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Law may require lower county levy

Supervisors spend considerable amount of time discussing what could be a challenging budget

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Nothing is set in stone but in all likelihood Chickasaw County will have to lower its General Basic (GB) levy for the 2025-26 fiscal year. In its penultimate meeting of 2024 on Monday, supervisors learned that valuations in the coun-

ty appear to be increasing by 3.12 percent, and that will trigger ramifications from a state law that proponents say will force counties and cities to be more watchful when it comes to taxpayer dollars. If valuations increase by more than 2.75 percent, counties are required to lower their tax-levy rate, and although Auditor Sheila

Shekleton was hesitant to give out concrete numbers on Monday until she can check more data, she did say "that's a certainty there," referring to the county valuations being increased by more than 2.75 percent. Under House File 718, a law that was enacted in the spring of 2023, counties that see an increase higher

than that 2.75 percent threshold, must cut the levy rate by 2 percent. Supervisor Jake Hackman said that according to his math, that means the county's GB fund will receive an increase of \$36,000 for the

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County wants to move cooler out of Heritage quickly

Supervisors don't declare 'emergency' but are asking for bids by this Monday's meeting

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors are looking to get rid of a walk-in cooler at the Heritage Center, and they'd like to see it gone sooner rather than later. During Monday's meeting, board members agreed to seek bids from a contractor to remove and dispose the cooler after the former county home had a frozen pipe burst earlier this month. The county's insurance adjuster has told the county the cooler needs to be removed and that ServicePro, which is fixing much of the damage caused by the burst pipe, will not remove the cooler that hasn't been used since Inspiring Lives moved out of the old county home several years ago. Supervisor Jake Hackman asked County Attorney David Laudner if the county needed to seek bids or if it could declare an "emergency" and hire a contractor without going through the bidding process that county policy normally calls for. Laudner said he was uncomfortable with having the board go through the emergency route,

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Filling the gym with beautiful music



Nashua-Plainfield band students put on two beautiful concerts last Thursday as both the Middle School and High School music departments performed their Holiday Concerts before a packed gymnasium on a cold, snowy evening. Among those performing were Nashua-Plainfield High School Jazz Band trumpet players (above) Kaden McMichael, James Corathers and Kelly Cerwinske and 7/8 Band trumpeters Alana Bright and Halle Carpenter. With the district's search continuing for a vocal music teacher, last week's concerts were strictly band affairs, but we promise that there were more than just talented trumpet players on display and we have the photo page to prove it inside this edition of the Reporter!

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter



**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

A note to our readers

If you're looking at the date on top of this edition of the Nashua Reporter, fear not: You did not sleep through Christmas. We printed this week's edition a few days early so that the folks in our press and distribution areas could have a well-deserved break for the holiday. Next week, the Reporter will be back in your mailbox on Friday, but until then, we hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

— Reporter Editor Bob Fenske

Kids decorate a plate and a mug for Santa

Nashua Library programs draw huge turnouts

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

They didn't necessarily make the cookies or even pour the milk on Saturday, but rest assured, the children who attended a Nashua Public Library program, took care of the dishes needed for Christmas Eve. During "Cookies and Milk for Santa," children had a chance to decorate a Santa cookie plate

and mug for the jolly old fellow. "We had a fantastic turnout this morning," Library Director Heather Hackman said, "and we also had a nice turnout for our adult Christmas ornament painting workshop this past Wednesday. ... It's always nice to see so many people support our programs." And not that the kids went home on empty stomachs on

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Area children work on decorating their Santa cookie plates and mugs during a program held at the Nashua Public Library on Saturday morning.
Photo courtesy of Heather Hackman





Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Madelyn Hennings performs a piano solo of “O Holy Night” while Christopher Niedert’s guitar solo is a rendition of “Carol of the Bells” during the Nashua-Plainfield High School Holiday Concert last Thursday.

Our talented kids deliver at concerts



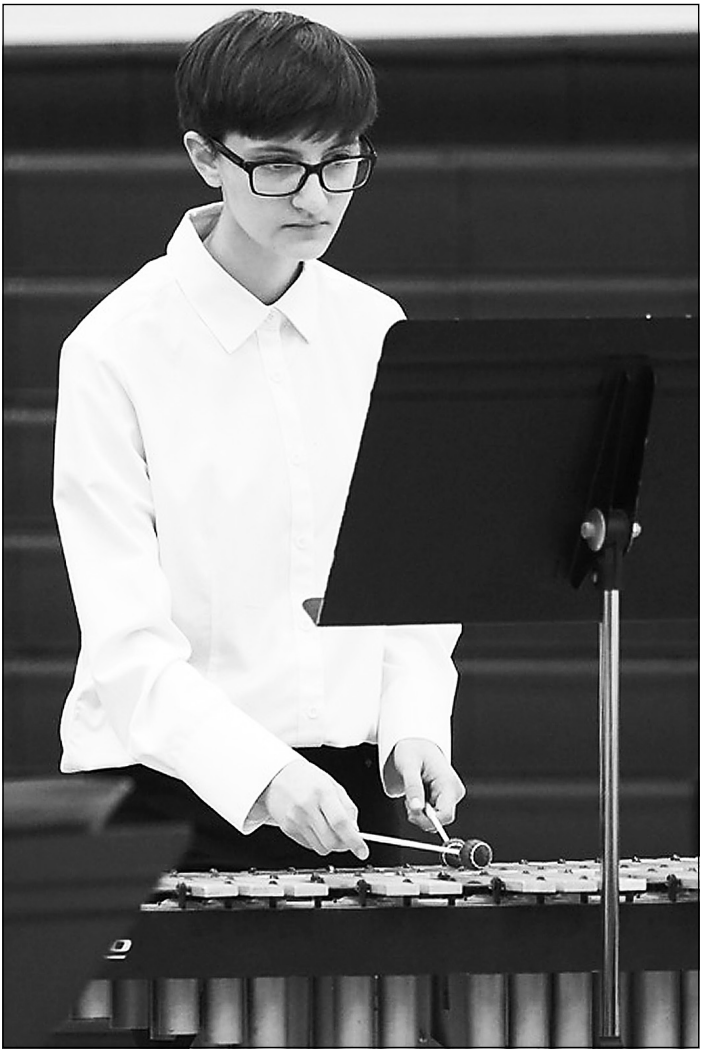
Before the high schoolers performed, middle school students take center stage as Rylie Hollister and Taylor Asche (left) play their saxophones with the 7-8 Band that also included Keira Nolan on French horn and Wyatt Burrichter (above) on the tenor sax.



Cal Levi (left) plays the saxophone with the Jazz Band while percussionists Channing Chyma and Alexis Folkerts (above) and flutist Divine Mutukiriza (right) perform with the 6th Grade Band.



Holiday Concert photos by the Reporter’s Kelly Terpstra



Quentin Hector, Caden Wallin and Harper Stowe perform with the 7-8 band while Grace Dietz (right) focuses on her music as she plays the xylophone with the Jazz Band.

Thomson will chair Iowa House’s Government Oversight Committee

By Bob Steenson
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Committee assignments have been announced for the Iowa House of Representatives for the 91st General Assembly that will begin its 2025 session in January. Rep. Charles Thomson (R-Charles City) has been appointed to chair the Government Oversight Committee.

House Speaker Pat Grassley (R-New Hartford) announced committee assignments for the 91st General Assembly last week. “I am honored that Speaker Pat Grassley put his trust in me to lead the House Government Oversight Committee,” said Thomson. “I am eager to work to investigate any issues of concern to Iowans and make sure that our state government is working as intended for Iowans.”

Thomson, who is beginning his second term in the Legislature after being re-elect-

ed in the Nov. 5 election, will also be a member of the Commerce, the Judiciary and the Public Safety committees, and will be a member of the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee. Committee leadership positions had originally been announced in November.

Thomson represents Iowa House District 58, which includes all of Floyd County except the northwest Rock Grove and Rockford townships, all of Chickasaw County and most of Bremer County except for the western and southwestern townships including Waverly.

House Speaker Grassley said, “Iowa House Republicans will continue to deliver on the promises we make to Iowans. Our caucus represents part or all of Iowa’s 99 counties, putting us in the best possible position to listen to Iowans and be their voice in the Statehouse. We’re excited to get back to work in January.”

Previously Thomson served as vice chair of the Economic Development Budget Subcommittee, as well as other committee assignments.



Thomson



Photos courtesy of Heather Hackmanx

Adults (above) take part in a painting class last Wednesday while a young girl (below) works on her “Santa Plate” during a program Saturday morning.

Nashua Public Library is a busy place in December

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Saturday as they also got to enjoy a sugar cookie or two and milk afterwards as a reward for doing all the decorating on their plates and mugs.

Last week’s programs ended a busy month at the library, which earlier in the month was home to Santa’s Workshop, a Christmas in Nashua event that was put on by the Nashua

Women of Today.

The facility was also home to “Christmas movies” each Wednesday and held a teen bracelet workshop.

The library will be closed in observance of both the Christmas and New Year’s holidays but will have its regular hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week and Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week.

Legal Notice

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
December 17, 2024
Superintendent Office/Google Meet
9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order
President Pat Lentz called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Present: Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Patrick Lentz. Also Present: Superintendent Jay Marley and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.

II. Approve Agenda
Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Cody Jensen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Review and Consider Approving CEC Bid for School Safety Improvement Grant

Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the bids for the School Safety Improvement Grants in the amounts of \$49,612.28 for the Elementary and \$52,000 for the MS/HS. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Adjourn
Lara Lawrence adjourned at 9:47 am, seconded by Cody Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Ratliff SBO/Board Secretary
Pat Lentz Board President

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IX. Review and Information Only on SLFRF School Safety Improvements
No motion was made.

X. Review and Consider Approving Request to SBRC Open Enrollment Funds

Motion by Lara Lawrence, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$33,450 for open enrollment out students who were not included in the district’s previous year certified enrollment count. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Review and Consider Approving 24-25 Interagency Contract For SpEd Instruction Services with Charles City

Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the Interagency Contract with Charles City. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Review and Consider approving Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the disposition of the Greenhouse with a minimum bid of \$1,800 and 7 lawn mower motors with minimum bids of \$40 each. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Superintendent Reports
Jay Marley went over his report with the board.

XIV. Adjourn
Laura Folkerts adjourned at 8:33, Seconded by Chris Hagen. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Ratliff SBO/Board Secretary
Pat Lentz Board President
Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District

BOARD VENDOR REPORT
DECEMBER 2024 BOARD BILLS
Vendor Name, Vendor Description

Amount
AGVANTAGE FS INC GAS & DIESEL, FUEL 6,653.13
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC 2,379.16

ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO. MILK/DAIRY 4,108.00
ASSURED PARTNERS..... 168,912.00
BLICK ART MATERIALS, ART SUPPLIES 132.86

BMO CORPORATE MASTERCARD , INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES 221.62
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET 189.93

CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO, SCIENCE SUPPLIES 23.61
CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL WRESTLING ENTRY 60.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC CLEANING SUPPLIES/

EQUIP..... 1,682.00

CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES..... 224.77
CENTURY LINK, TELEPHONE/FAX..... 485.12

CINTAS CORP, CLEANING SERVICE 192.96
CITY OF NASHUA, WATER & SEWER 3,099.20

COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING COMPANY 40,644.91
CULVER-HAHN ELECTRIC SUPPLY, ELECTRIC SUPPLIES 1,446.22

DECKER SPORTING GOODS, ATHLETIC SUPPLIES 3,033.90
DECORAH HIGH SCHOOL, ENTRY FEE 120.00

FAIR, RYDER 155.00
FAREWAY STORES, INC., FOOD/SUPPLIES 447.16

FARMCHEM COVID SUPPLIES 14.22
FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, LLC 11,160.27

IA ASSN OF SCHOOL BOARDS, MEMBERSHIP 500.00
IFIXIT, TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES ... 2,920.41

IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET 2,303.15

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS & APPEALS, FOOD SERVICE LICENSE 160.00

IOWA SCHOOLS EMP BENEFITS ASSN, LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE..... 1,435.64

IRONSIDE APPAREL & PROMOTIONS, INC., APPAREL 911.66

JENDRO SANITATION SERVICES, GARBAGE COLLECTION 868.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS, BUILDING EQUIPMENT/REPAIRS..... 601.21

LEADING EDGE, LAMINATING 151.20
LEGEL, LUCAS, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 170.00

MARCO COPIER, LEASE PAYMENT 2,306.31
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO, FOOD/SUPPLIES..... 17,656.38

MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE, ARCHITECTURAL FEES 16,970.98
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, DRUG TESTING 515.00

MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEATING, MAINTENANCE SERVICE 300.00

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY 4,726.71
MILLER, BENJAMIN, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 80.00

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD, FOOD SERVICE 617.64
NEIBA, REGISTRATIONS 210.00

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE/NASHUA REPORTER, ADVERTISEMENTS 526.21
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING NUTRITION, FOOD..... 728.38
PATHWAYS BEHAVIORAL SERVICES, COUNSELING SERVICES 300.00
PEDERSON PLUMBING, PLUMBING SERVICES 118.53
PERRY WRIGHT SOUND, AUDIO SERVICES..... 3,304.10
PETERS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION 439,264.98
RAPID REPRODUCTIONS, INC., SUPPLIES..... 395.00
ROGSTAD, GABE..... 95.00
S & T COLLISION TRANSPORTATION REPAIRS / PURCHASES 1,327.06
SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINES, MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION 101.34
SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES 193.22
SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, GENERAL/MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 74.2
SHIFFLER EQUIPMENT SALES INC MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 1,143.36
SILBER, LYNN..... 886.41
SU INSURANCE COMPANY, EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN INSURANCE 17,804.25
T & K TRACTOR REPAIR, TRANSPORTATION REPAIRS .. 8,209.25
TAYLOR PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATES, MEDICAL/PURCHASED SERVICES..... 350.00
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC, MEDICAID BILLING SERVICE 429.04
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY-ADMINISTRATIVE 132.30
US CUTTER VYNIL, CUT OUTS/PARTS 1,626.00
VARSITY GROUP..... 1,830.00
WAPSIE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, ENTRY FEE 125.00
WBC MECHANICAL INC, BOILER REPAIRS 3,203.30
WEDEKING ELECTRIC LLS, MAINTENANCE SERVICES/SUPPLIES 1,262.15
WILLIAM V. MACGILL & CO, HEALTH SUPPLIES..... 98.24
WILSON RESTAURANT SUPPLY, INC., SUPPLIES 1,351.73
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20/20 FX LLC, SVC BLOCK CONTRACT/COMP SPPLS-EMS 138.00
ADDICTED 2 STITCHIN, REMOVE/REPLACE PATCHES-SHERIFF..... 154.00

AG VANTAGE FS INC, EQUIP REPAIR/LP TANK AV SHOP-SEC RDS 80.00
AIRGAS, INC., OXY CYL RENTAL-EMS 200.15

ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTLS-SEC RDS 74.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, TONYA UNIFORM-SHERIFF 107.21

ANDREA KIME, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 2.68
ANGELL ELECTRIC INC, ELEC REPAIRS/PUMP CHECK-HERITAGE 80.00

ANN KNUTSON, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 12.06
AT&T MOBILITY, CELL SVC-EMS..... 44.96

AUTO VALUE OF NEW HAMPTON, MINOR EQUIP/PARTS/MV EQUIP-GEN SVCS/SEC RDS 2,014.21

BARBARA J. BANTZ, TRANSCRIPT FEES-CLERK OF COURT 434.00
BAUMGARTNER, DAVID, COURT RELATED SVCS-CLERK OF COURT 523.30

BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT GAS-LEMC/CRTHS/JAIL/RECY BLDG/CSB/EMS/SEC RD SHOP\$4,874.80
BLACKHAWK AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS, INC, ANNUAL FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTION-HERITAGE..... 255.00

BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COMPANY, EQUIP MAINT/SP-PLS-GEN SVCS 572.35
BRAD SCHMIDT, UNIFORM REIMB-EMS 55.60

BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, SPOT/SHOULDER ROCK-SEC RDS 3,060.35
BUTLER CO REC, POWER @ ANCHOR/ELEC-OLD LANDFILL/911 291.05

BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., PH SVC-PUB HLTH/RECORDER 213.97
CARD SERVICES, LODGING/DUES-EMA/911..... 1,491.94

CEDAR-WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS INC, LAWLER/NASHUA TOWER JAN-JUNE'25 LEASE AGREEMENT 3,600.00
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF, 4TH QTR POSTAGE-SHERIFF 221.02

CHICKASAW COUNTY AUDITOR, 3 PLAT BOOKS-EMS 78.00
CINTAS CORPORATION, FIRST AID RESTOCK-SEC RDS 224.44

CLOUDCOVER USA, INC, FIREWALL/VPN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION-DATA PROCESSING 820.00
CNH IND CAPITAL PRODUCTIVITY PL, PARTS #65B SEC RD 43.00

COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER, COURT RELATED SVCS 41.08
COMMUNITY INSURANCE OF IOWA, TOWNSHIP BOND INSURANCE 02/25 THRU 02/26..... 126.00

CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, DIESEL FUEL IONIA/AV SHOPS-SEC RDS 2,923.45
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP, CUST SPPLS-HERITAGE/CSB/CRTHS 201.88

CRAIG J KURTENBACH, JAN-JUNE'25 LAWLER GROUND LEASE FOR RADIO TOWER 2,400.00

CULLING WATER CONDITIONING, SALT 50#-JAIL..... 33.50
DAVID KRIVACHEK, CUST SP-PLS-HERITAGE 183.60

DEAN SPEICHER, DEC VA COMM MTG-VA 25.00
DEFORD INSULATING COMPANY LLC, BRIDGE REPAIR SP-PLS-SEC RDS 7,000.00

DIAMOND MOWERS INC, STOCK PARTS-SEC RDS..... 3,906.08
EKWALL, JAMIE, MLG REIMB-SHERIFF 45.68

ERIC M BARKER/BARCOM COMMUNICATIONS, NASHUA TOWER CAMERAS REPAIR-911 1,250.00

FAREWAY STORES INC, PROVISIONS/BLDG CONSUMABLES-SHERIFF/HERITAGE 56.77
FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, FUEL-SHERIFF/SEC RDS 2,177.43

FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, FUEL/EQUIP-SHERIFF/SEC RDS 8,434.10
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, INMATE BOARDING (3)-SHERIFF 650.00

FOX REHABILITATION SERVICES PC, PT/OT/ST THERAPY-PUB HLTH 14,490.00
FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, NOV24 LEACHATE-LANDFILL..... 187.50

GEERTS PLUMBING & HEATING INC., TRIP LEVER-HERITAGE 14.90
GET SOME GUNS, LLC, UNIFORM ID PANELS-SHERIFF 150.00

HEALTHCARE FIRST, CLIENT SURVEYS-PUB HLTH 111.02
HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, DATA SOFTWARE-PUB HLTH 1,800.00

HOWARD COUNTY ENGINEER, 50% COST SHARING W/ HOWARD CTY BRIDGE AT 53-SEC RDS..... 53,241.57
INOVALON PROVIDER INC, BILLING SOFTWARE-PUB HLTH 594.97

IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, PHONES-911 226.00
IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOC, FALL CONF REG-CO ATTY 370.00

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, CALIBRATE BEAM MACHINE/TRAINING-SEC RDS. 170.00
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IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES, MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-SHERIFF 425.00
ISAC, JAN CONF REG-SHERIFF/BOS..... 575.00

ISACA, 11.21.24 CONF-AUDITOR..... 150.00
JANE COLLINS, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 337.01

JENDRO INC, GARBAGE PICKUP/RURAL RECY-MULT CO DEPTS 2,859.04
JERRY PTACEK, PRIVATE WELL SHOCK-ENVIRO HLTH..... 400.00

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SPLL/PARTS/FUEL/EQUIP/SAFETY-CONSV/HERI/GEN SVCS/SEC

RDS..... 1,176.86
JUDY PAULUS GEBEL, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 298.15

JULIA SHEKLETON, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 97.82
KATIE BOEHMER, DEC VA COMM MTG-VA 25.00

KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC / MICROBAC LAB, WATER TESTING LAB FEES-ENVIRO HLTH..... 596.00

KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK, FUEL-SEC RDS 5,027.83
KWIK TRIP INC, FUEL-SHERIFF/CONSV/GEN SVCS/ENVIRO HLTH/ELECTIONS/EMS/EMA..... 4,503.64

LAWSON PRODUCTS INC, ELEC PARTS/SPPLS-SEC RDS 995.68
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASE-SEC RDS. 126.86

LISA WELTER, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH..... 74.37
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MEGAN LESTER, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 495.80

MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC, PLUMB REPAIRS/CHECK BOILER DRAIN-JAIL 133.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, INTERSECTION LIGHTING-SEC RDS..... 7.37

MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, ELEC-CONSV/SEC RDS 592.89
MISTIE DEERE, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 429.47

MITKO LLC, PARTS-SEC RDS 115.58
NAPA MOTOR PARTS, TOOLS/PARTS/GEN SPPLS-SEC RDS 123.65

NASHUA REPORTER, PUBLICATIONS-BOS/SEC RDS 1,426.58
NEW HAMPTON CARE CENTER, LLC, INMATE MEALS-SHERIFF 170.00

NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PH/INTERNET-SHERIFF..... 536.85
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, PUBLICATIONS-BOS/VA 1,284.38

NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, CO BLDGS CITY UTILITIES 3,953.73
NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER, TRACT-CHAMBER 1,100.00

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORP, NOV24 GEN RELIEF ADMIN SVCS..... 602.68
PETROBLEND CORP, LUBRICANTS-SEC RDS 2,128.15

PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY, AUG24/SEPT24 BILLING-EMS..... 9,532.16
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC, QTRLY POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE-CRTHS 739.05

QUILL LLC, BATTERIES/TAPE DISPENSER-SHERIFF..... 93.34
R & R WELDING INC, PARTS-SEC RDS..... 235.12

RANDY NOSBISCH, DEC VA COMM MTG-VA..... 25.00
RAPID PRINTERS, OFFICE/CUST SPPLS/PARTS/GEN SPPLS-VA/

AUD/ATTY/SHERIFF/HERI/EMS/SEC RDS 605.45
RAY O'HERRON CO INC, SP-PLS-SHERIFF 159.21

RICKS SERVICE CENTER LLC, TIRE INSTALL/STORAGE-SHERIFF..... 906.32
RICKY ROSONKE, BLDG REPAIRS/MAINT-HERITAGE 200.00

RILEY'S INC, COPY FEES/COPIER SVC/TONER/SHREDDER/OFFICE & CUST SPPLS-MULT CO DEPTS 3,816.77

SADLER POWER TRAIN INC, PARTS-SEC RDS 1,632.51
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL LLC, QTRLY PUB SITE HOSTING-ASSR 3,765.00

SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, CUST SPPLS/PARTS/EQUIP/BLDG MAINT/ELEC SPPLS-MULT CO DEPTS 334.67

SHAWVER, RYAN, MEAL REIMB-SHERIFF..... 14.83
SHELLY LAMPSON-BAST, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 430.81

STAPLES INC, OFFICE SPPLS-PUB HLTH 53.33
STATE OF IOWA/STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER, AUTOPSY FEE-MEDICAL EXAMINER..... 2,047.00

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TAMMY FLICK, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 182.24
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TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, PARTS/EQUIP/TOOLS-SEC RDS. 4,559.17
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U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, CELL PH SVC-CONSV/PUB HLTH/ENVIRO HLTH/SEC RDS 1,183.94
VERIZON WIRELESS, CELL PH/DATA-SHERIFF 1,072.00

VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC, TRANSPORT CAR MV MAINT-SHERIFF 2,449.02
VISA, DATA PROC SVCS/LODGING/SPPLS/EDU FEES-DATA PROC/ATTY/VA/EMS/ASSR 3,482.15

VISA, LODGING/MEALS-SHERIFF..... 207.62
WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP & PART INC, MV MAINT/PARTS/REPAIRS-EMS/SEC RDS 630.71

WENDEL MULLER, JAN 25 LAND LEASE 500.00
WENDY PETERS, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH 409.37

WEX, FUEL-ASSR 42.42
WILLSON & PECHACEK PLC, LEGAL SVCS-ASSR..... 596.50

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Northeast Iowa Community Action CEO Trisha Wilkins makes her funding pitch for the organization she leads to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors during Monday’s meeting.

Community Action CEO: Organization does a lot in county

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pointing out that the pipe burst on Dec. 6. But he said the board could move rather quickly on bids and country leaders decided to seek bids from a contractor for “removing and disposing all electrical, plumbing and mechanical equipment associated with the walk-in cooler” by Jan. 23. Bids are due by this coming Monday and will be acted on during the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisors on Monday also received a 2025-26 funding request from Northeast

Iowa Community Action (NICA) Chief Executive Officer Trisha Wilkins, who asked the county to provide \$35,306 in funding. That’s the same request NICA made a year ago.

Wilkins told county leaders that NICA had served 817 individuals in Chickasaw County during the past year and provided assistance in the amount of \$256,732.

She said that 262 county residents received low-income home energy assistance in the amount of \$143,800 but also touted NICA’s work with the Head Start preschool program, weatherization assis-

tance, crisis assistance and housing.

NICA said the county had 24 students in Head Start, had provided eight residents with \$95,061 for weatherization needs, handled 55 crisis assistance cases in the amount of \$17,871 and helped purchase four lease purchase homes that have a combined assessed value of \$511,800.

“I understand the challenge counties and cities have with budgeting,” Wilkins said. “We have kept the request the same this year, not that we don’t need additional funding but I understand budget constraints you’re facing.”

Salvation Army unit has plenty to celebrate

By Bob Fenske

Of the Reporter

Moving to an online sign-up system appears to have paid big dividends to the Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army when it comes to its annual Kettle Campaign.

The last bell was rung early in the afternoon on Christmas Eve and the unit’s coordinator said virtually every shift was filled during the campaign that began on Nov. 20.

“We had maybe three or four 6 to 7 shifts that weren’t taken,”

Kris Markham said, “but that was it. It’s the best year we’ve had and like I always say, we can’t raise any money when we don’t have someone ringing the bell at the kettle.”

She said the almost perfect “attendance rate” was due in large part because the Salvation Army used a Signup Genius page put together by New Hampton resident Jennifer Monteith.

“I can’t thank Jenny enough because it made it so much easier for people to volunteer,” Markham said. “They could go online and see what was open

and a lot of people took an extra hour or two, too. And for us, it was nice because when we were trying to do everything by phone, you had to have everything — the schedule and all that — with you.”

As in past years, Markham was effusive when it came to her gratitude to Fareway for allowing the unit to use its entry way for 11 hours a day, six days a week for almost five weeks.

She said she’ll have the final numbers — the amount of money raised and the number of volunteers who worked at

least one shift — next week.

The money raised is used to fund emergency situations throughout the county and in the past has also been donated to area schools to help purchase winter clothing and school supplies for students from lower-income families.

“It does a lot of good and every little bit helps,” Markham said, “and so a big thank you to all those who took a shift or two or three or more. We can’t do this without volunteers, and we were fortunate to have so many this year.”

County leaders deal with ramifications of state law

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fiscal year that begins on July 1.

County Attorney David Laudner said that the idea behind the law was that counties with “explosive growth” in valuations were not passing on any savings to property owners.

“They’re growing 10, 20 percent and they’re keeping the levy rate the exact same and using the extra money, and what the legislature is saying [is] you’re misleading the taxpayers perhaps if you say, ‘Hey, we’ve kept our levy rates the same for the last 15 years.’ Well, you have, but the valuations have gone up 70 percent in the last 15 years.”

Still, counties like Chickasaw that barely exceed the state’s threshold will face challenges. Hackman pointed out that a county “to the south of us” will see valuations go up 10 percent next year but even with cutting its tax levy rate, Shekleton said that it will receive about 6 percent more in revenue.

“The smaller counties are really going to suffer with this,” Supervisor Steve Breitbach said.

A year ago, supervisors were just beginning a budget process that ended up leading to a 14 percent increase in the so-called “tax-asking” from its three major funds — GB, General Services (GS) and Rural Services Basic (RSB). That was considerably lower than the 19 percent increase that supervisors first considered.

On Monday, Hackman said he believes the county will end this budget year with strong ending fund balances — pointing out that as of now GB and GS currently have \$3.8 million in the bank.

Laudner, though, asked if one took the ending fund balances out of the equation “is what we’re bringing in enough to fund for the county?”

“I would say yes,” Hackman said, but he added that it’s complicated and that the board that convenes in 2025 will have its work cut out for it as it begins

crafting the 2025-26 budget and tax levy. “We’re going to have to be more efficient ... if they’re going to keep ratcheting down our GB levy rate, what’s going to happen?”

Laudner said he believes county leaders will have to continue to deal with state mandates even after House File 718 “sunsets” in 2029.

“If you read the comments from the new Legislature that is coming in, I think property tax reform — which has been a bedeviling problem for years and years and years in this state — is a No. 1 priority. I think they’re going to have to massage it a little bit and figure it out better.”

But, as he put it, it’s not going to go away, and supervisors conceded that they have their work cut out for them in the next few months.

They will begin that process in the first full week of January when they hear budget proposals from the four autonomous county boards — Public Health, Emergency Management, Conservation and Veterans Affairs. A week later, the county will begin budget proposals from the other nine county departments.

Left undecided Monday is if county leaders will set pay increases before that.

More than half of the county’s employees — those represented by unions — will receive 4 percent raises as part of their contracts, and Hackman said it was his understanding that the autonomous boards for the most part have included pay increases in their budgets.

New Hampton resident Terry Johnson, who made a bid for the District 4 supervisor seat but lost in the Republican primary in June, urged board members to not only be looking at the 2025-26 budget but also future years’ budgets.

“Sooner or later, those fund balances, if that’s all you’re using, are going to go away,” he said. “You’ve got to have a plan and it can’t be just looking at one year.”

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Cowboy Poetry event set for Jan. 24-25 in Lawler

Wanting to get the word out earlier this year, the Lawler Lions Club is announcing the date for its Cowboy Music, Humor & Storytelling event.

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25, the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler will host the gathering, which promises “cowboy poetry, stories and music through the eyes of working cowboys and ranchers who live the life they portray.”

Three performers — R.P. Smith, Bonnie Krogman and Brooke Turner — will put on the show.

It’s the 19th year for the event that has raised thousands of dollars for local organizations and causes, with this year’s funds to benefit the Chickasaw County Firefighters’ Association Honor Guard.

Organizers are asking for a \$30 donation for the bash, which includes a Swiss steak dinner. Only advance tickets are sold, they are available at Bank of Iowa, Fidelity Bank & Trust, Luana Savings Bank, First Citizens Bank and Security State Bank.

Shows each day are at 7:15 p.m., with the meal at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Offices to be closed for New Year’s holiday

County and city offices will be closed next week in observance of the and New Year’s holiday.

Nashua City Hall will be closed both New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day while the Chickasaw County Courthouse will have regular office hours on New Year’s Eve but will be closed on the first day of 2025.

The first Board of Supervisors meeting — one in which county leaders will elect a board chairman — of 2025 will be held on Friday, Jan. 2.

Crop Advantage meeting set for Jan. 16 in Waterloo

The 2025 Crop Advantage Series meeting will give farmers and crop production professionals a solid foundation of current research-based crop production information to help make informed decisions for their farming operation.

The Waterloo Crop Advantage

meeting will be held at Hawkeye Community College — Tama Hall (1501 East Orange Road, Waterloo) on Jan. 16. Registration check-in opens at 8:15 a.m. and the program runs 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Program highlights include 2025 weather outlook, a deep dive into nitrification inhibitors, selecting cover crop species, soybean aphid resistance, and managing waterhemp.

For more program details and registration information for Waterloo or other Crop Advantage locations, visit: <https://go.iastate.edu/cropadvantage>.



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Coach says Huskies get a reminder that improvement is a must

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"One thing I'll say about this weekend is we had a lot of pressure matches," Frost said, "and we obviously didn't win them all, but hopefully, our guys take that experience and use it when we really need it."

The Huskies opened the fifth-place pool with a 42-38 win over what Frost called "a really good, tough" Denver team. Pins by Carey (165) and Aiden Gelner (175) gave the Huskies an insurmountable 42-23 lead, but that's the dual that saw Carey exit the tournament.

"That's a tough guy to lose and that made it really tough on us the rest of the way," Frost said. "We've got to hope we can get Jackson back. He's important — real important."

That injury seemed to be an omen for the rest of the day for the Huskies as they fell to North Scott 45-28 and Lake Mills 45-29 to close out the 2024 portion of their schedule.

Nashua-Plainfield had beaten Lake Mills 41-36 on Dec. 5, but their Top of Iowa rivals, Frost conceded, "put a better team out there then we saw the first time and then not having Carey, that hurt, too."

Still, there were plenty of positives for the Huskies during a weekend on the Young Arena mats.

Nashua-Plainfield's Rinken, the senior who is ranked first at 132 in Class 1A by IAwrestle, was his reliable self, going 6-0 with three pins and two technical falls. His "best" win though was a 4-3 decision over Assumption's Steele Diercks, who is ranked fifth in Class 2A at 132.

Carey was the lone other Husky to go undefeated, but both Gelner and Zwanziger went 5-1 while Brase was 4-2.

"I've always said the only way you get better is to wrestle tough kids, to see good competition," Frost said, "and maybe it was a slap in the face at times for us, but we needed this. We've got to learn from it and get better when we come back from break. We have some big goals, but to get them, we're going to have to get better."

DAVENPORT ASSUMPTION 41, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 31

190 - Maximus Purdy (DA) pinned

Maverick Dietz-McDonald, 1:22. 215 - Dru Diaz (DA) pinned Jaxon McDonald, 3:07. 285 - Maxwell Azzaline (DA) OT dec. Isaac Jones, 5-2. 106 - Lincoln Huck (NP) won by forfeit. 113 - Rhyis Polenske (DA) tech. fall Jagger White, 19-4. 120 - Nic Brase (NP) maj. dec. Gabriel Schnerre, 16-4. 126 - Brody Buhman (DA) pinned Kolbie Vance, 1:04.

132 - Jayden Rinken (NP) dec. Steele Diercks, 4-3. 138 - Cadyn Wild (DA) pinned Keldan Munn, 0:47. 144 - Chase Krantz (DA) dec. Luke Zwanziger, 8-2. 150 - Lane Pennington (DA) pinned Wyatt Bearman, 0:48. 157 - Devon Blanchard (NP) pinned Keagan Alvarez, 2:46. 165 - Jackson Carey (NP) pinned Rolan Alvarez (DA), 3:45. 175 - Aiden Gelner (NP) pinned Brock Lansing, 1:13.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 45, CEDAR FALLS 25

215 - Andrew Harrington (CF) dec. McDonald, 12-6. 285 - Jones (NP) pinned Ian Reilly, 0:21. 106 - Chase Miller (CF) pinned Huck, 1:31. 113 - White (NP) maj. dec. Nolan Schaul, 12-3. 120 - Brase (NP) tech. fall Caiden Lounsberry, 16-0. 126 - Evan Simpson (CF) tech. fall Vance, 16-1. 132 - Rinken (NP) pinned Dyshon Bruce, 1:57.

138 - Zwanziger (NP) pinned Eric Malaise, 0:45. 144 - Jeremiah Tamayo (CF) pinned Lucas Sinnwell, 4:55. 150 - Ayden Williams (CF) tech. fall Bearman, 17-0. 157 - Blanchard (NP) dec. Ben Backes, 7-2. 165 - Carey (NP) pinned Levi Mayfield, 1:36. 175 - Gelner (NP) pinned Kael Moore, 2:26. 190 - Dietz-McDonald (NP) dec. Maddox Wilkinson, 4-3.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 40, CEDAR RAPIDS PRAIRIE 35

285 - Romeo Klein (CRP) pinned Jones (NP), 1:06. 106 - Jaxon Rausch (CRP) maj. dec. Huck, 9-0. 113 - Chase Watkinson (CRP) pinned White (NP), 1:07. 120 - Dylan Munson (CRP) tech. fall Brase, 21-5. 126 - Vance (NP) maj. dec. Brantley Jones, 11-3. 132 - Rinken (NP) pinned Keagan Blair, 3:11. 138 - Zwanziger (NP) pinned Teagan Kendall, 3:33.

144 - Sinnwell (NP) pinned Cohen Yossi, 2:34. 150 - Garan Hynek (CRP) dec. Bearman, 9-5. 157 - Blanchard (NP) pinned Owen Langhurst, 1:26. 165 - Carey (NP) pinned Hunter Linnell, 0:46. 175 - Loudon Bloxham (CRP) pinned Gelner, 19-4. 190 - Quinton Alexander (CRP) pinned Dietz-McDonald, 0:51. 215 - McDonald (NP) pinned Conner Bistricky, 4:00.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 42, DENVER 38

106 - Huck (NP) pinned Tyson Primus, 3:33. 113 - Kayden Landers (D) pinned White, 4:44. 120 - Brase (NP) pinned Jeb Ebaugh, 3:24. 126 - Gavin Landers (D) pinned Connor Sullivan, 0:26. 132 - Rinken (NP) pinned Jericho Grimmert, 1:44. 138 - Zwanziger (NP) pinned Riley Brandt, 1:53. 144 - Sinnwell (NP) pinned Gavin McLaughlin, 3:03.

150 - Xander Peterson (D) pinned Bearman, 1:13. 157 - Boden White (D) tech. fall Blanchard, 16-1. 165 -

Carey (NP) pinned Braven Beaumont, 3:47. 175 - Gelner (NP) pinned David Warrior, 4:35. 190 - Corbin Hill (D) pinned Dietz-McDonald, 0:39. 215 - Donavon Farrell (D) pinned McDonald, 0:42. 285 - Cody Koepke (D) dec. Jones, 13-6.

NORTH SCOTT 45, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 28

113 - Maxwell Davis (NS) pinned White, 1:09. 120 - Matthew Williams (NS) dec. Brase, 4-2. 126 - Hayden Ulloa (NS) pinned Sullivan, 0:46. 132

- Rinken (NP) tech. fall Tanner Yates, 18-2. 138 - Zwanziger (NP) tech. fall Gabriel Ulloa, 17-0. 144 - Will McDermott (NS) pinneed Sinnwell, 1:39. 150 - Evan Raifs (NS) pinned Bearman, 3:43.

157 - Cole Green (NS) pinned Blanchard, 3:49. 165 - Tyler Hobert (NP) pinned Benjamin Lightle, 0:08. 175 - Gelner (NP) pinned Kade Kelly, 1:12. 190 - Trey Feist (NS) pinned Dietz-McDonald, 0:27. 215 - McDonald (NP) dec. Aaron Huber,

6-3. 285 - Jones (NP) OT dec. Bryce Stewart, 5-1. 106 - Dylan Ulloa (NS) pinned Huck, 2:55.

LAKE MILLS 45, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 29

120 - Brase (NP) pinned Case Casperson, 0:52. 126 - Royce Peterson (LM) pinned Sullivan, 1:37. 132 - Vance (NP) maj. dec. Carter Christianson, 15-7. 138 - Rinken (NP) pinned Carter Helgeson, 0:40. 144 - Zwanziger (NP) dec. Caleb Skogen, 4-2. 150 - Steve Brandenburg

(LM) pinned Sinnwell, 2:20. 157 - Hayden Helgeson (LM) pinned Hobert, 1:15.

165 - Cody Cox (LM) dec. Blanchard, 5-0. 175 - Luke Fjeld (LM) pinned Dalton Downing, 3:45. 190 - Gelner (NP) maj. dec. Andrew Grunhovd, 12-2. 215 - Josiah Kjeldahl (LM) pinned McDonald, 1:07. 285 - Wyatt Hanna (LM) pinned Jones, 1:24. 106 - Huck (NP) won by forfeit. 113 - Lucas Oldenkamp (LM) pinned White, 1:21

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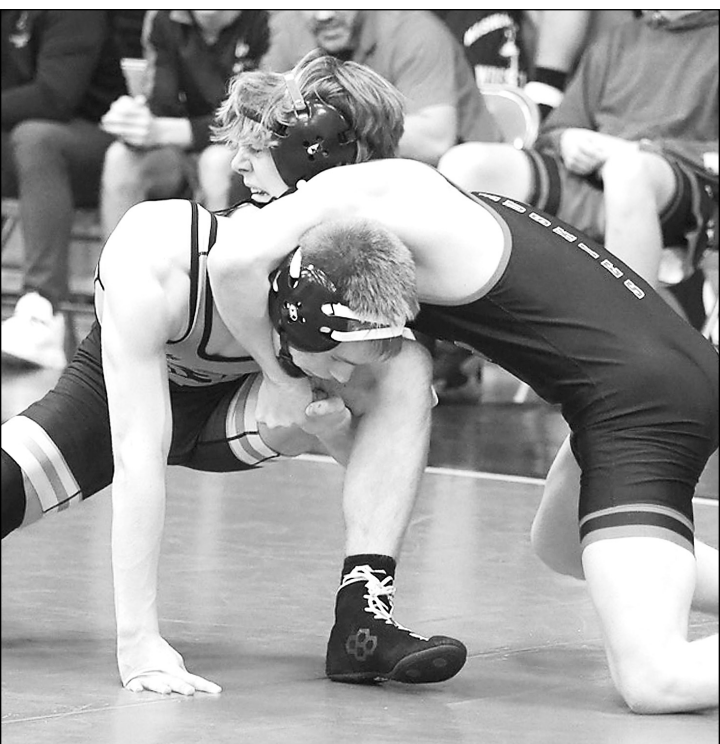
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Nashua-Plainfield Luke Zwanziger works on bring an opponent to his back during a quadrangular the Huskies hosted this past week.

On Tap for Our Nashua-Plainfield Huskies

THURSDAY, JAN 2

Girls wrestling at Osage Invitational, 10 a.m.
Boys varsity and JV wrestling vs. Forest City, North Union and Rockford at Forest City 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

Basketball at Tripoli, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.
Boys junior varsity wrestling at Riceville tournament, 5 p.m.
Boys varsity wrestling at Osage Invitational, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 6

Girls wrestling vs. Osage, Janesville and Lake Mills at Osage, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

Basketball at Riceville, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

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