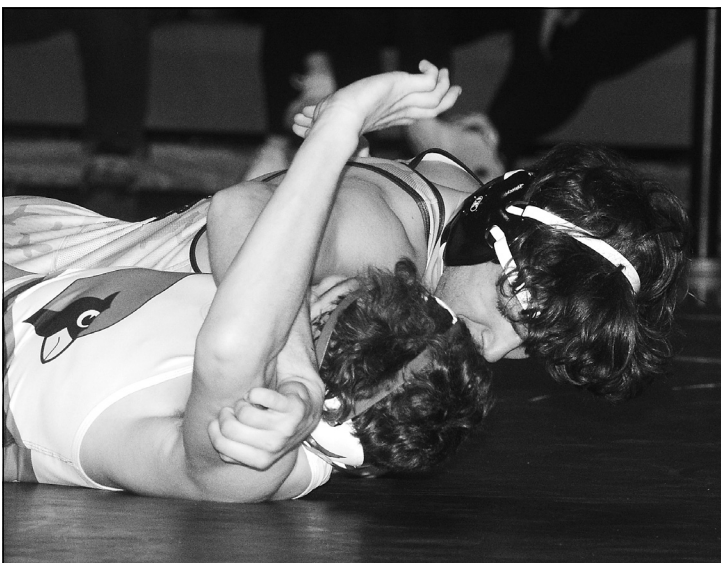
“I just got the mind set right,” he said. “I’ve learned a lot this year because we’ve got great coaches and I have great teammates.”

And then there is McCumber. The young man who goes by “Bubba” came back out for wrestling this year and has had a storybook senior year, going 32-15. But the book appeared to be ending a chapter early Saturday afternoon before he came up with the biggest win of his life.

“It all worked out in the end.



NH/TV’s Gatlin McCumber (above) works to turn Maquoketa’s Ryker Henderson in the 285-pound quarterfinals, Leander Reicks (right) has the leg of Benton’s Mayson Mitchell on his way to scoring a takedown in the 175-pound semifinals and Ethan Praska (below) pins Maquoketa’s Pryce Schueller in the 144-pound semifinals.



He tried to do a dumb move, I caught him in it and one thing led to another and I pinned him. I ended up in the right place at the right time.”

If his season had ended Saturday, though, the young man known as Bubba would have had no regrets about returning to the sport this winter.

“I’ve made a lot of good memories,” McCumber said. “Even if I didn’t go to state, it still would have been worth it. All these guys are pretty much my family at this point because we’ve been in the room for three months out of the year. We’ve been putting in that hard work and working together. It’s awesome to see, awesome to be around and be a part of actually.”

Praska, too, wasn’t out for the sport last winter, but he rebounded from a loss in the finals to score a 3-2 taut decision over West Delaware’s Ryan Hilby in the true-second match.

“I talked to coach right away after the [finals, and he said], ‘Hydrate, feel good for your last match, you want to make it a good one, it’s your last match,’” he said. “There’s a little bit of doubt, it’s kind of like you just lost the match, but you have to look at yourself and say, ‘How are you going to bounce back?’ You just got a get rid of all the bad thoughts.”

Reicks, meanwhile, came into the tournament ranked fifth by IAwrestle, but was stuck in the second period by third-ranked Brent Yonkovic.

“I just went back and cleared by head,” he said and then admitted that his “go-to” move in clearing said head is getting on his phone, texting and watching a Tik Tok video or two.

It worked as he dominated Northeast’s Sawyer Schmidt from the start to punch the eighth and what would be final Chickasaw ticket into Wells

Fargo.

“Ever since my brother [Jacob] made it, it’s been a big goal of mine,” he said. “I wasn’t really happy with the way I wrestled Yonkovic, but I couldn’t dwell on it. I did not want my season to end today.”

For three Chickasaws — Landon Bruess (120), Emmett Kuehner (138) and Ethan Swehla (190) — the season did end just one place from a trip to state. Bruess won his third-place match but didn’t get a true-second match. Kuehner lost his first-round match but rallied to get into a true-second before falling.

Swehla, though, suffered the biggest heartbreak in the toughest weight class of the tournament as he built a 5-3 lead on top-seeded Dylan Monk of Monticello only to see it slip away in the final 22 seconds of a 7-5 true-second loss.

“I’ll say it again, you’re always happy for the guys who make it,” Paulus said, “but the heartbreak at districts is just excruciating. All our guys — up and down the lineup — gave us the effort we asked for and it goes for everyone, the ones going to state and the ones not, that made me the most proud today.”

DISTRICT TEAM SCORES

	Qual	Pts
NH/TV	8	208.0
Benton	5	194.5
West Delaware	7	186.0
Dubuque Wahlert	3	113.0
Center Point-Urbana	1	68.0
Monticello	2	67.0
Maquoketa	2	66.0
Northeast	0	23.0

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

106: Quinlan Mahoney did not place. Quarterfinal - Tayden Howell (Ma) pinned Mahoney, 0:17. Cons. Semi - Isaac French (DW) pinned Mahoney, 0:20.

120: Landon Bruess placed third.

Quarterfinal - Bruess pinned Thomas Noonan, 0:55. Semifinal - Caden Steinkamp (CPU) maj. dec. Bruess, 10-1. Cons. Semi - Bruess pinned Ethan Johnson (Ne), 2:50. 3rd Place Match - Bruess maj. dec. Reeve Graver (M), 16-5.

126: Braden Schaufenbuel placed second. Quarterfinal - Schaufenbuel pinned Ryan Koehler (B), 3:31. Semifinal - Schaufenbuel pinned Jordan Wedo (CPU), 2:28. 1st Place Match - Kooper Waugh (WD) dec. Schaufenbuel, 4-1.

132: Jayden Bucknell placed second. Quarterfinal - Bucknell pinned Mace Schnoor (M), 4:59. Semifinal - Bucknell pinned Will Griswold (CPU), 3:25. 1st Place Match - Elijah Kupka (B) dec. Bucknell, 7-4.

138: Emmett Kuehner placed third. Quarterfinal - Drake Pospisil (CPU) pinned Kuehner, 4:32. Cons. Semi - Kuehner pinned Cam Tracy (Ma), 5:15. 3rd Place Match - Kuehner pinned Elias Bieschke (B), 1:46. 2nd Place Match - Jerren Gille (DW) maj. dec. Kuehner, 15-2.

144: Ethan Praska placed second. Quarterfinal - Praska pinned Keegan McLane (Ne), 0:58. Semifinal - Praska pinned Pryce Schueller (Ma), 0:43. 1st Place Match - Brady Patterson (B) pinned Praska, 4:36. 2nd Place Match - Praska dec. Ryan Hilby (WD), 3-2.

150: Jax Shekleton placed first. Semifinal - Shekleton dec. Luke Healey (DW), 6-1. 1st Place Match - Shekleton dec. Spencer Martin (Ma), 9-7.

157: Karson Kolbet placed first. Quarterfinal - Kolbet pinned Brandon Skladzien (Ma), 1:27. Semifinal - Kolbet pinned Blayke Heying (B), 1:58. 1st Place Match - Kolbet pinned Blake Mather (WD), 1:54.

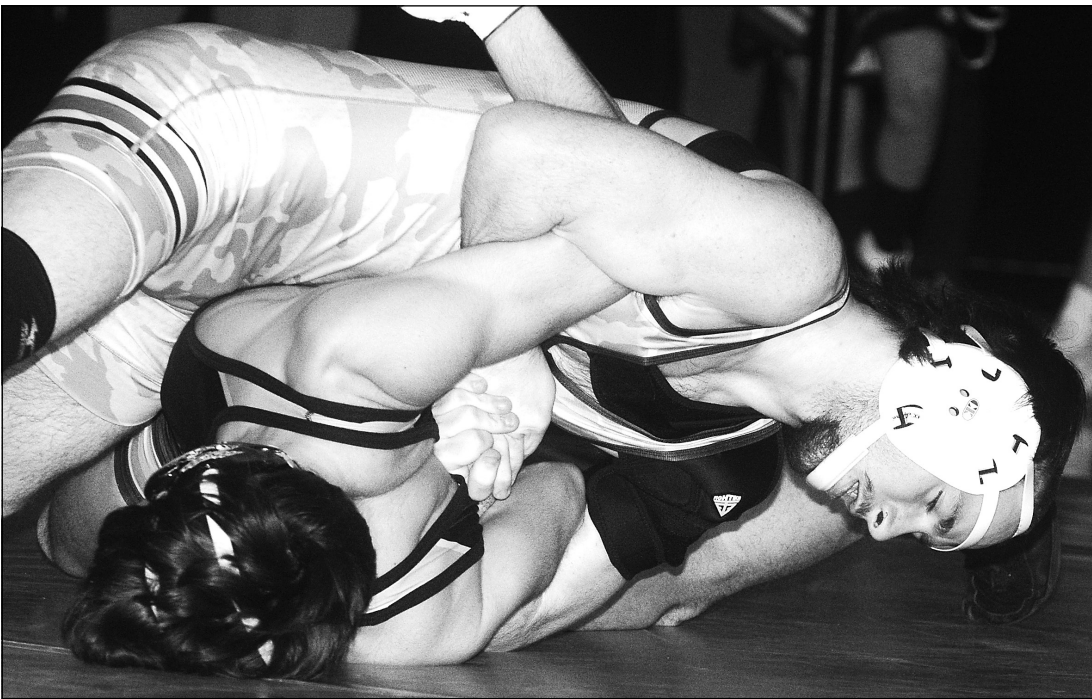
165: Olandreon Saunders placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Saunders pinned Urijah Etzel (M), 3:42. Semifinal - Brenden Heying (B) tech fall Saunders, 17-0. Cons. Semi - Saunders pinned Danny Small (CPU), 1:35. 3rd Place Match - Garrison Gillihan (WD) dec. Saunders, 5-0.

175: Leander Reicks placed second. Quarterfinal - Reicks pinned Preston Thompson (CPU), 1:07. Semifinal - Reicks pinned Mayson Mitchell (B), 3:42. 1st Place Match - Brent Yonkovic (WD) pinned Reicks, 2:55. 2nd Place Match - Reicks pinned Sawyer Schmidt (Ne), 1:19.

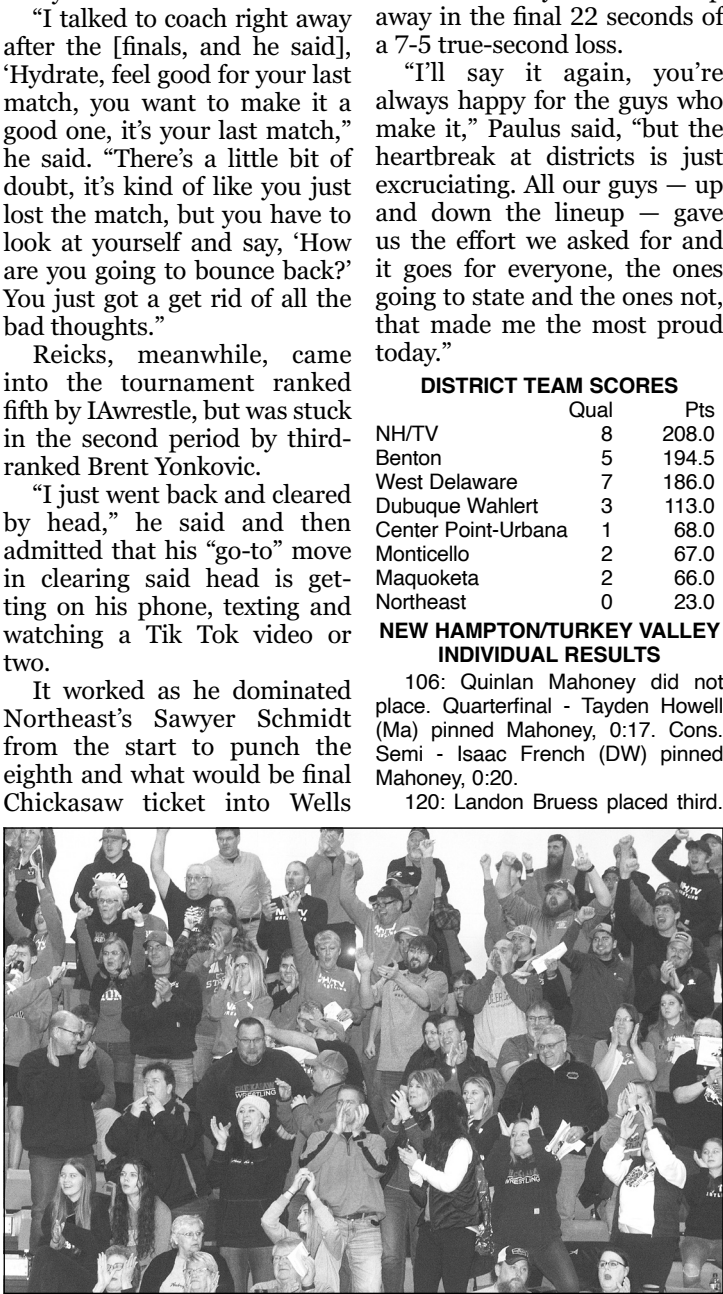
190: Ethan Swehla placed third. Quarterfinal - Swehla pinned Wade Welley (Ma), 0:39. Semifinal - Troy Kupka (B) dec. Swehla, 4-2. Cons. Semi - Swehla dec. Jeryn Funke (WD), 8-6. 3rd Place Match - Swehla dec. Tom Scherr (DW), 8-2. 2nd Place Match - Dylan Monk (M) dec. Swehla, 7-5.

215: Braden McShane placed first. Semifinal - McShane pinned Brody Schmidt (DW), 1:19. 1st Place Match - McShane pinned Jackson Van Keuren (Ma), 1:48.

285: Gatlin McCumber placed second. Quarterfinal - McCumber pinned Ryker Henderson (Ma), 1:58. Semifinal - McCumber pinned Brennen Blegen (B), 2:49. 1st Place Match - Michael Bormann (CPU) pinned Gatlin McCumber, 1:36.



The Chickasaws’ Jayden Bucknell works to turn Center Point-Urbana’s Will Griswold in their 132-pound semifinal match while the large NH/TV contingent (right) celebrates Gatlin McCumber’s dramatic pin in his heavyweight semifinal match.



Without trio of starters, Chickasaws close regular season with pair of losses

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It was another loss - the 18th in 20 games - for the New Hampton boys basketball team Friday night.

And although Chickasaw coach Ryan Rausch will be the first to admit that he'll never get used to losing, this one he could live with.

A night after closing out the Northeast Iowa Conference schedule with a 60-44 loss to Crestwood, the Chickasaws, with three starters in street clothes showed a ton of grit and heart in a 63-46 non-conference loss to Oelwein.

"The guys fought so hard, and when you look at how many young guys we had in that game, I'm just proud of the way they played," Rausch said. "We make a few more shots, who knows? But dang, the effort was just outstanding."

Early on, New Hampton hung right with Oelwein. Sophomore Caden Rochford, who had a career-high 14 points, hit a 3-pointer and converted an old-fashioned three-point play as New Hampton played the Huskies to a draw in the first quarter.

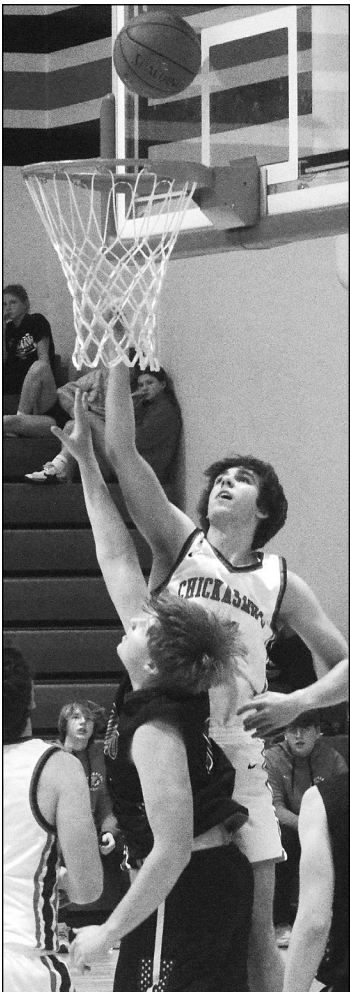
Oelwein, though, began pulling away with a 13-3 run to start the second quarter.

Still, a Rochford bucket to start the second half pulled the Chickasaws to within five, 31-26. The Huskies, though, answered with a 14-4 run and maintained the double-digit lead the rest of the way.

But without Cael Laures, Adam Ewert and Reid Rausch, all of whom sat out with injuries, it was a solid performance. In addition to Rochford's 14 points, Ben Gilbert scored 13 and senior Carter Newbrough came off the bench to hit 3-of-6 3-point shots to score nine.

Sophomores Jacob McDonald and Dylon Schmitt got considerable playing time, and junior Ryan Willadsen got the first varsity start of his career.

"I wanted Jake and Dylon to get minutes, just in case we don't get Cael back for Monday [the playoff game with North Fayette Valley]," Rausch said, "and I thought they played real-



ly hard. I hate losing, but the guys played so hard I can't be mad."

The night before, though, was the Chickasaw season in a nutshell.

At times, they played some pretty good basketball, but then they had stretches where nothing seemed to go right.

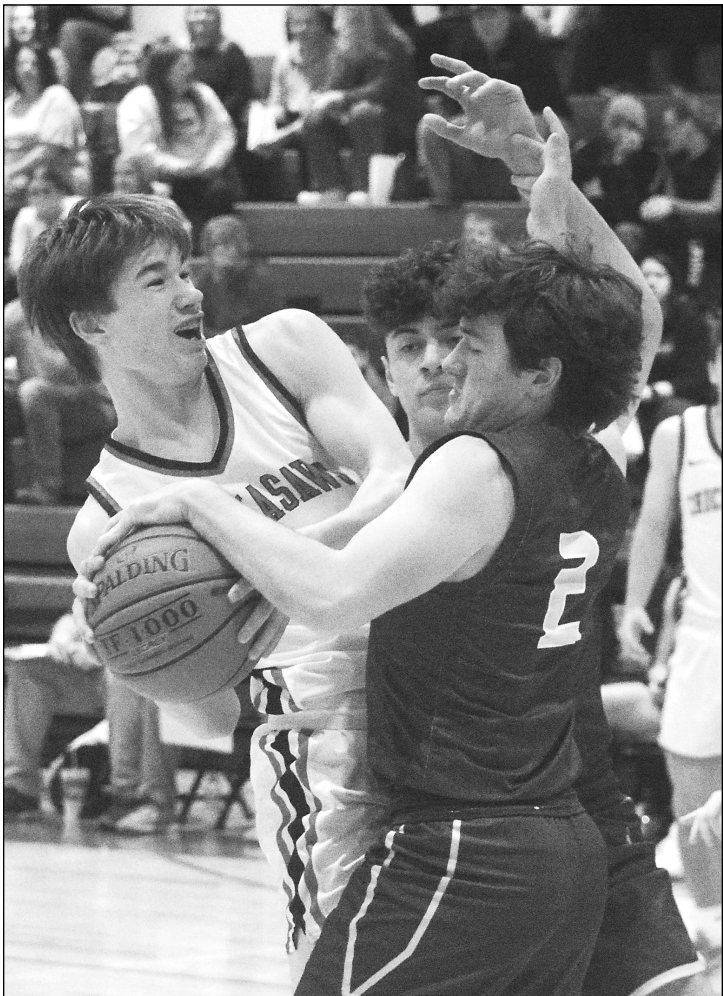
New Hampton beat Crestwood 68-44 in early January, and the Cadets came into the game with just one non-conference win.

An Ewert steal and subsequent fast break lead gave the Chickasaws an early 12-7 lead, but Crestwood closed the first quarter with a 13-2 run to take a 20-14 lead.

New Hampton got 3-pointers from Laures and Ewert and a Laures inside bucket off a nice feed from Newbrough to take a 22-20 lead early in the second.

And then the proverbial roof caved in.

The Cadets hit four 3-point shots in a 14-2 run to take a 34-24 lead and never trailed again.



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New Hampton's Cael Laures (above) goes high off the glass to score against Crestwood last Thursday while teammate Ryan Willadsen (below) fights for the ball in a game against Oelwein on Friday.

Down 41-28, New Hampton scored seven straight points - a Laures 3, a bucket by Gilbert and two free throws from Newbrough - cut the deficit to 41-34 - but that was as close as the Chickasaws would get as the injuries began to mount.

Ewert was banged up on two different plays while Laures went down with an ankle injury in the third quarter.

"We're like a M*A*S*H unit right now," Rausch said, "but the bottom line - and I know I've said this so much it's a broken record - is we just have to shoot the ball better."

New Hampton, which closed with a 1-9 conference record, hit just 13 of 53 shots for a dismal 24.5 shooting percentage.

"We had it to six and must have had four or five possessions," Rausch said. "I thought our intensity was good, but whatever we shot, you're not going to win basketball games doing that."

CRESTWOOD 60, NEW HAMPTON 44										
Crest	20	16	11	13	-	60				
NH	14	14	7	9	-	44				
Ben Gilbert 3-13 0-0 7, Caden Rochford 2-6 2-2 7, Adam Ewert 3-12 2-4 10, Nick Brincks 0-5 5-8										

5, Cael Laures 5-13 0-0 13, Jake Schwickerath 0-1 0-0 0, Carter Newbrough 0-2 2-2 2, Ryan Willadsen 0-0 0-2 0, Dylon Schmitt 0-0 0-0 0, Jacob McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 13-53 11-18 44.

3-point field goals - Laures 3-7, Ewert 2-7, Gilbert 1-4, Rochford 1-4, Bundy 0-1, Newbrough 0-2.

Rebounds - Laures 7, Gilbert 6, Ewert 5, Rochford 3, Brincks 3, Newbrough 3, Willadsen 1.

Assists - Ewert 3, Brincks 3, Rochford 2, Laures 1, Newbrough 1, Gilbert 1.

Steals - Ewert 2, McDonald 1, Willadsen 1, Schwickerath 1, Brincks 1, Gilbert 1.

Blocks - Ewert 3, Laures 1.

OELWEIN 63, NEW HAMPTON 46										
Oel	16	15	17	15	-	63				
NH	16	8	10	12	-	46				

Gilbert 4-15 4-4 13, Newbrough 3-6 0-0 9, Rochford 5-12 1-2 14, Brincks 1-7 2-2 4, Willadsen 0-2 2-4 2, Schwickerath 0-0 0-0 0, Schmitt 1-3 0-0 2, McDonald 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 15-47 9-12 46.

3-point field goals - Newbrough 3-6, Rochford 3-8, Gilbert 1-7, Brincks 0-4.

Rebounds - Willadsen 5, Brincks 5, Gilbert 4, Rochford 3, McDonald 3, Schmitt 2, Newbrough 1, Schwickerath 1.

Assists - Rochford 3, Brincks 2, Gilbert 1, Willadsen 1, Schwickerath 1.

Steals - Schmitt 1, McDonald 1.

Chickasaw coach loves his seniors' attitude, effort

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credit, they're a good team. They just wouldn't give in. It wasn't that we didn't play hard, and that's been the hallmark of our team this year - we didn't get the results we wanted but we always, almost always, played hard."

Brincks hit 4-of-5 3-point shots to finish with 16 points and added six rebounds. Ewert, who had 10 points in the open-

ing half, finished with 14 while senior Ben Gilbert closed out his career with nine.

The loss ended the careers of four seniors - Gilbert, Carter Newbrough, Brincks and Laures - and their coach had nothing but praise for them.

"They're good kids, really good kids," Rausch said. "They genuinely cared not just for each other but for the young guys in the program.

"I'd do anything to see them

go out with more than two wins this year, but the attitude they had, the effort they gave, I have absolutely zero complaints about that."

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 74, NEW HAMPTON 57										
NH	14	12	15	16	-	57				
NFV	24	20	14	16	-	74				

Ben Gilbert 4-11 0-0 9, Caden Rochford 2-6 2-2 7, Adam Ewert 5-13 3-5 14, Nick Brincks 6-11 0-0 16, Reid Rausch 2-5 0-0 4, Jake Schwickerath 1-2 0-0 2, Carter Newbrough 1-4 0-0 3, Ryan Willadsen 1-3 0-0 2, Dylon

Schmitt 0-0 0-0 0, Jacob McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 0-1 0-0 0, Payton Erlandson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-55 5-7 57.

3-point field goals - Brincks 4-5, Ewert 1-3, Rochford 1-4, Newbrough 1-4, Gilbert 1-6, Rausch 0-3.

Rebounds - Brincks 6, Ewert 3, Willadsen 3, Gilbert 3, Rochford 2, Schwickerath 2, Rausch 1, Erlandson 1.

Assists - Gilbert 2, Ewert 2, Newbrough 1, Willadsen 1.

Steals - Rausch 2, Ewert 2, Gilbert 2, Brincks 1, Schwickerath 1.

Blocks - Ewert 1.

Remember the ultimate team guy, not the heartbreak at district meet

The 190-pound bracket at the Class 2A district wrestling tournamet at West Delaware was, in a word, loaded.

Studs abounded, and the fact was that no matter what happened, two really good athletes would keep their wrestling seasons alive and three really good athletes would see their seasons end.

For goodness sake, the fifth-seed in the bracket had a 26-5 record when the wrestlers took to the mat Saturday morning. I'll be honest, I did not do full-blown research, but I'm dang sure there wasn't a more competitive 190-pound bracket in the state on Saturday.

And when it was over, top-seeded Dylan Monk of Monticello and No. 3 seed Troy Kupka of Benton punched tickets to Des Moines.

That left second-seeded Ethan Swehla of New Hampton/Turkey Valley, fourth-seeded Jeryn Funke and fifth-seeded Tom Scherr of Dubuque Wahlert out in the proverbial cold.

No offense to Funke or Scherr, but my heart ached for only one of them Saturday around 5 p.m. as I stood in the gymnasium in Manchester.

Ethan Swehla deserved a trip to state. Period.

A consummate teammate and a dang good wrestler, the Chickasaw senior, though, saw his career come to an end with a heartbreaking loss in the penultimate match of a long day of wrestling. He had taken a winding road to that match. His district journey began with a quick pin in the quarterfinals but was detoured by a hard-fought 4-2 loss to Kupka in the semifinals.

That sent Swehla to the back side of



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the bracket, where he built a 7-1 lead over Funke and held off Funke, a state qualifier in 2023, for an 8-6 decision. He then put together a dominating 8-2 win over Sherr in the third-place match and when Kupka beat Monk in the finals, Swehla had his "one-for-all-the-marbles" match.

There is nothing quite like a true-second match at a district wrestling meet.

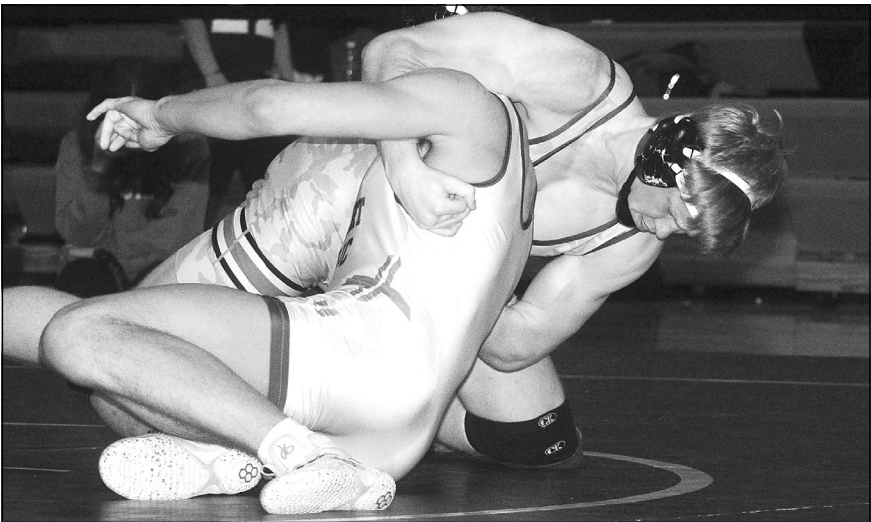
It is the ultimate when it comes to the "thrill of victory; agony of defeat" that ages ago was the tagline for television's Wide World of Sports.

I have said it before, and I will say it again - true-second matches might be my favorite six minutes of sports.

On Saturday, New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestled in four of them. Emmett Kuehner, who lost in the first round but wrestled his way all the way back, fell at 138, Ethan Praska survived a tight match at 144 and Leander Reicks dominated to win at 175.

The two true-second wins gave New Hampton/Turkey Valley eight qualifiers, a number that any Chickasaw fan would have taken when they walked into the gym Saturday morning.

But we wrestling fans, especially when tickets to Des Moines are concerned, are a greedy bunch ... especially when a kid like Swehla is



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Ethan Swehla takes Dubuque Wahlert's Tom Scherr to his back in the 190-pound third-place match at Saturday's Class 2A district wrestling tournament.

concerned.

A year ago, he was coach Matt Paulus' "utility guy," who wrestled anywhere from 170 to 220. Whatever the team needed he did. So if that meant giving up 25, 30 pounds to an opponent, he did it.

"He's one of those guys who always puts the team first," NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said. "If I told him we need him to cut 30 pounds, he'd do it. If I told him we need him to take on a kid whose 285, he'd do it."

This year, though, he found a home at 190 and had a brilliant season - winning 32 of his 38 matches heading into the district tournament.

And on Saturday, just before 5 p.m., he was six minutes away from getting his well-deserved reward for

being that team guy.

Monk scored the first takedown, but Swehla tied it at two when he came up with a reversal with just nine seconds left in the first period.

Monk got a quick reversal to open the second, but Swehla took the lead midway though the second period when he came up with a takedown and pushed the advantage to 5-3 with 1:13 left in the third.

With 30 seconds left, I thought to myself, one more good shot would do it, but eight seconds later, Monk caught Swehla for a takedown, took him to his back for a two-point near fall and just like that, a high school wrestling career was over.

"Eight is great," Paulus said but the voice was quiet. "Nine would have



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Cora Schwickerath battles for a rebound in Saturday's regional game at Forest City.

Chickasaw girls have trouble with 'best press' they've seen

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ended up being the press."

Forest City forced 25 turnovers and wouldn't allow New Hampton to get set in its half-court offense. That's part of the reason that the Chickasaws shot just 17 percent from the field (8-47) and trailed 43-14 at intermission.

"That's the best press we've seen all season - hands down," said Leichtman. "We could get the next girl open, but by the time we went for our pass - they were already over-playing that girl. They came into the game to over-play every passing lane. We could not get it up the court fast enough to beat the press."

Forest City has won six games in a row - which includes a 58-50 win over Class 1A and No. 3 ranked defending state champ Algona Garrigan on Jan. 30 - and will face Crestwood on its home floor in the Class 3A, Region 4 semifinal on Wednesday. Crestwood (9-13) defeated Osage, 49-25, to advance to the semis on Saturday.

"They've got 10 players that are playing that I would consider - in 3A basketball - starter ready," said Leichtman about Forest City. "They are just flying up and down the court."

The Indians were led by sophomore Hayden Brown's 15 points and senior guard Emma Anderson's 13 points. Anderson also came up with six steals. The Indians shot 48 percent from the field.

Forest City is the fourth-best scoring team in Class 3A as it averages almost 60 points a game. The Indians are also one of the team leaders in assists and the fifth-best rebounding team in their class. FC outrebounded NH, 39-27.

"They're playing their best ball," said Leichtman. "There's nobody in our conference, besides Waverly, that would stand up against them."

Forest City plays in the

Western division of the Top of Iowa of Conference. The Indians' last loss came to Class 4A and No. 2 ranked Waverly-Shell Rock on Jan. 23 by a tally of 57-34.

NH junior guard Taylor Ries was the Chickasaws' top scorer with nine points. She is the Chickasaws' leading scorer, just percentage points ahead of senior guard Molly Wegner. Both Chickasaws averaged over 12 points a game this year. Wegner had a tough night in her final game as a Chickasaw. She was 0-12 from the field and finished with three points.

New Hampton freshman guard Ava Leichtman notched eight points. She nailed two of New Hampton's three shots made from beyond the arc.

Leichtman was proud of his three seniors - Wegner, Megan Pickar and Amiya Kellogg - for showing the ropes to the young girls on the Chickasaws' roster.

"I can't ask for better leaders. How those three seniors have helped our underclassmen is unreal," said Leichtman. "It's character, it's friendships - it's building a family bond between four classes.

"What those seniors have been able to teach the underclassmen, I think is brewing our success for the future."

FOREST CITY 70, NEW HAMPTON 28										
NH	7	7	6	8	-	28				
FC	23	20	19	8	-	70				

Megan Pickar 1-4 0-0 2, Ava Leichtman 3-11 0-2 8, Taylor Ries 2-8 4-4 9, Molly Wegner 0-12 3-8 3, Cora Schwickerath 0-3 0-0 0, Tegan Dungey 0-1 0-0 0, Sydney Laures 0-0 0-0 0, Kayme Hackman 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Thronsdon 1-4 1-2 3, Chloe Weigel 1-4 1-2 3, Amiya Kellogg 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 8-47 9-18 28.

3-point field goals - Pickar 0-1, Leichtman 2-6, Ries 1-2, Wegner 0-7, Schwickerath 0-3, Dungey 0-1, Thronsdon 0-1, Weigel 0-1.

Rebounds - Pickar 6, Thronsdon 6, Ries 4, Schwickerath 4, Wegner 3, Weigel 2, Laures 1, Leichtman 1.

Assists - Schwickerath 4, Thronsdon 1, Pickar 1.

Steals - Ries 3, Schwickerath 1, Thronsdon 1.

Blocks - Schwickerath 1.

been so much better. It's Ethan. It's a kid who is everything we want in our program. It's never about him; it's about the team."

For a moment, words failed the NH/TV coach. Finally, he looked up and continued, "Today was supposed to be about him."

It wasn't. And it sucks. It's also life.

I know that sounds trite, but it's true. Like the Rolling Stones sang so long ago, "You don't always get what you want."

What I want to say to Ethan Swehla today, though, is that, in my mind, you are a champion. I saw it in football this fall when you delivered bone-crushing blocks to spring another hole for guys like Braden McShane. I saw it last year when, weighing all of 175 pounds, you never hesitated to tangle with a full-sized 220-pounder.

And I see it almost every time I see you at a game or a meet or even in the hallways of good of New Hampton High School. "Hi, Mr. Fenske" is almost always your greeting to me. For old guys like me, that politeness and consideration means a lot.

The bottom line is that while I was rooting for all the Chickasaws on Saturday, I might have been pulling just a little extra for Swehla just because I've seen how selfless he has been over the past two seasons.

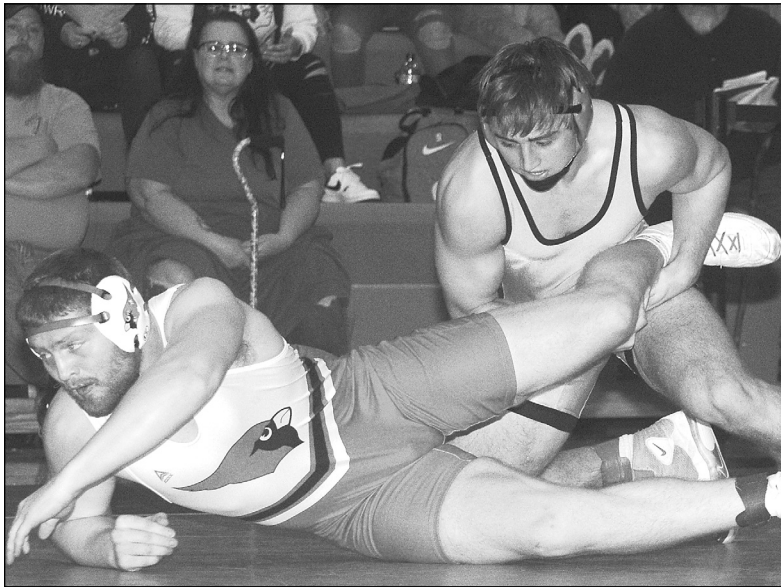
The storybook ending was a trip to state.

The reality is that not every book has that "happily-ever-after" chapter at the end.

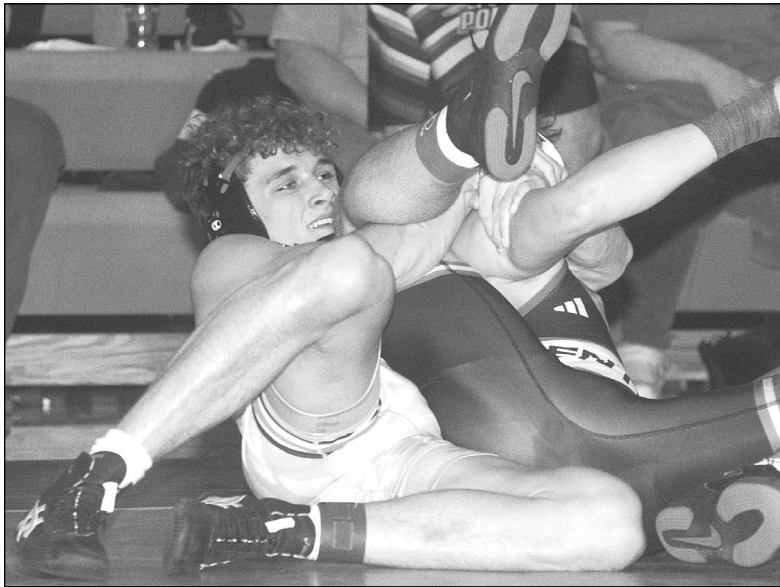
Saturday was a heartbreaking example, but my message to Ethan Swehla is this: You gave us a hell of a journey. And we're grateful for it.

Excellence on the mat!

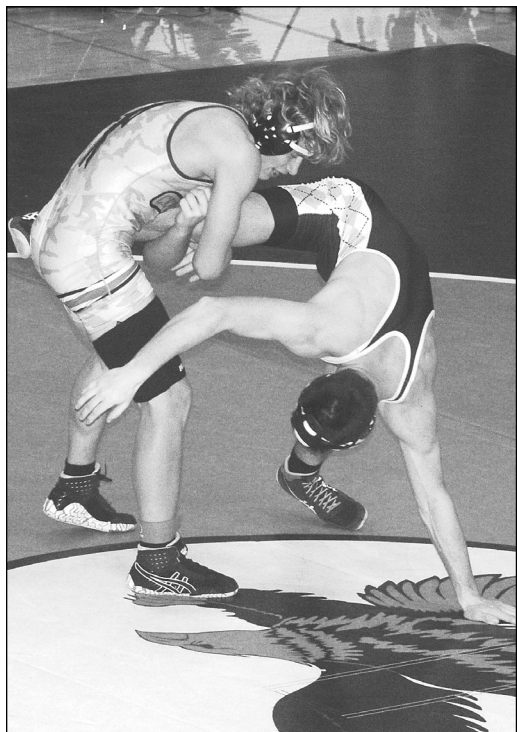
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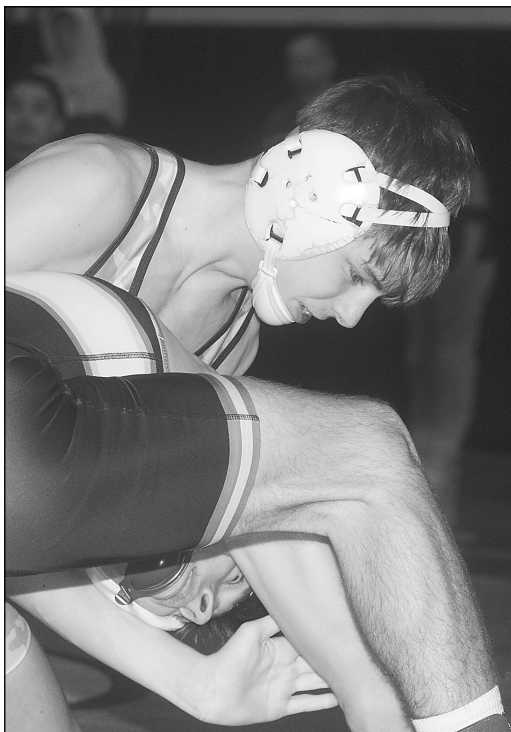
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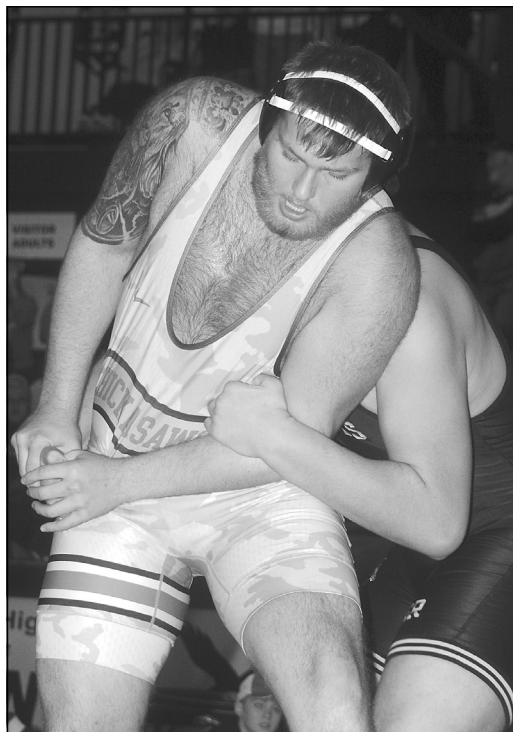
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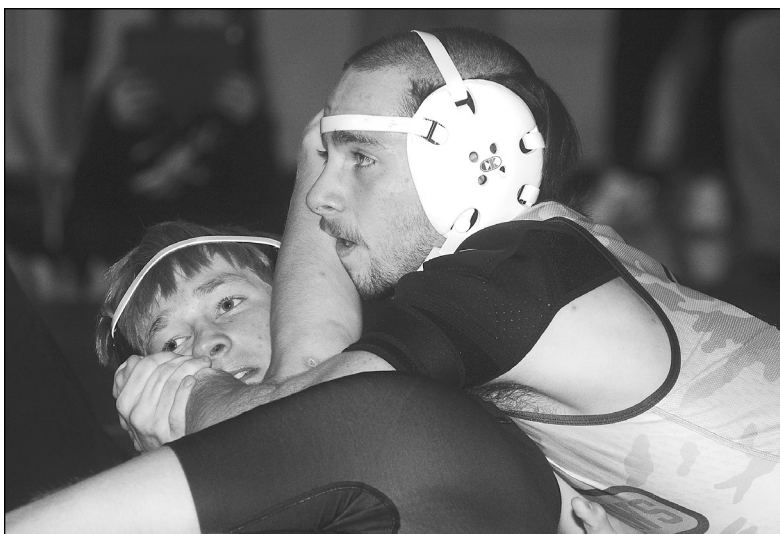
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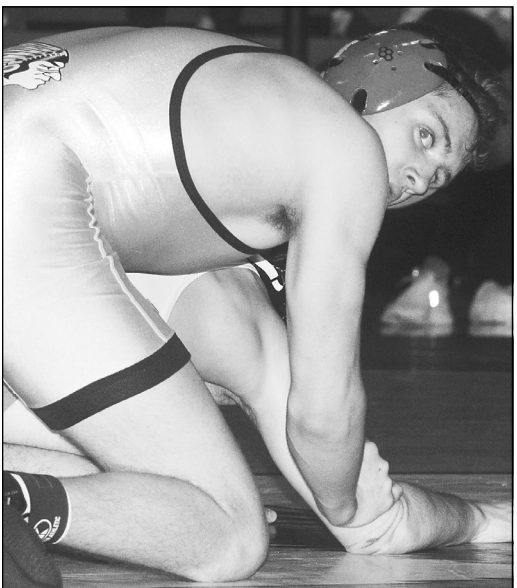
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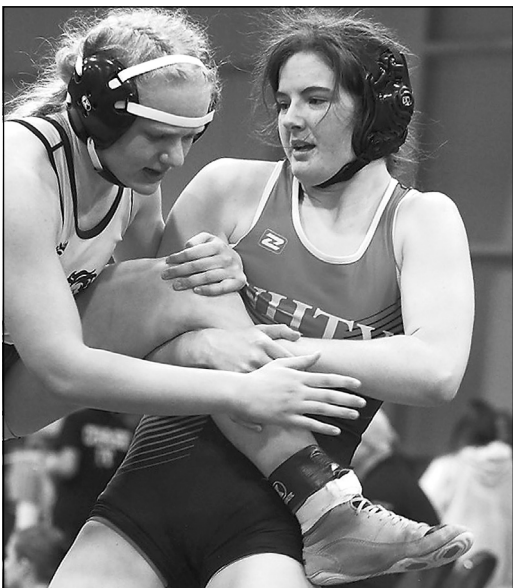
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Iowa FFA has a long, rich history

More 90 years have passed since the first FFA chapter was organized in Iowa.

The vocational agriculture program was started in Iowa, as well in other states of the nation, in 1917. This was shortly after the passage of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act by the National Congress.

Almost from the beginning of the inauguration of the program there was a consciousness on the part of many leaders in this phase of education that farm boys need inspiration as much, if not more, than information regarding the occupation of farming.

It was in search of some means of supplying this inspiration for the farm boys that Henry C. Groseclose of Virginia conceived the Future Farmer Henry and organized the 'FFV,' Future Farmers of Virginia. This was in 1926. The plan proved successful. It appealed to farm boys. Similar organizations patterned closely after the FFV developed in other states. In 1928, there was a demand from all parts of the country for a national organization for farm boys enrolled in vocational agriculture classes.

In November of that year, an organization meeting was held in Kansas City, Missouri, at which time a temporary constitution very similar to the present one was adopted. Thus, the various state organizations were affiliated into a national organization known as the Future Farmers of America.

In response to a need for an organization among the vocational agriculture students in Iowa, local clubs of one type or another had been in operation within the state for a number of years. However, there was little to hold these local clubs together.

Consequently, when the opportunity came to form a state organization of vocational agriculture students and to link with the national organization, all persons interested in the further development of vocational agriculture education were enthusiastic about the possibility.

Delegates from 23 schools organized the Iowa Association FFA at Iowa State College May 17, 1929. On Sept. 9, 1929, a charter was granted by the national organization.

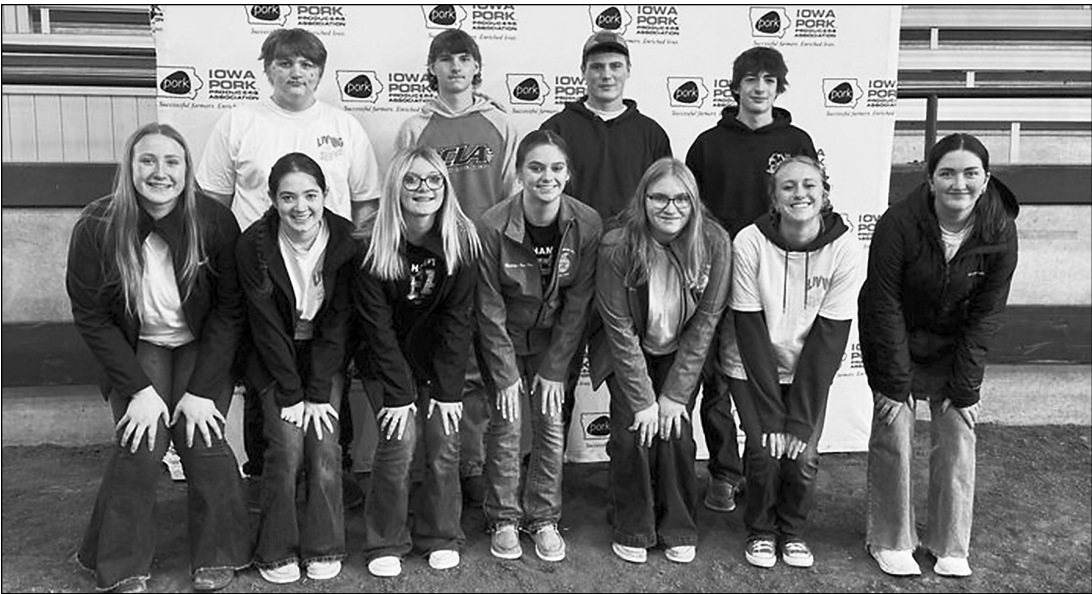
Iowa was the 22nd state to qualify for a charter. Preliminary to the organization of the Iowa Association a number of individual committees were at work. A committee composed of G.F. Ekstrom, supervisor of agricultural education, and instructors Adam Miller and H.T. Hall, were appointed to investigate the possibilities of and to work out a plan for a state organization of vocational agriculture students.

The first local FFA chapter in Iowa was organized at Kelley in July 1929 under the leadership of H.M. Byram, teacher of vocational agriculture.

Soon after chapters were organized at Muscatine, Maquoketa and Charles City. Following these, the movement spread rapidly into all parts of Iowa. By the end of the first year 1929-1930, the 30 local chapters had been organized in the state

The history of the FFA in Iowa has been from the beginning one of progress. It has grown from 576 members and 23 chapters in 1929 to 260 chapters and more than 19,200 members at the present time. The organization has not only grown in membership but has each year improved its program of helping students better prepare themselves for citizenship and to meet the pressing problems of production agriculture and agribusiness.

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Readers and judges

Elementary students (above) pose with their FFA readers, Ethan Praska and Jacob McDonald while a group of New Hampton FFA students pose for a photo this past fall after taking part in the Iowa Pork Producers Swine Judging Event that was held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

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Turkey Valley FFA chapter enjoys memorable year

What an eventful year it has been for the Turkey Valley FFA Chapter! Turkey Valley FFA, this year, has been highlighted by their first annual Give Back to the Community Kickball game with the Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office.

The kickball tournament benefited the Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office's Educational Outreach Program. The tournament raised nearly \$2,000 for the program.

Our FFA Chapter was also busy with their Feed the Farmers and Post Harvest Breakfast! Another highlight this year was the Soil Judging Team placing first and attending state.

The greenhouse is in full swing. The Ag Ed students have enjoyed learning about plants and helping the vegetables, mums, and other plants grow throughout the year!

FFA members are excitedly preparing for sub-district and district contests outside the classroom and greenhouse in February and early March.

Some expected participants in various sub-district events include Nicholas Bernhard in Creed Speaking, Theresa Hanson, Kendall Kuennen, and Anna Reicks in the Greenhand Quiz. Taylor DeSloover will participate in Ag sales, and Ella Drilling will participate in Public Speaking. Russell Nieman will be in Extemporaneous Speaking, Raelen Manderfield in Radio Broadcasting, and Bree Balk in Job Interview. Parker Reicks, Wyatt Macklenburg, Grace Bouska, Jordan Kriener, Hazel Nieman, Brayden Hoffert, and Traejin Keel will participate in the Conduct of Meetings along with Megan Blong and Autumn Maklenburg in the Chapter Program. At districts, a few participating groups will be Sofia Rivera in Chapter Website; David Acord, Emma Brincks, Luella Reicks, Anna Reicks, Alexis Elsbernd, Ashlyn Busta, and Haylee Hanson will compete in Experience the Action.

The Turkey Valley FFA members pride themselves on the success and growth made from these competitions.

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, from Soil Judging to the long hours in the greenhouse. The Turkey Valley FFA is excited to begin its annual FFA week celebration and all of the activities that come along with it. Undoubtedly, it will be a fantastic week, adding to a tremendous year!



Turkey Valley FFA members whip up some pancakes during the organization's annual Post-Harvest Breakfast that was held this past fall.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton's Nick Brincks begins a drive to the basket in the Chickasaws' district game against North Fayette Valley Monday.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
New Hampton's Molly Wegner looks for an open teammate as she tries to beat a double-team in the Chickasaws' game at Forest City Saturday.

Forest City too much for the Chickasaw girls

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Forest City is good – just how good will be determined at a later date. The 12th-ranked Indians (19-3) used their swarming, full-court pressure defense to frustrate the New Hampton Chickasaws all night in an opening-round Class 3A regional contest that saw Forest City take home a 70-28 win on

Saturday in Winnebago County. This one got away from the Chickasaws early as Forest City repeatedly kept New Hampton (6-16) out of rhythm with its diamond-in-one press and led 23-7 after one period of play. “We haven’t seen a press like that all season – nothing even close to that,” said NH head coach David Leichtman. “The difference in the ball game

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley's J.D. Kruse drives to the basket during Monday night's Class 1A district game against Edgewood-Colesburg.

Turkey Valley boys victim of upset in district opener

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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If John Izer could do it – he would. The TV hoops coach would bend over backwards to help his Turkey Valley Trojan basketball team get better and live to see another day. But sometimes the basket-

ball gods have other plans. Turkey Valley (12-11) found out the hard way after four-win Edgewood-Colesburg stunned the Trojans on their home floor with a 60-56 overtime upset in the quarterfinal round of Class 1A district play on Monday. “They demanded me and

SEE TV BOYS, 10

Chickasaw boys put up battle but season ends

Without leading scorer, effort is once again there but New Hampton falls to North Fayette Valley 74-57

By BOB FENSKE
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As Nick Brincks stood in the locker room at North Fayette Valley Monday night, the New Hampton senior was asked a question. Would he do it all over again, even if it meant going 2-19. “Absolutely,” he said without hesitation after Brincks and his teammates saw their season end with a 74-57 loss to North Fayette Valley. “I mean, obviously I wish we would have won more games, but we learned a lot about ourselves this year. I’m proud of my team. We cared for each other. We stuck together.” And if there’s one thing one can say about this 2023-24 New Hampton

team, it is this: It gave maximum effort. The Chickasaws did it again on Monday in their Class 2A district opener, but the TigerHawks, who improved to 19-3 and advanced to a semifinal game against Waukon Thursday, proved to be too tall and too talented for New Hampton to overcome. New Hampton certainly had its moments. Two Brincks’ 3-pointers and another by Adam Ewert kept the Chickasaws close early, but North Fayette Valley closed the first quarter with a 5-0 run to take a 24-14 lead. But NFV scored six straight points in a 60-second span early in the second frame to take a 32-18 lead, and despite the effort put forth by a Chickasaws’ squad playing without the injured Cael

Laures, New Hampton’s top scorer, NFV never led by less than 10 the rest of the way. “We had some chances, but we needed to be better on defense,” Brincks said. “That was the frustrating part. We gave them too many open shots, too many easy ones, but we gave it everything we had.” Early in the second half, New Hampton fell behind by 25, but New Hampton, with Brincks scoring eight points, closed the quarter with a 15-7 run to cut the deficit to 17, 58-41, heading into the fourth quarter. “I thought maybe we had one big run in us,” New Hampton coach Ryan Rausch said, “but give North Fayette

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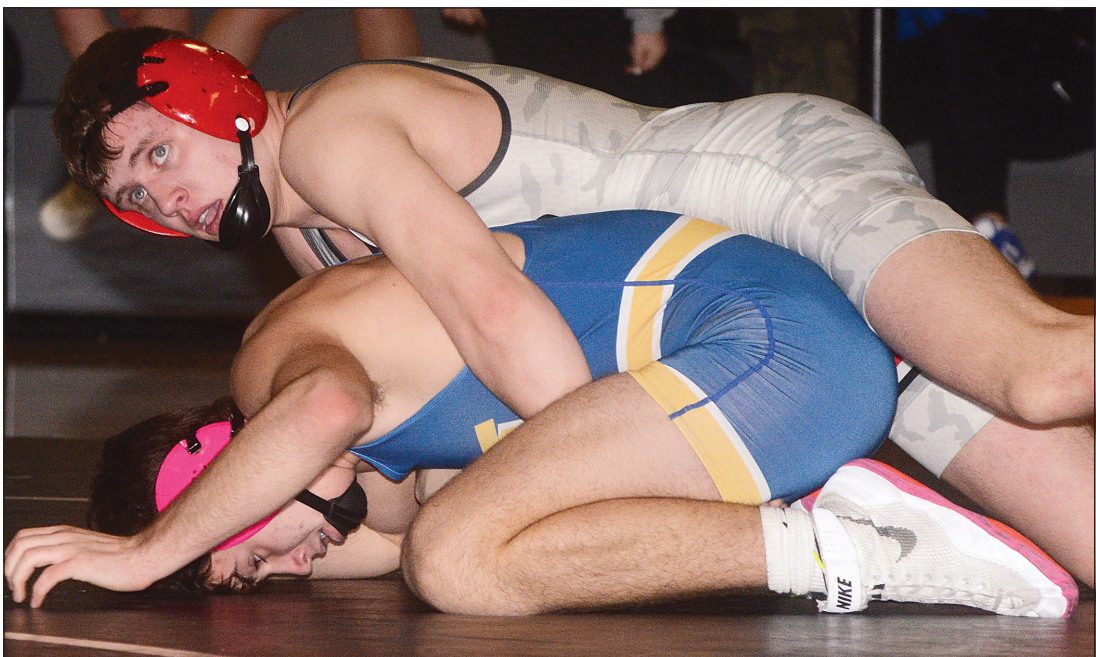
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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Braiden Schaufenbuel (above) pins Center Point-Urbana's Jordan Wedo while teammate Jax Shekleton (below) takes a quick look at the clock in his semifinal match at Saturday's district tournament.

A SPLENDID DAY AT DISTRICT

CHICKASAWS QUALIFY AN OCTET FOR STATE, CLAIM TEAM TITLE WITH INSPIRED RUN IN MANCHESTER

By BOB FENSKE
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Ten seconds into the second period Saturday, it looked like Gatlin McCumber's dream didn't have a chance in you-know-where to become a reality. Benton's Brennen Blegen had just taken down McCumber to extend his lead in the Class 2A district tournament to 8-2, and it looked like the New Hampton/Turkey Valley senior was headed to the back side of the bracket. “I don’t know what I was thinking really,” McCumber said, “but I knew I had to stick with what I was good at and go down fighting.” And then in a dramatic turnaround that it seems only wrestling can produce, McCumber picked up an escape and seconds later, throwing Blegen to his back for a period that would punch his ticket to the Class 2A state tournament. It was, for the most part, that kind of day for New Hampton/Turkey Valley. The Chickasaws,



were in a word, inspired – ending the day with the district team title and, more importantly, sending eight wrestlers to Des Moines for the state meet that began on Wednesday morning after this edition of the Tribune went to press. Three Chickasaws – Jax

Shekleton (150), Karson Kolbet (157) and Braden McShane (215) claimed district titles – while three more – Braiden Schaufenbuel (126), Jayden Bucknell (132) and McCumber – lost in the finals but because they had beaten the third-place finishers in their respective

brackets, also earned trips to state. And two NH/TV wrestlers – Ethan Praska (144) and Leander Reicks (175) – bounced back from losses in the finals and claimed their state

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