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Supervisors want third new rig

Board votes 3-2 to seek bids for third ambulance for Chickasaw County EMS

By BOB FENSKE
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If Chickasaw County EMS does purchase a third ambulance — something its director thinks is a must — it will be a new rig.

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, after a lengthy discussion, voted 3-2 to have Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson draw up

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specs so that the county can take bids to purchase a new ambulance to join its current fleet of two rigs.

Knutson said he would highly recommend the county have a third

“back-up” ambulance so that if one of its two rigs needed maintenance work, the county would still be able to put two rigs on the road to answer calls.

A fellow Chickasaw County EMS Advisory Board member, Bridget Edson, said that a third rig would allow the county to be “opening yourself to more transfers, which is where the revenue is at. I feel like the benefit of having the third rig outweighs not

having it, knowing you can do more transfers, which we’ve always said is where the revenue is.”

The question Monday, though, came down to used or new, and Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath offered the county his one remaining rig, a 2003 with 144,000 miles on it, new tires and two new bat-

teries, to the county for \$18,000.

Knutson told board members that if they decided to go used, McGrath’s

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Hinson likes what she sees in her first visit

U.S. representative appreciates touring two new businesses — the coffee shop Muscari and the new office building Union Block Suites — during her first trip to New Hampton since this past fall’s election. “I love seeing a vibrant Main Street, and I love talking with people who come up with some unique and

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If first impressions really do matter, New Hampton hit a home run in the eyes of the woman who represents the city in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“I’m impressed to say the least,” U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson said last Wednesday after visiting two of the city’s newest businesses — the coffee shop Muscari and the new office building Union Block Suites — during her first trip to New Hampton since this past fall’s election. “I love seeing a vibrant Main Street, and I love talking with people who come up with some unique and

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors start off their meeting Monday morning in the courtroom to accommodate the number of librarians and residents protesting a proposed cut to funding for the six libraries located in the county.

Board gets an earful on libraries

Librarians, patrons take county leaders to task for proposed 19 percent cut to request

By BOB FENSKE
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Librarians and their patrons turned out en masse on Monday to give the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors a piece of their collective minds about a proposed cut in funding to the six libraries in the county.

Many took direct aim at Supervisor Jake Hackman, but other supervisors said they felt like they had little choice when it came to a con-

sensus decision they reached the week before to give county libraries \$100,000 — down from the \$129,311 librarians requested — in the new fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Still, library supporters said they were disappointed that the \$100,000 supervisors reached on a 4-1 consensus vote — with only Board Chairman Matt Kuhn voting against — represented a 19.6 percent drop in county funding for libraries in New Hampton, Alta Vista, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and Nashua from

what they received for this fiscal year.

“I’ll tell you the library services are a service to the citizens of the county,” county resident Pam Pickar said. “I think it’s as important as anything else ... I see a lot of other budget items here that have not been cut, and I’d like to know your reasoning.”

Pickar specifically asked Hackman to explain his decision, and he used a worksheet he had

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Union Block Suites owner Tessa Reicks talks with U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson about the vision she has for the office space she is renting out in a building that once was home to Wilshire Jewelry.

For a day, Turkey Valley’s a speech capital

Plenty of folks come together as small school hosts a big event — speech large-group contest



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Students from several area schools spend some time in the Turkey Valley gymnasium while waiting to compete at Saturday’s large-group district speech contest.

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Hosting a district speech contest has been on Michelle Nystel’s radar for a few years, but the Turkey Valley coach wasn’t quite sure her school could handle a large-group contest.

“I’ve always thought of hosting, but just the sheer size of some large-group teams, I just didn’t think we’d be able to do something like that,” Nystel said. “But I was talking to Lisa Phylfe, she’s from Waverly but a Turkey Valley grad from Lawler and she said, ‘You guys could totally do it.’ And then one thing led to another ...”

So on Saturday, Turkey Valley played host to the Iowa High School Speech Association’s large-group district contest. And guess what? It turns out little Turkey Valley could indeed pull off a large-group speech contest.

Twenty-two schools brought 34 teams — speech teams can bring “ninth-grade” teams — to Jackson Junction for a full-day

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

There’s a new sheriff in town!

Moments after the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed him sheriff, Ryan Shawver takes the oath of office from Magistrate Court Judge Christine Skilton Monday morning. Shawver replaces Marty Hemann, who officially retired last week after more than 32 years with the Sheriff’s Office.

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Long day is worth it for Turkey Valley speech coach

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of speech in categories like one-act play, choral reading, musical theatre, solo mime, readers theatre, television news, short film, ensemble acting, group improv, radio broadcasting and group mime.

The contest was originally scheduled to be held in Decorah, but when that school had to bow out because it was hosting a wrestling tournament the same day, Nystel and Turkey Valley took the plunge.

The school's classrooms and multi-purpose room became seven "centers" where students from Clarksville to Waukon and everywhere in between performed, judges handed out advice and ratings and parents and speech fans — yes, they do exist — came and went throughout the day.

Nystel will be the first to admit that she "typically gets stressed out" with a project of this size, but it helped that the Iowa High School Speech Association provides plenty of support — taking entrants and turning out a schedule — to schools hosting district contests.

And then there were the Turkey Valley students and organizations — along with more than 40 community volunteers — who turned out for a special day.

The best guess is there were at least 500 speech competitors in the building Saturday and hundreds of parents, other family members and friends roaming the hallways of Turkey Valley.

Add it all up and the little school was home to more than double — maybe even triple — the number of people that call it home on a typical school day.

"So many people came together to make this work," Nystel said, "and it was strange because I wasn't stressed out at all."

She paused and laughed. "OK, most of the time, but seriously, it was just a great day."

It was also a money maker, and not just for the Turkey Valley speech team, which took in more than \$3,000 at the door from "suggested donations." It was also a big day at the concession stand and Java Junction, a student-led and operated coffee shop that supports the Turkey Valley Robotics Club. Meanwhile, the Turkey Valley FFA chapter served a lunch, which did brisk business



Photo courtesy of Michelle Nystel

The only downside of hosting the large-group district speech contest for Turkey Valley coach Michelle Nystel was the fact that she missed her team's performances — including the musical theatre group that received a Division I rating and included (from left) Savannah Solheim, Megan Blong, Jacqlyn Schmitt, Bre Moudry, Olivia Snyder and Aubrey Hoffert.

during an extended noon hour.

"Because of where we're located," Nystel said, "I felt like we needed something more than a concession stand. So I approached [vocational agriculture teacher] Steve Pfaffle, and he didn't even hesitate. That's one of the things I just love about Turkey Valley; everyone comes together to make it work."

It was a busy day for Turkey Valley's speech coach, and about the only disappointing part of the day was the fact that she didn't get a chance to see her team perform their pieces.

One team — a musical theatre piece titled "Gee Officer Krupke!" from West Side Story — earned a Division I rating, which means Savannah Solheim, Megan Blong, Bre Moudry, Olivia Snyder, Aubrey Hoffert and Jacqlyn Schmitt — earned a trip to Waterloo West for the Feb. 4 state contest.

"All of our speech kids are so busy," Nystel said. "I bet you half of our kids

played basketball at MFL on Friday night, and they were all here by 6:45 on Saturday. They did a great job today. You always hope they all get Division I's, but I'm proud of all of them for putting themselves out there."

For a day, at least, Turkey Valley was a speech capital, and judges and competitors alike lauded the efforts of the small school.

"It's so neat to see a contest in a different school," said judge Laurie Wild, who judged TV broadcasting and short film in "Center Four," aka Mr. Rodgers' health classroom, "because it opens up speech to a whole new audience. There's a lot of talented, creative kids here and they've done a really nice job hosting."

Nystel appreciated the compliment almost as much as the good night's sleep she got Saturday night.

"I went home, took a hot bath and went to bed," she said with a laugh. "I was tired, but it was a well-worth-it-kind-of-tired."

New Hampton advances five to state speech contest

By Bob Fenske

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It didn't matter if they received Division I or Division II ratings, as far as New Hampton speech coach Kassie Bercik was concerned, all of her students did "some really good work" at Saturday's large-group district contest.

"I am proud of all my speech students regardless of the outcome of the day," she said. "I know they all did their best on Saturday and that's what matters the most to me."

Five of New Hampton's eight groups earned coveted superior Division I ratings that will send them to the state contest at Waterloo West on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Advancing on to state were:

- Choral Reading - Grace Baker, Emily Manweiler, Beth Pickar, Izabel Willadsen and Kaydence Zack.
- Ensemble Acting - Miranda Buckley, Natalie Hidding and Catherine Pethoud.
- Group Improv - Buckley, Annala Elliott, Syd Hyer and Willadsen.
- Group Improv - Madi Dreckman, Pethoud and Caydence Phillips.
- Radio Broadcasting - Cam McMorris and Lee Reicks.

Three other groups received excellent Division II ratings, and they included:

- Readers' Theatre - Baker, Piper Hackman, Jarrin Robinson, and Shelby Springer.
- Ensemble Acting - Elleri



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's group improv team of (from left) Madi Dreckman, Caydence Phillips and Catherine Pethoud get feedback from their judge after performing Saturday.

Eike, Karla Pickar, Robinson and Springer.

- Group Improv - Hackman, Tanner Hubka, Xander Meyerhoff and Easton Montiet.

"So many of them are first-year speech members, and nerves were on high alert for them most of the day," Bercik said. "However, I am so proud of their resilience and see so much potential in all of them. Now that they've got one com-

petition under their belt, their experience and growth this year will surely pay off in the future"

Bercik added that having the contest at Turkey Valley was nice for a couple of reasons.

"It meant not having to get up as early," she said, "and I think the students felt a bit more comfortable being in a school they have been to before with friends and people that they see often."

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Patrie to go on trial in October

Charles City man accused of killing retired grocer living in rural Nashua

By Bob Fenske

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A new trial date for a Charles City man accused of killing a retired grocer in rural Nashua in September 2012 has been set.

Chickasaw County District Court Judge Richard Stochl on Tuesday set the first degree trial date of Randy Patrie, 40, for Oct. 18. Patrie is accused of murdering Kenneth Gallmeyer during a burglary of the retired grocer's home more than 10 years ago.

The trial had been set to begin later this month, but in December, Patrie's attorney, Steven Drahozal, filed a motion for a continuance because the defense "continues to review information provided by the state and prepare for trial ... additional time is needed for trial."

Stochl granted the continuance on Dec. 8, and the two sides met Tuesday to discuss setting a new trial date. Along with setting the new trial date, Stochl scheduled a pretrial conference for Oct. 3.

In June 2014, Patrie was sentenced to life in prison in federal court after he pleaded guilty to possession of firearms by a felon as an armed career criminal and possession of sawed-off shotguns, but that sentence was later overturned and Patrie was re-sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.

Gallmeyer was a 70-year-old retired grocer who had moved to rural Nashua after selling his store in Clarksville.

In a complaint and affidavit filed in federal court, law enforcement authorities said they discovered that Gallmeyer



Gallmeyer



Patrie

had suffered a gunshot wound to the head and that numerous items — including several firearms and a Samsung 40-inch flat-screen television — had been taken from his home.

The affidavit went on to say that when the Charles City Police Department executed a search warrant at Patrie's residence in Charles City, it was discovered that several of the items seized were items taken from Gallmeyer's home. They included three firearms, one of which, according to the affidavit, as "consistent with the firearm used to kill" Gallmeyer.

An additional search warrant was then executed by the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office and the DCI at Patrie's home, and additional items belonging to Gallmeyer were located and seized. During the second search, officers discovered a Samsung 40-inch flatscreen TV mounted on the wall of Patrie's bedroom.

On Jan. 25, 2022, a criminal complaint was filed by the Sheriff's Office, and Patrie, who had been serving time at the Federal Correctional Facility in Fairton, New Jersey, was returned to Iowa. He is currently being held at the Fayette County Jail, which has the ability to better segregate prisoners of different classifications than the jail in Chickasaw County can.

Student Briefs

HCC dean's list

Hawkeye Community College announces the Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. The Dean's List is an official recognition of outstanding academic accomplishment by full-time students. To make the Dean's List, an individual must be a full-time student with a semester GPA of 3.50 or better for courses taken at Hawkeye.

Students from the local area included:

Fort Atkinson: Breanna Busta, Marcus Herold.

Fredericksburg: Austin Langreck, Emma Pitz.

Ionia: Sophie Phillips.

Lawler: Garrett Kurtenbach.

Nashua: Chase Rust.

New Hampton: Kennady Nie, Sanja Noehl, Gavin Rings, Colton Rochford, Ethan Theis, Preston Trower.

Waucoma: Dylan Reicks, Kourtney Schmidt.

U of I dean's list

More than 7,500 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2022 fall semester. Guidelines for inclusion on the list are students who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher.

Local students, their majors and year at Iowa include:

Ionia: Joshua Finnegan, Major: History, fourth year; Kelsey Klassen, Major: Speech and Hearing Science, first year.

Lawler: Jalyssa Blazek, Major: Biomedical Engineering, first year.

New Hampton: Jerzi Gitch, Major: Pharmacy Interest, second year; Kori Jirak, Major: Psychology, fourth year; Bailey Kriener, Major: Human Physiology, second year; Sydney Wegner, Major: Speech and Hearing Science, third year; Paige Wisner, Major: Nursing, third year.

Waucoma: Reese Manderfield, Major: Psychology, fourth year.

Fredericksburg: Kallison Rochford, Major: Human Physiology, third year.

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Supervisors say more cuts to budgets coming

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compiled to show how tight the rural services basic (RSB) budget will be for 2023-24.

According to his calculations, even if supervisors raised the RSB levy rate from its current \$3.05 per \$1,000 valuation to the max levy rate of \$3.95 per \$1,000 valuation, the county will still be short \$61,399.10 to fund services like secondary roads, its portion of the new ambulance service and other items.

“If we raise RSB to the max levy rate, that’s 90 cents per \$1,000,” he said. “Do you know what that will do to your property taxes?”

The meeting that was held in the courtroom to facilitate the larger crowd turned testy at times as library supporters urged supervisors to reconsider and also pleaded with them to be equitable.

“Everybody isn’t getting cut 20 percent,” resident Steve Murray said. “That is a fundamental problem for us. ... I’ve been going to the New Hampton library for 60 years now, and libraries are important to all of our communities.”

Several supervisors said they understood the frustration being expressed, but they also said that they weren’t singling out the county libraries.

“Everything is going to have to be cut somewhere,” Travis Suckow said, and fellow Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said that “it may appear that we’re picking on the library, but that just happens to be where we started.”

Still, librarians and their supporters pressed on.

Rural New Hampton resident Gary Griffin said he felt that libraries made the county more attractive.

“I guess my only comment is that if we want to attract people to come to our county, some of these smaller towns don’t have too much else besides this for their library budget,” he said. “How are you going to attract industry to come in with hopefully younger people and new ideas if we don’t have the things that everyone else has.”

The testiest exchange, though, came when New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker and Hackman exchanged words over a phone conversation they had.

During her presentation, Becker claimed Hackman had

targeted libraries in the past, and she took issue with how Hackman had talked to her on the phone.

“You yelled at me, you bullied me,” she said, “you tried to intimidate me and get me to back down by shouting at me.”

Hackman, though, declined to apologize “because I’ll tell you why — because you kept talking, too. You were disrespectful.”

Becker had a one-word reply. “False.”

The New Hampton librarian made an impassioned plea for her library and those around the county.

“I could speak at length about what we do every day for our communities, for the citizens of Chickasaw County, but I will keep my comments short this morning. ... Libraries are far more than books. We provide services that you may not even know about.

“We meet safety needs. We meet educational needs. We meet employment needs. We teach children to dream. We comfort elders, providing friendship and community. We teach classes. We promote technology. We highlight social issues. We act as a center for the arts. We strive to be everything to every person.”

Hackman, though, expressed concern that the county’s valuations may be reduced by a potential new state law that could cut \$14.2 million, or about 1.4 percent, of its current valuation. And he pointed out that the law requires that the county only provide about \$45,000 to its libraries.

“You can continue to cite the Iowa law,” Becker said, “that requires counties to provide a pittance of support for their libraries knowing that rate went into effect in 1977 and hasn’t ever been revisited since. We think it’s egregious to think that a 46-year-law should never get an increase.”

Hackman, who during the discussion mentioned that he will not seek re-election in 2024, expressed frustration when it came to funding.

“Are there other solutions to fund public service? Is there sponsorship? Is there a donation? I went to a play at the Gallagher-Bluedorn on Friday, and they only charged the people that went a dollar. They had seven sponsors on the screen as sponsorships ... why is it always property tax?”



Bob Fenske/Tribune

U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson and Muscari Coffee Shop owner Anna Havlik talk about Havlik’s new business that opened last month on Main Street in New Hampton.

Hinson makes pitch for bipartisanship in D.C.

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neat ideas.”

Hinson, a Republican, won re-election in the fall in the redrawn Second Congressional District, which gave her six new counties — Chickasaw, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Grundy, Butler and Hardin — which were moved from the Fourth Congressional District during redistricting after the 2020 census.

“For me, it’s important to get out and meet the constituents in my district, especially the new counties,” she said. “I don’t want to sound like a politician, but it’s refreshing to get out of Washington and see everyday Iowans doing some extraordinary things, and today, these two women showed me that dreams do become realities.”

The two women she was referring to were Muscari owner Anna Havlik, whose coffee shop opened on Main Street Dec. 17, and Union Block Suites owner Tessa Reicks, who is offering businesses unique office opportunities.

Before sitting down for a short interview, Hinson couldn’t help but laugh.

“I got a great cup of coffee and saw just how cool old Main Street buildings can be,” she said. “Seriously, that’s a winning day.”

Hinson worked as a television news anchor in Cedar Rapids before casting her lot with politics in 2016, when she won the first of two terms in the

Iowa House of Representatives.

In 2020, she knocked off Democratic incumbent Abby Finkenauer in what was then Iowa’s First Congressional District.

This past fall, she won what some considered a surprisingly easy victory over Democratic challenger Liz Mathis in the Second Congressional District.

Unlike her first two years in Congress, Hinson will be in the majority for the next two years, thanks to Republicans regaining control of the House of Representatives this past fall.

“I think Americans wanted a counterweight to Democrats,” she said. “They’re worried about inflation, the crazy amount of government spending and they want it reined in.”

She said the battle over the raising the government’s debt limit is one in which Republicans must hold the line, and Hinson used her family to express her philosophy

when it comes to the debt limit.

“I have two kids,” she said, “and if they blow their allowance and I still give them more money, what am I teaching them? That’s basically what the federal government has been doing — blowing their allowance and asking for more.”

Still, despite taking control of the House, Republicans failed in their efforts to dislodge the Democratic majority in the Senate and obviously President Biden will remain in office until 2025.

Asked if gridlock was going to be the rule rather than the exception in Washington, Hinson was adamant that bipartisanship can be found.

“I have many Democrats that I work with,” she said, “and I think it’s important that both sides reach across the aisle. Look, I blame both Democrats and Republicans for the mess we’re in, so it’s up to both sides to fix the problems.”

County moves ahead with third rig

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offer was a fair one.

“Personally, there is nothing for used ambulances out there,” he said. “You can find one in California. You can find one in New York, but it’s buying it unseen and going out there to pick it up. ... I’m not exactly thrilled to spend \$18,000 on a 20-year-old ambulance, however, I don’t feel like we have a lot of options in the used market.”

But the idea of buying a new ambulance to serve as a third rig didn’t “exactly excite” him.

He did concede that he worried that the first thing that he sees getting cut in his budget is long-term capital so “are we ever going to have the opportunity to buy another new ambulance? We have ARPA funds now; they are available.”

McGrath said he didn’t care if the county bought his or a different used ambulance, but he urged supervisors not to buy a new ambulance.

“A, are you going to have enough money to build a building and B, do we need to spend every last ARPA dollar on ambulance,” he said. “when we have roads ... [like] Kenwood or the North Washington blacktop, it’ll rattle the dash off your trucks. ... Can ARPA dollars be utilized for replacement or repair of roads?”

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said either way, he felt that the county would be “setting ourselves for better success with a third rig.”

And Kuhn ended up casting the deciding vote to pursue a third new ambulance and was joined by Steve Breitbach and Travis Suckow in voting for new over used while Jake Hackman and Scott Cerwinski cast the two dissenting votes.

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Watch Out For Tax Season Scams

It's that time of year when we do our taxes — but it's also the same time that tax scammers go to work. What scams should you watch for — and how can you avoid being victimized?

Sadly, the list of scams is pretty long, including demands for payment or requests for "additional information" pertaining to your tax refund, in which the sender asks for your Social Security number and other personal information. These scam emails can look quite official, often incorporating the IRS logo. You might also receive scam text messages containing bogus links claiming to be the IRS website or an online "tool" that can help process your refund faster.

But keep these points in mind:

- The IRS generally won't contact you by phone and won't contact you by email, text messages or social media channels to ask for personal or financial information. The IRS begins most correspondence to taxpayers through regular mail delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.
- The IRS won't call to demand you make an immediate payment through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you owe taxes, the IRS generally will mail you a bill. And the IRS won't threaten to bring in the police or another law enforcement group to arrest you for not paying your taxes.

In general, be extremely skeptical about any type of communication purporting to be from the IRS that sounds bullying or over-inquisitive — and certainly don't give out any personal or financial information. But these fake messages aren't the only tax-season scams out there. You might even receive a direct deposit from what appears to be the U.S. Treasury Department — but if you weren't expecting it, something's likely not right. This payment could be a sign that a fraudulent tax return was filed in your name, and it might be followed by a communication from a supposed IRS agent requesting this overpayment be sent to them. If this happens to you, you'll want to contact the IRS right away, and you could also ask your bank to return the deposit to the government.

Other scams don't claim to originate directly from the IRS, as scammers pretend to be from real or imaginary tax organizations. For example, you could get a message from the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS, but this agency won't contact you without a legitimate reason. Or you could receive a message from the nonexistent "Bureau of Tax Enforcement." Your best bet is to delete these messages immediately or send them to your spam folder.

Not all tax season scams originate from fraudulent IRS representatives or fake agencies. You also need to be careful about whom you hire to prepare your taxes. If possible, get a recommendation from a trusted friend or family member. And keep in mind that a legitimate tax preparer must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number and must sign your tax return. If someone doesn't have this number or is reluctant to sign your return, it may well be a sign that this individual is a "ghost preparer" who only wants to pocket your fee.

Tax scammers are, unfortunately, here to stay — but remaining vigilant can help you keep them from causing problems for you in this tax season and all the ones in the future.

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Shortly after their new sheriff, Ryan Shawver, took the oath of office Monday, Chickasaw County deputies — (front row, from left) Zach Isakson, Adam Hanson, Matt Blaess, KJ Miller, Steve Johnson, (back row) Jordan Gansen, Dakota Gaede and Braxton Rash are sworn in by Magistrate Court Judge Christine Skilton.

Board appoints sheriff, OK's contract with Nashua

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors appointed a new sheriff and then approved one of his first recommendations during their regular weekly meeting on Monday.

Board members voted 5-0 to follow through on their notice of intent to appoint Chief Deputy Ryan Shawver to fill out the term of former Sheriff Marty Hemann, who began his retirement last Thursday.

The appointment came almost two months after Hemann announced his intention to retire, leading the board to take "applications" for the job. Earlier this month, board members interviewed Shawver and Floyd County Deputy Dan Sargeant, and made the decision to appoint Shawver, who will serve out the term that

Hemann won during the 2020 election.

Under state law, residents do have the right to petition for a special election as long as the petition is turned into the county within 14 days of the appointment.

Later in Monday's meeting, the city of Nashua and the supervisors reached a tentative agreement for the Sheriff's Office to continue to provide law-enforcement services to the city.

But the new one-year contract that begins on July 1 comes with some changes.

During this fiscal year, the county is providing 2,880 hours — or an average of 240 hours a month — to the city, but next year's contract will require the Sheriff's Office to devote 2,080 hours — an average of just over 173 hours a month — to the city.

Under the agreement reached on Monday, one that still needs to be approved by the Nashua City Council at its meeting

on Feb. 6, the county will receive \$65 per hour for the 2,080 hours and also receive \$23,265 in "drive-through" fees.

That means Nashua will pay the county \$158,465 next year, a decrease of 7.5 percent from the \$171,360 it is paying for services this year.

Earlier this month, the Board of Supervisors raised the cost per hour from \$59.50 to \$65, and if Nashua had contracted for that amount of hours, it would have paid the county \$187,200.

Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer and City Councilwoman Rhonda Dean attended Monday's meeting and told board members that the council would sign off on the agreement.

"I'm OK with the contract," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "I think it's going to be up to you Ryan to schedule this. It's your department now."

State senator will hold town hall meetings in coming weeks

Upcoming town hall meetings for State Senator Sandy Salmon, Senate District 29, will be held at locations around Northeast Iowa in the weeks to come, including:

- Saturday, Jan 28 at the Floyd County Museum in Charles City from 11 a.m. - noon.
- Saturday, Feb. 4 at the New Hampton library from 11 a.m. - noon.
- Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Nashua Welcome Center from 11 a.m. - noon.
- Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Fredericksburg library from 9 to 10 a.m.

Briefs

Iowa PBS presents the 2023 Iowa State Dance Championships

Iowa PBS will present exclusive coverage of the 2023 Iowa State Dance Championships on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

The 2-hour coverage will showcase winning routines and interviews with coaches of the teams.

The competition will be rebroadcast Sunday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m.

Approximately 5,000 of Iowa's best young dancers showcased their talents in what is considered to be one of the nation's largest and most prestigious events of its kind. Teams from 255 high schools and 25 colleges competed for state championship top honors.

The dance championships were held in Des Moines at Wells Fargo Arena and Hy-Vee Hall last month on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1-2, and New Hampton High School's dance team took first place in its props division.

For more than four decades, the talents of Iowa's young dancers have taken center stage at this event. Teams perform

in a variety of categories including pom, jazz, hip-hop, contemporary, kick, lyrical, prop, novelty, color guard, co-ed and all-male.

Cowboy Poetry returns to Starlite Ballroom this weekend

The Lawler Lions Club will host its annual Cowboy Poetry shows this weekend at the Starlite Ballroom with all proceeds benefiting Kindness Square, an inclusive park that will be built in New Hampton.

Shows will be held Friday and Saturday, with a Swiss steak dinner being served at 6 p.m. and the show to start at 7:15 p.m.

Putting on the show will be cowboys Paul Larson of Hill City, South Dakota; Jake Riley of Riverdale, Nebraska; and Marty Blocker of Cody, Nebraska.

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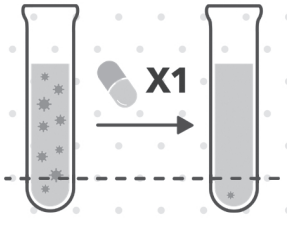
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Pastors Kevin Frey
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Service times: 6 p.m.
Wednesday; 9 a.m., Sunday.

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Father Jim Goerend
Mass times: Saturday, 4
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Service times: 9:15 a.m.
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611 W. Court St.
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Service time: 4 p.m.
Saturday Divine Service

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Pastor Anthony Harris
Service time: 5 p.m.
Saturday; 10:30 a.m.
Sunday.

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641-456-6880
Pastor Cory Orr
Service times: 3:30 and
5:30 p.m., Saturday.

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2512 120th St., New Hampton
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or
10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine
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p.m.

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IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CATHOLIC

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7:15 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sunday.

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CONCEPTION

Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, Feb. 4,
6 p.m.

When winter lasts too long

Remember God provides the warmth we need even on that coldest day

Sometimes winter lasts too long. The winter I speak of is not referring to the weather, but rather a season of life when pain, suffering, disappointment, confusion, and helplessness fall on you like snow on a cold, gray February day.

Sometimes life is like spring when everything is new, growing, and beautiful. The temperature is perfect with a slight breeze that kisses your face.

But in this journey called life, we know winter will come, but some winters stick around way too long. I'm in a winter season currently, and it's never been so cold.

I grew up in an environment of poverty, abuse, and violence; even though I was raised in the hot state Texas, winter has always followed me. In many ways, I'm thankful for the winter seasons of life because the cold wind of suffering blew me into the arms of Jesus where I found the warmth of his love. The heat of his embrace comforted me and melted my hard, insecure heart.

So what do we do when winter lasts too long?

1. We must grieve.

Grief is saying, "Jesus, this is so hard, and I feel like I'm going die of a broken heart. Jesus, I'm so disappointed by what's happening." Grieving is essential to healing.

King David is a great example of what grieving looks like when he writes to God: "You hid your face; I was dismayed" (Ps. 30:7b, ESV).

2. We must remember
Jesus never promised a winter-free life.

He actually said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, ESV). Jesus overcame the world and powers of darkness through his perfect life, death, resurrection, and ascension.

Because of his work, it will eternally be spring. But until that day, he alone is the coat I wear to keep me warm on bone-chilling days.

3. We must remember that
Jesus is sovereign over the
seasons of our lives.

The same God who blessed me in spring is the same God who blesses me in winter. The words of Job are a winter season encouragement, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" (Job 2:10, NIV).

Paul reminds us, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:28-29, NIV).

4. We must remember
that in our weakness, Christ
makes us strong.

During prolonged winter seasons, our strength and resources are exhausted and we are left with nothing but Jesus. But Jesus is all we need, for in him is his life, love, and limitless power.

The words of the apostle Paul have never meant more to me: "Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power

is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:8-12, NIV).

5. We need the warm
embrace of Jesus through his
people, the Church.

One of the blessings of my current winter season is that my family and I have never been so beautifully loved by God's people. And not just by my local church, but by God's people from all over the country.

Another blessing of this long winter is that it has reaffirmed my passion for the local church to be more than a Sunday event but to be an everyday family that cares for one another during difficult seasons of life.

Because I've experienced winter before, I know the snow will melt, the temperatures will eventually warm, and new things will come to life and spring will smile at me.

But I don't ever want to forget the man, husband, father, friend, and pastor that God has shaped me to be in this winter that has lasted too long.

So, wrap yourself up in the blanket of his love, and remember, God is that burning bush even on the coldest of days.

Marinate on that.

— This blog by Derwin L. Grey
was written for
christianitytoday.com.

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Pastor Drew McHolm
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Service, 10:30 a.m.

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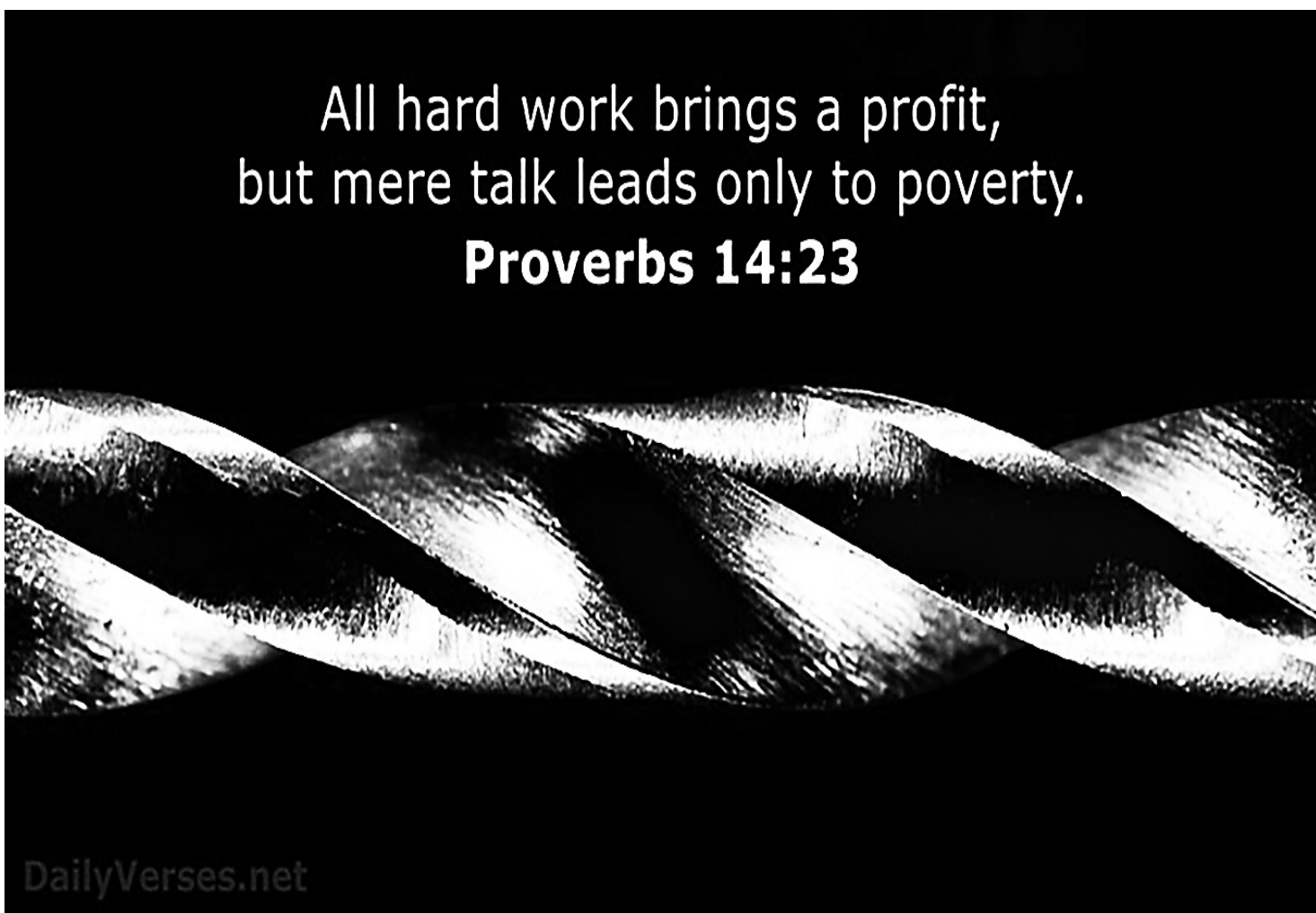
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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 20 and a low of 6.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with chance of morning snow; high 34, low 3.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and cold with a high of 10 and low of 5 below.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy and continued cold; high 3, low 8 below.

Extended forecast: The good news is we might see the sun to start the work week but highs will be in the single digits and lows will drop below zero.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.

History

- In 1500, Spanish explorer Vicente Yanez Pinzon, who had com-manded the Nina during Christopher Columbus’ first expedition to the New World, reaches the north-eastern coast of Brazil.
- In 1939, during the Spanish Civil War, Barcelona, the Republican capital of Spain, falls to the Nationalist forces of General Francisco Franco.
- In 1950, the Indian constitution takes effect, making the Republic of India the most populous democracy in the world.
- In 2005, President George W. Bush appoints Condoleezza Rice to the post of secretary of state, making her the highest ranking African American woman ever to serve in a presidential cabinet.
- In 2020, a helicopter carrying former pro basketball player Kobe Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter Gianna and seven others crashes in Calabasas, California, killing all seven on board the chopper.

Birthdays

- Famed World War II Gen. Douglas MacArthur was born in 1880.
- Oscar winning actor Paul Newman was born in 1925.
- Canadian actor Cam-eron Bright turns 30.
- Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, a Califor-nia Republican, turns 58.
- Former NHL great Wayne Gretzky turns 62.
- Comedian and TV talk show host Ellen DeGe-neres turns 65.

Corrections

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Mila Marie Hanson

Mila Marie Hanson, the infant daughter of Steven and Brittany (Bedford) Hanson, was stillborn Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at 6:17 a.m. at Waverly Health Center in Waverly.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton, with Father Jim Goerend cele-brating the mass.

There was a one-hour visita-tion at the church on Tuesday prior to the funeral mass.

Burial was held at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Online condolences may be left at www.conwaymarkham.com. Memorials may be direct-ed to the family.

Though she never opened her eyes, she touched many of our lives in so many ways.

Those left to cherish her memories are her parents, Steven and Brittany Hanson of New Hampton; her maternal grandparents, Don and Marie Bedford of Clear Lake; her paternal grandparents, Kathy Hanson and Louis Kobliska of New Hampton; maternal great-grandmother, Sharlene Jaspersen of Clear Lake; and numerous aunts, uncles, and extended family.

She was welcomed into Heaven by her maternal great-grandparents, Donald Hauptmann, Elmer and Beverly Bedford; step-great-grandfa-ther, Earl Jaspersen; paternal great-grandparents, Orville and Shirley Hanson, Charles and Blanche Kobliska, and Orlando and Margaret Buschbom; and special cousin, Joseph Kenney.



Mila Hanson

Howard Arthur Campbell, 91

Howard Arthur Campbell, age 91 of Nashua, died peacefully at his home Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at The United Methodist Church in Nashua with the Rev. Sarah Namukose and Pastor Scott Smith officiating.

Interment will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service at the Methodist Church on Saturday.

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

Jonathan Henry Esparza, 30

Jonathan “Jon” Henry Esparza, age 30 of New Hampton, was confirmed dead by act of homicide by the Iowa State Medical Examiner on Dec. 1, 2022. He was last seen on Oct. 20, 2022. His remains were located in Elma, Iowa on Nov. 30, 2022.

Due to the circumstances of his death and an ongoing investiga-tion, public services will not be held at this time.

Memorial gifts can be directed to PAWS in Charles City or any humane society of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to: The Family of Jonathan Esparza, PO Box 91, Charles City, IA 50616.

Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home, Charles City, is in charge of local arrangements. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

Dean ‘Whitey’ Bruess, 62

Dean “Whitey” Bruess, age 62 of Fredericksburg, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, and for more infor-mation, call 641-394-4334.

Property Transfers

Joshua D. Shoemaker and Kate E. Shoemaker to Holly J. Grimm; NASHUA NO ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 5.

Randall L. Lenehan and Patricia L. Lenehan to Nicole Engelhart and Nicole Kristine Engelhart; NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 7 Block: 29 S4’ NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH)Lot: 8 Block: 29.

Andrew C. Smith, Margaret Jane Smith, MJ Smith and Margaret Jane Rewoldt to Margaret Jane Smith Trust, MJ Smith Trust, Margeret Jane Smith TR and MJ Smith TR; S1/2 EX NW 18-94-12 S3/4 NE SW 13-94-13.

Andrew C. Smith, Margaret Jane Smith and MJ Smith to Margaret Jane Smith Trust, MJ Smith Trust, Margaret Jane Smith TR and MJ Smith TR; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST NW NW 25-94-13 W1/2 NE NW 25-94-13 N1/2 SW NW 25-94-13 W1/2 E1/2 NE NW 25-94-13.

Andrew C. Smith, Margaret Jane Smith, MJ Smith and Margaret J. Smith to UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST Andrew C. Smith Trust, Andrew C. Smith TR UNDIVIDED OBE HALF INTEREST Margaret Jane Smith Trust, MJ Smith Trust, Margaret Jane Smith TR and MJ Smith TR; COMM W1/4 COR SW NW 18-94-12.

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Thomas L. Collins, Sarah A. Collins, Dennis W. Collins, Patricia L. Collins, Rodney F. Collins, Jane G. Collins, Steven J. Collins, Shelly M. Collins and Shelley M. Collins to Sharon R. Townsend; W50’ NEW HAMPTON PARK ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 1.

Laura Reisner to Shaun J. Reisner; S75’ FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 12 Block: 16.

GC Farm Inc. to ONE HALF INTEREST Lynn Boeding REV TR ONE HALF INTEREST Dee Boeding REV TR; SW 36-96-13 S1/2 EX NW 36-96-13 COMM SE COR S1/2 SE 36-96-13.

New Hampton Iowa Congregation of Jehovahs Witnesses to Chickasaw County Iowa; BEG NE COR L7 SE NW 07-95-12.

Delores Ellen Graham EST, Leslie Graham EX and Joan Graham EX to 50% Whole, Joan M. Graham, 50% Divided, Sharon Haskovec, Robert Graham Jr. and Leslie J Graham; NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: F.

Wayne Thronndson, Cindy Thronndson, Dale Thronndson and Renee Thronndson to Andrew Thronndson; N315’ W650’ PARCEL A SW 06-96-11.

Wayne M. Carlson and Lorraine A. Carlson to Karen Allison, Sharon Reicks, Jeanette Servantez, Gerald Reicks, Terri Robinson, Nicolle Unger, Wayne H. Carlson LE and Lorraine A. Carlson LE; S68’ L21 W1/2 SW 07-95-12 NE NE 15-11-96 W1/2 NE 15-96-11 E1/2 NW 15-11-96 Parcel: 191007126207 Parcel: 190815125001.

Harvey B. Drevelow TR and Faythe E. Drevelow REV TR to Harvey B. Drevelow TR and Faythe E. Drevelow RESTR; EX E2R SE SE 01-94-12 SW 06-94-11PARCEL R SW SE 07-94-11EX SW SE 07-94-11 EX NW SE 07-94-11EX NW 07-94-11E1/2 LYING S & E OF DREWELOWS HILLCREST FIRST ADD EX NE NW 18-94-11 LYING S & E L1 EX SE NW 18-94-11SW 23-95-12 N30AC NW 26-95-12 S46’ FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 1 Block: 11 S46 FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 2 Block: 11 S46’ W10’ FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 3 Block: 11 Parcel: 191501475001.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

As big as advertised

It turns out the proverbial weatherman wasn’t wrong last week as the area was hit by the biggest snowstorm of the season so far. In New Hampton, 6.5 inches of the white stuff fell, and both our city’s Street Department (above) and its residents (below) had plenty of work to do on Thursday morning.



It’s tight, but city of Nashua has new logo

By KELLY TERPSTRA
sports@nhtrib.com

The envelope please. We have a winner!!!

The votes have been tabulated and the run-off election to determine Nashua’s new city logo is now officially over.

The finalist logo that came out on top – by a razor-thin margin – was Vicky Fonley’s submit-ted entry of the historic Little Brown Church.

The initial online poll to declare the town’s favorite pick of the eight logos submitted was so close – 104 to 103 – that Big 4 Chamber of Commerce President Val Johnson instituted a run-off election with the other finalist logo, which was of a fisherman casting a line into Cedar Lake.

That final vote – tabulated by “likes” on Facebook – amazingly was tied at 30 votes apiece according to Johnson.

“We had a dead-tie this time. It wasn’t a one-point lead,” said Johnson.

That meant the deciding vote would be in the hands of Nashua-Plainfield Schools, who also took part in the run-off election. Johnson said 55 percent of students that participated in the logo contest favored the Little Brown Church logo.

“The tiebreaker was the school’s scores. The deciding factor of the logo contest was our future generation,” said Johnson.

Johnson announced the exciting news about the logo at last Monday’s Nashua City Council meeting. City officials then voted to accept that Little Brown Church idyllic image as the town’s new city logo.

Student Briefs

U of I president’s list

Paige Wisner of New Hampton was among the more than 800 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the pres-ident’s list for the 2022 fall semester.

Wisner is a third year student in Iowa’s Col-lege of Nursing and is majoring in Nursing.

University of Iowa undergraduates who achieve a grade point average (GPA; 4.0 is an A) of 4.0 in 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework and who have no “I” marks (incompletes) or “O” marks (no grade reported) on their records for two consecutive semesters to qualify for the president’s list.

Buena Vista dean’s list

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 500 students who were named to the Fall 2022 dean’s list. The dean’s list recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

The students included Jessica Harrington of Nashua and Cassandra Michael of Ionia.

ISU dean’s list

More than 10,200 Iowa State University stu-dents have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2022 dean’s list. Students named to the dean’s list must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students listed from the area, their year and curriculum are:

Alta Vista: Kaylee Eggerichs, 4, Agricultural Business.

Fredericksburg: Katherine M. Reno, 2, Ag-



Johnson said that former art teacher at Nashua-Plainfield Schools – Corbin Dunlap – was asked to recreate another logo for the city. He was the architect behind the last two city logos the town of 1,500 has used.

“When we approached him about doing another logo, he said ‘it’s time for the next generation to take over,’” said Johnson.

The city logo project is a part of the Vision Iowa Program that Nashua is participating in. The logo contest is just one facet of the signage project that the city is working on.

The Cedar Lake finalist city logo was created by Carolina Rambo – wife of the new Associate Pastor at the Little Brown Church, Sam Rambo.

Johnson said each person that took part in the contest submitted two logos. The other people that submitted logos were Ben Bierschenk and Jayne Levi.

“The whole thing was trying to get the commu-nity to work together on a project,” said Johnson.

gricultural Business.

Ionia: James Eugene Davis, 2, Mechanical Engineering; Greta Mary Glaser, 4, Agricultural Business; Lexie Jo Maloy, 4, Agronomy; Abi-gail Grace Poppe, 4, Industrial Engineering.

Nashua: Nicole Rae Harrington, 4, Manage-ment; Drew Bernard Moine, 4, Management Information Systems; Makenna Ann Nelson, 3, Management; Jaymie Ann Wasem, 4, Family and Consumer Science Education and Studies.

New Hampton: Taylor Mae Bearman, 4, Animal Science; Hunter Scott Carey, 4, Aero-space Engineering; Conner Lee Gorman, 3, Industrial Technology; Evan Norbert Gossling, 4, Computer Engineering; Julia Mae Havlik, 4, Industrial Design; Joshua Clemens Holschlag, 2, Industrial Design; Tony Leo Kuehn, 4, His-tory; Jessica Ann Kuennen, 4, Apparel, Mer-chandising, and Design; Jayda Elizabeth Nehl, 3, Animal Science; Preston Matthew Pickar, 3, Financial Counseling and Planning; Max-well C. Schwickerath, 4, Agricultural Systems Technology; Christina Lee Speicher, 4, Animal Science; Zachary Marcus Utley, 2, Agronomy.

Upper Iowa dean’s list

Upper Iowa University has announced the dean’s list for the 2022 fall semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a mini-mum 3.50 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Local students and their majors include:

Elma: William Kopp, Conservation Manage-ment.

Fort Atkinson: Ellie Loesch, Human Ser-vices; Luke Mueller, Agricultural Business.

Sumner: Klay Seehase, Elementary Educa-tion; Jamie Fink, General Business.

Waucoma: Lily Shores, Nursing.

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation scholarship applications are due by Feb. 3

High school students graduating in spring of 2023 are encouraged to apply for Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's (IFBF) \$2,500 scholarship, awarded to 27 eligible Iowa high school seniors and renewable for four years, up to \$10,000. Scholarship eligibility is reserved for current Iowa Farm Bureau members or their chil-

dren in good standing with the organization. Those wishing to become members can visit www.iowafarmbureau.com. To be eligible, the graduating high school student must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, be involved in extracurricular activities and accepted into an accredited higher education institution,

including community colleges and technical schools. To apply, students must submit a typed essay demonstrating their leadership, community involvement and how they would use the scholarship award to support Iowa Farm Bureau's mission of creating a vibrant future for agriculture, farm families and their com-

munities. Each of IFBF's 100 county Farm Bureaus will send one application from their county to be considered for the state award of which 27 students (three from each of Farm Bureau's nine districts) will be selected. To qualify for scholarship renewal, the recipient must continue to meet the scholar-

ship requirements. Many county Farm Bureaus also offer a locally-sponsored scholarship; availability and amounts vary. By completing one application, the student is automatically entered to be considered for the state and county awards, where available. The scholarship application and eligibility

requirements can be found at <https://www.iowafarmbureau.com/Member-Benefits/Iowa-Farm-Bureau-Scholarships>. Applications must be completed online by Friday, Feb. 3. Those who want more information or have questions can call the IFBF Community Resources office at 515-225-5461 with questions.

Legal Notice - Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BREMER COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
WINNETT MOINE,
Deceased, CASE NO. ESPR004596
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Winnett Moine, Deceased, who died on or about December 23, 2022: You are hereby notified that on January 5, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Winnett Moine, deceased, bearing date of September 24, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Traci Lipkowitz was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities

are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated January 18th, 2023
Traci Lipkowitz, Executor of Estate 10384 Juniper Creek Dr., Lakeland, TN 38002
Lana L Lühring, ICIS#: 0004830
Attorney for Executor, Laird and Lühring Law Firm, PO Box 177, Waverly, IA 50677
Date of second publication 02/02/23

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR FURNISHING AN ELECTRIC POWER TRANSFORMER FOR STOLZ PARK SUBSTATION FOR NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA.
Notice is hereby given that the Electric Utility Board of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant, New Hampton, Iowa will meet at the Downtown Utilities Office, 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659 on February 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM, at which time and place the Electric Utility Board will consider the adoption of plans and specifications, and proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the above referenced improvement, which are now on file in the Downtown Utilities Office. At said meeting the Electric Utility Board will receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost made by any

interested party.
The materials to be supplied are described in general as follows:
Power Transformer: One (1) 15/20/25 MVA at 55°C, 16.8/22.4/28 MVA at 65°C, ONAN/ONAF/ONAF, 67 kV Delta to 12.47 GRDY/7.2 kV with LTC and accessories
The materials are part of a substation public improvement project which will be located at the Stolz Park Substation in the City of New Hampton, Iowa.
Publication upon order of the Electric Utility Board of New Hampton Municipal Light Plant, New Hampton, Iowa.
Dated this 26th day of January 2023.
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT
NEW HAMPTON, IOWA
By: /s/ Brian Quirk General Manager
ATTEST: /s/ Becky Babcock, Office Manager

No. 22616
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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JAMES T. MARIK
Deceased, CASE NO. ESPR003089
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James T. Marik, Deceased, who died on or about December 6, 2022: You are hereby notified that on January 13, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of James T. Marik, deceased, bearing date of August 27, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Michael Edward Heying was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever

barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated January 13, 2023
Michael Edward Heying, Executor 402 Pin Street, PO Box 374, Elma, IA 50628
Joseph P. Braun, ICIS#: AT0001120
Attorney for Executor, ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP, 217 North Elm Street, PO Box 377 Cresco, IA 52136
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Board Proceedings
The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, January 16, 2023, in the High School Media Center. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Denner, Superintendent Jurens, and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director Ayers was absent.
Director Denner moved to approve the agenda. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director Denner moved to approve the consent agenda items. Approve minutes of the December 19, 2022, regular session. Approve the December monthly financial report and the January 2023 bill listing. Accept the resignations of Bill Glenn (High School Business & High School Boys Golf Coach), James Russ (High School Vocational Agriculture), Sandra Russ (High School Special Education), and Linda Tiemessen (Nurse). These resignations will take place at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Old Business
Superintendent Jurens presented the latest drawing from the engineer on the parking lot. Director N. Schwickerath moved to put the parking lot project out for bids and set the public hearing on the parking lot for February 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the NEIC Agreement with

Waverly. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
New Business
Director Denner moved to approve Open Campus for Junior and Seniors in college classes during 1st and 8th hour. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens presented information on raising the admission fees by \$1.00 to be in comparison with the rest of the conference for events starting in the 2023-2024 school year. This would bring the admission fees to \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Director Denner moved to approve the \$1.00 increase. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the quote from Dave Randal for \$110,000.00 for brick repair on the downtown building this summer. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: Denner.
Superintendent Jurens presented information on the 2023-2024 At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan. Director N. Schwickerath move to approve the 2023-2024 At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
After discussion Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the spending authority of \$338,776.00 in MSA for At-Risk/Drop Out Prevention. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to

approve that the Board of Directors of the New Hampton Community School District approve the application to School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$1,955.39 for special education administrative costs associated with the Lied Center Consortium program for the 2023-2025 school year. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director Denner moved to approve a letter being sent to the state legislatures on behalf of the board stating that public funds to private schools should have the same rules and regulations as public schools. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to appoint Director Denner to the Chickasaw County Conference Board. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to hold a closed Session for Superintendent's mid-year evaluation per Iowa Code Chapter 21.51(i) a school board may enter closed session "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session" Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tim Denner – yes, Adam Schwickerath – yes, Jay Matthews – yes, and Nate Schwickerath – yes. The board entered closed session at 8:19 p.m.
Director Denner moved to come out of closed session at 8:48 pm. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Tim Denner – yes, Adam Schwickerath – yes, Jay Matthews – yes and Nate Schwickerath – yes.
Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2023, at 6:30 pm.
Director Denner moved to adjourn at 8:49 pm. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Monthly Bills, January 2023
General Fund (10)
Vendor Name, Amount, Vendor Name, Amount
AFLAC 90.27
Amazon Capital Services 4,635.35
Amazon 5.99
Bodensteiner Implement Company 193.42
C. H. McGuinness Company 2,230.00
CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON 22.22
Casey's Business Account 370.74
Chickasaw Chassis 32.50
Chickasaw Wellness Complex 300.00
City Laundering Co. 1,009.90
City of New Hampton 11,580.28
Counseling & Family Centered Services, Inc. 19,710.00
Crystal Ball Roller Rink 652.00
Decorah Community School District 4,608.00
Dollar General Charged Sales 16.80
EH Electric, L.L.C. 672.95
Fareway 729.14
Five Star Cooperative 8,540.57
Flinn Scientific Inc 75.95
FM Controls, Inc. 2,499.00
Fritcher, Katie 566.28
Glenn, Jill 65.52
Hanson Tire Service 1,668.00
Hawkeye Alarm & Signal Co 300.00
Herff Jones, Inc. 541.08
Hometown TV & Appl 759.00
Howard Winneshiek Comm School 496.68

Iowa Department of Human Services 8,222.96
J.W. Pepper & Son Inc 178.99
Jaymar Business Forms, Inc. 171.65
Jendro Sanitation Services Inc 1,252.28
Kwik Star 651.18
Letter Werks Sign City, LLC 598.00
LS Supply & Rental 256.32
MacGILL 55.73
Madison National Life Insurance 1,881.00
Main Event Center, The 100.00
MakerBot Industries LLC 9,652.42
Mercy Medical Center 4,083.33
Mick Gage Plumbing 5,168.66
Midwest Group Benefits, Inc. 400.00
NAPA Auto Parts 22.98
Nashua-Plainfield Comm School 26,516.25
National Science Teachers Association 120.00
New Hampton Auto Body 675.27
New Hampton Electric 1,669.27
New Hampton Tribune 317.72
NHMU Fiber 300.00
Northeast Iowa Community College 440.56
Office World 1,153.60
On Track Signs 17.00
Principal Life Insurance Company 871.71
Riceville Community Schools 26,516.25
Rieman Music, Inc 118.00
Riley's Inc 80.57
Sam's Club 11.34
School Specialty, LLC 1,104.76
Schueth Ace Hardware 440.27
Steve Smith Snow Removal 8,760.00
Summer-Fredericksburg Community School District 22,902.78
Sweets by Keke, LLC 236.50
Sweetwater Sound 1,403.89
Teachers Pay Teachers (Teacher Synergy LLC) 50.00

thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation 174.93
Timberline Billing Service LLC 1,486.64
Tripoli Community School District 3,788.04
Turkey Valley Community School 49,768.06
Vern Laues Chev-Buick 1,320.30
Visa 38.50
Wagoner Bros. Repair 3,112.42
Walmart.com 796.36
Warburg College 183.00
Washington National Ins. Co. 1,081.21
Weber Paper Company - Division of Capital Sanitary 189.66
WEX BANK 110.70
Windstream 1,974.48
Ziegler CAT 88.83
Fund Total: 252,886.01
Physical Plant & Equipment (36)
Marco, Inc. 1,659.46
Terracon Consultants, Inc. 4,300.00
Fund Total: \$5,959.46
Management Fund (22)
EMC Insurance Companies 770.92
Fund Total: \$770.92
Capital Projects (33)
Chickasaw Wellness Complex 1,000.00
Dave Denner Siding & Windows 2,567.00
EH Electric, L.L.C. 3,935.77
Northern Cedar Service 474.00
Northern Tool & Equipment Co 3,449.99
Fund Total: \$11,426.76
Debt Service (40)
UMB Bank, N.A. 600.00
Fund Total: \$600.00
Attest: January 16, 2023
Jay Matthews, Board President
Christy Roethler, Board Secretary

No. 22651
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CITY COUNCIL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023 7:00 P.M.
The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Speltz and Daly. Also in attendance were Casey Mai, several NHHS students and City Attorney Todd Prichard.
Moved by McDonald, seconded by Fisher; That the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.
1. Approve meeting agenda
2. Approve City Council Minutes of January 3, 2023
3. Approve City Claims of \$99,151.36
4. Liquor License Approvals: Kwik Star Stores #714 & #895 – Change of Ownership
5. Finance Committee Minutes of December 28, 2022
6. Library Board Minutes of January 3, 2023
7. Park & Rec Board Minutes of January 4, 2023
8. Department Head Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2023
9. Fire Dept Minutes of January 9, 2023
10. Finance Committee Minutes of January 11, 2023
11. Board of Adjustment Re: Charles Durnan
12. Finance Reports
FUND, LAST REPORT, RECEIVED, DISBURSED
GENERAL \$113,208.70
ROAD USE TAX \$41,318.07
SPECIAL REV/EMPLOYEE BEN \$18,336.52
LOCAL OPTION TAX \$26,197.30
HOTEL/ MOTEL TAX \$16,337.01
HOTEL/ MOTEL TAX CAP RES \$5,445.67
TIF- INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL \$23,052.94
SPECIAL REVENUE- GRANTS \$47.00

a John Deere 1025R Utility Tractor for \$13,000, be approved: Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.
PWD Casey Mai has been working with Fox Strand on the street project which will provide improvements to South Broadway (Garfield to West Main), North Maple (railroad to Milwaukee St), Cleveland (South Linn to South Locust) and Logan Ave (South Linn to South Alta). This agreement is for \$6,000 to cover the initial design and engineering. Moved by Daly, seconded by Fisher; That Resolution No. 6555 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES AND TASK ORDER 23-01 WITH FOX STRAND ENGINEERING FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, be approved. Ayes – Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald, Speltz, Daly. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution carried.
Moved by Fisher, seconded by Daly; To direct Mayor Schwickerath to sign the Agreement Regarding Healthcare Services to Low Income Individuals with MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, be approved. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.
Council member McDonald is planning on requesting an updated CIP project plan for each department. McDonald will inform the departments in a couple months.
Moved by McDonald, seconded by Denner; That the meeting adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.
ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor
ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023 7:00 PM
CITY - WRITTEN SINCE JANUARY 3, 2023
State of Iowa, Sales Tax December 2022 3,637.38
Jendro Sanitation, Recycling Service (1,428 x \$8.71) 12,437.88
USPS, 4 Rolls Stamps (Clerk) 240.00
Verizon Wireless, Data Charges (Police) 160.46
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills 116.95
US Cellular, Cell Phone & Data Charges (St Sever Fire PW Zoning) 356.12
Five Star Coop, Gas (SR Fire WA) Diesel (St Fire) Supplies (St SR WA) 1,203.74

TOTAL WRITTEN 18,152.53
CITY - TO BE WRITTEN--
Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas (PD WA Clerk Cust Carnegie St Fire SR) 11,257.56
Carnegie Cultural Center, 2022 Hotel/ Motel Grant 5,000.00
Carnegie Cultural Center, Special Levy (July-Dec 2022) 22,979.34
CarQuest, Car Wash Soap (Police) Battery, Brake Fluid (Sewer) 221.72
Chickasaw Ambulance Service, Malco Product Dispensers, Bug Remover, Car Soap (Police) 250.00
City Laundering Co., Uniforms (Street Water Sewer) Mats, Air Dispensers (SR) 378.10
Consolidated Fleet Services, Inc Inspect Ladder Truck (Fire) 1,773.75
Douglas, Ken, December Mileage - Reading Meters (116 x \$585) (Water) 67.86
Eurofins, Testing Fees (Sewer) 5,355.16
Galls LLC, Uniform Allowance (Police) 43.86
Gilbert's Service Center, Repair 08 Ford HVAC (Street) 136.20
Hawkeye Exterminating, Pest Control 150.00
Hawkins, Chlor- Scale (Water) 1,980.66
IA Municipal Solutions LLC, Monthly Wastewater Operator Services (SR) 4,333.00
Innocrop, Ltd, Fatal Vision Goggle Kit (Police) (Grant) 2,450.00
Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup (Fire PD Carnegie Clerk Cust SR) Fuel Surcharge 767.21
Kwik Star, Gas (Police Street) Diesel (Street) 2,321.88
L & R Manufacturing LLC, Metal for Hitch (Street) 63.60
Lessin Supply, Coupling (Sewer) 66.34
Mai, Casey, Mileage (Zoning Sewer Street Water) 25.74
MiEnergy, Electric Service (Sewer) 66.02
Mohawk Electric, Motor Repairs (Sewer) 199.06
New Hampton Electric, Motor Repairs (Sewer) 321.44
NHMU, Phone & Internet (St Carnegie Fire PD Clerk Econ SR) 677.68
New Hampton Tribune, Council Minutes, Ordinance (Clerk) Custodial Ad 844.29
New Hampton, City of, Utilities (Clerk PD St Fire Carnegie WA SR) 13,672.53
Northeast Iowa RC&D

Annual Contribution to Upper Wapsipicon Watershed 600.00
Omega Machine Tool, Pump Shaft & Sleeves (Sewer) 1,150.00
On Track Signs, Truck Decals (Street) 135.00
Petty Cash, Certified Letters (Clerk) Postage (PD Econ) 44.37
Rapid Printers, Utility Billings (WA SR) Office Supplies (Clerk Sewer) 307.68
Riley's Inc, Copy Fee (Clerk SR Econ PD) 205.00
Schueth Ace Hardware, TruFuel, Silicone (Fire) Valve (Water) 116.97
State Hygienic Laboratory, Testing Fees (Water) 54.00
Superior Welding, Oxygen (Street) 42.46
US Cellular, Cell Phone & Data Charges (St Sever Fire PW Zoning) 356.38
Vern Laues, 2019 Durango Maintenance (PD) 2016 Chevy Repairs (Fire) 129.15
Visa, Gsuite, Storage Boxes, Uniforms, Equip (PD) Ink (PW) 619.65
Visa, Basketball, Gear Bag, Paracord (Fire) Zoom Fee (Clerk) 111.16
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Windstream, Phone Service (Water Sewer) 253.56
Zip's Truck Equipment, Traffic Cone Holder (Fire) Snow Plow Repairs 18 Chevy (WA) 591.75
Total to be Written 80,911.63
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PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE JANUARY 3, 2023
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Tax 12,533.64
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Empower Retirement, Deferred Comp 375.00
AIRPORT - TO BE WRITTEN
MiEnergy, Electric Service 143.69
CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN
Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup 19.64
New Hampton, City of, Utilities 64.40
PARK & REC - TO BE WRITTEN
New Hampton, City of, Utilities 1,204.47
Petty Cash, Breakfast w/ Santa Supplies 8.56
US Cellular, Cell Phone Service 80.46
Visa, PDF Suite, Microsoft 365, Supplies, Bball Medals 1,259.92
2,553.41

LIBRARY - TO BE WRITTEN
New Hampton, City of, Utilities 430.91
Schueth Ace Hardware, Spray Adhesive 2.71
Visa, Pizza, Program Supplies, Office 365 70.65
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State of Iowa, Sales Tax December 163.88
Petty Cash, Start-up for Adult Volleyball 50.00
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Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Celebrating the season in Nashua

Dallas Weiss gets ready to slide a case of Bud Light in the beer case curling event that was part of a fun-filled Winterfest celebration put on by the Nashua Park Board at Cedar View Park on Saturday. And just what is beer case curling? Well, whoever put the case closest to the mark got to take the case home!

Rayna Schrader is on the front of the sled and Kynlee Hall (right) is on the back as they come down so-called Mount Nashua during Winterfest, which included a number of outdoor events like (clockwise below) a little ice fishing, a bike demo race and snowshoeing, courtesy of the Chickasaw County Conservation Board.



A ‘loss’ may hurt but maybe it should make us smile, too

My dad would be celebrating his 90th birthday on Friday. It hit me last week, and for a moment, I was thinking my math was off. But then I completed the equation 2023 - 1933 and by God, it equals 90.

Dad passed away in October 2004, just a few months shy of his 72nd birthday, and I’ve written about him often in this space so even though he never stepped foot in New Hampton, Iowa, some of you have come to know how special he was to me.

I won’t go through the whole litany again of how he grew up on a farm near the small Minnesota town of Gibbon, Minnesota, joined the Air Force, saw the world (and thankfully for me, met Mom, a native of Sweden), retired from the service, worked in a flour mill for 12 years and then sold insurance for another 20 ... oh wait, I just did, didn’t I?

Save for the last couple of years of his life when he battled lung cancer, he was always a man on the go. He never really retired from the insurance business; he just cut back a little. He didn’t want anyone else going out to his clients and selling them a “policy they didn’t need.” It hurt his pocketbook, I’m sure, but that’s just the way he was.

But right up to the end of his life, he loved going to the Legion, playing cards, roughhousing with his grandchildren and talking to anyone and everyone.

Look up the phrase “never met a stranger” and there’s a picture of Mel Fenske. At least there is in my “book of phrases.”

So I have a hard time imagining Dad at 90. Would he finally lose that full head of hair? Would it finally go all gray? Would he still be going to the Legion? Would he still yell at the officials who cost the Red Sox, Twins and Vikings God only knows how many games?

I didn’t mean for this column to just be about my father and the fact that he would have turned 90 on Friday. No, this column is about loss, and the pain that never quite goes away. The heartache dulls, for sure, over time, but the pangs remain.

Take my Dad’s death in 2004, as just one example. Josh was 5; Noah was 4, and they have fleeting memories of Grandpa Mel. During a recent trip to Illinois, we sat around and talked one night, and maybe Noah said it best when I asked him if he remembers my dad?

“I do, but sometimes I wonder if they are real memoirs,” he said. “I remember he was tall, and he liked to play with me on the floor, but maybe that’s just because you told me that stuff.”

I think about what my boys lost on that fall day more than 18 years ago.

They lost someone who would have been their biggest fan. They lost a man who would have told them many wonderful stories. They lost the guy in their life who could have told them what it was like to hear the news that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. They lost a man who would have been their mentor, who would have taught them to learn the lessons he didn’t.

On an almost daily basis, there’s a point when I miss my dad. Maybe it’s after another Vikings’ early playoff exit. Or maybe it’s when I’ve written what I think, at least, is a really cool story.

And sometimes I don’t really need a reason. I just want to pick up the phone and give him a call and chat about anything and everything.

Today, I want to call him and tell him that Mark Spangler died.

Unless you were around in the 1990s and listened to Mason City radio, you probably have no idea whom Mark Spangler is.

But for a few years, he was one hell of a buddy. Jeff Wilford (another guy you’ve probably never heard of), Mark and I were drinking buddies whose friendship survived my sobriety.

Before I found this new life, we’d end up at Jeff’s or Mark’s for the “after-bar party,” and we would solve all the world’s problems. Politics, religion, sports, we took it all on and came up with solutions that, because it was like 4 in the morning, no one ever heard.

After sobriety, my two drinking friends made sure that we had a weekly movie night, and we found out that even without a drop of alcohol in our systems, we still had all the answers.

My dad met Mark once, and they talked for two hours. They were, in a way, kindred spirits — incredibly social and interested in everything.

Mark and I were Facebook buddies, but truth be told, we hadn’t seen each other for years. He moved to Mankato, got out of radio, got into education as a para and battled kidney disease for years.

As I sat down to write this column, I checked Facebook and saw the news, delivered by Mark’s son, Garrison, that Mark was gone.

And I felt loss. I don’t know what the point of this column should be, I really don’t. I could come up with something trite and say I should have been a better son to Dad and a better friend to Mark Spangler.

But that’s not the point I want to make. Sure, I could have been that better son, and I certainly should have stopped in to see Mark when I was in Mankato.

No, the point is this, when we feel loss at someone’s passing, maybe we should smile a little because that feeling comes because you have some wonderful memories that you cherish, that make you laugh a little.

With Dad, it was the Twins games, the card games, the B.S. sessions. With Mark, it was those after-bar parties and movie nights.

All I know is that on Friday, I’m sure Dad and Mark will be solving all of Heaven’s problems over a few cold ones. And that makes me smile.

Happy birthday, Dad. Hope you can get in a word edge-wise with Mark around.

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Tuesday will be "Celebrate Our Students" and students will travel to Charles City to see the movie "Puss in Boots."

Students and staff will "Celebrate Our Nation" on Wednesday, when they will hold a flag-raising ceremony and play "All About Our Nation" trivia in the school's hallways.

Thursday, St. Joe's will "Celebrate Vocations." 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 by the Holy Family Parish Soup Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. and a "Family Dance" from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.



St. Joseph Community School second-grade teacher Jackie Rochford talks with her students on the first day of school this past August.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

News Bits From Our Past Compiled by Terri Josephson

Week of Jan. 22 1948 (75 years ago)

- A large crowd attended the formal opening at the Knight Motor Company, Saturday, January 19. All were treated to coffee and doughnuts and they really "hit the spot" so to speak, as the day was very cold.
- Mr. Knight had four new 1948 Studebakers on display which included three cars and a pickup. The cars were purchased by C.J. Lukes, L.M. Gibson and Walter Weidler.
- Many baskets of flowers were received from business associates and friends.
- Mr. Knight said he was very pleased with the opening and thanked anyone who helped make it a success.
- The grand jurors drawn on Tuesday for the year 1948 were: Mrs. William Larkin, Matt Flick, Nick Schwickerath and Amos Burgart of New Hampton; Amos Peterson of Ionia; Chris Hereid, John Lynch and Leo Connors of Lawler; C.E. Leach and L.L.Meier of Fredericksburg; George Joachim of Alta Vista and Dale Coates of Nashua.

1973 (50 years ago)

- The St. Joseph's Community School Board has received approval of the Dubuque Archdiocesan Educational Planning Commission for the continuation of grades one through eight for the next three years according to William O'Neill,

Chairman of the St. Joseph Community School Board.

Early in September, 1972, each school board in the Archdiocese of Dubuque was asked to submit three plans of operation of their school for the next three years. With all the factors involved, the plan for the continuation of the St. Joseph Community School as eight grades was approved.

- Lodge No. 418, Charles City Elks, honored a New Hampton man at a dinner meeting Saturday night, with "Harry Carney Night."

Mr. Carney has been a member of the Charles City Elks for 32 years, and has been on the Board of Trustees for the past 20 years.

He was awarded a life membership, a privilege reserved for members who have been active in the organization for at least 30 years. There are approximately 725 members of the Charles City Lodge.

1998 (25 years ago)

- A temporary seasonal layoff at Sara Lee Bakery went into effect Jan. 19. It involved 65 employees, 20 of whom are expected to be recalled in two to four weeks, the remaining 45 later in March.

The entire plant will be closed Jan. 30. Jeff Brasch, Sara Lee CEO, said sales are on plan for the year, and ahead of the last fiscal year's levels.

The bakery continues to hold the No. 1 position in fro-

zen baked goods markets in the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom.

- Members of the New Hampton Volunteer Fire Department have placed bins at Liddle's Super Valu and Fareway stores.

They are seeking donations of your cans to assist them with their projects which include July 4 fireworks, building fund and fire prevention education.

2013 (10 years ago)

- In a special election for the Iowa House of Representatives District 52 seat, Todd Pritchard, a Democrat from Charles City, got 2,924 votes, or 54.6 percent while Republican candidate Dennis Litterer, a Nashua businessman, garnered 2,339 votes or 43.7 percent.

Independent Craig Clark received 83 votes. Pritchard is "ready to serve," as he put it Tuesday night after winning the election.

- New Hampton wrestling coach Nick Hemann is proud of his student-athletes who helped make a "Takedown Cancer" event successful. But he's just as proud of the communities that came together to help.

The Chickasaws and their opponents, Oelwein and Denver, came together to raise what Hemann believes will be thousands of dollars in the fight against the dreaded disease.

2018 (5 years ago)

- In a special election that took place in Nashua, it turned out every vote mattered for a couple of candidates. Residents were charged with picking two new City Council members because of resignations that took place this, fall, and former Mayor Angie Dietz and political newcomer Hal Kelleher III were elected. Dietz received 83 votes while Kelleher garnered 73.

The third-place candidate, former City Councilman Rolland Cagley, who also lost a bid for reelection in November, got 72 votes. Tuesday's election was marked by light turnout as just 143 of Nashua's 1,116 registered voters, or 12.8 percent, cast ballots.

- While walking down the street and all of a sudden someone expectedly does something kind for you, for no reason, how would you react?

The volunteer group Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) of Chickasaw County hopes that you'll continue the trend, and do something kind for someone else. The group's mission statement reads, "Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."

RAK is a volunteer group in Chickasaw County, not a social service, and its goal is to help others and then inspire others to be a part of something that affects those around them in a positive way.

Briefs

Nashua-Plainfield voters to weigh in on baseball/softball complex

At its meeting last week, the Nashua-Plainfield School Board approved a \$3 million bond issue question that will appear on the ballot for a special election Tuesday, March 7.

An approved bond would support a new baseball and softball complex in Plainfield.

However, instead of increasing property taxes to pay off the bond, the school district would use funds available through the one-cent statewide sales tax (known as SAVE) that all school districts in the state share.

With an approved vote, N-P will be able to save about \$1 million in interest payments while paying off the bond more quickly, said Superintendent Todd Liechty.

"We are excited to move forward with a plan to create outstanding baseball and softball facilities for our students and community, without the need to increase property taxes for residents," said Liechty.

"This is a project that will benefit our entire community, including kids involved in our youth baseball and softball programs. We look forward to sharing more information and answering community members' questions in the weeks ahead," he said.

The project calls for creating new high school baseball and softball diamonds with lights, along with concessions and restroom facilities. There would also be two youth diamonds at the site.

To learn more and to view renderings of the project, visit <http://www.bit.ly/npdiamonds>.

State treasurer: Chickasaw County has \$46,100 in unclaimed funds

In celebration of National Unclaimed Property Day, held annually on February 1, State Treasurer Roby Smith is sharing the newest report of unclaimed funds in the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt for Chickasaw County.

"In 2022, more than \$46,100 was reported to the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt for Chickasaw County residents, meaning you or someone you know could have money waiting to be claimed," stated Smith.

For the celebration, Smith's office will be announcing names of individuals, businesses and non-profits from around the state who had unclaimed property reported to the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt in 2022.

"Follow Iowa Treasurer on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and join us on February 1 as we highlight names recently reported to the State," Smith continued. "Even if you've checked for your name in the past, I encourage you to check our website again. You never know what might be waiting for you or someone you know!"

Past and present Iowans can search anytime for their unclaimed property by visiting GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov.

Administered by the state treasurer, the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt is the state's only legitimate unclaimed property source. Unclaimed property includes, but is not limited to, forgotten checking and savings accounts, uncashed checks, lost stocks, life insurance policies, utility security deposits and contents from abandoned safe deposit boxes.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES January 16, 2023 The Board convened on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 9:00AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske member of media, Nashua Area EMS Zenda Viktorek, Cindy Shoemaker, Brandy Mo-tion, Treasurer, Matt Ysbrand, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Bridget Edson, Assessor Raymond Armel Motion by Cerwinski, Seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for January 16, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from January 12, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.	Public Comment Supervisor Cerwinski commented on the celebration, Nashua Parks Winterfest, January 21, at Cedar View Park, from 5:00 PM-10:00 PM. Matt Ysbrand provided the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Breitbach to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for period ending December 31, 2022 for publication. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the change in pay from \$16.50 to \$17.00 for Amy Roder, in the treasure department, effective February 7, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Hackman. Ab-stained- Cerwinski Motion carried. Discussed with Zenda Viktorek the Nashua Area EMS. Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to support Nashua Area EMS with a budget request of \$50,000.00 from ARPA. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Cerwinski. Nays-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Motion failed. Discussed transport agreements, paramedic intercept fees, EMS policies, and ARPA with EMS Director Joel Knutson. Discussed Radio Project invoices and Anchor Site.	Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to approve Resolution 01-16-23-06 Minor Subdivisions for Colleen Straw. Roll Call: Ayes Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried. RESOLUTION 01-16-23-06 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcels 2022-79 ALL in the SE1/4 of THE SE1/4 section 27, all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 16th DAY of JANUARY, 2023 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat ofParcels 2022-79 ALL in the SE1/4 of THE SE1/4 section 27, all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa was presented. WHEREAS, the minor sub-division plat of Parcels 2022-79 ALL in the SE1/4 of THE SE1/4 section 27, all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THERE-FORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be ap-proved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval.

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Chickasaw County Publication Report Jan 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2022 Employee Name,Salary ACKERSON, NICHOLE50,014.01 ALLISON, ALVIN50.00 ALLISON, JAMES100.00 ANDERSON, CHERYL100.00 ANDORF, PENNY52,683.41 ARENS, DONALD200.00 ARMEL, RAYMOND89,633.56 BAILEY, HOLLY21,659.36 BERNARD, NANCY8,795.92 BERNATZ, JEFF55,021.36 BIERMAN, MELLISSA14,962.77 BLAESS, MATTHEW66,908.22 BLAZEK, EUGENE50.00 BOGE, ARNOLD50.00 BRAHN, JAMES43,460.59 BRANDT, RANDI3,607.77 BREITBACH, STEVEN27,490.11 BREITBACH, SUSAN65,049.86 BRINCKS, THOMAS200.00 BRITT, TINA43,601.26 BROWN, DYLAN14,330.93 BROWN, NATHAN56,475.21 BUSTA, LAWRENCE55,162.56 BYRNE, JASON29,834.78 CAHOY, JASON60,907.21 CAREY, RANAE49,796.77 CIAVARELLI, CALEB43,886.28 CLINTON, CARLY28,117.57 COLLINS, JANE61,246.06 CRAYNE, MATTHEW49,413.82 DEERE, MISTIE13,566.90 DENNER, JOSEPH52,942.41 DIESBURG, MARY ANN3,030.83 DOUGLAS, SHAWN53,178.01 DUFF, ANDREW51,233.50 ECKENROD, JULIE200.00 EDSON, ANDREW200.00 EDSON, JANICE200.00 EKWALL, JAMIE37,057.08 ELENZ, KEITH16,747.50 ELLISON, BRADLEY100.00 ESCHWEILER, ANITA45,795.38 FERRELL, SHEILA49,243.53 FLICK, KAYLA6,814.50 FLICK, TAMMY34,988.60 FLUGUM, RYAN20,030.39 FOSSE, KIRBY100.00 FRANZEN, BETTY45,149.88 FREEBURY, RAYNA4,764.20 GAEDE, DAKOTA69,256.30 GALLUP, JASON53,588.61 GANSLEN, JORDAN71,150.32 GEERTS, DONNA51,858.97 GILBERT, TROY200.00 GLASER, STEVE150.00 GLASER, TIMOTHY51,585.90 GLEASON, PATRICK55,354.84 GORMAN, DAVID46,695.00 GROBER, KYLE100.00 HACKMAN, JACOB29,834.78 HANSON, ADAM75,324.23 Employee Name,Salary HARMS, JENNIFER6,502.01 HAUSER, CAROL51,150.39 HEMANN, MARTIN87,491.58 HEMESATH, BARBARA40,358.12 HEROLD, LIZA35,123.51 HILGENDORF, LARRY200.00 HIRSCH, TERRY100.00 HOEGER, BRANDON51,401.27 HOEY, KEITH61,270.40 HOLTHAUS, JARRETT100.00 HOLTHAUS, RICHARD570.16 HUMPAL, CHAD67,737.98 ISAKSON, ZACHARY67,831.90 JOHNSON, ADAM150.00 JOHNSON, ELI52,856.00 JOHNSON, STEPHEN82,307.94 KALVIG, GARY200.00 KIME, ANDREA44,662.98 KIME, JENNY20,283.04 KING, GARY100.00 KLIMESH, CHRISTINA1,082.34 KLINGMAN, BARRY58,623.77 KNUTSON, ANN67,235.12 KNUTSON, CATHRYN51,242.30 KNUTSON, JO50.00 KNUTSON, JOEL5,138.00 KOCH, AMY6,285.06 KOENIGSFELD, MARGARET200.00 KUENNEN, STEVE150.00 KUHN, MATTHEW29,834.78 LAMPSON-BAST, SHELLY33,681.39 LAUDNER, DAVID107,987.72 LECHTENBERG, KATHY33,357.65 LENTENING, ROMAN105,523.02 LIDDELL-TIEDT, TONYA17,944.21 LOWE, ROSE41,749.43 MASHEK, PAUL200.00 MASHEK, STEPHANIE38,132.49 MCDONALD, ALISON20,848.63 MCSHANE, SHELLEY62,095.00 MEIER, JODY24,535.84 MILLER, KERRI79,494.62 MILLIGAN, SAM55,507.70 MISHAK, MARILEE206.88 MOHLING, DEAN50.00 MOORE, BRIAN4,569.25 MURRAY, JOHN25,412.51 ORTHUSA, COLE23,249.05 ORTHAUS, RONALD50,872.81 PAULUS, JUDY54,955.66 PETERS, WENDY36,975.37 PLEGGENKUHLE, PATRICK100.00 PRIES, TAMI5,796.10 PRIEST, THOMAS150.00 PROUTY, ZACHARY3,216.00 RASH, BRAXTON10,847.98 REICKS, CARL150.00 RICHTER, BARB100.00 RICHTER, DENNIS13,459.79 RIES, MICHAEL56,323.00 RILEY, TIMOTHY17,498.36 Employee Name,Salary RILEY, WILLIAM54,020.60 ROBERSON, RYAN62,318.26 ROEDER, AMY4,042.51 ROETHLER, ADAM52,432.46 ROSAUER, PATTI36,113.58 ROSE, MERLE100.00 ROSONKE, DEBORAH4,440.00 ROSONKE, JACOB7,911.52 ROSONKE, KEITH54,307.56 ROSONKE, MICHELLE44,065.00 SABELKA, JOHN300.00 SABELKA, THOMAS500.00 SASSMANN, TYLER5,512.50 SCHMITT, MARK150.00 SCHMITT, SPENCER37,289.60 SCHNOEBELE, BRENDA37,046.41 SCHOLBROCK, JOSEPH32,413.81 SCHWICKERATH, TONI48,107.32 SCHWICKERATH, TONY150.00 SCOTT, TANYA150.00 SHATEK, RANDY300.00 SHAWVER, RYAN79,578.56 SHEKLETON, SHEILA22,125.78 STEEGE, BRADLEY50.00 STEEGE, MARLOWE100.00 STEINLAKE, BRENT51,393.93 SVEC, JEREE83.90 THOMAS, KAYLEE49,837.03 THRONSDON, TYLER57,357.29 TIESKOTTER, GERALD250.00 TROYNA, SHIRLEY63,937.72 TWETEN, COLE46,016.36 UNDERWOOD, RONALD100.00 USHER, JAYDEN1,338.67 UTLEY, KAREN100.00 VAN DRIEL, JUSTIN36,605.56 VORWALD, LEANN46,511.04 WADDELL, KODY50,657.94 WELTER, LISA73,466.20 WICKHAM, LAURA45,376.43 WILCOX, MERRY4,265.27 WOLF, JANE64,367.24 WOLF, JEREMY150.00 ZELEN, DIXIE150.00 ZMOOS, DANIEL54,697.95 ZOLL, TIMOTHY30,694.09 ZUBROD III, WILLIAM65,288.40	No. 22667 01/26/23 01/27/23	

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
MELVIN J. ANDERSON,
Deceased.CASE NO. ESPR003085
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION
To All Persons Interested in the Es-tate of Melvin J. Anderson, Deceased, who died on or about the 12th day of October, 2022:
You are hereby notified that on 20th day of December, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Melvin J. Anderson, deceased, bearing date of the 11th day of March,1977, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascer-tainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Dated January 17, 2023
Joyce A. Anderson, Proponent
1170 225th Street ,Ionia, IA 50645.
Brad Sloter,Attorney for Estate
200 N. Johnson Street,Charles City, IA 50616.Ph: 641-228-4533
Date of second publication 02/02/23
Probate Code Section 304

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES T. MARIK,
Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003089
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Es-tate of James T. Marik, Deceased, who died on or about December 6,2022:
You are hereby notified that on the day of January 13th,2023, the Last Will and Testament of James T. Marik, de-ceased, bearing date of August 27, 2012 was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Michael Edward Heying was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are rea-sonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all per-sons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the un-dersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated January 13th, 2023
Michael Edward Heying, Executor.
402 Pin Street, PO Box 374, Elma, IA 50628.
Joseph P. Braun, ICIS#: AT0001120, Attorney for Executor, ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP, 217 North Elm Street, PO Box 377, Creso, IA 52136.
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PUTTING IT TOGETHER

CHICKASAW BOYS USE BIG SECOND HALF TO COMPLETE SEASON SWEEP OF WAUKON

BY BOB FENSKE
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Reid Rausch laughed when asked about the shot he made at the end of the first half in New Hampton's Northeast Iowa Conference game against Waukon Friday night.

"I don't think I could hit it ever again," the Chickasaw sophomore said, "and I don't know if my coach wants me to be shooting it ever again unless there's a second left."

True that, but if there was an omen in Friday night's game, it was Rausch grabbing an offensive rebound and throwing the ball over his head — while, mind you, being fouled — and completing an old-fashioned three-point play to give New Hampton a 25-22 lead heading into halftime.

"I was going to square up but then I caught that there was only a second left on the shot clock on the other end," Rausch said, "and I figured I didn't have much choice but to toss it up there."

It turned out to be the correct choice, and the second half was all New Hampton as the Chickasaws outscored Waukon 32-15 to run away to a 57-37 win.

The victory not only improved New Hampton to 6-8 overall and 3-4 in the NEIC but it also gave the Chickasaws a great ending to an up-and-down week.

SEE NH BOYS, 13



Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton's Reid Rausch (above) takes a contested 3-point shot while teammate Carter Steinlage (left) is fouled hard under the basket during Friday night's Northeast Iowa Conference game against Waukon.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Taylor Ries makes a valiant effort to "save" the basketball during last week's game against Waukon.

Mustangs provide tough competition for Chickasaws

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Independence Mustangs can sure roll.

The New Hampton bowling squads took on those talented Mustangs last Friday at Bowlaway Lanes in New Hampton.

Indee (4-2) came up with a resounding victory over the host Chickasaws by a score of 2,966 to NH's total of 2,468.

"They've come a long ways since the beginning of the year," said Chickasaw head coach Andy Aries. "They bowled very well. We just so happened to run into a very, very qualified team. That happens."

Independence's Teegan Cross and Michael Decker each qualified for the individual state bowling tournament last year at Maple Lanes in Waterloo and

they were in competition last Friday at New Hampton.

But it was the Mustangs' Ethan Gonzalez who stole the show as he compiled a 457 series to nab medalist honors. His high game was 255.

Chickasaw sophomore Landon Marr was the top roller for New Hampton as he shot a 371. His high game was 188. Jaxson Porath was next on the scorer's sheet with a 331, followed by Jackson Brincks' 317. Chase Gebel was three pins back of Brincks with a 314. Jamison Porath (279) and Jarrin Robinson (203) were NH's other varsity scores.

"As long as they hold their heads up high and realize they did shoot well — things will fall into place. It's a few pins here, it's a few spares here that they could have got," said Aries.

SEE NH BOWLING, 12

Chickasaw girls light up Sailors, fall to NEIC foe

Wegner scores career high 23 in Columbus win; coach finds positives in loss to Waukon

BY BOB FENSKE
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David Leichtman knows enough about basketball to realize that if his New Hampton girls basketball team has two girls combine to score 53 points ...

... Well, the Chickasaws have a good chance to win. A really good chance.

He has the proof as senior Carlee Rochford scored 30 points and junior Molly Wegner added a career-high 23 in a 66-53 victory over Waterloo Columbus last Tuesday, and although the Chickasaws would come up short in a 51-38 loss to Waukon last Friday, Leichtman believes even in that game his team showed that it can play with virtually anyone.

Start with that Columbus game in which the Chickasaws KO'd the Sailors with a 1-2 punch. Rochford hit 11 of 17

shots from the field, including going 3-for-6 from 3-point range, while Wegner hit 7 of 14 shots, including a 4-for-8 showing behind the arc.

"Carlee obviously had a great game, and really filled up the stat line," Leichtman said, "but it was definitely a Molly Wegner highlight night."

Wegner credited her outburst to practice.

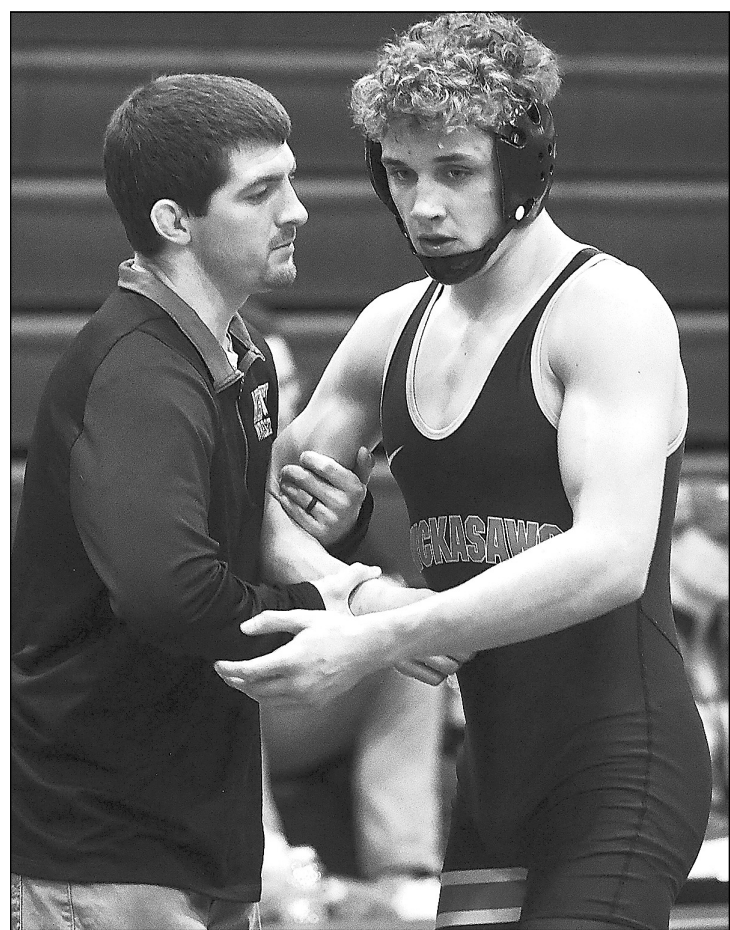
"I think I'm getting more confident," she said, "because I'm getting into the gym, getting shots off and working on it. I'm not going to lie, that was really fun. We all know it can't just be Carlee. Everyone face guards her so that means one of us is going to be open and we need to knock down those shots."

The key quarter for the Chickasaws at Columbus was the second, when New Hampton outscored the Sailors

SEE NH GIRLS, 13



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
New Hampton's Mary Jane Schmitz watches her bowling ball head down the lane during a meet with Independence that was held at Bowlaway Lanes on Friday.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

NH/TV wrestling coach Matt Paulus instructs Karson Kolbet on a move during Saturday's Denver Duals.

Chickasaws drop NEIC finale, go 2-1 at Denver Duals

NH/TV heads to Waukon for conference, but Chickasaws denied regional duals bid

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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First team out?

It sure appears that way.

The New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling program was on the outside looking in after the Iowa High School Athletic Association released its regional dual pairings for all three classes on Monday.

From the looks of it, Carroll and NH/TV flip-flopped in the Class 2A dual rankings — meaning the Tigers snared the final rated spot of all 24 teams that determine which squads will wrestle for a chance to compete at state duals next month in Coralville.

NH/TV was rated No. 24 in the prior rankings released by the IWCOA (Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association). All previous ranked teams — minus the Chickasaws — made the field. Carroll was the top receiving vote-getter of non-rated teams in the second installment of the IWCOA dual rankings which were released on Jan. 16.

Of course Chickasaw head coach Matt Paulus and his group are disappointed about not being able to compete at regional duals. But the Chickasaws will now place their attention on Saturday's NEIC Tournament in Waukon and sending as many individuals down to the traditional state tournament when the district meet in Decorah gets underway on Saturday, Feb. 11.

"This will switch our focus on being the best individual wrestlers we can be. We have some big competitions coming up with JV and varsity conference, districts, and state. We are excited to get back to work," said Paulus, a 2011 NH grad that earned three-consecutive fourth-place finishes at state.

Paulus didn't pull any punches in his assessment of the

state's current setup in how it determines regional dual qualifiers.

"I did not think we would get bumped out. The ranking system is a flawed system. The state has to switch to putting a committee in charge of dual rankings. Until they do that, the system will never work," said Paulus.

Regional duals are set to take place in all three classes on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The state dual meet is now held when Class 1A and 2A sectionals were previously held on Saturday, Feb. 4. There are no sectional tournaments this winter as all three classes will compete solely in district competition in order to determine the traditional state tournament field.

NH/TV (14-12, 3-2) finished up the regular season at the Denver Duals on Saturday and closed out the NEIC portion of its slate last week Thursday against No. 3 Waverly-Shell Rock. The Go-Hawks defeated the Chickasaws, 52-9.

NH/TV wrestled in three duals at Denver over the weekend. The Chickasaws avenged a prior dual loss to North Fayette Valley by overcoming the Tigerhawks, 39-33. NFV defeated NH/TV, 44-36, in a dual back in December in West Union by a score of 44-36.

"This was a great win for us because it showed our guys that we are getting better. We put a lot of emphasis on being at our best late January — early February," said Paulus.

The Chickasaws also topped Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 63-12.

NH/TV lost its last dual of the day to Fennimore, a powerhouse squad from Wisconsin that won last year's Division 3 state team tournament. The Golden Eagles have won three state team tournaments in the dairy state since 2016. Fennimore defeated the Chickasaws, 51-21.

NH/TV senior P.J. Anderson (20-20) came up with a huge pin over NFV's Caden Kerr at 138 pounds. Anderson stuck Kerr in 5:06. Kerr defeated Anderson in that aforementioned dual, 10-8.

Anderson said his scoring has improved this year — especially on his feet.

"That's where I'm better. I need to get to that right away and just keep it going. I've kind of struggled on offense in year's past. This year I've really found out how to score on my feet," said Anderson.

Kerr, along with Crestwood's Cade Korsmo and Decorah's Lane Rolfs, will be Anderson's main competition at districts. Anderson will have to beat two of those wrestlers in order to qualify for his first state tournament ever. He did not compete in districts last year because of a concussion.

"I think I got a good chance. It will be a tough district, but it's winnable," said Anderson. "It

SEE NH/TV, 14



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The Trojans' Aubrey Hoffert looks to drive past a Tripoli defender at a home game in which TV won handily.

TV rally falls short on the road

Trojans earn close win over Crestwood in non-league contest

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley Trojans showed some grit on the road Friday night in Monona.

But it was too little, too late, as the MFL-Mar-Mac Bulldogs were able to split the season-series with Steve Hoffert's Trojans and come up with a 52-46 victory in Upper Iowa Conference girls basketball action.

TV (12-5, 11-2) trailed by as much as 11 points in the final period. The Trojans closed that deficit with a chance to take the lead, but the shots just wouldn't drop in order to pull out the come-from-behind win.

TV freshman Annika Bodensteiner hit two crucial 3-pointers down the stretch in the final period of play to give the Trojans a chance.

"What I love about this team is the heart, determination and resilience," said Hoffert, in his first year of guiding the Trojans after taking over for longtime head coach Carla Nymeyer this winter after being an assistant

in prior seasons.

TV won the first match-up with MFL clear back on December 6. The score of that UIC tilt was 44-38, Trojans.

Bulldog senior Grace Anderson led all scorers with 25 points. Jacqlyn Schmitt, another senior for TV, paced the Trojans with 18 points. She was 6-11 from the field and hit on all but one of her six free-throw attempts. Schmitt also brought down six rebounds.

TV cruised past Clayton Ridge by a score of 58-26 last week Tuesday in Guttenberg. The senior trio of Aubrey Hoffert (17), Alison Leibold (14) and Brianna Busta (14) all hit double-figure scoring.

TV forced 37 Eagle turnovers. Busta and junior Mariah Thronsdon led the Trojans in steals with seven apiece.

"We got off to a great start. Our pressure created turnovers, which led to transition baskets," said Steve Hoffert. "It was another good road win for us."

TV came up big at home on Monday with a 45-41 non-con-

ference triumph over Crestwood (6-10).

The Trojans played at home versus West Central during Parent's Night on Tuesday of this week. Then TV hosts CR on Saturday and starts next week with another home tilt versus No. 8 Central Elkader on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The regular season finale is at Postville on Friday, Feb. 3.

TURKEY VALLEY 58, CLAYTON RIDGE 26

TV	27	8	13	10	-	58
CR	4	9	7	6	-	26

Alison Leibold 4-11 4-5 14, Brianna Busta 5-12 4-4 14, Aubrey Hoffert 8-12 1-4 17, Mariah Thronsdon 0-4 0-0 0, Jacqlyn Schmitt 3-11 3-5 9, Addison Steinlage 0-2 0-0 0, Annika Bodensteiner 0-2 0-0 0, Maici Weber 1-5 0-0 2, Ashlyn Busta 0-1 0-0 0, Alexis Elsbernd 0-1 0-0 0, Layni Schuchhardt 0-0 0-0 0, Autumn Macklenburg 0-0 0-0 0, Delaney Busta 1-1 0-0 2, Haylee Hanson 0-2 0-0 0, Jenna Thronsdon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-64 12-18 58.

3-point field goals - Leibold 2-7, B. Busta 0-1, Hoffert 0-1, Thronsdon 0-1, Schmitt 0-1, Bodensteiner 0-1, Elsbernd 0-1.

Rebounds - Steinlage 6, Weber 4, B. Busta 3, M. Thronsdon 2, Hoffert

2, Leibold 2, Schmitt 2, Hanson 2, D. Busta 1, Bodensteiner 1.

Assists - Schmitt 4, M. Thronsdon 3, B. Busta 3, Hoffert 2, Leibold 1, Elsbernd 1.

Blocks - Bodensteiner 1.

MFL-MAR-MAC 52, TURKEY VALLEY 46

TV	11	12	10	13	-	46
MFL	10	14	20	8	-	52

Leibold 0-5 0-0 0, Steinlage 1-2 1-1 3, Bodensteiner 2-6 0-0 6, B. Busta 3-9 1-2 8, Weber 1-4 0-0 2, Hoffert 2-11 1-2 6, M. Thronsdon 1-6 1-2 3, Schuchhardt 0-0 0-1 0, D. Busta 0-0 0-0 0, Schmitt 6-11 5-6 18. Totals 16-54 9-14 46.

3-point field goals - Leibold 0-4, Bodensteiner 2-4, B. Busta 1-1, Hoffert 1-4, M. Thronsdon 0-3, Schmitt 1-1.

Rebounds - Schmitt 6, B. Busta 5, M. Thronsdon 5, Steinlage 4, Hoffert 3, Weber 3, Leibold 1, Bodensteiner 1, Schuchhardt 1, D. Busta 1.

Assists - Leibold 2, Hoffert 2, Schmitt 1, M. Thronsdon 1, Steinlage 1, Bodensteiner 1, Weber 1.

Steals - B. Busta 2, Hoffert 2, M. Thronsdon 1, Schmitt 1, Steinlage 1.

Blocks - Schmitt 3, Bodensteiner 1, Hoffert 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 45, CRESTWOOD 41

CR	17	8	6	10	-	41
TV	11	11	8	15	-	45

No statistics available.

Turkey Valley hopes to end three-game skid

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The Turkey Valley Trojans didn't have a problem putting the ball through the net on Monday at Cresco. The problem was the Crestwood Cadets did it a lot better than John Izer's Upper Iowa Conference boys basketball team.

Chris Sullivan's Cadets ran roughshod over his alma mater with an 87-59 non-conference home victory over TV to start this week's slate of games.

Crestwood (11-5) shot almost 56 percent from the field and was led by junior Ty Cotant's 27 points. Cotant drilled 5-9 from deep - half of Crestwood's 10 three-pointers.

"Last night, 'Sully' said that's the best they've shot all year," said Izer.

TV junior guard Caleb Kurtenbach matched Cotant's five 3-pointers made and finished with 22 points. Calvin Bodensteiner and Oliver Schmitt each added 13 points apiece. Each Trojan fouled out in the game. Noah Hanson wound up with five points and added 11 assists.

"We're looking at plus sides. Last night we looked very functional. I don't think anybody was asking for their money back when they were walking out of the gym," said Izer about the Crestwood game. "There's been a couple of them losses where people were wanting their money back walking out of the gym - or at least I would have."

MFL-Mar-Mac blew the doors off the gym on Friday at home versus TV. The Bulldogs hit on all cylinders en route to an 89-32 victory. MFL (14-1, 10-0) was ranked earlier in the year in Class 2A.

"MFL, that was the best game they've played of the year - from their coaches, not me," said Izer. "They totally just ripped us and hadn't played that good all year."

Schmitt paced TV on Friday against MFL with 15 points. He hit on 7-10 from the field. TV



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley senior Carson Busta dribbles the ball up the court against Tripoli in a game earlier this season.

took just 25 shots and made 13 of them - good for 52 percent.

TV and Clayton Ridge (11-5, 8-3) were in a bit of a rock fight last week Tuesday in Guttenberg. The Eagles won that low-scoring affair, 42-29. CR shot just 28 percent from the field (13-46), but still managed to win.

"It was ugly. It was two teams that do a lot of the same stuff," said Izer. "We had a 17-14 lead at halftime - I'm talking basketball, not football."

Hanson and Bodensteiner each score nine points apiece versus the Eagles.

Turkey Valley (8-7, 6-5) is looking to now snap a three-game skid. Just seven games remain in the regular season and Izer is hoping to win all of them before district play begins.

"The goal will be 7-0 and Wapsie will be a handful," said Izer.

CLAYTON RIDGE 42, TURKEY VALLEY 29

TV 9 8 6 6 - 29

CR 7 7 13 15 - 42

Carson Busta 0-1 0-0 0, Logan Busta 0-0 0-0 0, Noah Hanson 3-5 2-3 9, Calvin Bodensteiner 4-7 0-0 9, Oliver Schmitt 2-3 1-2 5, Chase Hayek 2-5 0-0 4, Caleb Kurtenbach 1-5 0-0 2, Russel Nieman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 12-27 3-5 29.

Rebounds - Hanson 8, Schmitt 5, Hayek 3, C. Busta 2, Bodensteiner 2, Kurtenbach 1.

Assists - C. Busta 3, Hanson 3, Schmitt 2.

Steals - Schmitt 3, Hanson 2, L. Busta 1, Bodensteiner 1.

Blocks - C. Busta 1, Hanson 1, Bodensteiner 1.

MFL-MAR-MAC 89, TURKEY VALLEY 32

TV	10	2	11	9	-	32
MFL	28	28	20	13	-	89

C. Busta 0-22 2-2, Hanson 2-2 0-0 4, Bodensteiner 0-1 0-0 0, Schmitt 7-10 0-0 15, Hayek 2-2 0-0 4, Tristan Pullman 1-1 0-0 3, Kurtenbach 0-6 0-0 0, John Kruse 0-0 0-0 0, L. Busta 0-0 2-2 2, Nieman 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 13-25 4-4 32.

3-point field goals - Schmitt 1-2, Pullman 1-1, Kurtenbach 0-4.

Rebounds - C. Busta 4, Kurtenbach 4, Bodensteiner 3, Hayek

3, Schmitt 2, Kruse 2, Nieman 2, L. Busta 1, Hanson 1.

Assists - Kurtenbach 2, Bodensteiner 2, Hanson 1, Nieman 1.

Steals - Hanson 2, Bodensteiner 1, Hayek 1, Kurtenbach 1, Nieman 1.

Blocks - C. Busta 1.

CRESTWOOD 87, TURKEY VALLEY 59

TV	16	13	15	14	-	59
CR	18	21	31	17	-	87

C. Busta 1-5 0-0 2, Hanson 2-8 1-2 5, Bodensteiner 5-13 0-0 13, Schmitt 5-11 1-4 13, Hayek 0-3 2-2 2, Kurtenbach 8-18 1-2 22, Kruse 0-2 0, L. Busta 1-2 0-0 2, Nieman 0-1 0-0 0, Pullman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-62 5-12 59.

3-point field goals - C. Busta 0-3, Hanson 0-3, Bodensteiner 3-9, Schmitt 2-5, Kurtenbach 5-7, Nieman 0-1, Pullman 0-1.

Rebounds - Hayek 6, Hanson 5, Bodensteiner 5, Schmitt 3, Kurtenbach 2, C. Busta 1.

Assists - Hanson 11, C. Busta 1, Schmitt 1, Hayek 1, Nieman 1.

Steals - Schmitt 2, Hayek 2, Kurtenbach 2, Bodensteiner 1, L. Busta 1, Nieman 1.

Blocks - Bodensteiner 1, C. Busta 1.



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New Hampton's Jarrin Robinson aims for the pins at Bowlaway Lanes last Friday against Independence.

Schmitz rolls season-high for Chickasaw girls bowlers

NH BOWLING: FROM 11

"Everything comes back to picking up spares. That improves your game by quite a bit. They're progressing farther. They're racking up more spares now. It's a constant battle all around...to keep improving."

The New Hampton boys team is 2-5 overall on the year and competed in the NEIC Tournament on Wednesday at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo.

"The boys are really building a good team cohesion between them all," said Aries. "That helps out considerably. We just gotta make sure everybody stays up and not let anybody get down."

The NH girls (0-4) also took on Independence. The Mustangs outlasted the Chicksaws in that head-to-head competition by a tally of 2,661 to 1,214.

Chickasaw senior Mary Jane Schmitz rolled a season-high series of 243. Her high game

was 132.

"She's pushing to improve throughout the year," said Aries.

Madison Dreckman (213), McKenzie Herzberg (191) and Sophia Rivera (185) finished out the Chickasaws' scoring.

The Chickasaws girls will compete in a home make-up meet versus Oelwein on Thursday, February 2.

INDEPENDENCE 2,966, NEW HAMPTON BOYS 2,468

Medalist - Ethan Gonzalez, Independence 457.

New Hampton scores - Landon Marr 189-182-371, Jaxson Porath 167-164-331, Jackson Brincks 203-114-317, Chase Gebel 184-130-314, Jamison Porath 133-146-279, Jarrin Robinson 77-126-203.

INDEPENDENCE 2,661, NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 1,214

Medalist - Cora Nabholz 201-222-423

New Hampton scores - Mary Jane Schmitz 132-111-243, Madison Dreckman 85-128-213, McKenzie Herzberg 91-100-191, Sophia Rivera 104-81-185.



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The Chickasaws' Landon Maar fires away at Bowlaway Lanes in a recent home meet against Independence.

PREP BASKETBALL STANDINGS

NEIC Boys			NEIC Girls		
	Conf.	Overall		Conf.	Overall
Charles City	6-1	10-3	Decorah	7-0	14-2
Waverly-SR	6-1	10-4	Waverly-SR	6-1	10-4
Decorah	4-3	8-5	Waukon	5-2	9-6
New Hampton	3-4	7-8	New Hampton	2-5	7-8
Crestwood	2-5	10-5	Crestwood	1-6	6-9
Waukon	0-7	2-12	Charles City	0-7	0-13

UIC Boys			UIC Girls		
	Conf.	Overall		Conf.	Overall
MFL-Mar-Mac	10-0	14-1	Central Elkader	10-0	14-0
North Fayette V	9-2	9-4	Turkey Valley	11-2	11-5
Clayton Ridge	8-3	11-4	MFL-Mar-Mac	8-3	10-5
South Winn	7-3	8-5	North Fayette V	8-3	8-5
Turkey Valley	6-5	8-6	Clayton Ridge	4-7	5-11
Kee High	3-7	3-11	South Winn	4-7	4-10
Central Elkader	2-7	5-9	West Central	2-8	4-10
Postville	2-10	2-14	Kee High	2-8	3-11
West Central	0-10	2-12	Postville	1-11	1-15

Rebounding guards key to Chickasaw success

NH Boys: From 11

On Tuesday, New Hampton found itself in a dogfight with winless Waterloo Columbus before pulling out a 57-50 win and two nights later, New Hampton fell to Sumner-Fredericksburg 49-46.

“We needed Friday night in the worst way,” New Hampton coach Ryan Rausch said. “We learned that you can’t score two points in a quarter and go 6-for-14 or whatever from the free-throw line and expect to win a game and maybe the best stat from the Waukon was 17-for-20 at the line.”

Early on against Waukon, though, the Indians were providing a pesky test, and New Hampton was struggling to find its offense. Save for Reid Rausch’s 10 points on 4-for-4 shooting from the field, nothing was coming easy to the Chickasaws.

But the second half was a totally different affair as New Hampton’s defense finally led to some easy baskets.

“It was kind of a weird night in that everyone really had a moment or two where they did something that really helped us,” Rausch said. “It wasn’t just one or two guys; it was everyone.”

Rausch and Carter Steinlage were the lone two Chickasaws to reach double figures as both finished with 10 points, but 10 of the 12 Chickasaws who saw the floor scored.

“I know there are people out there that think I’m nuts with how many guys we’re playing,” coach Rausch said, “but every night, it seems like it’s a different guy or two or three stepping up. I feel comfortable throwing anyone out there because they’ve all seen meaningful minutes.”

The other bright spot from last week was the re-emergence

of Steinlage, who scored 23 points in the win over Columbus and then had 16 in the loss to Sumner-Fredericksburg. A year ago, Steinlage averaged 14 points a game, and his productive week raised his average this year from 8.2 to just a point shy of 10 a game.

“We’re moving the ball better, and that’s been a big thing,” Ryan Rausch said. “Carter’s getting more touches, and look, we need him to get those touches. When he’s scoring, it opens up a lot of different things for our basketball team.”

And one area the New Hampton coach was happy with throughout the week was the effort from his guards when it came to the glass.

Gannon Shekleton had 12 rebounds against Columbus and then grabbed 11 more against Sumner-Fredericksburg and seven against Waukon. Meanwhile, Ben Gilbert averaged 5.3 rebounds in the three games.

“I think it’s a stat that gets overlooked,” coach Rausch said. “We have guards who can be very physical, and I think one thing people forget is that if a guard gets a rebound, you’re not throwing that pass to a guard ... instead, you can just get out and go.”

Still, there’s little doubt that the play of the week was by Rausch’s son.

Asked if he felt extra pressure playing for his dad, Reid Rausch emphatically said no. So what was the key for that half of basketball that helped propel New Hampton to a win?

“Honestly, I was thinking way too much out there,” the younger Rausch said. “I was thinking ‘is this a good shot’ or ‘is that a good pass?’ Friday, I don’t know, I just played. I didn’t overthink.”

He paused and laughed.



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New Hampton’s Carsyn Leistikow challenges a shot during Friday’s game against Waukon.

“So I need to think in school,” he said, “and not on the basketball court, right?”

NEW HAMPTON 56, WATERLOO COLUMBUS 50
NH 18 5 22 12 - 57
WC 16 7 17 10 - 50
Ben Gilbert 2-12 5-8 9, Adam Ewert 2-4 1-2 5, Gannon Shekleton 4-13 3-6 11, Carter Steinlage 9-20 5-5 23, Aiden Roberson 0-1 0-0 0, Hunter Serie 0-1 0-0 0, Evan Knowlton 1-2 0-0 3, Nick Brincks 0-4 2-2 2, Carsyn Leistikow 1-3 2-3 4. Totals 19-60 18-26 57.

3-point field goals - Knowlton 1-2, Serie 0-1, Roberson 0-1, Steinlage 0-1, Ewert 0-1, Shekleton 0-3, Gilbert 0-4.

Rebounds - Shekleton 11, Gilbert 5, Ewert 4, Brincks 4, Brincks 4, Steinlage 3, Roberson 2.

Assists - Gilbert 1, Ewert 1, Shekleton 1, Steinlage 1.

Steals - Steinlage 4, Ewert 1.

SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG 49, NEW HAMPTON 46

NH 16 2 14 14 - 46
SF 8 12 15 14 - 49
Gilbert 1-7 3-3 5, Ewert 1-5 1-3 3, Shekleton 4-15 0-3 8, Steinlage 8-13 0-1 16, Knowlton 0-0 0-0 0, Reid Rausch 0-4 0-2 0, Brincks 0-2 0-0 0, Roberson 0-0 0-0 0, Cael Laures 5-9 2-2 12, Leistikow 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 20-57 6-14 46.

3-point field goals - Rausch 0-3, Gilbert 0-4, Shekleton 0-4.
Rebounds - Shekleton 12, Steinlage 11, Gilbert 5, Laures 4, Ewert 1, Brincks 1, Roberson 1, Leistikow 1.

Assists - Shekleton 4, Steinlage 3, Gilbert 2, Ewert 2, Laures 1.

Steals - Ewert 4, Steinlage 3, Gilbert 1.

Blocks - Ewert 1, Shekleton 1, Steinlage 1.

NEW HAMPTON 57, WAUKON 37

Wauk 9 13 4 11 - 37
NH 14 11 19 13 - 57
Gilbert 1-5 2-2 5, Ewert 1-4 2-2 5, Shekleton 1-5 4-6 6, Steinlage 3-13 4-4 10, Roberson 3-5 1-2 7, Serie 0-1 0-0 0, Knowlton 1-1 0-0 3, Carter Newbrough 0-0 0-0 0, Reid Rausch 4-4 1-1 10, Brady Speltz 0-1 0-0 0, Brincks 1-2 2-2 4, Laures 2-2 1-1 5, Leistikow 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 19-45 17-20 57.

3-point field goals - Knowlton 1-1, Rausch 1-1, Ewert 1-2, Gilbert 1-4, Speltz 0-1, Serie 0-1, Shekleton 0-1.

Rebounds - Steinlage 9, Shekleton 7, Gilbert 6, Laures 4, Ewert 4, Brincks 3, Rausch 2, Roberson 1, Speltz 1.

Assists - Shekleton 5, Ewert 3, Steinlage 2, Leistikow 1, Gilbert 1, Newbrough 1, Speltz 1.

Steals - Shekleton 4.

Blocks - Shekleton 3, Laures 2, Roberson 1.

Kandice Eggerichs 0-13 2-4 2, Elaina Rosonke 1-2 0-0 2, Molly Wegner 7-14 5-5 23, Taylor Ries 2-5 1-1 5, Kirsten Reicherts 2-2 0-0 4, Megan Pickar 0-0 0-0 0, Gracie Reicks 0-3 0-0 0, Cora Schwickerath 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 23-58 13-18 66.

3-point field goals - Wegner 4-8, Rochford 3-6, Schwickerath 0-1, Reicks 0-1, Ries 0-1, Eggerichs 0-2.

Rebounds - Rochford 9, Eggerichs 8, Ries 7, Reicks 5, Wegner 4, Reicherts 2, Rosonke 2.

Assists - Rochford 4, Ries 4, Eggerichs 4.

Steals - Rochford 4, Wegner 3, Ries 3, Eggerichs 2, Rosonke 1, Reicherts 1, Reicks 1.

Blocks - Rochford 2, Rosonke 1, Schwickerath 1.

WAUKON 51, NEW HAMPTON 38

Wauk 15 4 20 12 - 51
NH 7 16 6 9 - 38
Rochford 3-9 5-11 12, Eggerichs 5-7 1-3 12, E. Rosonke 1-3 0-0 2, Wegner 2-9 0-0 5, Ries 1-5 0-0 2, Reicherts 2-5 1-2 5, Reicks 0-2 0-2 0, Schwickerath 0-3 0-0 0, Braelyn Rosonke 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 14-44 7-18 38.

3-point field goals - Eggerichs 1-1, Rochford 1-2, Wegner 1-5, Reicherts 0-1.

Rebounds - Eggerichs 8, Reicherts 3, Schwickerath 3, Rochford 2, E. Rosonke 2, Wegner 2, Ries 1.

Assists - Eggerichs 2, Ries 2, Rochford 1, Reicherts 1, Reicks 1, Schwickerath 1.

Steals - Eggerichs 3, B. Rosonke 2, Reicherts 1, Ries 1, E. Rosonke 1, Rochford 1.

Blocks - Ries 1, B. Rosonke 1.

One rout, one nail-biter add up to a sweep

Chickasaw girls cruise to win while the New Hampton boys hold on for win over Warriors

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The result, a New Hampton win, was the same for both the Chickasaw boys and girls basketball teams Monday night, but that’s where the similarity ended.

The New Hampton girls took a few minutes to get going, but once they did, South Winneshiek had no answers as the Chickasaws cruised to a 65-19 win.

The boys, on the other hand? Well, there was a reason New Hampton coach Ryan Rausch wore a weary smile as he exited the locker room after his Chickasaws survived a gritty Warrior team to post a 60-58 win, one that wasn’t sealed until the final second.

But both Rausch and his girls counterpart, David Leichtman, have said throughout the season something to the effect that “we’ll take them however we get them,” and after one rout and one heart tester, both coaches’ teams are now 7-8.

IT TOOK almost three minutes for New Hampton to score its first points in the girls game, but after that, they came in buckets and the Chickasaws put away South Winn early.

Down 4-2, New Hampton got a 3-pointer — a bank shot no less — from Molly Wegner to start a 16-2 run that gave the Chickasaws an 18-6 lead, and they never really looked back.

It was a night where it seemed everyone was involved as 10 Chickasaws found their way into the scorebook. Carlee Rochford led the way with 16 points, Taylor Ries added 11 and Kandice Eggerichs chipped in with nine.

“That was a one-team effort,” Leichtman said, “and I know it’s one thing I preach to the girls. We’re one team, and the ball movement we had, the passes we made to get girls even better shots, that was really fun to watch.”

New Hampton had one of its best shooting nights of the season as the Chickasaws were 27-for-56 (48.2 percent) from the field, and up and down the lineup, they got production from everyone.

“I thought Cora [Schwickerath], for example, played one of her best games,” Leichtman said of his sophomore wing who scored seven points and dished out two assists. “Cora was one of those kids who made a lot of right decisions tonight. When you win 65-19, you have a lot of kids making good decisions.”

THE BOYS game, though, was a vastly different affair, although early in the second half, it looked like New Hampton might pull away from a South Winn team that came into the game 8-5.

Two quick baskets by Aiden Roberson and a Carter Steinlage inside shot made up a 6-0 run that gave New Hampton a 34-25 lead, but the Chickasaws couldn’t put the Warriors away.

Instead, South Winn clawed its way back into the game, and a Kole Hageman bucket tied the game at 42. New Hampton had an answer as Reid Rausch hit a 3-pointer to help the Chickasaws to a 46-44 lead at the end of the third quarter.

A Gannon Shekleton 3-point-er pushed the lead to 51-46, but again South Winn rallied to tie the game at 53 before Shekleton hit a mid-range jumper to give New Hampton the lead for good.

Still, the Warriors had a chance to win the game in the closing seconds, but up 59-58, New Hampton forced a turnover with a second left to put the wraps on a hard-fought victory.

“It’s not that we didn’t play hard,” coach Rausch said, “but our mental execution at times was, well, it was just awful. ... People will say a win is a win, and I get that but we have to be better than we were tonight.”

Steinlage led the way with a double-double as he scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, but it was another stat — five assists — that really pleased New Hampton’s coach.

“All of our bigs really worked on that,” Rausch said. “We’ll do these shooting drills, and I’ll look over and they’re working on their passing. Carter made some great passes tonight, but then all our guys did.”

New Hampton also got 11 points from Shekleton and nine from Roberson.

“Getting Carter going is huge for us,” Rausch said of the senior who has averaged 17.5 points a game in New Hampton’s last four tilts, “but every night, we seem to have someone step up. Tonight, that was Aiden. He got us key baskets at the right time.”

Tuesday’s games started a busy week for both New Hampton teams as they headed to North Fayette Valley tonight (Thursday) and then hit the road again on Friday for a Northeast Iowa Conference game at Decorah.

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 65, SOUTH WINNESHIEK 19

SW 6 2 7 4 - 19
NH 18 17 10 20 - 65

Carlee Rochford 6-10 4-6 16, Kandice Eggerichs 4-6 1-2 9, Elaina Rosonke 1-4 0-0 2, Molly Wegner 1-5 0-0 3, Taylor Ries 5-11 0-0 11, Kirsten Reicherts 3-5 1-1 8, Josie Speltz 0-0 0-0 0, Megan Pickar 2-3 0-0 4, Gracie Reicks 1-4 1-2 3, Cora Schwickerath 3-6 1-2 7, Jackie Pickar 0-0 0-0 0, Braelyn Rosonke 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 27-56 8-13 65.

3-point field goals - Ries 1-2, Reicherts 1-2, Wegner 1-4, Schwickerath 0-1, Rochford 0-2, Reicks 0-2.

Rebounds - Rochford 8, Eggerichs 8, Ries 3, E. Rosonke 2, Wegner 2, M. Pickar 2, Reicks 2, Schwickerath 2, B. Rosonke 1, Reicherts 1.

Assists - Rochford 5, Eggerichs 2, Schwickerath 2, E. Rosonke 1, Wegner 1, Ries 1, M. Pickar 1, J. Pickar 1.

Steals - Eggerichs 4, M. Pickar 4, Rochford 2, E. Rosonke 1, Wegner 1, Ries 1, Reicks 1, B. Rosonke 1.

Blocks - Rochford 2, B. Rosonke 2, Reicks 1.

NEW HAMPTON BOYS 60, SOUTH WINNESHIEK 58

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Ben Gilbert 0-5 2-3 2, Adam Ewert 0-3 2-2 2, Gannon Shekleton 5-10 0-0 11, Carter Steinlage 8-18 5-5 21, Aiden Roberson 4-4 1-2 9, Hunter Serie 0-1 0-0 0, Reid Rausch 2-3 0-0 6, Nick Brincks 0-1 1-2 1, Cael Laures 2-3 0-0 4, Carsyn Leistikow 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 23-46 11-14 60.

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

Rebounds - Steinlage 11, Ewert 3, Shekleton 3, Roberson 3, Leistikow 3, Gilbert 2, Brincks 2, Laures 2, Rausch 1.

Assists - Steinlage 5, Ewert 2, Brincks 2, Gilbert 1, Serie 1, Shekleton 1, Roberson 1.

Steals - Gilbert 1, Ewert 1, Roberson 1.

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STANDINGS	W	L
Mid-Tech Machining	21.5	10.5
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ExSalont	18	14
Rochford Insurance	18	14
Hugeback/Johnson	17.5	14.5
Elma Gals	17	15
Vern Laures Auto	11	21

JAN. 18 RESULTS
End of 2nd third, winners
Mid-Tech Machining
Hugeback/Johnson 2, ExSalont 2

Mid-Tech 2, Vern Laures 2
Elma Gals 2, Geerts Plumbing 2

Rochford Insurance 4, Dummy 0

LEADERS

High individual games:

Kirsty Kirkus 225, Diane Nehl (sub) 222, Rita Geerts 213, twice

High individual series:

Nehl 599, Geerts 575, Lori Carey 555

High team games:

ExSalont 504, Mid-Tech Machining 447, Hugeback/Johnson 440

High team series:

ExSalont 1,325, Hugeback/Johnson 1,290, Elma Gals 1,265

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

Melanie Schmitt 81

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)

Lori Carey 126

Karen Schmitt, Secretary

NH Girls: From 11

23-9 to take a 41-25 lead into the locker room at halftime.

“Columbus is a solid team,” Wegner said, “and that was a nice win for us. I think we’re getting to the point where we trust each other a lot more, we’re moving the ball a lot more. It’s been fun to play with this group of girls because we’re so close.”

In addition to her 30 points, Rochford grabbed nine rebounds, dished out four assists, made four steals and blocked two shots. Kandice Eggerichs added eight rebounds and had four assists while Taylor Ries finished with seven rebounds and four assists.

The momentum from the Columbus game carried over into Friday night’s NEIC game with Waukon as New Hampton used a 16-4 second quarter to take a 23-19 lead into halftime.

“We were able to shut down their posts,” Leichtman said, “and we were able to move the ball really well. If that isn’t the best quarter we’ve played, it’s dang close.”

But foul trouble and Waukon’s inside game spelled doom in the second half as the Indians opened the third quar-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton’s Elaina Rosonke tries to split the Waukon defense during Friday’s game.

ter with an 18-2 run. Making matters worse, Rochford fouled out in the frame, and despite a gritty effort, New Hampton fell to 6-8 overall and 2-5 in the NEIC.

Rochford had 12 points before fouling out while Eggerichs had one of her best offensive games of the season — hitting 5 of 7 shots and scoring 12 points. Eggerichs also led the Chickasws with eight rebounds

and three steals.

“The key for Kandice is that she was able to finish near the rim,” Leichtman said. “I hope it’s a confidence builder for us. The more people we have capable of scoring, the better team we’re going to be.”

NEW HAMPTON 66, WATERLOO COLUMBUS 58

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Chickasaws gear up for biggest meet of season

State berths on the line at Luther College in Decorah as super regionals get under way on Friday

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Dreams could become reality for a contingent of Chickasaws Friday at Luther College.

That's where the first sanctioned girls regional wrestling tournament will take place and New Hampton/Turkey Valley is looking to send as many grapplers as they can to the Xstream Arena in Coralville next month.

NH/TV will be no stranger to the Luther College venue – which is one of four super regionals in the state that will help fill out 32-girl state brackets in each weight class. Regionals 7 and 8 will be held in Decorah on the campus of Luther College. The three other hosting sites are the Alliant Energy PowerHouse in Cedar Rapids, the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City and the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

“That will help – being familiar with this place,” said NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli. “We’re happy to be going up there. The things that we’re looking forward to is a little bit of new competition, which I think makes us dangerous. If you don’t know how we wrestle and you haven’t seen us before – I know our schedule has put us in a position to do really well.”

The top four girls in each weight class at each of the eight regions qualify for the inaugural state tournament.

NH/TV has already competed at Luther College during December’s South Winneshiek Invite and took part in the Decorah Tournament held there last Saturday.

Several of Ciavarelli’s wrestlers have legitimate shots at cracking the state field. One thing is for sure – no matter how many wrestlers NH/TV sends to state – it won’t be for a lack of quality competition.

“Even if our records don’t always show it, we’ve been battle-tested. We’re looking forward to six-minute hard matches and that’s what’s going to get it done if you want to qualify for state,” said Ciavarelli.

Chickasaw senior Ali Russler (38-4) – ranked fourth at 145 pounds – once again battled fifth-rated Haidyn Snyder of Waverly-Shell Rock. Russler defeated Snyder, 3-1, in last week Thursday’s dual versus the Go-Hawks – an NEIC meet hosted by the Chickasaws that W-SR won 52-18.

Snyder was able to gain her first win over Russler in the first-place match at Decorah and break Russler’s 29-match win streak with a 4-3 decision. Russler pinned Snyder at the Dan Gable Donnybrook and nipped Snyder 3-1 at South Winn Invite.

Russler qualified for the state tournament last year, but did not place.

Chickasaw freshman Keira



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley sophomore Aleah Eichenberger (above) wrestles in the Osage Tournament earlier this season and Chickasaw sophomore Kaylee Johnson (below) stays on top of an opponent at the same invite.

Myers (26-14) also tangled with a familiar opponent last week as she duked it out once again with No. 8 sophomore McKenzie Tollefson (22-8) of Decorah. Myers won 5-2 over Tollefson in the 140-pound consolation semis at Decorah. Myers went on to pin Mya Peterson of the North Central Trailblazers in 2:25 for third place.

Tollefson pinned Myers in a dual in early December and also stuck her at the Central Scramble in late November.

Myers has a very good chance to become a state qualifier if she can keep progressing like Ciavarelli said she has over the course of the last two months.

“She’s really been coming on strong here,” said Ciavarelli. “On her feet, bottom and on top – she’s just been wrestling a lot more solid. She’s staying out of certain situations that she used to get in trouble with. She’s just wrestling very smart. It’s just all starting to come together for her.”

Myers lone loss of the day was to No. 3 Kiara Djoumessi (38-0) of Waverly-Shell Rock. Djoumessi has pinned Myers all three times she has faced the Chickasaw rising star.

Aleah Eichenberger, a sophomore that sports a record of 23-16, went toe-to-toe with Karissa Oldenburger of W-SR twice on Saturday. Eichenberger won 5-3 over the Go-Hawk 190-pounder in the quarterfinal round on Saturday. Oldenburger was able to get a late third-period takedown over Eichenberger in the third-place match to win 2-1.

The NEIC standouts have split four matches this season.

“Every time we’ve wrestled it’s been really close,” said Ciavarelli. “It’s just kind of how that matchup has been between them. You don’t really know who’s going to come out on top until the match is over.”

NH/TV sophomore Allie Johnson placed eighth at 155 pounds. She pinned Audrey Ruff of MFL-Mar-Mac in her wrestle-back in 5:42 and lost a heartbreaking 3-2 tiebreaker to Olivia Bossom of Waukon in the seventh-place match.

WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 52, NH/TV 18

100 - Amber Hoth (WSR) won by forfeit. 105 - Macy Tiedt (WSR) won by forfeit. 115 - Kiley Homeister-Van Lengen (WSR) maj. dec. Kaylee Wertz, 11-1. 120 - Brinley Meier (WSR) pinned Zoey Dreckman, 0:24. 125 - Kyla Foy (WSR) won by forfeit. 130 - Eva Heise (WSR) pinned Maycen Hackman, 0:57. 135 - Lily Stough (WSR) pinned Olivia Hoy, 1:29.

140 - Kiara Djoumessi (WSR) pinned Keira Myers, 1:23. 145 - Ali Russler (NHTV) dec. Haidyn Snyder, 3-1. 155 - Kaylee Johnson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 170 - Allie Johnson (NHTV) dec. Alexis Johnson, 8-3. 190 - Aleah Eichenberger (NHTV) pinned Alexandria Johnson, 1:37. 235 - Madison Hinrichs (WSR) won by forfeit.

DECORAH TOURNAMENT TEAM SCORES

Waverly-Shell Rock 241, Decorah 236, North Central Trailblazers 128, Sumner-Fredericksburg 128, Mason City 122, Crestwood 102, South Winneshiek 84, North Fayette Valley 82, Waukon 76, New Hampton/Turkey Valley 70, MFL-Mar-Mac 60, AGWSR 52, Nashua-Plainfield 51, Postville 33, Oelwein 25, Lewiston-Altura 0.

NH/TV RESULTS

120 - Dreckman did not place.



Champ. Round 1 - Annaston Stene (NCTB) pinned Dreckman, 1:55. Cons. Round 1 - Dreckman pinned Emma Woodson (OEL), 2:51. Cons. Round 2 - Claire Rye (NCTB) pinned Dreckman, 1:31.

130 - Hackman did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Hackman pinned Macie Johnson (WSR), 3:24. Quarterfinal - Lilly Stough (WSR) pinned Hackman, 0:27. Cons. Round 2 - Grace Zweibohmer (SVV) dec. Hackman, 6-5.

135 - Hoy did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Alexis Oakland (NFV) pinned Hoy, 1:59. Cons. Round 2 - Ava Bossom (WAU) pinned Hoy, 2:17. 140 - Myers placed third. Quarterfinal - Myers pinned Gracie Kuhn (NFV), 1:35. Semifinal - Kiara Djoumessi (WSR) pinned Myers, 0:34. Cons. Semi - Myers dec. McKenzie Tollefson (DEC), 5-2. 3rd Place Match - Myers pinned Mya Peterson (NCTB), 2:25.

145 - Ali Russler placed second. Quarterfinal - Russler pinned Isabella Sailor (DEC), 1:02. Semifinal - Russler pinned Lauren Luzum (DEC), 2:31.

1st Place Match - Haidyn Snyder (WSR) dec. Russler, 4-3.

155 - Kaylee Johnson did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Saydey Scholbrock (CRE) pinned Johnson, 4:28. Cons. Round 1 - Johnson pinned Reagan Lubahn (WAU), 1:51. Cons. Round 2 - Olivia Bossom (WAU) dec. Johnson, 5-4.

155 - Allie Johnson placed eighth. Champ. Round 1 - Johnson dec. Navaeh Bloker, 9-5. Quarterfinal - Trinity Rotgers (AGWSR) pinned Johnson, 2:38. Cons. Round 2 - Johnson pinned Audrey Ruff (MFL), 5:42. Cons. Round 3 - Annaleissa Arnold (DEC) pinned Johnson, 2:54. 7th Place Match - Bossom (WAU) tiebreaker Johnson, 3-2.

170 - Aleah Eichenberger placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Eichenberger dec. Karissa Oldenburger (WSR), 5-3. Semifinal - Naomi Simon (DEC) pinned Eichenberger, 0:57. Cons. Semi - Eichenberger pinned Ariana Menne (POST), 1:08. 3rd Place Match - Oldenburger (WSR) dec. Eichenberger, 2-1.

McShane tangles with Go-Hawks’ Hagarty in NEIC showdown

NH/TV WR: FROM 11

would be cool to be able to be down on the mat this year.”

NH/TV 195-pounder Braden McShane has put on about 15 pounds of muscle since he placed fourth at state last year a sophomore at 182 pounds.

McShane (31-3) tangled with top-ranked and two-time defending state champ McCrae Hagarty of W-SR on Thursday. Hagarty gave McShane just his third loss of the season, 10-4.

McShane, ranked sixth according to IAWrestle, is confident he’ll have plenty of company down at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines at the traditional state tournament if all goes as planned at districts.

“I think we can bring at least six kids down this year – maybe seven if it plays out right,” said McShane. “I think the one tournament is actually going to be a lot more helpful for some younger kids. It will help the younger guys with the confidence.”

NH/TV senior Ben Tenge (16-3) is back out on the mat after missing around a month of competition. The sixth-ranked wrestler at 170 pounds earned a 3-2 win over GHV’s Michael Ohotto and pinned NFV’s Michael Baumler in the first period. Tenge, a state qualifier last year, also topped Nathan Blaschke of Fennimore, 5-2.

Isaac Howe (22-7), another key senior that wrestled at state last year, lost a close 8-5 decision to W-SR’s Cole Thompson on Thursday. Howe, ranked 11th, won in sudden victory over Parker Moritz of GHV, 3-1. Howe lost another tight match to Fennimore’s Wyatt Ahnen, 9-5.

Karson Kolbet, a junior that is now 28-12 on the year, pinned NFV’s Logan Boehm in the first period (1:24) at 160

pounds.

NH/TV was supposed to wrestle Waukon at Denver but that match did not take place as the Chickasaws will square off against the Indians over the weekend at the league get-together.

WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 52, NH/TV 9

106 - Taylor Kibbee (WSR) won by forfeit. 113 - Ryker Graff (WSR) pinned Braiden Schaufenbuel, 2:51. 120 - Alek Hornyak (WSR) pinned Ty Moudry, 1:00. 126 - Hunter Humpal (NHTV) won by forfeit. 132 - Jayden Bucknell (NHTV) dec. Sam Hornyak, 6-2. 138 - Zane Behrends (WSR) dec. Peyton Anderson, 7-3. 145 - Brady Roling (WSR) dec. Burke Busta, 10-3.

152 - Bas Diaz (WSR) pinned Leander Reicks, 0:32. 160 - Ethan Bibler (WSR) maj. dec. Karson Kolbet, 10-2. 170 - Danny Diaz (WSR) dec. Ben Tenge, 9-3. 182 - Cole Thompson (WSR) dec. Isaac Howe, 8-5. 195 - McCrae Hagarty (WSR) dec. Braden McShane, 10-4. 220 - Caden Wetherell (WSR) dec. Ethan Swehla, 4-3. 285 - Jake Walker (WSR) won by forfeit.

NH/TV JV RESULTS

126 - Layne Epley (WSR) maj. dec. Caleb Utley, 9-1. 126 - McCoy McClravy (WSR) pinned Weston Praska, 2:58. 132 - Chase Humpal (NHTV) pinned Epley, 3:51. 138 - Gehrig Tibbitts (WS) pinned Emmett Kuehner, 1:18. 145 - Mekyver Hagarty (WSR) pinned Jacob Frahm, 1:25. 145 - Deegan Lewis (WSR) pinned Adam Waddell, 1:58. 160 - Porter Behrends (WSR) pinned Parker Reicks, 3:19. 170 - Zander Wedemeier (WSR) pinned Quentin Reicks, 1:41.

DENVER DUAL RESULTS NH/TV 63, GHV 12

126 - H. Humpal (NHTV) pinned Jace Hendrickson, 4:26. 132 - Bucknell (NHTV) won by forfeit. 138 - Anderson (NHTV) pinned James Cash, 3:22. 145 - Busta (NHTV) pinned Parker Stearns, 1:57. 152 - Lucas Kral (GHV) pinned Frahm, 2:58. 160 - Kolbet (NHTV) won by forfeit. 170 - Tenge (NHTV) dec. Michael Ohotto, 3-2.

182 - Howe (NHTV) sudden victory Parker Moritz, 3-1. 195 - McShane (NHTV) pinned Jacob Hansen, 0:46. 220 - Swehla (NHTV) pinned Trenton Robinson, 1:14. 285 - Tristan Smith (GHV) won by forfeit. 106 - Bruess (NHTV) sudden victory Kaleb Feld, 12-10. 113 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) won by forfeit. 120 -



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Chickasaw senior Isaac Howe looks to make a move against Wyatt Ahnen of Fennimore at the Denver Duals on Saturday at 182 pounds.

Moudry (NHTV) won by forfeit.

NH/TV 39, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 33

132 - Nick Koch (NFV) maj. dec. Bucknell, 12-0. 138 - Anderson (NHTV) pinned Caden Kerr, 5:06. 145 - Jesse Grimes (NFV) dec. Busta, 4-3. 152 - Kenny Kerr (NFV) pinned L. Reicks, 1:24. 160 - Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Logan Boehm, 1:24. 170 - Tenge (NHTV) pinned Michael Baumler, 0:40. 182 - Howe (NHTV) won by forfeit.

195 - Swehla (NHTV) dec. Malachi Roghlisberger, 10-6. 220 - McShane (NHTV) pinned Layne Kleppe, 0:44. 285 - James Baumler (NFV) won by forfeit. 106 - Bruess (NHTV) won by forfeit. 113 - Kyson Moss (NFV) dec. Schaufenbuel, 5-3. 120 - Jaxson Lundgren (NFV) pinned Moudry, 3:00. 126 - Tate Germann

(NFV) tech. fall H. Humpal, 16-0.

FENNIMORE 51, NH/TV 21

138 - Ian Crapp (F) pinned Anderson, 0:45. 145 - Syler Zdanczewicz (F) maj. dec. Busta, 12-0. 152 - Max Miles (F) pinned L. Reicks, 0:21. 160 - Tristan Steldt (F) tech. fall Kolbet, 16-1. 170 - Tenge (NHTV) dec. Nathan Blaschke, 5-1. 182 - Wyatt Ahnen (F) dec. Howe, 9-5. 195 - McShane (NHTV) pinned Drew Crubel, 0:32.

220 - Cameron Wolf (F) dec. Swehla, 11-5. 285 - Evan Gratz (F) won by forfeit. 106 - Cade Birchman (F) pinned Bruess, 2:57. 113 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Dalton Leffler, 1:10. 120 - Brett Birchman (F) pinned Moudry, 1:44. 126 - Amryn Nutter (F) pinned H. Humpal, 3:13. 132 - Bucknell (NHTV) won by forfeit.

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THURSDAY

New Hampton basketball at North Fayette Valley, JV girls at 4:15 p.m., JV boys at 5:30, varsity girls at 6:45 and varsity boys at 8 p.m.

NH/TV JV wrestling, NEIC tournament at Waverly-Shell Rock, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

NH/TV girls regionals wrestling at Luther College, 11 a.m.

New Hampton basketball at Decorah, JV girls at 4:15 p.m., JV boys at 5:30, varsity girls at 6:45 and varsity boys at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NH/TV boys conference wrestling at Waukon, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley basketball vs. Clayton Ridge, JV boys at 1 p.m., varsity girls and boys to follow

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley basketball vs. Central Elkader, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys, varsity girls and varsity boys to follow

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

NH/TV at girls state wrestling, Coralville XTREAM Arena, TBA

New Hampton basketball vs. Central Springs, 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.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

NH/TV at girls state wrestling, Coralville XTREAM Arena, TBA

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.

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 15 Jan. 18

	W	L	GB
Butch's II	64	53	0
Dak's Tap II	64	53	0
Dak's Tap I	61	56	3
Butch's I	58	59	6
Bowlaway	57	51	7
Schucky's	55	62	9
Hide A Way	46	71	18

RESULTS

Butch's I 5, Butch's II 4
Dak's Tap II 6, Schucky's 3

Dak's Tap 7, Hide A Way 2
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THREE-GAME WINNERS

Butch's I - Tina Britt & Jodi Bobenmoyer
Dak's Tap I - Sheila Schwickerath & Pat Halvorson
Dak's Tap II - Jess McCabe & Staci Vrzak

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 14 Jan. 16

	W	L
Brite Spot	72	54
Big Willie's	70	56
HereZ 2 U	62	64
Dak's Tap 2	62	64
Dak's Tap 1	58	68
VFW	56	70
Butch's 2	54	72
Butch's I	53	64
The Pub	53	64
Hide-A-Way	49	77
The Office	41	76

RESULTS

Hide-A-Way 5, Dak's Tap 1 4
Butch's 1 5, The Pub 4
Dak's Tap 2 5, Butch's 2 4

Big Willie's 7, VFW 2
Brite Spot 7, HereZ 2 U 2
The Office, bye

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The Pub: Scott & Jeremy

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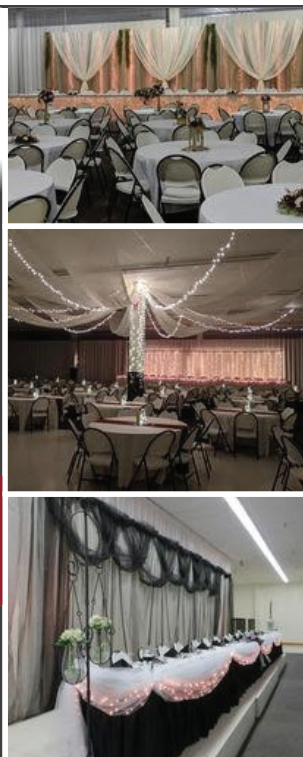
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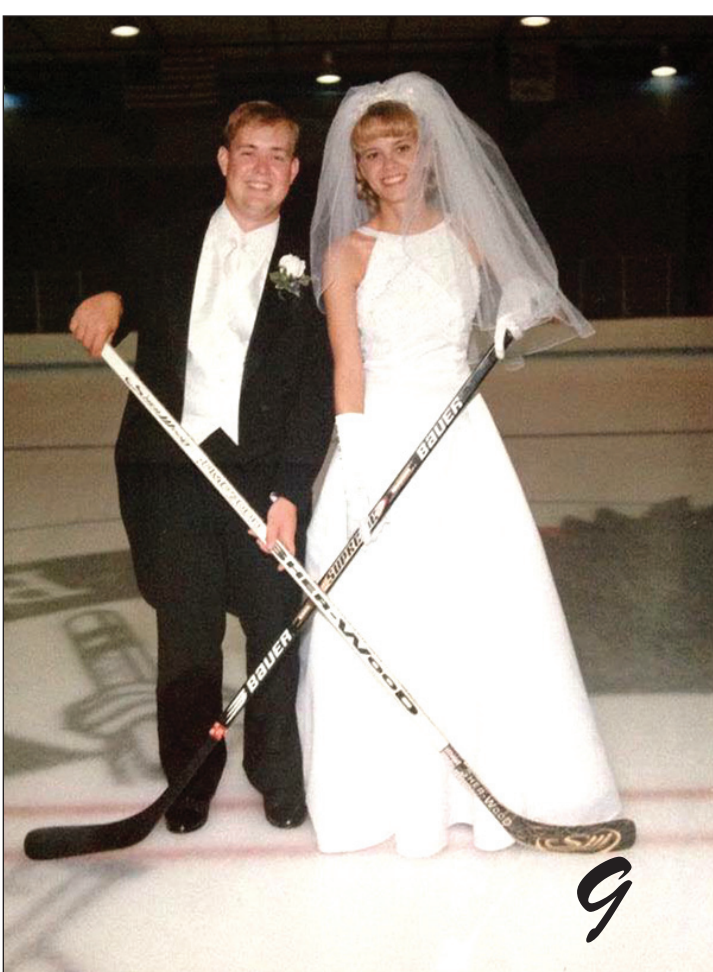
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Say yes to the dress!

Tips on how to find the ideal wedding dress

Planning a wedding requires making many different decisions.

The choice of wedding attire is among the most crucial decisions that couples must make.

Whether the wedding is traditional or customized to suit couples' personalities, brides and grooms want to look their best when they say, "I do."

Many brides-to-be spend a significant amount of time looking for their ideal wedding dresses.

What defines the right gown depends on personal preference and is unique to the person doing the search. For example, a dress that sets a fairy tale scene for one bride may not necessarily align with the tastes of another.

According to Bridal Atelier, the average bride-to-be tries on try three to seven dresses before finding the right one.

The following tips can help

those shopping for dresses find a look that makes their big day even more special.

1. Don't get hung up on perfection

Many brides get caught up as they search for the one dress they consider perfect.

No dress is likely to check every box.

Getting hung up on a desire to find a dress that has it all may make it hard to see the beauty in other dresses.

Remember, with the talents of an experienced tailor or seamstress, most dresses can be tweaked to suit your vision of the ideal gown.

2. Consider the season

Getting married during the hazy and humid days of summer is an entirely different experience than tying the knot during the heart of winter.

The fabric of the wedding dress should complement the season, whether it's lightweight

and breezy for a warm day, or more substantial and cozy when darting to the ceremony in snowfall.

3. Flatter your figure

Chances are brides-to-be know which cuts and styles are most flattering. Mimic those style choices in the wedding dress.

If you want to take focus off of full hips, choose a basque or asymmetrical waistline. Gowns with substantial straps or higher necklines may be better if you have a larger chest.

Sheath and mermaid style gowns are options if you are confident with your figure and want to show off your curves.

4. Try a bit of this and that

Don't go into a wedding dress appointment with firm parameters. Although you may have a ball gown style in mind, after trying on other options something with a less voluminous

silhouette may actually catch your eye.

Many brides also automatically defer to strapless gowns, when various straps and sleeves can be very appealing.

5. Arrive with a firm budget

Weddings can be costly. It's important to set a budget for the wedding dress just as you will with other expenses.

There are plenty of dress designers across a wide spectrum of price points.

A willingness to consider and ultimately purchase a less costly dress can help you stay on budget.

Browsing through magazines and looking online can provide wedding dress inspiration as well.

Also, when in doubt, defer to the experts at bridal shops who have experience choosing dresses that brides are inclined to love.

Great gift ideas for wedding party members

Brides- and grooms-to-be select people who are near and dear to their hearts to be special parts of their momentous days. So the chance to participate in a friend's or family member's wedding is a great honor.

A wedding party plays a key role in both the ceremony and reception. Participants do everything from helping couples make decisions to addressing invitations to providing emotional support. As so much is asked of the wedding party — particularly the maid/matron of honor and bridesmaids — it's customary to bestow gifts on those people who devoted so much time and effort to the wedding. These potential bridesmaid gifts can serve as a thoughtful and unique way to thank bridesmaids for all that they've done.

- **Photo books:** Gift the bridesmaids with photo books of carefully curated photographs taken throughout the wedding planning experience. Pepper the books with other photos, such as images of you with the bridesmaids at fun moments throughout your lives together.

- **Portrait wine or champagne glasses:** Beverage glasses customized with the bridesmaids' likenesses painted or printed onto them make for great gifts. Bridesmaids will enjoy sipping their favorite drinks in special glasses for years to come.

- **Personalized phone cases:** Who doesn't rely on their mobile phones these days? Treat your bridesmaids to something special with colorful phone cases with their names embossed or printed on the outsides.

- **Wellness or spa gift card:** After all of the running around for the wedding, bridesmaids may need a little extra pampering. Gift cards to a local spa can fit the bill.

- **Birthstone jewelry:** Necklaces, rings or earrings become that much more special when they're customized to the recipients. Purchase jewelry with your bridesmaids' birthstones so they'll be as unique as each woman.

- **Friendship bracelets:** Gift each bridesmaid with beaded friendship bracelets that features all of the ladies' initials. Be sure to keep one for yourself, and you all can enjoy nights on the town showcasing your special bracelets.

- **Monogrammed robes or purses:** A customized pocket-book, robe or another item bridesmaids will use every day can make for an extra-special item that will serve as a daily reminder of how much you appreciate them.



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We started our wedding guide with two pages of pictures from 11 couples' wedding days.

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Budgeting for your big day

Wedding planning is a unique experience unlike any endeavor most couples will ever encounter. Much effort goes into planning a wedding, and that includes building a budget that ensures the big day will be fun without breaking the bank.

Most couples planning a wedding have never tied the knot before, so it can be difficult to determine a reasonable amount to spend.

It's easy to go overboard when planning a wedding, and couples may find their list of wants and, consequently, their expenses, growing as they get into the weeds of wedding planning. Though it might require some difficult decisions, couples can keep these tips in mind so they can build a wedding budget that won't land them in debt after saying, "I do."

• **Determine funding.** The days when a bride's parents would finance the wedding entirely on their own are largely a thing of the past. According to a recent WeddingWire Newlywed Report, parents now pay for 52 percent of wedding expenses.

As couples begin establishing a wedding budget, it's imperative that they first determine who, if anyone, will be helping them finance the big day.

Fifty-two percent of wedding expenses is a significant amount of money, but in that scenario, couples will still need to come up with roughly half of the money needed to fund their wed-

dings. Couples without substantial savings may be forced to cut back in order to avoid beginning their life as a married couple in debt.

• **Make a list of potential expenses.** It's important that couples get an accurate estimate of how much it may cost them to get married in a given city. Couples who met in a city and still live in a city but grew up in a suburb might save a considerable sum by getting married in their hometowns.

Compare and contrast prices in locales you're considering, and then build your budget accordingly. This can help you avoid sticker shock and going over budget.

Notable expenses to budget include the venue, attire (i.e., wedding dress and tuxedo rental), hairstyle and makeup, entertainment, photography, and transportation, among others.

• **Make a list of what's most important.** Most couples will have to compromise in order to avoid taking on debt to finance their weddings. An earnest discussion about what's most important to each person can ensure you both get what you want.

Each person can make a list of their priorities, ranking them from most important to least important. Once lists are shared, couples can see where their priorities converge and where they diverge.

Any items that rank low on each person's list of priorities can be afforded less funding, while those that are high on each list can take up more of the budget, if necessary.

• **Commit to a limit before spending a dime.**

Committing to a limit before spending a dime can help couples keep wedding costs more manageable. Once that number is defined, couples can then work within its parameters, which can make potentially difficult decisions a little easier by narrowing options.

Make that Valentine's Day proposal extra special

Feb. 14 is a day dedicated to love. And for couples who are pondering their futures together, Valentine's Day may seem tailor-made for wedding proposals.

According to a survey of 1,000 married adults by James Allen, an online diamond and bridal jewelry retailer, people really love getting engaged on Valentine's Day.

Forty-three percent of Millennials report favoring Valentine's Day for proposals — whether they're doing the asking or being asked.

There are a few things to keep in mind when considering whether or not to pop the question on Valentine's Day.

Here are some ideas for planning the proposal on the day made for love:

Make it your own

Even if the proposal is taking place on one of the most popular days of the year to get engaged, interject some personality into the occasion. Include important elements that are dear to the person to whom you are proposing, such as favorite flowers or a preferred restaurant.

Restaurant reservations may be hard to come by on Valentine's Day, so you may want to select a more private meal at home or something catered unless you want to share your proposal with a crowd.

Visit possible locations in advance

Think about where you would like to propose and visit those areas at different times of the day.

Timing a proposal during sunset with the rays creating a warm glow on a park bench or on the incoming tide can make it more magical.

Adjust proposal area plans for busier crowds expected on Valentine's Day.

Have the ring at the ready

Jewelry shops are in demand around Valentine's Day, so be sure to choose and have the ring sized well in advance of the proposal.

This ensures the ring will be ready in time. If the ring will be a surprise, get hints beforehand to understand your loved one's design tastes.

Consider bringing a friend along when shopping to offer support and advice.

Use chocolate to your advantage

Boxes of chocolate are ubiquitous on Valentine's Day. Nestle the ring inside of a box of truffles or another favorite confection and have the question "Will you marry me?" attached to the inside of the box.

Hire a photographer

Work with a photographer to capture the moment, whether it's a professional photographer or a friend enlisted for the task.

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