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Students to get J-Term experience

New Hampton High will expand on Chickasaw Challenge it did this past spring

By BOB FENSKE

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New Hampton High School students don't have to go to college to get a J-Term experience; in fact, they will get one next month as the school will welcome back students with a unique two-week program.

The J-Term is an offshoot of last year's Chickasaw Challenge in which students immersed themselves in a three-day class in which teachers taught courses that they were passionate about.

"We felt that was a huge success for our school, but at the same time, it was such a relatively short amount of time," New Hampton High School Principal Sarah Updegraff said. "J-Term is definitely different. We're going to really be able to explore subjects but at the same time we're working to achieve core objectives."

The 10-day term will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 3, the first day students report back to classes after an extended Christmas break and will run through Jan. 17.

Students had the option of signing up for a variety of classes — including "Analyzing the Criminal Mind," "The Art of Geometry," "Extreme World War II for the Ultimate History Buff" and "A Tale of Two Philosophies: Exploration of Medical Practices," just to name several.

The classes will run from 9:15 to 2:15 p.m. and will include a lunch break that will

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Members of the Sixth-Grade Band clarinet section (above) perform a piece while Morgan Riha (right) is in the holiday spirit, sporting some nice Christmas attire as she and Kelsey Klassen sing with the Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Chorus during the annual New Hampton Middle School Winter Concert that was held last week.

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Dorothy Huber/Tribune

CONCERT PAGES END FRIDAY; PHOTOS ONLINE

Our series of photo pages of area school concerts will come to an end in Friday's Tribune, when we will have photos from New Hampton High School's Winter Music Festival that was held on Monday night and Turkey Valley Elementary School's program that was held on Friday afternoon.

In addition to the photos that have appeared in the paper, more are available for viewing and purchase on our online photo galleries that can be accessed at our website at nhtrib.com.

NHHS dancer beats nerves to make history

By BOB FENSKE

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The "butterflies" kept Jenna Murray from even thinking about the chance that she could make a little history on the dance floor.

"Oh my gosh, yes, I was nervous," the New Hampton High School junior said about her performance at the state solo individual dance competition, "but then again, I'm always fighting nerves. If it's the dance team or I'm by myself, I'm kind of a wreck."

She couldn't help but laugh at herself; then again, she did make history so a little self-deprecating humor was fairly easy to handle.

Murray became the first New Hampton student to ever receive a Division I rating at the

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Photo courtesy of Nicolle Avenson

New Hampton High School's Jenna Murray poses for a photo after earning a Division I rating at the state solo dance competition.

Vet: Protect your pets from winter

By JAMES GROB

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If it's too cold for you outside, it's probably too cold for your dog.

And yet, people still need to take their dogs for walks in the winter, not just for good exercise, but because the dog needs to do some things outside that you don't want done on the living room floor.

So many dog owners wonder, how cold is too cold? And also, when you do take your dog out into the cold, how long is too long?

According to veterinarian Dr. Kim Van Driel, who owns and operates New Hampton Veterinary Clinic, it could depend on the dog.

"Those small breeds, like Yorkies and Shih Tzus, you need to keep them inside when it gets colder," Van Drill said. "Larger breed dogs, like Labradors, do much better in the winter cold. Most larger breeds have a naturally thicker layer of hair, and a layer of fat to fight the cold."

That doesn't mean you can just leave the larger breeds outside, though.

"Once it gets below freezing, you need to make sure they have shelter to get out of the wind, and bedding to keep warm," Van Driel said. "And with any breed of dog, you

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James Grob/Tribune

It's important to remember your pets' needs when winter finally arrives to stay, and that could be later this week when snow and cold are in the forecast.

Cowboy Poetry couple ready for 'swan song'

Mishaks gearing up for Jan. 26-27 event, looking for a group to take over fundraiser

By BOB FENSKE

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Marilee Mishak admits there's a little sadness for her and her husband, Gerry, as they get ready for Cowboy Poetry's annual appearance in Northeast Iowa.

The New Hampton couple has been putting on the show for 13 years, and 2018 could very well be it ... unless a non-profit charitable organization steps up to the plate to take over the popular show that has brought cowboy poets to the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler on the last weekend of January since the mid-2000s.

"Mish looked at me the other day and he kind of nailed it," Marilee said. "He just says, 'How did we get old so fast?' That's really the issue for us. We're definitely ready to help the next group that takes it over, but this consumes our lives and as much as we hate to say it, it's a little too much for us."

The Mishaks say they will gladly help recruit the "talent" for the show, but they need help securing the sponsorships, delivering tickets to the area banks that sell them, picking up the cash for the tickets that have been sold and

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Christmas Greetings

Check our out special section in Friday's paper that includes greetings from dozens of area businesses and letters to Santa!

Battling back

New Hampton's wrestling team rallies from first loss of season to win Battle of Waterloo pool

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Online Poll

Forty-seven percent of our respondents from last week's poll expect both Iowa and Iowa State to win their bowl games while only 18 percent figure the Hawkeyes and Cyclones will both come up empty. For those who "split" their votes, 25 percent think the Cyclones will win while 11 percent say only Iowa will win.

This week we're asking our online readers to choose among six Christmas hymns and pick a favorite. Vote today online at nhtrib.com.

Almanac

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Thursday	26	10	--
Friday	41	23	T
Saturday	46	24	--
Sunday	32	26	--

Forecast

Tuesday: Sunny and warm with a high of 41 and a low of 21.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with a high of 35 and a low of 26.

Thursday: Snow — mixed with rain at times in the afternoon — likely; high 35, low 23.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with chance of snow; high 28, low 11.

Meetings

WEDNESDAY

- New Hampton School Board, 6 p.m., High School Media Center.

History

- In 1777, the Continental Army enters winter camp at Valley Forge.
- In 1972, the Apollo lunar-landing program comes to an end when the three Apollo 17 astronauts splash down safely in the Pacific Ocean.
- In 1998, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice.
- In 1997, the blockbuster film "Titanic" makes its debut in American theaters.

Birthdays

- Edwin Stanton, who served as President Lincoln's Secretary of War, was born in 1814.
- Film actor Jake Gyllenhaal turns 37.
- Television actress Alyssa Milano turns 45.
- Mike Lookinland, who played Bobby on "The Brady Bunch," turns 57.

Corrections

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Mary Gene Hyke, 86

Mary Gene Hyke, age 86 of Cresco, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2017, at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Cresco, with Father Dennis Cain officiating.

Burial was in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Lourdes.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. with a 3:30 Rosary preceding the visitation on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, at Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home Cresco. Visitation continued an hour prior to the time of service Friday at the church.

Mary Gene Ferrie was born on Sept. 27, 1931, daughter of Irvn and Margaret (Fitzgerald) Ferrie, on their farm near Schley.

She attended rural country school and graduated from Notre Dame High School in Cresco. After graduation, Mary Gene received her LPN from St. Marys in Rochester and then was employed at the Cresco Hospital.

On Oct. 24, 1953, Mary Gene married Thomas Hyke at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cresco. Together they had four children and farmed near Lourdes.

Mary Gene was a very hard worker. She was in charge of making sure the cows were milked as well as other various chores around the farm.

She was a very active member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church. After Tom died in 1982, Mary Gene renewed her LPN license and worked at the Cresco Care Center.

Later she and her family moved to Cresco where she continued to work at the Cresco Care Center for 19 years.

She was very active in the Notre Dame Church. At the age of 70 she became one of the oldest kidney transplant recipients at Mayo Clinic.

Due to her transplant she could no longer work as a nurse so she became a very active volunteer. She delivered Meals On Wheels, helped with BINGO at the Cresco Care Center, made noodles for the Howard County Fair church booth, tied quilts at the church, folded bulletins, visited the sick and volunteered for Hospice.

Joan Ann Jones, 85

Joan Ann Jones, age 85 of Charles City, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, at Floyd County Memorial Hospital in Charles City.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, at Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home-Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Interment will be held at Sunnyside Memory Gardens in Charles City.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017, at Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home-Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home on Wednesday.

Online condolences for Joan Ann's family may be left at hugeback-funeralhome.com.

Schools to dismiss early on Friday

New Hampton Community Schools and St. Joseph Community School students will be dismissed one hour early as the two schools begin an extended Christmas break.

Students will not return to the classroom until Wednesday, Jan. 3, one day after teachers head back to work for a staff development day.

The next staff development day will be held on Monday, Jan. 15.



Mary Gene Hyke

She enjoyed baking, needle point, polka music, reading, and word searches. She liked staying fit by walking at the Fitness Center.

She made the best homemade chicken noodle soup, banana bread, and potato salad.

Mary Gene had a very strong faith and attended mass several times a week, had a book of prayers she said every morning and prayed the rosary daily.

If there ever was anyone in a time of need Mary Gene would be there to help and prayed the rosary for them.

She had the sweetest smile and twinkle in her eyes that would melt your heart and let you know how deeply she cared.

Most of all Mary Gene loved being with her kids and grandkids, spoiling them with homemade cookies.

She is survived by her daughters, Julie (Norbert) Loftus of Lourdes, Patty (Ron) Orthaus of New Hampton, and Mary Jo (Jeff) Rings of New Hampton; 10 grandchildren, Heather (Nate Johnson) Loftus, Derrick (fiancé Whitney Molln) Loftus, Brooke Loftus, Will Orthaus, Devin Orthaus, Daniel Orthaus, Adrian Rings, Alexis Rings, Gavin Rings, and Kinslee Rings; her brother, Joe (Marie) Ferrie and sister Agnes Arnburg; and sisters-in-law, Doris Ferrie, Darlene Ferrie, JoAnn Ferrie, Mary Ann Bollman, and Virginia Nehl.

Mary Gene was preceded in death by her parents, husband Tom (1982), infant son (1973), son Danny (1992), sisters Sister Mary Denise and Anicetus, and her brothers Leland, Pete, Ron, Cecil, Art, and Jerome.

Mary Frese, age 61 of New Hampton, died Wednesday Dec. 13, 2017, at her home with her family, watching "How The Grinch Stole Christmas."

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at Holy Family Catholic Church in New Hampton, with Pastor Corey Orr of Prairie Lakes Church, officiating.

Interment was in the New Hampton City Cemetery with Dominic Frese, Colin Frese, Tyson Green, Adam Zeien, Seth Utterback and Brady Hughes serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 15, 2017, at the Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton. Further visitation was one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Online condolences for Mary's family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Mary Catherine Frese was born Sept. 24, 1956, in Algona, the daughter of Lando J. and Agnes P. (Haus) Mishak.

Her education began at St. Cecelia Catholic School in Algona and when the Mishak family moved to New Hampton, she attended the New Hampton Middle School and was a 1975 graduate of the New Hampton High School.

She went on to receive her bachelor degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa.

Mary Frese, 61



Mary Frese

While still in high school, Mary met Milton "Chub" Frese and they dated until their marriage on June 23, 1979, at the United Congregational Church in New Hampton. They were blessed with two sons, Dominic in 1982 and Colin in 1986.

Mary began a longtime career in education at the kindergarten level. She continued teaching remedial reading and following the receipt of her master's degree, she became the technology coordinator for the last several years.

Mary had received a Fulbright Scholarship through Iowa State University and traveled to Russia recently.

She also enjoyed traveling with her sister-in-law, Jane Mishak to the Azores in Portugal.

Mavis LaVonne Burgart, 91



Mavis Burgart

Due to health concerns for her husband, the couple sold the farm and purchased a general store in McIntire. The couple worked side-by-side in the store for many years.

Her husband Arthur died on February 20, 1979, at the age of 56, and Mavis continued operating the business until 1986.

While at a local dance, Mavis met Clayton Burgart of New Hampton, and on April 8, 1989, at the former St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Hampton, they were united in marriage. Mavis and Clayton enjoyed many years together and loved dancing and listening to old-time music.

Mavis was known for working outdoors caring for her flowers and her yard. She loved

In her free time, Mary had a passion for reading, golfing, computers and watching the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Green Bay Packers, but especially her grandchildren.

She recently had a chicken coop built in the backyard and enjoyed raising the chickens and collecting eggs with her grandchildren. Time visiting with friends and family were important to Mary and she loved and cared for them dearly.

While Chub would golf on Wednesday, that day was reserved for her "Wednesday Wine Club," a time to go together with neighbors and friends.

She will be missed by all who were fortunate to have known her.

Left to cherish Mary's memory, is her husband, Milton "Chub" Frese; two sons, Dominic (Michele) Frese of Kenosha, Wisc., and Colin and fiancé Haley of Cedar Falls; two beautiful grandchildren, Isabelle Frese and Avriel Frese; one brother, Frank (Marlys) Mishak of Clear Lake; one sister, Karen (Brian) Bezoenik of Milwaukee; and two sisters-in-law, Diana Mishak of Denver, Colo., and Jane Mishak of Redlands, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Wayne Mishak, Joseph Mishak and Lenny Mishak.

to go fishing and playing cards with anyone up for a game. Clayton died Jan. 4, 2012, at the age of 94.

Mavis loved spending time with her large and extended family and the many friends throughout her last years.

Mavis is survived by one son, Arnold (Bonnie) Krukow of Riceville; grandchildren, Jamie Krukow of Riceville, Joe (Sarah) Krukow of Osage, Jake (Tara) Krukow of Des Moines and Sarah (Shaun) Jordon of Osage; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, LaVern "Joe" Hamrick of Spencer; step-children, Dianne Dann of Fredericksburg, Barbara (Dennis) Folkers of Oelwein, Cheryl (Kenneth) Lechtenberg, Richard (Janet) Burgart, all of New Hampton, Roger (Mary) Burgart of Sumner, Randy (Linda) Burgart, Dixie (Jim) Joebgen, Rocky (Sue) Burgart, all of New Hampton, and Dawn (John) Eichenberger of Lawler, 31 step-grandchildren, numerous step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and sisters-in-law, Velma Hamrick of Spencer and Francela Burgart of New Hampton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both her husbands; three brothers, Lyle Hamrick, Harley Hamrick and Roland Hamrick; and five sisters, Donna Albert, Ardis Bennett, Ruth Allen and twin sisters in infancy.

Mavis LaVonne Burgart, age 91 of New Hampton, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at Linn Haven Rehab and Healthcare in New Hampton.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, at Holy Family Catholic Church, New Hampton, with Rev. Brian Dellaert celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be in the Wayne Township Cemetery, rural McIntire.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017, at the Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home, New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Wednesday.

Online condolences for Mavis' family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Mavis LaVonne Burgart was born March 20, 1926, on the family farm in Gillette Grove, the daughter of Arthur and Georgia (Logan) Hamrick.

Mavis received her elementary education in Gillette Grove and started her freshman year at the Spencer High School, where she graduated in 1943.

On April 19, 1945, she married Arthur Krukow in Jackson, Minn. To this union a son, Arnold, was born.

The couple farmed in the Spencer area from 1945 to 1950 when the family moved to a farm by Riceville.

Michael John Bartz, 86

Michael John Bartz, age 86 of New Hampton, passed away peacefully on Monday Dec. 11, 2017, in his lifelong home, surrounded by his family and friends.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, at Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton where there will

be a time of remembrance and sharing at 6:30 p.m.

Online condolences for Michael's family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com. Anyone is welcome to make a memorial donation to the S.N.A.P. Program of New Hampton at P.O. Box 150, New Hampton, IA 50659.

State will begin sending out voter ID cards

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announced last week that his office will begin mailing voter ID cards to registered voters in the state who do not possess a valid Iowa driver's license or non-driver's ID.

The cards are free and will be sent automatically to 123,000 Iowans, roughly six percent of the state's registered voters. This process will ensure that every registered voter in the state will have an identification card to use when voting, starting with the 2018 elections.

"It should be easy to vote, but hard to cheat, and that's

what this new law ensures," Secretary Pate said. "We are taking the unprecedented step of mailing free Voter ID cards automatically to every registered voter who does not already have an Iowa driver's license or non-driver's ID. Only those Iowans will receive these cards. I encourage them to be on the lookout for the Voter

ID cards in the mail, and when they receive their card, open it, sign it and keep it."

The Secretary of State's office has identified approximately 120,000 registered voters who do not have a valid identification card issued from the Iowa DOT. These individuals will automatically receive a free voter ID card in the mail this month.

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Let's remember
the reason
for the season

As Christmas approaches, it's easy for us to forget the real meaning of the season.

We're so busy shopping for presents, preparing the house for guests, making travel plans and, for those of us who want a "white Christmas," hoping beyond hope that the storm system on Thursday brings the white stuff and not the rain, that we sometimes forget that this is a blessed holiday for millions of Christians around the world.

So as we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our family and friends, we at the Tribune — as we do every year — would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and leave you with the Christmas story that can be found in the first 20 verses of the second chapter of Luke.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



Longtime resident
appreciates 'Little Light
of Mine' at Mikkelson

EDITOR'S NOTE: Longtime New Hampton resident Joe Glaser wrote the following for a writing class that is being offered at the Carnegie Cultural Center by Juanita Andersen and Linda Kennedy, who submitted this piece.

Tonight, I am feeling kind of low. It is just a few weeks before Christmas, and I decided not to put up any Christmas decorations. I just thought, what's the use?

My wife, Phyllis, passed away nearly eight years ago, and yes, I miss her every single day. I have a wonderful family. They stop by whenever they can and bring the grandkids and great-grandkids to see me. They are indeed special. And yet, I am missing the partner that made all this possible.

When she was with me, Phyllis and I always enjoyed driving to different towns to look at Christmas decorations. The other day, I read in the New Hampton Tribune that this year Michelson Park was decorated and all lit up for Christmas. So, I decided to go have a look for myself. I drove around the park once, and then around the park once again. I stopped here and there and I thought, "Whoever orchestrated these wonderful Christmas lights and decorations are really bringing out the reason for this season."

How could I not put up the Nativity Scene and the Christmas Tree? The days and nights that I feel the most lonely, Our Lord is always there to get me through. So, I drove home to decorate for Christmas.

This whole experience, sent my thoughts back, in fact, 66 years to 1951. I was in the service. We had brought a load of casualties from Korea to Sasebo. When we arrived in Japan, the sisters brought a group of Japanese kids to sing Christmas carols for us.

Now you have to realize, I was serving on a hospital ship. So, we saw the results of war day after day and month after month. Even though we were all brought up in Christian homes, it's really hard to focus on religion while serving on a hospital ship during the war. However, listening to these children sing Christmas songs brought tears to our eyes.

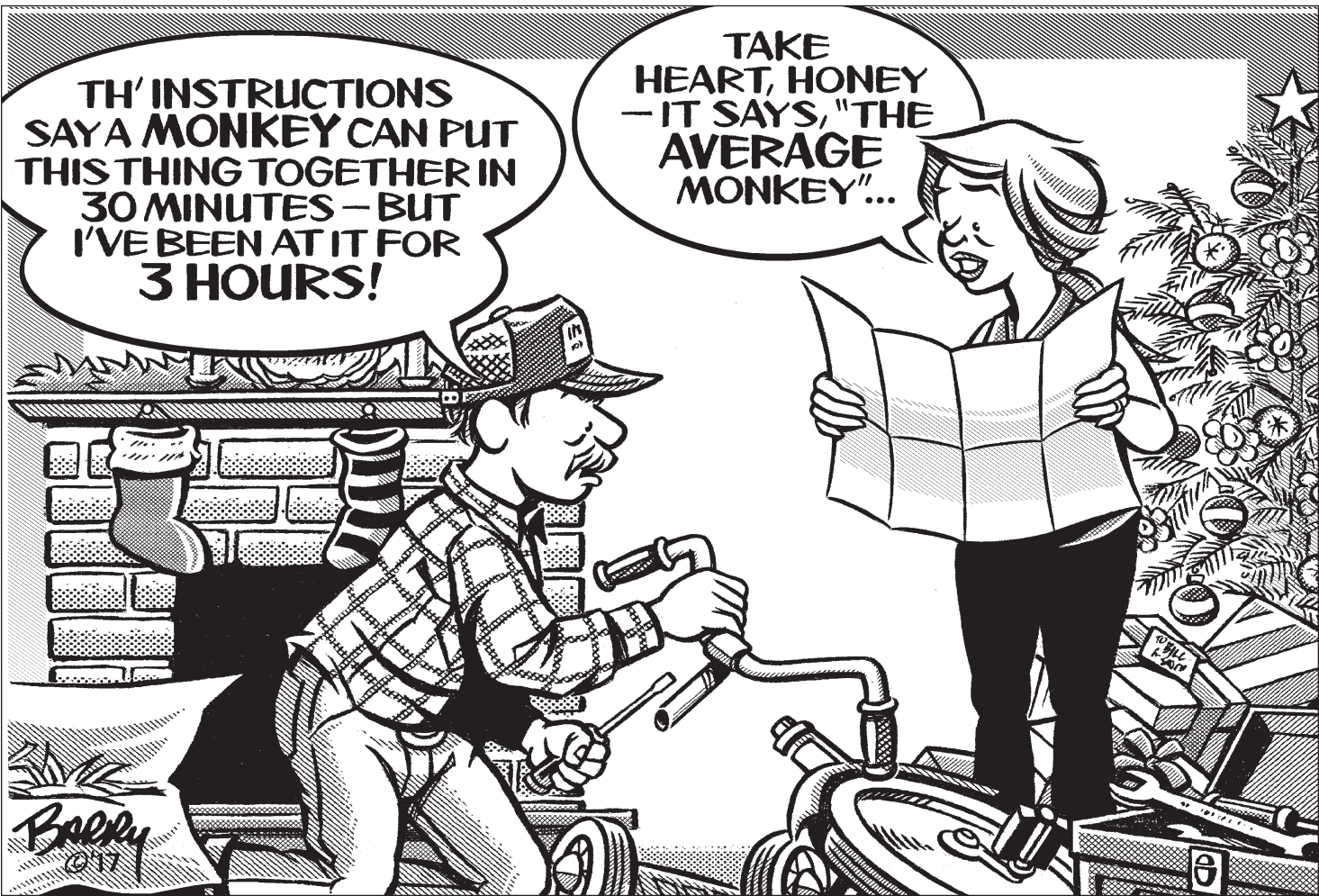
So, to all of you feeling alone this Christmas, take a drive around our park and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Then, on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, go to the church of your choice for Christmas services. You'll feel much better.

Now, to all who helped decorate Mikkelson Park for Christmas, thank you for your part in helping us all recapture the reason for this season. It is wonderful! And to all servicemen and women, I know how it is not to get home for Christmas. I hope and pray you will one day return home, and spend the rest of your life thanking God for the Baby Jesus that watches over us all. Merry Christmas!

Joe Glaser, New Hampton



Glaser



A Christmas story filled with
tidings of comfort and joy

The young woman furrowed her brow and rubbed her eyes. Her fingers then straightened her long black hair. Everything in the store she had looked at that was any good cost just a little too much, and everything that was within her price range just wasn't quite good enough.

She needed a perfect Christmas gift for the perfect guy — a blue-eyed, baby-faced guy who had always been sweet to her — and she became more and more frustrated as she roamed through aisle after aisle. She had looked at sweaters, watches, jackets, gloves, gadgets and colognes — and just about everything she liked cost more than she could ever afford on her wage as a waitress at a small cafe. She didn't know whether to cry or scream. If he didn't like his Christmas gift, she thought, maybe he wouldn't like her anymore.

A white-haired older woman watched her and knew immediately that the young lady had to be searching for a present for a very important boyfriend. As the two came closer to one another in the cologne aisle, she cleared her throat and spoke cheerfully.

"Merry Christmas, dearie," the older woman said.

The young woman looked at her. The older woman's eyes sparkled through her spectacles, and she wore a navy-colored sweatshirt with a red-nosed reindeer pictured on the front — a gift from grand-kids the previous Christmas.

Something about the way the strange old woman had said it soothed the younger woman. Maybe it was the silliness of the word "dearie," or maybe it was just the musical tone in her voice.

The young woman smiled. "Merry Christmas to you, too," she replied.

"Oh, dearie." (There was that word again.) "You don't have a thing to worry about. With a smile as pretty as that, your man will love you no matter what you give him. He won't let you get away."

The polite, pretty smile quickly became a sincere and beautiful one — the kind of smile that belongs on the cover of a magazine or in a feature film. The young woman simply beamed. "Thank you," she managed to mutter in reply.

Moveable
Type

James Grob

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Finding the right gift was easy after that, and as she merrily waited in the checkout line she bumped shoulders with a middle-aged man. A tired fellow with a receding hairline and a growing belly, he didn't care much for Christmas shopping and cared even less for crowded checkout lines. His patience was limited and he was beginning to dread the anticipated hassle of another Christmas Day — and the outrageous bills that were soon to follow.

"Excuse me," he mumbled to her after they had bumped.

"No problem," she said. Then she gave him that sincere smile. "Happy holidays."

It had been a long time since a pretty young woman had smiled at him like that. His beaten posture changed as his heart lifted in his chest — his upper body seemed to inflate and his face softened significantly. He held his head high and smiled back at her — as he would smile at the whole world for the rest of the evening.

"Happy holidays to you, too," he cheerfully exclaimed to her moments later as he exited the store, bags of gifts in tow. He seemed to be walking on air. "And season's greetings and Merry Christmas to all of you," he exclaimed to all the busy check-out clerks, his once-grumbling voice now lilting with gentle laughter.

His attitude had changed so drastically that he happily left a much-larger-than-usual amount of money in the charity bucket next to the Salvation Army Santa ringing the bell outside. Then, as he drove out of the parking lot, he came across a motorist with a flat tire. Normally he would have driven right by, but today he pulled over to help.

As he put the spare tire on for the nice, white-haired woman, he chatted

away — and even complimented her on her "Rudolph sweatshirt." He laughed as she told him stories about her grand-kids. He told her he couldn't wait to have grandkids of his own, and he was surprised to hear himself saying that — and meaning it.

He then followed her to the repair shop — the only one in town still open on Christmas Eve — and insisted on paying to have the tire repaired.

"It's not much," he told the woman. "Consider it a Christmas gift. Just promise to spend the money I'll save you on your wonderful grandkids."

She promised. He waved good-bye, shouted "Merry Christmas" and hurried home. For the first time in a long time, he couldn't wait to see his wife — and to give her a kiss.

The typically-gruff repair shop owner witnessed the man's generosity, and was so impressed that he decided to spread a little generosity of his own. He gave his only employee the rest of the day off, with full pay and a holiday bonus. It was just a small bonus — after all, business had been slow — but it was more than what the young man had expected, which was nothing.

The blue-eyed mechanic was so thrilled he actually gave his surprised boss a hug as he wished him "happy holidays" and skipped out the door. Although the moment was awkward, it somehow seemed appropriate, and the repair shop owner was pleasantly amazed at how easily he could positively impact the attitude of an employee.

Now the baby-faced young man would have just enough time to get to the jewelry store before it closed, and just enough money to pay off the engagement ring on which he had been making payments for the last few months.

It was a Christmas present for his girlfriend, a thoughtful young woman with long, black hair. He was going to ask for her hand in marriage tonight, on Christmas Eve. He'd always been sweet to her, and she seemed to care about him an awful lot. He hoped and prayed that she would say yes.

When your girl has a smile as pretty as that, you don't let her get away.

Letters to the Editor

Fan to administrators: Don't
handcuff student section

It's 10:23 p.m. on Dec. 12, 2017. When your kids graduate from New Hampton High School what will be their greatest memory? The friends they made? The activities they excelled? The sports they played? The team chemistry? The fan base rallying around them?

Twenty-four years later, all of the above are still burned into my entire being and have morphed me into who I am today. Then add college ball onto that and it's four more years of similar memories.

As I write this, I'm back at home from NHHS Boys Basketball vs. Waverly. Tough loss. Yet I am writing to the editor because as both a former player — both high school and Division III college — two issues still light my fuse to this day.

One, refs who dictate the outcome of a game rather than letting players make plays. Two, lack of fan support, specifically the student section. Now, hear me out ...

The former is out of one's control. The latter is easily fostered when you release the handcuffs.

I grew up in a town population 1,900 so I understand smaller high schools, multi-sport athletes (was one) and overwhelming fan support. I also understand what it takes to raise great kids who develop into great adults while teaching them toughness, work ethic and respect for others.

However, when the visiting student section comprising of less than 20 percent of the attendance proceeds to create 80 to 90 percent of the noise ... that's what you call a *situation.*

It's also known as Pareto's Principle — 20 percent of the action creates 80 percent of the results. The Waverly fan base was good for at least three turnovers and five points tonight. In a game decided by three at the wire ... that my friends is what you

call "the Sixth Man." Where was the Chickasaws' Sixth Man tonight? Getting hushed and reprimanded by administration. Disappointing. Show your school spirit by wearing RED ... but keep your mouth shut? Double disappointing.

Let the kids loose. Just like the refs have to let the players make plays.

The powers that be have to let the kids be kids. TRUST they will do the right thing.

It's all in great fun. Part of the experience and makes many of the memories ... for the athletes, the peers AND the fans.

High-fives and a round-of-applause to the Waverly student section. You "travel well" and were the "showstoppers" tonight in a rivalry game where the "Sixth Man" made the difference. Maybe the most valuable lesson tonight was taught in the stands.

Signed, a concerned Chickasaw fan raising three awesome kids.

Brad Nelson, New Hampton

Chickasaw Wrestling Club
appreciates can drive support

The Chickasaw Wrestling Club would like to thank everyone who supported our annual can drive that was conducted by the New Hampton High School wrestlers the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

We'd like to say a special thank you to Mike Murray, Hay Straw and Rowe trucking, but without all of you, there is no way this event would have been the great success it was.

It's because of you that we have a great wrestling program here in New Hampton!

Chickasaw Wrestling Club

ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?
Protect Your Finances
While You're Gone

Winter is (just about) officially here – but you may soon be leaving it behind if you're a snowbird. When you go, though, you'll want to keep your financial situation from getting caught out in the cold.

These are a few suggestions you may want to consider:

Protect your home. If you're like many people, your home is your biggest investment, so you'll want to protect it while you're away. You're probably already familiar with the steps you should take, such as informing your neighbors that you'll be gone, stopping your newspapers, forwarding your mail, using a timer to turn lights on and off, and so on. And these days, with smart phones and advanced security systems, you can look in on your home whenever you like.

Notify your bank. Recognizing the prevalence of identity theft, the fraud departments of many banks are getting more aggressive in spotting and denying unusual charges. Consequently, you'll want to give your bank your temporary address and contact information before you leave. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of your account being frozen temporarily if your financial institution can't reach you with questions about charges from an unexpected location. You might also find it useful to open a bank account at your snowbird site.

Gather your tax forms. If you're gone most of the winter, you may bump up against the tax-filing deadline, which, in 2018, is April 17. So, to allow yourself enough time to prepare your taxes, or to have them prepared by a professional, gather your tax information before you leave. Make sure you've got all your investment-related forms, such as your 1099-INT (for interest income) and your 1099-DIV (for taxable capital gains and dividends).



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Track your investments. You can probably track the progress of your investments online, and it's a good idea to do so, just as you would at your permanent residence. Even if you're only gone a couple of months, you may need to make some investment moves, such as "maxing out" on your IRA, so stay on top of your accounts and contact your investment professional, as needed. As always, though, don't overreact to sudden market swings – ideally, you've got long-term strategies in place that can serve your needs in most investment environments. In any case, it also wouldn't hurt to notify your financial professional that you'll be away for a while, even if you typically only see him or her a couple of times a year.

Arrange for bill payments. If you handle most of your bills online or through auto-pay, you won't have to worry about missing a payment while you're gone. Still, if you take care of some bills the old-fashioned way, with checks, envelopes and stamps, you may want to give yourself some sort of reminder of when these payments are due.

Be careful on social media. To be on the safe side, you may not want to trumpet your extended time away from home on Facebook or other social media platforms. It's sad but true that identity thieves watch for information like this.

In all likelihood, you'll enjoy being a snowbird – and by making the above moves, you'll have less financial baggage to deal with when you take off.

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

Murray still has plenty
of dancing in near future

DANCER: FROM 1

state solo competition that was held last month in Newton, and she's already looking forward to next year.

You see, Murray was the "tester," if you will, for the New Hampton program, and when she returns to the competition in 2018, she'll be bringing a few friends who will also compete.

First, though, she had to make it through 2017.

"It is different than state dance [team competition]," she said. "It's just you out there. You and the music. If you screw up, well, everyone's going to see it. When you're dancing with a team, someone else can pick you up, if you know what I mean."

But she performed an almost flawless routine in the jazz dance category to earn that coveted Division I superior rating.

Why jazz?
"I just really like it. It's just really sassy," Murray said, paused and smiled, "and well, you know me, I can be sassy."

She laughed when asked

about the music that she hears over and over – whether it be for the solo competition or the team competition she and her fellow New Hampton Dance Team members performed earlier this month.

"When you do it for the last time," she said, "you pray that you won't hear that song for a long, long time. I mean you hear it all the time – not just when you're practicing, either. You hear it in your sleep, in your head ... you get the idea."

But she loves dance.

"I've been doing it pretty much forever," she said, "and I don't know, it's just a great way to lose yourself and express yourself."

And she'll have more chances to express herself as not only is the New Hampton Dance Team continuing its season with performances but she will join fellow New Hampton students Isabel Pool, Maddie Hoeck and Kori Jirak at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla, and has been selected to perform with the All-Iowa Team at the Iowa state girls basketball tournament in March.

County, city offices announce holiday closings

The Chickasaw County Courthouse and all New Hampton city offices will be closed on Monday in observance of the Christmas holiday. The courthouse will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 26, and have regular hours, but city offices will

be closed that day and reopen for regular hours on Wednesday, Dec. 27. If snow falls, however, during the holiday closure, street crews will be out to clear streets and residents are reminded to avoid parking on streets during snow removal.



Tribune file photo

Marilee and Gerry Mishak welcome the crowd to the 2014 edition of Cowboy Poetry, which has been held at the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler since its inception in 2005.

Cowboy Poetry offers 'great' lineup

COWBOY POETRY: FROM 1

tackling numerous other jobs that come up each year.

Still, if this is the swan song for Cowboy Poetry, it's been one heck of a run.

The event has raised thousands of dollars – tens of thousands of dollars for groups like the Friends of Chickasaw County Conservation, DOCS for Hope and the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial, just to name a few. The proceeds from this years show will go to the Amvets Auxillary Honor Flight Fund.

This year's shows will be held on Jan.

26-27, with a Swiss steak dinner served at 6 each night and the show following at 7:30.

The lineup includes Brooke Turner of Clarinda and Jake Riley of Riverdale, N.D., who both performed a year ago, and new to the area is Floyd Beard, who hails from Kim, Colo.

Beard has been a two-time winner of the Western Music Association's Male Poet of the Year Award.

"It's a great lineup," Marilee Mishak said. "Obviously, I'm a little biased when I say I think we've put some great lineups together, but this is definitely one of the

best."

Tickets are \$25 apiece and can be purchased at all Chickasaw County banks, as well as the Frederika Savings Bank.

"We like to get the word out now," she said, "because, you know ... these are great stocking stuffers and gifts for those people who are hard to buy for. If you like good music and good stories, you can't go wrong with Cowboy Poetry."

And as far as 2019 goes?

"Hopefully, we can get someone to step up," she said. "We'll be the guides, but Mish and I need someone to do the 'heavy lifting,' if that makes any sense."



Knights
donate to
Food Pantry

Knights of Columbus member Richard Grote presents a check for \$500 to Chickasaw County Food Pantry volunteers Pam Pickar (left) and Karen Frisch. The Knights have had a long history of supporting the food bank, and the volunteers were appreciative of the donation during the holiday season.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Vets say owners need to be mindful of pets in winter weather

PETS: FROM 1

need to adapt them to the cold. Don't just put them out in cold weather for hours at the time, let them get used to the colder temperatures, a little at a time."

According to Van Driel, when the temperature gets really cold, even the larger breeds need to come inside and be better protected.

"When it gets below zero, or when the wind chill gets below zero, you should bring them into the garage or another warm shelter," she said. "For the littler ones, when you have to take them outside, there is protective clothing people can put on them."

There are also booties that pets can wear outside to avoid paw troubles, and protect their feet from snow and ice, but some pets don't like wearing them. Van Driel said that when you have to take a dog out into the bitter cold, limit the time you're outside.

"Make it short and sweet," she said. "Five to ten minutes, they'll let you know when they're too cold."

Many vets recommend dog owners wipe or wash their dog's feet once they get back from a walk, to get rid of snow, ice and salt that gets packed between the dog's toes. Van Driel agreed

that the salt and other chemicals used to melt ice on sidewalks, streets and driveways during the winter can be hazardous to the dog's health.

"The salt makes their sodium levels go so high that it can be toxic," she said. "They do make pet-safe varieties of ice melt, it will usually tell you on the package that it's safe for pets."

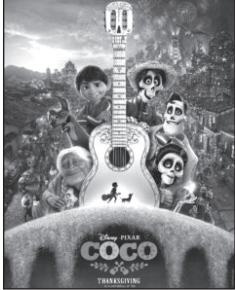
Antifreeze used as engine coolant is also a potential hazard. Not only can it kill dogs if they drink it, but dogs are attracted to it.

"It tastes good to them so they want to lick it," said Van Driel. "Try to keep them away

from it. Call a vet right away if they do get into it."

Van Driel also mentioned that for people with dogs who are usually outdoors, it's important to keep an eye on their water, and prevent it from freezing, as dogs can get just as dehydrated in the cold as they can in the heat. She said there are heated water bowls available.

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NHHS students to take part in J-Term

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have an “open campus” for juniors and seniors.

Before and after the main courses, students will have the opportunity to take two “skinny courses.”

“We felt that was important, especially for our college classes and for things like band and choir,” Updegaff said. “At the same time, we have some unique and I think really helpful ‘skinny’ for our students. The ACT prep course, for example, is something a lot of our students will really appreciate.”

Updegaff said she’s excited to see how the two weeks play out.

“It’s definitely not the

Chickasaw Challenge,” she said, “but to be able to go deeper into a subject — to let our kids learn by exploring things they really are interested in — it’s hard not to be excited. It’s different than what you and I went through in school, but education is constantly changing. I know our staff is ready to go and I think the students, too, are ready to try this.”

She laughed as she talked about a recent conversation she had with students.

“They said they were really excited to come back to school after break,” she said. “It’s something new. It’s something different. But it’s still about educating our students. It’s just a different way of doing it.”

Nashua City Council candidate deadline is set for Dec. 29

Residents interested in running for two vacant Nashua City Council seats have until Friday, Dec. 29, at 5 p.m. to file election papers with the Chickasaw County Auditor’s Office.

The special election will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, and polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m. at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center.

Those who want to vote in the election have until Jan. 12 to pre-register. Early voting will be available sometime in early January.

The election will fill vacancies that were created when Councilman Kyle Lane resigned his seat in October and Councilwoman Brenda Roberts resigned her seat in November.



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Five years ago, a snowstorm the week before the holiday guaranteed Northeast Iowa a “white Christmas” and forced schools to close early on the last day before Christmas break.

News Bits From Our Past

From the week of Dec. 17 1942 (75 years ago)

Alta Vista will observe the blackout next Monday night and all citizens are requested to cooperate. Black out signal will be given with the fire whistle at 10 p.m. and all lights must be put out and kept out.

Iowa’s quota for new adult bicycles for rationing during December is set up at 903.

Harold Degnar, age 14, of Fredericksburg, accidentally discharged his rifle and a bullet entered his leg above the knee coming out several inches below. It is feared there is a serious injury to the knee cap.

1967 (50 years ago)

An exceptionally large balloon that covered three acres came down on the Alvin Woods farm. The balloon, a scientific experiment to analyze balloon types, material and design was launched from Sioux Falls by Raven Industries.

A stump is all that remains of an ever-green tree on the Donald Flick farm.

Someone decided that this one particular tree would make a nice Christmas tree and very neatly sawed it off.

L-Kove in New Hampton featured live music with Duane Pichelman and his accordion organ. Absolutely no minors allowed.

1992 (25 years ago)

Farmer’s Savings Bank in Frederika announced that it will be participating in the Knutson Reward Fund and will pledge \$1,000. The fund has grown to about \$9,000.

David and Christine Skilton are new attorneys in Nashua — joining John R. Cronin in forming a new partnership, Cronin Skilton & Skilton.

Nashua City Council unanimously approved the resolution to accept the former First Nashua State Bank building for a community center.

2007 (10 years ago)

New Hampton Library Director Patricia Ipsen received her 20-year pin from the Iowa Library Association at a conference

in Coralville.

Alex Kreiner’s Letter to Santa reads: “Dear Santa, I want a pirate ship, a cars pit crew, a Transformer and a knights castle. I will hide cookies for you.”

Kelly Larkin earned the Eagle Award from Boy Scouts of America. He was honored with a ceremony at the United Methodist Church.

2012 (5 years ago)

Tyler Boos was extremely happy with his eight grade wrestling team’s performance against Charles City, Waverly and Decorah as the Chickasaws compiled a 21-6 record in the quadrangular.

A winter storm that brought 5.5 inches of snow and winds gusting up to near 45 miles per hour means the area will definitely a “white Christmas.”

Dr. Riley and Kathy Uglum present Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Deputy Ryan Shawver with a check for \$250 for the new K-9 dog the office hopes to acquire early in 2013.

— Compiled by Ruth Walden

Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency Executive Board Minutes December 12, 2017

On Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at the Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Executive Board, of the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency was held.

Chairman Joel Voaklander (Mitchell County) in the chair and Full Board Members Al Anhorn (Carpenter), Jerry Dunlay (Osage), Jerry Joeger (Charles City), Doug Kamm (Floyd County); Deb Larsen (New Hampton), Doug Merfeld (Marble Rock), Tim Zoll (Chickasaw County) were present, Absent :Cindy Lantow (Fredericksburg). (Jerry Dunlay was asked to record the minutes of the meeting)

Guests present – Tracy Merfeld ; Alan Powell

Employees present were Derrick, Lori & Jimmy.

A motion was made to approve the

consent agenda as presented including Minutes from the Executive Board Meeting - November 2017 and Summary List of Bills from November 2017 by Doug Kamm, and second by Deb Larsen. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

The financial reports were presented by Jerry Joeger and reviewed and discussed. Jimmy clarified miscellaneous income is from the DNR for Hazardous Waste Reimbursement. After discussion, a motion was made by Al Anhorn seconded by Tim Zoll to approve the financial reports. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

The Board was given an electronic preliminary copy of the annual audit report. Since it was recent the board had not had enough time to review it for input or accuracy. It was decided to have the executive board review it on their time and if any changes were found, to let Lori know and the auditors before the full board meeting in January when they will officially present it and board action will take place at that time.

Big Ox has been using the Landfill for two years for disposal of their waste. During this two year period they have not faithfully executed their end of the credit agreement with the Landfill. Because of their consistent inability to pay on time they have been stopped from

dumping until bills have been paid.

After further discussion by the board: Jerry Joeger made a motion to discontinue receiving their waste immediately and pay the balance of their bill. Second by Tim Zoll. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held in relation to a couple options offered by the engineer that are both acceptable to the DNR permitting process. Derrick had visited with Glen from HLW and explained the difference in the construction of the options. It was decided to have the engineers meet with the executive board at a later date in January of 2018 to make decisions on the cell and consider recommendations from the firm. No Action taken.

Chairman Joel Voaklander presented to each employee with \$100.00 gift card, in a show of appreciation of the work they do and being able to continue good operations without the need for a full time director. The executive board authorized this at an earlier date via email.

Lori shared a letter of appreciation and thanks from Project Aware for cooperating in the Cedar River Clean-up this past summer.

There being no further items requiring board action, the meeting was adjourned 6 p.m. with a motion by Doug Merfeld second Al Anhorn. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

The Minutes from the December Executive Board Meeting will be published in the New Hampton Tribune.

Jerry Dunlay Secretary pro tem

Joel Voaklander, Chairman

AFLAC, Insurance.....79.92

Alliant Energy, Electric Service ..561.10

Anhorn, Al, Meeting / Mileage56.20

Card Member Service, Service Materials361.21

Carolina Software, Updates / Fees

.....400.00

City Laundering, Uniforms.....285.44

Culligan, Water124.90

CUSB, CD Purchase.....22,444.58

Dunlay, Jerry, Meeting / Mileage.....	54.08
Elma Locker, Supplies.....	24.99
Farmland Hardware, Supplies	188.45
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Jendro Sanitation, Empty rolloffs	
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Joeger, Jerry, Meetings & Mileage	
.....	324.48
Kamm, Doug, Meeting & Mileage	
.....	58.32
Keystone Laboratories, Testing fees	
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King, Lori, Meeting & Mileage.....	54.08
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Merfeld, Doug, Meeting & Mileage	
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Profile Products LLC, Service Materials	
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Quality Pump, Pump.....	3,219.24
Riley’s, Office Materials.....	36.78
Treasurer - State of Iowa, Withholdings	
.....	1,753.00
Voaklander, Joel, Meeting & Mileage	
.....	334.04
Weight & Measures Bureau, Scale	
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Ziegler Inc., Labor / Materials.....	868.85
Zoll, Tim, Meeting & Mileage	61.50
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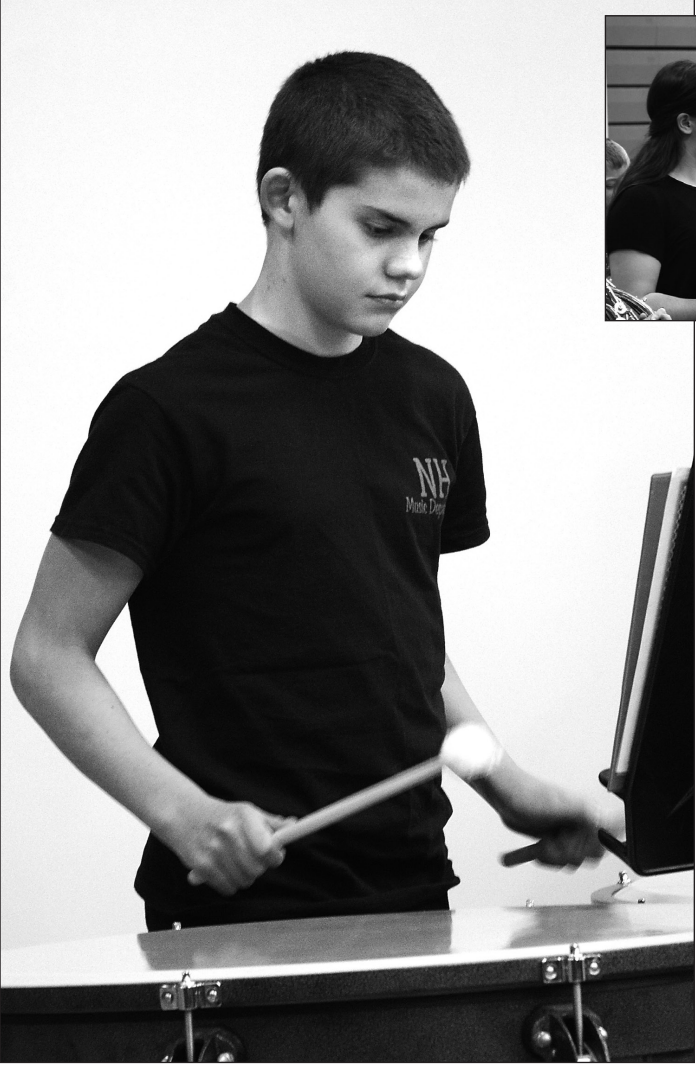


New Hampton’s Middle School took their turn last Monday presenting a Winter Concert, including performances by the fifth grade band, the 5/6 Keynotes, the sixth grade jazz band, sixth grade band, 7/8 grade choir, 7/8 grade jazz band and 7/8 grade band. The 5/6 Keynotes, above, carry out their fake sneezes and coughs in the song “Cold Snap” while Kayla Holschlag, right plays saxophone in the 7/8 Jazz Band.



Middle School talents

Fifth through eighth graders present Winter Concert



Clockwise, from left: Aydin Ries plays the timpani in the 7/8 grade band; playing brass instruments for the sixth grade band are, from left: Ava Thronndson, Addy Trower, Marissa Cahoy, Jenna Heeren and Destiny Hansen; Erin Tierney plays flute for the sixth grade band and the sixth grade jazz band performs.



Clockwise, from above: Fifth grade saxophone players, from left, are Shayna Nelson, Lauren Nuss, Tristin Willadsen and Bryar Usher; the 7/8 choir sings; Lauren Smith was the only trombone player listed for the 7/8 grade band and a sax duet is performed by Katie Steinlage, left, and Tori Rosonke.



Turkey Valley boys struggle against Mabel-Canton at Border Battle

TV Boys: From 12

“Ethan Leibold and Kyle Langreck both had great first halves but we left a lot of points out there because we were settling for jump shots instead of getting the ball inside and attacking the rim.”

The second quarter was even tighter, with the TV boys edging the Stars 16-15. Still anyone’s game, but that changed in the second half.

Sullivan’s halftime included a talk about a more aggressive offense, as well as picking up the defensive intensity.

“The kids answered the call,” he said. “In the second half we played great on both ends of the floor and it all had to with listening to the game plan that was put in place for them. The kids were making the extra pass and getting easy baskets off of the turnovers we were creating.”

Several players had career highs for the night, including Leibold and Jordon Snyder. Leibold knocked down 13-of-15 shots from the field on the way to 33 points, a career best for the sophomore. Snyder is known more for his steals — he has nearly twice as many as anyone else on the team — but Friday he had a career-high eight assists.

Snyder’s eight assists is the most for



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s Kyle Langreck hustles to save a ball from going out of bounds in last week’s game against New Hampton.

any Trojan since Ryan Busta had nine four years ago. Going back in the nine years of available records, no Trojan has had as many as 33 points.

Leibold added nine rebounds and Langreck tied his own career-high of 12 points with three blocks. Snyder also scored a dozen and provided five steals while Keegan Balk was in double figures with 10 points.

“Jordon put together another nice night and was constantly on attack

mode,” noted the coach. “We were very happy with the energy the kids played with tonight in the second half and their attention to detail. We need to improve at putting four quarters together and executing our game plan from the start.”

The week started with a loss to New Hampton and ended at the Decorah tourney with the second loss of the Trojan season. At the first-quarter break the Trojans trailed 17-13.

Chickasaws grind way to pool title

NH/TV: From 12

over Waterloo Columbus and a 46-25 victory over Cedar Rapids Prairie on Friday. That set up a showdown with Don Bosco, a team seeded third in the Virgil Carr Bracket.

“But honestly, we knew they were way under-seeded,” Hemann said. “This is the first weekend they had everyone back from football and we figured it would come down to swinging matches.”

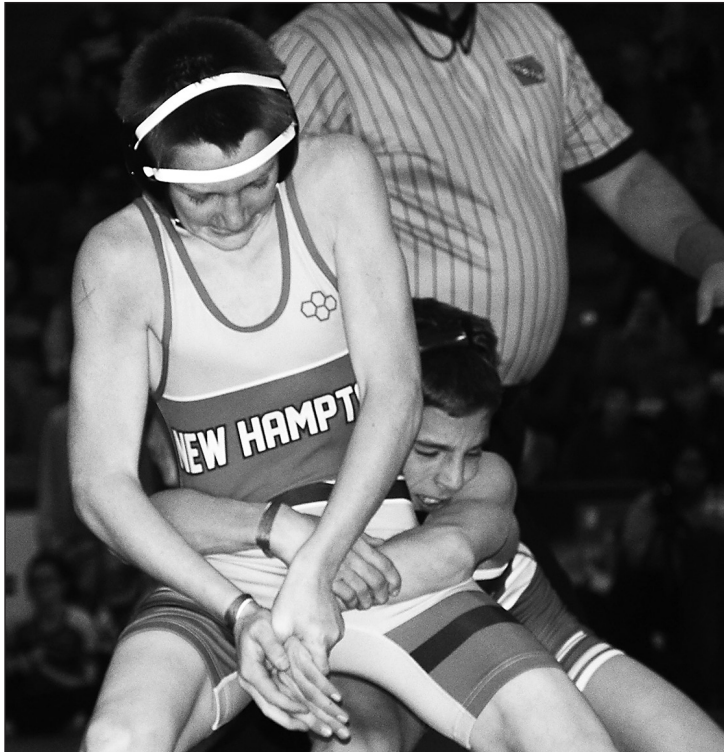
And it did. While Class 2A top-ranked New Hampton/Turkey Valley got pins from Evan Rosonke, Noah Glaser and Areon Day early in the meet to take an 18-3 lead, the Class 1A second-ranked Dons came back to win seven straight matches and won all four of those so-called “toss-up matches” by a combined nine points to steal a victory and earn a spot in the championship bracket.

That moved New Hampton/Turkey Valley to the “runner-up bracket” on Saturday, but the Chickasaws came out with a vengeance — rolling past Class 3A West Delaware 47-28, beating Class 1A third-ranked Denver 54-25 and hammering another Class 3A team, Linn-Mar, 58-23.

Meanwhile, Don Bosco rolled to three wins on Saturday to claim the Battle championship.

“Our [Friday] bracket was brutal,” Hemann said, “and honestly, Don Bosco and us should have been top seeds in different brackets. We gave them, by far, the best meet of the tournament and it is just what it is. ... We’re not pointing to [the Battle of] Waterloo, we’re pointing for bigger things, and this will help us.”

Against West Delaware, New Hampton trailed 16-12 before Carson Babcock picked up a technical fall at 120 and Mason Cleveland got a pin at 126 to give NH/TV a lead it would never relinquish. Max Babcock, Michael Blockhus, Noah Fye and Cale Reicks had pins as the Chickasaws closed out the meet



James Grob/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Jon Dreckman works for an escape in the Chickasaws’ dual meet with Don Bosco.

with a flurry.

NH/TV got pins from Evan Rosonke and Areon Day to start the Denver meet, but the Cyclones rallied to take a 17-12 lead, but again, the Chickasaws closed strong as Carson Babcock, Cleveland, Max Babcock, Blockhus, Fye and Reicks all scored pins.

The Chickasaws spotted Linn-Mar an 18-6 lead, but won nine of the final 10 matches to end the weekend on a high note. “We were more relaxed, we fought harder, were just grinding things out,” Hemann said. “It was a good tournament for us. Bottom line is this: We weren’t satisfied and that’s a good thing at this point of the season.”

Before the Battle of Waterloo, New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestled a home dual at Turkey Valley and made it a memorable night both on and off the mat as the Chickasaws took advantage of six forfeits and got pins from Blockhus, Reicks, Noah Glaser, Rosonke and Day to score a

dominating victory.

The Chickasaws also honored the family of the late Logan Luft, the Charles City wrestler who passed away in a tragic ATV accident this past summer, and raised awareness for organ donation, a cause the Luft family has taken on since their son and brother died.

In addition, Blockhus, who donated his state medals to the family, received replicas of those medals during a ceremony.

“It’s something we wanted to do for the Lufts,” Hemann said. “I’ve known the family for a long time, and I think all of us really admire what they’ve done since Logan passed. It really was a special night.”

NH/TV 70, CHARLES CITY 11
132: Mason Cleveland (NHTV) won by forfeit. 138: Hunter Pesek (NHTV) won by forfeit. 145: Max Babcock (NHTV) maj. dec. Roush Jaeger, 12-1. 152: Michael Blockhus (NHTV) pinned Elliott Sinnwell, 0:32. 160: Noah Fye (NHTV) won by forfeit. 170: Cale Reicks (NHTV) pinned Dylan Koresh, 4:50. 182: Noah Glaser

(NHTV) pinned Jack Sindlinger, 0:58. 195: Evan Rosonke (NHTV) pinned Sam Niichel, 4:25. 220: Areon Day (NHTV) pinned Josh Halligan, 3:02. 285: Tylor Zuspan (CC) pinned Tom Clark, 1:37. 106: Jon Dreckman (NHTV) won by forfeit. 113: Bronson Forsyth (CC) tech. fall Alex Kriener, 18-3. 120: Brayden Anderson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 126: Carson Babcock (NHTV) won by forfeit.

BATTLE OF WATERLOO FRIDAY NH/TV 78,

WATERLOO COLUMBUS 6
152 - Fye (NHTV) pinned Ray Seidel, 0:51. 160 - Reicks (NHTV) pinned Aidan Schmitz, 1:55. 170 - Max Schwickerath (NHTV) pinned Mitchell Mcfarland, 2:42. 182 - Glaser (NHTV) won by forfeit. 195 - Rosonke (NHTV) won by forfeit. 220 - Carter Reicks (NHTV) won by forfeit. 285 - Clark (NHTV) won by forfeit. 106 - Sam Hackett (WC), pinned Dreckman, 1:36. 113 - Kriener (NHTV) won by forfeit. 120 - Brayden Anderson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 126 - Cleveland (NHTV) pinned Ethan Holton, 0:24. 132 - Conner Gorman (NHTV) won by forfeit. 138 - Pesek (NHTV) won by forfeit. 145 - Blockhus (NHTV) won by forfeit.

NH/TV 46, CEDAR RAPIDS PRAIRIE 25
160 - Cal. Reicks (NHTV) pinned Colton LaGrange (CRP), 3:15. 170 - Mike Jasa (CRP) pinned Schwickerath, 3:25. 182 - Derek Horak (CRP) maj. dec. Rosonke, 8-0. 195 - Glaser (NHTV) dec. Ashton Stoner-Degroot, 8-3. 220 - Day (NHTV) pinned Logan Andeway, 0:36. 285 - Clark (NHTV) pinned Colton Staab, 5:22. 106 - Austin Kegley (CRP) pinned Dreckman, 0:39.

113 - Hunter Kalous (CRP) dec. Kriener, 8-1. 120 - Conrad Braswell (CRP) pinned Anderson, 3:07. 126 - C. Babcock (NHTV) pinned Austin Schulte, 0:31. 132 - Cleveland (NHTV) tech fall Brady Nicewanner, 18-3. 138 - M. Babcock (NHTV) tech fall Mason Johnson, 17-2. 145 - Blockhus (NHTV) dec. Trenten Weneemark, 12-5. 152 - Fye (NHTV) pinned Mike Johnson, 1:22.

DON BOSCO 39, NH/TV 27
170 - Thomas Even (DB) dec. Schwickerath, 7-1. 182 - Evan Rosonke (NHTV) pinned Wyatt Sawvel, 5:24. 195 - Glaser (NHTV) pinned Bryce Schares, 0:45. 220 - Day (NHTV) pinned Austin Svoboda, 1:17. 285 - Noah Pittman (DB) pinned Clark, 0:25. 106 - Daniel Kimball (DB) pinned Dreckman, 5:37. 113 - Michael McClelland (DB) pinned Kriener, 1:42.

120 - Cael Frost (DB) dec. C. Babcock, 3-2. 126 - Easton Larson (DB) dec. Cleveland, 16-13. 132 - Max Wettengel (DB) dec. M.

Babcock, 2-0. 138 - Gable Fox (DB) pinned Pesek, 0:53. 145 - Blockhus (NHTV) pinned Cedric Yoder, 0:40. 152 - Fye (NHTV) dec. Logan Lutgen, 10-3. 160 - Austin Hellman (DB) dec Cal. Reicks, 6-4.

BATTLE OF WATERLOO SATURDAY NH/TV 47, WEST DELAWARE 28

182 - Glaser (NHTV) pinned Ben Petlon, 0:21. 195 - Harrison Goebel (WD) dec. Rosonke, 7-1. 220 - 220 - Areon Day (NHTV) pinned Kody Wenger, 2:17. 285 - Carson Petlon (WD) dec. Clark, 5-0. 106 - Luke Farmer (WD) maj. dec. Dreckman, 9-1. 113 - Evan Woods (WD) pinned Kriener, 2:22. 120 - C. Babcock (NHTV) tech. fall Reily Dolan, 15-0.

126 - Cleveland (NHTV) pinned Zach Fisher, 0:26. 132 - Ryan Phillips (WD) pinned Conner Gorman, 0:25. 138 - M. Babcock (NHTV) pinned Cole Engel, 2:57. 145 - Blockhus (NHTV) pinned Cael Meyer, 2:40. 152 - Fye (NHTV) pinned Daniel Woods, 0:30. 160 - Mitchel Mangold (WD) pinned Clayton Taylor, 2:50. 170 - Cal. Reicks (NHTV) pinned Jack Neuhaus, 3:18.

NH/TV 54, DENVER 25
195 - Rosonke (NHTV) pinned Brandon Maitland, 1:11. 220 - Day (NHTV) pinned Trevor Dorn, 1:16. 285 - Brock Farley (D) pinned Clark, 0:26. 106 - Brooks Meyer (D) pinned Dreckman, 0:24. 113 - Chase Lyons (D) tech. fall Kriener, 15-0. 120 - C. Babcock (NHTV) pinned Isaac Schimmels, 3:15. 126 - Cleveland (NHTV) pinned Brody Shover, 2:57.

132 - M. Babcock (NHTV) pinned Alex Krabbenhoft, 0:28. 138 - Riley Wright (D) tech. fall Pesek, 25-10. 145 - Blockhus (NHTV) pinned Ben Foelske, 1:02. 152 - Fye (NHTV) pinned Logan Meyer (D), 1:21. 160 - Caleb Wilson (D) dec. Mitch Pickar, 7-1. 170 - Cal. Reicks (NHTV) pinned Brennen Graber, 1:33. 182 - Noah Glaser (NHTV) won by forfeit.

NH/TV 58, LINN-MAR 23
220 - Tanner Schultz (LM) pinned Car. Reicks, 0:17. 285 - Day (NHTV) pinned Keegan Harris, 2:46. 106 - Bryce Parke (LM) pinned Dreckman, 3:18. 113 - Kain Wempen (LM) pinned Kriener, 0:49. 120 - C. Babcock (NHTV) pinned Cole Kraklio, 1:50. 126 - Cleveland (NHTV) pinned Jack Nauman, 4:31. 132 - M. Babcock (NHTV) pinned Samuel Gisaya, 1:54. 138 - Pesek (NHTV) pinned Jaden McDonald, 2:41. 145 - Blockhus (NHTV) pinned Jesse Wade, 0:46. 152 - Pickar (NHTV) maj. dec. Roark Martin, 9-0. 160 - Fye (NHTV) pinned Chase Forsyth (LM), 0:34. 170 - Cal. Reicks (NHTV) pinned Ryan Plummer, 1:54. 182 - Jacob Wempen (LM) tech. fall Max Schwickerath, 19-4. 195 -

a big week against MFL and South Winn.”

TURKEY VALLEY 84, STARMONT 45
Turkey Valley 16 16 27 25 - 84
Starmont 12 15 6 12 - 45
Shooting - Eli Nymeyer 1-4 2-4 4, Levi Izer 0-7 0-0 0, Eli Reicks 1-1 0-0 2, Kyle Langreck 5-8 2-4 12, Evan Drilling 1-8 0-0 2, Keegan Balk 4-9 1-2 10, Jason Herold 2-2 0-0 4, Mason Goerend 1-2 0-0 2, Jordon Snyder 5-6 1-1 12, Kannon Leuenberger 1-1 1-2 3, Ethan Leibold 13-15 7-10 33, Elliott Dietzenbach 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 34-63 14-23 84.
3-point shots - Nymeyer 0-1, Izer 0-3, Drilling 0-4, Balk 1-5, Snyder 1-2.
Rebounds - Nymeyer 2, Izer 2, Langreck 4, Drilling 5, Balk 3, Herold 1, Leuenberger 3, Leibold 9, Dietzenbach 1.
Assists - Nymeyer 1, Reicks 1, Drilling 1, Balk 4, Snyder 8, Leuenberger 1, Leibold 2.
Steals - Nymeyer 1, Reicks 3, Drilling 4, Balk 1, Goerend 1, Snyder 5, Leibold Dietzenbach 1.
Blocks - Langreck 3, Leibold 1.

MABEL-CANTON 58, TURKEY VALLEY 39
Turkey Valley 13 8 11 7 - 39
Mabel-Canton 17 15 11 15 - 58
Shooting - Nymeyer 0-0 0-2 0, Izer 2-10 0-0 5, Reicks 1-1 1-2 3, Langreck 0-1 0-0 0, Drilling 4-6 0-0 8, Balk 4-9 6-6 16, Herold 0-0 0-0 0, Goerend 0-2 0-0 0, Snyder 0-5 0-0 0, Leuenberger 0-0 0-0 0, Leibold 2-7 2-2 7, Dietzenbach 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 13-41 9-12 39.
3-point shots - Izer 1-5, Balk 2-5, Goerend 0-1, Snyder 0-2, Leibold 1-2.
Rebounds - Nymeyer 1, Izer 1, Reicks 2, Langreck 2, Drilling 3, Balk 3, Leibold 5.
Assists - Izer 1, Drilling 1, Leibold 4.
Steals - Nymeyer 2, Snyder 1.
Blocks - Langreck 1, Leibold 1.

BOWLING

COFFEE CUP LEAGUE Dec. 13 Week 13

STANDINGS W..... L
Rochford Insurance 8.....4
Rosenbaum Auto.....8.....4
Quilter’s Window6.....6
Hugeback/Johnson 6.....6
ExSalont3.....9

RESULTS:
Rosenbaum Auto 3, ExSalont 1;
Rochford Insurance 1,
Hugeback/Johnson 3; Quilter’s Window 2, Dummy 2.
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES:
Judy Taylor177
Linda Lechtenberg (Sub)....174
Edna Jirak.....170
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES:
Judy Taylor496
Linda Lechtenberg (sub)....482
Edna Jirak.....471
HIGH TEAM GAME:
ExSalont446
Rochford Insurance.....446
Hugeback/Johnson432
HIGH TEAM SERIES:
Rosenbaum Auto.....1272
Hugeback/Johnson1261
Rochford Insurance.....1246

Most pins over average (game)
Evie Adams.....37
Most pins over average (series)
Judy Taylor.....64

Karen Schmitt, Secretary

ROLLAWAY LEAGUE Dec. 11

STANDINGS W L
Lansing Hay Co. 274 146
Bennett Pharmacy 236 184
Pocketful of Posies 226 194
Stanton Electric 200 220
Pearson Strikeseekers 199 221
Larson Painting 196.5 223.5
The Blue Iris 189.5 230.5
Mistic Touch 159 261

RESULTS:
Bennett Pharmacy 10, Larson Painting 20; Stanton Electric 5, Lansing Hay Co. 25; Pearson Strikeseekers 27, Mistic Touch 3; Pocketful of Posies 26, Blue Iris 4.
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAMES:
D. Nehl.....216
L. Haines212-213
M. Stanton.....209
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES:
L. Haines598
D. Nehl.....589
J. Shatek501
HIGH TEAM GAMES:
Pocketful of Posies930
Blue Iris.....894
Larson Painting865
HIGH TEAM SERIES:
Pocketful of Posies2566
Blue Iris.....2435
Larson Painting2409
Splits converted
K. Schmitt 3-10, R. Geerts 3-10, M. Stanton 3-10.

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Chickasaw Women’s Pool

Week 7 Dec. 13
Josie’s II40 23 0
Brite Spot35 28 5
Josie’s I34 20 6
Butch’s II29 25 11
Butch’s I28 26 12
Schucky’s28 26 12
Moonshine Tap.....21 33 19
Hide-A-Way19 35 21
Big Ed’s18 36 22
Results
Schucky’s 5, Butch’s II 4; Josie’s II 5, Moonshine Tap 4; Brite Spot 6, Big Ed’s 3; Butch’s I 3, Josie’s I 6; Hide A Way - Bye Week.
THREE GAME WINNERS:
Brite Spot: Renee Thronsdon & Jean Weiman.

Turkey Valley girls settle for a 1-1 weekend

BY DOROTHY HUBER
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A 7-0 run by Turkey Valley in the final four minutes of the first half gave the Lady Trojans the lead against Starmont Friday, and although it was not a runaway game, Turkey Valley never trailed again as they won their fourth conference game of the season.

With the run, the TV girls were up 25-18 at intermission and would go on to win over the Stars 49-33. Saturday at Decorah the team fell to Schaeffer of Rochester, Minn., 57-52.

The 33 points by Starmont was the season low allowed by the Trojan defense, which was aided by a career-high 12 rebounds and four blocks by sophomore Katlyn Baumlér.

Baumler currently leads the Upper Iowa Conference with her 16 blocks in 10 games and she’s second in total rebounds with 63.

Emily Busta finished with 15 points, Elli Winter — back in action after an injury — scored eight points and Kassidy Reicks

had seven points and rebounds.

Baumler’s rebound and block total from the game was the most by any Trojan girl this year, and so too was the six steals by Jaycie Byrne the next day against Schaeffer.

In that loss the teams were tied at 25 to start the third quarter and it was still anyone’s game with Schaeffer up 54-50 with a minute left.

“It’s always enjoyable to play against teams you don’t normally get to,” said co-coach Dan Stepan. “We struggled boxing out and our defense was suspect. When you score 52 points that should be enough to win the game. We have two games to improve those areas before the break.”

Although not a career high — which she scored as a freshman against Starmont — Emily Busta continued to raise her season-best point total, this time leading the team with 22 points. That included a nice 6-for-7 effort from the free throw line. Reicks brought down five rebounds while Breanna Busta and Lydia Schuchhardt had four steals each.

Tuesday there will be a rematch at home against MFL, who gave the Lady Trojans their first UIC loss earlier this season, and Tuesday the TV girls travel to South Winn for the final contest of 2017.

TURKEY VALLEY 49, STARMONT 33
TV 8 17 9 15 - 49
ST 13 5 10 5 - 33
Shooting - Breanna Busta 0-6 4-10 4, Lindsay Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Kassidy Reicks 2-5 3-6 7, Lydia Schuchhardt 1-2 0-0 2, Emily Busta 5-15 2-5 15, Jordan Lukes 0-1 0-0 0, Jaycie Byrne 2-7 1-4 5, Elli Winter 2-5 4-6 8, Katlyn Baumlér 1-2 2-5 4, Kelsey Kurtenbach 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 13-43 16-36 45.
3-point shots - B. Busta 0-1, E. Busta 3-8, Lukes 0-1, Byrne 0-1.
Rebounds - B. Busta 5, Reicks 7, Schuchhardt 3, E. Busta 3, Lukes 1, Byrne 3, Winter 1, Baumlér 12.
Assists - E. Busta 2.
Steals - B. Busta 1, Reicks 2, Schuchhardt 1, E. Busta 2, Lukes 1, Byrne 2, Baumlér 1.
Blocks - E. Busta 1, Lukes 1, Baumlér 4.

ROCHESTER SCHAEFFER 57, TURKEY VALLEY 52
TV 14 11 16 11 - 52
RS 11 14 18 14 - 57
Shooting - B. Busta 2-8 0-0 4, Reicks 1-2 0-0 2, Schuchhardt 0-1 0-0 0, E. Busta 8-16 6-7 22,



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s Elli Winter returned to the line-up last week after a knee injury earlier in the season.

Lukes 3-7 0-0 8, Byrne 2-10 1-6 5, Winter 3-8 0-2 6, Baumlér 2-5 1-1 5, Kurtenbach 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 21-57 8-16 52.

3-point shots - B. Busta 0-3, E. Busta 0-4, Lukes 2-3, Byrne 0-1.
Rebounds - B. Busta 2, Reicks 5,

E. Busta 3, Byrne 2, Baumlér 4.
Assists - B. Busta 1, Byrne 2.
Steals - B. Busta 4, Schuchhardt 4, Lukes 1, Byrne 6, Winter 1, Baumlér 1.
Blocks - B. Busta 1, Byrne 1, Winter 1, Baumlér 2.

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New Hampton's Sadie Tenge gets ready to put up a 3-point shot in Saturday's Border Battle game.

Chickasaw girls dominate boards at the Border Battle

NH Girls: FROM 12

“She struggled a little bit early in the season, no question about it,” Pemble said, “but she’s really starting to find her groove right now. She’s catching it and stepping into those shots really well right now. She’s definitely a threat out there.”

Leichtman led the Chickasaws, who put the game away with a 15-1 third quarter, with 17 points while Tenge finished with 15.

New Hampton also had a decided advantage on the boards as it pulled down 39 rebounds. Moorman grabbed 12 and Olson had seven.

“We’re doing a better job with boxing out and getting position,” Pemble said, “and to be honest, we have some kids — Kallie’s a great example — who just have a nose for the ball. Kallie’s not the biggest girl in the world, but she just has a knack for getting to the right spot.”

New Hampton will close out the 2017 portion of its schedule on Thursday when the Chickasaws host North Fayette Valley in a non-conference game.

NEW HAMPTON 57, DECORAH 38

Dec	8	10	12	8	-	38
NH	17	17	17	6	-	57

NEW HAMPTON STATISTICS

Sadie Tenge 3-7 0-0 9, Lauren Frerichs 1-2 0-0 3, Isabel Leichtman 4-10 2-2 11, Kallie Olson 2-4 0-0 4, Maddi Moorman 9-13 2-3 20, Bailey Knowlton 1-1 0-0 3, Paige Wisner 0-0 0-0 0, Natalie Hoey 0-0 0-0 0, Marcy Ugum 3-4 1-2 7, Alexa Wemark 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-41 5-7 57.

3-point field goals - Tenge 3-4, Knowlton 1-1, Frerichs 1-2, Leichtman 1-2, Olson 0-1.

Rebounds - Moorman 5, Ugum 3, Olson 3, Frerichs 3, Leichtman 2, Tenge 2, Knowlton 1.

Assists - Frerichs 8, Knowlton 4, Olson 4, Leichtman 2, Moorman 1, Wemark 1.

Steals - Leichtman 4, Frerichs 3, Hoey 2, Knowlton 2, Tenge 1, Olson 1, Ugum 1, Wemark 1.

Blocks - Moorman 1.

ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS AND TROJANS

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley JV/V G/B basketball vs. MFL, home, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys basketball vs. Charles City, home, 9th at 5 p.m., JV at 6:15 and varsity 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Turkey Valley JV/V G/B basketball at South Winneshiek, 4 p.m.

New Hampton girls basketball vs North Fayette Valley, home, JV at 6:15 and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton wrestling at Osage vs. Clarion-Goldfield, Osage and Forest City, 5:30 p.m.

Cold night costs Chickasaw boys

NH Boys: FROM 12

found Noah Fenske open underneath the basket, New Hampton had a 52-46 lead.

The Chickasaws would never trail again, although the Lions didn’t go away quietly and cut the lead to 59-57 before John and Schumacher closed out the game at the line as New Hampton improved to 5-3.

“We did what we had to do,” Sweitzer said. “Look at that play Nolan [Howard] made in the last 30 seconds,” he said. “Nolan gets the one-minute offense. He could have easily forced up a shot, but he knew he didn’t have an uncontested layup so he got the ball back out. It’s little things like that that won this game for us.”

John finished with 17 points, Zwanziger had 16 and Schumacher threw in eight. Meanwhile, New Hampton’s “biggs” — Roberson and the two Fenskes — combined for

14 points a night after scoring just six.

“We have to be better inside,” Sweitzer said. “Are those guys going to score a ton of points? Probably not, but they’re big for us. We got what we wanted out of those guys tonight.”

The night before, though, was disastrous, although it started off well as New Hampton got off to a great start, closing the first quarter with a 12-4 run to take an 18-10 lead.

And then the bottom fell out.

The Vikings scored the quarter’s first eight points to erase the lead and took a 26-24 lead into halftime.

Decorah extended the advantage to 41-33 heading into the fourth quarter, but six points by John to start the final frame cut the deficit to 43-39.

It was as close as the Chickasaws would get, though, as New Hampton, which fell to 0-2 in the NEIC, suffered through a horrendous shooting

night — hitting just 31.5 percent of its shots from the field (17-of-54) and finished a mere 42.9 percent (9-for-21) from the free-throw line.

“You shoot like that from the line, and you won’t win a lot of basketball games. Period,” Sweitzer said. “We left a lot of points out there. That’s about all you can say.”

New Hampton will close its pre-Christmas portion of its schedule tonight [Tuesday] with a home game against Charles City, and the Comets are 4-1 overall and 2-0 in NEIC play after beating Oelwein 56-47 on Friday.

DECORAH 59, NEW HAMPTON 45

NH	18	6	9	12	-	45
Dec	10	16	15	18	-	59

NEW HAMPTON STATISTICS

Keagan John	4-14	6-9	14,
Alex Schumacher	1-3	0-0	2,
Jake Zwanziger	6-14	1-4	15,
Tyler Rentschler	2-10	2-7	6,
Dillon Roberson	2-3	0-1	4,
Nolan Howard	1-1	0-0	2,
Josh Fenske	0-6	0-0	0,
Noah Fenske	1-3	0-0	2.
Totals	17-54		

9-21 45.

3-point field goals - Zwanziger 2-8, John 0-2, Rentschler 0-2.

Rebounds - John 12, Zwanziger 5, J. Fenske 3, Roberson 3, N. Fenske 3, Schumacher 3, Rentschler 2, Howard 1.

Assists - Rentschler 3, Zwanziger 2, Howard 2, N. Fenske 1, Roberson 1, John 1.

Steals - John 2, Roberson 1.

Blocks - Rentschler 1.

NEW HAMPTON 62, SPRING GROVE 57

SG	19	10	15	13	-	57
NH	13	14	17	18	-	62

John 6-9 5-6 17, Schumacher 3-6 2-2 8, Zwanziger 6-10 3-5 16, Rentschler 3-4 1-4 7, Roberson 2-4 2-4 4, N. Fenske 1-4 0-0 2, J. Fenske 3-4 0-0 6, Howard 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-42 13-21 62.

3-point field goals - Zwanziger 1-3, John 0-1.

Rebounds - Zwanziger 7, John 6, Roberson 4, J. Fenske 3, N. Fenske 1, Rentschler 1, Schumacher 1.

Assists - John 7, Rentschler 4, N. Fenske 1, J. Fenske 1, Schumacher 1.

Steals - Rentschler 4, N. Fenske 1, Roberson 1, J. Fenske 1, Schumacher 1, John 1.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Josh Fenske (left) and his younger brother, Noah, battle for a loose ball in the second half of the Chickasaws' game with Decorah Friday night.

LIGHT PLANT BOARD ROOM MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant.

Board members present were Dahl, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, and Cantu. General Manager Brian Quirk, Attorney Christopher F. O’Donohoe, Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson, and City Clerk Suellen Kolbet were also present.

Chairman Dahl called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; That the agenda be approved. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Babcock; That the minutes of the November 13, 2017 regular meeting be approved as corrected. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Motion carried.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hendricks; That claims in the amount of \$369,889.55 be approved. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Motion carried.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Babcock; That the Finance Reports for the month of November, 2017 be approved. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; That Resolution No. 821 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT INVESTMENT POLICY, be approved. The roll call resulted as follows: Ayes-Dahl, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, and Cantu. Nays-None. Resolution adopted.

Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson met with the Board to request financial assistance for the business expansion of Addicted 2 Stichin’. The Economic Development Advisory Board has recommended a grant in the amount of \$2,000, based on the projected increase in electrical usage. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hendricks; That Resolution No. 822 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN ELECTRIC UTILITY PURPOSE AND AWARDING A GRANT TO “ADDICTED 2 STICHIN” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00, be approved.

The roll call resulted as follows: Ayes-Dahl, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, and Cantu. Nays-None. Resolution adopted.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Babcock; That the Light Plant contribute \$110,000 to the City of New Hampton as payment in lieu of taxes, pending compliance with surplus transfer rules. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Motion carried.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hendricks; That the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget be approved and submitted to the City Clerk for incorporation into the total City budget. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed salaries and wages for Light Plant employees effective January 1, 2018. General Manager Quirk recommended an across the board increase of 2.5%. Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; That Resolution No. 823 A RESOLUTION NAMING EMPLOYEES AND FIXING SALARIES FOR THE NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT FOR 2018, AS FOLLOWS, be approved:

EMPLOYEE, TITLE	2017	2018
Brian Quirk, General Manager	\$87,500/year	\$89,688/year
Gregory Heying, Operations Foreman	\$30.57/hour	\$31.33/hour
Travis Schumacher, Line Foreman	\$30.55/hour	\$31.31/hour
Craig Mai, Lineman	\$25.01/hour	\$25.64/hour
Mark Andera, Lineman	\$25.01/hour	\$25.64/hour
Mathew Madery, Lineman	\$25.01/hour	\$25.64/hour
LaVonne Van Oort, Administrative Assistant	\$20.59/hour	\$21.10/hour

The roll call resulted as follows: Ayes-Dahl, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, and Cantu. Nays-None. Resolution adopted.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That Resolution No. 824 A RESOLUTION ALLOWING GENERAL MANAGER BRIAN QUIRK A \$1,000 BONUS IN 2018, BASED ON HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND HIS ANTICIPATED CONTINUED PARTICIPATION, be approved. The roll call resulted as follows: Ayes-Dahl, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, and Cantu. Nays-None. Resolution adopted.

General Manager Quirk presented a proposal from DGR Engineering for the

design phase of the 2018 Distribution Improvements project. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Babcock; To approve an agreement with DGR Engineering for the design phase of the 2018 Distribution Project, in the amount of \$9,800.00. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Motion carried.

General Manager Quirk reported on the following:

1. The substation work has been delayed one month and should be on-line in January.

2. He updated the Board on the cause of today’s power outage.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Anderson; That the meeting adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Motion carried.

ATTEST: SUELLEN KOLBET, CMC, City Clerk

STEPHEN DAHL, Chairman

City of New Hampton - Semi Annual Transfers	\$45,000.00
Nelson, Ayla - Refund of Final Account Balance	\$90.59
USPS - Postage for Utility Bills \$104.19 Payroll Account - Regular Salaries	\$21,468.46
Rapid Printers - PreStamped Window Envelopes	\$476.91
Doggrell, Rodger - Refund of Final Account Balance	\$19.27
Black Hills Energy - Natural gas \$740.74 Iowa One Call - One calls	\$36.90
Superior Welding Supply - Gas Cylinder	\$213.36
USPS - Postage for Utility Bills \$125.96 Windstream - Telephone	\$118.27
Baker, Jessica - Refund of Final Account Balance	\$34.88
Lukes, Austin - Refund of Final Account Balance	\$89.58
American Solutions for Business - Utility Bills	\$562.98
DGR Engineering - Transformer Replacement Project	\$7,767.00
DGR Engineering - Electric System Long Range Plan	\$4,879.00
DGR Engineering - Stolz Park Substation Study	\$4,539.64
LS Supply & Rental - Supplies	\$48.17
Stuart C Irby - Brush blades, Wire Brushes, Conduit	\$435.52
New Hampton Tribune - Home Energy Assistance Ad	\$137.77
EMC National Life Insurance - Life insurance	\$111.33

NIMECA - Purchase power	\$197,275.21
Payroll Account - Regular Salaries	\$20,363.47
Payroll Account - Longevity	\$1,291.80
Power Plan - Attachment for Mini Excavator	\$700.00
New Horizons - Chamber - November Payments on Utility Bills	\$506.01
USPS - Postage for Utility Bills	\$115.58
NIMECA - Disability Insurance	\$176.56
Payroll Account - Lt Plant Board Salaries	\$3,497.40
Airgas USA - Cylinder Rental for New Transformer	\$61.33
Reimbursement	\$187.60
Bodensteiner Implement - Screen, Oil, File	\$37.76
Bond Account - Transfer	\$19,650.00
Border States Electric Supply - Quick Change Chuck	\$127.33
Butler-Bremer Communications - Internet and phone	\$83.30
Capital Improvement - Transfer	\$40,000.00
City Laundering - Industrial laundering service	\$79.23
Five Star Cooperative - Vehicle Gas	\$284.79
Harold K. Scholz Company - New Substation Project (Pay request #1)	\$99,312.48
Jendro Sanitation - Refuse	\$58.00
John Deere Financial - Mallet, Cords, Work Light, Lights	\$149.98
L & R Manufacturing - Steel	\$40.10
Reimbursement	\$74.86
Mohawk - Repairs to Breaker Motor	\$58.85

NAPA Auto Parts - Marker Lights for Old Line Truck	\$25.96
New Hampton Industrial Development Corp - 2018 Dues	\$300.00
New Hampton Tribune - Publications	\$86.48
New Hampton/City of - Semi Annual Transfer - Econ Devel	\$10,000.00
Riley’s, Inc. - Flash Drive, Ink Cartridge	\$82.64
Schueth Ace Hardware - Supplies, Batteries, Outlets	\$193.15
Stanton Electric, LLC - Contactors, supplies	\$478.19
Stuart C Irby - Tool Repair	\$317.53
Terry-Durin - Innerduct	\$1,659.53
Reimbursement	\$227.20
Zip’s Truck Equipment - UPS Packages	\$36.71
Total	\$484,539.55
Less Transfers	\$114,650.00
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED	\$369,889.55

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Ameritas Life Insurance - Deferred Comp	\$1,022.27
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Host of Chickasaws contribute to wins



Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton's Kallie Olson wins the battle for a rebound in Saturday's Border Battle game.

New Hampton shows inside, outside games in two victories

BY BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton showed its diversity this past weekend as the Chickasaws went inside on Friday and outside on Saturday to score two impressive victories — 57-38 over Decorah on the former and 50-28 over Kingsland, Minn., on the latter.

“We had a lot of people contribute to both wins,” said New Hampton coach Chad Pemble, whose team will take a 6-3 overall record into Thursday’s home game against North Fayette Valley. “And it’s not just points, but I felt like we passed the ball really well, we got after it on the boards and we played pretty decent defense, too.”

Pemble’s team evened its NEIC record at 2-2 with the win over Decorah in which Maddi Moorman scored a career-high 20 points and combined with fellow post player Marcy Uglum to go 12-of-17 from the field, score 27 points and grab eight rebounds.

“We’ve really been working on it, reversing the ball and getting it down low,” Pemble said. “It just doesn’t happen; it’s a process. Marcy’s really good about getting the position and Maddi’s just so athletic that we can do some nice things inside.”

New Hampton raced out to a 17-8 first quarter lead, extended the advantage to 34-18 at halftime and cruised to the win.

The Chickasaws finished with 20

assists as Lauren Frerichs led the way with eight dishes and Kallie Olson had four.

“That’s a big part of our game,” Pemble said. “Lauren’s one of those kids who just sees the floor so dang well, but this is really a very unselfish team.”

Isabel Leichtman had 11 points for New Hampton while Sadie Tenge went 3-for-4 from 3-point range and finished with nine points.

Tenge helped New Hampton get off to a fast start in the annual “Border Battle” that pits Iowa teams against

squads from Minnesota.

The junior scored eight points in the first quarter to give the Chickasaws a 14-7 first-quarter lead and finished the game with 15 points on perfect 6-of-6 shooting from the field, including 3-for-3 from long range.

SEE NH GIRLS, 11

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BATTLING BACK

NH/TV BOUNCES BACK FROM FIRST LOSS TO WIN POOL

BY BOB FENSKE
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Don’t get New Hampton/Turkey Valley coach Nick Hemann and his wrestlers wrong, they wanted to win the Battle of Waterloo this past weekend.

But while the Chickasaws came up short on their goal, Hemann had plenty of reasons to feel good about his team as they stormed back from their first loss of the year to win three duals on Saturday and claim the title in the second-place pool at one of Iowa’s biggest dual-meet tournaments of the year.

“We had a good weekend,” Hemann said. “We learned a lot about ourselves, and one thing I told our guys is good teams are tested by how they respond when something doesn’t go the way they wanted them to go. And we passed that test with flying colors.”

A day after hammering Charles City 70-11 in a Northeast Iowa Conference dual meet, New Hampton/Turkey Valley rolled to a 78-6 win

SEE NH/TV, 9



James Grob/Tribune
New Hampton's Noah Fye (above) finishes off a takedown while teammate Max Babcock does the same in a Friday bracket semifinal meet against Cedar Rapids Prairie at the Battle of Waterloo.

Trojan boys stay perfect in Upper Iowa

BY DOROTHY HUBER
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Two conference games remain for Turkey Valley’s boys before the Christmas break, and they’re both big ones.

After the Trojans defeated Starmont 84-45 Friday night, they remained the only team in the Upper Iowa Conference without a loss. But the challenge this week comes in the form of MFL — who comes to Jackson Junction Tuesday — and South Winn, where the Trojans will play Thursday. Both teams have one loss in the conference. South Winn’s one loss came from MFL and the SW boys beat a Postville team by two points that the Trojans defeated by four points.

Following the route over Starmont Friday, Turkey Valley concluded their brutal week’s schedule at the Decorah Border Battle, losing to Mabel-Canton 58-39.

The 84 points Friday was the most points scored by the Trojans this season, but after a quarter the Trojans were up by a conservative 16-12 score.

“Tonight against Starmont in the first half when we got the ball inside good things happened, but the problem was we didn’t get it in there enough,” began coach Chris Sullivan.

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New Hampton senior guard Alex Schumacher drives past a Decorah defender in the first half of Friday night’s Northeast Iowa Conference game against the Vikings.

Chickasaw boys bounce back

New Hampton falls in NEIC, wins Border Battle game

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The start — three straight turnovers and a 6-0 deficit — was the last thing New Hampton coach Chad Sweitzer wanted to see Saturday afternoon.

His Chickasaws were coming off a deeply disappointing 59-45 Northeast Iowa Conference loss to Decorah and looked like it was headed for a third-straight loss against Spring Grove, Minn., in the annual Border Battle that is hosted by Luther College and Decorah High School.

“I’m out there thinking, ‘Here we go again.’ You’re right, I wasn’t in a very good mood,” Sweitzer said. “I don’t want to make a big deal out of it, but we lose today, and it’s getting tougher and tougher to turn this thing around.”

But New Hampton showed plenty of heart, survived a less-than-stellar first half and one hiccup in the second half to roar back and beat the Lions 62-57.

A Jake Zwanziger 3-pointer pulled New

Hampton to within 19-13 at the end of the first quarter, and Dillon Roberson and Josh Fenske gave New Hampton an inside presence and combined for eight points in the second quarter as the Chickasaws cut the lead to 29-27 at the break.

“Considering how we started — throw in the 0-for-4 from the [free-throw] line — and we had to feel fortunate that we were that close,” Sweitzer said. “We challenged them at halftime, and they responded.”

New Hampton used a 9-0 run — with contributions from Keagan John, Tyler Rentschler, Jake Zwanziger and Alex Schumacher — to take a 44-35 lead with 2:33 left in the third quarter, but Spring Grove closed the quarter with a 9-0 spurt of its own.

Rentschler opened the fourth quarter with a bucket, John followed with two free throws and a hard drive to the basket and when Josh Fenske

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