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Despite threatening weather, the Turkey Valley elementary concert was held Friday, where above, Madelynn Tlusty and Brody Shimek sing for the first and second grade group. “Ultimately, we knew our concert would not take very long and most would be able to leave before the storm kicked in,” band instructor Melissa Meyer said. “Elementary students are allowed to leave after the concert with their parents, so buses had fewer stops.” Below, students from third and fourth grades sing.



John Svendsen and Rubi Seitz jingle bells for the kindergarten group while in the sixth grade band, Courtney Ball and Nora Chicken play trumpet.



During the first concert of the season, a few older students perform with the fifth grade band, helping with “nervousness.” The band played after Alex Gisleson and his vocal students, including the fifth and sixth grade students at right, took the stage.





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Infusions are available for eligible patients at hospital

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part to protect themselves, their loved ones and their neighbors by getting vaccinated.”

She pointed out that adult vaccinations and boosters are available at Public Health and MercyOne New Hampton Family Clinic by appointment, and she added that the hospital will hold a second vaccination clinic for children this Wednesday. The first clinic was held last Wednesday and about three dozen children received vaccinations. This week’s clinic still has openings and appointments can be made by going to MercyOne’s Facebook page or by calling 641-394-1688.

Haggerty said the hospital and clinic are continuing to care for COVID positive patients both in the hospital and as outpatients. She added that certain COVID patients may qualify for a monoclonal antibody infusion, “which is administered in our emergency department after the patient is identified by their clinic provider as a candidate.”

She said supplies of the infusion are limited and that patients must meet certain requirements set by the FDA to receive the infusion. If the

requirements are met, the patient will be contacted and scheduled, by the Emergency Room staff, with a date and time to report for the infusion. This may take up to 24 hours, before contact is made.

Haggerty said the hospital currently has four inpatient rooms designated to care for COVID positive patients.

“To protect our patients and colleagues, visitor restrictions are still in place,” she said. “If a patient needs to be transferred to a larger facility, for any health reason, we have excellent working relationships with several hospitals across the state.”

But she again pointed out that many hospitals simply don’t have ICU beds available.

Welter, meanwhile, has emphasized that those who are sick, be it with COVID or another illness, need to stay home and follow guidelines to help slow the spread of the virus.

Since the first COVID-19 case was reported in April 2020, 1,939 positive tests for the virus have been recorded, and earlier last week, the county’s positivity rate reached 17 percent, the highest it had been since early last winter, although by Friday, it had dropped to 10 percent.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Kimber and Tegan Dungey (above) help organize donations to the food pantry while the Shatek children — (right) Benjamin and Sophia — pose for a picture with the man of the hour during Breakfast with Santa that was held Saturday at the New Hampton Community Center.

Breakfast with Santa back to normal in 2021

BREAKFAST: FROM 1

along Spring Street.

“This is way better,” Kramer said as families ate a breakfast of French toast sticks, eggs and sausages, kids hopped up (some more willingly than others) on Santa’s lap and families departed with a book and treat bags. “Last year was fine and probably the right thing to do, but this is a much better way to have the event.”

Kramer said one of the keys to making Breakfast with Santa work each year is the number of volunteers who help prepare and serve the food, hand out drinks and distribute gift bags and books.

“This doesn’t work without

them,” he said, “and I probably say that every year but it is true so I guess I’m going to keep saying it.”

Admission to the event was a canned food item to the Chickasaw County Food Pantry, which also received monetary donations from several families. Meanwhile, Santa remained pretty busy even if his “line” wasn’t as long as in past years.

He couldn’t help but laugh when asked about this year’s kids.

“For the most part, they’re a pretty nice bunch,” he said, “and I haven’t seen too many that are on the naughty list but I’ve reminded those kids there is still time to get on that nice list.”



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There's no right or wrong way to handle holiday shopping tasks, though Christmas Eve crowds at malls and throughout shopping districts suggest that there's more late comers than there are early birds. The following tips can help those who typically wait until the last minute to check names off their lists.

• **Create a budget.** When rushing around from store to store, it may be easy to spend more than you want to. Make a list of how much you want to spend on each person, and stick to that limit for each person. Move on to the next store

if you didn't find what you need in your price range.

• **Establish a time limit.** Stores have strategies in place to keep shoppers in their establishments longer, hoping you'll make impulse buys. These tricks include scenting the air with inviting aromas, putting necessities at the rear of the store, failing to display the time, and putting discounted items by the registers or door to attract shoppers. Set an alarm on your watch or phone for each store so you get what you need and get out on time.

• **Subdivide bulk gifts.** Think about purchasing bulk gifts like gift baskets from wholesale clubs and then breaking them down into individual gifts. This way you can gift several people on one purchase and save time in the process.

• **Choose one-size-fits-all gifts.** Think about a gift that can be purchased

for multiple people so you can save time shopping for individualized gifts for everyone. For example, print a personalized photo calendar for several members of your family. You also can purchase multiple subscriptions or memberships to zoos or magazines for people on your list. Streamlining gifting in this way may save money as well as time.

• **Choose in-store pickup.** Rather than scouring various aisles, you can shop a retailer's website and then pick up items in the store. You'll save on potential shipping fees but still benefit by avoiding crowds.

Some people wait until the last minute to do their holiday shopping. A few tricks of the procrastinator's trade can make last-minute shopping go smoothly.

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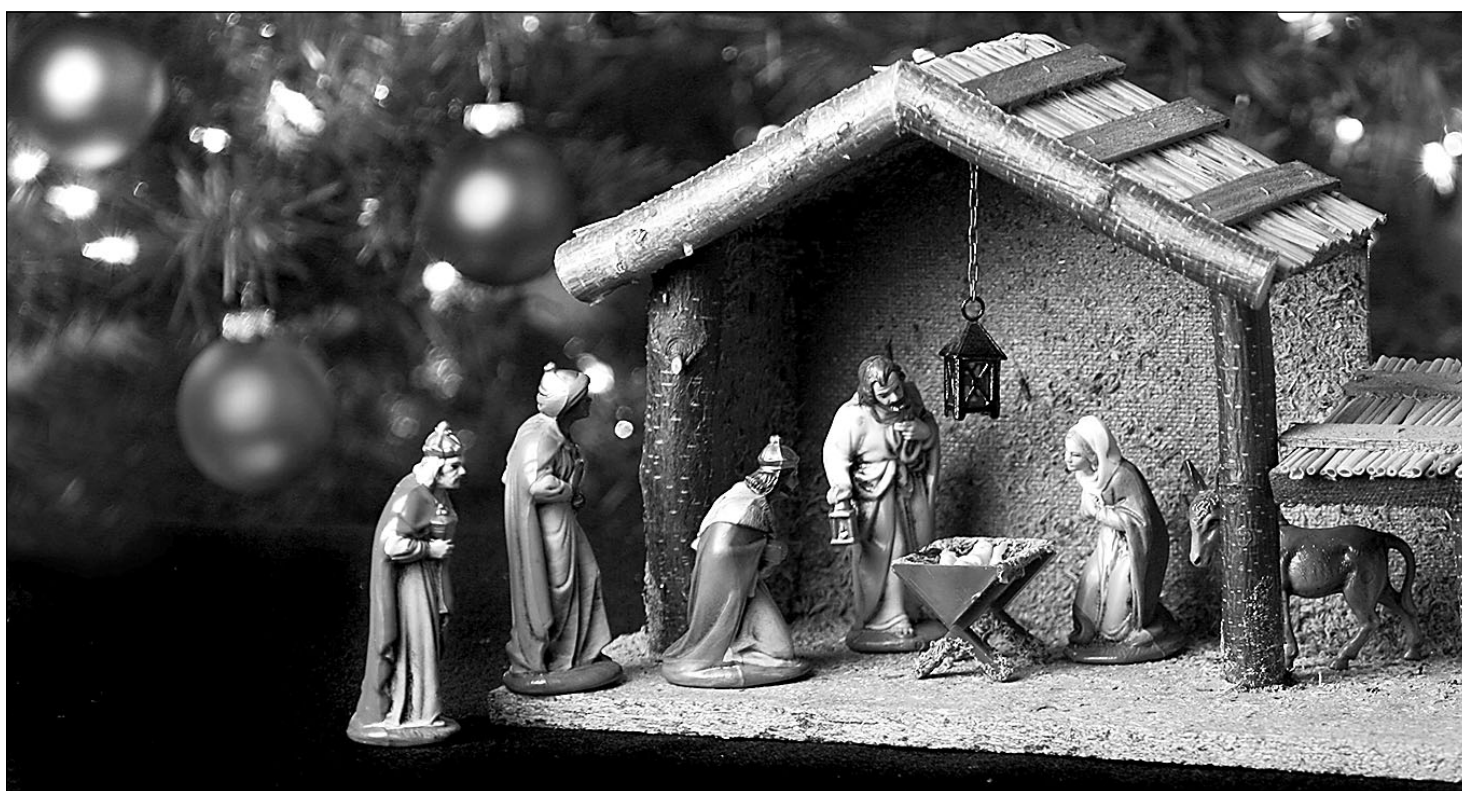
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The word nativity comes from the Latin term natus, which means “born.” The Bible mentions the nativity of several prominent characters, but today the term is used primarily in connection with the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Nativity of Jesus in the Bible
Jesus' birth is described in Matthew 1:18-2:12 and Luke 2:1-21. Here is a snippet of the story:

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ... All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. (Luke 2:1-7, NLT)

For centuries, scholars have debated the time of Christ's birth. Some believe it was in April, others suggest December, but it is generally agreed that the year was 4 B.C.,

based on Bible verses, Roman records, and the writings of the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus.

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, Old Testament prophets foretold the circumstances of the Messiah's nativity. Those prophecies came true, as recorded in Matthew and Luke. The odds against all the Old Testament prophecies being fulfilled in one person, Jesus, are astronomical.

Among those prophecies was the prediction that the Messiah would be born in the city of Bethlehem, a small village about five miles southwest of Jerusalem. Bethlehem was the birthplace of King David, from whose line the Messiah, or Savior, was supposed to come.

Only through a series of supernatural circumstances did this prophecy come true. The Roman Empire ordered a census of all Jewish citizens, but it required that people return to their birthplace. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, was born in Bethlehem, so he left his current home in Nazareth and took his pregnant wife Mary back to his hometown.

Shortly after Jesus' birth, he was visited by shepherds who had been told of the event by an angel. Perhaps as much as two years later, a group of wise men, or kings from the east, also came to pay homage. These visits meant Jesus would be a Savior for all people, both great and small.

God promised to be not just for us but also among us. In the book of Isaiah, the Messiah is called Immanuel, meaning “God with us.” Jesus' name in Hebrew, Yeshua, means “Yahweh [the Lord] is Salvation.” Translated from the ancient

Greek of the New Testament to modern English, this name becomes “Jesus.” After Christ's ascension into heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to live inside every believer, making God truly “with us.”

Bethlehem is home to the Church of the Nativity, built by Constantine the Great and his empress mother Helena (circa A.D. 330). Beneath the church is a grotto that is said to house the cave (stable) where Jesus was born.

The First Nativity Scene

The first nativity scene, or creche, was created by Francis of Assisi in 1223. He gathered local people in Italy to portray the biblical characters and used a figure made of wax to represent the infant Jesus. The portrayal quickly caught on, and live and sculpted nativity scenes spread all over Europe.

Nativity scenes were popular with painters such as Michelangelo, Raphael, and Rembrandt. The event is depicted in stained glass windows in churches and cathedrals throughout the world.

Today, many Christians display a nativity scene featuring figurines depicting Jesus' birth when they put up their Christmas decorations. Nativity scenes of Jesus often come up in the news in lawsuits when they are displayed on public property. In the United States, courts have ruled that religious symbols cannot be displayed on taxpayer-supported property, due to the constitutional separation of church and state. In Europe, atheists and anti-religion groups have protested the display of nativity scenes.

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Online Poll

A substantial majority of last week’s poll respondents — 76 percent — believe Chickasaw County should start a publicly owned ambulance service.

This week our online poll deals with the upcoming bowl season and how the Hawkeyes and Cyclones will fare. Vote today online at nhtrib.com.

Almanac

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| Monday | 17 | 2 | -- |
| Tuesday | 26 | 10 | -- |
| Wednesday | 28 | 22 | -- |
| Thursday | 43 | 25 | -- |
| Friday | 33 | 25 | .18 |
| Saturday | 27 | 20 | .23 |
| Sunday | 40 | 26 | -- |

Forecast

Tuesday: Partly sunny with a high of 45 and a low of 38.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers; high 64, low 25.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and cold; high 32, low 20.

Friday: Mostly cloudy; high 34, low 19.

Early weekend forecast: Sunny both days with highs in the 20s Saturday and near 30 Sunday; lows in the teens.

History

- In 1799, George Washington, the American revolutionary leader and first president of the United States, dies at his estate in Mount Vernon, Virginia. He was 67 years old.
- In 1909, workers place the last of the 3.2 million 10-pound bricks that pave the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
- In 1911, Norwegian Roland Amundsen becomes the first explorer to reach the South Pole, beating his British rival, Robert Falcon Scott.
- In 2012, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, a gunman kills 20 first-graders and six school employees before turning a gun on himself.

Birthdays

- The French astrologist Nostradamus was born in 1503.
- King George VI, the father of current British Queen Elizabeth, was born in 1895.
- James Doolittle, the Army Air Force general who led the first bombing raid on Japan during World War II, was born in 1896.
- The late Bill Buckner, whose infamous error in the 1986 World Series helped the Mets claim the world title, was born in 1949.
- San Francisco 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan turns 42.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.
- If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenske at 641-394-2111.

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Patricia Sue Cook, 61

Patricia Sue Cook, age 61 of Charles City, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, at Floyd County Memorial Hospital in Charles City.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences for the Cook family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

News Bits From Our Past

- Week of Dec. 12 1946 (75 years ago)**
- The City Council granted a “cost of living” raise to employees of the city of New Hampton — approximately \$20 per month for the employees affected. The action was taken by the council after a careful study of all salaries and the extra money is being given to combat a disrupted economy which is causing inflationary prices and increased cost of living.
 - It was stated unofficially, however, that whenever price levels return to normal, a downward revision can be expected.
 - The New Hampton Christmas street lights have been turned on for your enjoyment this holiday season. The delay has been caused by the coal strike, but now that the strike has been declared off, the committee in charge has gotten really busy and the decorations are up and the lights are on.
- 1971 (50 years ago)**
- On sale at Liddle’s Super Valu this week: Jello, 10 cents per pkg.; Folger’s Coffee, 3 Lb. can, \$1.99; Philadelphia Cream Cheese, 29 cents per pkg.; Russets, 10 Lb. bag, 39 cents; Blue Bonnet Oleo, 3 Lbs, \$1; Nestles Chocolate Chips, 49 cents per pkg.; Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer, 12 pack, \$1.99; and Fruit Baskets, \$3.98 and up.
 - Mike McGrath, a star performer for New Hampton High for three years prior to his graduation last spring, is continuing his top level mat performances in college.
- Presently wrestling for Ellsworth Junior College at Iowa Falls, McGrath last weekend won the 128-pound title in the Madison Area Technical College Invitational held at Madison, Wisconsin.
- McGrath was also named the tournament’s “outstanding wrestler.” McGrath and Ellsworth champions Jack Welch at 167 and John Anderson at 190, helped Ellsworth to a second place finish in the 8-team field in action.
- 1996 (25 years ago)**
- Last weekend New Hampton was the place to be for the holidays. “Candles, Carols and Cards” set the stage for the weekend.
- Residents came from all over the area, windows, hospitality, music, a visit to Carnegie kept the people busy. There were three craft shows and everyone had the opportunity to share in the Sesquicentennial Birthday Bash.
- The New Hampton Nu Hi Chorale was making its annual rounds. The final touch was a Christmas party for their residents, hosted by the New Hampton Care Center. The place was full and one of the more important guests were Santa and Mrs. Claus.

- 2011 (10 years ago)**
- The New Hampton girls basketball team, along with their head coach Scott Hogeland, are doing everything they can to make sure every one of their young Chickasaw fans has a present to open on Christmas.
- They will be collecting toys, new and gently used kids’ clothing and cash donations during the remaining home games, up until Christmas. The box will also be out when the wrestling team holds their double dual with Waukon and Charles City and during the high school winter concert. The donations will stay in the community and be distributed by Northeast Iowa Community Action.
- The building that housed a shuttered grocery store at the corner of Main Street and Linn Avenue is no longer vacant as CarQuest of New Hampton moved into the building last month.
- The store was formerly located on South Walnut Avenue. According to store manager, Marvin Eiler, the franchised business, which is owned by The Croell Corporation, had outgrown the old building. The Croell Corporation hopes the purchase of the building will serve a twofold purpose. It will give the business more exposure and will help the city by filling a large empty space with an active, growing business.
- 2016 (5 years ago)**
- The New Hampton High School wrestling team will take the top seed into its opening day bracket at Friday’s Battle of Waterloo.
- The Chickasaws, who are ranked among the top three teams in Class 2A, have been placed in the “Tim Klinghammer Bracket” and will wrestle eighth-seeded Waterloo West in its opening match at Young Arena.
- The winner will face either fourth-seed Davenport Assumption or fifth-seed Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, while the other side of the bracket included Indianola (2), Lisbon (3), Osage (6) and Alburnett (7).
- Other top seeds in Friday’s brackets are West Des Moines Valley, North Scott and Cedar Rapids Prairie.
- Turkey Valley FFA Chapter received a \$2,000 Working Here Fund grant to start an FFA Chapter. The grant is provided through Farm Credit Services of America’s (FCSAmerica) Working Here Fund. Turkey Valley is establishing an FFA chapter.
- The FFA Chapter will offer students the opportunity to grow in leadership and agriculture careers. Funds will be used to purchase chapter equipment such as an FFA banner, flag, gavel and block, and other necessary equipment.

- 2020 (1 year ago)**
- New Hampton’s City Council made it official as it unanimously approved hiring a new public works director.
- The council approved hiring 2005 New Hampton High School graduate Casey Mai for the newly created position that will replace retired Street Superintendent Junior Mai and soon-to-be retiring Wastewater Superintendent Tim Angell.
- Street Department Eric Kuehn will be promoted to “street supervisor” and Jerry Heying will take over the Grade 4 responsibilities at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- *News Bits From Our Past are compiled weekly by the Tribune’s Terri Josephson*

Gerald Franklin Johnson, 86



Gerald Johnson

Gerald Franklin Johnson, age 86 and a long-time resident of New Hampton, died peacefully on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, at MercyOne Medical Center in Waterloo with his family and his dear companion Marjorie Bullen by his side. He gratefully commented that he had “a great run” and “more friends than a man deserved.”

The youngest of four children, Gerald was born on July 12, 1935, to George F. Johnson and Gladys Leachman Johnson and grew up on the family farm southeast of New Hampton. He attended the Sunnydale Number 7 one-room school-house, the New Hampton Community School and graduated from New Hampton High School in 1953. His love of agriculture was reflected in his involvement in FFA and 4-H, including participation in the 4-H National Club Congress in 1956. In the late 1950s, Gerald took over the family farm, raising corn, soybeans, cattle, and hogs.

Married to Marilyn “Rose” (Funke) Johnson, formerly of Ossian, for 48 years until her death in 2008, Gerald took great delight in her cooking and baking as well as her tolerance for his pranks, jokes, stories, and general tendency to embarrass her. He was convinced that she couldn’t have chosen better but she wasn’t so sure. Gerald published a cookbook of favorite family recipes in 2008, dedicating it to Rose’s memory and donating proceeds to the local food pantry.

Gerald and Rose raised four girls on the family farm southeast of New Hampton. He loved being a farmer and caring for the land as its temporary custodian.

Keenly interested in soil conservation, he served for five years on the Iowa Soil Conservation Committee in the early 2000s. For a time, he had an Angus cow-calf herd and took great joy in checking on the cattle and, especially, the new calves. From 1976 until his retirement in 2002, Gerald sold Pioneer seed. He was an avid gardener, becoming a Master Gardener through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Friends and family enjoyed the bountiful fruits, vegetables and sweetcorn he and Marilyn grew in their garden. He was especially proud of his flowers and a flower garden tour was offered to all visitors to the farm.

Moving into New Hampton

in 2007, he and Marilyn promptly established a new garden to the delight of their new neighbors who quickly became friends.

Proving High School Principal Shillinglaw wrong, Gerald went on to become a respected citizen. From 1987 to 1993, he served on the New Hampton School Board, including the last five years as its president. Grateful for his education in the New Hampton School system, he established a Dollars for Scholars fund in Marilyn’s name.

A natural organizer for social events, he enjoyed organizing reunions for the NHHS Class of ’53 and meeting with high school classmates at local restaurants and bars. Gerald was active in the New Hampton Lions Club, getting the Lions International Warren Colman award in 2007. For years, he manned the pancake griddle for the Lions Pancake Breakfast, eventually “retiring” to the admission ticket table. He was also active in the local Democratic Party and was a strong supporter of Ducks Unlimited.

Passionately interested in local history, Gerald spent hours in Iowa antique stores and on E-bay assembling a treasure trove of New Hampton and Chickasaw Country memorabilia including postcards, trade tokens, bank notes, and local collectibles. These items were often loaned to the Carnegie Cultural Center so that others might enjoy them. In 2019 and early 2020, he worked diligently assisting Juanita Andersen in the preparation of the book “Stuff, an Ephemera Collector’s History of Chickasaw County” for the Carnegie Cultural Center. He was a life-long learner, reading avidly and attending community education lectures at Luther College

Gerald was a collector – of

marbles, Chickasaw County memorabilia, antique furniture, cut glass, Arm & Hammer trading cards and posters, Civil War memorabilia, and Big Little Books among other things, but also of friends and stories. He enjoyed canoeing on the Upper Iowa and exploring the beauty of the region, scuba diving in tropical waters, family vacations in the station wagon, and fishing in Canada. After his retirement, he had “business” cards made listing his title as “Transaction Facilitator”. If someone wanted half a crate of Texas peaches from the Mennonite grocery or ring bologna from the locker in Eitzen, Minnesota, he was the go-to guy.

If asked about Gerald, more than 99 percent of those who knew him are likely to cite his sense of humor; the remainder are probably not people you would want to hang out with.

Gerald is survived by his four daughters, Jennifer Johnson of De Pere, Wisconsin, Mary Johnson Hassler (Pete) of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Sarah Johnson-Hines (Terry) of Carmel, New York, and Suzette Johnson Conley (Patrick) of Stevens Point, Wisconsin; by three grandchildren Joseph Hassler, Minneapolis, Claire Hassler, Austin, Texas, and Alanna Conley, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; by his companion Marjorie Bullen, numerous nieces (including Nancy Demro, his cherished pie maker and chauffeur), nephews, and their children, and friends too numerous to count.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, his beloved granddaughter Elizabeth (Liza) Hassler, his parents (George and Gladys), and all of his siblings and their spouses: Mary Ann Johnson Muench (Robert), Martha Johnson Peterson (Roger), Lloyd Johnson (Virginia). He was the last of his generation on the Johnson side, and his family deeply mourns his passing.

A Celebration of Life will be held in July 2022, due to the risks of gathering indoors at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully asks that memorial contributions be directed to the Marilyn Johnson Memorial Scholarship (through New Hampton Dollars for Scholars), the Carnegie Cultural Center in New Hampton, the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota, or the Cedar Valley Hospice (or another hospice program of the donor’s choosing).

Laverne F. Whitney, 87



Laverne Whitney

Laverne F. Whitney, age 87, of New Hampton, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, at his home.

A private family funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021. Online condolences may be left at www.conway-markhamfh.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Laverne Frederick was born Dec. 20, 1933, the son of Samuel and Leota (Peters) Whitney in Horton.

Laverne attended and graduated from Waverly High School. After completing his education, he began his lifelong career in sales.

Laverne was united in marriage to Phyllis Briggs. The couple welcomed two daughters, Michelle and Melissa. They later divorced.

He met and was united in marriage to Charlotte Goodlove and made their home in Marion

marriage in 1979 and made their home primarily in Iowa. Laverne and Patricia blended their two families adding, Randy, David, Debbie, and Rachel.

Laverne enjoyed fishing, gardening, and socializing.

Laverne is survived by his children, Julie (Rick) Wood of Central City, Mike (Sue) Whitney of Waverly, Neil (Brenda) Whitney of Frederika, Rachel (Allen) Slagle of Little Elm, Texas, Rachel (Darrin) Farmer of Lansing, Kansas, Randy (Kim) Fike of Flower Mound, Texas, David Fike of Traer, and Debbie Fenner of Iowa; his grandchildren; his newest great-grandson, Walker; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patricia in 2017; his sisters, Mary Whitney and Evelyn (Rolland) Dewey; and his brother, Don (Lucy) Whitney.

Property Transfers

Gail L. Hess, Gail L. Huck, Gail Huck and Eric Hess to Michael J. Hannemann; W4R EX W6’ & N4’ NASHUA Lot: 5 Block: 1 EX W6’ NASHUA Lot: 8 Block: 1.

Lyle Brahn and Marty Brahn to Larry Pennington; COMM NW 1/4 L2 L10 SW 17-94-14.

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Ronald Ralph Henry to Emily J. Henry; NEW HAMPTON STOLZS ADDITION Lot: 10 Block: 2.

A & D Services LLC to Hugeback Funeral Homes LLC; NEW HAMPTON ORGINIAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 7 Block: 32.

City of New Hampton to Evan L. Hulbert and Heather N. Grove; PT S1/2 ST BETWEEN BLK2 & 5 NEW HAMPTON WEST VIEW ADDITION.

Garry Jurgensen, Dawn Jurgensen and Dawn L. Jurgensen to Shain Kroenecke; FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 9.

Brian L. Bilharz and Brenda L. Bilharz to Lyle J. Brahn and Marty K. Brahn; EX E18’ NASHUA COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION PLAT 3 Lot: 7 Block: C E12’ NASHUA COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION PLAT 3 Lot: 8 Block: C E14-1/2’ EX E12’ NASHUA COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION PLAT 4 Lot: 8

Block: C.

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Wallace L. Ross, Wallace L. Ross Jr., Mary M. Clauson Ross and Mary M. Clauson Ross to Michael Stroud and Christine Stroud; W1/2 NASHUA COLERS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 2.

George W. Pierce to William O. Schulz; NE SE 35-95-11 S RD NW NW 36-95-11 SW NW 36-95-11 EX 520AC NW SW 36-95-11.

Jaime L. Frahm and Brock Frahm to Brenda Frana; L24 L23 SW SW 07-95-12.

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Robert Busta and Ruth A. Busta to Russell Busta; E60’ W100.5’ SE 14-96-11 N90.5’ W40.5’ L2 SE 14-96-11 S98.09 W40.5’ L2 SE 14-96-11.

Don't Avoid 'Taboo' Topics With Older Parents

If your parents are getting close to retirement age, or are already retired, it may be time to talk with them about financial and aging issues, some of which may involve difficult conversations. For the sake of everyone in your family, don't avoid these "taboo" topics.

You'll need to be careful about approaching these subjects with your parents. Mention ahead of time that you'd like to talk to them about their future plans and reassure them that you want to understand their wishes, so their affairs will be taken care of as they would like.

If your parents are agreeable, choose a location comfortable for them and ask whom they might like to invite (or not invite). Then, think about how to open the conversation, preferably not with what they want to do with their money – this could be interpreted as your seeking information about your inheritance or being skeptical about their financial decisions. Instead, build a broad-based discussion about their vision for their aging years. A series of shorter conversations may allow you to cover topics more comfortably, one by one, rather than trying to solve everything at once.

- Try to address these areas:
- **Health care** – You'll want to learn if your parents have established the appropriate health-related legal documents – a health care power of attorney, which gives someone the authority to make important decisions about their medical care if they become unable to do so themselves, and a living will, which spells out the extraordinary medical treatments they may or may not want.
 - **Independence** – As people age, they may begin to lose their independence. Have your parents considered any options for long-term care, such as a nursing home stay, or the services of a home health aide? And do they have plans in place? If they plan to receive support from family members, do their expectations match yours?
 - **Financial goals** – Focusing



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on the personal and financial aspects of the legacy your parents want to leave can be a valuable conversation. Have your parents updated their will or other arrangements, such as a living trust? Have they named a financial power of attorney to make decisions on their behalf if they become incapacitated? Do they have the proper beneficiary designations on their insurance policies and retirement plan accounts? If you can position these issues as being more about your parents' control over their financial destiny, rather than "who will get what," you'll more likely have a productive conversation.

• **Last wishes** – You'll want to find out if your parents have left instructions in their will about their funerals and last wishes. Express to them that you, or another close family member, should know who is responsible for making sure their wishes are met.

Money, independence and aging can be sensitive topics. Don't think you have to go it alone – you can enlist help from another close family member. Or, if you know your parents are working with a trusted advisor, such as an attorney or financial professional, you could see if they'd be willing to have this person participate in your talks. You might even be able to introduce them to one of your advisors. In any case, keep talking. These conversations can be challenging, but, if handled correctly, can be of great benefit to your parents and your entire family.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Edward Jones, Member SIPC



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Giving back to their community

The Mark and Kris Kramer Foundation has recently made a number of donations to area organizations — including (clockwise from top) \$20,000 to Chickasaw County Food Pantry, \$5,000 to the New Hampton Fire Department and \$10,000 and \$15,000 to the All Inclusive Playground the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department plans on building at Runion Park.

"We are thankful to the community we grew up in and are excited to give back," Kris Kramer said.



Learning Connection classes begin tonight, will be held via Zoom

The New Hampton Community School District received a grant from Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Early Childhood Iowa to administer the Learning Connection program during the 2021-2022 school year. Weekly classes will be offered virtually for families in the community with young children ages 0-5.

The Learning Connection Program includes three central components for children and parents:

- **Parent-Child Interaction:** Parents participate with their children in enjoyable learning experiences. Parent-child interaction includes activities that are designed for learning and provide opportunities for parents and children to relax and have fun together.
- **Early Childhood Education:** Children ages birth to five years old engage in learning activities carefully

planned (Creative Curriculum) and staffed with trained early childhood teachers.

• **Parent and Family Education:** Adults have opportunities to share helpful ideas and alternative approaches to common parenting challenges. Parent educators facilitate discussion, while offering research-based information (Nurturing Parenting Program) on child development, discipline, and practical strategies for parents to promote the healthy development of their children.

Due to current COVID-19 rates, all

Learning Connection classes in New Hampton will be conducted through Zoom.

The first class will meet tonight (Tuesday) from 6:30 to 7:10 p.m., and families can join in the free classes from their own living room.

Future class times will be set at the convenience of the families in attendance.

For more information on the Learning Connection, or to receive the Zoom link to join the class, contact Sue Loken the Program Coordinator at learningconnect@outlook.com or call/text 641-390-1890.

Retirement parties set for retiring Conservation Board director

Two retirement parties will be held on Thursday, Dec. 30, to honor longtime Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Brian Moore.

The first will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Chickasaw County Conservation Board's Twin Ponds Nature Center, which is located near Ionia, while the second will be at the Pub at the Pinicon from 4 to 6 p.m.

Moore has served as the director of the Conservation Board for the past 32 years and will be retiring at the end of the calendar year.

He spent several years in north-central Iowa before coming to Chickasaw County in 1989.



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County run service would have two rigs, then hope to expand

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

Iowa Falls, Larson said, was left in the lurch when AMR decided to pull its rigs out of the city, but instead of seeking another private ambulance firm, city officials invested \$1 million into starting its own service. Rigs were bought, space was secured and employees were hired, Larson said.

The publicly owned service has grown each year, he added, and now also serves several surrounding towns and townships and also provides mutual aid to other ambulance services in and around Hardin County. It currently has three paramedics on staff and Larson said he is hoping to hire a fourth soon.

“There are differences for sure between us as a city and you as a county,” he said, “but I am here to tell you that this can work with you and we’re willing to help with any questions you’d have.”

The week before the Board of Supervisors meeting, Board Chairman Rick Holthaus unveiled the plan that he had put together with fellow Supervisor Jason Byrne to start a publicly owned service. Holthaus said during the Dec. 1 meeting that he felt the county could use federal America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to “build” the infrastructure for a service. He said then it would be prudent to set aside \$1.5 million to build a new building to house the ambulances and crews and to purchase equipment.

He added that he felt the current funding formula for the Ambulance Council — 40 percent paid by the county and 60 percent by the cities on a per capita basis — could be used to cover ongoing costs.

Larson pointed out that Iowa Falls is using its “profits” to help with ongoing costs like purchasing supplies and funding equipment improvements, but Holthaus said he felt the county needed to have a plan in place to cover costs if the service isn’t profitable.

Supervisor Jacob Hackman, though, pointed out that the city of Iowa Falls, not the EMS budget, was paying the insurance for the service’s employees, and he also questioned if Chickasaw County would have the volume of calls that Iowa Falls currently has.

He pointed out that the current 28E agreement allows for a budget that is “capped” by the agreement. The Ambulance Council, for example, can only spend \$250,000 in this fiscal year, and that amount, per the 28E, can only increase 5 percent per year.

Hackman expressed concern about how some property owners would be able to fund the costs of running an ambulance service if call volumes were less than expected.

“Property tax is tough because there’s millionaires in this room, you know, we can

afford the tax increase but what about the poor person who has inflation cost and living cost? How do you pass that along?”

Byrne, though, called the ARPA funds a once-in-lifetime opportunity, and when residents in the crowd asked how outlying towns would benefit from a county-owned service, he said he felt like the county service represented the best potential chance to eventually get ambulances housed back in smaller towns.

“We want to start with two ambulances,” Byrne said. “I don’t know if we can negotiate with Jeremy to buy his equipment, but my plan is to start by putting the ambulance here [in New Hampton] and expand off of that. I want to put an ambulance back in Fredericksburg, I want to put an ambulance back in Nashua to service those communities.”

He added that he hoped “our goal in the end is our ending fund balance is like theirs [Iowa Falls] and we can say, ‘You know what, we don’t need the money’ [from the cities or the county].”

Supervisors then considered sending a letter to the cities in the county to let them know about the potential of a county-owned service, but they decided in the end that it would be better for the ARPA Committee to meet last week, which it did, and bring the matter back to this Monday’s supervisor meeting, which took place after this edition of the Tribune went to press.

Still, there was concern among some in the crowd about the process, especially in light of the fact that the current provider, Chickasaw Ambulance Service, has opted out of its contract, effective this coming June 30.

“Guys, we have 206 days before June 30,” Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Ryan Shawver said, “and that includes weekends so we’ve got to get something going.”

And at least one of the business leaders urged supervisors to double down on providing a smooth transition when it came to ambulance service.

“We’re a long ways from town, we’ve got a lot of jobs out there that are physical in nature and we’ve brought a lot of people to this county, too,” said Mark Kipp, who was representing Reicks View Farms at the meeting. “The thought of not having a smooth transition, not having something solid is concerning, really concerning, to us.”

Holthaus, meanwhile, conceded said it was time for the county to take a leap of faith.

“All of us at some point in time are going to have to jump off the cliff and see where we land,” he said. “That may sound kind of harsh, but until that happens, we’re pulling numbers out of the air and don’t have a clue what we’re going to do.”



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton residents spent part of their Saturday morning blowing and shoveling snow after the first winter storm of the season dropped three inches on the city the night before.

Weekend snow doesn’t stick around long

WEATHER: FROM 1

what the National Weather Service office in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is predicting will be a 60-degree day on Wednesday.

Spring, though, isn’t going to last very long, for temperatures will plummet overnight on Wednesday and by the weekend will top out only in the mid-20s.

Still, that 60-degree Wednesday, if it materializes, will be a nice change from this past weekend when Chickasaw County took a glancing blow from the first major winter storm of the season.

Although forecasters originally warned residents that New Hampton might receive up to 9 inches of snow, the storm was strong enough

to force the cancelation of numerous sporting events on Friday and pushed back the start times for several Saturday wrestling tournaments.

Still, it could have been far worse. Just ask the folks about 100 miles north of us as several areas south of the Twin Cities reported 20-plus inches of snowfall.

The snow in our area

obviously won’t last through this week; temperatures are expected to be in the mid-40s today (Tuesday) before soaring to record levels on Wednesday.

And for those who want to snap our four-year streak without a “white Christmas,” they might want to pray for snow next week because the forecast through this weekend, at least, is snow-free.

Directors want students to have lifelong love for music

CONCERT: FROM 1

bonfire. I want my students to be confident in learning new pieces and sharing their voice through those life experiences.”

And last Monday night, a lot of kids showed that confidence during a 90-minute concert that included four bands and two choirs.

Adam’s goal with her bands — whether it be those first-year fifth-graders or those veteran eighth-graders, is to create a family atmosphere.

“We want students to feel like they have a place where they belong and feel valued,” she said. “Learning music is important but it takes a back seat to learning how to be a caring human being. New Hampton is full of wonderful students who care about each other.

“Band is a place where we can foster that care and learn how to express it through different ways, such as music. The hope is, students will want to continue to be a part of that family as they get older.”

She pointed out that her students had been working on their holiday concert music for months; in fact, students were introduced to some of the songs they performed last week back in August.

Cantu’s choirs, too, had spent weeks on their songs before they performed them in front of an audience of family and friends.

Both directors have their “tricks” to keep the music fresh for their students. That means classes include different warm-ups, exercises and games during class time.

Granted, those students are also taking a “step up” as they transition from elementary music to middle school choirs like Keynotes.

“I try to start where I think they left off in fourth grade and build up from there,” she said. “During the students’ first concert



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton High School student Abigail Holschlag, who hopes to one day teach music, directs the Seventh and Eighth Grade Band during last Monday’s concert.

we sing a song in unison — everyone is singing the same part — which is similar to what they did but we can also study how to read the music. A choir song is laid out differently than a general music song and even a band piece so we learn how to read our music. From there we make it harder and start adding more parts and harder rhythms to keep challenging them.”

Adam said that it’s important for music directors to make connections with what students did in elementary school.

“Music is a universal language,” she

said. “Whether you are singing or playing an instrument, the notes and rhythms all read the same. We spend a lot of time at the beginning working in individual lessons and playing unison songs, then we start branching out into instrument sections and having more independent parts. Finally we work as a full band to put all of the working pieces together.”

Students not only prepared for their pieces, but they also began the process of learning to “read” music.

“I always tell my students that everything that is in ink on the page is important and it is our job to understand why,” Cantu said. “If it wasn’t important, the publisher wouldn’t have wasted the time and money to get it there. So throughout the semester we look at all of the markings on the page and determine what they mean and why they are there.”

And on Monday night at the Winter Music Festival, it all came together, but there’s another key ingredient that comes with middle school music. The kids who performed last week represent the future, if you will.

So Adam gets excited when her kids have a hard time “giving up” a song.

“There’s usually one piece with each group they are really sad to be done with,” she said. “I don’t think they care how many times we play it, they would love to play it all year. This year fifth grade could play “Listen to Our Sections” on repeat, sixth grade practically had “Rio Bravo” memorized and the seventh and eighth grade really didn’t want to put away “Christmas Spectacular.”

She laughed when asked how she felt about embarking on new music.

“Me, on the other hand, I’m ready to move on to the next exciting thing,” she said. “To be fair, they don’t know what’s next. Hopefully they’ll like it just as much.”

Upon further review, it’s a pretty good December after all

I shouldn’t say this; after all, it is the month of Christmas but the fact is December may be my least favorite month of the year.

It’s dark. Like all the time. We go to the work in the dark and we go home in the dark.

It’s great to have games back, but then again, it’s not playoff time. It’s not even close.

Christmas equals stress for a lot of us. Where’s the money going to come from? How do we make it fun? Which family member do we piss off this year?

Somewhere out there is someone reading this column saying, “OK Eeyore, lighten up.”

Eeyore, of course, is the pessimistic, gloomy, depressed donkey from “Winnie the Pooh,” whose only saving grace is the fact that he’s as loyal a friend as one can find. Then again, I’ve been called things worse than an ass before, so I can handle a little “Eeyore” grief today.

I admit it. I am a pessimist, especially in December.

I hate short “daylight” days, even this year, when I sleep more than I ever have.

Since coming down with COVID-19

last February, fatigue has become a way of life for me. I always survived quite well on 6 to 7 1/2 hours of sleep a night, especially if I had a day or two each week when I could sneak in a nap.

That changed post-coronavirus. I more often than not go to bed before 10 p.m. and struggle to get out of bed by 8 a.m., often missing the mark by an hour or two or more. I keep telling myself that slowly but surely it’s getting better, and in some ways it is. I made two what in the year of my COVID qualifies as “early morning” appointments this last week and was in the office by 7 a.m. today, but I know there’s a fatigue day coming sometime this week.

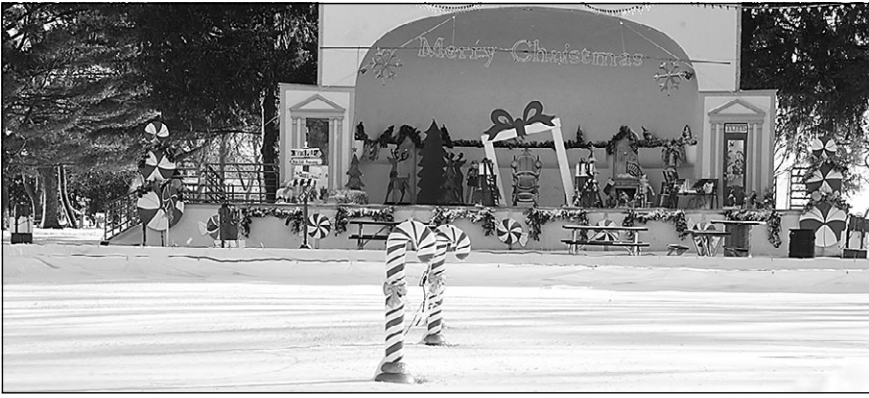
Sports used to be my outlet, and in some ways, it still is.

But honestly, these days it’s depressing going to a lot of games and matches. If anyone doubts that we’ve lost civility in our society, go to a high school sporting event. We yell at the refs on every single call that goes against our team.

No one — at least on our favorite team — ever travels or ever fouls or ever locks hands or ever gets pinned. It is always the refs’ fault.

Sports are supposed to be fun, aren’t they? They’re supposed to give us a break from the mundane of everyday life. They’re supposed to give us joy, right?

I’m a ref. Not a great one, by any means, so maybe I’m a little biased here. But in my mind, sports, espe-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The snowfall overnight on Friday made for a beautiful winter landscape at Mikkelson Park on Saturday morning and provided another reason to say December 2021 has been a pretty good month.

cially at the high school level, are supposed to be about building character, working together as a team and all the other cliches you can come up with, but they’ve become a mirror for a society that I don’t like very much right now. In politics, it’s always someone else’s fault, and it appears the same can be said for high school sports.

Then there is Christmas ... wait, I’ve Eeyored you enough today.

It’s not that I’m giving up on civility and sportsmanship. It’s not that I’m accepting fatigue seems to have become as much a part of my life as eating, drinking and going to the Tribune every day are. It’s not that I’m going to quit fretting about coming up with a halfway decent Christmas.

No, it’s just that at this point of the

column, I’m making a decision to get off Eeyore’s bus and find optimism, brightness and happiness.

The snow, even though it will be gone by the time this arrives in your mailbox today (Tuesday), was beautiful.

All that December darkness means the Christmas lights brighten the long nights this month.

Because the middle school girls basketball season ended last week, my plantar fasciitis gets a much-needed monthlong break.

That same middle school basketball season showed me that some people — notably, the kids — get it way more than we adults do, for after every game this year, there was always a girl or two or three who sought out the guys in stripes and said a simple

“thank you.”

I’ve lost 12 pounds since Thanksgiving, although God only knows how. Side note here, if you haven’t noticed, that’s OK ... 12 pounds when you have the girth I have is basically nothing.

The Grey Cup — that would be the pro football championship in Canadian — was as thrilling as ever on Sunday night, when the Winnipeg Blue Bombers rallied from a 23-10 deficit to beat the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in overtime.

I’m just a few days from having both boys home.

My new car is still, for Bob Fenske at least, pretty clean.

A week from today, the days start getting longer.

I didn’t finish fifth three times in a five-person Uno card game on Saturday, and only a heel would bring up the fact that my pal Jeff Monteith did so I won’t do that here, either.

I just quickly re-read the previous 10 paragraphs and it’s hit me that maybe December is a hell of a lot better than my inner Eeyore believes it is.

I still wish we were more civil at high school games. I still want the old Bob Fenske — one that didn’t need 10 hours of sleep a day — back. I still will worry about making it a decent Christmas.

But writing this column has brought me to a simple conclusion — this isn’t a bad December after all.

I hope, you too, can say the same.



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Little Light of Mine to have Santa, fireworks this Saturday evening

The Little Light of Mine Committee will be putting on “Fireworks and Santa Night” this Saturday at the annual holiday lights display in Mikkelson Park.

The event begins at 5 p.m. as Santa will visit the park, and the fireworks are scheduled for 6 p.m.

Hot chocolate will be available, and the park’s skating rink — the forecast is for an icy 24 degrees on Sautrday — will be also be open.

LifeServe to hold monthly blood drive in New Hampton next week

LifeServe Blood Center will hold its monthly drive next Tuesday, Dec. 21, sat the New Hampton Community Center.

The drive will run from noon to 5:30 p.m., and appointments can be made by calling 800-287-4903 or going online to life-servebloodcenter.org.

LifeServe provides blood to hospitals in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, including MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

All blood types are needed, but LifeServe said it is “critically low” when it comes to O-negative blood.

Final Advent Luncheon of the season to be held Wednesday

The last Advent Lunch of the season will be held on Wednesday at the Congregational United Church of Christ in New Hampton.

The lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., and participants should use the west-side entrance of the church that is handicap accessible. Homemade soup and bars will be served and be followed by a brief devotional.

The Advent Luncheons are sponsored by the New Hampton MInisterial Association.

Iowa’s college savings plan giving away \$529 award in each Iowa county

State Treasurer Michael L. Fitzgerald is reminding Iowa residents to register for the \$529 College Savings Iowa Year End giveaway.

Families can register their children at Iowa529Contest.com through Friday, Dec. 31. One ward will made in each of Iowa’s 99 counties.

“The holidays are here and so is gift-giving season,” said Fitzgerald. “Countdown to the holidays by registering the children in your life for the chance to win a meaningful present – a boost to their College Savings Iowa account.”

For more information on the college savings plan, visit CollegeSavingsIowa.com. Follow the program on Twitter and Facebook for participant tips, plan updates and news.

ISU Extension offering private pesticide applicator courses

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will be offering three opportunities to attend the private pesticide applicator continuing instruction course), led by Extension Field Agronomist Terry Basol.

The first two sessions are scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27, at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 East Spring Street.

The course will be offered again on Thursday, March 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the New Hampton Community Center.

Due to social distancing requirements, preregistration is required. Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows.

You may pre-register by calling Lynn Bruess at the Chickasaw County Extension office at 641-394-2174 or emailing lbruess@iastate.edu.

The course will run for approximately 2½ hours including check-in and breaks. The registration fee is \$20. To register or to obtain additional information about the P-CIC, contact the county extension office.

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CITY OF NEW HAMPTON ORDINANCE NO. 884 SUMMARY AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHOOL LOADING ZONES SECTION 1: SCHOOL LOADING ZONES. Section 37.9 of the City Code is hereby amended by adding the section: 4. The south five (5) parallel parking stalls on the east side of North Locust Avenue between Court Street and Hale Street between 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, are allowed for ‘Drop off and Pick up’ only Passed and adopted this 6TH Day of December, 2021 Karen Clemens, City Clerk

No. 21563 12/14/21

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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY DECEMBER 6, 2021 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, December 1, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Perkins, Boos, Diirro and McDonald. Denner and Fisher were absent. Also in attendance were, Kalista Daly, Randy & Jenny Bouillon, Board of Supervisors Chairperson Rick Holthaus, Paula Dahl and several NHHS government class students and City Attorney Todd Prichard.

Mayor Schwickerath announced this meeting was Councilmember Bruce Diirro’s final meeting. The mayor thanked Bruce for all his contributions he has made on behalf of the City of New Hampton.

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Boos; That the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Denner and Fisher. Motion carried.

Moved by Diirro, seconded by Perkins; That the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 15, 2021, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Denner and Fisher. Motion carried.

Moved by Perkins, seconded by McDonald; That the claims in the amount of \$155,057.79 be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Denner and Fisher. Motion carried.

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Diirro; That the ORDINANCE NO. 884 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHOOL LOADING ZONES, receive its third and final consideration. Ayes – Perkins, Boos, Diirro, McDonald. Nays – None. Absent – Denner Fisher. Motion carried.

Mayor Schwickerath ordered Ordinance No 884 duly adopted. City Clerk presented the proposed descriptions to the council with some working changes. The proposed population for each ward is: Ward 1 – 877, Ward 2 – 878, Ward 3 – 873 and Ward 4 – 866. Moved by, seconded by; That AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PRECINCTS OF THE CITY, receive its second consideration. Ayes – Perkins, Boos, Diirro, McDonald. Nays – None. Absent – Denner Fisher. Motion approved. The ordinance request will be placed on the December 20th Council meeting agenda for its third and final consideration.

Jenny Bouillon, Owner Keke’s Bakery, is requesting the council to consider making a parking spot near the intersec-

tion of Main & Chestnut a spot limited to 10 Minutes. The bakery frequently has customers stopping to pick up items and this parking spot would accommodate those customers, as well as other retailers’ customers. Also, after initial inspection, it appears the parking stalls are very long North Chestnut and could be reduced to add another spot. Moved by Diirro, seconded by McDonald; To authorize Police Chief Nossbisch to measure the length of parking stalls on North Chestnut Ave and, if space allows, repaint an additional spot; and to create a 10 min parking spot in the first spot on the East side of North Chestnut Ave, north of Main Street, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Denner and Fisher. Motion carried.

Fire Department Fire Chief, Toby Schwickerath, presented a list of wages to be paid to the volunteer fireman. The hourly rate is \$15.00 which is the same as 2020. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Boos; That the wages for the NH Fire Department staff for call from December 2020 through November 2021 in the amount of \$51,580.00, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Denner and Fisher. Motion carried.

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors (BOS) chairperson, Rick Holthaus, was in attendance to share the update on the most recent Chickasaw Council Ambulance Council (CCAC) meeting and BOS meetings regarding the ambulance service conundrum that Chickasaw County is trying to resolve. Council member McDonald also shared some of the information he learned while attending the CCAC meeting in place of Mayor Schwickerath. The CCAC received one bid during their RFP process, from AMR. There are some concerns that AMR will not meet the expectations the CCAC has requested. Holthaus then shared with the council a possibility that Chickasaw County may use a portion of their \$2.3 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds toward a publicly held ambulance service. BOS members Holthaus and Byrne have had discussions with the local Mercy Hospital representatives, other governmental units that are currently running their local ambulance service. A representative from Iowa Falls, Iowa attended the BOS meeting and shared Iowa Falls’ experience in getting the city-run ambulance service up and running. Funding and staffing are the most significant issues facing the BOS. Holthaus wants to continue discussions with all the stakeholders to have an equitable solution. After a lengthy discussion the City Council unanimously supported the idea of a

publicly held ambulance and requested that Mayor Schwickerath share that at the next CCAC meeting. The council thanked Holthaus for attending and keeping the council updated.

Mayor Schwickerath presented an Addendum to the existing 28E agreement the City has with the Chickasaw Ambulance Council. Moved by McDonald, seconded by Boos; That the ‘Addendum to Iowa Code Chapter 28E Agreement for Ambulance Services in Chickasaw County, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Denner and Fisher. Motion carried.

Jamie Ohrt, organizer of the New Hampton Running Club and Pedal & Play bike shop has requested approval of the ‘Jingle Jog ‘n roll’ bike and running route on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Diirro; That the run and bike route request for the Jingle Jog ‘n Roll event on December 10, 2021 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Motion carried.

Moved by Diirro, seconded by Perkins; That the following minutes and correspondence be accepted and place on file. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Denner and Fisher. Motion carried.

Library Minutes of 11-2-2021 Local Option Sales Tax Revenue Summary

Moved by Diirro, seconded by Perkins; that the meeting adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Denner and Fisher. Motion carried.

ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk

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New Hampton TribuneNotice for BOA. 46.56 US Cellular Cell Phone Service (St SR WA Fire Zoning)..... 316.12 Black Hills Energy.....Natural Gas (Carnegie)..... 130.43 MiEnergy... Electric Service (Sewer)..... 66.98 WindstreamPhone & Internet Service (WA SR)..... 659.26 Simmering - CoryCity Code Update (St WA SR PD Fire Econ Clerk)..... 954.56 USPSPostage for Utility Bills (WA SR)..... 138.88 John Deere FinancialSupplies (St Fire)..... 127.87 USPSPostage for Utility Bills (WA SR)..... 126.20 Jendro SanitationMonthly Recycling Fee (1,426 x \$8.11)..... 11,564.86

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PASSED AND APPROVED on this 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021. / ss/ Richard Holthaus, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors ATTEST: /ss/ Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor.

Hackman moved for adoption of said Resolution 11-29-21-65 for the Minor Subdivision for Richard Grandy Estate and that Zoll seconded said motion. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, Holthaus. Motion carried. RESOLUTION 11-29-21-65 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCEL 2021-73 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 AND THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of PARCEL 2021-73 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 AND THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA was presented.

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Sheriff Martin Hemann arrived at 9:42 AM.

Armel left at 9:45 AM.

Lengthy discussion with County Board of Supervisors, CEO Aaron Flugum from MercyOne, New Hampton, and Jeremy McGrath from Chickasaw Ambulance Service regarding inviting Iowa Falls EMS Director to speak at Board of Supervisors’ meeting. Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to invite Iowa Falls EMS Director to December 6, 2021 Board of Supervisors’ meeting. Motion by Byrne to invite Iowa Falls EMS Director to December 6, 2021 Board of Supervisors’ meeting. Lack of second to the motion, so motion died. Chairperson Holthaus stated it was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors. Flugum left at 10:17 AM.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve and authorize Project Manager Jeff Bernatz’s signature on Motorola Solutions-Countywide ISICS Add on Project Change Order No 3 in the amount of \$54,266.84. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hemann left at 10:28 AM.

Trisha Wilkins arrived at 10:29 AM. Bernatz and McGrath left at 10:30 AM.

Executive Director Trisha Wilkins from Northeast Iowa Community Action

Corporation discussed their budget allocation request for FY 22/23. General Relief budget allocation request FY 22/23 was discussed. Wilkins left at 10:56 AM.

Chairperson recessed at 10:56 AM.

The board reconvened at 11:02 AM with all members present Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Holthaus in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Deputy Auditor Geerts, Sheriff Hemann and Attorney Laudner via phone were also present.

Sheriff Hemann discussed cost to staff a deputy and per capita law enforcement rates charged in surrounding counties. Reviewed law enforcement rates for “drive through” services and contract hours/rates for cities. Sheriff asked the Board to review information and see if they wanted to increase these rates because letters will be sent out to the cities informing them of the law enforcement services’ rates for FY 22/23. Further discussion when Sheriff’s budget FY 22/23 is reviewed.

Zoll left at 12:00 PM to attend Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill meeting.

Hemann left at 12:10 PM.

Review of the County Attorney’s budget FY 22/23 was tabled.

Committee Assignment Update: Hackman attended Pathways Behavioral Services meeting on November 22, 2021 and County Social Services executive meeting on November 24, 2021.

Holthaus attended Northeast Iowa Community Action Corp. meeting on November 22, 2021.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Hackman to adjourn meeting at 12:35 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Byrne, Hackman, Kuhn, Holthaus. Absent: Zoll. Motion carried.

Richard Holthaus, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor

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CHICKASAW CO CLAIMS- 11/22/2021

20/20 FX LLC.....DESK MOUNT STANDS & PC EQUIP- TREAS., PARTS CO REC. NOTEBOOK PC-CO ATTY & SCANNER FOR ENG. OFFICE, ELECT. NIGHT REPRGT2,676.50 414 LLC ...STUMP REMOVAL -CH.....150.00 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....GLOVES, BATTERIES & RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT-SHER DEPT233.87 AVENUE OF THE SAINTS ANIMAL HOSPITAL CHECKUP FOR K9 DUKE233.97 BENNETT PHARMACY INCM E D S CO SHER DEPT20.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY NAT GAS CO BLDGS & SHOPS 1,924.91 BMC AGGREGATES LCROCK9,203.46 BREMER COUNTYM E D -ICAL EXAMINER FEE-DR. LEE FAGRE- 21-09-038 & 034237.50 BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC. ROCK39,227.97 CENTURY LINK ...PHONE CO 911216.14 CHEMSEARCHCUST. SUPPLS CO BLDGS232.35 CJ COOPER & ASSOC INC A D M N FEE FOR CLEARING HOUSE & TPA SERVS350.00 CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP. CUST. SUPPLS CO CRTHS163.65 CROELL INC.....CONCRETE & FLOWABLE MORTAR7,432.00 EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC TIRES2,850.25 FAREWAY STORES INC SHERIFF / JAIL SUPPLIES, POP INV. CO CRTHS636.63 FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLCFILTERS242.58

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ment Grant7,500.00 Hach CoBOD Probe (Sewer)..... 1,302.91 Heartland Asphalt. Cold Mix (Street)..... 3,069.60 IA Municipal Solutions LLCNovember 2021 Wastewater Operator Services6,240.00 Insurance Strategies Consulting. 509 A Study ending 9/30/21500.00 Iowa Insurance DivisionFiling Fee for 509A Certificate of Compliance115.00 Iowa One CallOne Calls (Water Sewer)59.40 Iroc Web Design Services Fix Job Board on Website (Econ)..... 45.00 Jendro Sanitation.....Refuse Pickup, Compost Pickup 11/13. 2,815.55 KeystoneTesting Fees for Facility Plan (Sewer)1,579.20 LeisureTime Golf CarsUPS Shipping.....26.37 Mai, CaseyMedical Expense Reimbursement from EBS9.76 MercyOne-NHPhysicals, Drug Screenings (Fire).....2,943.00 Messersmith PromotionsPolice Badge Tattoo (Police)332.05 Mick Gage PlumbingVac Pit (Sewer).....1,770.00 Municipal SupplyTouchpad for Meters (Water)147.83 NHMUPhone/Internet (St Fire PD Clerk Econ Carn)583.00 New Hampton TribuneCouncil Minutes (Clerk) Marketing Grant (Econ)961.28 New Hampton TribuneFlush Hydrants, On Call Bid (WA) Holiday Trash148.75 Prichard, Todd.....Regular Salary.....3,051.00 Rash, BraxtonReimburse for meals & gas at schooling (PD)55.44 Riley’s IncCopy Fee (Clerk Econ PD SR)205.00 Sandry Fire Supply LED Lights, Helmet Fronts (Fire)477.55 Schueth Ace Hardware .Key, Nozzle (Sewer) Batteries (Water Street).....79.83 Short Elliott HendricksonSurvey Setup (Trib Trail)354.27 Test America.....Testing Fees (Sewer).....4,250.40 UnityPoint ClinicDrug Screening (Fire)42.00 USA Blue Book ..Colorimeter (WA) Probe, Adapter, Manhole Lifter (SR)2,104.91 USPSFirst Class Presort Fee- Permit #1 (WA SR)132.50 VerizonData Charges (Police).....

.....160.12 Wilshire’s, Engrave Name Plates for Council44.40 Total46,642.57 Plus City Written..... 108,415.22 TOTAL TO BE APPROVED155,057.79 PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 AFLAC - Supplemental Insurance.....775.78 EFTPS - FICA Tax, Federal Tax10,849.01 Iowa Dept of Revenue - State W/H Tax3,434.52 Mass Mutual Financial - Deferred Comp325.00 Treasurer, State of Iowa - IPERS.....16,142.4931,526.80 CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN Jendro Sanitation..... Refuse Pickup17.85 PARK & REC - TO BE WRITTEN MercyOne- NHDrug Screening.....65.00 LIBRARY - TO BE WRITTEN Schueth Ace HardwarePaint, Light Bulbs (Library)102.99 AIRPORT - WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 MiEnergyElectric Service141.65 LIBRARY- WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 Simmering-Cory ..City Code Update.....136.36 Park & Rec - WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 US Cellular..... Cell Phone Service.....54.75 WindstreamPhone Service- Final Bill (9.03) Simmering-Cory ..City Code Update.....136.36 Iowa Base..... Softball Light Base.....762.00944.08 CEMETERY- WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 Simmering-Cory ..City Code Update.....136.36 John Deere Financial.Fuel Stabilizer, Bolts Grinder143.69280.05 AIRPORT- WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 15, 2021 Simmering-Cory ..City Code Update.....136.36

No. 21562 12/14/21

NICC receives funding to offer tuition-free classes for ‘in-demand’ health careers

Northeast Iowa Community College has received a new source of funding that will allow students to train for in-demand healthcare careers with no tuition cost.

The new funding through the State of Iowa Governors

Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERS II) is creating no-cost tuition training opportunities for students and helping the College and its partners to develop a healthcare employee pipeline in the community. Funding through Opportunity

Dubuque is also available to support the training.

The GEERS II funding, among other funding sources, will provide financial assistance to students who enroll in one of three short-term certificate programs at NICC; Phlebotomy

Technician, Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) and Pharmacy Technician. Graduates of the programs will help backfill a wave of retirements in the healthcare sector.

“Northeast Iowa Community College is applying this funding

to directly address skilled worker shortages in our region’s healthcare workforce. By creating no-cost tuition opportunities for students, we can develop and cultivate the talent pipeline that leads to in-demand employment for clinics, long term care facilities and hospi-

tals. Our goal is to fund as many students as possible between now and June 2022,” said Wendy Mihm-Herold, Ph.D., NICC vice president of business and community solutions.

Interested students may call (844) 642-2338, ext. 1399, or visit nicc.edu/essential.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Chickasaw County Temporary Redistricting Commission that a public hearing will be held at 8:45 AM on Monday, December 27, 2021 in the court room located on the third floor of the Courthouse at 8

East Prospect, New Hampton to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed precinct plan for Chickasaw County.

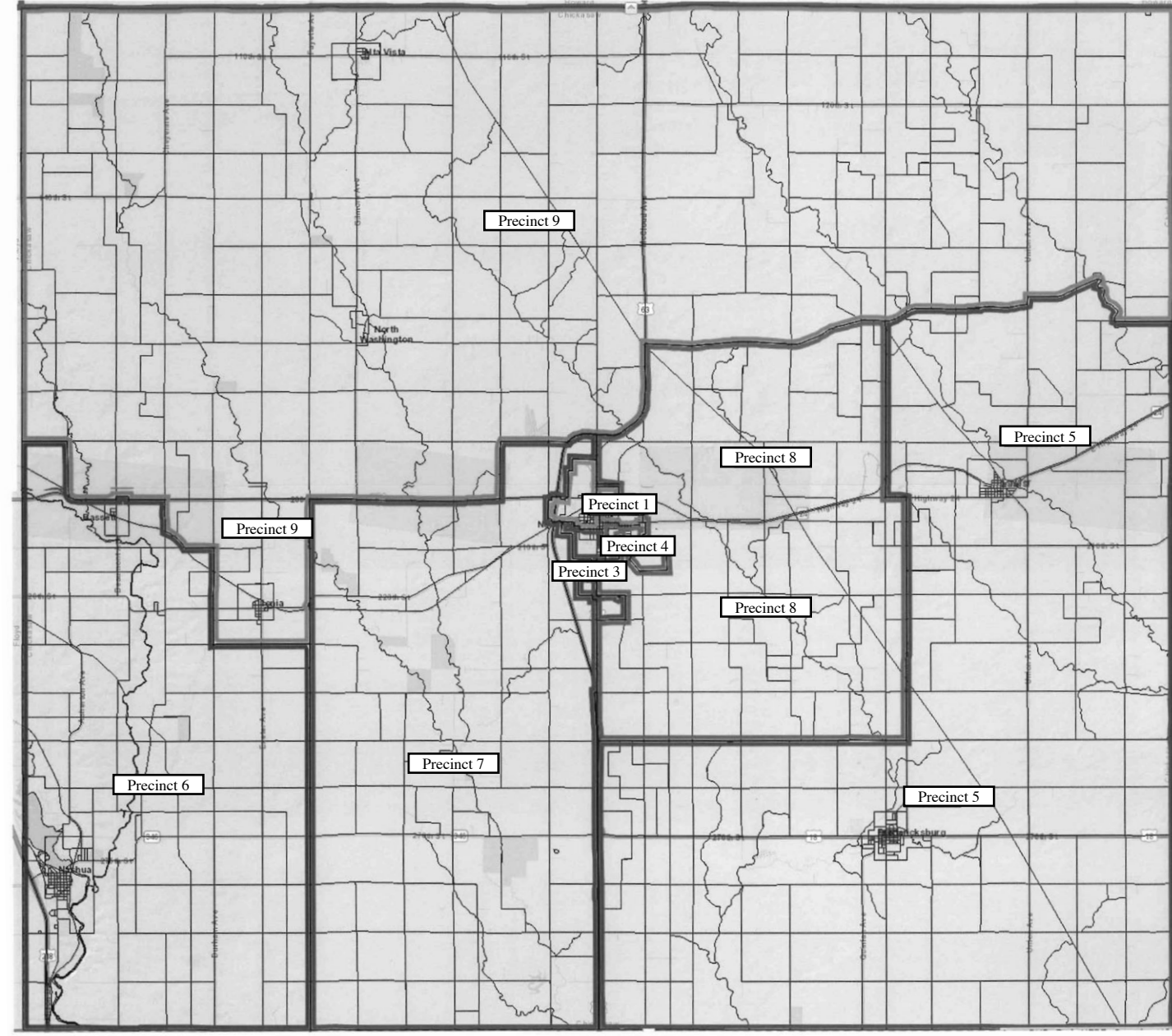
At the hearing the Commission shall receive comments on the proposed plans from all interested parties and any per-

son with an interest in this matter may be present to be heard thereon. At this meeting or any time thereafter the Temporary County Redistricting Commission will consider the proposed precinct plan for Chickasaw County.

Copies of the plans are available at

the County Auditor’s Office in the Courthouse and on the County’s website at www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov.

Publication made by order of the Chickasaw County Temporary Redistricting Commission.



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**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
MADONNA M. LAURES, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR003008
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Madonna M. Laures, Deceased, who died on or about November 30, 2021 .

You are hereby notified that on the 6th day of December, 2021, the last will and testament of Madonna Laures deceased, bearing the date of the 29th day of March, 1990, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Brad Laures and Lynn Laures were appointed executors 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 thereaf-

ter 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 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 this gth day of December, 2021.

Brad Laures, Executor of estate, 108 Maplewood Circle, Denver, IA 50622
Lynn Laures, Executor of estate, 807 8th St. NW, Kasson, MN 55944
Christopher F. O'Donohoe, ELWOOD, O'DONOHOE, BRAJN & WHITE, LLP, Attorney for executor, 101 North Locust Avenue, P.O. Box 310, New Hampton, Iowa 50659, ICIS Pin #: AT0005848

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Lawler, Iowa
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSAL TO LEASE CITY
LAND**

The Lawler City Council will hold a public hearing on January 3, 2022, at 7:10 p.m. local time in the meeting room of the Lawler City Hall located at 414 E Grove St. Lawler, Iowa to hear comments for and against proposal to lease the following City owned real estate:

Approximately 22 acres located in Parcel 1 of the survey of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 95 North, Range 11 West of the 5th P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa, as shown in Document 2004-0270 in the office of the Chickasaw County Recorder,

All in the City of Lawler, Chickasaw County, Iowa;
(hereinafter referred to as the “Real Estate”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council proposes to lease the Real Estate to John Brincks and Adam Brincks (“Tenant”), upon the terms of a written Farm Lease (the “Farm Lease”), a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk for public inspection, which includes, but is not limited to, the following terms:

1. Possession by Tenant for a term of 4 year(s) to commence on March 1, 2022, and end on February 28, 2026; and

2. Total annual cash rent for the 1st year of \$4,000.00 payable, unless otherwise agreed, as follows: \$2000.00 on March 1, 2022, and \$2,000.00 on November 1, 2022. Total annual cash rent for the next 3 years (March 1, 2023 and end on February 28, 2026), of \$4,800.00 payable per year, unless otherwise agreed, as follows: \$2,400.00 on March 1, 2023, and \$2,400.00 on November 1, 2023, and every March 1 and November 1, during the remaining term of the Lease.

At said time and place, comments will be received at the public hearing by the City Council on the question of whether to enter into said Farm Lease on the proposed terms.

For more information concerning the public hearing, please contact the City Clerk at City Hall or by calling (563) 238-3614 during regular business hours.

This notice is published at the direction of the Lawler, Iowa City Council.

Suzette Byrne, City Clerk
Published in the New Hampton Tribune on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

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The Lawler City Council met in regular session on December 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Mark Mueterthies presided.
Council members present: Izer, Scheidel, Kuehner, King and Croell
Council members absent: none
Others present: Austin Kuehner, Cathy Humpal, Stephanie Tangen and Jason Byrne

Motion made by Croell to approve the Agenda
Second by Scheidel. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to approve the previous minutes and current bills to be paid.
Second by King. All Ayes. Motion passed.

ARAMARK RUGS 208.82
JENDRO GARBAGE CONTRACT 2,560.88
SANDEAN & COOMPANY, INC PLOW TRUCK 441.68
STANTON ELECTRIC SECONDARY WIRE AT COOP 70
UPS Cathy HUMPAL 106.85
TEST AMERICA 168
EFTPS FED/FICA TAX 1,478.27
IPERS IPERS 1,101.61
BLACK HILLS ENERGY GAS UTILITY 177.22
MIENERGY ELECTRICITY 16,422.87

IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY DEC 2021 INTEREST 7,065.00
CASH flood 1,188.77
HAWKINS Azone 512.88
IOWA DEPT OF REVNUUE/SALES SALES TAX 1,300.00
TEAM LAB MEGA BUGS PLUS WINTER BLEND 969
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE 2021 AFR 216
CHICKASAW COUNTY AUDITOR 2021 ELECTION 159.6
MIC’S PLUMBING & HEATING FURNACE 3,908.38
ANDERSON FARM LEASE 157.5
IOWA RURAL WATER DUES 01/01/22-12/31/22 225
USABUEBOOK 144.33
PATHWAYS DONATION FY21/22468 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC monthly pymt radio read 1,725.66
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD 172
MARK MUETERTHIES 2021 MILEAGE 394.24
DENNIS UNGS JAY’S LAPTOP 60
STATE HYGIENIC LAB 20
VISA - J UHLENHAK SAW CHAIN 16.9
VISA - S BYRNE 151.61
CHRIS RIGEL INSTALLED BASE TRIM IN CITY HA 500
MISSION LAWLER LIFT STATION 347.4

HAWKEY INTERCONNECT 48.13
HEARTLAND FLOOR CLEANING CLEAN FLOORS 807.8
NUTRI-HOSE INC pump water from park 2,000.00
PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS 5,358.02
CLAIMS TOTAL 50,652.42
GENERAL FUND 13,963.03
REVENUE 5691.45
SANITATION FUND 2,560.88
REVENUE 2610.68
ARPA 104
ROAD USE TAX FUND 686.12
REVENUE 3016.9
WATER FUND 3,384.29
REVENUE 10066.52
WATER SINKING FUND 2,410.00
REVENUE 4705
SEWER FUND 4,002.82
REVENUE 10098.63
SEWER SINKING FUND 4,655.00
ELECTRIC FUND 18,990.28
REVENUE 23906.56
The council reviewed the Election Canvas Summary provided by Chickasaw County Auditor’s office. Kurt Croell with 22 votes and Gwen Kuehner with 16 votes have been elected to city council for a 4 year term. Mark Mueterthies with 59 votes has been elected as Mayor for 2 year term.

King made motion to set the Public Hearing on Proposal to Lease City Land on January 3, 2022 at 7:10pm. Second by Kuehner

Ayes: Scheidel, Izer, Croell, King and Kuehner
Nayes: None
Motion passed.

Scheidel made motion to set Public Hearing on Proposal to Vacate and Convey City-owned Real Estate on January 3, 2022 at 7:15pm. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, Izer, Croell, King and Kuehner
Nayes: None
Motion passed.

Cathy Humpal with the Public library discussed Budget FY22-23. The library will be asking for an increase from the city if the County votes no to increase funding for libraries.

Mark traded his personal ranger to Drilling All-Sports in Calmar. Drilling All-Sports will sell to city for \$8,500. The price will come out of the electric, water, sewer and park funds. Motion made by King to purchase ranger from Drilling All-Sports for 8,500.00. Second by Scheidel.

Ayes: Croell, Kuehner, Scheidel, Izer and King
Nayes: None
Motion passed.

Fencing around yards was discussed. A few yards have fencing around the front yard and leaves have collected around the fence. The property owners have not cleaned up the property. Gwen mentioned to make ordinance for to allow only certain fences to be allowed in front yard. Suzette will do some checking on an ordinance to correct this.

Budget FY22-23 was discussed. Suzette explained she had talked with Iowa Department of Management regarding the budget for the box culvert project. The city does not know the cost of project or the amount we would receive from Iowa Homeland Security but can budget the expense and will also need to budget the revenue received for the project. Dawn Croell said it would cost around 5 million for this project.

It was mentioned to budget for snow removal equipment.

Suzette mentioned to schedule work sessions for working on budget.
Mark explained the county is requesting to sign a new Chapter 28E Agreement for the Ambulance Service. Scheidel made a motion to sign the 28E Agreement with for the Ambulance Service. Second by Croell.

Ayes: Kuehner, Izer, Scheidel, King and Croell
Nays: None

Motion passed.

Mark said the Ambulance board received a quote from AMR Ambulance service for \$245,000 for the FY2022-2023. They will not accept Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The ambulance board is not interested in AMR. Ambulance personal will not work for AMR.

Jason Byrne, county supervisor discussed the option of a possible county run ambulance. Jason has spoken with other counties who have their own ambulance services. At Monday supervisor meeting, the county discussed to use the ARPA money to help with expenses for the ambulance service and eventually a 28E agreement with the cities. A contractual service will be hired for billing for the service. The county also mentioned to set of scholarships to send to schools to keep the service running.

Delinquents were discussed.

The next meeting will be January 3, 2022 at 7:00pm

Izer made motion to adjourn at 8:08pm. Second by Kuehner.

All Ayes. Motion passed

Suzette Byrne, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE 125

**ELECTRIC FRANCHISE
(TRANSMISSION SYSTEM)**

1.01 GRANT OF FRANCHISE.

There is hereby granted to SOO GREEN HVDC LINK PROJECTCO, LLC, hereinafter referred to as “SOO Green” or the “Company,” its successors and assigns, the right and franchise to construct, reconstruct, repair, replace, maintain and operate in the City of Ionla, Iowa (“City”), the necessary conduits, and other appliances or equipment for the transmission of electric current and communication facilities (collectively, the “Facilities”) and the right to construct, reconstruct, relocate, repair, replace, maintain and operate the Facilities under the streets, avenues, alleys and public places and in a certain railroad right of way in the City of Ionla, Chickasaw County, Iowa. This franchise shall be effective for a twenty-five (25) year period from and after the effective date defined in Section 1.014 herein (“Effective Date”). SOO Green is also granted the right of eminent domain as provided in Iowa Code Section 364.2(4) as reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this franchise. (“Franchise” or “Ordinance”).

1.02 PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES; INDEMNIFICATION. The Facilities shall be placed and maintained so as not to unnecessarily interfere with travel on the streets, alleys, and public places in the City or unnecessarily interfere with the proper use of the same, including ordinary drainage, or with the sewers, underground pipe, and other property of the City, and the Company shall hold the City free and harmless from all damages arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the Company in the installation or maintenance of the Facilities.

1.03 EXCAVATIONS. In making any excavations in any street, alley, or public place, the Company shall protect the site while work is in progress, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the use of streets, and shall back-fill all openings in such manner as to prevent settling or depressions in surface, pavement, or sidewalk of such excavations with same materials, restoring the condition as nearly as practical.

1.04 RELOCATION FOR CITY PROJECT. The Company shall, at its

cost and expense, locate and relocate its Facilities in, on, over or under any public street or alley or other public place in the City in such a manner as the City may at any time reasonably require for the purposes of facilitating the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of the street or alley or any public improvement of, in or about any such street or alley or reasonably promoting the efficient operation of any such improvement (“City Project”) The Company shall not be required to relocate, at its cost and expense, Company facilities in the public right-of-way that have been relocated at company expense at the direction of the City in the previous three (3) years. The City and the Company desire to minimize, to the fullest extent possible, the risk that any of the Facilities would require relocation for the purposes of a future City Project. The City has reviewed the engineering plans for the Facilities and used its best available information to identify any areas where a City Project may occur during the term of this franchise and could potentially result in a Facilities relocation. The City and the Company will work together to revise the location of the Facilities prior to construction to reduce the risk of any conflict. For future City Projects, the following will apply:

a. In developing a City Project, the City shall consider reasonable alternatives so as not arbitrarily to cause the Company unreasonable additional expense.

b. If there is a potential conflict between a City Project and the Facilities, the City and the Company will work together to identify alternatives that would avoid relocation of Facilities. When such alternative is available, SOO Green will have the option to pay the incremental cost, if any, associated with the alternative to avoid relocation and the City will implement that alternative if SOO Green so elects.

c. If a relocation of Facilities cannot be avoided, the City will provide a reasonable alternative location for the Company’s facilities within City right-of-way. The Company shall be solely responsible for any additional cost to the City as determined by the City Engineer in the City Engineer’s sole discretion for providing such alternative location. If the alternative location the City can provide within

the City right-of-way is not acceptable to the Company, the Company is granted the power of eminent domain to acquire the land rights necessary to relocate the Facilities to a suitable location. The Company will not be required to deactivate and relocate existing Facilities until the relocated Facilities are operational.

1.05 RELOCATION FOR PRIVATE PROJECT. If the City orders or requests the Company to relocate its Facilities for the primary benefit of a commercial or private project, or as the result of the initial request of a commercial or private developer or other non-public entity, the City shall require advance payment to the Company for all construction and transactions costs and the provision of an alternative location for the Facilities of such relocation from such developer or other non-public entity as a precondition to relocating the Facilities. If such pre-payment is made, the Company will not be required to deactivate and relocate existing Facilities until the relocated Facilities are operational.

1.06 VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. The City shall give the Company reasonable advance written notice to vacate a public right-of-way. Vacating a public right-of-way shall not deprive the Company of its right to operate and maintain existing Facilities within the vacated right-of-way and the City shall grant the Company a utility easement in the vacated public right-of-way until the City orders or requests the Company to relocate its Facilities. If such relocation is for the primary benefit of a commercial or private project, or as the result of the initial request of a commercial or private developer or other non-public entity Section 1.05 of this Franchise shall control. If the relocation is for a Public Project, Section 1.04 shall control.

1.07 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT. The Company is authorized and empowered to prune or remove at Company expense any trees, shrubs, or vegetation extending over or into any street, alley, right-of-way, or public grounds to construct and operate the transmission line and to maintain electric reliability, safety, or restore utility service. Any such pruning or removal shall be done in accordance with accepted safety and utility industry standards and federal and state

laws, rules, and regulations.

1.08 PUBLIC PLACES. “Public places” means any property owned by the City.

1.09 NON-EXCLUSIVITY. The franchise granted by this Ordinance shall not be exclusive.

1.010 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, insofar as they are in direct conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

1.011 ASSIGNMENTS. No sale, assignment or lease of this franchise shall be effective until it is approved by the city council and after the Company has filed in the office of the city clerk written notice of the proposed sale, transfer, disposition or assignment, such notice to clearly summarize the proposed procedure and the terms and conditions thereof. Such approval by the city council shall not be unreasonably withheld. The proposed vendor, assignee, or lessee shall similarly file an instrument, duly executed, reciting such proposal, accepting the terms of this franchise and agreeing to perform all the conditions thereof. This provision shall not apply, however, to collateral assignments in connection with a project financing of the project.

1.012 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. Upon reasonable request, the Company shall provide the City, on a project-specific basis, with information indicating the horizontal location relative to boundaries of the right-of-way of all equipment which the Company owns or over which it has control located within City right-of-way. The Company and City recognize the information provided may, under current Iowa law, constitute public records, but that nonetheless, some information provided may be confidential under state or federal law, or both. Therefore, the City shall not release any information with respect to the location or type of equipment which the Company owns or controls in City right-of-way that the Company certifies may constitute a trade secret or which may otherwise be protected from public disclosure by state or federal law. The City further agrees that no documents, maps, or information provided to the City by the Company shall be made available to the public or other entities if such documents or information are exempt from disclosure under applicable state

or federal law. Any documents, maps, or other information submitted to the City which the Company regards as exempt or protected from public disclosure shall be clearly marked as Confidential by the Company. Upon request of the City, the Company shall provide citation to legal authority supporting its designation. The City shall inform the Company of any request for disclosure of such confidential documents, and upon notification from the City of any request or legal action regarding such confidential information.

1.013 SEVERABILITY. If any of the provisions of this franchise are for any reason declared to be illegal or void, the lawful provisions of this franchise, which are severable from said unlawful provisions, shall be and remain in full force and effect, the same as if the franchise contained no illegal or void provisions.

1.014 NOTICES: Any written notice required by this Franchise shall be sent by first class mail to the persons and addresses below.

For SOO Green
Raj Rajan, Vice President – Project Development
Direct Connect Development Company
1600 Utica Ave S, 9th Floor
St. Louis Park MN 55416
Mayor Randy Taylor
Clerk Donna Geerts
City of Ionla
PO Box 142
Ionla IA 50645

1.015 EFFECTIVE AND BINDING. This Ordinance and the rights and privileges herein granted shall become effective and binding upon its approval, passage in accordance with Iowa law, the written acceptance by the Company, publication, and notice by the Company as provided below. The City shall provide the Company with an original signed and sealed copy of this Ordinance within ten (10) days of its final passage. The Company shall, within thirty (30) days after the City Council approval of this Ordinance, file in the office of the clerk of the city, its acceptance in writing of all the terms and provisions of this Ordinance. Following City Council approval and Company acceptance, this Ordinance shall be published in accordance with the Code of Iowa. The Effective Date of

this Ordinance shall be the earlier of (a) the date the Company provides written notice to the City Manager that any mobilization, staging, or construction of the Facilities will commence within the City limits or (b) December 31, 2026. In the event the Company does not file its written acceptance of this Ordinance within thirty (30) days after its approval by the City Council this Ordinance shall be void and of no effect.

1.016 COMPLETE AGREEMENT. This franchise ordinance sets forth and constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the City of Ionla with respect to the rights contained herein, and may not be superseded, modified or otherwise amended without the approval and acceptance of the Company.

1.017 PUBLICATION EXPENSES. The expense of the publication of this Ordinance shall be paid by the Company.

1.018 RENEWAL. The City and the Company will meet at least 12 months prior to the expiration of this Franchise to discuss renewal of the Franchise.

1.019 ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Ordinance sets forth and constitutes the entire agreement between the Company and the City with respect to the rights contained herein, and may not be superseded, modified, or otherwise amended without the approval and acceptance of the Company. In no event shall the City enact any ordinance or place any limitations, either operationally or through the assessment of fees, that create additional burdens upon the Company, or that delay utility operations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of December, 2021.

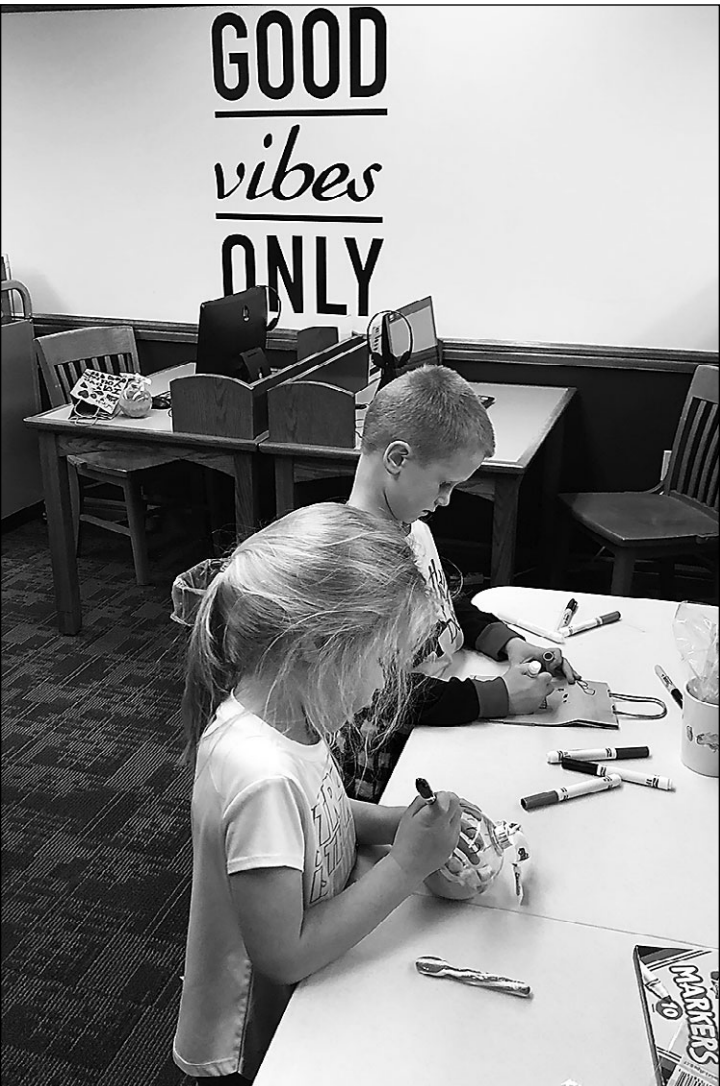
CITY OF IONIA, IOWA

By: Randy Taylor
ATTEST: Donna Geerts

I, Donna Geerts, City Clerk of the City of Ionla, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 125, passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held December 6, 2021, and signed by the mayor on the 6th day of December, 2021, and published as provided by law on December 14, 2021.

Donna Geerts, City Clerk

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

A fun night of gift making at the library

Some children worked on their own while others received a little help from the New Hampton Public Library staff, but every child left the building last Tuesday night with a gift or two — all handmade — for their parents as the library held a well-attended crafts program.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
Chickasaw County 911 Service Board

The 911 Service Board of the above named jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 12/29/2021 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: 260 E Prospect St New Hampton, IA 50659
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of budgeted receipts and expenditures on file with the 911 Service Board Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished upon request.

| | FYE June 30, 2021 Actual Expenditures | FYE June 30, 2022 Re-Estimated Expenditures | FYE June 30, 2023 Proposed Expenditures | Transfers Out | Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023 | Estimated Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2022 | Estimated Other Receipts | Transfers In | Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Surcharge |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------------|---|---|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| 1. Surcharge Fund | 75,190 | 262,255 | 404,155 | 0 | 348,295 | 577,450 | 0 | | 175,000 |
| 2. Operating Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3. TOTAL | 75,190 | 262,255 | 404,155 | 0 | 348,295 | 577,450 | 0 | 0 | 175,000 |

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
Chickasaw County Emergency Management Commission

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2022/2023 budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 12/29/2021 Meeting Time: 06:15 PM Meeting Location: 260 E Prospect St New Hampton, IA 50659
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the County Coordinator.

| | Actual FYE June 30 , 2021 | Estimated FYE June 30 , 2022 | Proposed FYE June 30 , 2023 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BEGINNING FUND BALANCE: | 1 | 281,217 | 276,290 |
| REVENUES: | | | |
| County Contribution | 2 | 130,000 | 100,000 |
| Other Revenues | 3 | 64,615 | 15,000 |
| Total Revenues (2+3) | 4 | 194,615 | 115,000 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | |
| Administration and Operations | 5 | 158,257 | 150,861 |
| Capital Outlays | 6 | 41,285 | 63,500 |
| Total Expenditures (5+6) | 7 | 199,542 | 214,361 |
| Total Ending Fund Balance | 8 | 276,290 | 176,929 |

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
November 22, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all the following members present: Byrne, Hackman, Holthaus, Kuhn, and Zoll in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Also present were Deputy Auditor Geerts, Kendra Crooks, and Patrick Dirks.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve agenda for November 22, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to approve board minutes of November 15, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
County Attorney David Laudner present at 9:09 AM.
Discussion on lease on County owned property located at 2275 S. Linn Ave., New Hampton was tabled.
Patrick Dirks and Kendra Crooks from Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach discussed their budget allocation request for FY 22/23.

Dirks and Crooks left at 9:25 AM.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and authorize Chairperson's signature on Addendum to Iowa Code Chapter 28E Agreement for Ambulance Services in Chickasaw County. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Engineer Roman Lensing arrived at 9:40 AM.
Hackman gave update from the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council meeting he attended on November 17, 2021.
Engineer Lensing discussed road department activities. Discussion on possibly vacating stretch/bridge or removing bridge on 110th Street. Engineer's Office will send a letter to adjacent property owners. Further discussion at December 6, 2021 meeting.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and authorize Chairperson's signature on Joint Public Service Agreement Bridge Construction Project FHWA No. 080270. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Sheriff Martin Hemann arrived at 10:24 AM.
Engineer Lensing left at 10:37 AM.
Sheriff Hemann stated a check was

received from the insurance company for the equipment replacement costs in 19-5s wrecked vehicle. Hemann discussed the following proposals from RACOM for the 21 Dodge Durango PPV: K9 Storage Equipment \$4,571.40, Upfit \$10,006.79, and Computer and Network \$6,746.91.
Kelly Terpstra from New Hampton Tribune present at 10:53 AM.
Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to accept the proposal from RACOM, \$17,074.70 will be paid out of Sheriff's budget. All Ayes. Motion carried.
At 10:58 AM, IT Specialist Denny Ungs joined the meeting by telephone to discuss RACOM proposal. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to accept the proposal from RACOM, \$4,250.40 will be paid out of Data Processing budget. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Hemann and Ungs left at 11:03 AM.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and enter into a 28E Agreement with Chickasaw County Council on Aging, Inc. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Terpstra left at 11:23 AM.
Committee Assignment Updates:

Hackman also attended FMC Decat Board meeting on November 17, 2021.
Kuhn attended 911 and EMA meetings on November 17, 2021. Kuhn attended INRCOG Regional Transit, Iowa Northland Regional Housing, and Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Project meetings on November 18, 2021.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$1,205.24. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$1,097.78. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$231,401.71. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Budget work session tabled.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to adjourn meeting at 11:59 AM. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Rick Holthaus, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of Ionia met in regular session Monday, December 6, 2021, at 7:00 pm in City Hall.
Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Crooks, Day, Geerts, Havner, Parson present. Also present were Clerk Donna Geerts, Mary Jo Parson, Caydence Phillips, Hayley Klassen, Cole Denner, Jayson Holthaus, Lisa Agrimonti, Raj Rajan, and Emily Eppens. Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.
Motion by Parson, seconded by Day to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Day, seconded by Crooks to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021, meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Motion by Crooks, seconded by Parson to approve the claims. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Alliant Energy \$1225.08
Black Hills Energy \$128.07
Library Acct \$2745.82
Payroll \$1929.53
941 deposit \$842.24
Chickasaw Co Auditor, city election \$683.94
John Deere Financial, LED bulbs \$71.92
Jendro Sanitation, recycling Nov bal & Dec \$551.88
New Hampton Tribune, min-publication \$67.68
Mayor/Council Wages, 6 mos. \$1356.95
First Security Bank, qtrly srvs fee \$75.00
State Hygienic Lab, water tests..... \$13.50
CNA Surety, bond ins \$130.00
IA Rural Water Assoc, dues..... \$225.00
Chickasaw Co Auditor, city election \$98.26
Iowa One Call, srvs calls \$22.00
Donna Geerts, mileage budget w/s

the SOO Green's franchise request. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor asked if there were any oral or written objections or comments. Rajan showed video presentation and discussion and being there were no objections, motion by Day and seconded by Havner to close public hearing at 7:48 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.
Motion by Crooks, seconded by Parson to approve Ordinance No 125 Electric Franchise (Transmission System) granting franchise to Soo Green HVDC Link Projectco, LLC. approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Geerts, Havner, Parson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Parson, seconded by Crooks to suspend the rules requiring that Ordinance No 125 Electric Franchise (Transmission System) granting franchise to SOO Green HVDC Link Projectco LLC be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed, per Iowa Code 380.3. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Geerts, Havner, Parson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Crooks, seconded by Day to adopt Ordinance No 125 Electric Franchise (Transmission System) granting franchise to Soo Green HVDC Link Projectco, LLC. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Geerts, Havner, Parson. Nays: None. Ordinance No 125 adopted.
Lisa Agrimonti, Raj Rajan, and Emily Eppens left at 7:50 pm.
Motion by Crooks, seconded by Day to approve and authorize Mayor's signature on Addendum to Iowa Code Chapter 28E Agreement for Ambulance Services in Chickasaw County. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Motion by Day, seconded by Geerts,

to continue with Dutton, Daniels, Hines, Kalkhoff, Cook & Swanson, PLC for attorney contract services for 2022. All voted aye. Motion carried. City attorney agreement for 2022 will be requested and discussed at January meeting.
Elected officials from the November 2, 2021 election received their oath. Officials receiving the oath of office were Mayor Randy Taylor, Councilpersons Cole Denner and Jayson Holthaus. Terms will begin January 3, 2021.
A big thank you to Crooks and Parson for serving as council members for many dedicated years. Crooks served 28 years and Parson 16 years on city council.
Council/Mayor discussed future items for budget FY 22/23.
Parson indicated notes were left at city hall regarding cleaning and asked about certain cleaning duties that should be done at library/city hall.
Geerts stated Day and Geerts trimmed trees and to check with Mike Taylor to see if more needed to be done. Geerts said he has heard some concerns with the work being done in field/lot on East Prairie Street. Also asked about water that is at park between tracks and trail.
January city council meeting will be January 3, 2022, at 7 pm at City Hall.
With no further business, Crooks made a motion, seconded by Parson to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Randy Taylor, Mayor
ATTEST: Donna Geerts, City Clerk

No. 21566
12/14/21

Sports Briefs

Chickasaw girls claim two titles at Wapsie Valley tournament

The New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling team got its season off to a strong start earlier this month as two Chickasaws claimed individual championships at the Wapsie Valley Chris Davis Invitational that was held on Dec. 4.

Bailey Cox and Ali Russler both won three matches on their way to claiming their respective titles.

Cox won the 132-pound title with first-period pins over Kylee Shoop of North Linn and Bailee Craun of Oelwein and a second-period fall over Autumn Stonecypher of West Fork.

Russler, meanwhile, claimed an 8-5 decision over Riley Meyer of South Winne-shiek, received a forfeit from Tripoli's Nora Schellhorn and then won a 13-0 major decision over Eagle Grove's Alejandra Lopez to claim the title at 145.

Three days later, the Chickasaws were back in action at the Waverly-Shell Rock Girls Invitational and Russler came up with a fifth-place finish. After falling to AGWSR's Trinity Rotgers in the quarterfinals, the NH/TV junior reeled off three straight pins to get on the podium.

The Chickasaws' AJ Vetter also came home with a medal as she went 3-2 to finish seventh at 106.

Former Chickasaw helps Wartburg get off to a 9-1 start

Former New Hampton basketball star Keagan John has helped his Wartburg College men's basketball team to a 9-1 start to the 2021-22 season.

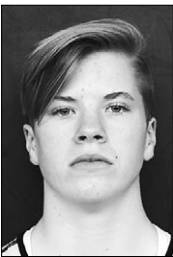
Wartburg opened the season with five straight wins, including a 77-73 victory over 16th-ranked Dubuque on Nov. 23. After falling to 15th-ranked Wisconsin-LaCrosse 83-78 on Nov. 27, the Knights have reeled off four straight wins.

John, a 2018 graduate of New Hampton High School, has started all 10 games for the Knights and is averaging 10.7 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.1 steals a game.

The Knights are currently alone atop the American River Conference standings with a 3-0 league mark, while Loras, Coe and Dubuque are all a half-game behind with 3-1 ARC records.

Wartburg wraps up its pre-Christmas portion of its schedule this weekend with a pair of games at the Cruzin Classic in Fort Lauderdale.

The Knights will play an exhibition game at the University of Northern Iowa on Wednesday, Dec. 29, in Cedar Falls with tip-off scheduled for 7 p.m.



Cox



Russler



John

Chickasaw County Extension offers programs during break

The Chickasaw County Extension office will be holding 3 fun events during the holiday break, including:

- STEM Scale-Up Storypack for students in grades K-4 will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the extension office. The cost is \$15 and will include a morning snack.
- A Ricochet Leadership Program will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Extension office. Students will learn group leadership skills, participate in fun activities, make great friendships, and learn life-long skills.
- Lunch and a healthy snack will be provided, and the cost is \$20.00
- Art-Lit to Go! Mistake to Masterpiece will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30 at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center in Nashua.

This program will help youth learn that mistakes are a part of the creative process and that they can grow and learn from mistakes. It also shows the kids that art is a way for them to express their own creativity.
A morning snack will be provided.
Registration forms for all three programs can be found on extension.iastate.edu/chickasaw/.
Please call the Chickasaw County Extension office at 641-394-2174 or email Jenna at jennas4@iastate.edu for more information.

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EDITION OF THE TRIBUNE



New Hampton Middle School Jazz Band member Braden Manson plays the trumpet while Austyn Rosonke focuses on her music as she plays with the Sixth-Grade Band during last week's holiday concert.

SOUNDS OF MUSIC!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENT HOLIDAY CONCERT



Brenna Thronson (left) plays the saxophone and Claire Garman (above) plays the trumpet with the Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Band while Bryson Balk and Emma Praska (right) perform with Keynotes.



Keynote Singers members (above, from left) Marjorie Reicks, Skyler Bugenhagen and Claire Shakleton sing as a trio, and Wyatt Swehla (right) plays the alto saxophone in the Fifth-Grade Band.



Sixth-Grade Band members Wyatt Sabelka and Kye Rausch (top left) play their saxophones, "Bucket Drummers" (above, from left) Easton Monteith, Ben Schuchhardt and Olivia Eichenberger perform a song while Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Choir members (bottom left) Ella Wassenaar, Emma Elliott and Sydney Laures perform a "solo" during Monday's concert.



NEW HAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT PHOTOS BY BOB FENSKE

ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS AND TROJANS

TUESDAY

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



TV basket-ball vs. Central Elkader, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.



THURSDAY, DEC. 16

NH/TV wrestling vs. Charles City and North Fayette Valley, 6 p.m.

New Hampton freshman boys basketball at Charles City, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling at the Battle of Waterloo, 9 a.m. or 3 p.m.

Turkey Valley basketball vs. West Central, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling at Battle of Waterloo, 9 a.m. if lost Friday's first dual or 3 p.m. if won Friday's first dual.

Turkey Valley varsity girls basketball vs. Osage at Luther College, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

Turkey Valley basketball at South Winneshiek, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 4

Turkey Valley basketball at Postville, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 8 • December 6 Standings

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| The Pub | 40-23 |
| Brite Spot | 40-32 |
| Hide-A-Way | 37-26 |
| Butch's | 33-30 |
| Josie's 1 | 37-35 |
| Bradford House | 32-31 |
| Josie's 2 | 30-33 |
| HereZ2U | 30-33 |
| Quigley's | 30-33 |
| Locker Room | 33-39 |
| VFW | 18-45 |

RESULTS

Josie's 1 7, HereZ2U 2
Brite Spot 5, Locker Room 4
Bradford House 6, Quigley's 3
Butch's 7, Josie's 2 2
The Pub 6, Hide-A-Way 3
Bye: VFW

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Josie's 1: Jesse and Chad
Bradford House: Les and Dennis
Butch's: Matt and Craig; Rich and Andy

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 9 • December 8

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Butch's II | 48-24 |
| Hide-A-Way | 35-37 |
| Josie's I | 35-37 |
| Butch's I | 34-38 |
| Schucky's | 33-39 |
| Josie's II | 29-34 |
| Bowlaway Lanes | 29-34 |

RESULTS

Butch's I 6, Hide-A-Way 3
Bowlaway Lanes 6, Josie's I 3
Butch's II 7, Schucky's 2
Bye: Josie's II

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Butch's II: Karen Schwier and Sue Matthews

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New Hampton's Molly Wegner drives to the basket during the Chickasaws' season opening game at Riceville that was played last month.

New Hampton takes care of ball in win over Kee

NH GIRLS: FROM 15

bestowed upon Kee's prolific scorer - Reagan Mudderman. She averaged 31 points a contest headed into New Hampton's non-conference battle that took place in the far northeastern corner of the state on the Mississippi River.

New Hampton "held" Mudderman - a 5-4 guard - to 29 points.

"Credit Mudderman. She got some deep threes on us and a critical "and-1" and brought them back into the contest. But a huge physical play and dominating offensive attack of Rochford put the game in New Hampton's hands," said Leichtman.

Still, New Hampton couldn't do it alone, even with Rochford's historic performance, which included 10 rebounds from the 5-10

Chickasaw star.

New Hampton's defense harassed the Hawks all game long and was able to come up with 18 steals - five each by sophomore guard Molly Wegner and freshman playmaker Taylor Ries. Wegner and Ries tallied six points apiece.

"All players played huge roles on defense and taking care of the ball on our end and really the team put the game away," Leichtman added.

NH committed just 10 turnovers and amassed a season-high rebound total of 41.

"The girls came ready to play and motivated for a win," said Leichtman. "Early on here we are finding roles and that's what we need to do."

New Hampton begins Northeast Iowa Conference play with a home date with

Waukon tonight (Tuesday) and a road tilt at Decorah on Thursday. Last Friday's scheduled home conference opener against 10th-ranked Waverly-Shell Rock was postponed due to inclement weather.

NEW HAMPTON 62, KEE HIGH 56

New Hampton 13 9 21 19 - 62
Lansing Kee 11 9 15 21 - 56

Emily Jackson 0-5 3-6 3, Carlee Rochford 12-25 11-17 38, Kandice Eggerichs 1-4 2-4 4, Molly Wegner 2-6 1-1 6, Gracie Reicks 1-3 1-2 3, Kirsten Reicherts 0-6 2-4 2, Elaina Rosonke 0-0 0-0, Taylor Ries 2-5 2-4 6. Totals 18-54 22-38 62.

3-point field goals - Rochford 3-8, Wegner 1-4.
Rebounds - Jackson 7, Rochford 10, Eggerichs 7, Wegner 5, Reicks 5, Reicherts 2, Ries 5.
Assists - Jackson 1, Rochford 4, Eggerichs 1, Wegner 1.
Steals - Jackson 1, Rochford 4, Eggerichs 3, Wegner 5, Reicks 1, Reicherts 1, Ries 3.
Blocks - Rochford 1.

Chickasaws head to Battle of Waterloo

NH/TV: FROM 16

is ahead of us," said Paulus.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley already exacted revenge from last season when it lost in a head-to-head NEIC dual versus Decorah last winter. The Chickasaws outlasted the Vikings this go-round, 42-27, last Thursday.

"I think we wrestled pretty well. It was a dual full of ups-and-downs, but that is to be expected in the first dual of the year. The main thing is that we got the victory. Sometimes winning isn't pretty but we got the job done," said Paulus.

Then it was off to Calmar and the South Winneshiek Invite on Saturday, which included stalwarts Osage and West Delaware. New Hampton - missing several starters in its lineup - finished a respectable third behind those two squads. NH ended up with 142.5 team points. West Delaware won the meet with 249.5 points and Osage was runner-up with 225 points.

"Saturday at South Winn was a great example of our next-man up-mentality. We had several new faces in the lineup because we had people out with injuries, sickness, etc," said Paulus.

"This was a great opportunity for some of those new faces to get out there and show their skills. It was a good team effort and I was proud of our efforts."

NH sophomore Braden McShane was the top wrestler in his weight class at 195 pounds. He stood atop the medal stand with a first-place finish after sticking Sawyer Falck of West Delaware, Tony Greve of South Winn and Cole Jeffries of Osage in his finals match.

Full steam ahead for McShane, who is a load to take down and ripped through the South Winn Invite with little resistance. He may well be one of the state's best wrestlers in his 2A weight class before it's all said and done this year.

"McShane is a dang good athlete and wrestler. He had a phenomenal football season and is carrying that confidence right into this wrestling season," said Paulus. "There is no limit to how high he can end up at the end of the season. He just has to keep the foot on the pedal."

NH junior Ben Tenge hit the mat for the first time this year at 170 pounds and placed third. Tenge worked a 5-4 decision over Brady Schaul of West Delaware in his opening quarterfinal match. He ended up pinning Schaul in 1:27 in his

third-place match.

"Ben knows that he is a shell of how great he can be this season. He trusts in the process and I believe we will see a better version of him every time he steps on the mat," said Paulus.

Chickasaw seniors Edgar Nunez (113), Zach Utley (220) and sophomore Leander Reicks (152) each finished in third place in their respective weight classes.

Nunez, a senior, engineered two pins to finish off his day.

"Edgar is bought into doing the right things this year and it is really showing. His energy will be a spark plug for us all year," Paulus said

Utley lost to last year's state champ - West Delaware's Wyatt Voelker - in the semis, but the Chicksaw senior had to be happy about the outcomes of his other three matches. All three of those matches ended in pins for Utley.

"Zach is a great example that hard work pays off! He works very hard and is willing to give everything he has for a full six minutes," said Paulus. "We love his attitude and willingness to battle. He is having a great start to the season."

NH seniors Gavin Rings (160) and Jacob Burgart (285) placed fourth in their brackets. NH soph Ethan Praska (132) and junior Quinten Reicks (160) wound up in fifth place.

New Hampton wrestles in the Battle of Waterloo this Friday and Saturday. The Chickasaws will take on second-seeded Ankeny in the Barman/Miller Bracket on Friday morning at 9 a.m. on Friday, and if it wins that dual, it will wrestle in the afternoon/evening session on Saturday. If the Chickasaws fall, it will be another early wake-up call Saturday as they will wrestle in a bracket during the morning.

NH/TV 42, DECORAH 27

126: Peyton Anderson (NHTV) pinned Daniel See, 1:34; 132: Ethan Praska (NHTV) dec. Lane Rofs, 4-2. 138: Brady Stille (D) pinned Burke Busta, Fall 3:25; 145: Karson Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Levi Holten Palmer, 5:12; 152: Ben Wymer (D) over Kael Meyers, 5-4; 160: Austin Wilkins (D) dec. Gavin Rings, 5-0; 170: Corbyn Palmer (D) over Ben Tenge, 4:33.

182: Isaac Howe (NHTV) pinned Garrick Smith, 0:55; 195: Braden McShane (NHTV) won by forfeit; 220: Zach Utley (NHTV) dec. Oskar Paulson, 9-3; 285: Jacob Burgart (NHTV) won by forfeit; 106: Justin Fortman (D) pinned Landon Bruess, 4:59; 113: Kollin Henry (D) dec. Edgar Nunez, 6-1; 120: Tate Schwickerath (NHTV) pinned D'mitry Lesser, 0:35.

SOUTH WINNESHIK INVITE TEAM SCORES

West Delaware 249.5, Osage 225,



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley sophomore Leander Reicks fends off a takeoff attempt by Decorah's Eric Hjelle during a 152-pound consolation match at the South Winneshiek Invitational Saturday.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley 142.5, GMLOS 104.5, South Winneshiek 98, Decorah 91, West Delaware JV 83, North Fayette Valley 75, Denver 74, Denver JV 15, North Fayette Valley JV 10, GMLOS JV 6.

NH/TV RESULTS

106: Landon Bruess placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Aiden Feickert (SW) pinned Bruess, 1:34. Cons. Round 1 - Bruess tech. fall Kade Meyer (NFV), 16-0, 5:19. Cons. Semi - Cole Sheely (G) pinned Bruess, 1:39. 5th Place Match - Mason Lewison (GJV) dec. Bruess, 3-1.

113: Edgar Nunez placed third. Quarterfinal - Nunez dec. Bo Wangsness (SW), 11-8. Semifinal - Kollin Henry (DEC) pinned Nunez, 3:46. Cons. Semi - Nunez pinned Preston Beyer (O), 1:26. 3rd Place Match - Nunez pinned Teague Alden (G), 3:47.

120: Tate Schwickerath placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Timmy Hogfeldt (G) pinned Schwickerath, 0:59. Cons. Round 1 - Schwickerath received bye. Cons. Semi - Ryan Hilby (WDJV) pinned Schwickerath, 0:41. 5th Place Match - Dalton Pischke (G) dec. Schwickerath, 9-6.

126: Tristan Willadsen did not place. Quarterfinal - Jax Miller (WD) tech. fall Willadsen, 18-3, 3:43. Cons. Round - Daniel See (DEC) dec. Willadsen, 4-3.

132: Ethan Praska placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Lane Rofs (DEC) dec. Praska, 7-3. Cons. Round 1 - Praska pinned Lukas Weiss (SW), 1:38. Cons. Semi - Aiden Quintana (G) pinned Praska, 0:17. 5th Place Match - Praska pinned Logan Boehm (NFV), 0:53.

138: Burke Busta did not place. Quarterfinal - Joe Ebaugh (DEN) maj. dec. Busta, 16-4. Cons. Round 1 - Brady Stille (DEC) dec. Busta, 6-0.

145 - Quinten Reicks placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Levi Holten (DEC) pinned Reicks, 0:26. Cons. Round 1 - Reicks dec. Gavin McLaughlin

(DEN), 8-1. Cons. Semi - Carson Turnis (WD) maj. dec. Reicks, 10-2. 5th Place Match - Reicks medical forfeit Angello Wittenburg (DEN JV).

152 - Leander Reicks placed third. Quarterfinal - Garrison Gillihan (WD) maj. dec. Reicks, 9-1. Cons. Round 1 - Reicks pinned Erik Hjelle (DEC), 1:56. Cons. Semi - Reicks pinned Kenny Kerr (NFV), 1:28. 3rd Place Match - Reicks pinned Kaden Bullerman (SW), 4:58.

160: Gavin Rings placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Isaac Fettkether (WDJV) dec. Rings, 5-2. Cons. Round 1 - Rings received bye. Cons. Semi - Rings dec. Austin Wilkins (DEC), 4-2. 3rd Place Match - Fettkether (WDJV) maj. dec. Rings, 10-2.

170: Ben Tenge placed third. Quarterfinal - Tenge dec. Brady Schaul (WDJV), 5-4. Semifinal - Corbyn Palmer (DEC) dec. Tenge, 10-4. Cons. Semi - Tenge pinned Jake Miller (O), 1:07. 3rd Place Match - Tenge pinned Schaul (WDJV), 1:27.

182 - Isaac Howe did not place. Quarterfinal - Corbin Hill (DENJV) forfeit Howe. Cons. Round 1 - Jack Smith (WDJV) forfeit Howe.

195 - Braden McShane placed first. Quarterfinal - McShane pinned Sawyer Falck (WDJV), 0:55. Semifinal - McShane pinned Tony Greve (SW), 0:57. 1st Place Match - McShane pinned Cole Jeffries (O), 2:39.

220: Zach Utley placed third. Quarterfinal - Utley pinned Cade Bonnette (DEN), 4:37. Semifinal - Wyatt Voelker (WD) pinned Utley, 1:19. Cons. Semi - Utley pinned Oskar Paulson (DEC), 4:23. 3rd Place Match - Utley pinned Grant Northburg (WDJV), 4:38.

285: - Jacob Burgart placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Burgart pinned Tate Williamson (O), 3:56. Semifinal - Cameron Geuther (WD) dec. Burgart, 6-3. Cons. Semi - Bugart pinned Cody Monaghan (WDJV), 0:45. 3rd Place Match - Colton Schupbach (NFV) pinned Burgart, 3:12.

Chickasaws overcome poor free throw shooting to win two

NH BOYS: FROM 16

campaign, drilled South Winn, 59-39, to start last week. The Warriors were a Class 1A state tournament qualifier last year, although the Upper Iowa Conference squad is without its leading scorer from a season ago due to graduation.

"We really have moved the ball well and have been aggressive where we need to be and patient where it is required," said Rausch. "We are also attacking the rim really well. Given our inability to knock down threes, it's been needed."

Then after NH's first conference game versus Waverly-Shell Rock was postponed on Friday because of weather, it was off to Lansing to take on the Kee High Hawks - which turned into an absolute fiasco, according to Rausch.

"We started out really well and then kind of went backwards. I credit our guys for being tough and finishing in overtime," said Rausch. "They played through a poorly officiated and administered game, which was incredibly frustrating. The desk and officials did not communicate, there were clock issues, and just overall a terrible deal."

It didn't make matters any better that New Hampton continued to struggle at the charity stripe. The Chickasaws missed half of their free throws in 40 attempts in the Kee contest. The Chickasaws shoot around 51 percent as a team in the free-throw department through the first two weeks of the season.

"It almost cost us the game. In all honesty, it's the reason we are 2-3 instead of 5-0 and if we don't improve it we won't get where we want to," Rausch added.

It appears that Rausch's Chickasaws are just starting to scratch the surface of their potential and it's not even into Christmas break yet. Before New Hampton claims themselves king of the hill, there is still an immense amount of work to be done to correct the mistakes that the flawed Chickasaws have shown out on the court so far.

New Hampton has also struggled from beyond the arc as it went 1-8 from 3-point range against South Winn. NH did connect on four 3-pointers versus Kee.

"We don't have any issue scoring and that is while we are poor shooting 3's and free throws. If we can improve those areas we will be a tough out for anybody," said Rausch.

New Hampton was once again led in the scoring department by senior forward Drake Wemark. He hit for 18 points (9-13 from the floor) against South Winn and was very difficult to stop at Kee. He finished with 26 points on 9-19 shooting.

NH junior forward Carter Steinlage kept proving he's one of the area's better talents with a consistent stat line of 17 points against South Winn and 20 points against Kee High.

The Chickasaws, though, again struggled at the free-throw line. After going 6-for-16 at the charity stripe Thursday, they improved, but barely, with a 50 percent showing (20-for-40) against Kee.

"I am still beyond upset with our free throw shooting - just absolutely unacceptable," said Rausch.

If the sky's the limit for sophomore forward Cael Laures - he was hovering around the clouds somewhere this past weekend because his game has taken off into the stratosphere.

He's launched his game to new heights with a monster effort down low against Kee. He worked his way to 13 points and



Becky Walz/Decorah Newspapers

New Hampton's Drake Wemark blocks a shot in Thursday's game at South Winneshiek.

ripped down 17 rebounds.

"He's a kid who will do whatever we ask him. He's a young guy, but a great teammate and humble leader," said Rausch. "He is an X factor because he does a lot of things well and is still learning and developing. He's also a culture changer too because he is such a good kid, has a great personality, and works incredibly hard."

Laures' tough, all-around play is a valuable asset that should see his positive numbers increase across the board as the season progresses. But stats seem to be the last thing on Laures' mind as he's also willing to do the dirty work it takes to help his teammates out and win ball games.

"He doesn't care if he has 2 or 20, he just wants to win. It's hard to put a price on people like that. People will know who he is by the time his career is over," said Rausch.

New Hampton hosts Waukon tonight (Tuesday) and travels to Decorah on Thursday to begin a three-game stretch of conference games that culminates with a home date with Charles City right before Christmas vacation on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

NEW HAMPTON 59, SOUTH WINNESHIK 39

NH 13 16 9 19 - 59
SW 12 7 13 7 - 39

Drake Wemark 9-13 0-2 18, Gannon Shekleton 2-5 4-9 8, Mason Lane 2-6 1-3 5, Carter Steinlage 8-15 0-0 17, Cael Laures 4-9 0-1 8, Evan Knowlton 1-1 1-1 3, Hunter Serie 0-0 0-0 0, Carter Cahoy 0-0 0-0 0, Tyler Wiltse 0-0 0-0 0, Nick Brincks 0-0 0-0 0, Aiden Roberson 0-1 0-0 0, Carsyn Leistikow 0-0 0-0 0, Logan Peterman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-50 6-16 59.

3-point field goals - Wemark 0-1, Lane 0-3, Steinlage 1-3, Laures 0-1.

Rebounds - Wemark 7, Steinlage 6, Shekleton 5, Lane 5, Laures 3, Roberson 3, Brincks 2, Leistikow 1, Wiltse 1.

Assists - Wemark 4, Lane 3, Shekleton 2, Laures 1, Wiltse 1.

Steals - Steinlage 3, Brincks 3, Wemark 2, Lane 2, Laures 2, Shekleton 1, Knowlton 1.

NEW HAMPTON 74, KEE HIGH 67

NH 21 10 17 12 14 - 74
Kee 12 11 18 9 7 - 67

Wemark 9-19 7-13 26, Shekleton 2-4 2-4 6, Lane 1-3 1-2 4, Tyler Wiltse 1-2 0-0 3, Nick Brincks 1-2 0-3 2, Steinlage 6-11 7-13 20, Aiden Roberson 0-0 0-0 0, Cael Laures 5-8 3-5 13. Totals - 25-48 20-40 74.

3-point field goals - Wemark 1-2, Shekleton 0-1, Lane 1-3, Wiltse 1-1, Steinlage 1-1, Laures 0-1.

Rebounds - Wemark 8, Shekleton 2, Lane 1, Wiltse 1, Brincks 2, Steinlage 8, Laures 17.

Assists - Wemark 6, Lane 1, Steinlage 1, Laures 2.

Blocks - Laures 2, Steinlage 1.

BOWLING

COFFEE CUP LEAGUE

| STANDINGS | W | L |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Elma Gals | 27.5 | 16.5 |
| Hugeback-Johnson | 27 | 17 |
| Mid-Tech | 23.5 | 20.5 |
| ExSalont | 19 | 25 |
| Geerts Plumbing | 18 | 26 |
| Rochford Insurance | 17 | 27 |

DEC. 8 RESULTS

Hugeback-Johnson 3, Rochford Insurance 1
Geerts Plumbing 3, Mid-Tech 1
Elma Gals 4, ExSalont 0

LEADERS

High individual games: Lorraine Pullman 186, Pullman 178, Kristy Kirkus 168.

High individual series:

Pullman 529, Kirkus 480, Eleanore Martin 419.

High team games: Rochford Insurance 437, Elma Gals 436, Elm a Gals 434.

High team series: elma Gals 1,282, Hugeback-Johnson 1,254, Geerts Plumbing 1,195.

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

Pullman 30.

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)

Pullman 61.

Karen Schmitt Secretary

New Hampton girls pick up second victory

Rochford scores school-record 38, opportunistic defense lead Chickasaws to non-conference road win over Lansing Kee

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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In a battle between the top two scorers in the state - Carlee Rochford and her New Hampton Chickasaws came out on top.

Rochford - currently the leading scorer in the entire state of Iowa with a 31.5 points-per-game average - propelled her team to victory on Saturday in Lansing as New Hampton

took down Kee High, 62-56.

Rochford assumed the role of the state's top scorer as she administered a whopping 38 points against the helpless Hawks and in the process broke the school record for most points amassed in one girls



Rochford

5-on-5 game at New Hampton. The old mark was 35 points and stood above all else in Chickasaw lore - until Saturday afternoon.

Rochford hit from near and far, as well as at the free-throw stripe, to guide her team to its second win of the sea-



Wegner

son. Rochford went 12-25 from the field and was 11-17 at the charity stripe. She connected on three of her eight 3-point attempts.

So far, so good for Rochford, who battled through injury and illness last year as a sophomore and saw her season



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cut short in January. Rochford, getting close to firing all cylinders, bodes well for the Chickasaws, which improved to 2-2 on the season.

"Carlee continues to build a dominating resume early on," said first-year NH head coach Dave Leichtman.

Rochford didn't enter Saturday's contest as Iowa's top prep scorer in girls hoops. That lofty distinction was

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Turkey Valley junior Noah Hanson (above) gets off a contested shot while Calvin Bodensteiner (below) drives to the hoop during the Trojans' game against North Fayette Valley last week.

Cold shooting costs Turkey Valley boys

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The temperature was frigid near the rim at Jackson Junction last Tuesday for the Turkey Valley Trojans.

That equated to an ice-cold shooting performance for John Izer's Trojan boys hoops squad against Upper Iowa Conference foe North Fayette Valley.

The TigerHawks defense shut down TV en route to a 49-32 victory on the road.

"We couldn't hit any bunnies. We took a season-low 15 three-pointers. So it's not like we were chucking 3-pointers," said Izer. "We just couldn't hit."

No Trojan was able to register double-digit scoring as NFV traced out to a 14-5 first-quarter advantage and rolled the rest of the way for the 17-point key league tilt.

TV was 1-for-15 as a team from 3-point land.

TV was led in scoring by Dylan Reicks and Garrett Kurtenbach. The senior duo notched seven points apiece. Kurtenbach couldn't find it from long range as he drilled just one 3-point bucket in eight attempts but grabbed five rebounds and dished out three assists.

"That was a bad loss," said Izer. "We had to flush North Fayette. There's nothing you can do. If we would have turned the ball over 30 times and taken 40 three-pointers, I'd know what the problem was."

TV, now 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the UIC, opened the season with an impressive victory over New Hampton, 62-53. Then the Trojans fell to MFL-Mar-Mac, 68-48, on the road. The Trojans bounced back with a 47-40 triumph at home over Clayton Ridge, before dropping

the conference matchup to NFV (2-2, 2-1).

TV plays two more home games this week - tonight (Tuesday) versus Central Elkader and also against West Central on Thursday. Four out of TV's first five league games will have been played at home barring any postponements.

Taking care of business on its home floor is paramount if the Trojans want to stay in the race for a conference crown - something previous Trojan head coach Chris Sullivan managed to do in four out of the past five seasons at TV.

"That's what made Tuesday so hard for us. I've told the guys ever since fall, looking at the schedule and knowing what's in the conference, we gotta protect home court," said Izer, in his first year at the helm of TV.

Turkey Valley was scheduled to take on Kee High last Friday night, but that league battle was postponed because of weather and moved to Feb. 3.

| NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 49, TURKEY VALLEY 32 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|---|---|----|--|--|--|
| NFV | 14 | 15 | 17 | 3 | - | 49 | | | |
| TV | 5 | 6 | 12 | 9 | - | 32 | | | |
| Carson Busta 0-3 0-0 0, Dylan Reicks 3-7 1-2 7, Noah Hanson 2-8 2-2 6, Calvin Bodensteiner 2-6 1-1 5, Garrett Kurtenbach 3-13 0-0 7, Caleb Kurtenbach 0-4 0-0 0, Braylen Byrne 0-4 0-0 0, Russell Nieman 0-0 0-0 0, Oliver Schmitt 2-4 1-2 5, Tristan Pullman 0-0 0-0 0, Chase Hayek 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 13-53 5-7 32. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-point field goals - Busta 0-1, Reicks 0-1, Hanson 0-1, Bodensteiner 0-1, G. Kurtenbach 1-8, C. Kurtenbach 0-2, Schmitt 0-1. | | | | | | | | | |
| Rebounds - Reicks 3, Hanson 5, G. Kurtenbach 5, C. Kurtenbach 2, Byrne 3, Schmitt 4, Hayek 2. | | | | | | | | | |
| Assists - Hanson 1, G. Kurtenbach 3, C. Kurtenbach 1. | | | | | | | | | |
| Steals - Reicks 1, Hanson 2, Bodensteiner 1, G. Kurtenbach 2, C. Kurtenbach 3, Schmitt 1, Hayek 2. | | | | | | | | | |
| Blocks - Reicks 1. | | | | | | | | | |



Trojans win hard-fought battle against NFV

Turkey Valley girls get aggressive on way to win over TigerHawks

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Jacqlyn Schmitt is primed for a breakout season on the hardwood for Carla Nymeyer's Turkey Valley Trojans this winter.

She sure is doing her part early on in contributing to TV's long-standing success under Nymeyer, who enters her ninth season of guiding her top-tier Upper Iowa Conference hoops squad.

Schmitt led all scorers last week Tuesday with 15 points in a nip-and-tuck, 41-39, UIC victory in Jackson Junction over North Fayette Valley (2-2, 2-2).

Schmitt has clipped out to a 16-point scoring average thus far through four games. The 5-8 left-handed junior forward averaged over six points of scoring last year coming off the bench. With the graduation of all-time TV leading scorer Ali Hoffer - she's taken on a much larger role down low in a starting role.

While scoring is obviously key for the Trojans, implementing the Trojans' full-court pressure defense is also right near the top of the list as far as keys to the overall success of TV in 2021-2022.

"After the first half I realized I was not being aggressive enough so in the second half I tried to go after it defensively and to help the team out any way I could," said Schmitt.

TV forced 21 NFV turnovers and rallied from an eight-point deficit midway through the second quarter. The Trojan trailed 18-10 but quickly closed the gap to just a single point behind a bucket by Schmitt, a jumper by Brianna Busta and a 3-pointer from Jalyssa Blazek.

Schmitt's unselfish play and team-first attitude was evident in the comments she relayed to media in the postgame interview.

"I think a lot of credit for the win goes to Jalyssa (Blazek) and Kara (Reicks) - their pressure is fantastic. They're always disrupting and making it harder for ball handlers," said Schmitt.

Reicks - Nymeyer's feisty and fluid point guard - nailed two shots from beyond the three-point arc and finished with eight points. She also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds - which is testament to her hustle as she is at times the smallest player on the court at 5-4.

"Getting on the ground for the 50-50 balls is so important," said Schmitt.

Nymeyer was happy her team put the pedal to the medal, even when TV's up-tempo pace can tire even the most conditioned of athletes.

"Our girls really poured themselves into this game and kept the pace going even when we were low on gas. We also had great focus on the boards and did a great job rebounding," said Nymeyer.

Schmitt's hoop down low gave TV a 22-20 halftime lead. The third quarter was knotted at 29-29 headed into the final stanza.

A Reicks' 3-pointer gave TV a 36-33 cushion with 5:50 to go in the game and Schmitt was able to bring the lead back up to three with an inside hoop with 2:15 remaining in the conference clash.

Busta would score the game's final points on a foul shot with



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Turkey Valley's Brianna Busta (above) grabs a rebound while Aubrey Hoffer (below) puts up a shot in last week's game against North Fayette Valley.



1:44 left in the contest. Each team missed critical free throws down the stretch.

"We didn't capitalize on free throws toward the end that would of given us a cushion, but I like how we handled ourselves with our court awareness and composure," said Nymeyer.

Blazek finished with seven points and

also nailed one of TV's four 3-pointers. Busta converted on TV's other long-range shot and she wound up with six points. Aubrey Hoffer added five points to round out the Trojans' scoring.

TV's game with Kee on the road Friday was postponed because of weather. The Trojans (3-1, 2-1) host back-to-back home games versus Central Elkader tonight (Tuesday) and West Central this coming Friday. Turkey Valley squares off against Osage this Saturday in the Border Battle played on the campus of Luther College in Decorah.

| TURKEY VALLEY 41, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 39 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|----|---|----|---|----|--|--|--|
| North Fayette V | 7 | 13 | 9 | 10 | - | 39 | | | |
| Turkey Valley | 8 | 14 | 7 | 12 | - | 41 | | | |
| Jalyssa Blazek 3-9 0-0 7, Kara Reicks 3-9 0-1 8, Aubrey Hoffer 2-8 1-3 5, Hailey Elsbernd 0-2 0-0 0, Jacqlyn Schmitt 6-12 3-4 15, Alison Leibold 0-1 0-0 0, Brianna Busta 2-7 1-2 6. Totals 16-48 5-10 41. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-point field goals - Blazek 1-1, Reicks 2-6, Hoffer 0-3, Busta 1-3. | | | | | | | | | |
| Rebounds - Reicks 9, Hoffer 6, Blazek 5, Schmitt 5, Busta 3, Elsbernd 1. | | | | | | | | | |
| Assists - Reicks 3, Blazek 1, Hoffer 1, Schmitt 1, Busta 1. | | | | | | | | | |
| Steals - Blazek 4, Reicks 2, Hoffer 2, Elsbernd 1, Schmitt 1. | | | | | | | | | |
| Blocks - Hoffer 1, Schmitt 1. | | | | | | | | | |

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Quinten Reicks (above) picks up near-fall points against Denver's Gavin McLaughlin while teammate Ben Tenge scraps with Decorah's Corbryn Palmer during Saturday's South Winneshiek Invitational.

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Chickasaws pick up a pair of wins

New Hampton boys roll past South Winneshiek before winning OT road game at Kee High

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Style points?
The New Hampton Chickasaws could care less. Whether a game is an artistic thing of beauty or just flat out ugly, the New Hampton boys basketball team accomplished its main goal this past week - defeat the opponent. Just win, baby. And that's what Ryan Rausch's squad did in two take-downs of non-league opponents

in the form of South Winneshiek on Thursday and a 74-67 overtime victory over Kee High in a Saturday afternoon matinee that got a little nuts. "It's really hard not to be excited right now. Our guys are just hungry to put W's on the board regardless of how it looks," said Rausch. New Hampton (2-3), which earned its first two victories of the season after three consecutive losses to begin the 2021-22

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Photo courtesy of Becky Walz/Decorah Newspapers
New Hampton sophomore Cael Laures contests a shot during a game at South Winneshiek last Thursday.

CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN

CHICKASAWS GET FIRST DUAL WIN, TAKE THIRD AT SOUTH WINNESHIEK TOURNAMENT

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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Pack a lunch, because the New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling team is going on a hike. The travel spot may not be a walk through nature, but the destination to a higher elevation will be coming to a mat

near you. Chickasaw head coach Matt Paulus' grappling group this winter is not "heavy" with returning varsity veterans, but the youth the Chickasaws possess includes a fire and hunger that is already launching several soon-to-be stars up near the top of the podium stand. "We are a very inexperienced team when it comes to varsity mat time. That is why we are excited to get back to work and keep climbing the mountain this season. Our best wrestling

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