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Ambulance concerns supervisors

Board members have plenty of questions when it comes to AMR's proposal

By **BOB FENSKE AND KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Tribune

The Board of Supervisors member who represents the county on the Ambulance Council said last week he needs more "details" from AMR before he would be able to vote to accept the company's bid to provide the county and its cities ambulance service.

During last Monday's board meeting, Jacob Hackman said he had a number of questions

when it came to the bid AMR submitted to the Ambulance Council.

"I need more answers on whether they're going to transport," said Hackman. "I need more details from AMR."

He also said he wants more information on AMR's staffing plans, as well as what insurance carriers the provider would accept.

The Ambulance Council received only one bid - AMR's \$245,000 to provide one ambulance in the county - when it opened bids on Nov. 18. The

council was supposed to meet last Tuesday, but it pushed that meeting to this Wednesday so AMR could have a representative at the meeting.

The postponement was announced after the Board of Supervisors met last week, and thinking the meeting was the following day, supervisors had a lively discussion.

"The reference checks that I've got is not to accept it in its current form," said Board Chairman Rick Holthaus, who added that "I would not sup-

port it as presented."

The supervisors also broached the subject of the county creating a public ambulance service, but as Supervisor Jason Byrne pointed

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LIGHTING UP THE PARK!

Bob Fenske/Tribune

The band shell at New Hampton's Mikkelson Park is lit up Friday evening as the switch was turned on for the Little Light of Mine holiday display that will light up the park throughout the holiday season. **See MORE PHOTOS, Page 2**

IF RECENT HISTORY IS ANY INDICATION, DON'T BET ON 'WHITE CHRISTMAS'

LAST CHRISTMAS WITH SNOW ON THE GROUND CAME IN 2017 AND RECENT YEARS HAVE SEEN LITTLE DECEMBER SNOW

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When it comes to having snow on the ground for Christmas, let's face it, New Hampton is somewhat in a drought.

The past three Christmases have been "brown" and honestly, the fact that 2017 was a "white Christmas" came on a "technicality" — an inch of snow fell on Christmas Day four

**LOOKING BACK ON NEW HAMPTON'S
SNOWFALL THE PAST 12 DECEMBERS.**

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years ago.

So for those who think snow — on the ground at least — and Christmas go hand in hand, what are our chances that 2021 will be a break-

through of sorts?

"With Christmas being almost a month away, we still have a decent chance of accumulating snowfall across the region," said Jeff Makowski, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's office in La Crosse, Wisconsin. "I'm not saying it's going to happen this week, but we've got plenty of time."

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Thanksgiving dinner has a record turnout

Committee ecstatic after serving more than 300 meals during annual event at Trinity

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The food was scrumptious, but it's not just the turkey, stuffing, ham, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, beans and pie that make the Trinity Community Thanksgiving Dinner special.

It's the fellowship. Trust us, on that.

In the church's Fellowship Hall on Thursday, old friends caught up with each. New friends were made. College students talked to elderly residents as if they had known each other for years, not minutes.

"I think that's what makes it special," said Kathy Beckman, a member of the dinner's organizing committee. "To watch

those intergenerational conversations ... it gets to me every year. ... It's why we missed it so much last year."

That would be 2020, of course, when COVID-19 led to the cancellation of the annual Turkey Day get-together at the old church on South Water Avenue in New Hampton.

But committee members were bound and determined that it would return, and on Thursday, it did.

Granted, planning a meal like this isn't a one-day operation by any means; in fact, work on the Community Thanksgiving Dinner began this summer when Grant and Krissy

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Diners enjoy great food and fellowship as they take part in the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner that was held last Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton.

'Short week' does not help county's COVID numbers

Weekly report released before the holiday shows 36 new positive tests

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The "short week" didn't bring any good COVID-19 numbers to Chickasaw County last week.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter released her weekly report last Wednesday - two days earlier than normal.

The report showed that 36 new positive COVID tests were recorded during a five-day period.

Eleven of the positive tests came in residents who were fully vaccinated and one resident who tested positive had received a boost dose of the vaccine.

The latest report came as MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center geared up for two clinics geared toward children ages 5 to 17. The first clinic will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and the

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Christmas events set for this week

New Horizons-Chamber will hold its annual "Ho Ho, Ho, to New Hampton Let's Go" event on Thursday from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5:15 and set up shop at 15 E. Main St. and be available for pictures throughout the evening.

The event will also have "live window displays," as well as strolling characters, hospitality stops, and great deals at participating merchants.

On Friday and Saturday, the Little Light of Mine display at Mikkelson Park will have horse-drawn wagon rides from 5 to 8 p.m.

And on Saturday, the Carnegie Cultural Center will hold its annual Santa Saturday as the big guy himself will be available to meet with children from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Winter Sports Preview

Get the scoop on the 2021-22 Chickasaws' and Trojans' hoops and wrestling teams

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All-state honors

Seven New Hampton and Turkey Valley football players named to all-state teams

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Finding positives

New Hampton falls in girls basketball opener but coach sees much to like

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It's brighter and better than ever!

The Little Light of Mine display — including one from Vern Laures Auto Center (above) and another that shows Santa and his reindeer “jumping” off one of the pool’s diving boards — is back and it’s a pretty eye-popping sight this holiday season as more than 100 businesses, organizations and families have put up displays to compliment those put together by the Little Light of Mine Committee.

The committee includes Zo and John Bear, Julie and Jim Eckenrod, Dave and Deb Heimerdinger, Duce and Ovey Johnson, Melody and Gary King, Dee and Steve McGrath, Lee, Gladys and Randy Schluetter, Dixie and Pete Zeien and Lee, Lisa and Isabel Pool.

The display will be turned on each evening throughout the holiday season and has special events planned both this Friday and Saturday and on Saturday, Dec. 18. This weekend horse-drawn wagon rides will be available while on Dec. 20, the committee will sponsor a visit from Santa and a fireworks show.



Among the displays are one celebrating small churches (left) put up by the congregations of Redeemer, Jerico and Saude Lutheran churches while the display by Eye Care Associates (above) lights up a pair of glasses.

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Plum Creek Art Center offering classes this month

Two classes are on tap in December at the Plum Creek Art Center in Fredericksburg.

On Dec. 11 a Felted Wool Scarf class will be held from 9 a.m. until all are finished, roughly noon. Cost of the class is \$40.

On Thursday, Dec. 16 a Slush and Brush Class will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is between \$30 and \$35, depending on the size canvas chosen.

Materials are included in the cost for both classes and pre-payment is required for both.

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New Hampton Dance to compete at state competition this week

New Hampton dance student will be heading to Des Moines this week to compete in the 46th annual Iowa State Dance Team Championship Dec. 1-2. The 14 dancers and two coaches will leave for Des Moines today (Tuesday) and return Friday.

Touted as the largest high school dance competition in the country, the event will be held at the Wells Fargo Arena.

Entry fee for spectators is \$15/person. Tickets to attend in person and live stream access will be available to pre-purchase; information will posted at www.isdtalive.com.

Charles City man pleads guilty to stealing from his grandmother

A Floyd County District Court judge accepted a guilty plea this week from a Charles City man charged with stealing from his grandmother.

Casey Lee Olson, age 33, was charged with abuse of a dependent adult, a Class D felony, and first-degree theft, a Class C felony, for allegedly taking about \$15,000 from his grandmother's bank accounts and cashing in certificates of deposit worth around \$17,000.

Olson entered a written plea of guilty to abuse of a dependent adult last week and Judge Chris Foy accepted the plea on Monday. Foy set sentencing for Jan. 18, 2022.

In return for the guilty plea, the Floyd County Attorney's Office agreed to dismiss the theft charge and recommend a sentence of up to five years in prison, fully suspended; three years probation to the Iowa Department of Correctional Services; \$1,375 fine plus 15% surcharge, fully suspended; restitution; and treatment for gambling addiction.

A plea agreement recommendation is not binding.

The thefts took place from October 2020 through March 2021 while the victim was a resident of a local nursing home, according to documents filed in Floyd County District Court.

Court documents say the grandmother had given Olson power of attorney and permission to use her accounts only to pay bills, utilities and taxes, which totaled about \$1,000 a month.



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New Hampton High School student Tate Schwickerath helps clean off a table during the Community Thanksgiving Dinner that was held this past Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton.

Volunteers key for Thanksgiving dinner

THANKSGIVING: FROM 1

Anderson donated sweet corn to the event.

Committee member Susanne Hauge went to work on freezing it, and a few weeks later, she joined other committee members — the Beckmans, Kathy and Bob, Phil Zwanziger, Brian Laures and Karen McGrath — to start planning the 2021 dinner.

“We talked about quantities — how much food are we going to need? — and things like that,” Kathy Beckman said, “and then we start getting the word out that we’re going to do this.”

They met a few weeks ago to put the finishing touches on the plan, although, like any other year, they didn’t have any idea how many people would show up.

But they planned for a big turnout, which

turned out to be a wise decision. By the time the one o’clock hour arrived, the event had served 313 meals — including 105 “carryout” meals — to set a new Community Thanksgiving Dinner record.

“We couldn’t do this without the volunteers,” Beckman said, “and honestly, they’re the ones that make this work. We have to have servers, we have to have people who set the tables and hand out the drinks, we have to have dishwashers and we have to have people for the cleanup crew.”

She told the story of one man who has been battling health problems recently.

“Not COVID or anything like that,” she said, “but he told us that he woke up this morning feeling good and that it was like God was telling him he needed to get out and do something today. So he comes in

and says, ‘What can I do? I’m here to volunteer.’”

And even after a year “off,” they weren’t rusty.

“We were done cleaning up by two,” Beckman said. “We had a great crew ... again.”

The event received funds from Thrivent and those who came to celebrate Thanksgiving could donate a freewill offering that, once expenses are covered, will be donated to the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

“That’s always something we look forward to,” Beckman said, “but honestly, all the work is so worth it to see people who might not be celebrating come to the dinner or see families be able to all eat together in one room. It’s hard to explain, but it just means the world to us.”

Supervisors have concerns about ambulance contract

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

out, even if the county pursued that option, getting it up and running by July 1 is unrealistic.

“Honestly, if we were to do something like this, this would not be within the year,” said Byrne. “That’s why we’re in the planning stages of this. ... To me it doesn’t hinge on your agreement with AMR or any other ambulance service that would apply because we couldn’t have something up and running at this point anyway,”

The Ambulance Council reached an agreement with the Chickasaw Ambulance Service and its owner/operator, Jeremy McGrath, on a two-year contract last spring that called on the county and cities to pay the service \$217,500 this year and \$228,375 in the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2022.

But after the council called on vendors to provide bids with a request for proposals (RFPs), McGrath notified the Ambulance Council that his service would opt out of the con-

tract after the first year of the current deal.

Both the council and the provider were allowed that opt-out option under the contract’s language.

Chickasaw Ambulance Service is supposed to have two ambulances available under the current contract while AMR’s proposal is to have one Ambulance housed in the county and use its ambulances in places like Floyd County and Buchanan County as “backup rigs.”

“If they’re looking at one, I don’t know how they’re going to serve the whole county,” Supervisor Tim Zoll said. “If there’s two ambulances, I’m sure the cost is going to go up.”

Hackman said the lack of bids was disappointing.

“The RFP process is not what I thought it was going to be,” he said. “I thought there would be more with a second rig. ... I have no idea what the council’s going to do — if they’re going to deny it or accept it or what plan B would be.”

MercyOne to hold vaccination clinics for kids

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second is set for Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Both clinics will run from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and parents must pre-register their children and must be present when their kids receive the vaccine.

“We have precautions in place to make sure the children are receiving the right vaccines,” said Jennifer Monteith, the hospital’s manager of development and public relations.

That’s important because children ages

5 to 12 receive a smaller amount of vaccine than teenagers do.

Monteith said the hospital has created an “events page” on its Facebook site for families to sign up for a time to have their kids vaccinated. She said families should expect to be at the COVID clinic 30 to 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, the Public Health report showed that last week’s positive cases were reported in a variety of age groups. Nineteen came in residents ages 18 to 40, six were in the 41-60 age group, 10 were

between the ages of 61 and 80 and one was under the age of 18.

Welter has consistently reminded residents that one of the keys to stopping the spread is for residents who have either tested positive or been exposed to the coronavirus to stay home.

“The bottom line is that we need to do that with every illness,” she said earlier this month. “Be it COVID, the flu, anything really, we need people to stay home and be respectful to those around them.”

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What To Know About Early IRA Withdrawals

While you're working, you may be contributing to an individual retirement account (IRA), which can provide a tax-advantaged way to save for your future. So, is it ever a good idea to tap into your IRA before you retire?

Ideally, you should leave this account intact until your retirement. After all, you could spend two or more decades in retirement, so you'll need a lot of financial resources. Still, life is unpredictable, so there may be times you'll consider taking money from your IRA. You'll need to be aware, though, that if you withdraw funds before you turn 59½, you will generally trigger a 10% penalty. Plus, you'll be taxed on whatever you take out, thereby losing, at least in part, the benefits of tax-deferred earnings offered by a traditional IRA. (With a Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions free of taxes and penalties, but the earnings may be taxed and penalized if you take them out before you're 59½.)

If you need to withdraw funds from your IRA before you're 59½, you may be able to avoid the 10% early withdrawal penalty if you meet an exception, such as one of these:

- *Paying for college* – You are allowed to take penalty-free withdrawals to pay for tuition and other qualified higher education expenses for you, your spouse, children or grandchildren. However, since the withdrawals may be considered taxable income, they could reduce the student's eligibility for financial aid.
- *Buying a first home* – You and your spouse can each withdraw up to \$10,000 from your respective IRAs to buy your first home. To qualify as a first-time homebuyer, you (and your spouse) need to have not owned a home for the two years preceding your home purchase.
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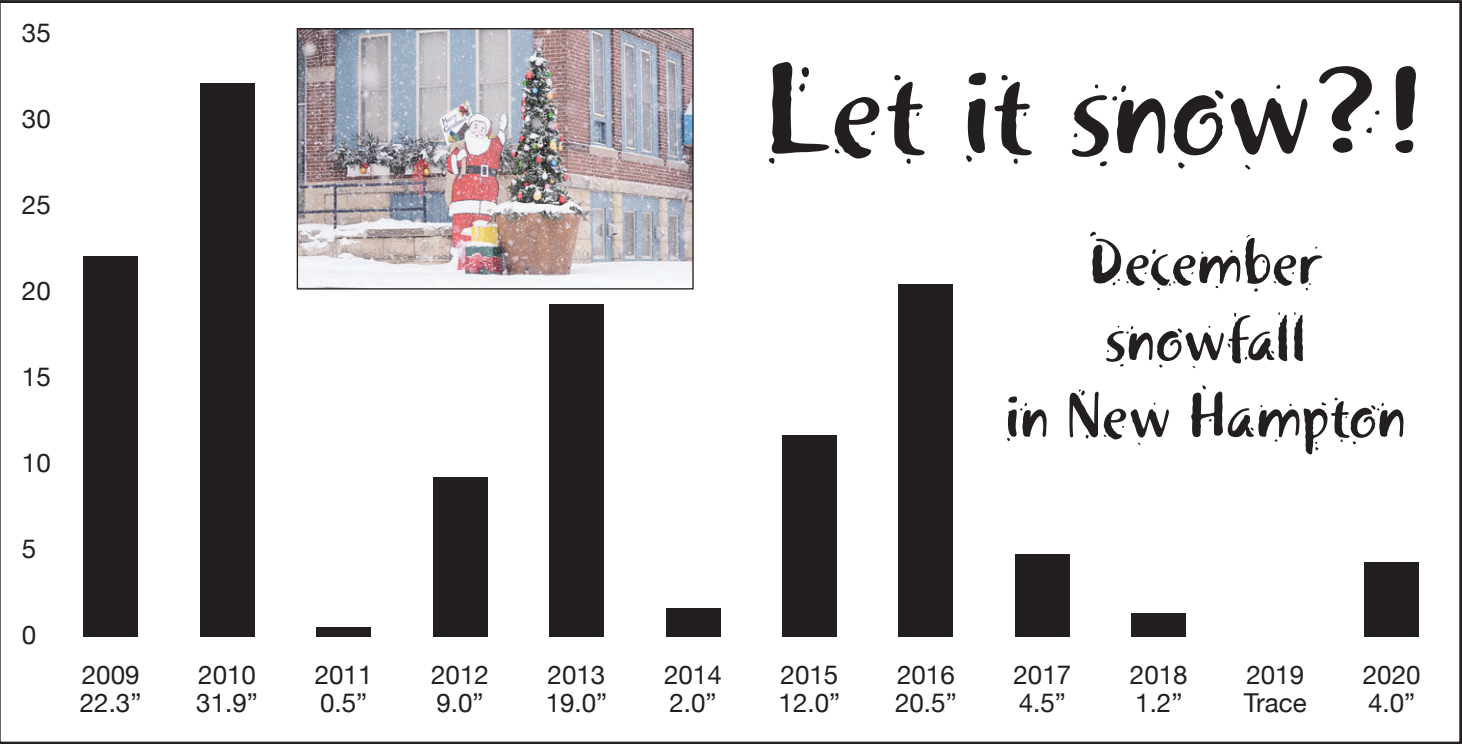
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These aren't the only exceptions to the 10% withdrawal penalty, but they do cover many of the common reasons that people may consider an early withdrawal from their IRAs. And if you do need to take an early withdrawal, consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility for avoiding the 10% penalty.

Keep in mind, though, that you do have ways to potentially reduce the necessity of withdrawing from your IRA early. One proven technique is to build an emergency fund containing at least three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. You might also consider opening a line of credit. A financial professional can help you explore other options, as well.

Ultimately, if you can leave your IRA intact until you retire, you'll be helping yourself greatly. But if you do need to tap into your account early, at least be familiar with the possible drawbacks – and how you might avoid them.

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Weather service deals with a variety of weather

SNOW: FROM 1

Still, we've had plenty of time the past four years, too, but December snow has been a precious commodity. A year ago, the area received four inches of snow in the month, but three of those inches fell on Dec. 30. In 2019, New Hampton's snow total for December was a trace. In 2018, a paltry 1.2 inches of the white stuff fell during the month, and in 2017, besides that 1-inch Christmas snowfall, we got three inches on Dec. 30.

"We go through some of these stretches where you go for a few years without hardly anything in December," Makowski said, "but those stretches can come to an end pretty abruptly."

The weather service says that New Hampton has a "white Christmas" – which is defined as having one inch of snow cover on the ground or having at least one inch of snow fall on Christmas Day – about 70 percent of the time.

The Tribune looked at the past dozen Decembers and Christmas holidays, and during that period, New Hampton has had

seven holidays with snow on the ground or in the air.

Take away the recent "dry spell" and the fact is we've had some pretty snowy Decembers. In 2009, 22.3 inches of snow fell in December and the following year, we had almost 32 inches of the snow during the month.

For the record, our "brown" Christmases have come in 2011, 2014, 2018, 2019 and 2020. But we've also had some pretty decent Christmas snowfalls. In 2010, eight inches fell on Christmas Eve, and in 2016, we had a 5-inch snowfall on Christmas Eve.

Makowski laughed when asked about what most residents want when it comes to Christmas and snow?

"We live up here so I think most people want some snow on the ground for Christmas," he said, "but the older you get, the more you hear 'I want snow on the ground for Christmas but then it can melt on the 27th and stay away for the rest of the winter.' ... And a lot of people don't want it to snow on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day because they're traveling. We can be a fickle bunch."

This time of the year tends to be a varied lot for forecasters at the National Weather Service in La Crosse, which covers an area that runs from northern Wisconsin to the northeastern part of Iowa and southwestern Wisconsin, as well as parts of southeastern Minnesota.

"You look at yesterday," he said, "and we had accumulating snow in northern Wisconsin that we were tracking and you guys in Iowa were in the 50s. ... It's a challenging time of the year for forecasting because obviously temperature means everything and a couple of degrees here and there means the difference between just plain old rain and a pretty decent snowstorm."

Asked how he felt about the subject of having snow on the ground for Christmas, he couldn't help but laugh.

"Well, first of all, I can't do much about it," he said, "and as much as people like it, I'd remind them that they can't do much about it, either. ... The fact is even if we don't have much snow in December, that's not an indicator that we're going to get through the winter scot-free."

Briefs

Parks and Rec still taking entries for holiday lights contest

The New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department will hold its second annual Holiday Lights Display Contest this year. Residents can compete in a variety of divisions – ranging from most traditional, most whimsical, best theme, "Clark Griswold's Best" and best use of lights. The contest will also include the Shining Star Neighborhood Award.

This year, Park and Rec officials are asking residents to tell them what category they'd like to be included in, and residents must register and follow contest rules that include:

- Must be a residence in the city limits; no groups or businesses may enter.
- Must give permission for your name/address to be on a map so people can drive around and enjoy the displays.
- Must have display lit from 5:30 to 9 p.m. each night, beginning Dec. 9.

The Park and Recreation Board will be judging the contest the week of Dec. 13, and winners will be announced on the Parks and Rec Facebook page on Monday, Dec. 20, and in the Tuesday, Dec. 21

edition of the New Hampton Tribune.

Winners will receive a community minded gift certificate from local businesses and a surprise holiday treat.

Those who have questions about the contest can contact Tara Hackman at 641-394-5464.

Art exhibit continues in Fredericksburg through Dec. 28

An exhibit by artist Bruce Litterer continues to be on display at Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery, 115 W. Main St., Fredericksburg.

Bruce Litterer has been working with colored pencils for seven years, and his art has developed into detailed, creative drawings of rural Iowa farm life and wildlife. Bruce's art is a blending of prisma colored pencils with odorless turpentine to create a watercolor background with four to six layers of colored pencils on top of each other throughout the drawing. The exhibit of his art work continues through Dec. 28 at the Connie Mohr Gallery.

Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery is a non-profit, all volunteer group dedicated to promoting local and regional artists and art education for children and adults. Admission is always free to Connie Mohr Gallery. The organization is named for Connie Mohr who was a talented, respected, professional artist who lived in Fredericksburg for many years.

Middle school kicks off holiday concert season next Monday

New Hampton Middle School will hold its annual Winter Music Concert on Monday, Dec. 6, in the new gymnasium at the middle school.

Both band and choir students will perform selections during the concert that begins at 7 p.m.

The elementary school concert is set for Monday, Dec. 13, while the high school concert will be held on Monday, Dec. 20.

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"The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you."

—Matthew Kelly

For many Christians unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word parousia.

Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1).

During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

Advent Today - Dates for 2021

Today, the season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent begins on Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year) Advent 2021 begins on Sunday, November 28th, and ends on Friday, December 24.

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom.



AVENT LUNCHEONS

BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY

The annual Advent Luncheon program will kick off its three-week run this Wednesday.

The luncheons will be held each Wednesday through Dec. 15 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in New Hampton, and attendees should use the west entrance at the church that is located at 4 E. Court St.

Luncheons will run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and include a soup and salad meal for a freewill offering, a pastor leading a devotional and the singing of several Christmas songs.

The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them.

In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people.

Advent Liturgy and Practice

To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ's

second coming, and the last two Sundays look backward to remember Christ's first coming.

Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return in judgment to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

Advent Wreath and Candles

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays.

Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death. The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible. Advent candles are often nestled in the evergreen wreath. Additional decorations, like holly and berries, are sometimes added. Their red color points ahead to Jesus' sacrifice and death. Pinecones can symbolize the new life that Jesus brings through His resurrection. Families begin lighting a candle on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and they light another candle each subsequent Sunday.

The most common Advent candle tradition, however, involves four candles. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas.

— christianity.com



Photo courtesy of Trinity Lutheran Church

Confirmation at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church recently held its confirmation service and pictured are new confirmants include (from left) Lauren Nuss, Tate Schwickerath, Reid Rausch and Caleb Utley, who are pictured with Pastor Kevin Frey.

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Pastor Sarah Namukose
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Pastor Todd Burrichter
Service times: 9 a.m.
Sundays.

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Pastor Darin Cerwinski
Service times: 10 a.m.
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Mass time: Sunday,
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Service time: 9:30
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222 S. Washington Ave.
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221 Oak St.
Pastor Scott Smith
Service times: 9 a.m.,
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Father Nick Radloff
Mass time: Saturday,
6 p.m.

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215 East Main
Father Nick Radloff
Mass time: Saturday,
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Mass time: Saturday,
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Online Poll

We're relatively split when it comes to how many nights the New Hampton Public Library should be open as 46 percent believe it should remain open four evening a week, 31 percent say they're comfortable with two evenings and 14 percent are OK with three evenings. Only 9 percent said the facility should be open just one night a week.

This week we're asking our online readers to weigh in on the best Christmas event in New Hampton.

Almanac

	H	L	P
Monday	48	13	--
Tuesday	49	23	--
Wednesday	54	19	--
Thursday	26	10	--
Friday	32	20	--
Saturday	51	21	--
Sunday	40	23	--

Forecast

Tuesday: Clearing throughout the day high 44, low 30.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with a high of 52 and low of 39.

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 51 and low of 34.

Friday: Mostly sunny; high 47, low 25.

Early weekend forecast: Partly cloudy both days with highs in the mid to upper 30s and lows in the 20s.

History

- In 1876, Yale defeats Princeton, 2-0, in Hoboken, New Jersey, in the first collegiate football game played on Thanksgiving.
- In 1993, during a White House ceremony attended by James S. Brady, the press secretary who was severely injured in the assassination attempt on President Reagan in 1981, President Bill Clinton signs the Brady handgun-control bill into law.
- In 2004, after winning 74 straight games and more than \$2.5 million — a record for U.S. game shows — Jeopardy! contestant Ken Jennings loses to Nancy Zerk, a California realtor who ends up losing the following day.

Birthdays

- American writer Mark Twain was born in 1835.
- Winston Churchill, the prime minister who led Britain through World War II, was born in 1874.
- Actor Ben Stiller turns 56.
- Bo Jackson, who starred in both professional baseball and football, turns 59.
- Movie director and producer Ridley Scott turns 84.

Corrections

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

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Christopher M. Schmitz, 60

Christopher M. Schmitz, age 60 of Leadville, Colorado, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, at his home.

Memorial services for Chris will be held at a later date.

Christopher Michael Schmitz was born on Sept. 4, 1961, to Ronald and Carol (Nosbisch) Schmitz in Ames.



Chris Schmitz

The family moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, where Chris attended school and graduated from Stevens High School.

He received his bachelors of science degree in geological engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and later earned his master's degree in mineralogy from Arizona State University.

Chris worked in mining in Arizona, the Congo and Colorado. Mining was his life's work.

Chris enjoyed hiking, rock collecting, photography, hunting, fishing, and reading. He also enjoyed spending time with his family every summer at his cabin near Custer, South Dakota.

Chris is survived by his mother, Carol Schmitz of New Hampton; sister, Cathy Schmitz of Henderson, Nevada; and brothers, Paul Schmitz of New Hope, Minnesota, Tom Schmitz of Rapid City, South Dakota and John Schmitz of Rapid City, South Dakota. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Chris was preceded in death by his father Ronald in 1984.

Thomas F. Felton, 82

Thomas F. Felton, age 82 of Mason City and formerly of New Hampton, passed away Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, at the Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason City.



Tom Felton

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapel, Mason City, with the Rev. Kent Mechler of Good Shepherd officiating.

He was laid to rest at Park Cemetery, Nora Springs.

Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Thomas Farrell Felton was born Aug. 19, 1939, in Osage, the son of Harvey and Elsie (Schmidt) Felton.

Growing up in the Nora Springs area, he graduated from Nora Springs High School, later enlisting in to the United States Army where he spent time in Japan. Following his honorable discharge he continued his education at Iowa State University in Ames.

Soon after, he began his career at the New Hampton School as a high school science teacher. Tom went on to earn his master's degree at the University of Northern Colorado, where the family spent many summers together.

After a 36-year tenure at New Hampton High School, Tom retired to Florida where he enjoyed the sun and warm weather. After just two years, he could not stand being inactive and began working at schools down there.

Over the years Tom coached many high school students in track and cross country. He also umpired and refereed countless games in the area.

Tom enjoyed time spent with friends and cherished time with his family. He was longtime Grandmaster of Bridge in Winterhaven and looked forward to games with his bridge partner.

Surviving him are his children, Kim and Bob of Mason City, Brad and Brandi of Tennessee, and Jason and Theresa of New York; grandchildren, Tara, Mason, Kaylee, Hailee, Matthew, Emma, Elise, Tanner, and Joy; many beloved great-grandchildren; as well as extended family members and numerous cherished friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Harvey and Elsie; a sister in infancy, Marlene; as well as aunts and uncles.

Gerald (Gerry) C. McGee, 84

Gerald (Gerry) C. McGee, age 84 of Elma, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage after a short illness with family by his side.

The family will follow Gerald's health practices. There will be no public service at this time. A private memorial mass was held at Immaculate Conception Church in Elma, with Father Jerry Kopacek celebrating. There will be a Celebration of Life planned for Saturday, April 30, 2022, for friends and family.

Online condolences may be left at www.conway-markhamfh.com. Memorials may be directed to the family. The Elma Depot Museum and Elma's Calvary Cemetery best represent his volunteer and charitable interests.

Lawrence R. Kovarik, 77

Lawrence "Larry" R. Kovarik, age 77 of Elma, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, at Colonial Manor in Elma with his family by his side.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, at Immaculate Conception Church in Elma with Father Jerry Kopacek celebrating the Mass.

Burial was held at Calvary Cemetery in Elma.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021 at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in Elma with a 6:30 p.m. Scriptural Wake Service. Visitation will continue at the church one hour prior to the funeral mass on Monday. Online condolences may be left at www.conway-markhamfh.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Richard 'Ric' Sowers, 73

Richard "Ric" Sowers, age 73 of Fredericksburg, died Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hugeback-Jonson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg, and for more information please call 563-237-6212.

Property Transfers

Nicholas R. Sanford and Emily M.Sanford to Bradley J. Shatek and Jamie L. Shatek; NEW HAMPTON CAREFREE FIRST ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 1.

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4-H hands out awards!

The 2021 Outstanding 4-H Family of the Year award goes to the Jennifer and Patrick Langreck Family. The Langreck Family has gone above and beyond in their 4-H experience, and the family received its award during the annual 4-H Awards Banquet that was held earlier this month at the Pub at the Plnicon in New Hampton.



Winning the 4-H Alumni Award was Bruce Bearman (left) while Rhonda Kuehn (right) was the 2021 Meritorious Service Award recipient.



Volunteer awards went to Joanne Tupper (above left) for 35 years of service and the late Leah Schwickerath, who was represented by her daughter Sara Jerdee (above right), for 15 years of service while Mike Nehl (right) was named an honorary member for his support of 4-H.



Members of the Chickasaw County Council pose for a picture. Returning members of the council include Kelsey Klassen, Trinity Brincks, Natalie Marr, Aleah Eichenberger, Miranda Wehling, Eadie Suhr, Blair Berends, Marleigh Lowe, Kandice Eggerichs, Carrie Schwickerath, Tory Brincks, JayLynn Suckow, and the council's newest member is Aiden Sullivan.



Senior Outstanding 4-H awards were given to Beth Schwickerath (left) and Natalie Marr.

More photos from the annual 4-H Awards Banquet will appear in a future edition of the Tribune.

News Bits From Our Past

Week of Nov. 28
1946 (75 years ago)
• Many railroads have announced that because of the coal shortage caused by hundreds of thousands of miners quitting because of the orders from John L. Lewis, it is necessary to take off many passenger and mail trains and to curtail freight train service as well. Chickasaw and this section is affected by the removal of two passenger trains on the Milwaukee Road, beginning Monday of this week.

The Great Western through here has been considering the removal of two trains through here, but nothing has been announced yet.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman have their house of Spring Street nearly completed, they moved the first of the week.

George served over four years in the army, then worked in Chicago, before he and Mrs. Hoffman, the former Lorraine Straw, moved back. He is now employed by the Oliver Corp. in Charles City.

1971 (50 years ago)
• A ribbon cutting ceremony Nov. 24, marked the formal opening of a newly constructed 1 1/2 mile stretch of U.S. Highway 63, north of New Hampton.

The ceremony was attended by Iowa State Highway Commission member Robert Rigler of New Hampton and officials from the surrounding area. The ribbon was cut at Davis Corners by Robert Howard, president of the Cresco Chamber and Rigler spoke to the group on the construction program, which began on Oct. 26, 1970, with winter shutdown from Dec. 10, 1970 to May 3, 1971. Major construction of the project began on May 3 of this year and was completed Monday, Nov. 22.

• The New Hampton Community High basketball team, coached by Tom Snyder, beat Kee High of Lansing 64 to 41.

Denny Galligan had a game total of 12 points, Dave Hennings closed with 13 points and Duane Maupin came off the bench in the second quarter and had 3 field goals and a free throw by half-time. He added six baskets in the final two periods to finish the nite as the game's high scorer with 19 points.

The New Hampton sophomores made the night doubly attractive from a local standpoint, when they opened with a 58 to 47 win in the preliminary game. Coach Jerry Rochford's Little Chickasaws broke away from the gate quickly streaking to an 19-4 first quarter advantage. Brad Billings finished as high scorer with 17 points, John Gates had 12 for the winners, Tomy Collins added 9 and Dean Johnson came in with 7.

2011 (10 years ago)
• After 40 years in business, The Little House of Bargains will close their doors forever on Friday, Dec. 16. Rising costs of operation in recent years have caused the closing.

During the 40 years in business, more than \$130,000 has been contributed to community projects by the United Methodist Church women who founded and managed the store.

• Pam Neilsen, formerly Pam Tank, will be running in her first 100-mile race in Leadville, Colo., this summer. The Leadville 100 is in its 29th running and is known as the "race across the sky."

Neilsen started her running career while a Chickasaw, competing in track and cross country, but elected to take a break from distance running in college, she started running again at age 29. Her first marathon was Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minn. in June of 2006.

The New Hampton native, now lives in Minneapolis with husband Mike, also a NHHS graduate.

2016 (5 years ago)
• A trip of a lifetime was had last week for four New Hampton High School Dance Team members when they performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Morgan Smith, Isabel Hoey, Madison TeKippe and Jenna Murray traveled to New York City to perform after being selected at the MA Dance Camp this summer.

During camp the girls were broken down into small groups to perform for the leaders of the camp. A select few dancers were given a ribbon for what they would consider the qualities of leadership, showmanship, preciseness, as well as many other qualities. Our very own New Hampton dancers were four of the girls chosen.

• K&W Motor officials presented a check for \$1,000 to the Chickasaw Wrestling Club after New Hampton High School wrestlers help the business with it relocation from its old building on Main Street to its new one on the west side of the city.

K&W's Jeff Weigel, Kris Kramer and Chad Dungey presented a check to coaches Eric Robinson and Nick Hemann and wrestlers, Dylan Robinson and Keaton Geerts. Dungey said, "They came in and really did a great job and it shows what kind of kids we have here in New Hampton. We've always been a big supporter of our wrestling program, and we really appreciate what they did for us."

2020 (1 year ago)
• The leak is fixed. Repair work to rehabilitate the Nashua hydro dam was completed late last month and the \$1 million loan taken out by the city to fund construction done by Minnowa Construction was closed on Tuesday, Nov. 10. The final payment to Minnowa for change order No. 4 was approved by the Nashua City Council. That amount came to the tune of almost \$975,000 and officially puts a wrap on the near \$1.3 million project to fix holes in the dam that were discovered by divers last summer.

— *News Bits From Our Past are compiled by the Tribune's Terri Josephson*



Tribune file photo

A Saturday for Santa
The Carnegie Cultural Center will hold its annual Santa Saturday event this week as Santa Claus will be at the New Hampton museum from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. this Saturday.

Windstream participates in a government benefit program called Lifeline to make residential telephone or broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commission. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may also qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain federal eligibility programs. The program offers a monthly discount limited to one discount per household and can either be applied to wireline or wireless. If applied to wireline the discount can be applied to either your voice or broadband service. The monthly discount is up to \$5.25 per month for voice only service or up to \$9.25 per month for broadband service.

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Parks and Rec's Breakfast with Santa set for Dec. 11

The New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The event will run from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and be held at the New Hampton Community Center.

The breakfast menu will include french toast sticks, eggs, sausage and fruit.

There is no cost for Breakfast for Santa, but organizers are asking residents to bring an item or a monetary donation for the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Santa will be talking with kids throughout the event and children will receive a special gift as well.

The annual event is being co-sponsored by Reicks View Farm, Deb-El Food Products, the New Hampton Public Library and the New Hampton Education Association.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Inge A. Ott, Deceased, who died on or about September 10, 2021.

You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of November, 2021, the undersigned were appointed Executors of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by

the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Administration will be a small estate as provided by Chapter 635, The Code.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2021.

Susan Richter, Executor of estate, 215 East Logan, New Hampton, IA 50659

Patricia Ott, Executor of estate, 221 East Logan, New Hampton, IA 50659

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JOSEPH BALK, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR003001
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Joseph Balk, Deceased, who died on or about November 8, 2021.

You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November, 2021, the last will and testament of Joseph Balk deceased, bearing the date of the gth day of February, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Allen Balk was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever

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Dated this 18th day of November, 2021.

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<p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:00am-11:30am Pest Control Operators CIC <p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">5:00pm-7:30pm Ho Ho Ho to New Hampton Let's Go! (Live Windows), New Hampton7:15am-8:00am Yearbook Meeting4:15pm Basketball Girls 8th @ Home4:15pm Basketball Girls 7th @ Waukon4:15pm Wrestling @ NFV Middle School6:00pm Basketball Boys 9th @ Home6:15pm Basketball Boys JV @ Home7:45pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Home <p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2:00pm Wrestling Varsity @ Independence4:15pm Basketball Girls 7th @ Home5:15pm Basketball Girls 8th @ Home5:00pm-8:00pm Little Light of Mine carriage rides <p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:00am-12:00pm Santa Store (Women of Today) NH Community Center, New HamptonBand @ Oelwein High School10:00am Basketball Boys Varsity @ Luther College10:00am Wrestling Boys JV @ Wapsie Valley10:00am Wrestling Varsity @ Independence11:30am-1:30pm Santa Saturday (Carnegie Cultural Center) - New Hampton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12:30pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Decorah5:00pm-8:00pm Little Light of Mine carriage rides <p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:45am Voc - Area Choir Tour - Local Churches <p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">5:00pm Wrestling Boys JV @ Waverly-Shell Rock7:00pm Music @ High School Gym <p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">4:15pm Wrestling 7th & 8th @ Home6:00pm Basketball Boys 8th & 9th @ Waukon <p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">4:15pm Basketball Girls 8th @ Home4:15pm Basketball Girls 7th @ Waverly-Shell Rock4:15pm Wrestling 7th & 8th @ Decorah5:00pm Warm up the Holidays Ladies Night in New Hampton6:00pm Basketball Boys 9th @ Home6:15pm Basketball Boys JV @ South Winn6:15pm Wrestling Boys JV @ Decorah7:30pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ South Winn7:30pm Wrestling Boys Varsity @ Decorah <p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:30am Interact Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4:15pm Basketball Girls 8th @ Decorah4:15pm Basketball Girls 7th @ Home4:15pm Wrestling 7th & 8th @ Home5:30pm Basketball Boys JV @ Home6:45pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Home8:00pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Home <p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00am-10:00am 4-H/FFA Beef Weigh-In Charles City/Chickasaw County8:30am-10:00am Breakfast with Santa - New Hampton Park & Rec @ Community Center9:00am-11:00am Chickasaw County Clover Kids New Hampton/Chickasaw County9:00am Wrestling Boys JV @ Aplington-Parkersburg10:00am Wrestling Varsity @ South Winneshiek2:00pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Kee3:30pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Kee <p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:45am Voc - Area Choir Tour - local churches <p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">5:00pm Wrestling Boys JV @ West Delaware7:00pm Music @ High School Gym	<p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">4:15pm Basketball Girls JV @ Home4:15pm Wrestling 7th & 8th @ Home5:30pm Basketball Boys JV @ Home6:00pm Wrestling Varsity @ Maquoketa Valley6:45pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Home8:00pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Home <p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">5:30pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting <p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">7:15am - 8:00am Yearbook Meeting6:00pm Basketball Boys 9th @ Charles City6:15pm Wrestling Boys JV @ Home7:30pm Wrestling Boys Varsity @ Home <p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:00am Wrestling Varsity @ Young Arena4:15pm Basketball Girls JV @ Decorah5:30pm Basketball Boys JV @ Decorah6:45pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Decorah8:00pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Decorah <p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:00am Wrestling Varsity @ Young Arena5:00pm-7:00pm Little Light of Mine Santa & Fireworks	<p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">5:00pm Latin Photography6:30pm Board of Education7:00pm Music @ High School Gym <p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">4:15pm Basketball Girls JV @ Home5:30pm Basketball Boys JV @ Home6:45pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Home8:00pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Home <p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">One Hour Early DismissalEnd of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester <p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00am - 4:30pm Extension Office Closed - New Hampton/Chickasaw CountyNo School <p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00am - 4:30pm Extension Office Closed - New Hampton/Chickasaw CountyNo School <p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Merry Christmas <p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">8:00am - 4:30pm Extension Office Closed - New Hampton/Chickasaw CountyNo School
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U.S. senator urges Iowans to consider helping with foster care

I encourage Iowans who are in a position to do so, to consider becoming foster parents to help kids in their community.

“What would happen if we said no?” Chris and Emily Norton asked themselves when they considered accepting their first foster care placement — a 17-year-old girl who had no options left, and would be placed in a group home unless a family was identified.

Native Iowans Chris and Emily Norton have adopted six children, including a sibling group of four. In total, they have fostered 18 kids.

Chris Norton might be a familiar name to Iowans — after becoming paralyzed during a football game at Luther College, he inspired countless others by overcoming all odds and walking across the stage at graduation. This year,

I nominated Chris and Emily Norton for the annual Angels in Adoption Award. It recognizes individuals who have made a difference through adoption. Despite the challenges caused by Chris’s injury, the Nortons made the decision to do what it takes to help kids in need.

In communities across our state, kids are in a similar situation faced by the Nortons’ daughter. In nearly every state, the need for foster parents outstrips the foster families.

That means vulnerable youth are left in limbo. Foster youth may sleep in offices and hotels with no place to call home.

In my role as co-founder and co-chair of the Senate Caucus on Foster Youth, I make it a priority to hear from young adults and teenagers who experienced foster care. Young people can and should be their own advocates. Their stories are all different, but one theme is always the same. These kids want a permanent place to call home. They want a mom and a dad.

In Iowa, there are nearly 6,000 kids in foster care. That tells me the urgency exists for more foster families to care for them.

A couple from Ames answered the call in their hometown. Alexandria and Taylor Hinders took the leap to become licensed foster parents. They say their goal was never to adopt, but rather to step in and help both the kids who needed to be placed in foster care temporarily, and their biological families.

While adoption and foster care are linked, about half of the nation’s 400,000 youth in foster care will be reunited with their biological families. Foster care is intended to be a temporary placement while the circumstances that precipitated the need to remove children from their homes are resolved.

The Hinderses made a point to send pictures of the kids in their care to their biological parents, and above all else, listen with compassion, and without judgment. They say it’s important for families considering foster care to know that reunification is the goal in most cases, and that foster parents play an important role in helping to facilitate the connection between the children in their care and the biological families.

However, a longer-term placement of twins with the Hinderses led to their adoption. The Hinderses had been open to the possibility of adoption, if that was the best option to minimize disruptions and find permanency for the kids. They say the adoption brought joy, as well as sorrow for the loss of the connection between their children and their biological family.

In Iowa, 32 percent of the exits from foster care are due to adoption.

The Hinderses say it’s important for foster families to know about the challenges going in, and the possibility for difficult situations, and complicated emotions to arise. While adoption through foster care can bring the joy of permanency and love to the lives of kids in the system, the trauma of abuse, neglect, and removal can bring challenges.

“It’s saying yes to hurt,” says Alexandria. “It’s a willingness to do something hard.”

Foster parents are a vital piece of our child welfare system. I salute the Nortons, the Hinderses, and all who have opened their homes and hearts to children in need.

National Adoption Month has been observed in November for more than a quarter century as a time to bring awareness to the hundreds of thousands of kids who are waiting for their forever family.

This month and beyond, I encourage Iowans who are in a position to do so, to consider becoming foster parents to help kids in their community.

In Iowa, applicants must be age 21 and older, and complete the background check and training. For more information, Iowans should contact Four Oaks or Lutheran Services in Iowa.



Charles Grassley has represented Iowa in the U.S. Senate since 1981.



Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton High School senior Angel Antonio talks with one of his youngest “fans” during the Holiday Open House that was held earlier this month.

Partners have an inspiring tale that goes beyond just art

Angel Antonio, Kim Hopp and I sat around the “conference room” table at the Tribune earlier this month and shared a few laughs — some at Mrs. Hopp’s expense; some at mine.

Antonio couldn’t help but laugh when his business partner was asked if she could paint?

Hopp stole a look at the New Hampton High School senior and smiled.

“Hey, I can paint ... if it’s a wall or something like that,” she said with a laugh, “but seriously, this has become something I never dreamed would grow like it has.”

It’s a unique story, this Angel Antonio and Kim Hopp tale that began when the former was an eighth-grader and a student at St. Joseph Community School, where Kim Hopp has been a resource teacher for a number of years.

It’s a story about a business partnership that I have to be honest with you I’ve never seen in my 35-plus years of writing newspaper stories.

Together, they run Creations, which bills itself as offering “the best kind of artwork at an affordable price.”

Antonio is the artist — no offense, Kim — while Hopp is the organizer.

I’ve known Hopp for years. Her son, Noah, and my son, Josh, played youth baseball together, and we met at some dusty diamond somewhere and the fact is it’s impossible not to like Kim Hopp.

She has a great sense of humor — one in which she can poke fun at herself as much as she can others. But I’ve also over the years seen her in action as a teacher, and there’s just something about the way that she connects with her students that is

special.

It doesn’t matter if you’re the popular kid, the jock, the loner or the shy student, she’s going to find a way to build a relationship with you.

We’ve had plenty of fun over the years. There was the New Hampton Invitational baseball tournament years ago when the Hoppes had to run to a wedding in between games and I told Kim I’d make sure her water bottle was safe.

She came back to the ballpark a few hours later, saw the bottle and laughed, “You are a man of your word.”

I’ve also given her plenty of grief that whenever I go to St. Joe’s, she’s never, ever in her room.

Granted, that’s part of her job — she’s often with her students in their regular classrooms — but you know me, that’s not going to stop me.

I’ve snapped dozens of pictures of Hopp’s empty classroom at St. Joe’s and texted them to her, and she always laughs, even if the joke probably is getting a little old by now.

Meanwhile, I met Angel four years ago when he was an eighth-grader.

Hopp naturally made the introduction. “You have to meet this kid,” she said. “You will never believe he’s an eighth-grader when you see his artwork.”

She was right, but don’t tell her I said that!

Angel was an eighth-grader who had absolutely zero qualms about having a conversation with an adult. That’s not an everyday occurrence when it comes to junior high kids.

And Hopp was right. He was a hell of an artist. He still is.

Back then, Kim just wanted to help one of her students out. Like she said, she had no idea that Creations would grow into the behemoth it has become today.

At first, Creations just sold Angel’s drawings and paintings, but it has branched out. Like seriously, it has spread its wings.



Bob Fenske has been the editor of the New Hampton Tribune since 2009, and he can be reached by email at editor@nhtrib.com.

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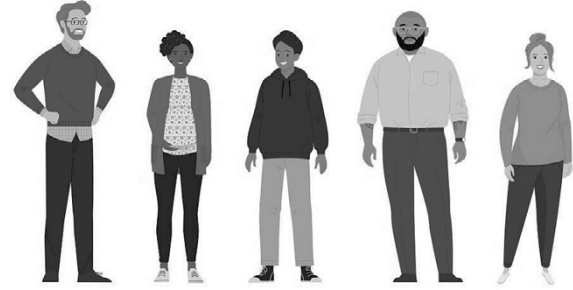
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NH Girls: From 20

debut after taking over for Chad Pemble, saw plenty of bright spots from his youthful Chickasaws. Valuable court time should lead to an improved chemistry out on the hardwood for NH, which could have this team looking a lot different as the season progresses.

“Our synergy is getting there and they’re really bonding as teammates,” said Leichtman. “I look for that to be a positive as we go down the stretch.”

Rochford, one of the more athletically gifted hoopsters in the entire state, might not have been on top of her game, but her effort was good for 28 points – a new career high. That’s saying something, because her point total didn’t seem like it got ratcheted up that high as she went to the line 16 times and drained 11 of those charity-stripe shots.

Rochford was 8-19 from the floor. She hit her first 3-pointer from deep, but no Chickasaw could connect from long range after that. New Hampton went 1-12 from 3-point land.

Once the Chickasaws get on the same page, opponents might just be in a store for an NH squad that could put up points in a hurry, despite its lack of height. No player on NH’s roster is taller than 5-10, which is the listed height of Rochford, who plays point guard.

Still, New Hampton’s offense showed flashes of how good it can become.

“One thing that I was looking for was us to score 50 points tonight and we got it done,” said Leichtman. “We grabbed 22 boards against a team we were way outheighted.”

New Hampton turned the ball over just eight times, but Riceville consistently penetrated New Hamptons’ defense to knock down shots.

“They’ve got some nice really nice players. They shot the ball outstanding tonight,” said Leichtman. “Probably the difference in the game could come down to shooting percentage.”

Riceville went on mini-runs all evening – the first one being a 7-0 run that gave them a lead they would not relinquish after trailing 3-0 at the beginning of the game.

Tillotti Fair’s 3-pointer stretched Riceville’s lead to 14-7 in the first period. Riceville led 35-22 at intermission.

New Hampton came out firing in the early minutes of the second half after Kandice Eggerichs’ floater found the bottom of the net and Rochford’s bank shot hit paydirt. The score was 35-26, Riceville, at that point. Then a technical foul for an illegal NH substitution seemed to derail the Chickasaw’s momentum.

“We just couldn’t close the

gap that Riceville was able to put upon us early,” said Leichtman.

New Hampton missed four consecutive free throws and before NH blinked, Riceville was back up 15, 42-26, midway through the third.

A couple buckets near the end of the third period – one courtesy of Gracie Reicks’ steal and layup, followed by a made bucket by Rochford down low, trimmed Riceville’s lead to 48-37 going into the final period.

Rochford drilled two made free throws for the first points of the final period, NH down, 48-39, but that nine points in the final stanza would be as close as NH would get.

“We got a lot out of this game,” said Leichtman. “Each player learned a lot about each other tonight because as we play our defense you have to feed off each other. It’s five people on the court, not one.”

Eggerichs, a junior, pumped in eight points and freshman Taylor Ries had a nice game off the bench with six points for New Hampton.

“We’re young. There’s some that have to acclimate to the varsity speed,” said Leichtman.

New Hampton (0-1) played area rival Turkey Valley on the road on Monday. Then the Chickasaws travel to Decorah to take on Spring Grove, a squad from Wisconsin, in the Border



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Emily Jackson draws plenty of attention from Riceville’s defense after driving into the lane during last week’s game.

Battle. The home opener versus Waverly-Shell Rock is slated for Friday, Dec. 10.

RICEVILLE 65, NEW HAMPTON 51
NH 11 11 15 14 - 51
RI 18 17 13 17 - 65
Emily Jackson 0-2 0-2 0, Carlee Rochford 8-19 11-16 28, Kandice Eggerichs 3-8 2-5 8, Elaina Rosonke 0-1 0-0 0, Molly Wegner 0-7 1-4 1, Kirsten Reicherts 1-3 0-0 2, Claire Geerts 1-1 0-0 2, Megan Pickar 0-0

0-0 0, Gracie Reicks 2-3 0-0 4, Taylor Ries 2-4 2-2 6. Totals 17-48 16-29 51.
3-point field goals - Rochford 1-7, Eggerichs 0-1, Wegner 0-3, Reicks 0-1.

Rebounds - Rochford 8, Eggerichs 7, Wegner 6, Ries 5, Jackson 4, Reicherts 4, Reicks 2.

Assists - Eggerichs 2, Wegner 2, Rochford 1, Reicherts 1, Ries 1.

Steals - Rochford 2, Ries 2, Reicks 1, Eggerichs 1.

Blocks - Rochford 1.

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The Pub	27-18
Butch’s	24-21
HereZ2U	24-21
Josie’s 2	28-26
Brite Spot	28-26
Quigley’s	22-23
Locker Room	26-28
Josie’s 1	24-30
Bradford House	19-26
VFW	16-38

RESULTS

Josie’s 1 5, Quigley’s 4
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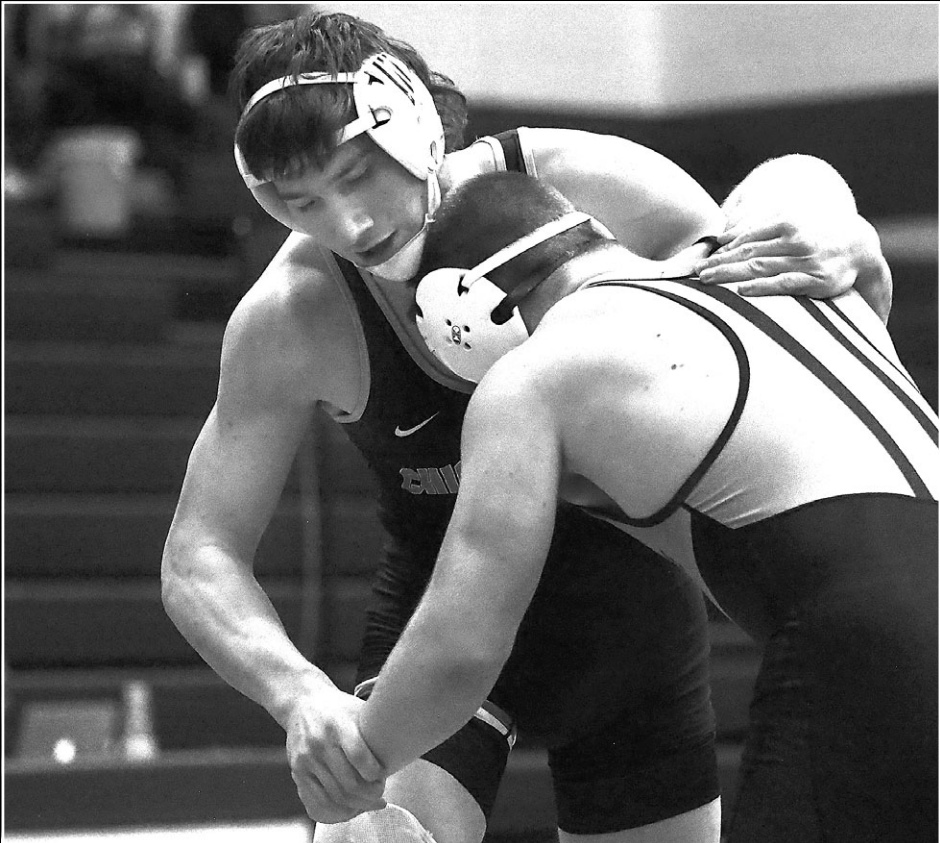
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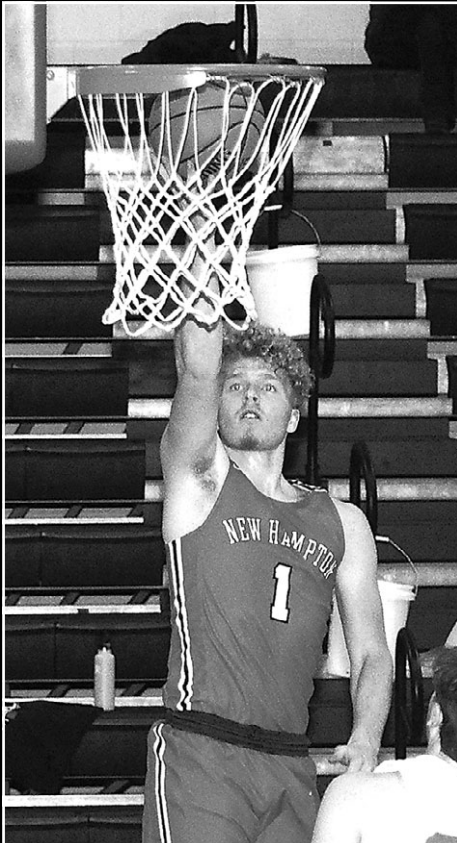
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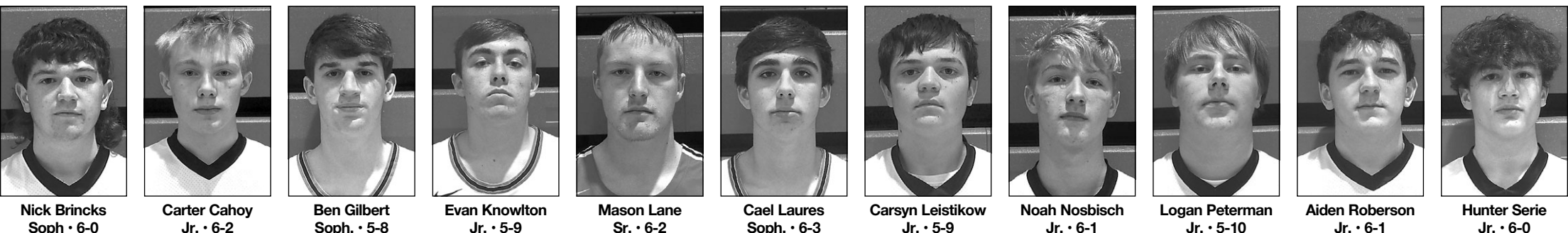


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NEW HAMPTON BOYS OPTIMISTIC HEADING INTO THE 2021-22 SEASON

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Ryan Rausch has been in a feel-good mood lately. Just why, you might ask? It could be because he's super-pumped to see his New Hampton boys basketball team hit the hardwood.

Rausch, who enters his fourth year as leader of the Chickasaw boys hoops program, opened the 2021-2022 on the road against area squad Turkey Valley on Monday.

Rausch and his Chickasaws have a few rungs to climb on the ladder after experiencing a 7-15 overall mark last winter and just a 1-11 standing in the Northeast Iowa Conference.

But Rausch is bullish on his squad this year - which features seniors Mason Lane and Drake Wemark, starters since their sophomore seasons.

"We are very excited about our group this year. Even though we only start two seniors, we have a veteran group," said Rausch. "We have several guys with varsity experience, and more importantly, guys that have been in our system now for some time. I also really like our vibe and cohesiveness as a team."



New Hampton juniors Gannon Shekleton (above) and Carter Steinlage (right) are expected to be contributors to the Chickasaws this winter.

Wemark returns this year and appears to be fully healed

from a knee injury that limited his time out on the court and his production his junior season. He still managed to average just over 15 points a game from his forward position. The 6-2 wing player also ripped down over seven rebounds a contest.

"Drake is a special player... There's not many guys like him that do every single thing well. I'm just super happy for him that he's finally healthy and can play the way that he wants to and is capable of. I would look for big things from him this year," said Rausch, who was hired at his alma mater in 2018.

Lane, also 6-2, can bury the three-ball like Wemark and brings a toughness down low when he needs to. Lane, the Chickasaws' quarterback last fall that found Wemark through the air repeatedly at receiver, averaged 4.5 points a year ago. Lane is also a physical presence on defense that will be counted on to limit the other team's scoring production.

"Mason's length makes him someone who can help us in the post. I'm really looking forward to the tandem of Cael (Laures) and Carter (Steinlage) down in the post. They're both long and springy athletes who are quick off the floor and relentless on the glass," Rausch added.

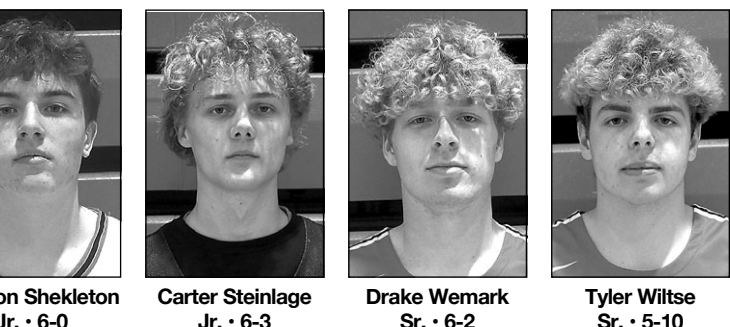
Carter Steinlage is no stranger to opposing defenses that had to encounter the rising star last year. He came on to the scene in

a big way as a sophomore and averaged over 11 points a game. He is a steady presence on the squad that can drill mid-range jumpers and also take his game down on the blocks if need be. Steinlage, 6-3, averaged right at six rebounds a game.

"Carter has a unique skill set. He has the ability to finish at the rim and in traffic. He is an excellent free-throw shooter so he can get people in trouble that way and he is lethal from the 12-17 foot range," said Rausch. "When he gets it going he's really tough to stop. You couple that along with the ability to run the floor well and step out and hit the three and he is a tough matchup for some of the bigs in our conference."

Laures and Gannon Shekleton - each juniors - will fill out Rausch's starting lineup. Shekleton, a guard, started one game last year and Laures, a 6-3 forward, saw limited action on the varsity level the year prior. Ben Gilbert, a sophomore guard who started eight games as a freshman last year and played quality minutes - will be out because of injury until the start of the New Year. Gilbert pumped in just over three points a game last season.

Rausch said junior center Logan Peterman has been one of his most improved players over the summer. Evan Knowlton, a junior guard, has looked good early on in practice



according to Rausch.

Rausch said his team really wants to focus on shooting better, both from the field and at the charity stripe, as well as limiting turnovers.

"We want to take advantage of our length and athleticism. We want to run the floor and

attack, attack, attack," said Rausch. "We want to make teams adjust to us instead of the other way around. I think this team will do a good job knowing the difference between a good shot and a great shot and we will get the ball to where it needs to be."

This winter will be the final one without basketball shot clock

This season will mark the final one in which Iowa high school basketball teams will play without a shot clock.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union decided this past summer that boys and girls basketball would implement a 35-second shot clock, starting with the 2021-22 regular season.

The decision came after the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) voted to allow state associations the option of using shot clocks, and the Iowa associations decided that shot clocks would be used for all varsity competitions.

However, the associations also wanted schools to have time to purchase and install the clocks, meaning the rule will not take effect until next season.

Use of the shot clock in sub-varsity competition will be allowed but not required.

With a date set for statewide implementation, experimental exceptions will not be granted during the 2021-22 regular season.

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SMALL IN STATURE; BIG ON HEART

CHICKASAWS LOOK TO PLAY 'BIGGER' THAN THEMSELVES AS THEY BEGIN PLAY UNDER A NEW HEAD COACH

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Fight, scrape and claw. That's one way to get a rebound when you're under-sized.

Of course boxing out, learning angles and timing your jump just right are other preferred methods of stopping an opponent's offensive possession from translating into points thrown up on the scoreboard.

The latter works, but the former can come in handy from time-to-time as well.

Dave Leichtman's New Hampton Chickasaw girls hoopsters will have to find several ways to compensate for their lack of height in 2021-2022. So far, New Hampton seems to possess the desired heart and toughness to do just that and come up with loose balls that carom off the rim.

While New Hampton sports no one on its roster taller than 5-10, that doesn't mean one can't amplify their stature when you're amongst the towering trees on the block under the hoop.

"You have to play bigger than yourself. Some of them are playing down there with a height disadvantage and they're coming out with some big rebounds because of that," said the Chickasaw head coach.

New Hampton's post defense will have to improve if it wants to tally double-digit wins against a schedule that is always tough when you play in the rugged Northeast Iowa Conference. Riceville exposed NH down low with easy bunnies and layups last week en route to a 65-51 non-conference win on the Wildcats' home floor.

"Inside always is a challenge. A lot of them are guard-orientated having to go play in the low post now," said Leichtman. "It's a learning curve and a learning process that we have to have a lot of kids go through."

One thing New Hampton fans won't have to worry about is stringing together a highlight reel of Carlee Rochford clips after this winter's games are all said and done. Rochford - Leichtman's point guard - has already demonstrated how lethal she is on the hardwood over the course of the past two seasons. She's started since her freshman season and is looking to bounce back from an injury-plagued sophomore campaign that limited her to just nine games. She averaged 15 points a game last winter and she's well on her way to bumping up that total - substantially.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Kandice Eggerichs (above) and Molly Wegner (below) are two of New Hampton girls basketball coach Dave Leichtman's four returning letterwinners.

Rochford - athletically gifted and listed at 5-10 on the roster - busted out of the gates last week against Riceville with a "quiet" 28 points - which was a career high.

That bested her previous high-scoring mark of 24, which she netted her freshman season. Rochford has the total package for NH and her Chickasaw teammates will follow her lead once more this year.

"She is a player that understands the complete court," said Leichtman. "She uses her abilities and talent to achieve the utmost top-level performances."

What Leichtman is trying to do and what his predecessor before him - Chad Pemble - was also trying to accomplish, is form a potent 1-2 backcourt punch alongside Rochford - who is one of the better players in the Class 2A field.

That dynamic duo may well have been starting to form a season ago as junior Kandice Eggerichs saw plenty of court time last year. She started all 22 games she played in, but her progression obviously took a hit when Rochford's season was cut short.

Leichtman talked about team chemistry - specifically between his top two scorers from the season-opening loss at Riceville.

"As that builds, the Kandice and Carlee combination will become very strong," said

Leichtman. "We build on synergy. You talk about culture and synergy. You want to put five kids on the court that encompass both of those things."

Eggerichs' production and maturation is going to be essential if the Chickasaws want to improve on their 6-16 record and 4-8 mark in the NEIC in 2020-2021.

"Kandice is a player you can trust. She's a player that has a lot of upward potential," said Leichtman. "She's an all-

around basketball player with knowledge and talent. She's one of those kids that you know can become a really great basketball player."

Eggerichs averaged 5.5 points a game last year and nailed 13 three-pointers - tied with Rochford for the team lead. Eggerichs scored eight points against Riceville.

Also back this year as far as returning letterwinners are concerned are senior Emily Jackson and sophomore Molly

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE		
Dec. 4	vs. Spring Grove (at Decorah) V	11:30 a.m.
Dec. 10	vs. Waverly-Shell Rock JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Dec. 11	at Kee High V	2 p.m.
Dec. 14	vs. Waukon JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Decorah JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Charles City JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Jan. 6	Clarksville JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Crestwood JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Waverly-Shell Rock V/JV	6/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	vs. Waterloo Columbus JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Waukon JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. North Fayette Valley JV/V	4:30 /6:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	vs. Decorah JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Central Springs JV/V	4/6:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Charles City JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Hudson JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	vs. Crestwood JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Regionals V	5 p.m.
Feb. 16	Regionals V	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	Regionals V	5 p.m.
Feb. 28	State V	TBD

Wegner. Wegner started nine games last year and averaged 2.6 points-per-game. Jackson clipped out as just over a point a contest. Those two guards are critical to New Hampton's success.

"I preach to the kids, when you step out on the court, we need to have five threats at all times on the court. That opens up offense for everybody on the court," said Leichtman.

Leichtman loves Jackson's senior leadership.

"She's the rock," said Leichtman. "She does an excellent job with our younger players."

NH guard Kirsten Reicherts saw some playing time last year and will also be counted on. She scored two points against

Riceville.

While it's easy to see why there's no center listed on NH's roster, the Chickasaws do sport two forwards - juniors Gracie Reicks and Elaina Rosonke. Reicks scored four points in the opener.

Freshman guard Taylor Ries came up with several big plays in the second half of the first game. She finished with six points in her varsity debut.

"We have some really great players that are rising up as we progress," said Leichtman. "These are very good student athletes. They are great, great kids."

Also of note, New Hampton beat 11th-ranked St. Ansgar, 30-28, in a scrimmage to start the season.



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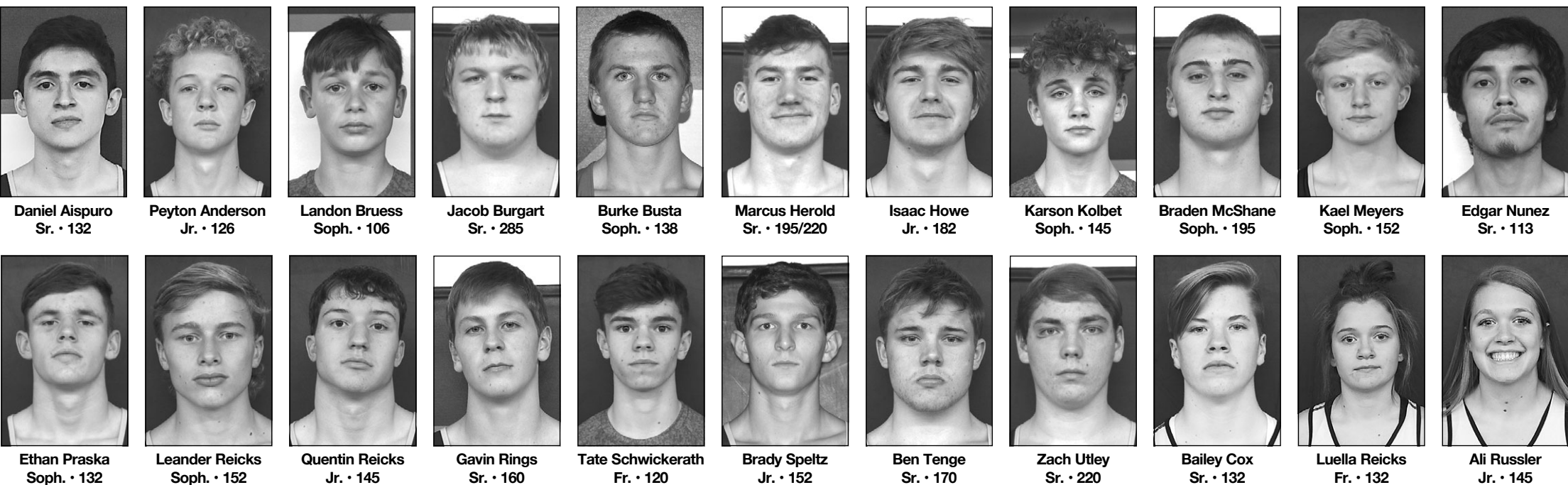
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SOMETHING TO PROVE ON THE MAT

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY HEADS INTO THE WRESTLING SEASON FLYING UNDER THE RADAR

By Bob Fenske
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To say New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling is flying under the proverbial radar heading into the 2021-22 season would be fact.

Not a single Chickasaw is ranked heading into the season. For the first time in what coach Matt Paulus said is decades, New Hampton/Turkey Valley doesn't have a returning state qualifier. Heck, the Chickasaws aren't even ranked among the top 25 teams in Class 2A.

"There's a feeling out there that we're not very good," Paulus said, "and if they want to think that, fine. In my mind, we're going to surprise a lot of people this year. I guarantee you we're better than a lot of people think we are."

Paulus has his reasons to believe that. One, the cupboard is not necessarily bare; in fact, Paulus welcomes back 10 wrestlers who have varsity experience, and seven of them were "starters" a year ago when New Hampton/Turkey Valley fashioned a 22-8 dual meet record and a trip to the regional duals championship match.

Granted, replacing a large senior class that included undefeated state champion Carson Babcock and state runner-up Jacob Reicks won't be an easy task, but Paulus points to the recently completed football and cross country seasons as a rea-

NH/TV's Cox cracks the girls rankings after fifth-place finish

New Hampton/Turkey Valley may not have an "official" girls wrestling team this year, but it does have one highly ranked wrestler in the fold.

Junior Bailey Cox, who finished fifth a year ago at the Iowa girls state wrestling tournament, will open the season as the third-ranked wrestler at 132.

The Chickasaws have four girls out for wrestling this season, half of what they needed when the New Hampton School Board approved having a girls wrestling team, but NH/TV head coach Matt Paulus said that the girls will head to several "girls-only" tournaments and that "we'll try to get them as many matches as we can at duals."

He said that the girls will be coached by Caleb Ciavarelli, who will be assisted by former NH/TV wrestler Sophia Adams, the first girl to compete at the girls state tournament for the Chickasaws.

son for optimism.

"What these guys did in football, what PJ [Peyton Anderson] did in cross country, shows what kind of kids we have," he said. "It's not just what they did — winning the district, making the state meet — it's how they did it. They worked hard, they stuck together, they did everything a coach wants from a team. And I see that every day in the room."

New Hampton/Turkey Valley, though, will have to prove it on the mat this season, but again, there's plenty of experience returning.

Senior Edgar Nunez won 21-11 a year ago and qualified for the Class 2A district tournament at 113, the same weight

he'll wrestle at this season.

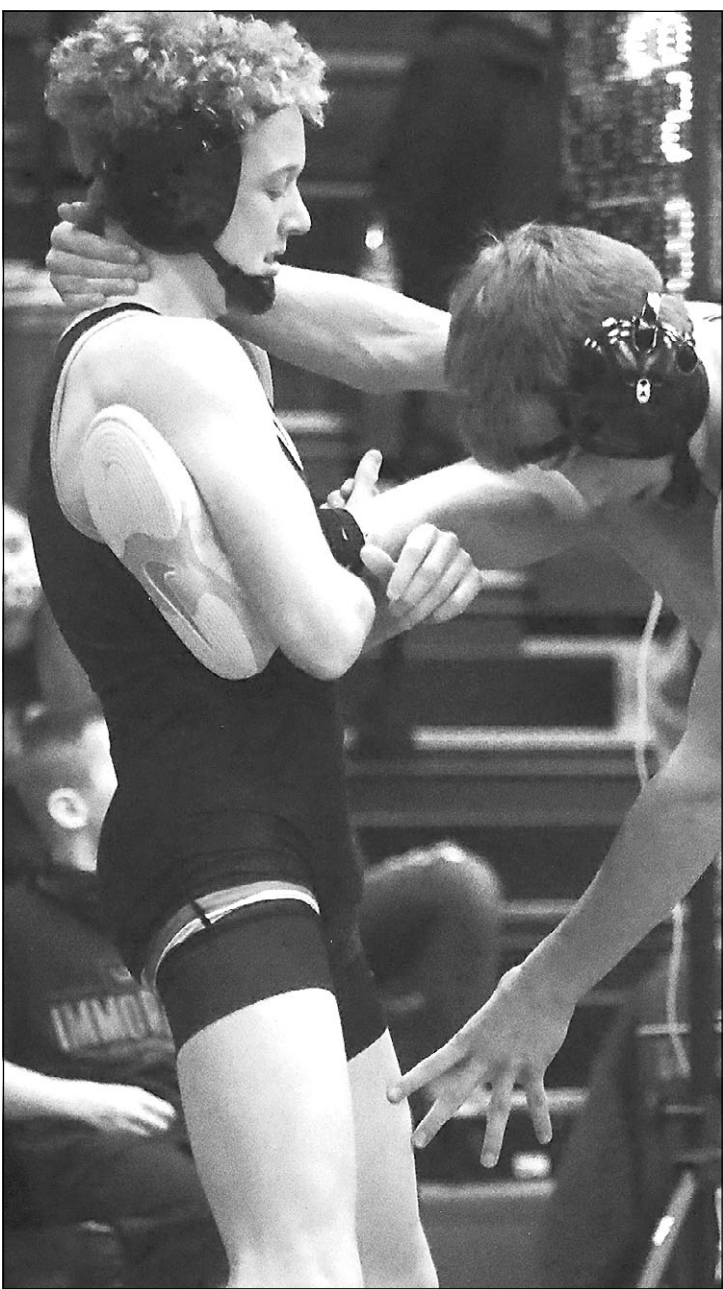
Braden McShane won 27-17 as a freshman despite wrestling at 182 — a weight usually reserved for juniors and seniors — and will compete at either 195 or 220 this season. His backup a year ago was Marcus Herold, who, like McShane, was an all-state football player this fall.

"If we could figure out how to have two 195-pound matches every dual," Paulus said with a laugh, "we'd love that. They're both rock solid kids."

Ethan Praska won 28 matches a year ago and will wrestle at 138 while Anderson won 22 matches and is slated to compete at 126 this winter. And the Chickasaws also have plenty of other wrestlers with varsity experience.

Burke Busta, Karson Kolbet, Kael Meyers and Landon Bruess all saw varsity action a year ago. And the Chickasaws will be able to get junior Isaac Howe in the lineup this year. Plus, Howe's classmate, Ben Tenge, who wrestled varsity as a freshman, is back after missing all of 2020-21 with a shoulder injury.

One constant for the Chickasaws in recent years is



Tribune file photos
New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Peyton Anderson (above) and Kael Meyers (below) are among several Chickasaws who picked up valuable experience in 2020-21.

the fact that New Hampton/Turkey Valley has been able to fill all 14 weights. That won't change this winter, either.

"It's huge for us," Paulus said, "and it's so important in duals because you don't want

New Hampton/Turkey Valley opens the season this Friday at the Cliff Keen Invitational, one of the best tournaments in the state, in Independence. It also will compete in the highly competitive South Winneshiek Invitational and the Battle of Waterloo before Christmas. When 2022 rolls around, the Chickasaws have tournaments in Atlantic, New Hampton and Denver.

And Paulus, entering his third full season as head coach, is excited to have a home tournament as the Doc Carr Duals will return to New Hampton on Jan. 15, when teams like Fort Dodge and Albert Lea will headline a solid field.

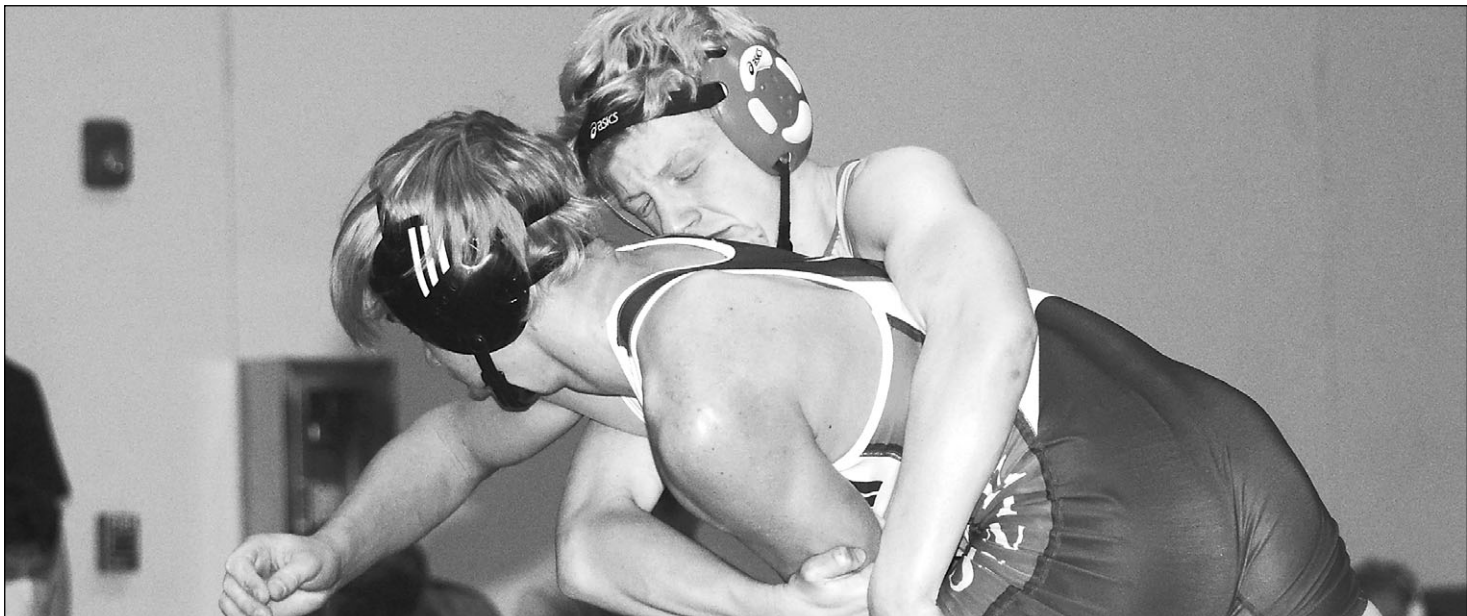
"Super excited for that one," said Paulus, who is the grandson of the late Dr. James Carr, the tournament's namesake. "It's something we've really wanted to get back here and it'll be a fun day for our kids."

In addition to a top-notch tournament slate, the Northeast Iowa Conference looks like a mine field. Waverly-Shell Rock is expected to be ranked nationally while Crestwood, Decorah and Charles City are all expected to field solid teams.

The Northeast Iowa Conference meet will be held in New Hampton this year, and the Chickasaws will also host the Class 2A district meet for the third straight year.

"That's great for our fans and we're excited to do it," Paulus said of hosting both the NEIC and district tournaments. "We know that's a long way from now and we have a lot of work to do to get where we want to be, but no matter what anyone else says, we're excited for this season. This group feels like it has a lot to prove and I'll tell you this — no one's going to outwork them."

New Hampton/Turkey Valley Wrestling Schedule		
Dec. 3	Cliff Keen Indee Invitational V	2 p.m.
Dec. 4	Cliff Keen Indee Invitational V	10 a.m.
Dec. 6	Waverly-Shell Rock JV tourney G/JV	4 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Decorah JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Aplington-Parkersburg tourney G/JV	9 a.m.
Dec. 11	South Winneshiek Invitational V	10 a.m.
Dec. 13	West Delaware tourney G/JV	5 p.m.
Dec. 16	NFV/Charles City JV/V	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	Battle of Waterloo	9 a.m. or 3 p.m.
Dec. 18	Battle of Waterloo	9 a.m. or 3 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Crestwood JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Atlantic Invitational V	10 a.m.
Jan. 8	Central Elkader Invitational G/JV	10 a.m.
Jan. 10	Cedar Falls tournament JV/G	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Central Elkader, Osage, Union JV/V	5 p.m.
Jan. 13	Waukon JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Doc Carr Duals at New Hampton JV/V	10 a.m.
Jan. 15	Independence girls tournament	10 a.m.
Jan. 18	Riceville girls tournament	5 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Waverly-Shell Rock JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21-22	Girls state tourney at Coralville	TBA
Jan. 22	Denver Duals	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 24	New Hampton JV tourney G/JV	5 p.m.
Jan. 29	NEIC tournament at New Hampton V	10 a.m.
Jan. 31	NEIC JV tournament at Waukon	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Class 2A sectional at Indee	Noon
Feb. 8	Class 2A regional duals	TBD
Feb. 12	Class 2A district at New Hampton	Noon
Feb. 16	Class 2A state duals at Des Moines	9 a.m.
Feb. 17-20	Class 2A traditional state at Des Moines	TBA



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FILLING IN THE HOLES

TURKEY VALLEY GIRLS MUST REPLACE TALENTED DEPARTED SENIORS

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The Turkey Valley Trojans had a special season last year under ultra-successful coach Carla Nymeyer.

The Trojans came within one game of breaking on through to the state tournament for the third time under Nymeyer, who enters this season with key players back in an attempt to make another deep postseason run.

While Turkey Valley's game effort in the regional final against St. Ansgar came up short, Nymeyer will look to some new faces to help make up for the loss of all-state player Ali Hoffert.

Hoffert was lost to graduation and the all-time leading scorer at Turkey Valley could do it all out on the court for the Trojans. Her almost 19 points of scoring a game will be missed. She was one of the better free-throw shooters in Class 1A and was a legitimate outside scoring threat as well in addition to her superb and steady court demeanor.

Hoffert isn't the only player to move on because of graduation. Jaycie Byrne and her all-around athletic play has seen her eligibility expire, as well as another starter for Nymeyer, Kylie Wurzer.

Byrne, a consistent all-conference performer for Turkey Valley, averaged over 10 points a game and was one of the steal leaders in the state in the small-school class, ranking in the top three. Wurzer was a role player that contributed in several areas to help Turkey Valley win games.

Turkey Valley lost 60 percent of its scoring to graduation, which equates to 800 points.

Nymeyer, who guided Turkey Valley to back-to-back state title appearances in 2016 and 2017, has built a program that doesn't rebuild, it reloads.

That bodes well for Trojan fans who are worried about replacing those three integral senior hoopsters.

"We obviously have big shoes to fill with the loss of our seniors," said Nymeyer. "But I feel we can do it and we already see girls making the effort to transition into proving they can contribute substantially."



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Nymeyer has won almost 77 percent of the games she has coached in and she'll look to two senior guards — Kara Reicks and Jalyssa Blazek — to continue Turkey Valley's dominance.

Reicks and Blazek will help spearhead Turkey Valley's suffocating full-court press defense that can create turnovers at will.

"We return quickness and athleticism, as well as a strong presence at the basket," said Nymeyer. "I feel good about our perimeter players and their abilities to shoot the ball, as well as keeping our identity of an up-tempo team."

Reicks, Nymeyer's point guard, averaged almost seven points a contest and swiped 3.5 steals a tilt.

Blazek, like her teammates, can run up and down the court with the best of them. She clipped out at 4.6 ppg and also had a steady statline that should improve her senior year.

Jacqlyn Schmitt and her 6.7 scoring average from a season ago will be a pivotal force down low for the Trojans. Aubrey Hoffert, another lefty like Schmitt, averaged 2.6 ppg. and will see plenty of floor time. Those two juniors, along with senior Hailey Elsbernd, are planning on big seasons for Turkey Valley.

Newcomers that could see increased minutes out on the court are juniors Brianna Busta, Alison Leibold, Abby Schmitt and Olivia Snyder.

What's one area that Nymeyer is really stressing this year?

Rebounding. "We have to find that desire and heart to consistently perform well on the boards," said Nymeyer.

Nymeyer also said other goals for the season are to stay healthy and work on building bench depth.

Turkey Valley, which went 19-6 overall and 13-3 in the Upper Iowa Conference last season, played at home versus area rival New Hampton this past Monday in the season opener.



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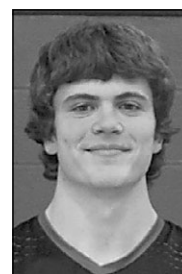
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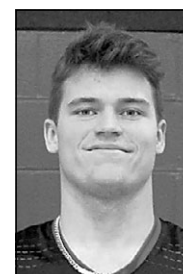
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A BRAND NEW ERA

IZER TAKES OVER AS TROJANS' BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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John Izer is excited about the opportunity to lead the Turkey Valley boys basketball program.

The 1985 Alden High School graduate is also extremely focused in order to continue the winning ways of his predecessor - Chris Sullivan.

Sullivan moved on to become the head coach at Crestwood earlier this year. That left a vacant spot open for the head man in Jackson Junction and Izer felt he was the right man for the job.

Izer was an assistant for four years under Sullivan and is happy to be coaching back at TV, albeit in a larger role.

"I loved working for him. There were thoughts of me travelling to Cresco to help him out before I applied," said Izer. "I'm glad I applied and I'm glad I got it and he is too."

The team that Izer will bring out to the court this year will have many familiar faces. So much so that the only player that won't be seeing court time that did last year is senior Calvin Langreck, who graduated.

Langreck will be a key loss and Izer will have to find a way to replace his scoring output. Langreck led the team in scoring (16.3 ppg) and was one of TV's main threats from outside.

"Finding the person to replace his skill is tough," said Izer. "Calvin could get the ball to the rim and take the 3-pointer when needed. All the guys put up a ton of shots in the offseason and knocking down shots by all of them will be important with the loss of Langreck."

So a committee of multiple Trojans will try to fill Langreck's void. Izer has several candidates to choose from.

Those players include junior Carson Busta and sophomore Caleb Kurtenbach. Sophomores Oliver Schmitt and Braylen Byrne are also up-and-comers that should be up to the challenge.

Back this year for his senior season is senior guard Garrett Kurtenbach - arguably the best outside shooting threat in the Upper Iowa Conference in 2020-2021.

Kurtenbach will look to improve his shooting percentage - it was 31 percent from beyond the

TURKEY VALLEY BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 30	at MFL-Mar-Mac JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	vs. Clayton Ridge JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	vs. North Fayette Valley JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Kee High JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	vs. Central Elkader	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	vs. West Central	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	at South Winneshiek JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Postville JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Riceville JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	vs. MFL-Mar-Mac	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Tripoli JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Clayton Ridge JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	at North Fayette Valley JV/V	5:15/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Kee High JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	vs. Crestwood JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Central Elkader JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at West Central JV/V	4:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	vs. South Winneshiek JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	vs. Postville JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
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Feb. 11	Districts V	TBD
Feb. 17	Districts V	TBD
Feb. 22	Districts V	TBD
Feb. 26	Substate	TBD
Feb. 28	State V	TBD

are last winter. He drilled 46 three-pointers, second most in the league. Kurtenbach averaged 14 points a game.

Izer returns three more starters alongside Kurtenbach and all are gifted athletes that can break down defenses.

TV junior guard Noah Hanson (7.6 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 3.0 apg, 2.6 spg) is perhaps the most explosive player on the court that helps fuel Izer's up-tempo offense.

Trojan junior forward Calvin Bodensteiner is a threat from outside - he nailed 14 three-pointers - and will need to be big on the boards for an undersized TV squad. No Trojan player stands taller than 6-3. Bodensteiner averaged just under 10 points a tilt.

Dylan Reicks, another starter last year as a junior, is a presence down low in the post and like Bodensteiner, sports an athletic frame that can get out and run.

Reicks averaged 5.7 ppg and over six rebounds a game.

"Our strength will be our team speed. We are very athletic and we are very fast," said Izer. "We might even be going up and down quicker than

SEE TV BOYS, 17

TURKEY VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE		
Nov. 30	at MFL-Mar-Mac JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Dec. 3	vs. Clayton Ridge JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Dec. 7	vs. North Fayette Valley JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Kee High JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Dec. 14	vs. Central Elkader	4/6:15 p.m.
Dec. 17	vs. West Central	4/6:15 p.m.
Dec. 18	vs. Osage V	7 p.m.
Dec. 21	at South Winneshiek JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Postville JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Riceville JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Upper Iowa University Holiday Shootout V	TBD
Jan. 11	vs. MFL-Mar-Mac	4/6:15 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Tripoli JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
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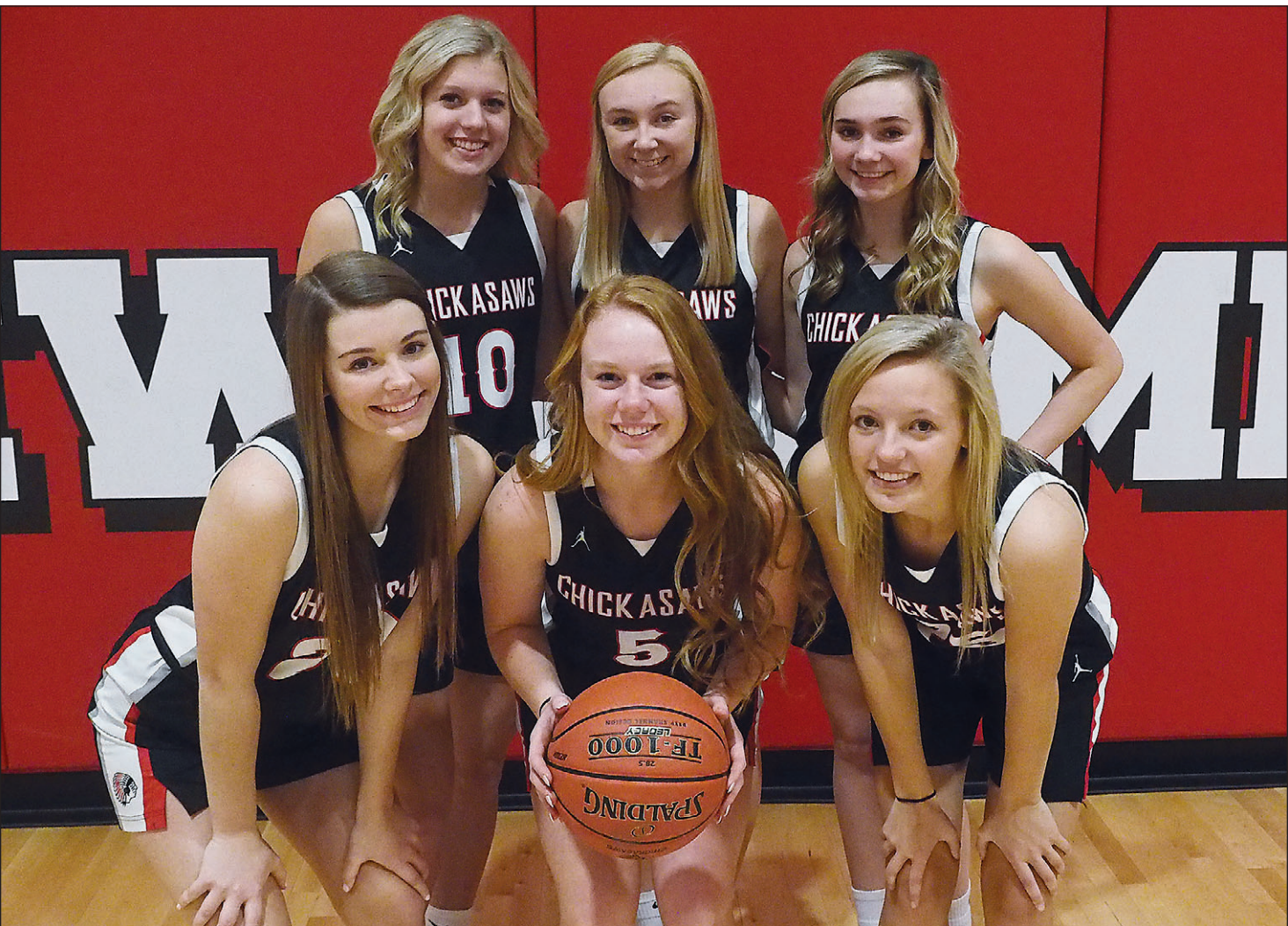
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Front row: Noah Hanson, Carson Busta, Oliver Schmitt and Caleb Kurtenbach.
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Tribune file photos

Turkey Valley's basketball teams welcome back a number of veterans — including Noah Hanson (above) and Jacqlyn Schmitt (below) — as the Trojans open Upper Iowa Conference play tonight (Tuesday) with games at MFL-Mar-Mac.

Turkey Valley boys are looking for a 'deep run'

TV Boys: FROM 16
normal. At least that's our goal starting out. We'll see how it works."
Chase Hayek, a junior, will also log valuable minutes and will look to improve his game down on the blocks. He averaged 2.3 ppg.
"Practice has been moving in the right direction. With most everybody back we can get right to it, which is nice," said Izer. "Conditioning and moving with pace has been the main focus to this point. This team sets up well for pushing the ball up the court,

which is what I like to see. At the same time we should have a good half-court game to go with it."
TV went 14-7 last year and 12-4 in the UIC. The Trojans are gunning for another conference crown, something Sullivan was able to lead his teams to in four out of the last five years he coached at TV.
"They want a deep run like we had a few years back at substate and they'd like to shoot the ball down in Des Moines," said Izer.
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Bowler finds perfection

‘Looking forward’ key to Schueller’s 300 game

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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On one Wednesday night last month in October - New Hampton’s Tim Schueller was on fire.

Not literally, but his left hand sure was warm and on a hot streak.

He was not to be denied in his quest for the second 300 game in his impressive bowling career.

“I was just kind of zoned in that night,” said Schueller. “It kind of just happened.”

Schueller put himself in the record books once again as he managed to knock ‘em all down last month for a perfect bowling score at Bowlaway Lanes in New Hampton.

This isn’t the first time that Schueller, 64, has brushed up against greatness and achieved perfection. Schueller also rolled a perfect 300 game in 2010 at those same lanes just south of town.

“I was pretty relaxed that night. A lot of times when you get close – and I’ve been close many times – your

adrenaline starts to rush a little bit,” said Schueller.

As the pins started falling, the crowd started to perk up their eyes and ears and congregate near lanes three and four where Schueller was bowling with his Stanton Electric teammates on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

“They’re all watching – definitely,” smiled Schueller. “You just kind of ignore that. The music’s playing. I didn’t look back. You just don’t look back. When you get to the 10th frame, you just keep looking forward.”

Schueller, who has lived in New Hampton since 2002, originally hails from Grand Rapids, Michigan. There he started bowling early in youth leagues as a kid.

He said there are of course some superstitions that come along with the sport, whether you’re rolling well or not.

“There’s routine,” said Schueller. “It’s the way you pick up the ball, wipe it down – the whole thing. Everything’s a routine. You do it the same way every time.”

Schueller also said there’s certain



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Tim Schueller poses with representatives of New Hampton’s banks — (from left) Kim Berns (Bank Iowa), Bob Savre (First Citizens Bank), Adam Zeien (Luana Savings Bank), Brad Shatek (Fidelity Bank & Trust).

lanes that bowlers think are better than others. He said his first perfect game accomplished 11 years ago was rolled on lanes 11 and 12.

What was the difference this time?

He started creeping up against a real whopper of a scenario - back-to-back 300 games. Schueller had bowled 25-straight strikes before a solid seven pin at the beginning of the ninth frame of the third game wouldn’t fall down.

Schueller, who is a lefty, said the only one he knows in town to have accomplished that incredible feat is Bowlaway Lanes’ owner - Josh Novak. Novak recorded that career moment just last year.

“I was in the zone, definitely. Even the last shot, it’s on video, everything went down pretty smooth. There were a couple lucky ones in there, I’ll admit, they were high. You gotta have some of

those,” Schueller added.

He received \$400 from local banks in New Hampton, which have partnered with the bowling alley to pay out \$100 per bank for 300 games played at Bowlaway Lanes.

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New Hampton's Drake Wemark (left) and Turkey Valley's Marcus Herold (above) were named to their respective all-state first teams by the Iowa Print Writers Association.

Seven area players earn all-state honors

New Hampton's Wemark named to Class 2A first team; Turkey Valley's Herold, Kleppe named to eight-man's top team

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Drake Wemark and Jacob Burgart left their mark in a big way on the gridiron last fall at New Hampton.

Their legacy is now complete. Braden McShane's quest to enter into Chickasaw lore has just begun.

All three NH standouts were recognized as some of the best football players that state has to offer after all-state teams were released recently by the Iowa Print Sportswriter's Association.

Wemark, one of the most exciting receivers to watch in Class 2A, was tabbed as a selection on the first team. Burgart, a senior like Wemark, was a bull up front for head coach Scott Frerichs' Chickasaws. Burgart helped anchor the offensive line and was a load to keep out of the backfield on the defensive end. That's why he was selected as a member of the second-team all-state squad. McShane, just a sophomore, showed his elusiveness, as well as his brute strength, to also be chosen as a second-team member.

Those three integral components to New Hampton's success helped New Hampton (5-4, 4-1) claim a share of the district crown.

Not to be outdone, Mark Scott's Turkey Valley Trojans also amassed a small legion of all-state picks in 8-Man. TV, which went 9-0 in the regular season, snared four selections - headlined by senior running back/linebacker Marcus Herold. Herold was joined on the first team by senior lineman Colin Kleppe. TV senior Dylan Reicks, who lined up in numerous spots on offense or



Turkey Valley's Collin Kleppe (left) was named to the eight-man first team while New Hampton's Jacob Burgart (center) and Braden McShane were second-team selections in Class 2A.

defense, was a second-team selection. Trojan quarterback Noah Hanson made the third team.

Wemark and McShane combined to accumulate almost 80 percent of New Hampton's offense.

Wemark was dazzling out on the field as he hauled in a wide array of passes from senior quarterback Mason Lane. Whether it was acrobatic, one-handed catches, diving receptions for first downs or just showcasing his reliable hands to haul in pass after pass - Wemark had a penchant for the dramatic.

That translated into 925 receiving yards on 46 catches - good for a 20.1 yards-per-catch average. That was eighth-best in Class 2A. His 12 receiving touchdowns were the third-highest total in 2A.

Perhaps the best game of Wemark's career came in his final contest as a Chickasaw. That came in the 29-28 heart-breaking loss to North Fayette Valley in the first round of the playoffs. Wemark rose to the occasion to rack up four touchdowns and 190 yards receiving. That outstanding postseason performance included nine receptions.

McShane was a beast to

bring down out of the backfield. He registered 1,248 rushing yards to go along with 13 scores on the ground. He also caught nine passes for 158 yards and a score.

McShane popped off for a monster game versus Clear Lake in the regular season finale and featured 260 yards on 37 carries. The workhorse-like effort included two touchdowns.

Burgart registered 33.5 tackles - 12 of those for loss. Herold rushed for 1,171 yards and scored 24 touchdowns - that tied for 10th best in the 8-Player game for rushing scores. He also registered 55 tackles.

Hanson tied for the state lead in punt returns for touchdowns. He amassed 237 yards, with his longest score being a 58-yarder.

Hanson also passed for 751 yards and hit his targets for 13 scores through the air. Hanson was an excellent dual threat when he raced out of the pocket, as evident by his 498 rushing yards and seven scores.

Reicks was a tremendous asset for Scott as he was utilized at running back, tight end and even as a weapon in the passing game on halfback passes. He scored 10 touchdowns via rush or pass and collected well over 400 yards rushing. He added to that positive offen-

sive output with 224 receiving yards. Reicks was an excellent hybrid ball-hawker on defense as he recorded big-time stops in the secondary or on the defen-

sive line. Reicks led the team in tackles with 55.5 - 32 of them solo.

Kleppe stood strong and caved in holes for Herold and

Trojan backs to run behind. Kleppe was part of a strong senior class for TV, which managed to be one of the higher scoring squads in 8-man.



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New Hampton junior Carlee Rochford (left) starts a drive to the basket and takes a pass from teammate Taylor Ries (above) on a fast break during the Chickasaws' season opener at Riceville last week.

Chickasaws fall in season debut

New Hampton's new coach finds positives in non-conference loss to Riceville

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For an extended period of time last week, it seemed like the rim had a lid on it whenever the New Hampton Chickasaws hoisted a shot.

Carlee Rochford drilled the game's initial points inside the first five seconds of the non-conference, season-opening girls basketball tilt at Riceville on Monday, Nov. 22.

The shot from beyond the arc, some 22 feet from the hoop, found nothing but the

bottom of the net.

Then the well seemed to run dry.

A more experienced and veteran Riceville offense worked its way to the hoop with little resistance at times and that proved to be the difference in the game for Chickasaw head coach Dave Leichtman's Northeast Iowa Conference squad.

The result was a 65-51 victory for the Wildcats, which went 18-4 last year and was aided by the return of guard Madison Mauer, who sat out all of last season with a knee injury. Joy Beran and Morgan Fair

each chipped in with 18 points apiece and Mauer added 16 points in the scoring department. Beran also ripped down 18 rebounds.

"This was a very good test. You're talking about a ball club that's played a lot of basketball together," said Leichtman. "I know some of the families and people up here and basketball is definitely a strong suit in Riceville, Iowa. There's no doubt about it."

Leichtman, making his NH coaching

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