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Engineer makes pitch for roads

Lensing tells supervisors that rural roads will be adversely affected by budget

By BOB FENSKE
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Chickasaw County's engineer pleaded the case for the Secondary Roads Department to the Board of Supervisors during its Monday meeting and warned that a variety of factors could lead to a cut in services to rural residents.

"Basically all across the board in our

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GET MORE FUNDING.

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department, we've had significant price increases," Engineer Roman Lensing told board members. "Our diesel fuel alone, we're already at our line-item allocation for fiscal year 23 and we're

not even two-thirds through winter. And probably the worst is to come. Typical years, February is our most snowfall and now the board wants to reduce funds from the current year to next year."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn suggested that the board may have to look at a larger increase to the RSB levy and suggested \$3.60 per \$1,000 valuation. "I understand that it's a double-edged

sword," Kuhn said. "If we cut your budget, people will be mad; if we raise [the tax levy], people will be mad. The people I've talked to, though, want the ambulance. They know it's going to cost money."

Supervisor Travis Suckow said "either way, I think we need to keep our roads up," but conceded that he

wasn't quite sure how the board was going to raise the funds that Secondary Roads needs.

The issue, Lensing said, is that the

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NH/TV GIRLS CELEBRATE TRIO
HEADING TO FIRST-EVER
SANCTIONED GIRLS STATE MEET

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Call them the "Three Amigos."
Although Ali Russler prefers the "Silent Killers."

Whatever nickname you bestow on Russler, Keira Myers and Aleah Eichenberger – they're truly pioneers in a sport that has grown by leaps and bounds in a relative short amount of time.

While Russler's newly tagged moniker might evoke doom and gloom – that couldn't be further from the truth.

The most famous trio of Chickasaws girls wrestlers to have hit the mat in the school's brief, yet monumental history, is intent on creating a legacy that is just getting started.

Never before this winter was there a sanctioned girls wrestling season.

What was not, now is.

That's why the smiles, hugs, tears and heart-ache made for such inspiring stories on the biggest day of the year for a legion of girls looking to fulfill dreams that can now be fully realized and achieved.

Last Friday's super regionals on the campus of Luther College was extra special for the New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling program.

Heck, it was a massive success for the whole state of Iowa as almost 450 first-time state qualifiers broke on through at the four different regional sites sprinkled across the state.

NH/TV had three of them and each story is as unique as the next with one big meet left to tackle before the inaugural 2022-2023 sanctioned wrestling season is forever enshrined in girls' athletic lore.

"We're silent killers. We were nothing last year, but now we're something," said Russler.

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Ali Russler hugs teammate Aleah Eichenberger Friday after Eichenberger secured a trip to the girls state wrestling tournament.

Scratch that; supervisors want used rig

Board directs its EMS director to look for used 'backup' ambulance

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors has put the brakes on purchasing a third new ambulance for Chickasaw County EMS, although board members said Monday that doesn't necessarily mean they don't want to purchase a "backup" rig.

During a meeting last week, board members voted 3-2 to ask the service's director, Joel Knutson, to put together requests for proposals to purchase a third ambulance, but one of supervisor said Monday he had reconsidered his affirmative vote.

"I've been thinking about this all week," Travis Suckow said. "I'm not sure, in fact, I know I don't want to support a new ambulance at this time right now."

Knutson, as he did a week ago, pushed for the service to have a third ambulance as a backup to the two new rigs the service purchased before going into service on Jan. 1.

"[If] our ambulance hits a deer, we go down to one ambulance within the county," he said. "So then while that ambulance is in the shop for a week or whatever, we only have one ambulance. We can no longer take any transfers out of Mercy so there goes a huge loss in revenue. And what happens with our backup ambulance calls? The need is there for a third ambulance."

Knutson said the idea of using the ambulance owned by Nashua Area EMS simply doesn't work because the two services operate under different licenses, and he also took on the issue would a third ambulance be used to take transfers from outside the county.

"I've heard people saying we'd buy a third ambulance for Cerro Gordo and Black Hawk counties," he said, "That literally could not be further from the truth. If we had that, yes it would be an option."

He reiterated that transfers are a key source of revenue for any ambulance service and pointed out that if the service averaged just one out-of-county transfer a month, its return on

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Kindness Square dream steadily moving to reality

Parks and Rec director says inclusive park will go up this summer; big fundraiser planned for Feb. 25

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman always knew that when you put a bunch of moms together working for a common goal, big things will happen.

Yet, she'll be the first to admit that she's amazed at just what the Kindness Square Inclusive Park Committee has accomplished in a relatively short amount of time.

"I'm really blown away," Hackman said. "We knew we had a good project, a really worthwhile project, but to see what these moms have accomplished, honestly, I'm a little stunned."

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POOL LIFEGUARDS NEEDED.

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The committee has raised \$330,000 for the park that will be handicap accessible and located at Runion Park across the street from MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

Hackman said the playground equipment has been purchased and that work on preparing the site will begin after the 2022-23 school year ends. She said she hopes the

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Drawing courtesy of New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department

An artist's rendition shows Kindness Square, the inclusive park that will be built in Runion Park.

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County crews remain busy as area suffers through another snowstorm
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Turkey Valley's basketball teams pick up a pair of wins on night they honor seniors
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New Hampton pool needs you ... to be a lifeguard

Parks and Recreation Department pulling out all the stops in an effort to be open ‘regularly’ when summer rolls around

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The New Hampton Municipal Pool may be blanketed with the latest snowfall, but the facility is near the top on "to-do list" for the Parks and Recreation Department that runs one of the city's favorite summer hangouts. More to the point, the department and its director, Tara Hackman, are putting on a full-court press when it comes to the recruitment of lifeguards.

Basically, Hackman wants the pool to return to the "good ol' days" when the pool was open regularly. That hasn't happened the past two years because of a shortage of lifeguards, and Hackman and her assistant, Brodie Bohlen, say that the pool will have relatively few of its 2022 lifeguards returning this summer. "We get how busy kids are," Hackman said, "but we're doing everything we can to get a full complement of lifeguards this year. With sports,

camp, family vacations, we get that they may not be able to work full-time, but one of our pitches is that, hey if you're in a sport, get certified and come and work at the pool on Saturdays. Every little bit helps." Hackman said that the Parks Board has approved wage increases in an attempt for the pool to be more competitive with other businesses. Lifeguards will start at \$12 per hour while water-safety instructors will be start at \$13 per hour. Other pool

employees — like concession stand workers, swim lesson aides and "top-of-slide" workers — will start at \$9 per hour. The department will also offer a free lifeguard training course May 19-21 at the pool, and those that can attend the New Hampton program, can be reimbursed the costs of courses at the University of Northern Iowa and Wartburg College. Those that apply for lifeguard and WSI positions by Feb. 27 will also

receive a \$25 gift card to a local business of their choice. "We're going to go out and talk at the schools," Hackman said, "and we're flooding social media as much as we can. We've tried to make it as competitive as we can, and we're emphasizing it's a great summer job, one that looks really good on a resume." Those who are interested in applying for pool positions should contact either Hackman or Bohlen at 641-394-5464.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Always a crowd favorite!
It's a tradition that every year's Anne's Dancers will perform before an appreciative crowd at a Turkey Valley basketball game, and this year was no exception as the kids took to the floor during the halftimes of Turkey Valley's basketball games against West Central last week.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The snow is starting to pile up and as proof we offer the big snow piles in the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Carquest parking lots this past Sunday morning.

It's turning into a snowy winter

Road crews have been kept busy as we have already surpassed last year's snowfall

By **BOB FENSKE**
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No one needs to tell Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing or the county's Secondary Roads Department that — so far, at least — it has been a snowy winter. "Our guys have been working their butts off on weekends pretty much since Christmas," Lensing said, "and this weekend was no different. Last week was no different." County road crews were out clearing roads for four straight days, starting last Thursday, as Chickasaw County, like much

of northern Iowa, dealt with snow and ice. The "weather stats" certainly back up Lensing. Saturday's snowstorm that dropped six inches of snow brought the city's total snowfall for this winter to 32.4 inches — far above the average of 20.2 inches that usually falls by the end of January. "Like I told the [Board of] Supervisors today," Lensing said Monday morning, "usually February and March are our snowiest months. For us, the weekend snows are the worst just because you're done with your week and you're talking about

overtime. It does mess with the budget, but you've got to move it, too." The winter of 2022-23 is already snowier than last winter, when just 24.2 inches of snow fell throughout the season. Saturday's snow was followed by some of the coldest temperatures recorded this winter, but the good news is that a warm up is on the way as highs are expected to be in the 30s by the weekend. And the best news of all for guys like Lensing and those plow and maintainer drivers? There's not even a hint of snow in the forecast this weekend.

Briefs

Fun in the Son fundraiser set for Feb. 12 Fredericksburg

Fun in the Son Day Care and Preschool, Fredericksburg, is having a dinner, silent auction, and bake sale on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Community Center. The menu includes lasagna, garlic bread, salad, desserts, and beverages. A freewill offering will be taken for the meal. The silent auction consists of items contributed by local businesses and individuals. Anyone wishing to contribute an auction item or baked goods for the bake sale should contact Janiece Kramer at 563-237-6117.

Life Line health screenings coming to New Hampton

Residents living in and around the New Hampton can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line

Screening. Chickasaw Event Center will host this community event on Monday, Feb. 13. Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; and kidney and thyroid function; and more. Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available. Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifeline-screening.com. Pre-registration is required.

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As part of National Play Therapy Week, we would like to encourage you to find time to play! Either by yourself, with a friend or with a child take 5, 10 or 20 minutes and enjoy yourself with your favorite way to play. What a great week it would be if we all played tag in the office for 5 minutes!

If you want to know more about Play Therapy please contact one of our skilled play professionals at Pathways Behavioral Services 319-352-2064 or check us out on the web at www.pathwaysb.org.

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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny and blustery with a high of 19 and a low of 11 below.

Friday: Partly sunny and cold with a high of 6 and low of 2 below.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and breezy but warmer; high 33, low 21.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 31 and low of 16.

Extended forecast: We'll start the work week warm with highs in the 30s and lows near 20, but there is a chance of some snow Monday night.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo is signed, ending the Mexican-American War in favor of the United States as it gains territory that would become the states of California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, as well as parts of Colorado and Wyoming.
- In 1876, the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs, which comes to be more commonly known as the National League, is formed.
- In 1887, Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.
- In 1913, New York City's Grand Central Terminal opens for the first time.
- In 1943, the last German troops in the Soviet city of Stalingrad surrender to the Red Army, ending one of the pivotal battles of World War II.
- In 1971, Major General Idi Amin takes power in Uganda.

Birthdays

- Irish poet and novelist James Joyce was born in 1882.
- NFL pioneer and long-time Chicago Bears coach George Halas was born in 1895.
- The late television actor Farrah Fawcett was born in 1947.
- Columbian pop singer Shakira turns 46.
- Former model Christie Brinkley turns 69.

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A weekend filled with plenty of hoops, Parks and Rec style

If it's the last weekend of January, that can mean only one thing: It's time for the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department's annual youth basketball tournament, and hoops was the order of the day on both Saturday and Sunday as teams from all around northern Iowa took part in the tournament's divisions that ranged from fourth grade to eighth grade. And despite Saturday's snow, almost every team signed up made the trek to New Hampton High School tournament that not only crowned winners but also handed out sportsmanship awards to a team member after each game.



Photo courtesy of the Kindness Square Inclusive Park Committee

Members of both the Lawler Lions Club and the Kindness Square Inclusive Park Committee pose for a photo after the Cowboy Poetry event on Friday at the Starlite Ballroom. The Lawler Lions are donating the proceeds from the annual two-day event to the park that will be built in New Hampton this summer.

Committee to host fundraiser Feb. 25

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equipment will also be installed this summer — pointing to an August target date.

The initial estimate for the project was \$350,000, but Hackman said that more money will need to be raised for the second phase of the project that will include a sidewalk that will connect the playground with a pavilion that will include both a donor wall and a restroom.

Support for the new playground has come from a variety of sources. This past weekend, for example, the Lawler Lions Club's annual Cowboy Poetry event benefited Kindness Square.

The Kindness Square Inclusive Park Committee is also planning a Vision 2 Reality Benefit that will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Waucoma Event Center.

The event will include a free-will donation meal, beginning at 4 p.m. that will include hot pork-loin sandwiches and "warm sides" provided by Lynch BBQ. A silent auction will also start at 4 p.m. and a presentation and a live auction that includes everything from gift certificates to trips will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The committee will also have quilt raffles, 50/50 raffles and big-item raffles during the event.

"We have 21 sponsored tables so far," Hackman said, "and the interest in the event is really high. People are seeing how cool this project is and they want to be a part of helping make it a reality. It's exciting, especially because we're so close to having it."



Photo courtesy of Tammy Vrzak/Turkey Valley Community Schools

Blah, blah, blah

The Turkey Valley Robotics team visited Deco in Decorah last month after coaches Tammy Vrzak and Cameron Amos were invited to take the Trojanbots (Turkey Valley's Robotic Team) to tour Deco Products in Decorah to learn how robots work in an industrial environment.

Deco even had former Turkey Valley student Will Einwalter who works with the robotics unit and helped lead the tour.

The students said they found it very educational to actually see how robots can help out in making precision parts and they can produce multiple parts very quickly and easily.

Turkey Valley in its second year of sponsoring a robotics team, and the coaches say team members are striving to learn how to build, program, and run robots for various different tasks.

New Hampton Public Library to hold card-making class next week

Need to come up with a creative gift for that special Valentine in your life? The New Hampton Public Library has the program just for you as it will hold a Valentine's card-making class next Wednesday in the facility's meeting room.

The class begins at 5:30 p.m. and participants will make five themed cards.

Engineer expresses his budget concerns

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board's decision to reduce the requested allocation to secondary roads for 2024 fiscal year from 100% to 85% of the maximum allowable for that individual department (\$3.00375 per \$1,000 of taxable rural property) will not keep up with rising costs of services, equipment and materials.

Not to mention the fact that in the current 2023 fiscal year, the board decided in 2022 to give secondary roads 95 percent of the maximum allowable allocation to help battle inflation.

This reduced allocation along with reducing the reimbursement for road clearing from \$110,000 to \$70,000 yields a reduction of \$185,464 from fiscal year 2023 to 2024 and \$355,106 less than what was requested for FY24 from revenue generated by rural property taxes.

Lensing said that with that kind of revenue drop, some services may have to be cut or reduced, although he added that one area that he would fight for would be the county's rock resurfacing program.

"We will not cut what we already have proposed for rock," he said. "I will find anything else to cut before I do that because that is probably our No. 1 complaint from the public."

He also indicated that a cut to the budget could hurt the county's proposed hard surface road maintenance plans for the coming construction season.

He pointed out that it's much more cost effective to "preserve 10 miles of road instead of paving 1 1/2 or two miles; we need to be more proactive than reactive in preserving the pavements that we have that remain in fair-good condition with county dollars and plan on reconstructing our poor pavements with federal/state dollars."

One suggestion that supervisors brought up was utilizing the county's Infrastructure Fund, which is a separate account dedicated to roads and bridges generated by Local Option Sales Tax to supplement Secondary Roads' budget in the 2024 fiscal year that begins on July 1, but Lensing saw pitfalls in going that route.

Lensing said that using the Infrastructure Fund to backfill the reduction in funds from property taxes will reduce the effort put into county funded maintenance/reconstruction projects of existing roads and structures and risk draining that account.

Lensing said he respected what county libraries did during a meeting on Jan. 23, when supporters turned out to protest the supervisors' decision to give the county's libraries only \$100,000, more than \$29,000 less than what they had requested.

"They showed up in full force. They fought for what they believed. I just wonder what the board would do if 12,000 Chickasaw County residents — or roughly 5,000 rural residents — show up with the same ferocity," he said. "If we start cutting, we're going to hear it. If I'm at the mercy of the budget, I'm going to forward the calls. If it's something our department is doing wrong, I will take responsibility for that."

Supervisor Jake Hackman pointed out that according to a worksheet he compiled recently, even if the county went with the maximum RSB levy allowed by law — \$3.95 per \$1,000 valuation — supervisors wouldn't be able to cover all the requests that had been made from the fund.

"We can blame a whole list of people. We can blame inflation, we can blame COVID, unforeseen situations, put it that way," Hackman said. "But is it the time to max out the levy rate? Or is time to cut services? I don't know. That's the only way I see it working. Am I in support of it? No, but what else is the option? ..."

"What are you guys going to do when you have like 4,200 people from the RSB funding mechanism come up and boycott, or protest, the 33.77 percent change [in the tax levy if the max levy is approved]."

Board members eventually reached a consensus to set the RSB levy at \$3.60 per \$1,000 valuation, and Lensing will use 85% of the maximum allowable for secondary roads (\$3.00375 per \$1,000) to come up with a budget. The engineer, though, said the county remains in a precarious position because of the variables that can affect Secondary Roads in any given year.

Earlier in the meeting, he had pointed out that the county had to spend well over \$400,000 to repair roads and structures damaged during flooding that occurred in August of 2021.

"If you get one of those events and they don't declare FEMA or emergency relief, the county pays the bill," he said, "that's always the great unknown."

Supervisors restore funding to libraries

Before Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing made his plea for the Secondary Roads department, the Board of Supervisors backed off on its plan to cut its spending on county libraries during the fiscal year that starts July 1.

The action came a week after more than 30 librarians and patrons attended a Board of Supervisors meeting to protest the county cutting more than \$29,000 from the amount requested by the six county libraries for the upcoming fiscal year.

The libraries had requested a 4 percent increase — from \$124,388 to \$129,311 — in county funding, but earlier this month, the supervisors reached a consensus — with only Board Chair Matt Kuhn casting a nay vote — to give the libraries \$100,000.

That led to the turnout for the Jan. 23 meeting that was moved to the courtroom to accommodate the crowd.

But libraries didn't get everything they wanted during the recent meeting as supervisors on a 4-1 vote approved giving them the same amount of money they will receive during this fiscal year.

The vote was 4-1, with Jake Hackman the one supervisor casting a no vote.

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Little light of mine

Jesus calls us to do the hard and uncomfortable things to glorify God

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.”

Many years ago I was the program director and camp director for Scout camps in Minnesota and I would lead the weekly chapel service. We typically would have readings from scripture, a short reflection and quite a few songs.

One of the songs we sang almost every week was the “This Little Light of Mine” song. The kids loved it and it was easy to sing.

It’s amazing how

this simple little song can encapsulate what Jesus is talking about in this coming weekend’s Gospel reading from Matthew.

Jesus tells his disciples, “You are the light of the world ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Jesus also tells his disciples not to hide that light, and why would we want to?

Jesus has called each and everyone one of us to be his disciple, to learn from him and to spread

the message of love, mercy and salvation with everyone we meet.

How could we keep that Good News hidden?

Some may say that it can be uncomfortable or hard to talk to others about Jesus and our faith.

But let me tell you, Jesus doesn’t call us to do the easy or comfortable things, Jesus calls us to glorify our Heavenly Father and sometimes that can be hard or uncomfortable.

So, why not join me in singing:



Father Jim Goerend is the priest for the Good Shepherd Cluster, which includes Catholic parishes in New Hampton, Ionia and North Washington

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!”

No one has ever seen God;
but if we love one another, God lives in us
and his love is made complete in us.
1 John 4:12



There are actually three Saint Valentines

In the early martyrologies, three different St. Valentines are mentioned, all sharing Feb. 14 for a feast day. Unfortunately, the historical record is sparse.

The first St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He along with St. Marius and his family comforted the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II, the Goth. Eventually, St. Valentine was also arrested, condemned to death for his faith, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded on Feb. 14, AD 270. He was buried on the Flaminian Way. Later, Pope Julius I (333-356) built a basilica at the site which preserved St. Valentine’s tomb. Archeological digs in the 1500s and 1800s have found evidence of the tomb of St. Valentine.

However, in the 13th century, his relics were transferred to the Church of Saint Praxedes near the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where they remain today. Also, a small church was built near the Flaminian Gate of Rome which is now known as the Porta del Popolo but was called in the 12th century “the Gate of St. Valentine,” as noted by the early British historian William Somerset (also known as William of Malmesbury, d. 1143), who ranks after St. Bede in authority.

The second St. Valentine was the Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, located about 60 miles from Rome). Under the orders of Prefect Placidius, he too was arrested, scourged, and decapitated, again suffering persecution during the time of Emperor Claudius II.

The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa with several companions.

However, nothing further is known about this saint. In all, these men, each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church.

The popular customs of showing love and affection on St. Valentine’s Day is almost a coincidence with the feast day of the saint: During the Medieval Age, a common belief in England and France was that birds began to pair on Feb.14, “half-way through the second month of the year.”

Chaucer wrote in his “Parliament of Foules” (in Old English): “For this was on Seynt Valentyne’s day, When every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.” For this reason, the day was dedicated to “lovers” and prompted the sending of letters, gifts, or other signs of affection.

Another literary example of St. Valentine’s Day remembrances is found in Dame Elizabeth Brews “Paston Letters” (1477), where she writes to the suitor, John Paston, of her daughter, Margery: “And, cousin mine, upon Monday is St. Valentine’s day and every bird chooseth himself a mate, and if it like you to come on Thursday night, and make provision that you may abide till then, I trust to God that ye shall speak to my husband and I shall pray that we may bring the matter to a conclusion.”

In turn, Margery wrote to John: “Unto my right well beloved Valentine John Paston, Squyer, be this bill delivered. Right reverend and worshipful and my right well beloved Valentine, I recommend me unto you, full heartily desiring to hear of your welfare, which I beseech Almighty God long for to preserve until His pleasure

and your heart’s desire.” While speaking of the amorous flavor of Valentine’s Day, no mention is made of the saint.

While it seems that the exchange of “valentines” is more the result of secular custom rather than the memory of St. Valentine, and that the celebration has been further paganized with cupids and the like, there is a Christian message that should be remembered.

The love of our Lord, depicted beautifully in the image of His most Sacred Heart, is a sacrificial, self-less, and unconditional love.

Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his own life, for God and neighbor. Clearly, St. Valentineno matter which oneshowed such a love, bearing witness to the faith in his dedication as a priest and in the offering of his own life in martyrdom.

On this Valentine’s day, looking to the example of this great saint, each person should offer again his love to the Lord, for only by doing so can he properly love those who are entrusted to his care and any other neighbor.

Each person should again pledge his love to those loved ones, praying for their intentions, promising fidelity to them, and thanking them for their love in return.

Never forget Jesus said, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command, and may we do the same.

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Can You Reduce The Medicare Surcharge?

Before you turn 65, you'll want to become familiar with Medicare's rules and features. And if you're a high earner, you'll want to be especially aware of the Medicare premium surcharge — because, over time, it can add up to some significant dollars.

The premium surcharge — known as the income related monthly adjustment amount, or IRMAA — is assessed on premiums for Medicare Parts B and D, and generally is based on an individual's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) of two years ago. So, the IRMAA for 2023 would be based on one's MAGI from 2021.

For someone who's married and files taxes jointly, and whose MAGI for 2021 was \$194,000 or less, the Part B premium for 2023 will be \$164.90 per month, and the Part D premium will be whatever amount is charged by their Medicare plan. But if their 2021 MAGI was between \$194,000 and \$246,000, they'll pay \$230.80 (a surcharge of \$65.90) for Part B and an additional \$12.20 for Part D. And the IRMAA rises at different income levels, reaching a maximum of \$560.50 (a surcharge of \$395.60) for Part B and an additional \$76.40 for Part D for a MAGI of \$750,000 or more.

If you're unprepared for the IRMAA, it can be an unpleasant surprise. So, if you've still got a few years until you enroll in Medicare, you may want to look for ways to control your MAGI and possibly limit the surcharge.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Contribute to a Health Savings Account (HSA)** — If you have access to a Health Savings Account (HSA), your contributions will reduce your taxable income, helping you on the IRMAA issue. Furthermore, any investment growth within your HSA is tax free, as are withdrawals for qualified medical expenses, which can include Medicare premiums, deductibles and copays.
- **Contribute to a Roth IRA** — Roth IRA withdrawals are tax free, provided you don't start taking them until you're 59½



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and you've had your account at least five years. These tax-free withdrawals can enable you to avoid taking taxable withdrawals from other accounts, which may help you avoid an increase in your IRMAA.

- **Consider a Roth IRA conversion** — You could convert some, or perhaps all, the assets of a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. But you'll need to consider the impact of taxes — any deductible contributions to your traditional IRA and the earnings generated by these contributions will be fully taxable the year of the conversion, so you'll want to have funds outside your IRA available to pay these taxes. Also, timing is important — to be on the safe side, you might want to complete the Roth conversion three or more years before you enroll in Medicare, so the conversion and the likely increase in your MAGI won't increase the IRMAA.
- **Manage your withdrawal rate** — Taking large withdrawals from your retirement accounts can bump up your MAGI bracket and your IRMAA. So, as you near retirement, you'll want to establish a sustainable withdrawal rate — one that provides you the income you need but without going overboard.

While these moves could potentially help you control the Medicare surcharge, they still must make sense for your overall financial strategy. It's obviously desirable to keep the surcharge as low as you can — but it's even more important to take the steps necessary to reach your financial goals.

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Laurie Tiemessen/Tribune

The cowboys are back!

Jake Riley of Riverdale, Nebraska, entertains the crowd at the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler Friday night, the first of two nights of Cowboy Poetry, an annual event sponsored by the Lawler Lions Club.

Turkey Valley announces semester, quarter honor rolls

Turkey Valley's first semester and second quarter honor rolls were released recently.

The criteria for a student qualifying for the honor roll is obtaining a quality point average of 3.0 or above.

Students receiving a D or F grade will not qualify for the honor roll.

FIRST SEMESTER

3.75-4.0— Courtney Ball, Brynlee Hayek, Mya Ives, Caleb Kriener, Nicholas Bernhard, Gavin Berst, Ellaney Bodensteiner, Mitchell Kriener, Ava Kuennen, Cale Langreck, Jadeyn Muetherthies, Hazel Nieman, Karsyn Reicks, Bree Balk, Hunter Kruse, Karstyn Lukes, Addison Steinlage, Karen Ventura, Larry Vrba, Kinsey Reicks, Bode Balk, Russell Nieman, Mariah Thronndson, Halle Weber, Aubrey Hoffert, Jacqlyn Schmitt, Troy Schmitt and Olivia Snyder.

3.50-3.74 — Jocelynn DeSloover, Jacob Wurzer, Grace Bouska, Theresa Hanson, Kaden Jirak, Jordan Kriener, Kendall Kuennen, Anna Reicks, Annika Bodensteiner, Logan Busta, Jenna Thronndson, Maici Weber, Delaney Busta, Morgan Vsetecka, Alayna Kuennen, Oliver Schmitt, Ryann Schmitt, Calvin Bodensteiner, Victor Monteil and Breanna Moudry.

3.25-3.49 - Honora Chicken, Cole Fencil, Elizabeth Hyer, Levi Kruse, Dominick

Director: County service needs a third ambulance

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investment would be seven or eight years.

More importantly, though, Knutson said a third rig would serve as a backup if one of the new rigs needs to undergo maintenance and it would also allow Chickasaw County EMS to have ambulances on standby at special events.

"We have that third ambulance that we could send somewhere and still do business as usual with a 911 and a transfer rig in town," he said. "Before everyone makes a decision that we don't need that third ambulance, please look at it a little bit and talk to me about it a little bit."

Suckow said he wasn't against purchasing a third ambulance, just that he felt that rig should be a used vehicle.

He pointed out that a new ambulance would cost more than \$200,000 while the used ambulance that Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath is offering to sell the county is prices at

\$18,000.

"That's a big difference," Suckow said. "That money we could use somewhere else."

Knutson and Chickasaw County EMS Advisory Council member Bridget Edson stressed that the used market was essentially dry.

"What's happening in the industry is because of the chassis shortage that we saw through COVID, services had to keep their ambulances longer," Knutson said. "That made them that much less road worthy as a backup ambulance."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn asked if the county would be willing to accept donations to help pay part of the cost for a backup ambulance.

"Does that change things or do we just not want a new one at all for the third one?"

But his question was met with silence by the rest of the board; instead, the board asked Knutson to reach out to McGrath and negotiate with him on the 2003 ambulance he was, at least as of last week, willing to sell to the county.

Briefs

State senator to hold town hall meeting in New Hampton Saturday

State Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, will hold a town hall meeting at the New Hampton Public Library this Saturday morning.

The meeting will be held in the library's meeting room and will run from 11 a.m. to noon.

Salmon, whose District 29 includes all of Chickasaw County, will also hold two more town hall meetings later this month, including:

- Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Nashua Village Welcome Center from 11 a.m. - noon.
- Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Fredericksburg library from 9 to 10 a.m.

Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank to be in New Hampton Feb. 16

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly stop in Chickasaw County on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Food will be distributed to food-insecure families and individuals from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton.

Those who would like to volunteer should report to the church by 3:45 p.m.

St. Joe's celebrates its week, announces honor roll students

St. Joseph Community School is marking National Catholic Schools Week with a varsity of events this week, and the school has also announced its honor roll students for the most recent term.

After celebrating its community, students and nation earlier in the week, St. Joe's will "Celebrate Vocations" today {Thursday} as Students in grades K-2 will rotate through stations that will celebrate vocations and their faith while older students — those in grades 3-8 — will travel to Dubuque to visit St. Raphael's Cathedral, where they will receive a special tour from Archbishop Michael

Jackels.

Students will "Celebrate Our Staff, Facility and Volunteers" on Friday, which will start with the weekly all-school liturgy at 8:30 a.m. Staff members will have special treats in the faculty lounge and a chance to get chair massages.

But the big event on Friday will be the annual Bubble Gum Contest, and this year the proceeds will go to Kindness Square Inclusive Park, which will be built across the street from the school in Runion Park.

The busy week ends on Saturday, when students will lead the 4 p.m. Mass at Holy Family, which will be followed



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CHICKASAW SENIOR CITIZENS 2023

Gary John Bouska, 69

Gary John Bouska, age 69, of New Hampton, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery, New Hampton.

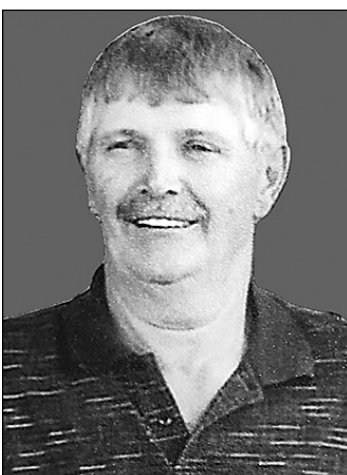
Friends may greet the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a time at 7:30 p.m. for sharing of memories.

Gary was welcomed into the world by his parents, Clifford and Arlene (Hackman) Bouska, on Nov. 8, 1953, at the old St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton, but he grew up on a farm a couple of miles south of Waucoma.

He grew up helping his parents on their farm, milking cows and doing all kinds of chores, and received his education at a Catholic school in Waucoma before transferring to North Fayette High School, where he was a member of the Class of 1972.

Gary worked as a welder for much of his life — first for Wegner Welding and then putting up silos for Phillips and B&P Silos, often working 60 to 80 feet above the ground, and he'd always remind his family that "I put that silo up" when they drove by farms.

He met Susan Rosonke at a friend's birthday party in 1975, and the two hit it off almost immediately. They were married on May 27, 1978, at St.



Gary Bouska

Mary's Catholic Church in New Hampton.

The Bouskas had three sons — Jeremy, Travis and Kyle — who had a dad who was always the life of the party. They were his sidekicks on a lot of weekends when he went "junking" or during the week when he'd head off to play in the local pool league.

As they grew older, they became golf buddies. Well, actually, Gary became their golf buddy because after driving Jeremy umpteen times to Raleigh Hill, he decided he might as well join in the fun.

Gary had many interests. He was a member of MOPAR, a car club based out of Mason City. He loved buying and selling cars, as long as they were Dodges, Plymouths or Chryslers! He loved a good card game, especially that Bouska favorite, "Smear." He loved getting together with the guys to play pool, golf and tell stories. He was a member at Raleigh Hill and, after that club closed, he joined Plum Creek Golf

Course in Fredericksburg. And he was the best "trickster." Just ask his kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews!

Gary was a heck of a father, but he was the best grandpa, and he loved spending time with his three grandchildren.

Gary lived a full life, one that was based on his time. Gary's saying was "on time is when I get there!" All those whose lives he touched will miss waiting to see what prank he was going to pull or what he would say next, but he gave them so many memories that they will cherish forever.

He is survived by his wife of almost 45 years, Sue Bouska of New Hampton; two sons, Jeremy (Danielle) Bouska of New Hampton, and Kyle (Jocelyn) Bouska of New Hampton; his three grandchildren, McKaia and Jaxton Bouska and Alex Henderson; three brothers, Alan (Jan) Bouska of Mason City, David (Sue) Bouska of Cedar Rapids, and Paul (Amy) Bouska of Iowa City; three sisters, Jean (Ron) Franzen of Fort Atkinson, Ann (John) Wunder of Muscatine, and Denise (Jim) Ryant of Calmar; mother-in-law, LaVonne Rosonke of New Hampton; brothers-in-law, Duane (Marilyn) Franzen of Denver, and Tom (Paula) Rosonke, Dan (Karen) Rosonke, and Joe (Jean) Rosonke, all of New Hampton; and sister-in-law, Sandy (Ken) Long of Rochester, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; son, Travis in 2020; two sisters, Kay Bouska and Joan Franzen; father-in-law, Francis Rosonke; and a nephew, Blake Rosonke.

George Pierce, 79

George Pierce, age 79 of Waucoma, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, at New Hampton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

A celebration of life will be held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Northeast Iowa Antique Engine & Power Group Hall in Fredericksburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Northeast Iowa Antique Engine & Power Group Hall or Alpha Cemetery.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements.

George was welcomed into the world by his parents, Eben and Ruby (Wickham) Pierce, on Feb. 1, 1943, and he grew up on a farm near Alpha, where he learned the value of hard work and formed a love for the outdoors that lasted his entire life.

He attended schools in Alpha and Fredericksburg, and he was a 1960 graduate of Fredericksburg High School.

One night, George was out having a drink or two with a buddy, and he met the love of his life, Mary Schupanitz. He liked to joke that "she chased me until I caught her," and the two were married on Dec. 29, 1965, beginning a 54-year marriage that was filled with hard work, fun and joy.

George liked to tell you that he turned the city girl into a farm girl, and the two literally did everything together on the farm they owned northeast of Fredericksburg. George also worked as a carpenter, and his woodworking skills were, in



George Pierce

a word, amazing. And if you didn't believe him, George had the pictures to prove it!

George and Mary loved to go camping, hunting and fishing together. Only God knows how many miles they traped through the woods hunting or how many hours they spent on the lakes in Iowa and Minnesota fishing. They also spent many days going to flea markets, or "junking" as they put it, collecting hundreds of lanterns, lamps, miniature tractors, shot glasses and more.

George had many interests. In addition to his woodworking, he loved to pick wild fruits and make a variety of wines, all labeled "Pierce's Pond Water," which had a little more kick than water!

He loved spending time in the cabin by the pond he built, and he made the best homemade sausage and brats over his homemade fire pit. He grew

the best tomatoes and radishes, and in the fall, he picked up hickory nuts and walnuts, cracked them and picked out the "nut meats" for cookies and to share with his friends.

He was a proud member of the Northeast Iowa Antique Engine and Power Club, and he loved when students from Sumner-Fredericksburg and Turkey Valley would come out to the grounds and he could teach them how to build their very own birdhouses that they could take home with them. During the annual show each August, George was a mainstay, displaying his team of horses hitched to the wagon and the oxen pulling his prairie schooner.

Although the Pierces did not have children of their own, George was a great uncle who loved spending time with his sisters' children and teaching them how to hunt and fish.

He was a one-of-a-kind man who grew up in tough times, which taught him lessons that lasted a lifetime, and as sad as we are to say farewell to him, we know that George is reunited with Mary and they are hunting and fishing together in a far better place.

George is survived by three sisters, Carol Schulz (Jim Mitchell) of Fredericksburg, Betty Sternat of Fredericksburg and Mary (Raymond) Lantow of Fredericksburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary on Feb. 24, 2020; his brother, Carlton; and his sister, Ruth.

Roger Lee Klingman, 86

Roger Lee Klingman, age 86 of Nashua, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at Waverly Health Center in Waverly.

Carl Walter Crooks, 85



Carl Crooks

Carl Walter Crooks, age 85 of Ionia, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare in New Hampton.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Frey presiding.

Interment followed at New Hampton City Cemetery with Carl's grandchildren serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

Carl was born on Oct. 6, 1937, to Walter and Hattie (Schmudlach) Crooks on the family farm, where he grew up with his brother and three sisters.

He attended school in Ionia and graduated with the Class of 1956 at Ionia High School while helping his parents on their farm.

He went to the Riviera Ballroom in Janesville one night and met Shirley Hirsch. They were married on April 22, 1960, at the Stapleton Lutheran Church, just before Carl enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served his country for two years and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, where the Crooks' oldest child, Richard, was born, and at Fort Benning, Georgia, where they welcomed Shelley to the family.

After receiving his honorable discharge, Carl and his growing family moved to Ionia, a mile from his parents. Debra was born in Charles City while living here. They then moved to Waverly where he worked

construction before taking a job at Carnation, which would later become Nestle's. They completed their family with the birth of Michael while living there.

The four Crooks' kids had a father with a very strong work ethic, for Carl not only worked for 30 years at Carnation but he also bought the family farm in 1973 and moved to rural Ionia. It later became a Century Farm. He farmed the land and enjoyed raising a variety of livestock throughout the years.

Yet, Carl always found time to have fun. The Crooks went camping, dancing and played cards in their two card clubs — one in Waverly and the other the neighborhood group for over 30 years.

Carl retired from Nestle's in 1998, but he and Shirley farmed for 15 more years. Even after he retired, he still loved helping out on the farm.

He had so many interests and his life was one adventure after another. There are the stories of camping, fishing, deer hunting, his trips to Le Sueur

to the annual swap meet, snowmobiling in Wyoming, to name a few.

In retirement, Carl's passions were attending his grandchildren's sporting events. He and Shirley loved to socialize with family and many great friends they made throughout the years. He collected and restored many Farmall and John Deere tractors, but his favorites were his Olivers.

Carl was, in short, a hard worker but one who also had a fun zest for life, and all of us are going to miss him dearly. But then again, all those "Carl stories" have created memories that will last a lifetime for those he has left behind.

Carl is survived by two sons, Richard (Sherry) Crooks of Ionia, and Mike (Karen) Crooks of Ionia; two daughters, Shelley (Stephen) Stalder of New Hampton, and Debra (John) Mihm of Lawler; 11 grandchildren, Carlie (Dominic) Samec of New Hampton, Ryan Crooks of Ionia, Kayla Crooks of Ionia, Jeremy (Megan) Schaufenbuel of New Hampton, Jamie (Ryan) Steege of Fredericksburg, Kevin Stalder of Ottumwa, Connor Mihm of Boyd, Callie (Isaac) Hover of Cresco, Rebecca (Colton) Meirick of Elma, Megan (Trevor) Fecht of Allison, and Jessie Rose (Cole) Denner of Ionia; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Martha Mannerter of Charles City; and one sister-in-law, Kathy Crooks of Charles City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Shirley on Feb. 1, 2019; one brother, Larry Crooks; two sisters, Geraldine (Bill) Marsrow, Anna Mae (Harley) Bergmann.

Kathleen A. (Ptacek) Anderson, 85

Kathleen A. (Ptacek) Anderson, age 85 of Lourdes, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at Arbor Gardens Memory Care in Eyota, Minnesota.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Lourdes, with Father Tom Heathershaw celebrating the mass.

Burial will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in Elma with a 3:30 p.m. Rosary. Visitation will continue at the church one hour prior to the funeral mass on Friday.

Online condolences may be left at www.conwaymarkham.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Kathleen Ann was born Aug. 11, 1937, the daughter of Norman and Olivia (Krogman) Roberson in Cedar Rapids. As a small child the Roberson family returned to the Jerico area where Kathleen attended and graduated from New Hampton High School.

On June 5, 1956, shortly after graduation, Kathleen married her high school sweetheart, Raymond Ptacek. The couple settled on a farm near Schley, where they welcomed five chil-



Kathleen Anderson

dren — Dale, Mark, Sharon, Andrew, and Dave.

As her children left the home, Kathleen grew her cake decorating business and eventually went to work at Jack and Jill in Cresco for nearly 25 years. She also sang with Raymond in a polka band. They began playing at Polka masses and eventually grew to playing at other venues.

Kathleen lost Raymond after 37 years of marriage when he passed away on April 18, 1993.

She later met Ronald Anderson and the couple was united in marriage on March 23, 1996. They would make their home on Ronald's farm in rural Lawler until they moved to New Hampton. Ronald passed away on January 19, 2014. After his passing Kathleen remained

close with his children.

In 2018, Kathleen moved to Eyota to be closer to her daughter, Sharon as her own health declined.

She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Kathleen enjoyed quilting, gardening and canning and generalized crafting. She also enjoyed traveling, camping, and fishing.

Those left to cherish her memories are her children, Dale (Debbie) Ptacek of Dakota, Minnesota, Mark (Louann) Ptacek of Protivin, Sharon (Rick) Krahn of Eyota, Minnesota, Andrew (Lauren) Ptacek of Vancouver, Washington, and Dave (Barbara) Ptacek of Cedar Rapids; her grandchildren, Kelly, Jason, Adam, Darci, Dana, Erica, Travis, Ben, Tony, Alexis and Isaac; 14 great-grandchildren; her step-children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Teresa Dumsky of Sugar Creek, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Raymond Ptacek and Ronald Anderson; one brother, Arthur; and her brothers-in-law, Joseph (Rosella) Ptacek, Frank (Thelma and Lola) Ptacek, Clement (Shirley) Ptacek, Father John Ptacek and James Dumsky.

Mary Eileen Carlin, 83



Mary Carlin

Mary Eileen Carlin, age 83 of New Hampton, passed away peacefully on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023 at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Holy Family Parish with Father Jim Goerend celebrating the mass.

Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in New Hampton and will continue at the church one hour prior to the funeral mass on Saturday.

Online condolences may be left at www.conwaymarkham.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Mary Eileen was born Feb. 19, 1937, the daughter of Leo and Eileen (Sabelka) Cooney in New Hampton. As a child, Mary received her early childhood education from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Lawler. While in the first grade, Mary was introduced to Dan Carlin. The pair little knew then that they would eventually become the love of each other's life.

She attended and graduated from New Hampton High School in 1957. After graduation, Mary went on to obtain

her master's degree in education from Iowa State Teacher's College, now known as UNI.

After completing her education, Mary began her teaching career in Oxford. She eventually received an offer to teach at her home school district, New Hampton High School. She proudly became a Chickasaw once again.

It wouldn't take long for the young couple to be reintroduced and after a short courtship, Mary was united in marriage to Dan on Nov. 22, 1969. The couple welcomed their four children — Dannette, Lea, Patrick and Paul.

As their family grew, Mary

made the decision to concentrate on raising her family and working on the farm next to her husband.

She began working for Liddle's Grocery while Patrick and Paul were in high school and retiring a short time later.

Mary and Dan enjoyed their retirement years together traveling, watching rodeos and attending their grandchildren's sporting events.

Mary also enjoyed gardening, cooking, and playing cards. She was a dual member of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Mary was a founding member of the Zeta Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa, a teachers' sorority as well as a member of the Red Hat Belles.

Those left to cherish Mary's memories are her children, Dannette (Mike) Roethler of Charles City, Lea (Steve) Holcomb of Vernon Hills, Illinois, Patrick (Mik Hansen) Carlin of Marion, and Paul (Samantha Kemp-Carlin) Carlin of Des Moines; three grandchildren, Megan, Drew and Brynn Roethler; and numerous extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Dan Carlin on Nov. 18, 2014.

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Briefs

DNR to discuss possible rule changes

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested. Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at the Waverly Public Library, 1500 W Bremer Avenue, in Waverly, on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. and at the Franklin W. Olin Building, Room 102, Luther College, 700 College Drive, next to the Prues Library, in Decorah, on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. “We want people to come out, listen to the hunting seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our

staff,” said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR’s Wildlife Bureau. “Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process.” The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations.

Owl program set for Twin Ponds on Feb. 14

On Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. the Twin Ponds Nature Center will host an Owl Prowl and Make Your Own Call program. Participants will join Chickasaw County Conservation as

they talk about some of the adaptations that help owls thrive. The program will also have participants make their own owl calls and test them on the trails at Twin Ponds. There is no cost for this program, but pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

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New Hampton Calendar of Events February 2023



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- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023**
- 7:30am National Honor Society Meeting in the Annex
 - 8:10am- 10:00am Lifetouch Photography Middle School Gym Yearbook & dance picture day
 - 3:30pm FFA NE District Review Waukon HS
 - 6:30-9pm Lawler Lion’s Bingo @Starlite Ballroom, lawler
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023**
- Compass Outreach Chili Cook-off, Nashua
 - Varsity vs. Crestwood TBD Wrestling: Girls Varsity State TBD vs. IGHSAU @ Coralville XTREAM Arena
 - 4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Central Springs @ New Hampton High School
 - 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton High School
 - 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
 - 5:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. Central Springs @ New Hampton High School
 - 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Central Springs @ New Hampton HS
 - 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Central Springs @ New Hampton HS
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023**
- TBD Wrestling: Girls Varsity State
 - TBD vs. IGHSAU @ Coralville XTREAM Arena
 - 7:15am Interact Club Interact CORE members meeting
 - 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton HS
 - 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton HS
 - 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton HS
 - 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton HS
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

- Large Group Speech TBD State Large Group Contest @ Waterloo West HS
 - 12:00pm Wrestling: Varsity State vs. IHSAA @ Iowa City Area Sports Commission, Coralville State Team Duals
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023**
- 8am-12:30 pm Lions Pancake Breakfast, Turkey Valley Cafeteria
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023**
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Summer-Fredricksburg @ New Hampton HS
 - 5:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Summer-Fredricksburg MS @ NH MS
 - 6:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Varsity/JV vs. Hudson - Iowa @ New Hampton High School
 - 7:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Varsity/JV vs. Hudson - Iowa @ New Hampton HS
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Kingpin Entertainment Center
 - 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Kingpin Entertainment Center
 - 4:30pm Basketball: Girls JVV Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
 - 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
 - 6:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Regionals vs. IHSAA
 - 7:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023**
- 9:00-11:45am Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Pest Control NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
 - 6:00pm Academic Calendar Virtual Financial Aid Night
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023**
- Band Northern Festival of Bands @ UNI
 - Esports Varsity Bye
 - 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game

- vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
 - 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton HS
 - 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game
 - vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
 - 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game
 - vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023**
- Band Northern Festival of Bands @ UNI
 - 7:30am Interact Club Meeting in rm. 106
 - 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ Bowlaway Lanes
 - 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ Bowlaway Lanes
 - 5-8pm Father Daughter Dance at The Put at the Pinicon
 - 6:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Tripleheader vs. Oelwein Community Schools @ Oelwein HS
 - 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Oelwein Community Schools @ Oelwein HS
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023**
- Ionias Fire Department Steak Fry, Ionias
 - 9:00-11:00am Clover Kids Club NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
 - Band Northern Festival of Bands @ UNI
 - 10:00am Wrestling: Varsity Districts @ Decorah High School
 - 5:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament vs. IGHSAU @ IGHSAU

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023**
- TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity District Tournament vs. IHSAA @ IHSAA
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023**
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament vs. TBD @ TBD
 - 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Regional Tournament
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023**
- TBD Wrestling: Varsity State vs. IHSAA
 - 9:00-11:30am Seed Treatment C-CIC NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
 - 5:30pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting High School Cafeteria
 - 7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament TBD vs. IGHSAU
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023**
- Not So Newly Wed Game Sponsored by NH Rotary, @ Pub at the Pinicon, New Hampton
 - TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity District Tournament IHSAA vs. TBD
 - Esports Varsity Playoffs
 - Music Tallcorn Jazz Festival @ UNI, Cedar Falls
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023**
- 8:00pm- 10:00pm Dances High School Cafeteria Sweetheart Dance

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023**
- 5:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament TBD vs. IGHSAU
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023**
- No School Teacher Inservice
 - 6:30pm Board of Education High School Media Center
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**
- TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity District Tournament IHSAA vs. TBD
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023**
- Esports Varsity Semi-finals
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023**
- 7:00pm Dance Middle School Gym Dance Showcase
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023**
- 4pm Kindness Square Inclusive Playground Benefit Waucoma Event Center
 - TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity Sub State IHSAA vs. TBD
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023**
- Band Dorian Honor Band @ Luther College
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023**
- TBD Basketball: Girls Varsity State TBD vs. IGHSAU

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Floyd County files petitions to ‘intervene’ in CO2 pipeline dockets

By BOB STEENSON
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Floyd County has filed petitions to intervene in two carbon dioxide pipeline permit applications with the Iowa Utilities Board.

Board of Supervisors Chair Mark Kuhn, at the Charles City Area Development Corp. meeting last week, during a discussion on a pipeline project, announced that the petitions had been filed this week.

“Yesterday, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors, through our attorney, Mr. Tim Whipple, petitioned the Iowa Utilities Board for an order permitting Floyd County to intervene in Summit Carbon Solutions petition for a hazardous liquid pipeline permit,” Kuhn said.

“Make no mistake, the Floyd County Board of Supervisors believes locating a hazardous carbon pipeline bisecting the Avenue of the Saints Development Park would obviate the marketability of the property, limit the ability to fully utilize the industrial park for needed economic development and future growth, and pose a significant public safety risk to residents of Charles City and numerous businesses located near the proposed pipeline route,” he said.

Whipple is an attorney with Ahlers & Cooney law firm of Des Moines who the county has hired to help it write a zoning ordinance dealing with location rules for hazardous liquid pipelines, and to represent Floyd and other counties in pipeline application proceedings before the Iowa Utilities Board.

Whipple on Tuesday had filed petitions with the Iowa Utilities Board asking for Floyd County to be allowed to take part in the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline permit process, as well as

in the Navigator CO2 Ventures project permit application.

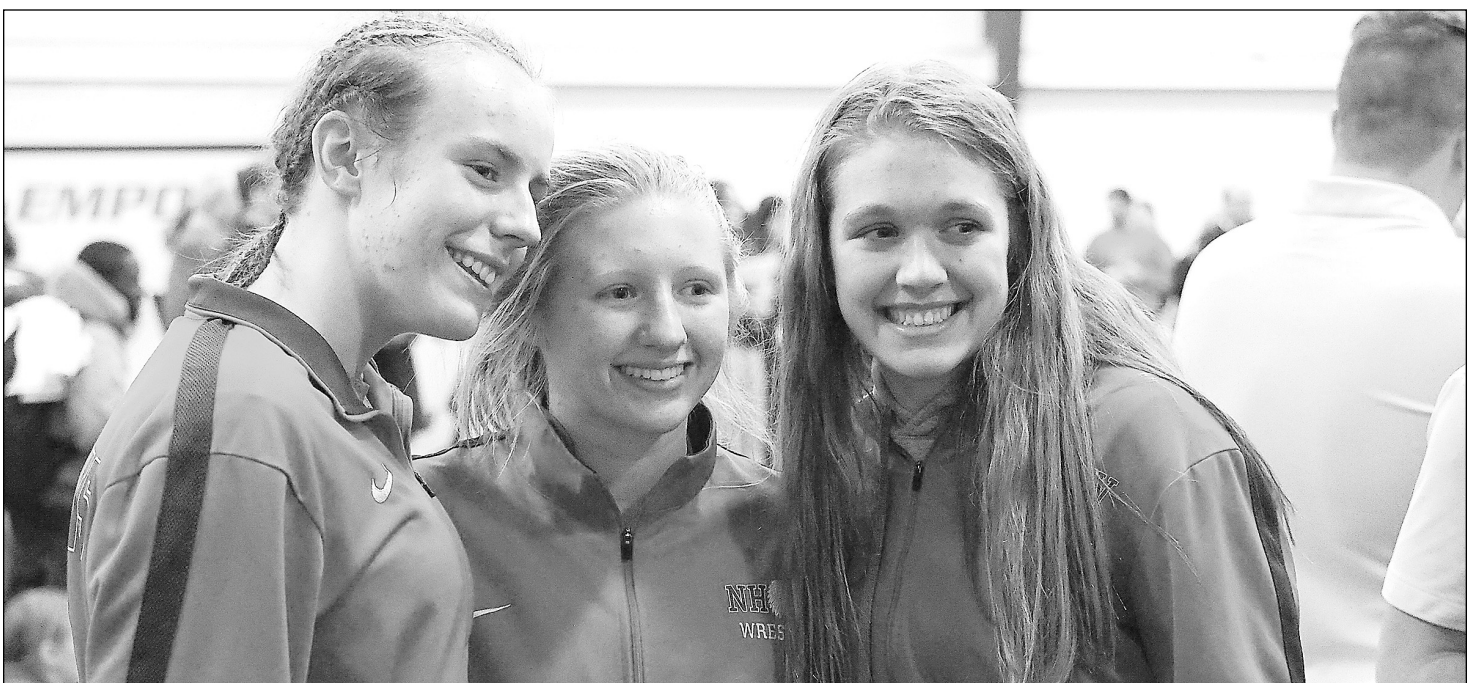
The summit project would cross Floyd County from east to west in a line passing through the south part of Charles City and passing just north of Rockford. It also would cross Chickasaw County to the ethanol plant near Lawler.

Navigator would connect the Valero Renewables ethanol plant near Floyd with the Navigator pipeline that would go from northwest Iowa to southeast Iowa, transporting carbon dioxide to Illinois for sequestering.

“The Floyd County Board of Supervisors have goals similar to other counties,” Whipple said via videoconference at the CCADC meeting, “The goals aren’t very much different from how the county would want to manage other large industrial developments or other uses of the land that can cause consternation by neighboring property owners, from confined animal feeding operations to large factory developments, gravel pits or solid waste developments. There’s all kinds of reasons to take a look at how you use land in the county,” he said.

“The supervisors want to develop an ordinance at the local level to express their goals about how land should be used in the unincorporated areas of the county, and they want to intervene in the two proceedings to make sure that the same goals and policy objectives are supported by the Iowa Utilities Board in the state permitting process,” he said.

Floyd County is working with Shelby, Emmet, Montgomery, Palo Alto, Bremer, Butler and Harrison counties to hire Whipple to intervene in the pipeline permit process, sharing the potential \$100,000 cost among them, Kuhn said.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

After a long day of wrestling’s New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s girls state wrestling qualifiers — (from left) Aleah Eichenberger, Kiera Myers and Ali Russler — pose for a photo after last Friday’s super regional at Luther College.

Chickasaws have some Coralville experience

GIRLS WRESTLING: FROM 1

That’s saying something because Russler, ranked fourth by IAwrestle and sporting a record of 41-4, is no stranger to the state tournament venue — Xstream Arena in Coralville. The state field will get under way at 9 a.m. this morning (Thursday) and crown champions on Friday.

Russler competed at state last year, went 18-6, but did not place. But this year is vastly different as the senior 145-pounder is wrestling at a peak level and looking to knock off the state’s elites to claim gold in her weight bracket. Russler pinned her way to first place to become a regional champ up in Decorah. She stuck Lindsey Hospodarsky of Alburnett in her last match of the day in just 11 seconds.

“We’re just going to go down there and fight,” said Russler.

NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli summed up what this season means for his Chickasaw squad that broke new ground this year and now has a state

tournament of its own that is fully sanctioned just like the boys.

“I look at it now like it’s just guys wrestling,” said Ciavarelli. “You have to qualify for state. Everybody knows how tough that is. Well guess what? This is the same thing now. It’s here.”

Russler is competing in the sport for just the second season and Eichenberger had never even seen a wrestling meet prior to this winter.

She’ll wrestle at state in the 170-pound weight class and bring her 28-18 record to Johnson County in an attempt to continue her impressive run. She pinned Crestwood’s Brianna Burke — a fellow NEIC grappler that had beaten her this season — in her final match of the day for fourth place.

“God, at the beginning of the season I’ve never even watched a match — didn’t even know the rules,” said Eichenberger, a sophomore. “Literally, I could not even pick out what moves were — how you even win a match. I’ve just learned all that.”

Myers, a freshman at Turkey Valley, is 29-16 and will wrestle under the bright lights at state in the 140-pound bracket. She has wrestled since her seventh-grade year.

“We’re such a small team. We’re going to really show ‘em,” said Myers.

Confidence is often key to

success and don’t look for these Chickasaws to have a deer-in-the-headlights look when the Chickasaws stroll on to the mat to try and take care of business amongst the state’s best.

“With us going to that Donnybrook tournament, it was a replica of state. You know what to expect,” said Russler.

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Schmitt leads all scorers with 22 as Trojans use late push past WC

TV GIRLS: FROM 14

the middle of December.

“We just weren’t ready to play,” said Hoffert. “We weren’t physically – we weren’t mentally ready to play. Coming off last night in an emotional win versus Cresco, it’s tough to come back and play a team of this caliber. We fought our way through it in the first half and we got in a better rhythm in the second half.”

A 7-0 TV run helped the Trojans take a 9-7 lead after the Blue Devils’ Abby Squires scored five points in the first quarter. She would finish with 20 points in the contest and 11 rebounds.

Another 7-0 streak of points by TV led to a 17-11 advantage. The Trojans took a 25-16 lead into halftime.

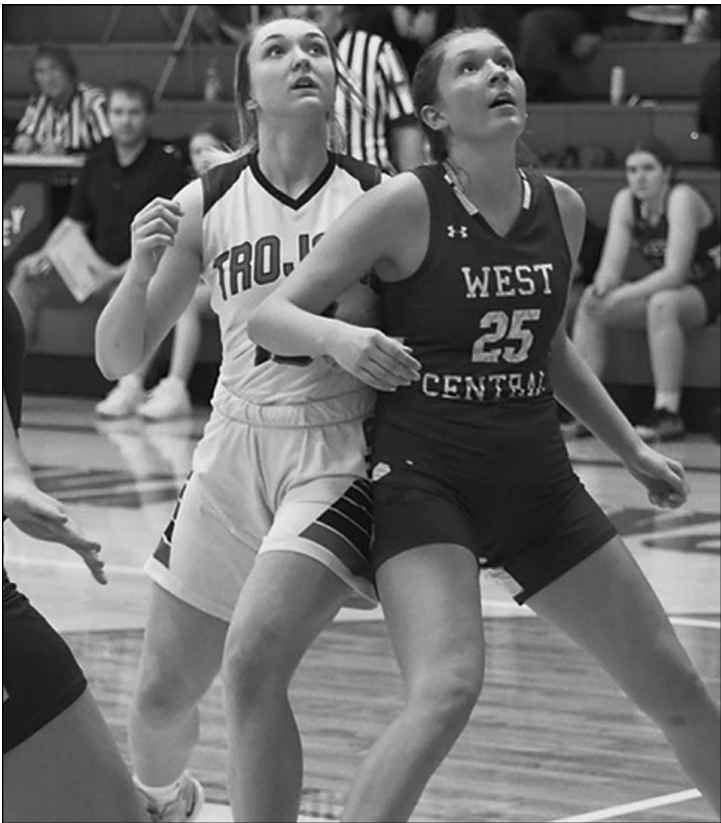
But West Central (4-14, 2-11) still hung around after Turkey Valley’s sloppy play and the inability by TV to keep the Blue Devils off the glass, which contributed to the Trojans only leading 36-27 headed into the final period.

A 10-0 run sealed the deal for the Trojans after senior Brianna Busta’s putback of a missed free throw made the score 43-27 underneath three minutes to play.

Jacqlyn Schmitt, one of those seniors, did what she has all season long in leading the Trojans in scoring with a game-high 22 points. She snared nine rebounds and came up with four steals.

Along with Busta and Schmitt, TV’s other seniors are guards Alison Leibold and Steve’s daughter – Aubrey Hoffert.

TV, now 12-2 in league play,



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

TV senior Brianna Busta (left) looks to battle for a rebound versus West Central’s Abby Squires.

took on No. 7 Central Elkader on Tuesday at home. The Warriors are 17-1 overall and 13-0 in conference play. Central lost its first game of the season a week ago at Waukon, 57-45.

Central defeated TV, 70-40, in the first meeting with the Trojans.

TV is looking to finish strong with just two regular season games left after the Central rematch.

“We have the capability. We just have to put it all together again,” said Steve Hoffert.

TURKEY VALLEY 47, WEST CENTRAL 28

WC 7 9 11 1 - 28

TV 9 16 9 11 - 47

Alison Leibold 1-8 1-2 3, Brianna Busta 2-8 2-2 6, Aubrey Hoffert 2-11 1-2 6, Mariah Thronson 2-6 0-2 5, Jacqlyn Schmitt 7-13 7-9 22, Addison Steinlage 1-6 1-2 3, Annika Bodensteiner 1-3 0-0 2, Maici Weber 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-55 12-19 47.

3-point field goals - Leibold 0-5, Busta 0-2, Hoffert 1-6, Thronson 1-3, Schmitt 1-2, Steinlage 0-1, Bodensteiner 0-2.

Rebounds - Schmitt 9, Steinlage 6, Busta 5, Thronson 3, Leibold 2, Weber 1.

Assists - Busta 3, Leibold 2, Thronson 1, Schmitt 1, Steinlage 1.

Steals - Schmitt 4, Hoffert 3, Steinlage 2, Leibold 2, Busta 2, Thronson 2.

Blocks - Schmitt 2, Leibold 1, Hoffert 1, Steinlage 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley senior Noah Hanson goes up for a shot as Calvin Bodensteiner looks to box out on Senior Night in Jackson Junction. The Trojans scored a season-high point total of 79 points to down West Central last week Tuesday.

Four TV seniors enter final stretch run

TV BOYS: FROM 14

“We’re all right. Big finish – that’s the emphasis here is on the finish,” said Izer.

TV outscored 42-23 in the second half after a tight first quarter saw the Blue Devils hang around.

Busta nailed two first-half 3-pointers and continued to remain red hot in the second half as he drained three more from long range. He was a perfect 5-5 from beyond the arc and was tied with WC’s Creighton Houge (17 points) for the game’s leading scorer.

Busta, one of four seniors on the TV roster alongside Hanson, Bodensteiner and Chase Hayek, knows he only has a limited amount of games left in the season, depending on how deep of a run the Trojans can make in the postseason.

That’s why Izer said it’s extra

important to go out and give it everything you have out on the court so there’s no regrets.

“I said you’re never going to play in front of a crowd again,” said Izer. “You four seniors – it will be the last time bleachers will be full and people will cheer you. It’s in your hands on where you take it here. We as coaches will try to put you in the right positions and make the right calls, but don’t look back on it. Trust me, I’m 57 years old and wish I’d done things different when I was playing.”

TV beat WC, 64-28, in the middle of December.

Izer talked about his seniors – who have all achieved success in numerous other sports at Turkey Valley.

“They’re a core group that’s been together in all four sports for quite awhile,” said Izer. “It’s huge when you got ‘em. When you start the year and you know

you have four guys that know the program, it’s big. We need ‘em to go out with a bang here and a few of them have started playing better and confidence is growing.”

TV 79, WEST CENTRAL 47

WC 15 9 9 14 - 47

TV 18 19 18 24 - 79

Carson Busta 6-7 0-0 17, Noah Hanson 5-7 3-4 13, Calvin Bodensteiner 5-8 2-2 12, Oliver Schmitt 4-9 5-7 13, Chase Hayek 0-4 0-0 0, Caleb Kurtenbach 6-13 2-2 15, John Kruse 1-4 2-3 4, Logan Busta 1-4 0-0 3, Russell Nieman 1-4 0-0 2, Tristan Pullman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-60 14-18 79.

3-point field goals - C. Busta 5-5, Schmitt 0-1, Kurtenbach 1-5, Kruse 0-1, L. Busta 1-4, Nieman 0-2.

Rebounds - Bodensteiner 7, Hanson 6, Hayek 5, Kurtenbach 5, Nieman 4, Schmitt 3, Kruse 1, Pullman 1.

Assists - Hayek 3, Hanson 3, C. Busta 2, Kurtenbach 2, Bodensteiner 1, Schmitt 1, L. Busta 1.

Steals - Hanson 5, Schmitt 5, Kurtenbach 5, Nieman 3, C. Busta 2, Bodensteiner 2, Kruse 1, L. Busta 1.

GIRLS REGIONAL: FROM 14

and advanced to state as freshman Keira Myers will wrestle at 140 pounds in an attempt to climb up to the podium stand and medal.

“I think making it to state my first year is pretty impressive,” said Myers. “This is just a little piece of the puzzle. I gotta make sure I’m well locked and loaded for the bigger pieces.”

Chickasaw fourth-ranked senior Ali Russler competed at last year’s non-sanctioned IWCOA (Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association) state tournament.

This year it’s sanctioned for the first time ever and Russler will bring her lofty ranking and her superior 41-4 record at 145 pounds into Coralville with a chance at a top-tier finish.

“I want to win. If I win I’ll get a better seeding at state,” said Russler. “My end goal is to be a state champ. I really want it. I feel like I’ve put in a lot of work. I’m hard on myself, so I push myself everyday.”

Russler went three-for-three in pins on Friday and ended with a flourish in the first-place match as she secured a regional championship by fall over Lindsey Hospodarsky of Alburnett in just 11 seconds.

“I took my shots and stuck to what I was good at,” said Russler, who is no stranger to success as she competed in the state XC meet as a sophomore and is a two-time all-state softball player for the Chickasaws.

Myers (29-16) shined bright when the pressure was ratcheted up a notch as she needed one more win to qualify for state in the blood round on the back side of the championship bracket. She earned a tough 4-3 decision over Charles City’s Kylie Blunt in the quarterfinals. She then lost to three-time state qualifier Moorea Brown of Center Point-Urbana by pin in the semis. Myers pinned Emery Hippen of Clear Lake in the second period in the consolation semifinal round and her goal of competing at state was achieved.

What would have Myers’ first year competing on the high school level been like had Russler not been in the picture and helped her train to become the best?

A lot different, that’s for sure, as Myers said Russler’s help as her training partner made her a better wrestler. She also gained a buddy along the way.

“Tremendously,” said Myers about Russler’s impact on her wrestling career and being in her corner. “I don’t think I’d be anywhere without her. It’s pretty nice wrestling with a bunch of people, but it’s even better



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

NH/TV sophomore Allie Johnson reacts after losing her final match last Friday at the super regionals in Decorah.

wrestling with your best friend.”

Like Myers and Eichenberger, Russler put in the extra work in order to sharpen her skills and toughen up her exterior for the big matches that lie ahead.

“I wanted to go down there with my friends,” said Russler. “I do two-a-days with the boys. I’m all in it. I worked all summer. I was in the room every day almost.”

NH/TV sophomore 155-pounder Allie Johnson (13-15) ripped off three-straight wins as a No. 6 seed in her weight class. Her dream of a state berth was denied in her match against Olivia Fausnaugh (32-13) of Clear Lake. The Lion wrestler pinned Johnson in 2:57 in the consolation semis. Johnson’s shoulder flared up in that match and that injury prevented her from competing in her fifth-place match against Osage’s Erika Power.

“The biggest story of the day is probably Allie’s performance,” said NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli. “She was unranked. She was unseeded. She got thrown into that bracket with a losing record. She came out and got sixth place and maybe could have even done better if she didn’t bang up her shoulder. She beat multiple girls that have beat her this year.”

NH/TV’s other wrestlers vying for a spot in Coralville were Kaylee Wertz (115), Zoey Dreckman (120), Maycen Hackman (130) and Olivia Hoy (135). Each Chickasaw wrestled two matches before being eliminated.

“I think that’s the big thing – we’re still a young group,” said Ciavarelli. “Even a little bit of the tough start I guess you could say today – it’s understandable. These girls are first-year wrestlers. This is their first experience. When you look at this place, it’s kind of intimidating. I think some of that maybe

kind of came into effect early. It’s all building for the next year and the following year trying to get yourself hopefully to the state tournament.”

Ciavarelli is pumped and excited to see what his Chickasaws can accomplish at state this week and what the future may hold for NH/TV girls wrestling in 2023.

“We’re looking forward now,” said Ciavarelli. “We’re hoping to bring home some hardware.”

REGION 8 TEAM SCORES

Osage 243, Crestwood 165, Charles City 153, Waukon 119.5, South Winneshiek 116.5, Sumner-Fredericksburg 115, Dubuque Senior 101, Dubuque Wahlert 99, Central Elkader 89, Algona 83, NH/TV 82, Dubuque Hempstead 67, Alburnett 65.6, Clear Lake 62, Iowa Falls-Alden 62, BCLUW-SH 58, Center Point-Urbana 57, AGWSR 52, Postville 49, Starmont 9.

NH/TV INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

115 - Kaylee Wertz did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Sierra Hansmeier (CR) pinned Wertz, 1:02. Cons. Round 4 - Cameryn Judisch (SF) pinned Wertz, 0:40.

120 - Zoey Dreckman did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Raven Hoppe (P) pinned Dreckman, 1:18. Cons. Round 4 - Zyla Wright (DS) pinned Dreckman, 0:30.

130 - Maycen Hackman did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Jazzmine Olsen (O) dec. Hackman, 8-4. Cons. Round 4 - Ella Pitz (SF) pinned Hackman, 2:00.

135 - Olivia Hoy did not place. Cons. Round 2 - Maddy Jansen (SW) pinned Hoy, 0:56. Cons. Round 4 - Ella Schares (SF) dec. Hoy, 3-0.

140 - Keira Myers placed fourth and qualified for state. Champ. Round 2 - Myers pinned Eva Whalen (WAU), 2:55. Quarterfinal - Myers dec. Kylie Blunt (CC), 4-3. Semifinal - Moorea Brown (CR) pinned Myers, 2:38. Cons. Semi - Myers pinned Emery Hippen (CL), 3:28. 3rd Place Match - Taya Hollingsworth (BCL) pinned Myers, 3:34.

145 - Russler placed first and qualified for state. Quarterfinal - Russler pinned Rose Niewoehner (CR), 0:53. Semifinal - Russler pinned Jolee Strohmeyer (DS), 3:55. 1st Place Match - Russler pinned Lindsey Hospodarsky (ALB), 0:11.

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THURSDAY

NH/TV at girls state wrestling, Coralville XTREAM Arena, 9 a.m.
New Hampton basketball vs. Central Springs, (senior parent night) JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.
New Hampton girls bowling vs. Oelwein, 4 p.m.
Turkey Valley JV boys/varsity girls and boys basketball vs. Clayton Ridge, JV boys at 4:15 p.m., varsity girls and varsity boys to follow.

FRIDAY

NH/TV at girls state wrestling, Coralville XTREAM Arena, 9 a.m.
Turkey Valley basketball at Postville, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys, varsity girls and varsity boys to follow
New Hampton basketball vs. Charles City, JV girls at 4:15 p.m., JV boys at 5:30, varsity girls at 6:45 and varsity boys at 8 p.m.

MONDAY

NH girls basketball vs. Hudson, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.
Turkey Valley varsity boys basketball at Wapsie Valley, TBD
TUESDAY
New Hampton bowling vs. Decorah at Kingpin Entertainment Center, 4 p.m.
Turkey Valley boys basketball at Kee High, JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 6:15 p.m.
New Hampton girls basketball at Crestwood, JUV at 4:30 p.m., JV at 6 and varsity 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

New Hampton boys basketball at Crestwood, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 8 p.m.
First round of Class 1A girls basketball regionals, TBD

Chickasaw
Women's
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Week 16 Jan. 25

	W	L	GB
Butch's II	70	56	0
Dak's Tap II	69	57	1
Butch's I	63	63	7
Bowlaway	61	56	9
Dak's Tap I	61	56	9
Schucky's	58	68	12
Hide A Way	50	76	20

RESULTS

Butch's II 6, Schucky's 3
Dak's Tap II 5, Bowlaway Lanes 4
Butch's I 5, Hide A Way 4
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WINNERS

Bowlaway Lanes - Kris-sy Anderson & Ann Crook

Chickasaw
Men's
Pool

Week 15 Jan. 23

	W	L
Brite Spot	77	58
Big Willie's	74	61
Dak's Tap 2	68	67
Dak's Tap 1	62	73
HereZ 2 U	62	73
The Pub	61	65
VFW	59	76
Butch's 2	58	77
Butch's I	58	68
Hide-A-Way	54	72
The Office	42	84

RESULTS

Butch's I 5, Dak's Tap 1 4
Dak's Tap 2 6, VFW 3
The Pub 8, The Office 1
Hide-A-Way 5, Butch's 2 4
Brite Spot 5, Big Willie's 4
HereZ 2 U, bye
THREE-GAME
WINNERS
Dak's Tap 2: Dan & Gary
The Pub: Bruce & Sam,
Mitch & Mark
Hide-A-Way: Craig & Art
Brite Spot: Randy &
Justin

Manweiler signs on to continue
dance career at Iowa Central CC

By KELLY TERPSTRA

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New Hampton High School senior Emily Manweiler is happy to be going from one championship dance team to another – except this new award-winning squad is nicknamed the Tritons and competes on the collegiate level.

Manweiler announced she'll compete for Iowa Central Community College last Thursday at NHHS in a signing attended by Triton assistant coach Stephanie Hood. The Chickasaw standout for head coach Emma Schwickerath's three-time defending state title squad is looking forward to honing her skills in dance at the community college located in Fort Dodge.

"I chose Iowa Central because the caliber of the dance team is just crazy. I think it will push me to be 10 times better," said Manweiler. "They triple crown at state every single year."

Iowa Central won a 2021 national championship in Daytona Beach at the National Dance Alliance Championships. The Tritons have won three straight titles in jazz, pom and hip hop at the ISDTA (Iowa State Dance and Drill Team Championships), a three-day event held at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

"Our philosophy on the Iowa Central Dance team is to not only coach our kids in dance, but to also coach them in life," said Hood. "Our dancers will spend more time with us, especially during our competitive seasons, than I spend with my fiancé."

New Hampton has won three



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Emily Manweiler (above) takes a photo during her signing day ceremony with New Hampton dance teammates and Iowa Central CC assistant dance coach Stephanie Hood (below) hugs Manweiler after she signs with the Tritons to compete in dance on the collegiate level.

state titles in a row as well at the ISDTA state competition. The Chickasaws won the hip-hop crown in 2020 and have won back-to-back state championships in prop.

"It's honestly amazing. I love performing with them," said Manweiler. "The dance team is really just like a family. We're all really close to each other and we all get along great. We all just push each other to be the best."

Manweiler received scholarship offers Iowa Central, Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids and Ellsworth Community College, located in Iowa Falls. Manweiler chose the Tritons.

"We have three main principles on the Iowa Central Dance team – persistence, passion and pride," said Hood.

Manweiler said she has been involved in dance since three years of age. She practic-



es and works at Miss Emma's Dance Company, owned by Schwickerath.

"I'm extremely excited. I'm nervous and excited," said Manweiler. "It's a good nervous. I'm going to have to work my butt off. I finished high school winning and I'm excited to go to a championship team and hopefully win with them."

Chickasaws put together solid final round at NEIC tournament

NEIC WRESTLING: FROM 14

2A 195-pounders, but that bracket included Waverly-Shell Rock's two-time state champion McCrae Hagarty, an Iowa State commit so he made the decision to bump up to 220.

"He is giving up some weight," Paulus said, "but a lot of 220-pounders aren't 220. The guys he had Saturday weighed in around 205, 210, and Braden's so strong, the weight differential is not really that big of a deal."

McShane said he wasn't worried about being the lightest wrestler in the bracket.

"I just wrestled the way I always do," he said. "I wanted to be on the attack, get that first takedown and go from there."

So will the junior remain at 220 or head back to 195 when districts roll around?

While McShane is aiming to go back to 195, his coach wasn't quite so sure.

"We have some decisions to make," Paulus said, "but either weight he goes at, to me, he's going to be successful because he's at the top of his game right now."

All 12 of NH/TV's varsity wrestlers placed Saturday, and one of the two JV wrestlers, Ty Moudry, who qualified by finishing in the top-two at the NEIC JV tournament last week, also placed.

Three Chickasaws — Landon Bruess (106), Leander Reicks

(152) and Ben Tenge (170) — joined McShane in the finals. Four more NH/TV wrestlers — Braiden Schaufenbuel (113), Jayden Bucknell (132), Karson Kolbet (160) and Ethan Swehla (195) — finished third.

"Landon beat a kid from Charles City that had beaten him," Paulus said, "and you know, what I really liked was how many of our third- and fifth-place matches we won. We've had some tough last rounds this year, but Saturday, we really got after it."

In addition to Bruess, who was seeded second, senior Peyton Anderson also exceeded his seed, moving up from fifth to fourth.

There was some heartbreak along the way, none more than that experienced by Tenge, who led 2-1 heading into the third period of his finals match with the Go-Hawks' Robert Poyner. But with just a tick left on the clock in the match, Tenge was dinged with his second stalling call, and in the "sudden-victory" overtime, he was taken down to his back and pinned.

"It's tough because you're that close to being an NEIC champion," Paulus said, "but Ben's going to learn from this. He'll take it and get better. I know that, and he knows that."

NEIC TEAM SCORES

Waverly-Shell Rock 314.5, Crestwood 197, New Hampton/Turkey Valley 178, Waukon 153,

Decorah 117.5, Charles City 88.5

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

106: Landon Bruess placed second. Quarterfinal - Bruess pinned Owen Korsmo (C), 5:08. Semifinal - Bruess OT dec. Carter Haberkorn (CC), 4-2. 1st Place Match - Mitchell Schmauss (C) pinned Bruess, 1:02.

113: Braiden Schaufenbuel placed third. Quarterfinal - Schaufenbuel pinned Landon Burington (Wa), 2:51. Semifinal - Ryker Graff (WSR) pinned Schaufenbuel, 2:38. Cons. Semi - Schaufenbuel pinned Ty Moudry (NHTV), 3:11. 3rd Place Match - Schaufenbuel OT dec. Jayden Mara, 4-2.

113: Ty Moudry placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Jayden Mara (Wa) pinned Moudry, 1:49. Cons. Semi - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Moudry, 3:11. 5th Place Match - Moudry pinned Landon Burington (Wa), 0:43.

126: Hunter Humpal placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Daniel Schwickerath (C) maj. dec. Humpal, 12-0. Cons. Semi - Sam Hornyak (WSR) pinned Humpal, 1:24. 5th Place Match - Humpal dec. Cayden Kruger (Wa), 14-8.

132: Jayden Bucknell placed third. Quarterfinal - Bucknell dec. Dylan LaPolice, 6-0. Semifinal - Kollin Henry (D) maj. dec. Bucknell, 10-2. Cons. Semi - Bucknell pinned Ethan Gibbs (Wa), 5:53. 3rd Place Match - Bucknell maj. dec. Kaleb Adams (C), 13-5.

138: Peyton Anderson placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Anderson maj. dec. Brady Roling (WSR), 15-3. Semifinal - Ryder Block (WSR) pinned Anderson, 2:47. Cons. Semi - Anderson pinned Jacob Vance (CC), 0:32. 3rd Place Match - Braxten Westendorf (WSR) dec. Anderson, 5-4.

145: Burke Busta placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Busta pinned Jared Snitker (Wa), 3:54. Semifinal - Bas Diaz (WSR) pinned Busta, 1:36. Cons. Semi - Nathan Lopez (CC) maj. dec. Busta, 16-4. 5th Place Match - Snitker (Wa) dec. Busta, 7-2.

152: Leander Reicks placed second. Semifinal - Reicks dec. Holten Palmer (Wa), 10-6. 1st Place Match - Ethan Bibler (WSR) pinned Reicks, 1:03.

160: Karson Kolbet placed third. Quarterfinal - Kolbet maj. dec. Colton Anderegg (CC), 15-3. Semifinal - Cole Butikofer (C) maj. dec. Kolbet, 14-2. Cons. Semi - Kolbet pinned Riley Burington (Wa), 1:24. 3rd Place Match - Kolbet dec. Brody Hanson (D), 9-6.

170: Ben Tenge placed second. Quarterfinal - Tenge pinned Isaiah Perez (WSR), 1:19. Semifinal - Tenge dec. Tyler Pisney (C), 8-2. 1st Place Match - Robert Poyner (WSR) pinned Tenge, 6:42.

182: Isaac Howe placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Cullen Dickson (Wa) dec. Howe, 14-9. Cons. Semi - Zander Wedemeier (WSR) dec. Howe, 4-2. 5th Place Match - Dickson (Wa) pinned Howe, 1:17.

182: Olandreon Sanders did not place. Quarterfinal - Brock Voyna (C) tech fall Sanders, 16-1. Cons. Round 1 - Cole Thompson (WSR) pinned Sanders, 3:40.

195: Ethan Swehla placed third. Quarterfinal - Swehla pinned Logan Lashbrook (WSR) 25-5, 1:41. Semifinal - Corbyn Palmer (Wa) dec. Swehla, 8-2. Cons. Semi - Swehla pinned Cody Kerian (C), 4:55. 3rd Place Match - Swehla pinned Lashbrook (WSR), 3:21.

220: Braden McShane placed first. Semifinal - McShane pinned Drew Jackson (C), 1:12. 1st Place Match - McShane pinned Caden Wetherell (WSR), 1:06.



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New Hampton's Jaxson Porath follows through on a shot at Bowlaway Lanes earlier this season.

Chickasaws compete in 13-team
tourney at Cadillac Lanes

By KELLY TERPSTRA

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The New Hampton bowling teams competed in a 13-team tournament at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo last Wednesday.

This was the first time the Chickasaws have competed in a non-dual meet this winter and head coach Andy Aries said his first-year squad is still trying to pick up some momentum with the state qualifying meet just a few weeks away.

"This is definitely the biggest meet we've been at so far this year," said Aries. "It's adds a little more pressure to them. They did well. They were a little below average for what they've been doing all year so far. I really can't complain being the first meet that's kind of that size."

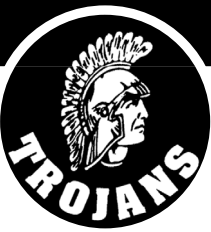
Aries said NH rolled baker games in a best two-out-of-three format to see who would advance to the top eight. The Chickasaws were unable to qualify for that next round.

"I'm actually hoping they all kind of pick it up a little bit,"

Turkey Valley Area Calendar of Events

2023

February



Thursday, February 2, 2023

TBD Wrestling: Girls High School State
TBA vs. TBA @ TBA
4:15pm Basketball: JV JV Boys Only
Clayton Ridge @ Turkey Valley High School
5:30pm Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys
Clayton Ridge @ Turkey Valley High School

Friday, February 3, 2023

TBD Wrestling: Girls High School State
TBA vs. TBA @ TBA
4:00pm Basketball: JV JV Girls/Boys
Postville @ Postville High School
4:00pm Basketball Boys: Boys JV J.V./Varsity
Postville @ Postville High School
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th
Central Elkader IA @ Turkey Valley High School Highschool Gym
6:15pm Basketball: Varsity Var. Girls/Boys
Postville @ Postville High School

Saturday, February 4, 2023

IHSSA State Large Group Speech @ Waterloo West HS
12:00pm Wrestling: High School Sectionals
Independence @

Independence High School

Monday, February 6, 2023

TBD Basketball: Varsity Var. Boys
Wapsie Valley @ Wapsie Valley High School
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th
West Central @ Turkey Valley High School Highschool Gym

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

TBD Wrestling: High School Sectionals
TBA vs. TBA
4:00pm Basketball Boys: Boys JV J.V./Varsity
Kee High @ Kee High School
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th
MFL MarMac @ Turkey Valley High School Highschool Gym
6:15pm Basketball: JV JV/Var. Boys
Kee High @ Kee High School
6:15pm Basketball: Varsity JV/Var. Boys
Kee High @ Kee High School

Friday, February 10, 2023

4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th
North Fayette Valley @ North Fayette Valley MS

Saturday, February 11, 2023

12:00pm Wrestling: High School Districts
TBA vs. TBA

Monday, February 13, 2023

4:00pm Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th
vs. Summer-Fredericksburg @ Turkey Valley High School Highschool Gym
7:00pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Valentine's Day
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th 7th/8th
Postville @ Postville YMCA

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

TBD Wrestling: High School State TBA
vs. TBA @ IHSAA

Thursday, February 16, 2023

7:00pm 7-12 Pops Band and Vocal Concert

Saturday, February 18, 2023

IHSSA All-State Large Group Speech @ Iowa State
National FFA Week

Sunday, February 19, 2023

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Monday, February 20, 2023

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Wednesday, February 22, 2023

National FFA Week

Thursday, February 23, 2023

National FFA Week

Friday, February 24, 2023

National FFA Week

Saturday, February 25, 2023

IHSSA District Individual Speech @ Decorah
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Undermanned Chickasaws fall twice

Without two starters, New Hampton drops games to NFV, Vikings

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton girls basketball coach David Leichtman knew the mountain his team had to climb was going to be steep, and it turned out it was.

Without its all-state leading scorer and one of its top rebounders, the Chickasaws went 0-2 last week — dropping a non-conference game at North Fayette Valley and a Northeast Iowa Conference tilt to a ranked Decorah team — yet Leichtman did his best to find the positives.

“We had some girls who had to take on some different roles,” he said after his team fell to the TigerHawks 79-42 and the Vikings 72-36, “and when we get everyone back, I think that’ll be a positive for us.”

New Hampton played both games without Carlee Rochford, who was out with an ankle injury, and Braelyn Rosonke, who had battled illness earlier in the week. Take away Rochford’s 24.5 points and 7.3 rebounds a game was going to be tough, but throwing Rosonke’s 6.3 rebounds a game out of the equation made it a lethal 1-2 punch that the Chickasaws had to take.

“With what Carlee can do on offense — the 3s, the ability to finish — and Braelyn’s rebounding and not have either one of them, we knew we were up against it,” Leichtman said after his team fell to 7-10 overall and 2-6 in the NEIC. “It didn’t help that North Fayette Valley shot lights out.”

The TigerHawks raced out to a 50-27 halftime lead as they hit 6 of 10 shots from beyond the arc in the first half and finished the game shooting 53 percent for the game.

“They came in shooting 15 percent from 3,” Leichtman said, “and our thought was we’d pack it in and try to stop their inside game. And then they shoot lights out and we had to loosen up. We obviously didn’t help ourselves, but I will say this, we kept our composure, we fought.”

New Hampton had a horrendous night shooting as the Chickasaws hit just 10 of 65 shots from the field, and let’s face it, even a solid night at the free-throw line, where New Hampton was 18-for-29, can’t overcome 15.4 percent shooting.

The Chickasaws were led by Molly Wegner’s 12 points while Kandice Eggerichs finished with a double-double as the senior scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Twenty-four hours later, the challenge was even greater as New Hampton hit the road again for a game against 14-2 and NEIC leading Decorah, Class 3A sixth-ranked team.

Leichtman’s plan was simple: Hold Decorah’s 1-2 punch of Bryar Duwe and Yazmeen Whitsitt at bay and take his chances wit the rest of the Vikings.

The first part of the plan worked as both Duwe and Whitsitt were held under their season averages; the second part of the plan went awry.

“We did what we had to against Yazi and Duwe,” he said, “but give their other girls credit. They beat us. They scored well above their average, and again, without Carlee and Braelyn, it was an uphill climb.”

Eggerichs again led the Chickasaws with 10 points while fellow senior Kirsten Reicherts had a solid outing, with eight points and four rebounds.

The brightest part of the night for the Chickasaws came at the free-throw line, where they went 11 of 14. Eggerichs followed up her 8-for-11 showing at the line against North Fayette Valley by hitting 6 of 7 shots from the charity stripe. “We started the season



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton senior Kandice Eggerichs (above) drives into the lane while teammate Kirsten Reicherts (below) puts up a baseline shot during the Chickasaws’ game at North Fayette Valley last week.



not making our free throws,” Leichtman said, “and we had a practice early on where we just said, ‘Ladies, this is not how it’s going to be.’ It’s really been a team effort. We shot and ran and shot some more and ran some more and something clicked. Most nights, we’ve been solid at the line.”

The good news for New Hampton is both Rochford and Rosonke are expected to be back tonight (Thursday) when the Chickasaws host Central Springs on Senior Night.

The bad news is that tonight’s game kicks off a four-game, six-night stretch as New Hampton plays host to Charles City Friday, stays at home for a game against Hudson on Monday and travels to Crestwood on Tuesday for their final regular season game.

“We’re a one-game-at-a-time club,” Leichtman said. “Honestly, we’re a one-possession-at-a-time team. The good part is at least three of these games are at home. Last year, we did the same thing and it felt like we were living on a bus.”

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 79, NEW HAMPTON 42					
NH	11	16	9	6	- 42
NFV	25	25	18	11	- 79
Kandice Eggerichs 1-12 8-11					
10, Elaina Rosonke 1-8 1-4 3, Molly Wegner 2-13 6-7 12, Taylor Ries 0-6					

0-2 0, Cora Schwickerath 2-9 1-2 6, Kirsten Reicherts 1-7 2-2 5, Megan Pickar 1-1 0-0 2, Gracie Reicks 2-9 0-1 4, Jackie Pickar 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 10-65 18-29 42.

3-point field goals - Wegner 2-10, Schwickerath 1-2, Reicherts 1-4, Eggerichs 0-1, Reicks 0-2.

Rebounds - Eggerichs 11, Schwickerath 6, Ries 4, Rosonke 3, Wegner 3, Reicks 2, Reicherts 1, M. Pickar 1.

Assists - Ries 5, Wegner 1, Schwickerath 1, Reicherts 1.

Steals - Wegner 2, Rosonke 1, Schwickerath 1, M. Pickar 1, Reicks 1.

Blocks - Reicherts 1.

DECORAH 72, NEW HAMPTON 36					
NH	10	15	5	6	- 36
Dec	24	25	18	5	- 72
Eggerichs 2-8 6-7 10, Rosonke 0-2 0-0 0, Wegner 1-7 3-5 6, Ries 3-5 0-0 6, Schwickerath 1-4 0-0 3, Reicherts 2-5 2-2 8, M. Pickar 0-0 0-0 0, Reicks 1-10 0-0 3. Totals 10-41 11-14 36.					

3-point field goals - Reicherts 2-3, Schwickerath 1-2, Reicks 1-4, Wegner 1-5.

Rebounds - Ries 5, Eggerichs 4, Reicherts 4, Wegner 3, Schwickerath 2, Rosonke 1, Reicks 1.

Assists - Rosonke 2, Wegner 1, Ries 1, Reicherts 1, Reicks 1.

Steals - Ries 4, Rosonke 2, Reicks 2, Reicherts 1.

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Hunter Serie (above) drives into the lane while New Hampton teammate Adam Ewert (below) is fouled as he puts up a shot in the Chickasaws’ game against North Fayette Valley last week.

Chickasaw boys ‘bounce’ back

New Hampton coach finds hope in team’s effort against Decorah

By BOB FENSKE
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Sometimes the less said, the better.

It’s the reason New Hampton boys basketball coach Ryan Rausch’s postgame speech last Thursday at North Fayette Valley was mercifully short.

“I talked less than a minute,” Rausch said after his team played quite frankly its worst game of the season in a 49-28 loss to the TigerHawks. “In all my years in athletics, that was one of the worse experiences I’ve ever had. As a coach, it was definitely the worst, and sometimes, you just have to pack it up and forget about it.”

And strange as it seems — after all, the Chickasaws lost by 29 points — it paid off as New Hampton stuck with Class 3A Decorah for almost three quarters the following night before a late Vikings’ run gave them an 88-59 Northeast Iowa Conference win.

“We played great, lights-out basketball, for 24 of the 32 minutes,” Rausch said after his team dropped to 7-10 overall and 3-5 in NEIC play, “and I’m telling you, if we do that in the 2A playoffs, we are going to be a tough out, a very tough out.”

But we’ll start with that disastrous game in West Union, and like Rausch, we’ll keep it short.

The Chickasaws shot just 22.4 percent from the floor, hitting 11 of 49 shots, and their first three quarter scores — 4, 6, 5 — looked more like a slow-pitch softball score by innings than a basketball linescore.

Still, they trailed just 6-4 after a quarter and even at halftime, New Hampton was at least in striking distance at 22-10, and when Chickasaw guard Adam Ewert, who finished with 10 points, completed a three-point play early in the second half to cut the deficit to 24-13, it looked like New Hampton might claw back into the game.

Instead, the Chickasaws scored just one more field goal in the third quarter and North Fayette Valley built the lead to 39-15.

With Decorah, the two-time defending NEIC champ, on the horizon, it looked like the Chickasaws’ woes would continue.

And yes, the Vikings did post a 29-point victory, but sometimes, final scores don’t tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Rausch’s team stayed with Decorah throughout the first half and only a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Ben Bockman gave the Vikings a 38-35 halftime advantage.

“If it wasn’t the best half of basketball we’ve played, it’s dang close,” Rausch said. “I mean seriously, we moved the ball, we took care of the ball — we only had four turnovers the whole game — we did all the little things we didn’t do against North Fayette.”

Even the third quarter was solid for New Hampton, but Decorah hit two 3-pointers late in the frame to take a 55-45 lead into the fourth quarter, when the Vikings lit up the nets for 33 points and pulled away for what looked like an easy win.

Seniors Carter Steinlage and Gannon Shekleton led the way for the Chickasaws. Shekleton finished with 16 points, eight rebounds and three assists while Steinlage matched his teammates in points and also grabbed six rebounds.

Junior Cael Laures came off the bench to score 10 points and grab five rebounds.

“When Cael plays like that, he’s a thoroughbred with the way he grabs rebounds, runs the floor and gets to the rim,” Rausch said. “I know he was frustrated with the way he played the night before, but he, like a lot of our guys, put it behind him and played a great game.”

But Rausch and his club



doesn’t want to settle for so-called “moral victories,” especially as it gets ready for the Class 2A district tournament that starts on Feb. 13.

New Hampton hosts Central Springs tonight (Thursday), when it will honor its seniors and then takes on NEIC-leading Charles City on Friday before ending the season next week on the road at Crestwood (Thursday) and Oelwein (Friday).

“We always seem to play better at the end of the season,” he said, “and the way we played Friday night up at Decorah, I think we have another late-season run in us.”

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 49, NEW HAMPTON 28					
New Hampton	4	6	5	13	- 28
North Fayette Valley	6	16	17	10	- 49
Ben Gilbert 1-3 0-0 3, Adam Ewert 4-8 1-1 10, Gannon Shekleton 0-8 1-2 1, Carter Steinlage 2-7 1-2 5, Aiden Roberson 1-4 0-0 2, Hunter Serie 0-1 0-0 0, Evan Knowlton 1-2 0-0 2, Carter Newbrough 0-0 0-0 0, Reid Rausch 0-4 0-0 0, Brady Speltz 0-0 0-0 0, Nick Brincks 0-0 0-0 0, Cael Laures 2-9 0-0 4, Carsyn Leistikow 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 11-49 4-7 28.					

3-point field goals - Gilbert 1-2, Ewert 1-3, Serie 0-1, Knowlton 0-1, Rausch 0-1, Shekleton 0-2.

Rebounds - Steinlage 6, Laures 4, Gilbert 4, Roberson 2, Rausch 2, Leistikow 2, Ewert 1, Shekleton 1, Knowlton 1.

Assists - Shekleton 2, Gilbert 1, Rausch 1.

Steals - Leistikow 2, Shekleton 2, Steinlage 2, Gilbert 1, Roberson 1, Laures 1.

Blocks - Gilbert 1, Ewert 1.

DECORAH 88, NEW HAMPTON 59					
New Hampton	18	17	10	14	- 59
Decorah	22	16	17	33	- 88
Gilbert 1-7 3-3 5, Ewert 2-7 0-0 5, Shekleton 7-18 1-2 16, Steinlage 6-12 2-2 16, Roberson 0-3 1-2 1, Serie 0-0 0-0 0, Knowlton 1-2 0-0 3, Rausch 1-3 0-0 3, Speltz 0-0 0-0 0, Brincks 0-0 0-0 0, Laures 5-11 0-0 10, Laures 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 23-66 7-9 59.					

3-point field goals - Steinlage 2-5, Knowlton 1-1, Rausch 1-1, Shekleton 1-3, Ewert 1-4, Leistikow 0-1, Gilbert 0-3.

Rebounds - Shekleton 8, Steinlage 6, Gilbert 5, Laures 5, Rausch 2, Ewert 1, Roberson 1, Leistikow 1.

Assists - Ewert 4, Shekleton 3, Gilbert 1, Roberson 1, Serie 1.

Steals - Ewert 3, Shekleton 1, Rausch 1.

Blocks - Ewert 1, Laures 1.

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Aleah Eichenberger works to turn Crestwood's Briana Burke during the "true-fourth" match at 170 pounds at the regional tournament this past Friday.

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TREMENDOUS TRIO!

RUSSLER, MYERS AND EICHENBERGER QUALIFY FOR FIRST SANCTIONED GIRLS STATE MEET

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Aleah Eichenberger was spent come late Friday afternoon in Decorah.

With a mixture of sweat and tears rolling down her face, the sophomore New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestler mustered enough energy to break down what has been a whirlwind ride in a sport that is as challenging as they come.

The super regional state-qualifying meet on the campus of Luther College will be a day she won't soon forget as the 170-pound state qualifier put in a full day's work and was rewarded for it.

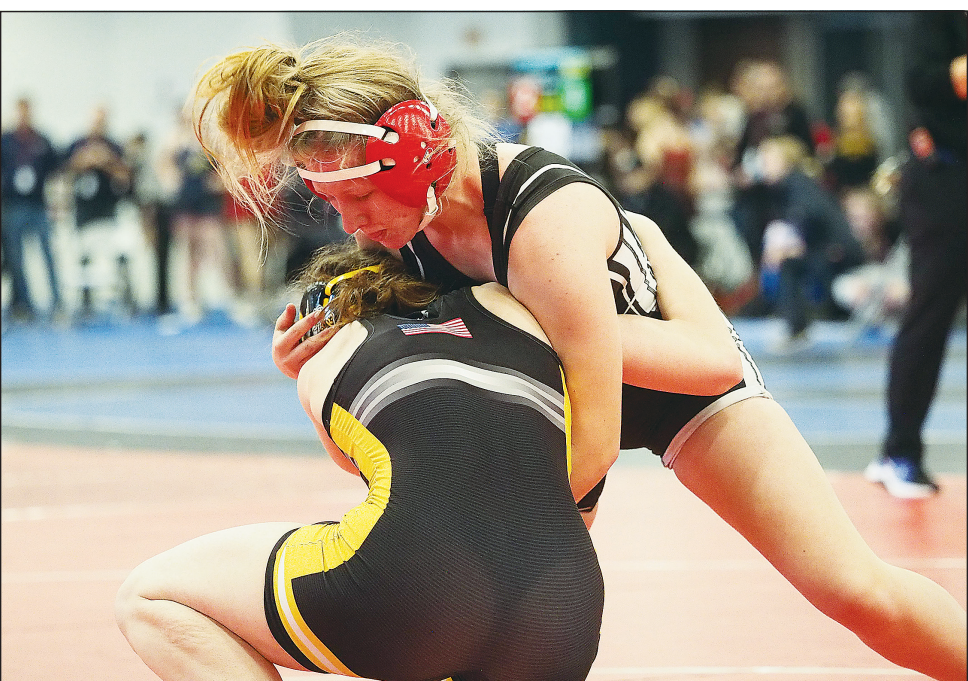
Having never competed in the sport of wrestling until this season and still learning on the fly, Eichenberger demonstrated that she's state-caliber worthy as she wrestled her way into the state field, which will all hit the mat today (Thursday) and Friday at Xstream Arena in Coralville.

Eichenberger (28-18) didn't hold back about how she first started donning the all-important headgear and singlet in order to compete – in secret early on.

"When I started this sport my parents told me I couldn't wrestle so my first week of practice I actually just got up after they left for work and started going into morning practices. They didn't find out until a week later," said Eichenberger.

Now her parents are her biggest supporters. "My mom comes to everything," said Eichenberger. "They were okay with it, they just didn't really think it'd be something I'd enjoy."

Eichenberger, who pinned Crestwood's Briana Burke in her clinching, state-qualifying match, gave credit where credit is due. She said she didn't now if she could accomplish all she has so far in a short amount of time without her teammates and



NH/TV's Kiera Myers (above) works to take down Clear Lake's Emery Hippen while Chickasaw coach Caleb Ciavarelli and Ali Russler (right) celebrate a quick pin.

a support system that gave her solid ground to learn and grow.

"There's no way I could do it without my team – absolutely no way," said an emotional Eichenberger. "This is my sixth match today. I almost had to wrestle seven, but there's a girl that medical forfeited."

Eichenberger's not the only Chickasaw that came up with a gutsy performance that propelled her to state. Two other Chickasaws also rose to the occasion and

SEE GIRLS REGIONAL, 11



Trojans cruise past West Central

Turkey Valley boys snap three-game skid, score season high in win

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Leave no doubt.

That's John Izer's message to this Turkey Valley Trojans.

With five regular season games left to be played in just eight days, Izer's Upper Iowa Conference squad is ready to make some noise.

They did just that last week Tuesday at home versus West Central after a less-than-stellar start. Izer's bunch poured it on in the second half with a season-high point total in a 79-47 rout over the two-win Blue Devils on Senior Night.

Five Trojans scored in double-figures – Carson Busta (17), Caleb Kurtenbach (15), Noah Hanson (13), Oliver Schmitt (13), and Calvin Bodenstetter (12).

"I was fine with the way we finished. It was good to see some other kids shoot and score," said Izer.

Turkey Valley is now 9-7 overall and 7-5 in the UIC and played Central Elkader at home on Tuesday before taking on Clayton Ridge tonight (Thursday) in a makeup game.

Izer said the state will release postseason pairings on Monday and three games – including Central, CR, and Postville on the road Friday – will count toward seeing if the Trojans can snare a home game or two in Class 1A district play.

SEE TV BOYS, 11



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley senior Chase Hayek gets free inside and puts up a shot in last week's game against West Central.

NH/TV crowns one champ, takes third at conference meet

McShane moves up a weight, wins another NEIC title; Chickasaws now get a long break

By BOB FENSKE
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Braden McShane looked at his options last week and decided the best path to a second-straight Northeast Iowa Conference wrestling championship was to move up a weight.

It turned out to be a very successful plan as McShane, the 2022 195-pound NEIC champ, jumped up to 220 pounds and spent barely two minutes on the mat to claim another crown.

"I really was just thinking about getting a title," the New Hampton/Turkey Valley junior said, "and I thought the best shot was going to 220. ... I still think I'm a 195-pounder and that's where I think I'll wrestle [at the district tournament], but I guess we'll see."

McShane's run through his bracket – he pinned Crestwood's ranked 220-pounder Drew Jackson in 72 seconds and then put Waverly-Shell Rock's Caden Wetherell on his back 66 seconds into the title bout – highlighted a solid day for NH/TV.

Of the 12 varsity wrestlers who took to the mats in Waukon, nine of them met or exceeded their seeds as NH/TV

finished third in the team race. Waverly-Shell Rock dominated the meet, scoring 314.5 points, 117.5 more than Crestwood while NH/TV was third with 178, 25 more than fourth-place Waukon.

"It was a solid day for our guys," NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said. "We had some guys get some big wins for us, some guys who beat kids they had lost to [earlier in the season]. In my mind, it was definitely a building block for this team."

Paulus hopes his Chickasaws can use the momentum of the NEIC tournament when it heads to Decorah a week from this Saturday to compete in the Class 2A district tournament, although he also admits he's not too hip on the idea that NH/TV will go two weeks without a meet or a tournament.

"It's one reason I really wanted a regional dual [berth]," he said, "because I don't like, especially at this point in the season, two weeks off. We're going to try to get creative to keep the guys sharp, maybe find another team to practice with because this late in the season, you don't want to be grinding it out for two straight weeks of practice."

Still, Saturday was, as we said, solid.

Start with McShane, who has been ranked all season long when it comes to Class

SEE NEIC WRESTLING, 12



McShane



Bob Fenske/Tribune

NH/TV's Landon Bruess, shown here during last month's Doc Carr Duals, was one of two Chickasaws – the other was Peyton Anderson – to "beat" their seeds at Saturday's Northeast Iowa Conference tournament in Waverly.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley senior Alison Leibold puts up a shot during the Trojans' win over West Central last week, when the Trojans also celebrated Senior Night.

TV girls pull away for win on Senior Night

Trojans survive slow start with standout 'D' in win over West Central

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Four seniors that gave a four-year commitment to a program that has done its fair share of winning in the last decade or so.

That's why the balloons and gifts – sent and received – led to smiles and hugs last week Tuesday evening in Jackson Junction.

Turkey Valley saluted those seniors in a home contest versus West Central Central on Senior Night.

"It's hats off to our seniors. Four of them stuck it out for four years," said TV head coach Steve Hoeffert. "Those four girls have led us all year

long. Their leadership skills are amazing."

Steve Hoeffert's Trojans didn't play their best game of the year against West Central – there's no doubt about that. But there's still an opportunity the rest of the way during the regular season for his 13-5 Trojans to rectify the wrongs that allowed a four-win Blue Devil squad to stick around and keep the game close through the first three periods. TV closed on an 11-1 run to down WC, 47-28.

TV came up with an inspired win over Class 3A Crestwood the night prior on Monday, 45-41.

TV beat the Blue Devils, 59-13, clear back in

SEE TV GIRLS, 11