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Warrant issued for 2012 murder

Sheriff's Office seeks, receives warrant in connection with death of rural Nashua man

By BOB FENSKE

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An arrest warrant in connection with a murder that took place in the fall of 2012 in rural Nashua has been issued for a Charles City man who has been in federal prison for the last 7 1/2 years.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann informed the Board of Supervisors on Monday that an arrest warrant for Randy Patrie, 39,

had been signed by District Court Judge Richard Stochl last week and that Patrie was expected to be returned to Iowa sometime in the next month.

Patrie had long been considered the chief suspect in the murder of Kenneth Gallmeyer, whose body was discovered by Chickasaw



Gallmeyer

County sheriff's deputies when they were called to do a welfare check on Gallmeyer at his home north of Nashua on Oct. 4, 2012.

In June 2014, Patrie was sentenced to life in prison in federal court after he pleaded guilty to possession of fire-arms by a felon as an armed career



Patrie

criminal and possession of sawed-off shot-guns, but that sentence was later overturned and Patrie was re-sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.

"When he had a life sentence, we didn't think it made a lot of sense to bring him back to state court," Hemann said, "but once that sentence got overturned, we knew that we were going to have to proceed with our case."

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After the supervi-sors meeting, Hemann said that he believes there is a strong case against Patrie and that there was some sense of urgency in proceeding with the case.

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Former New Hampton resident Marty Blocker (left) and Paul Larson give each other a little grief during Saturday night's Cowboy Poetry event that was put on by the Lawler Lions Club at the Starlite Ballroom.

COWBOYS BACK IN TOWN!

AFTER A ONE-YEAR HIATUS, COWBOY POETRY PLAYS BEFORE DECENT CROWDS AT STARLITE

By BOB FENSKE

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During the intermission before the "third half" on Saturday night, Marty Blocker couldn't help but laugh.

"It's always good to come home," said the

1973 New Hampton High School graduate who was one of the headline performers at this past weekend's Cowboy Poetry event, "and the best part is I don't think any of my teachers are still out at the school so you can't get any stories from them. ... Seriously, this has always been a top-notch event, and I was proud to be a part of

this year."

Blocker and his fellow cowboy poets — Paul Larson and Newly Holmes — took the Starlite Ballroom stage both Friday and Saturday nights and entertained decent-sized crowds with some

SEE COWBOY POETRY, 2

Republican congressmen make stops in Chickasaw County

Grassley covers a lot of ground during his annual visit to county

By BOB FENSKE

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U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley sounded a familiar theme Thursday when he made his stop in Chickasaw County as part of his annual pledge to visit all 99 counties in the state.

"We're coming off a year in which there was way too much partisanship in Washington," the longtime Republican senator said during an hour-long forum held at the Chickasaw Wellness Complex in New Hampton, "and that's because the Democrats control the House, the Senate and obviously the White House."

SEE GRASSLEY, 10



U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley (left) makes a point during a stop in New Hampton last Thursday while U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra visits with students and staff during a visit to Nashua the following day.



Bob Fenske and Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Feenstra says discord troublesome but ag has 'opportunities'

By KELLY TERPSTRA

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Randy Feenstra says he wants to let you know that he's got your back.

The freshman United States congressman visited Nashua-Plainfield High School last Friday in a planned tour of Iowa's 4th Congressional District. The 37-county area he represents reaches as far east as Chickasaw County and spans all of northwest Iowa — where Feenstra was born in raised in Hull.

The 1987 Western Christian High School grad was a former Iowa Senator for 12 years

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Hope on the COVID front

Chickasaw County Public Health administrator hoping recent report start of a better trend

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Gut-check time

NH/TV has one champ, takes third at NEIC as sectional meet looms

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Alta Vista Library to hold ‘First Saturday Storytime’ this weekend

The Alta Vista Public Library has started a new program — “First Saturday Storytime” — that will be held at 10 a.m. this Saturday.

The program is geared to children ages 4 to 6 but Library Director Stacy Campbell said siblings are welcome to attend the monthly program in the children’s area at the library.

In addition, the library is also hosting bingo every second Tuesday of the month, beginning at 1 p.m.

And Campbell is reminding patrons that the library’s book club will meet this month at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 to discuss the book “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah. Those who would like to participate can pick up a book at the library.

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Talking about the big day at Wedding Extravaganza

Rapids Printers’ Heather Maurer talks with a soon-to-be bride and her mother during the Wedding Extravaganza that featured more than 15 vendors touting their product and services to brides who are preparing for the day they say “I do.” The event was held at the Chickasaw Event Center, and Maurer was doing double duty — not only manning a booth but also overseeing the annual event.

Cowboy Poetry hits all the right notes

COWBOY POETRY: FROM 1

great music, heartwarming stories and more than a few jokes.

“If you haven’t noticed, we do like to give each other grief,” Blocker said with a laugh.

We did notice, but it was all

in good fun as Cowboy Poetry, long a staple of late January in Lawler, returned after a one-year hiatus.

For years, the event was put on by a New Hampton couple — Gerry and Marilee Mishak — but several years ago, the Mishaks turned over the event to the Lawler Lions Club, who have continued the tradition of supporting area organizations and causes. This year’s benefactor was Great Plays Day Care in New Hampton, the facility that is renovating and moving into New Hampton’s First United Methodist Church later this year.

And although the ballroom wasn’t filled to the brim as in recent years, Lawler Lions Club member Carla Dreckman said she and her fellow Lions were happy with the crowds both nights.

“Honestly, the COVID-19 probably kept us from having the crowds we’ve had in the past,” she said, “but we still had



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Newly Holmes performs a song Saturday at the annual Cowboy Poetry event in Lawler.

a lot of familiar faces. There are people who come from all over — we had a couple from Plattville, Wisconsin — and they’ve been here every single year.”

And the Lions have been putting on the event long enough that club members recognize more than a few faces from the

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New Chickasaw County Board of Supervisor member Steve Breitbach (right) joins his fellow supervisors Monday for his first meeting since being appointed to the vacant District 1 post last week.

Sheriff highlights four factors for budget jump

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

200 hours a month. “You have to remember they have a new mayor and a new council,” Hemann said. “But if this does happen - if we go from 240 to 200 - then obviously the revenue in this budget will be reduced.” Supervisors earlier in January approved having Hemann present the Nashua City Council a proposed one-year contract for 240 hours a month of service. In December, the old Nashua City Council seemed receptive to a contract with 240 hours a month of service, especially when it learned that the county will discontinue charging Nashua for dispatching services because the city no longer has its own police department.

Even with a rate increase to \$59.50 per hour, Hemann has pointed out that the city would pay the county about \$3,000 less during the 2022-23 budget year than it will this year. Even if the Nashua contract ends up at 200 hours a month, Hemann’s proposed budget would have revenue of \$309,050, an increase of 10.3 percent from this year’s revenue of \$280,040. The proposed budget has expenditures of \$1,915,455, and Hemann said there were four main reasons for the increase, including:

- Housing jail inmates in other counties.
- Purchasing two new vehicles after not buying a vehicle in this budget year that ends June 30.
- Increase in wages.

- Increase in fuel costs.

Supervisor Jacob Hackman said he had concerns about the budget, but he supported it. “This budget I am afraid is going to be [soon] over \$2 million,” he said, “but we have to protect the citizens of Chickasaw County.” After making his presentation, Hemann said in the long run, the county will save money by housing some inmates outside the county. He said the sheriff’s office tends to house female inmates and those with behavioral issues in Winneshiek County. With females, for example, state law requires that a jail have a female matron on duty, and so on an overnight shift in which a male is dispatching, the county must bring in a female staffer.

“That’s \$115 and it costs us \$50 to house someone in Winneshiek,” he said. “It’s really a no-brainer.” He added that because dispatchers also work in the jail, the county is better off sending inmates with behavioral issues to other counties. “Think about it if you have someone who is fighting and you have a car accident at the same time,” he said, “what is the best use of that dispatchers time? ... It’s why counties are going to have a dispatching center that is basically separate from the jail side of things.” During the supervisors’ meeting, board members reached a consensus to accept the Sheriff’s Office budget, but they also wanted to see how it would affect the entire county budget.

Patrie will be housed in Fayette County Jail

WARRANT: FROM 1

“It’s been almost 10 years,” he said, “and we want to make sure we have our witnesses available because as time goes on, that can become an issue.” He added that his office has remained in contact with Gallmeyer’s family since the murder took place. Gallmeyer was a 70-year-old retired grocer who had moved to rural Nashua after selling his store in Clarksville. At Patrie’s first federal sentencing in June 2014, Gallmeyer’s daughter, Marti Hornsby, said she appreciated the work done by local law enforcement on her father’s case but also lashed out at Patrie. “Why would anyone kill my dad? ... He was a good guy,” Hornsby said. “Everyone enjoyed his good humor and infectious

laugh. My dad lost his life because of Randy Patrie’s life of crime.” In a complaint and affidavit filed in federal court, law enforcement authorities said they discovered that Gallmeyer had suffered a gunshot wound to the head and that numerous items — including several firearms and a Samsung 40-inch flat-screen TV, had been taken from his home. The affidavit went on to say that on July 4, 2013, the Charles City Police Department executed a search warrant at Patrie’s residence in Charles City and that investigators from the Sheriff’s Office and the Iowa division of Criminal Investigation contacted Charles City police and obtained a copy of the items seized during the execution of the search warrant. It was discovered that several of the items seized were items taken from Gallmeyer’s

home. They included three firearms, one of which, according to the affidavit was “consistent with the firearm used to kill” Gallmeyer. An additional search warrant was then executed by the Sheriff’s Office and the DCI at Patrie’s home, and additional items belonging to Gallmeyer were located and seized. During the second search, officers discovered a Samsung 40-inch flatscreen TV mounted on the wall of Patrie’s bedroom. Hemann said on Tuesday that Patrie is currently incarcerated in a federal prison in New Jersey, but Hemann expects Patrie to be returned to Iowa within the next 30 days. Once Patrie is back in Iowa, he will be held in the Fayette County Jail, which has the ability to better segregate prisoners of different classifications than the jail in Chickasaw County can.

Briefs

Allen College dean’s list

Allen College in Waterloo has announced its fall 2021 dean’s list, and area students who completed at least 12 semester hours and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above include:

- Elma: Katlyn Burke, Nursing, BSN.
- Lawler: Natalie Hoey, Diagnostic Medical Sonography.
- Nashua: Megan Cerwinski, BSN.
- New Hampton, Mercede Tenge, Nursing, BSN; Michaela Fitzgerald, Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Hawkeye Community College grads

The following are Hawkeye Community College fall semester graduates and their programs of study. Graduates are listed in alphabetical order by hometown.

- Fort Atkinson, Kade Kruse, computer networking technician.
- Lawler, Avery Reicks, honors, Human Resource Management.
- New Hampton, Isabel Pool, AA, social work; Emma Reicherts, AA, sociology; Julie Schwickerath, associate degree nursing.

Public Health head finds hope in latest COVID report

By BOB FENSKE
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At first glance, the weekly report put out by the Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services on COVID-19 doesn’t offer a lot of hope when it comes to the area’s recent virus surge. But said administrator, Lisa Welter, will beg to differ. Yes, the latest report showed the county had 117 positive tests for COVID, marking the third straight week of triple-digit positives. Welter, though, pointed out that the 117 positive cases was down from the 138 in her preceding report, but more importantly, because she didn’t release the report until Monday, the 117 positive tests came over a 10-day period, instead of the normal seven days. “If you take the average per day, that’s definitely a move in the direction we want to be going,” Welter said, “but saying that, obviously we still have a long way to go to where we want

to be. We still have to do our part, and that means following all the guidelines — stay home if you’ve tested positive, wear a mask for five days after you’re done with your quarantine and please, please, stay home if you’re sick. ... At the very least, though, I have hope that we’re trending the right way.” Her latest report showed that 62 of the latest positive tests were recorded in those who had been vaccinated and 18 of those residents had also received a boost vaccine. But she again pointed out that in the vast majority of cases, those who have been vaccinated and “boosted” experience far less severe symptoms than those who haven’t. The county also crossed a threshold in the latest report in that since the first COVID case was found in Chickasaw County in April 2020, there have been more than 2,500 positive tests — 2,556 to be exact — recorded. The county has recorded 29 deaths because of COVID.



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Thursday, February 3
4:30pm Basketball: JV Girls/Boys vs. Kee High @ Kee HS
4:30 JV Boys Senior Night prior to each Varsity game
6:15pm Basketball: V Girls/Boys @ Kee HS (SENIOR NIGHT)

Friday, February 4
4:00pm Basketball: JV Girls/Boys vs. Postville
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th/8th @ Central Elkader HS
6:15pm Basketball: V Girls/Boys vs. Postville

Saturday, February 5
State Speech Contest, Large Group
TBD Wrestling: HS Sectionals @ IHSAA

Monday, February 7
12:30pm Elementary Assembly
Rusty Ammerman Tour
4:00pm Basketball: JV Girls/Boys @ Riceville Community HS
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th/8th @ West Central
6:15pm Basketball: V Girls/Boys @ Riceville Community HS

Tuesday, February 8
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th/8th @ MFL MarMac HS

Thursday, February 10
TBD Basketball: V Regionals @ IGHSAA
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th/8th vs. St. Joseph

Friday, February 11
TBD Basketball: V Districts @ IHSAA
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th/8th vs. North Fayette Valley

Saturday, February 12
TBD Wrestling: HS Districts @ IHSAA

Monday, February 14
TBD Basketball: V Districts @ IHSAA
Valentine’s Day
7:00pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 15
TBD Basketball: V Regionals @ IGHSAA
4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th/8th vs. Postville

Wednesday, February 16
TBD Wrestling: HS State @ IHSAA

Thursday, February 17
TBD Basketball: V Districts @ IHSAA
TBD Wrestling: HS State @ IHSAA

Friday, February 18
TBD Basketball: V Regionals @ IGHSAA
TBD Wrestling: HS State @ IHSAA

Saturday, February 19
IHSSA All-State Festival, Large Group
National FFA Week
TBD Wrestling: HS State @ IHSAA

Sunday, February 20
National FFA Week Begins

Monday, February 21
NO SCHOOL - President’s Day
Professional Development
3:00pm FFA - NE Sub District Contest

Tuesday, February 22
TBD Basketball: V Districts @ IHSAA

Wednesday, February 23
1:15 Dismissal
TBD Basketball: V Regionals @ IGHSAA

Thursday, February 24
7:00pm 7-12 Pops Band & Vocal Concert

Saturday, February 26
TBD Basketball: V Substate @ IHSAA
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Precinct:	Dresden/ Fredericksburg, and Stapleton
Location:	Fredericksburg Municipal Hall
Address:	151 West Main Fredericksburg, Iowa 50630

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- Elect 55 Delegates and 27 Alternate Delegates to the Chickasaw County Republican Convention held on Saturday, March 12, 2022
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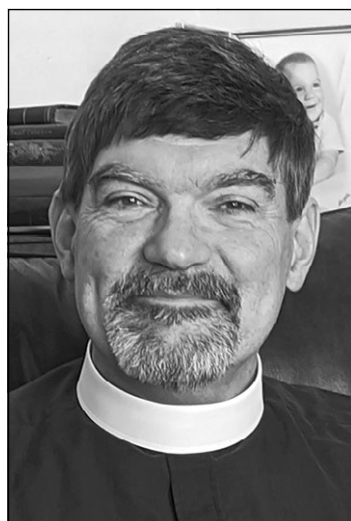
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6 p.m.

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Watch For Changes In RMDs

If you're a certain age, you'll need to withdraw money from some of your retirement accounts each year. But in 2022, the amount you must take out may be changing more than in other years – and that could affect your retirement income strategy.

Here's some background: Once you turn 72, you generally must start taking withdrawals, called required minimum distributions, or RMDs, from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. Each year, your RMDs are determined by your age and account balances. This year, the life expectancy tables used by the IRS are being updated to reflect longer lifespans. This may result in lower annual RMDs than you'd have to take if this adjustment hadn't been made.

If you've started taking RMDs, what does this change mean to you? It can be a positive development, for a few reasons:

- *Potentially lower taxes* – Your RMDs are generally taxable at your personal income tax rate, so the lower your RMDs, the lower your tax bill might be.
- *Possibly longer "lifespans" for retirement accounts* – Because your RMDs will be lower, the accounts from which they're issued – including your traditional IRA and 401(k) – may be able to last longer without becoming depleted. The longer these accounts can stay intact and remain an asset, the better for you.
- *More flexibility in planning for retirement income* – The word "required" in the phrase "required minimum distributions" means exactly what it sounds like – you must take at least that amount. If you withdraw less than your RMD, the amount not withdrawn will be taxed at 50%. So, in one sense, your RMDs take away some of your freedom in managing your retirement income. But now, with the lower RMDs in place, you may regain some of this flexibility. (And keep in mind that you're always free to withdraw



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more than the RMDs.)

Of course, if you don't really need all the money from RMDs, even the lower amount may be an issue for you – as mentioned above, RMDs are generally taxable. However, if you're 70½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from a traditional IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization, and some, or perhaps all, of this money may come from your RMDs. By making this move, you can exclude the RMDs from your taxable income. Before taking this action, though, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor.

Here are a couple of final points to keep in mind. First, not all your retirement accounts are subject to RMDs – you can generally keep your Roth IRA intact for as long as you want. However, your Roth 401(k) is generally subject to RMDs. If you're still working past 72, though, you may be able to avoid taking RMDs from your current employer's 401(k) or similar plan, though you'll still have to take them from your traditional IRA.

Changes to the RMD rules don't happen too often. By being aware of how these new, lower RMDs can benefit you, and becoming familiar with all aspects of RMDs, you may be able to strengthen your overall retirement income situation.

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

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Twin Ponds sets up battery drop-off center

Chickasaw County Conservation Board working to cut down fires at the FMC Landfill

By DOROTHY HUBER
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Of the roughly 20 to 30 fires each year at the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Landfill (FMC), Landfill Director Christian Fox estimates between half and three-quarters are started from batteries that are not disposed of properly.

"Some of those fires we can put out ourselves," said Fox, "but some we do have to call the fire department for. It's pretty crazy, and when we have to call them on a Sunday at 6 a.m., it's definitely not fun to do."

Especially troublesome are lithium or lithium-ion batteries that are in many of our devices. In order to both help our landfill and make it easier for the community to recycle those batteries, the Chickasaw Conservation Board has installed a drop site inside the Twin Ponds Nature Center's door.

"To take the batteries to the landfill to recycle may not be very convenient for most people," said Chickasaw County Naturalist Matt Crayne. "So we wanted to create an opportunity for people to take care of them in a responsible way. The fires

are pretty costly for the landfill, not to mention the safety for the landfill workers and fire departments."

Nearly all batteries contain toxic materials that need to be properly recycled so they don't leach and contaminate soil and drinking water. However, before residents put the batteries in the "tube" that is roughly four inches in diameter at the Nature Center, Crayne and Fox ask that the battery contacts be taped. Duct tape or electrical tape are good choices.

"It's not necessary to tape the smaller alkaline batteries, but anything 9V or over and any rechargeable or lithium batteries should be taped," Crayne said.

It's best to call the nature center in advance to make sure they're open.

"We're usually there from noon to 4:30 Monday through Friday," Crayne said, "but we might be away from the office for a short time."

In the future, Fox hopes other places may host the recyclables. "We're hoping this takes off and people take advantage of it, maybe we could have a drop site in town," he said. "Any possible way we can help."



Photo courtesy of Matt Crayne

Chickasaw County Naturalist Matt Crayne (left) and Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Landfill Director Christian Fox pose with the battery recycling tube at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

On a day in which the Protivin Fire Department received two \$10,000 donations — one from First Citizens Bank and the other from the Farmers Mill — the donors and emergency personnel pose for a photo. Pictured are (front row, from left) Fire Chief Brad Moudry, First Citizens Bank's Bob Savre, Farmers Mill's Mark Meirick, Howard County Sheriff, Tim Beckman, Farmers Mill's Dennis Meirick, (back row) Farmers Mill's Joel Meirick, Brian Jestrab, Mike Panos, Chris Shimek, Darrin Pecinovsky, Greg Shimek and Ken Humpal.

Life Line Screening to do screenings at Chickasaw Event Center on Feb. 14

Residents living in and around the New Hampton area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with screenings by Life Line Screening that will be held on Monday, Feb. 14, at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; kidney and thyroid function; and more.

Special package pricing starts at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling 1-877-237-1287 or going online to www.lifelinescreening.com.

Local businesses provide support for new Protivin Fire Station

Special to the Tribune

The hearts of the volunteers of the Protivin Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) burned a little brighter on Jan. 4 as they were presented \$20,000 toward the construction of a new fire station they will call home.

Farmers Mill of Protivin donated \$10,000 and Bob Savre from First Citizens Bank, New Hampton representing the First Citizens Charitable Foundation also donated \$10,000.

In October 2021 the trustees and council members of the Protivin Community Fire District signed contracts with vendors to start construction on a new \$700,000 fire station for the PVFD. Construction will begin this spring and be completed by October.

The \$700,000 cost is only for the main construction and does not include needed fixtures such as gear racks, cabinets, and appliances.

The firefighters and trustees have been busy working to raise the remaining \$200,000 needed for the project. Since October they have been busy writing grants, visiting with businesses, holding fundraising events, and communicating with citizens in the fire district asking for support. In November they applied for the grant from First Citizens Charitable Foundation,

and that award was presented to the PVFD as seen in the picture on Jan. 4, as well as the Farmers Mill matching gift.

The fire department has established various donation levels, with the highest level of donation, Fire Chief, for those who donated \$10,000 or more. When the station is complete, donors will be recognized at the appropriate level with largest donations at the top of the plaque. In addition to the two donations on Jan. 4, other Fire Chief level donors so far are: Bill Ondrashek, Farm Credit Services, Lynch Family Foundation/Lynch Companies and Fencil Oil and LP, but there is still plenty of time for business or individuals to donate.

New Hampton Calendar of Events February 2022

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- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**
- 8:00am - 4:30pm 4-H and FFA Market Beef IDs Due
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 8th @ Waverly-Shell Rock
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 7th @ Home
 - 6:30pm Trap Shooting @ Sportsman's Club Boyd
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**
- 8:10am - 10:00am Lattin Photography @ Middle School
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**
- 9:00am - 3:00pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - 4:00pm Girls Basketball JV @ Central Springs
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 8th @ Home
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 7th @ Crestwood
 - 5:00pm Boys Basketball JV @ Central Springs
 - 5:30pm Beef Quality Assurance Training (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - 6:00pm Boys Basketball 9th @ Home
 - 6:15pm Girls Basketball Varsity @ Central Springs
 - 7:30pm Boys Basketball Varsity @ Central Springs
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
- 4:00pm Girls Basketball JV @ Charles City
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 8th @ Sumner-Fredericksburg

- Fredericksburg
- 4:15pm Boys Basketball 7th @ Sumner-Fredericksburg
 - 5:15pm Boys Basketball JV @ Charles City
 - 6:45pm Girls Basketball Varsity @ Charles City
 - 8:00pm Boys Basketball Varsity @ Charles City
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**
- Band - Mietersing Honor Band Festival @ Wartburg College
 - Large Group Speech @ TBD
 - 12:00pm Wrestling Varsity @ Independence
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
- Band - Mietersing Honor Band Festival @ Wartburg College
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
- 6:15pm Girls Basketball JV @ Hudson
 - 7:30pm Girls Basketball Varsity @ Hudson
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
- 9:30am-3:00pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 8th @ Home
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 7th @ Waverly Shell Rock
 - 6:00pm Wrestling Varsity
 - 6:15pm Girls Basketball JV @ Home
 - 7:30pm Girls Basketball Varsity @ Home

- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**
- 9:00am - 11:45am Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, & Plant Disease Management CIC (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - 5:30pm - 6:00pm Driver's Education
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10**
- Band - Northern Festival of Bands @ UNI
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 8th @ Waukon
 - 4:15pm Boys Basketball 7th @ Home
 - 5:00pm Boys Basketball 9th @ Home
 - 6:00-9:00pm NH Rotary Not-So-Newlywed Game at The Pub at the Pinicon
 - 6:15pm Boys Basketball JV @ Home
 - 7:30pm Boys Basketball Varsity @ Home
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11**
- Band - Northern Festival of Bands @ UNI
 - 7:30am Interact Club
 - 5:00pm-8:00pm NH Parks & Recreation Father-Daughter Dinner Dance at The Pub at the Pinicon
 - 5:00pm Boys Basketball 9th @ Home
 - 6:15pm Boys Basketball JV @ Home
 - 7:30pm Boys Basketball Varsity @ Home
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**
- Band - Northern Festival of Bands @ UNI
 - 9:00am - 11:00am Chickasaw County Clover Kids (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - 10:00am-2:00pm Snowshow/Ski Event Twin Ponds Nature Center
 - 12:00pm Wrestling Varsity
 - 5:00pm Girls Basketball Varsity @ Home

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**
- TBD: Boys Basketball Varsity @ Home
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**
- 9:30am-3:00pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - 5:30pm - 8:30pm Driver's Education
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**
- 9:00am - 11:30am Seed Treatment CIC (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - TBD: Wrestling Varsity
 - 5:30pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting
 - 6:00pm Academic Calendar Virtual Financial Aid Night
 - 7:00pm Girls Basketball Varsity Tournament @ TBD
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
- 9:00am-3:00pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm Extension Council Meeting (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm ACT Raising Safe Kids (Online/Chickasaw County)
 - Music - Tallcorn Jazz Festival @ UNI
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
- 12:30pm - 2:30pm ACT Raising Safe Kids (Virtual/Chickasaw County)

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19**
- Large Group Speech @ TBD
 - 5:00pm Girls Basketball V Tournament @ TBD
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
- No School - Inservice
 - 6:30pm Board of Education
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
- 9:00am - 7:00pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (New Hampton/Chickasaw County)
 - Boys Basketball Varsity Tournament @ TBD
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
- 6:30pm - 8:30pm ACT Raising Safe Kids (Online/Chickasaw County) Continuation
 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm Trap Shooting @ Sportsman's Club Boyd
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
- 12:30pm - 2:30pm ACT Raising Safe Kids (Virtual/Chickasaw County)
 - 8:00pm - 10:00pm Dances @ High School Cafeteria
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
- Boys Basketball Varsity @ TBD
 - TBD: Individual Speech @ Union High in Laporte City
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**
- Band - Dorian Honor Band @ Luther College



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This week we'll have stories and photos from events like Nashua's Winterfest and the Class 2A sectional wrestling tournament in Independence.

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Wednesday	24	-22	--
Thursday	30	-5	--
Friday	12	-8	--
Saturday	22	3	--
Sunday	20	6	--
Monday	33	12	--
Tuesday	28	2	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 4 and a low of 15 below.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 15 and low of 6 below.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 27 and a low of 11.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 21 and a low of 3.

Extended forecast: Still no storms on the horizon with highs in the 20s and lows in the single digits to start the work week.

History

• In 1959, rising American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. “The Big Bopper” Richardson are killed when their chartered Beechcraft Bonanza plane crashes in Iowa a few minutes after takeoff from Mason City on a flight headed for Moorhead, Minnesota.

• In 1966, the Soviet Union accomplishes the first controlled landing on the moon, when the unmanned spacecraft Lunik 9 touches down on the Ocean of Storms.

• In 2001, the New England Patriots win their first Super Bowl, shocking the Rams, 20-17.

• In 2005, Alberto Gonzales wins Senate confirmation as the nation’s first Hispanic attorney general despite protests over his record on torture.

Birthdays

• Charles “Pretty Boy” Floyd, the American gangster who was killed when trying to elude police and the FBI, was born in 1890.

• Australian actress Isla Fisher turns 46.

• Television actress Maura Tierney, who starred on “ER” and “Newsradio,” turns 57.

• Bob Griese, the quarterback who led the Miami Dolphins to two Super Bowl titles, turns 77.

• Former Minnesota Viking quarterback Fran Tarkenton turns 82.

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• The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.

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Nick Heckman, 57

Nick Heckman, age 57 of Lawler, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at the Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Private family interment will take place at a later date.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Nick William Heckman was born Dec. 16, 1964, in Postville, the son of Leslie and Sherill (Rekow) Heckman. He grew up in the small Northeast Iowa town where he was born and, as a boy, he loved his summers at the town pool.

Nick received his education in Postville, where he was involved in football and baseball, before graduating with the Class of 1983. He furthered his education at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, where he majored in criminal justice.

He worked several jobs — including at a cabinet shop and putting up hog-confinement buildings — before landing a job as an electrician at the Featherlite plant in Cresco in 1996. Accepting that job proved to be a wonderful decision for Nick, for not only did he shine in his work there for 22 years but it was at Featherlite where he met his future wife, Deb.

The two were married on Sept. 15, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Church north of Lawler. Nick loved his wife Deb and stepson Zach, and Deb welcomed Nick’s sons Nicholas and Kristian into their beautiful blended family. They spent countless hours on their home, which was the old convent built in Lawler in the 1800s and was, as Deb put it, a fixer-upper. Nick was just the man to do the job.

He had the patience of Job, he had a God-given talent for knowing just how to fix pretty much anything and everything, having a knack for cobbling things together and making them look absolutely beautiful. His son Zach remembers the Friday or Saturday evening trips to Menard’s and Walmart, which meant that the family “had something to do on Sunday.”

Nick also loved his home’s flower beds, decorating for the holidays, and the legions of pets — they came in all sizes and many species, too — that the couple had over the years. One of his favorites was Bob, the chihuahua and wiener dog mix who may have been the runt of his litter but who also captured Nick’s heart.

Judith ‘Judy’ Arjes, 78

Judith “Judy” Arjes, age 78 of Lawler, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Saint Marys Campus, in Rochester, Minnesota.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Frey presiding.

Interment will be at a later date in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly.

Friends may greet the family an hour prior to the service on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.

Mary Beth Schmidt, 71

Mary Beth Schmidt, age 71 of Elma, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at Linn Haven Rehab and Healthcare in New Hampton.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in Elma with Pastor Leland Schmidt officiating.

There was a one-hour visitation prior to the funeral services at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Burial was at the Howard Cemetery in Elma. Online condolences may be left at www.conway-markhamfh.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.



Nick Heckman

After working more than 22 years at Featherlite, Nick took a job with Life Line Emergency Vehicles in Sumner, where he helped build ambulances until his health forced him into retirement.

Nick was a longtime member of the Lawler Fire Department, and in many ways, he found his calling as a fireman. He loved the lights, the sirens, the brotherhood, and the camaraderie, no question about it. But what made his work as a fireman meaningful was that he was helping people. Throughout his life, that was Nick in a nutshell. He always put others before himself.

Even as he battled health issues in recent years, he always kept a positive attitude and was always looking forward to the future. He and Deb always said “we can do this” and he put up a valiant and positive fight.

Nick was strong, confident, and determined. Throughout his life, he was a great, loyal friend who exuded graciousness and kindness to everyone, including his wife, his children, his friends, his fellow firefighters, and those he helped on all those calls he took as a fireman. If someone needed help throughout his life, Nick was always there to offer a hand, and he will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his wife; Deb; three sons, Zach (Nikki) Njus of Polk City, Nicholas Heckman of Ames, and Kristian (Aislinn) Heckman of Altoona; two grandchildren, Malachi and Payton; parents, Les and Sherill Heckman of Mountain Home, Arkansas; sister, Cori (Mario) Perez of Arizona; brothers-in-law, Dennis (Connie) Njus of New Hampton and David Njus (Lisa) of Lawler; sisters-in-law, Dawn Njus of New Hampton, and Samantha Njus of Lawler; and nieces and nephews, Coral, Allie, Macie and Nick Njus, Keira Myers, Chris Thies, Elizabeth Njus and Tyler Perez.

Nick was preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Lyle and Bernette Njus; and brothers-in-law, Eric Njus and Greg Thies.

Sharon Isenhower, 82



Sharon Isenhower

Sharon Isenhower, age 82 of Fredericksburg, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at Hillcrest Baptist & Brethren Church in Fredericksburg with the Rev. Scott Smith presiding.

Interment was held in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg with Joel Martin, Ben Benter, Jordan Doubek, Roy Speicher, Avery Sassman, and Luke Mumford serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Nick Rieck, Tristian Rempel, Andrew Martin, Andria Flack, Brayden Sanderson, and numerous foster children.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Sharon’s remarkable life — one defined by a giving heart — began on Sept. 9, 1939, when she was born to Milton and Dorothy (Slick) Grummitt in New Hampton.

She grew up in Fredericksburg with her three sisters and one brother and attended Fredericksburg High School, where she played 6-on-6 basketball and was the major-ette in the band.

Sharon married Richard Martin, and the couple had six children — Dennis, Ken, Bill, Connie, John, and Cori — who had a mother who had so many talents. She was a mason, a painter, a crafter, and a seamstress who was incredibly creative. She faced plenty of adversity in her life — her first husband died at a young age, two of her children passed away, and she battled cancer valiantly on and off for more than 30 years — but she always did so with deep faith and willingness to put up a good fight.

After Richard passed away, she married Dave Isenhower. They were the first couple to

ever exchange vows at the new Hillcrest Baptist and Brethren Church building when they were married on April 16, 1976, and began a wonderful life together that would last for almost 46 years.

Early in her life, she worked as a waitress and in a rest home before she put herself through cosmetology school which led her to open her own beauty shop, Hair by Shar. In the 1970s, she went to work for John Rich, who started the Chickasaw Ambulance Service, and she became one of the first paramedics to work in the county. In 1983, she became a dispatcher at the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office.

In 1989, the year she was first diagnosed with breast cancer, she felt God’s calling, and she and David became foster parents. For more than 20 years, they fostered several hundred children, and almost all of them saw Sharon as much more than a foster mother; instead, she was their loving grandmother, their “Mima,” and she helped put many of them on the right path by giving them her love, taking them to church and partaking in countless rounds of “Bible quizzing.”

When she and David “retired” as foster parents in 2012, she worked at the Treasure Chest in New Hampton, and she looked

Thomas A. Carolan, 70



Tom Carolan

Thomas A. Carolan, age 70 of Waucoma, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2022, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Lawler, with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be at a later date in the church cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 8 to 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, at the church.

Thomas Allen Carolan was born Jan. 1, 1952, in New Hampton, the oldest son of Eugene and Margaret (Schupanitz) Carolan.

Tom grew up on a farm south of Lawler with his six younger brothers. He helped his parents with a variety of chores and received his education at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School before transferring to Fredericksburg High School, where he was a member of the Class of 1970. He attended Luther College for a couple of years before pursuing his love of farming.

One night in November 1975, Tom attended a dance at Chip’s Ballroom and met Eileen Langreck. The two hit it off, began dating and were married on Feb. 5, 1977 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church.

The couple settled on their farm and welcomed three children — Cathy, Chris and Cindy. The three Carolan kids grew up with a father who worked hard

and liked to have fun but who also taught them a strong work ethic.

Tom loved farming, both working his crops and working with his beef cattle. He gave up the cattle in 2013, but he continued to raise corn and soybeans and was planning his 2022 growing season.

He enjoyed taking road trips, especially the one in which their wasn’t a set designation; instead, Tom would “point the car” in a certain direction and see where it would take them. On many of their trips, he enjoyed talking with farmers to see how they farmed in their area. Tom also loved to read —one of his favorite authors was John Sandford — and his home had more books than some libraries.

He loved his eight grandchildren and enjoyed giving them Ranger rides or taking them

forward to her Tuesday afternoon shifts every week.

Sharon took great pride in the Isenhower’s home located south of the Fredericksburg Sportsman’s Club. She designed and created the family’s fireplace, and her kids will always remember the countless trips to rock piles around the area they took as mom searched for the perfect rocks for her fireplace.

She loved being a mother and absolutely adored being a grandmother to her 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was, in short, the best “Mima” a child could have.

Sharon was a member Hillcrest Baptist and Brethren Church, and it was her deep faith that sustained her in a long and courageous battle with cancer that began so many years ago.

She was a practical woman, and her husband will tell you that she appreciated the gift of a skill saw much more than a vase full of flowers.

Sharon had a heart of gold, one that she showed in so many ways for so many years. As a wife, as a mother, as a paramedic, as a foster mother, as a grandmother, and as a great-grandmother, she always put others before herself and she will be greatly missed. But that faith, that belief in the Lord, tells us she is home with God today.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Dave of Fredericksburg, three sons, John (Katy), Dennis and Bill, all of Fredericksburg, a daughter, Connie (Keith) of Fredericksburg; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Randa of Maynard, and Brenda (David) of Fredericksburg; sister-in-law, Janice of Allision; and brother-in-law, Bill of Fredericksburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; in-laws; step-dad, Mike; daughter, Cori; son, Kenneth; and granddaughter, Samantha; sister, Karla; brother, Lurton.

along with him in the combine. Tom was a straight shooter and you always knew where you stood with him, but he loved to have a beer or two and shoot the breeze.

He was a wonderful husband to Eileen for more than 44 years, he taught his children valuable lessons they will use for the rest of their lives. He was a faithful steward of the land and he was a loyal friend. In short, he will be dearly missed by many.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen of Waucoma; two daughters, Cathy (Randy) Sabelka of Spillville, and Cindy (Jeremy) Ott of Waterloo; one son, Chris Carolan of Waucoma; eight grandchildren, Eryn, Nolan and Derek Sabelka, Gene, Ella and Cara Carolan, Keegan and Lexie Ott; five brothers, Steve (Sherri) Carolan of Decorah, Dan (Laurie) Carolan of Lawler, Ron (Tammy) Carolan of Fredericksburg, Terry (Maura) Carolan of Gretna, Nebraska, Mark (Leann) Carolan of Ft. Myers, Florida; sister-in-law, Gail Carolan of Waucoma; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Rich (Honor) Langreck, Kathleen (Paul) Gnade, Shirley Smith, Doris Mitchell, Joe Langreck.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gerry; mother and father-in-law, Francis and Katherine Langreck; brothers-in-law, John Langreck and Paul Smith; sister-in-law, Tina Langreck; and nephew, Lance Langreck.

Briefs

Bank Iowa employee earns ‘Enable Great Things’ award

Bank Iowa has announced the winners of the family-owned bank’s second annual Living our Values awards. The awards recognize team members who have acted in alignment with one or more of Bank Iowa’s four core values: Be People Centered, Bring Your Best, Enable Great Things and Think Big.

One of the award, the Enable Great Things, went to a Bank Iowa employee, Kim Berns, in New Hampton.

Berns has earned a reputation both within Bank Iowa and the community as a doer, achiever and someone genuinely interested in helping her clients achieve their financial dreams.

She is always willing to help, regularly giving her time and talents to internal training initiatives. Berns was instrumental in helping Bank Iowa approve just under \$137 million in PPP loans across both 2020 and 2021. She also helped onboard a significant new client for Bank Iowa, bringing the City of New Hampton’s new telecom system into the Bank Iowa family in 2021.

Also honored by Bank Iowa were Isabelle

Scully of Oskaloosa with the Be Centered Award, Carol Ricker from the bank’s corporate office with the Bring Your Best award and Dyanne Poppen of Humoldt with the Think Big award.

Lawler Lions Club to serve breakfast this Sunday

The Lawler Lions Club will be sponsoring a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds for the event, which will be held at the Turkey Valley school, will go to the Lawler Lions Volunteerism scholarships. Tickets are \$8 and the meal is dine-in or carry-out.

Tickets are available at Insurance Associates of Lawler and Bank Iowa, or from any Lawler Lions Club member.

Mobile Food Bank to make monthly stop on Feb. 17

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly stop in New Hampton on Thursday, Feb. 17 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Food insecure residents are invited to receive food from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

News Bits From Our Past

Week of January 30 1947 (75 years ago)
• Carl Josephson resigned his positions after nine years and almost four months of service on the job with the U.S. Post Office. His resignation went to the postal department on Jan. 20, but will not be effective until March 1.
Maynard Douglas will serve temporarily. Carl was the first man on the job with Spencer Construction Co. on the new post office building, which he left to go to this messenger service, Dec. 1, 1937. The following February he was given the express contract, and in this time he missed but eight trains.
Throughout the last five years he has done part time work at the Willadsen Garage, later known as the Willadsen and Krueger Garage. He has now accepted a full time position as a mechanic with this company since moving to their new location.
• Francis Kalkbrenner had a disappointment when he reported to the West Coast for overseas service to learn that orders were changed, and instead, he was to report at a camp in South Carolina in charge of trainees.
Thus a nice long ride of six days for his new assignment where he had expected a boat ride.

1971 (50 years ago)
• The Friday night storm which hit most of Northeast Iowa also left its mark in the New Hampton area as travelers were stranded in the city and vehicles were left abandoned on the highways as their occupants sought shelter from the storm. No new snow was recorded, but high winds brought zero visibility mark.
Wreckers were out full force Saturday morning as cars and trucks were towed out of ditches and snow banks. The hotel and motels were full so a number of New Hampton residents opened their homes to stranded travelers.

• Under the leadership of two sophomore girls, one from New Hampton, halftime activities at football and basketball games at Waldorf College, Forest City, have been enlivened this year by the marching of Waldorf's first drill team consisting of 16 girls.
Under the leadership of Jody Betten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Betten of New Hampton and with the sponsorship of the Waldorf Pep Club, the drill team was organized last fall.
1997 (25 years ago)
• The 50th edition of the state's oldest wrestling conference tournament offered something that's not been common in the past, overall team balance. Only sixty-eight points separated first through sixth in what had to be one of the closest final team standings in recent memory for this meet.
New Hampton head coach Larry Straw said the conference is really loaded this year and the NEIC has got to be the toughest conference in the state this year. Every school that placed from first through sixth has three to five outstanding individual wrestlers. New Hampton came out in the second division of that dog-fight, placing sixth with a team score of 140. Charles City won the meet with a team score of 208.

• Adam Postgate, age 15, was recently awarded his First Degree Black Belt at ceremonies in Decorah. Adam has been a student of the martial arts since the summer of 1994 when he joined the New Hampton Taekwondo Club under the instruction of Brian Gage.
Adam earned his Black Belt at Little Tree Taekwondo Club in Decorah. Adam is the son of Tom and Dawn Felton, New Hampton.
2012 (10 years ago)
• New Horizons-Chamber Promotions Committee Chairman Rick Kramer presented Ken and Shari Rasing with the New Horizons Volunteers of the Year at the Chamber's annual banquet.
Also, during the banquet, New Horizons-Chamber's Jenny Monteith presented members of the Quilters Guild with the Community Volunteer Award. New Horizons-Chamber President Jackie Perkins spoke about the successes the organization had in the past year. Former Parkersburg Police Chief Chris Luhring was the guest speaker for the evening.

• Conference champions have been a rare commodity for New Hampton in the past four years. So although Waverly-Shell Rock, a 3A team, retained the team title, the six champions brought home by the Chickasaws, made it a great day. The Chickasaws were second with Charles City in third place.
New Hampton's champions were Leighton Gaul at 113, Jordan Roths at 132, Brandon Schissel at 138, Sawyer Anderson at 162, David Kramer at 170 and Logan Hopp at 285.
2017 (5 years ago)
• The 12th year of Cowboy Poetry was held in Lawler with two performances with one afternoon performance held in New Hampton on Saturday.
Gerry Mishak said he saw faces in the crowd that have been returners and huge supporters for the past 12 years. This year's proceeds went to the recreational Tribe Trail being made in New Hampton.
Tribe Trail Committee members volunteered during the performances bussing tables and doing what needed to be done to make the event a success.
• Rapid Printers was packed as community members filed into the business to congratulate owner Brad Schwickerath on 20 years in business.
Ray Klenske started the company in the spring of 1984, when Klenske was at retirement age and looking to sell in 1996, Brad's father, Lynn Schwickerath, and Brad thought it would be a good fit and Brad bought the business.

2021 (1 year ago)
• A party for Paul Hassman's 107th birthday was on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Five children and three spouses celebrated with him "through a window" at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center. Because of COVID, Paul was inside, and the guests were outside.
Paul was born in 1914, more than six months before World War I started, and he attended New Hampton High School, where he was a state wrestling champion and the school's first-ever FFA state officer.
— News Bits From Our Past are compiled weekly by the Tribune's Terri Josephson



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Those driving through Nashua recently may be wondering why this car is sitting on the lake, and the answer is it's part of the Nashua Park Board's Winterfest celebration that will be held this Saturday on the lake and in Cedar View Park.

Nashua ready to celebrate winter City's Park Board looks like it will get 'good' weather for Saturday's Winterfest event

By Bob Fenske editor@nhtrib.com

Nat Sinnwell laughed when he was asked about what kind of the weather the Nashua Park Board wants for its Winterfest celebration.
"I'll tell you this much," the Park Board chairman said last week after the low temperature that morning came in at 22 below, "we don't want 20 below, like it was this morning, but at the same time, we want it to be a little winter like, if that makes any sense. The 20s would be perfect."
But no matter what the weather, the Park Board is bringing back Winterfest to Nashua on Saturday, and board members have a variety of activities — ranging from curling, motorbike ice racing demonstrations to skating to ice fishing to snowshoeing to broom ball to fireworks — planned for the day.
The event resurrects winter celebrations held years ago in Nashua and is also part of the Park Board's efforts to raise awareness about the gem the city has in Cedar View Park.
"We try to do something in the parks once a month when the weather's good," Sinnwell said, "but with the lake and everything, we just felt like Winterfest was a natural. We thought we'd give it a try, see how it goes and then build on it next year."
Winterfest not only is a chance to reconnect with celebrations from years ago, but it also will provide a chance to bring back curling to the community where it was

once a rite of winter. In the 1960s and early 1970s, the Nashua Town and Country Club had a curling rink, and on Feb. 5, the sport returns to Nashua — albeit on the ice of Cedar Lake.
"The tough part was the rocks," Sinnwell said, "and when we looked into it, we found out that to buy sets of used rocks — yes, used rocks — you'd need \$10,000 to \$15,000, but we were able to find a place that rents rocks for \$750 and we thought that might be the way to go."
The schedule for Winterfest begins at 11 a.m. with sledding in the park and the opening of warming houses and the lighting of bonfires and ends with a 5:30 p.m. fireworks show. Other events on the schedule include:
• Motorbike ice races demonstrations at 11 a.m.
• Youth open curling from 11 to 11:30 a.m.
• Open skating from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
• A curling tournament — or at least "pickup" games of curling — at 11:30 a.m.
• Snowshoeing from 1 to 3 p.m.
• Broom ball — think hockey without skates and sticks but with boots and brooms — from 3 to 5 p.m.
In addition, St. John Lutheran Church will host a coffee and hot chocolate bar, there will be a pool tournament at Big Willie's beginning at 11 a.m. and a soup and chili cook-off and a bags tournament at the Nashua Town and Country Club beginning at 5 p.m.
The only downside to the date is that it

does conflict with sectional wrestling tournaments, and Nashua-Plainfield's powerhouse program competes in a Class 1A meet at Clarksville.
"There isn't really a date that you can find where you don't have a conflict," Sinnwell said, "and with the way winters have been — we've had a lot of warm Decembers lately — we didn't want to go too early because we wanted to make sure the ice was strong. Like I said, we'll try it this year and we'll make adjustments next year."
There is no admission fee to the park for Winterfest, but the Park Board will have buckets for freewill donations.
Instead, the big fundraiser for the Park Board will be the "Car Drop."
And just what is the "Car Drop?"
It's actually quite simple. A car is currently parked on the lake, and residents will have opportunities to buy "15-minute increments" to guess when the car will drop through the ice this spring.
The winner will receive a gift basket that includes \$50 from Smoke, Sizzle and Sear, \$50 from Miller's Custom Processing, \$20 from JTees, \$20 Big Willie's, \$20 from Nubs, \$20 from the Husky Wellness Center and two free nights of camping at Cedar View Park.
"It's going to be a lot of fun," Sinnwell said, "and we're appreciative of everyone who's helping us put this together. I'm already hearing about people strategizing about when the ice will go and the car will drop."

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Benefit for Alta Vista family who lost home to fire set for March 5

A benefit for an Alta Vista family that lost their home and their belongings in a Nov. 27 fire will be held early next month.
The Josh and Theresa Douglas Family House Fire Benefit will be held on Saturday, March 5, at the Alta Vista Hall.
The benefit will begin with a free-will donation pulled-pork meal and the start of the silent auction. The live auction will start at 6 p.m.
Donations for the benefit may be dropped off at 116 E. Weber St. in Alta Vista, and there is also a benefit account set up at People's Savings Bank in Elma. Donations to that account can be sent to PO Box 357, Elma, IA 50628.
For more information on the benefit, contact Keith (Hammer) Glaser at 641-229-5974 or Amanda Frantzen at 319-486-7676.
Twin Ponds Nature Center plans outdoor event for Valentine's weekend
The Chickasaw County Conservation Board is inviting the public to come out to Twin Ponds Nature Center on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to do some snowshoeing or

cross-country skiing.
Staff will be on hand to help you with the basics if you haven't skied or snowshoed before.
Trips out on the trail will be led by staff at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and skiers and snowshoers will travel by the Wapsipinicon River look for signs of wildlife.
No registration is required, but if there isn't much snow, please call 641-394-2174 ahead of time as the event may be canceled.
Caregiver support group meetings held each third Monday of the month
Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A) has resumed monthly in-person support group meetings.
The meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Education Room of the Spectrum Network building, located at 607 Washington Street, in Decorah.
Masks are recommended, and anyone experiencing COVID symptoms should stay home.
A phone-in or Zoom option is also available for the convenience of those who would like to attend the meetings.

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ISU Extension to hold seed treatment course Feb. 16

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County will host a seed treatment continuing instruction course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, Feb. 16

The local attendance site is Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach office in New Hampton. Due to social distancing requirements, preregistration is required.

Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. The course runs from 9 to 11 a.m.

The registration fee is \$35 on or before Feb. 9 and \$45 after Feb. 9. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

Applications being taken for Iowa Farm Bureau scholarships

High school students graduating in spring of 2022 are encouraged to apply for Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's (IFBF) \$2,500 scholarship, awarded to 27 eligible Iowa high school seniors and renewable for four years, up to \$10,000.

Scholarship eligibility is reserved for current Iowa Farm Bureau members or their children in good standing with the organization. Those wishing to become members should visit www.iowafarmbureau.com. To be considered, the graduating high school student must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average, be involved in extra-curricular activities and accepted into an accredited higher education institution, including community colleges and technical schools.

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

Each of IFBF's 100 county Farm Bureaus will send one application from their county to be considered for the state

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID M. SNYDER,

Deceased, Probate No. ESPR003013 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of David M. Snyder, Deceased, who died on or about October 18, 2021 .

You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of December, 2021, the last will and testament, first codicil to last will and testament and second codicil to last will and testament of David M. Snyder deceased, bearing the dates of the 21st day of February, 1978, the 30th day of June, 1980 and the 5th day of May, 1983, respectively were admitted to probate in the above named court and that Beverly J. Snyder was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2022. Christopher F. O'Donohoe, ELWOOD, O'DONOHOE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP Attorney for executor, 101 North Locust Avenue, P.O. Box 310, New Hampton, Iowa 50659, ICIS Pin#: AT0005848, Date of second publication February 3 day of , 2022.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
Assessing Jurisdiction: CHICKASAW COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 2/23/2022 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: Community Services Building 260 E. Prospect Street New Hampton, IA 50659

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.

Contact Name: Raymond L. Armel Contact Telephone Number: (641) 394-2813

	FYE June 30, 2021 Actual	FYE June 30, 2022 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2023 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2023	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2023	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	399,995	420,380	488,642		502,191	508,953	20,250	0	461,630
2. FICA				0	0	0	0	0	0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. TOTAL	399,995	420,380	488,642	0	502,191	508,953	20,250	0	461,630

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.50349

Virtual Meeting Information:

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Chickasaw County Ambulance Council

December 21, 2021
Meeting Minutes
260 E Prospect Ave
New Hampton, IA 50659
Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Mueterthies at 6:00 pm

Ambulance Council members present: Scott Cerwinski, Jim Ashley, Randy Taylor, Jacob Hackman, Amy Lares, Mark Mueterthies, David Geerts, James Mitchell, Bobby Schwickerath.

Ambulance Council members absent: None

Guest's present were Jeff Bernatz, Joan Knoll, Kurt Knoll, Stephanie Mashek, Jason Byrne, Doreen Cook, Gary Griffin, Kris Griffin, Sheriton Dettmer, Tim Zoll, Brannon Anderson, Jenny Monteith, Shirley Troyna, Matt Kuhn, Aaron Flugum, Brian Lares, Dawn Heying, Jeremy McGrath, Lisa Welter, Marge TeKippe, Sandra Schueth, Bonnie Huegel, Louise Harris, Dianne Quinn, Bob Fenske, Marty Hemann, Donna Geerts, Dave Laudner, Megan Baltes.

Motion by Bobby Schwickerath, seconded by Amy Lares to change #5 "claims" to #5 "Discuss 28E" and approve the agenda with changes. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Motion by David Geerts, seconded by Jacob Hackman to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2021 Chickasaw County Ambulance Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Jeff Bernatz reminded the CCAC that all members need to complete and return the signature sheet of the 28E addendum.

Motion by Jim Ashley, seconded by Jacob Hackman to table the discussion of AMR Bid for Ambulance Service in Chickasaw County. Roll Call: New Hampton-Yes, Fredericksburg/Nashua-Yes, CCAC-y, Lawler/Alta Vista/

Ionla/Bassett-Yes, Board of Supervisors-Yes. Motion Carried

Jacob Hackman addresses the CCAC in reference to a feasibility study stating that the Board of Supervisors voted to recommend that the CCAC do this feasibility study and use the seed money to pay for it.

James Mitchell asked if the feasibility study would be for a county run ambulance or just ambulance needs in general. Jason Byrne would like it to be for a county run ambulance.

Jacob Hackman questioned what would happen if the payroll is larger than the \$262,500 ceiling, where would that money come from. Are the cities in the 28E agreeable to redo the current 28E if need be? Jim Ashley asked then if there is a profit, do the cities share the profit?

Stephanie Mashek advised that 422D only pays for tangible things and does not pay for salary or benefits, we need to find a way to close that gap. Dave Laudner reminds the CCAC that they could still pursue the public option without putting it on the ballot.

Matt Kuhn brings up that currently it is based on per capita, would that be the best way to continue with? Scott Cerwinski recommends waiting until the feasibility study comes back because if the study recommends no ambulance in Nashua, then Nashua is out of the 28E.

Jacob Hackman asks who should pay for the feasibility study, Scott Cerwinski advised if the BOS is going to oversee the county run ambulance, then the BOS should pay for the study, Jacob Hackman agreed.

Jim Ashley asked where the "rescue money" was, Stephanie Mashek advised that it is in an interest-bearing account and we do get to keep the interest earned. Jim Ashley recommends buying buildings and rigs with that money. Stephanie

Mashek reminded him as she stated earlier that the salary and benefits gap is what needs to be addressed. Jim Ashley said the "\$250,000" should cover that. Stephanie Mashek and Jason Byrne strongly disagreed with that.

Jeremy McGrath informed the CCAC with some details on SafeTec Solutions. Jeremy McGrath has not used this company; it came recommended by an EMS friend.

Aaron Flugum wants to know what the defense is for where the money to pay for the feasibility study comes from. The money came out of a settlement between the county and the CCAC, isn't that what that money is for. James Mitchell agreed that is probably the most fair way to do it.

Motion by Randy Taylor, seconded by Jim Ashley to use the seed money to contact a company to do an EMS feasibility study. Roll Call: New Hampton-Yes, Fredericksburg/Nashua-Yes, CCAC-Yes, Lawler/Alta Vista/Ionia/Bassett-Yes, Board of Supervisors-Yes. Motion Carried

Motion by Jacob Hackman, seconded by James Mitchell to setup a committee to be the sole contactor for SafeTec Solutions consisting of a Board of Supervisor representative and a New Hampton representative. Roll Call: New Hampton-Yes, Fredericksburg/Nashua-Yes, Lawler/Alta Vista/Ionia/Bassett-Yes, Board of Supervisors-Yes

Jacob Hackman addressed the CCAC that no one has reached out to the current provider to discuss renegotiation of the current vendor. Jacob Hackman wants to know if this is an option, if not let's lay it to rest. Mark Mueterthies asked Jeremy McGrath directly if it was an option, Jeremy McGrath advised that he would be willing to sit down with a couple of people to discuss it. Bridget Edson questioned if it would be easier to just

ask the current provider to rescind his resignation and that way CCAC would have until June 30, 2023 to work on the future. Jacob Hackman agreed but added that there would probably be an increase to the current contract. James Mitchell asked if all representatives have received votes from their cities on the AMR bid, maybe that needs to be discussed first. Jacob Hackman again stated, for the record, that CCAC did hear that the current provider is willing to discuss continuing EMS service in Chickasaw County.

Motion by James Mitchell, seconded by David Geerts to create a two-person committee to meet with the current provider to discuss rescinding his termination before the January 5th meeting. Ionia and Board of Supervisors volunteered to be on this committee. Roll Call: New Hampton-Yes, Fredericksburg/Nashua-Yes, CCAC-No, Lawler/Alta Vista/Ionia/Bassett-Y, Board of Supervisors-Yes. Motion Carried.

Jacob Hackman asked Stephanie Mashek to explain to the audience what the dates are for the ARPA program. All funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and all funds have to be expended by December 31, 2026. Interest earned on the ARPA money may be spent as seen fit, ARPA rules do not apply to interest earned.

Motion by Randy Taylor, seconded by David Geerts to adjourn at 1843. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Mark Mueterthies, Chairman
Chickasaw County Ambulance Council
Jeff Bernatz, Secretary
Chickasaw County Ambulance Council

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CHICKASAWCOUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, January 24th, 2022, at 9:00 AM with members present Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kuhn. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Assessor Ray Armel, Joan Knoll, Toni Friedrich, Cindy Shoemaker, EMA Jeff Bernatz, and Bob Fenske, member of the media.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for January 24th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the minutes from January 17th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM No public comment
Jeremy McGrath and Mark Knoll present at 9:05 AM.

Committee Assignment Update:
Hackman stated he will attend the Pathways meeting tonight as the alternate.

9:06 AM Ray Armel discussed minor subdivision for Lynn Boeding.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve Resolution 01-24-22-07. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, and Kuhn. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION 01-24-22-07 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF:

Parcels 2022-2, 2022-3 and 2022-4 ALL IN PARCEL C IN the NE1/4 of the sE1/4 of section 2, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 24th DAY of January, 2022 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of
Parcels 2022-2, 2022-3 and 2022-4 ALL IN PARCEL C IN the NE1/4 of the sE1/4 of section 2, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of Parcels 2022-2, 2022-3 and 2022-4 ALL IN PARCEL C IN the NE1/4 of the sE1/4 of section 2, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa

Has now been considered and should

be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 24th DAY of JANUARY, 2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Auditor

Anita Eschweiler and Lisa Welter present at 9:08 AM.

Armel left at 9:08 AM.
9:10 AM Public Health Board members Cindy Shoemaker, Joan Knoll, Toni Friedrich, and Jeremy McGrath discussed budget request FY 2022-2023.

Consensus of the board is to allocate \$1,350,000 to Public Health for FY 2022-2023. This is an increase from the previous consensus of the board.

Shoemaker, McGrath, J. Knoll, Eschweiler, and Welter left at 9:43 AM.

Discussed Medical Examiner Investigator applicant.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne hire India May to be an on call Medical Examiner Investigator effective January 24th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussed purchasing the necessary equipment for the new Medical Examiner Investigator.

Chad Humpal and Caleb Ciavarelli present at 9:44 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to acknowledge the resignation of Home Health Care Aide, Randi Brandt, effective January 28th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Committee Assignment Update:
Hackman attended DeCat on meeting January 19th, 2022.

10:00 AM Chad Humpal discussed the HR Green and Iowa DNR landfill closure and to proceed with the alarm system. Humpal also provided a department update.

Dave Gorman present at 10:15 AM. Humpal and Ciavarelli left at 10:15 AM.

Discussion on the applicants for the part-time custodial position.
Gorman left at 10:18 AM.

Discussion on the American Rescue Plan Act committee capital projects proposals.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to add Chad Humpal, Chickasaw County Conservation Director, to the American Rescue Plan Act Committee. Roll Call:

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bernatz left at 10:40 AM
Committee Assignment Update:
Zoll attended the Heartland Risk Pool Insurance meeting on January 20th, 2022.

Kuhn attended the INRCOG executive meeting on January 20th, 2022.

Byrne attended the Juvenile Detention meeting on January 21st, 2022.

Hackman attended the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council meeting on January 19th, 2022.

Terry Johnson present at 10:50 AM. Fenske left at 10:55 AM.

David Laudner present at 10:57 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to enter into closed session of possible purchase or sale of real property pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(J) at 11:02 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Johnson, Friedrich, and M. Knoll left at 10:58 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to end closed session at 11: 47 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Laudner left at 11:47 AM.

Terry Johnson present at 11:47 AM. Chair declared recess at 11:48 AM.

Reconvened at 12:00 PM with all members present as well as Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Terry Johnson.

Discussion of having a meeting with Laura with Inspiring Lives on February 3, 2022.

Budget Work Session.
Sheriff Martin Hemann present at 12:17 PM.

Hemann left at 12:50 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the RESOLUTION 01-24-22-08 to set the Public Hearing for the Max Tax Levy on February 7th, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the courthouse, publish in the official County newspapers and the County Website. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION NO.01-24-22-08 A RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023, FOR GENERAL COUNTY SERVICES AND RURAL SERVICES. WHEREAS, the 2019 Iowa Code chapter 331 was amended by SF 634 adding Section 331.433.A effective January 1, 2020 requiring Chickasaw

County to hold a public hearing after property notice, setting the maximum General County Services (General Basic and General Supplemental) and Rural Services (Rural Basic and Rural Supplemental) for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors has set February 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the board room in the Chickasaw County Courthouse, 8 East Prospect, New Hampton, Iowa as the date, time, and place for the public hearing for the proposed county property tax levy and maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, and WHEREAS, the Notice to the Public for the above referred hearing must be given not less than ten (10) days or more than twenty (20) days prior to the date herein established for hearing as provided by law. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a public hearing thereon will be held in the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting room at the Courthouse in New Hampton, Chickasaw County, Iowa on the 7th day of February 2022, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at which time and place the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors will consider arguments for or against the property tax levy and the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural Services for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be published notice of such hearing on the time not less than ten (10) days or more than twenty (20) days prior to the date herein established for hearing as provided by law. A copy of said Notice of Public Hearing is attached hereto and marked "Exhibit A" and is incorporated herein as though set forth verbatim. Dated this 24th day of January 2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Auditor

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 1:16 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisor
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXTENSION

The Extension Council of the above named County will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year 2022/2023 budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 2/17/2022 Meeting Time: 05:45 PM Meeting Location: Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach Office 104 E Main St New Hampton IA 50659

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Extension Council Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 674-A) will be furnished upon request.

Contact Name: Kraig Tweed Contact Telephone Number: (641) 394-2174

FUND	FYE June 30, 2021 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2022 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2023 Budget Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2023	Estimated FY 2023 Beg. Balance	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	Estimated Utility Tax Replacement and Property Tax Dollars
1. County Agricultural Extension Education	295,892	338,483	344,062	332,860	325,952	259,481	267,000
2. Unemployment Compensation	0	0	25,000	46	20,046	4,859	5,000
3. Tort Liability	0	3,500	4,000	6,196	6,196	3,887	4,000
4. TOTAL	295,892	341,983	373,062	339,102	352,194	268,227	276,000

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No. 21720
02/03/2022



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Bob Fenske/Tribune

An up-and-close personal civics lesson

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, talks with a group of Turkey Valley seniors who are members of Michelle Nystel’s government class. All told, Nystel brought more than 30 students to Grassley’s town-hall meeting that was held at the Chickasaw Wellness Complex, and a number of students took the opportunity to ask Iowa’s senior senator questions during the forum.

Grassley: Iowa will benefit from infrastructure bill

GRASSLEY: FROM 1

Grassley, who has served in the Senate since first being elected in 1980, railed against Democratic initiatives that he said has led to growing concerns about inflation and President Joe Biden’s decision to have “open borders,” but he also added that he did support the infrastructure bill that was passed with bi-partisan support.

He said the infrastructure bill will provide Iowa with almost \$431 million to fix deficient state bridges and another \$65 million to help the state expand broadband to under-serviced areas.

Grassley also touted bi-partisan bills like attacking what he said is the monopolistic “big tech” firms and also address the unfair treatment of cattle feeders who want to negotiate the prices they are paid.

He also said he would play an active role in confirming a new Supreme Court justice. An opening on the court was created earlier this week when Stephen Breyer announced his retirement after 28 years on the nation’s highest court.

Grassley is the ranking minority mem-

ber on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and following the forum, Grassley said his litmus test for a new court member was “someone who follow the Constitution and follow through on the intent the framers had and uphold the laws Congress passes.”

Upholding the law was a common theme during the forum when he discussed illegal immigration.

“We do need to pass an immigration bill,” he said at one point during the forum, “with the understanding that we need farm workers and professional workers. ... But people who ask me why doesn’t Congress do anything, my answer is we don’t enforce the law, we write the law. And it’s illegal to come to this country without going through [the proper channels].”

Asked later in the forum what he would tell teachers to teach to students like those from Turkey Valley who attended the forum, Grassley had a quick answer.

“Respect for the law and respect for the Constitution,” he said, “especially when the president is saying to come to this country even though it’s a violation of the law.”

He also spoke out against those

Democrats who have taken up the “defund police” cause, saying that it would just lead to vigilante justice and “just go back to the 1870s, 1880s and 1890s in the western states to see how that worked.”

Among the other issues he touched on in New Hampton included:

- He continued to express support to find ways to help young Americans find their way into farming, saying he supported the federal government’s Young Farmers Program and caps on how much an individual farmer can receive from federal programs.
- Grassley touted his “Second Amendment” record, pointing out that one of his only concerns about the Violence Against Women Act is a clause that he said makes it too easy for residents to lose their gun rights without a trial.
- Asked about a federal deficit that is now over \$30 trillion, he said the key would be to pass a constitutional amendment requiring the federal government to have a balanced budget.

He said short of that, he’d support freezing expenditures as a way to slowing the growth of the deficit.



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

Feenstra touts work done by New Hampton graduate

FEENSTRA: FROM 1

prior to moving his office to Washington, D.C.

Feenstra understands the plight and difficult times that Iowans are facing. The nation is still trying to climb out of the depths of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been a large reason that inflation has skyrocketed.

Feenstra wants to do something about gas being over \$3 a gallon and the price of groceries that have risen substantially at the cash register.

“Obviously, it’s hurting everyone, inflation is right now. Families sitting around the kitchen table trying to figure out their budget when everything’s going up 20 percent. That’s my focus right now – working for the farmer and working for the families and trying to figure out our supply-chain issues.”

Another issue that Feenstra wants to tackle is the discord that has been brewing for quite some time now on both sides of the fence – Democrat vs. Republican. Or simply put, the divide between Americans that has fractured the nation and made it more difficult to move forward with policies that benefit America, regardless of one’s party affiliation.

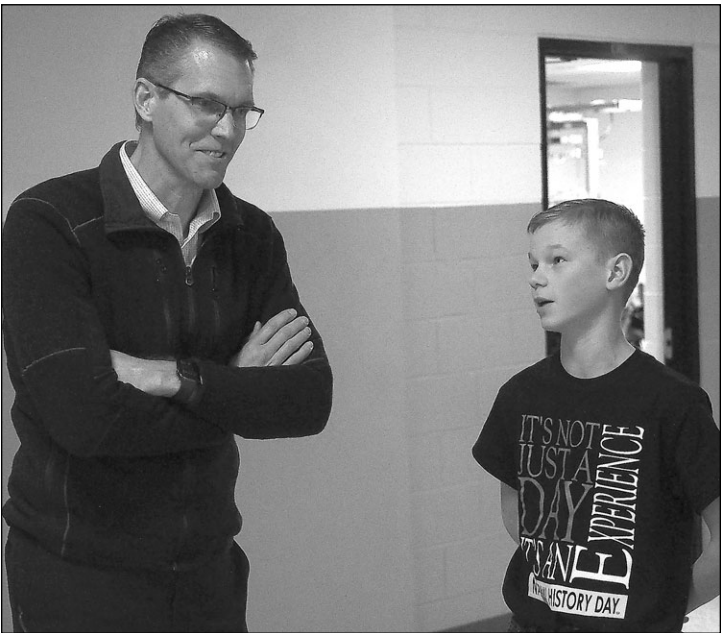
Feenstra, like his colleagues on Capitol Hill, is trying to bring together his constituents and repair the damage done from the nation arguing over the slightest of disagreements.

“It’s been exciting, but challenging. Challenging in the fact that they we hear a lot of division and yet we’re trying to work collaboratively when it comes to bio-fuels and farm issues,” said Feenstra. “That’s where I spend a lot of my focus on trying to work on those issues.”

Whether or not everyone is going to agree on a particular matter may be wishful thinking, but Feenstra said there are chances and moments to unite, rather than divide.

“What we see on, whether it be CNN or Fox News, there’s always division – talking about everybody fighting against each other. But I will say there’s opportunities. The opportunity is in agriculture. The opportunity is in science, technology and bio-fuels – that we can work collaboratively to create solutions to be energy independent,” said Feenstra.

One newly enforced rule that has many farmers in Iowa upset is Proposition 12 – a law that was implemented by the state of California at the start of this year to prevent animal cruelty. That means pork being processed at thousands of hog farms across Iowa will come under new requirements and regulations if that meat is to be sold to the Golden State. The proposition also mandates the raising of calves and egg-laying hens to come under new established guidelines. The sale of such meat and egg products would be prohibited unless



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra, R-Iowa, talks with National History Day champion Caleb Sinnwell during his visit to Nashua-Plainfield High School last week.

those new requirements are met on how animals are housed and raised.

Feenstra feels the changes imposed by California to one of Iowa’s biggest industries is unnecessary.

“This is going to put a lot of stress on our hog producers,” said Feenstra. “We’re really worried about Proposition 12 right now – meaning that a lot of our hog producers are going to have to change the way they do things or not sell into California. I get very angry and frustrated at states like California that have no idea what farming looks like. If they would come down and see what hog production looks like, they’d probably think differently.”

Feenstra brought with him a familiar face for many in New Hampton on his trip to northeast Iowa.

Emily Schwickerath – a 2015 New Hampton High School graduate – is Feenstra’s District 4 Director. Her office is headquartered in Ames and Feenstra first met Schwickerath when she was working at the Iowa State Capitol. Schwickerath worked on Feenstra’s campaign to get elected to the U.S. Congress.

“She had a great work ethic and was very involved in government,” said Feenstra. “She knew the district, especially this area, because I didn’t know this area as well.”

Feenstra added Schwickerath is a perfect fit to lead his district office.

Board of Supervisors approves new districts, library funds

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday approved the redrawing of the county’s supervisor districts, but the reality is that not much will change.

The maps were redrawn by the Legislative Services Agency and presented to the board on Monday, when Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said that the new maps based on the 2020 census will affect relatively few residents.

“It’s really only like 10 or something like that houses that will change districts,” Kuhn said. “This map basically is the same

as the one after [the] 2010 [census].”

Board members and Chickasaw County Auditor Stephanie Mashek also emphasized that the March 1 special election to fill the District 1 vacancy will be conducted using the map that was drawn up after the 2010 census.

State officials have told Mashek that the old district should be used because it was the one that elected Rick Holthaus – who passed away on Jan. 2 – in 2020.

Also on Monday, the Board of Supervisors approved providing \$124,337.50 in funding to six county libraries. The decision was approved by a 4-1 vote with Jake Hackman casting the dissenting vote.

Hackman pointed out that the amount

of funding the county would be providing to libraries was more than the state code required.

The Board of Supervisors each year provides funding to libraries in New Hampton, Nashua, Fredericksburg, Lawler, Alta Vista and Ionia based on a formula that includes base funding, a city’s population and the amount of funding it receives from its city.

New Hampton will receive county funding in the amount of \$28,758.70 in the fiscal year that begins July 1, Nashua will receive \$22,094.11, Fredericksburg will receive \$20,240.18, Ionia will receive \$17,882.85, Lawler will receive \$17,816.89 and Alta Vista will receive \$17,544.87.

Long-ago letter reminds that a father’s love never goes away

A week ago today my dad would have celebrated his 89th birthday. And I missed it.

Mel Fenske died on Oct. 25, 2004, so it’s been years since we celebrated his birthday with him, but I think, without fail, until this year, I’ve awakened every Jan. 27 since then and thought about my dad and what we would have done that day if he was still alive. When the lung cancer that had ravaged him for two years took him at the age of 71, my boys weren’t even in school yet, but “Grandpa Mel” was definitely one of their favorites.

When we lived in Mankato, Minnesota, it was often grandpa that served as the babysitter for Josh and Noah, and they loved roughhousing with him and they loved the fact that their grandfather had as big a sweet tooth as they did. The boys’ mother and I spent countless nights after going out on the town trying to get the boys to go to sleep, but we never quite found an antidote for the sugar high they would inevitably be on after a night with grandpa.

Dad was the first death they ever experienced, and the tears that were shed during that week back in October 2004 could have filled the biggest of reservoirs. For years after, we always had cake and ice cream on Jan. 27 and sang Dad “Happy Birthday.”

Even when that tradition ended sometime in the mid-2010s, the boys, too, would always remember their grandpa every Jan. 27.

So as I flipped through channels the other night and came across professional bowling – a sport we actually watched many Saturdays many years ago – on FS1, I thought of Dad and, suddenly, it hit me. I missed his birthday.

And I was sad.

Oh, last Thursday was a busy day. I helped put out an edition of the Nashua Reporter, troubleshoot some issues we were having with the internet and our server and spent the late afternoon and early evening officiating New Hampton’s junior varsity games against North Fayette Valley.

When the horn sounded after the boys game, I ran back to the office to send one final page before dashing home for a quick shower so I could get back to watch the varsity games.

When those games were over, I was wiped, which happens when fat guys like me try to run up and down the court with 15- and 16-year-old kids for a couple of games. I went home, went to bed and fell fast asleep.

It wasn’t until a few days later that it hit me that I had “missed” my dad’s birthday.

I’m sure Dad will forgive me – hell, he was probably up there in Heaven watching me ref and wondering about some of the calls I made. A few nights later, I turned on the bowling that reminded me of my father, and I was thinking I was kind of the bad son, you know?

I awoke the next morning – late as usual – and quickly showered before grabbing the notebook I needed for a story I needed to write that day at the office.

One problem. I couldn’t find it, which isn’t exactly a shocker to those who know me.

I looked through dresser drawers, desk drawers, the silverware drawer and just about every other drawer in my humble abode. I looked through the bookcase, I rummaged around the top of the refrigerator and I pulled out the washer and dryer to make sure it hadn’t fallen behind one or the other.

I remembered I had pulled out a “memory” box earlier in the weekend and thought maybe I dropped it in there by accident before putting the box full of pictures, notes and God only knows what else back into the closet.

I went back to the closet, pulled out the box and there it was – the notebook I had spent 35 frantic minutes trying to find.

I grabbed the notebook, but as I pulled it toward me, three papers came with the notebook.

I don’t know why but I sat down on the bed to take a closer look at the papers.

One was my second-grade report card from Mapleton Elementary, where it turns out I earned a ton of “5s,” which was good because that was the highest grade you could get. I scanned through it and saw that there was one “2” – needs improvement – and wondered what subject had led to that. I opened the fold, ran my hand across and realized that it wasn’t a subject that needed improvement back then; it was my “conduct.” I looked at the comment section of the report card, and this is what Mrs. Hansen wrote: “Bobby is an excellent student, but he talks too much.”

Hmmmmmm, I guess almost 50 years later, some things haven’t changed.

The second sheet of paper was for the first “letter” I earned as a high school athlete. “Bob Fenske, sophomore, letter, 1980 football season.”

That’s cool, I thought, and then opened the third sheet of paper, which had been tri-folded.

As soon as I saw the unmistakable handwriting of Mel Fenske, I began to tear up.

And then I read the letter, one my dad has sent to me when I was at Prairie Ridge in Mason City undergoing treatment for alcoholism back in April 1996.

The first few paragraphs were the old-how-are-you-doing and an update on the Twins’ ho-hum start to what would be another losing season, and then Dad, who had such a hard time expressing his feelings for much of his life, got down to the business at hand.

“I know this isn’t the place you want to be right now,” he wrote, “but I want you to know that I’m really proud of you for realizing you have a problem and trying to do something about it.”

He reminded me that both him and my mom – they had divorced seven years earlier – would be coming to Mason City for “family day” and, proving I got something from him, he joked about it.

“That could be interesting,” he wrote.

The seriousness returned almost immediately because part of “Family Day” at treatment is giving everyone – the guy going through the treatment, as well as the family members in attendance – a chance to talk about their feelings about what has transpired over the years.

“I always have a hard time talking about feelings, I know that’s something I know I need to work on,” he wrote, “but I’ll do it because no matter what you do, Bobby, I’m always going to love you.”

As I sat on the bed in the spare bedroom, I wept like a baby.

I did the math today and I’ve lived 30 percent of my life with my dad gone, yet even though I forgot his birthday this year and will in all likelihood do so again somewhere down the road, he’s still with me.

He still loves me. And that’s enough.

Decorah girls have answer for New Hampton's third quarter run

NH GIRLS: FROM 14

and harmony to be the best,” said Leichtman. “There’s times when this team sees all three of them together. We are starting to make that grow. That’s something that when you have players from all four levels that never played together coming together to create something. It’s not done overnight.”

Carlee Rochford’s eight points in the span of 1:27 trimmed Decorah’s advantage all the way down to 50-45 with 6:33 left in the game. Rochford drilled a 3-pointer to start the final period’s scoring, added a driving layup on the next possession and splashed down a pull-up 3-pointer that had the Chickasaw crowd in a frenzy with thoughts of an upset.

Then Decorah - blessed with two of the top scorers in the NEIC - peeled itself off the canvas after sustaining the Chickasaws’ knockout punch.

“They really know basketball,” said Rochford. “They’ve got a feel for the game so they always have an answer.”

Rochford, a junior, ended up connecting on four 3-pointers and ended up with 23 points. She is currently the third-leading scorer in the state at over 25 points a game.

She knows full well it takes an entire team to win ball games - something New Hampton (5-11, 1-7) is showing glimpses at doing on a consistent basis.

“I wouldn’t be there without my team,” said Rochford. “My team, we’ve improved so much. We’re very young. This year we can progress in the off-season, but also next year I think we’re going to be really good.”

Kandice Eggerichs, a junior NH guard, had a nice game with 14 points. Her 3-point buzzer-beater right before the end of the third period sliced Decorah’s lead to just 47-39.

Decorah won the first game versus New Hampton this winter, 58-37. While the Chickasaw deficit was larger this time than in that December loss versus the Vikings, last week’s game was entirely different as New Hampton was much more competitive.

“We played much better. I know even their coach told our coach we improved so much throughout the season,” said Rochford. “It was a good fight.”

Decorah was led by Bryar Duwe’s 35 points.

She rained down six made 3-pointers in the conference matchup. Yazmeen Whitsitt also was super productive from the perimeter. She pumped in 18 points and sank four 3-pointers.

DECORAH 70, NEW HAMPTON 46

Decorah	20	12	15	23	-	70
New Hampton	11	12	16	7	-	46

Carlee Rochford 8-20 3-3 23, Kandice Eggerichs 3-6 7-9 14, Elaina Rosonke 1-3 0-0 2, Molly Wegner 0-3 3-5 3, Kirsten Reicherts 0-3 0-0 0, Emily Jackson 0-0 1-2 1, Gracie Reicks 0-2 0-0 0, Taylor Ries 1-2 0-0 3, Cora Schwickerath 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 13-43 14-19 46.

3-point field goals - Rochford 4-10, Eggerichs 1-1, Wegner 0-1, Ries 1-1, Schwickerath 0-2.

Rebounds - Rochford 10, Rosonke 4, Wegner 4, Eggerichs 3, Ries 3, Schwickerath 3, Reicherts 2, Jackson 1.

Assists - Rochford 2, Wegner 2, Rosonke 1, Reicks 1, Schwickerath 1.

Steals - Reicherts 3, Wegner 2, Ries 1, Jackson 1, Eggerichs 1, Rochford 1.

Blocks - Rochford 1, Reicks 1, Schwickerath 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
New Hampton senior Emily Jackson peers around a Decorah defender and looks for an open teammate during Friday night's game.

Chickasaw girls fall in OT to North Fayette Valley

New Hampton rallies to force extra frame, but TigerHawks use key 7-0 overtime run to get non-league win

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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New Hampton rallied on Thursday versus North Fayette Valley.

The Chickasaws and head coach Dave Leichtman’s group even took a lead in overtime against the TigerHawks.

New Hampton could not pull out the victory, though, in each team’s non-conference girls hoops contest as NFV held on for the 56-52 victory.

Leichtman said his squad

trailed by as much eight or nine points with four minutes to go and was able to force overtime after sophomore guard Molly Wegner hit 1-2 free throws to tie the tussle at 42-42.

NFV outscored NH, 16-12, in overtime.

Wegner would go on to splash down a 3-pointer in the extra session to give New Hampton a 47-45 lead, but NFV would go on to net seven-straight points to take a 52-47 lead.

“I couldn’t believe what the team accomplished,” said

Leichtman about NH’s stunning rally to force overtime.

NH junior guard Carlee Rochford was tough to stop on this night as she produced a game-high 26 points. She also ripped down 16 rebounds, collected two assists, stole the ball three times and had two blocks.

Wegner and Kirsten Reicherts each scored six points apiece. Reicherts also brought down eight rebounds

NFV (13-5) was led by Alyssa Bohr’s 17 points.

New Hampton trailed 30-23

at the start of the fourth period.

New Hampton (5-11, 1-7) played at Central Springs on Tuesday and travels to Charles City on Friday. Then the Chickasaws play at Hudson on Monday and finish the regular season at home versus Crestwood on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 56, NEW HAMPTON 52

NFV	5	8	17	10	16	-	56
NH	8	8	7	17	12	-	52

Carlee Rochford 8-16 9-11 26, Kandice Eggerichs 1-7 0-0 2, Elaina Rosonke 0-5 0-2 0, Molly Wegner 1-5 3-4 6, Taylor Ries 1-1 1-5 4, Kirsten

Reicherts 3-9 0-0 6, Gracie Reicks 1-2 0-0 2, Cora Schwickerath 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 18-49 13-22 52.

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

Rebounds - Rochford 16, Reicherts 8, Eggerichs 5, Wegner 5, Ries 5, Rosonke 2, Reicks 2, Schwickerath 1.

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

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

Blocks - Rochford 2, Schwickerath 1.

Trojan boys snap losing skid, pick up a pair of UIC victories

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The Turkey Valley Trojans are winners once again.

After having lost four consecutive contests and six out of its last seven, John Izer’s Trojan boys hoops squad pummeled league opponents in Central Elkader last week Tuesday and West Central on Friday.

Both wins came on the road and TV was able to harass those Upper Iowa Conference foes to a combined 55 turnovers.

TV (8-9, 6-7) locked down Central en route to a 54-12 shellacking. The Trojans limited the Warriors to just four second-half points. Central shot just 16 percent from the field and only had three field goal makes in just 18 attempts. The Warriors turned the ball over 32 times.

Garrett Kurtenbach, a senior forward for John Izer’s bunch, drilled four 3-pointers to finish with 16 points. Dylan Reicks, a senior center, wound up with 11 points.

West Central had no answer for TV as well a few days later as the Trojans took them down, 59-42.

Calvin Bodensteiner did plenty of damage to the Blue Devil defense as he rolled his way to 16 points on a nice night from the field. He was 7-for-11 shooting and made good on two of his three 3-point tries.

Caleb Kurtenbach, a sophomore, registered nine points and was 3-for-4 from the field. Oliver Schmitt, another sopho-

more, also scored nine points. Reicks and Noah Hanson each scored seven points apiece.

TURKEY VALLEY 54, CENTRAL ELKADER 12

TV	16	8	9	21	-	54
CE	5	3	2	2	-	12

Carson Busta 2-5 0-2 5, Dylan Reicks 4-11 3-3 11, Noah Hanson 2-5 0-0 4, Calvin Bodensteiner 2-5 0-0 5, Garrett Kurtenbach 6-15 0-0 16, Caleb Kurtenbach 2-8 1-2 6, Russell Nieman 1-1 0-0 2, Oliver Schmitt 2-6 0-0 5, Chase Hayek 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 21-60 4-7 54.

3-point field goals - Busta 1-3, Bodensteiner 1-3, G. Kurtenbach 4-12, C. Kurtenbach 1-4, Schmitt 1-3.

Rebounds - Busta 1, Reicks 5, Hanson 4, Bodensteiner 4, G. Kurtenbach 3, C. Kurtenbach 4, Nieman 1, Hayek 5.

Assists - Busta 2, Reicks 2, Hanson 3, Bodensteiner 1, C. Kurtenbach 3, Nieman 2, Hayek 1.

Steals - Busta 3, Reicks 2, Hanson 1, Bodensteiner 1, G. Kurtenbach 3, C. Kurtenbach 3, Schmitt 2.

TURKEY VALLEY 59, WEST CENTRAL 42

TV	10	16	19	14	-	59
WC	12	6	8	16	-	42

Busta 0-7 0-0 0, Reicks 2-5 3-6 7, Hanson 3-6 1-1 7, Bodensteiner 7-11 0-0 16, G. Kurtenbach 2-7 0-0 4, C. Kurtenbach 3-4 2-2 9, Nieman 0-0 2-2 2, Schmitt 2-5 4-6 9, Tristan Pullman 0-1 0-0 1, Hayek 2-9 1-2 5. Totals 21-55 13-20 59.

3-point field goals - Busta 0-2, Hanson 0-1, Bodensteiner 2-3, G. Kurtenbach 0-5, C. Kurtenbach 1-2, Schmitt 1-4.

Rebounds - Busta 1, Reicks 7, Hanson 4, Bodensteiner 4, G. Kurtenbach 3, C. Kurtenbach 1, Schmitt 1, Pullman 1, Hayek 5.

Assists - Busta 3, Reicks 2, Hanson 1, Schmitt 2.

Steals - Busta 4, Reicks 3, Hanson 4, Bodensteiner 3, G. Kurtenbach 1, C. Kurtenbach 1, Schmitt 1.

Blocks - Reicks 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley’s Kara Reicks drives past a Lansing Kee defender in a game played last month in Jackson Junction.

Trojan girls drop two of three

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley girls basketball team fell just short against two tough opponents in the latter stages of the Trojans’ regular season play recently.

Just three games remain on the regular season schedule and TV missed out on a great opportunity to knock off second-place Central Elkader (15-3, 12-2) last week Tuesday. The Warriors held off the Trojans’ charge by a score of 45-42.

Three Trojans hit for double-figure scoring against Central in Jacqlyn Schmitt (16), Jalyssa Blazek (12) and Aubrey Hoffer (10). Schmitt also grabbed 11 rebounds in the tough road loss. Schmitt fouled out midway through the final frame.

“Our girls fought the whole way and played well defensively in terms of what we wanted to accomplish,” said TV head coach Carla Nymeyer. “Offensively we didn’t create well and part of that was due to Central’s defense and part of it was our lack of aggressiveness at times.”

TV shot just 20 percent in another road contest on Friday evening at West Central. The Trojans were still able to prevail, 36-30. TV beat West Central by 22 points at home in December – 52-30.

TV held WC to zero points in the final period.

“Our defense really locked down in the second half and the girls stayed after it on the offensive end as we slowly crept back to take the lead midway through the fourth,” said Nymeyer.

Schmitt was 11-12 at the free-throw line and hit for 17 points against the Blue Devils. Hoffer added nine points and Kara Reicks notched six points. Hoffer hit TV’s lone 3-pointer as the Trojans struggled from beyond the arc (1-15).

“We had great shot opportunities but couldn’t get the ball to fall. That along with West Central playing well offensively hurt us in the first half,” said Nymeyer.

Maquoketa Valley (11-8) defeated TV, 44-41, on Saturday.

Once again Schmitt was money from the charity stripe as she sank nine out of 11 attempts. She worked her way to a 23-point effort as she was

7-14 from the floor.

Blazek had another outstanding all-around game with 14 points. She also collected four steals. Reicks swiped six steals and dished out five assists.

“We faced a physical, long Maq Valley team that has a strong tradition of successful basketball. I was really proud of how our girls stood up to the challenge, especially handling their pressure and rough style of play,” Nymeyer added.

Turkey Valley is now 11-6 and 9-4 in Upper Iowa Conference play.

CENTRAL ELKADER 45, TURKEY VALLEY 42

Turkey Valley	11	6	10	15	-	42
Central Elkader	13	6	15	11	-	45

Jalyssa Blazek 5-7 2-2 12, Kara Reicks 2-13 0-0 4, Aubrey Hoffer 3-9 4-10 10, Hailey Elsbernd 0-1 0-0 0, Jacqlyn Schmitt 6-14 4-6 16, Alison Leibold 0-0 0-0 0, Brianna Busta 0-5 0-0 0, Mariah Thronsdon 0-1 0-0 0, Olivia Snyder 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-50 10-18 42.

3-point field goals - Reicks 0-6, Hoffer 0-1.

Rebounds - Blazek 6, Reicks 3, Hoffer 1, Schmitt 11, Busta 1.

Assists - Reicks 4, Elsbernd 1.

Steals - Reicks 8, Schmitt 3, Leibold 2.

Blocks - Blazek 1, Schmitt 1, Busta 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 36, WEST CENTRAL 30

Turkey Valley	10	8	7	11	-	36
West Central	8	14	8	0	-	30

Blazek 0-5 0-1 0, Reicks 3-8 0-2 6, Hoffer 2-8 4-7 9, Elsbernd 0-4 0-0 0, Schmitt 3-9 11-12 17, Leibold 1-8 0-0 2, Busta 0-2 0-0 0, Thronsdon 1-2 0-0 2, Snyder 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 10-48 15-22 36.

3-point field goals - Blazek 0-1, Reicks 0-4, Hoffer 1-3, Elsbernd 0-3, Leibold 0-4.

Rebounds - Blazek 6, Reicks 3, Hoffer 5, Schmitt 5, Leibold 2, Busta 2.

Assists - Blazek 2, Reicks 1, Elsbernd 2.

Steals - Blazek 5, Reicks 3, Hoffer 1, Elsbernd 3, Schmitt 5, Leibold 2, Busta 4.

MAQUOKETA VALLEY 44, TURKEY VALLEY 41

Turkey Valley	6	10	10	15	-	41
Maquoketa Valley	7	14	12	11	-	44

Blazek 5-8 4-5 14, Reicks 1-6 0-2 2, Hoffer 0-4 0-0 0, Elsbernd 0-3 0-0 0, Schmitt 7-14 9-11 23, Leibold 0-2 0-0 0, Busta 0-2 0-0 0, Thronsdon 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 14-40 13-18 41.

3-point field goals - Reicks 0-2, Hoffer 0-2, Elsbernd 0-1, Schmitt 0-1, Leibold 0-2.

Rebounds - Blazek 3, Reicks 1, Hoffer 1, Elsbernd 1, Schmitt 7, Thronsdon 1.

Assists - Blazek 1, Reicks 5, Schmitt 1.

Steals - Blazek 4, Reicks 6, Hoffer 1, Schmitt 5.

Blocks - Hoffer 1.

Chickasaws finally heat up behind 3-point line

NH BOYS: FROM 14

But the Chickasaws had plenty of others contribute on this night. Shekleton scored 13 points and had eight rebounds. Mason Lane had seven points and hit two key 3-pointers while Aiden Roberson came off the bench to score four points and grab five rebounds.

One of the keys was New Hampton, which came into the game shooting just 22.2 percent on 3-point shots, finally found the range, hitting on 6 of 12 attempts from beyond the arc.

“We had good looks and we knocked them down, but we’ve, for the most part, had good looks all year,” Rausch said. “I’ve told the guys, if we can knock five or six down a game it’s going to make us so much tougher to defend, and I think they saw that [tonight]. ... It was different guys, too, and that was huge for us.”

NEW HAMPTON 51, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 39

NFV	6	12	11	9	-	39
NH	14	10	10	17	-	51

Drake Wemark 7-14 3-4 18, Ben Gilbert 1-9 1-2, Gannon Shekleton 5-10 1-2 13, Mason Lane 2-2 1-2 7, Cael Laues 1-1 0-2 2, Tyler Wiltse 1-1 0-0 2, Aiden Roberson 1-1 1-2 4, Tyler Wiltse 1-1 0-0 2, Evan Knowlton 0-1 0-0 0, Hunter Serie 0-0 0-0 0, Carter Cahoy 0-0 0-0 0, Carsyn Leistikow 0-0 0-0 0, Logan Peterman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-41 7-14 51.

3-point field goals - Lane 2-2, Shekleton 2-6, Wemark 1-1, Roberson 1-1, Gilbert 0-3.

Rebounds - Wemark 11, Shekleton 8, Roberson 5, Laues 3, Ewert 3, Lane 2, Wiltse 1.

Assists - Wemark 7, Lane 2, Gilbert 1, Shekleton 1, Ewert 1, Wiltse 1.

Steals - Wemark 4, Shekleton 1, Lane 1, Laues 1.

Blocks - Wemark 2, Laues 1, Ewert 1, Roberson 1.

Chickasaws will be fourth seed in district

New Hampton boys basketball team will be the fourth seed in its Class 2A district and will open the postseason with a game against Sumner-Fredericksburg on Monday, Feb. 14.

A site for that game will be announced later this week.

The winner will take on top-seeded Denver on Thursday, Feb. 17.

The other side of the bracket includes second-seed Jesup, third-seed Union and sixth-seed Waterloo Columbus.

Chickasaw Women's Pool	
Week 15 January 26	
Butch's II	71-46
Josie's I	61-56
Hide-A-Way	58-59
Josie's II	57-60
Bowlaway Lanes	55-53
Schucky's	54-63
Butch's I	49-68
RESULTS	
Butch's II 6, Butch's I 3	
Josie's I 5, Hide-A-Way 4	
Josie's II 6, Schucky's 3	
Bye: Bowlaway Lanes.	
THREE-GAME WINNERS	
Hide-A-Way: Sherri Hilligas and Carla Rosenbaum.	
Josie's II: Leslie Noehl and Cathy Knutson.	

Chickasaw Men's Pool	
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Hide-A-Way	68-58
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RESULTS	
Josie's 1 5, Butch's 4	
The Pub 7, Quigley's 2	
Hide-A-Way 5, VFW 4	
Locker Room 5, Josie's 2 4	
Bradford House 7, Brite Spot 2	
Bye: Here2ZU	
THREE-GAME WINNERS	
Josie's 2: Bill and Nick.	
The Pub: Bruce and Sam.	
Bradford House: Dennis and Les. Cole and Dennis.	
Josie's 1: Dustin and Dak.	



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley’s Chase Hayek brings down a rebound in a game played against Crestwood last week.

Coach: NH/TV wrestlers facing ‘gut-check’ time

NEIC: FROM 14

Tyler Gast, before pinning Dickson in the finals in a mere 38 seconds.

“I wanted to get it over fast,” he said after improving to 28-3, “but then again, I want to get them all over fast. ... I knew once I got that takedown, it was over.”

McShane, though, was the lone Chickasaw to climb to the top of the stand Saturday, although 170-pound junior Ben Tenge came precariously close before losing an overtime decision in the finals in a tournament dominated by Waverly-Shell Rock.

The Go-Hawks, ranked second in Class 3A, crowned 10 champions and rolled up 321.5 points — the most-ever scored at a NEIC tournament — to beat second-place Crestwood by 104.5 points. NH/TV was third with 153, 19.5 more than fourth-place Waukon.

“I think we have some guys who are definitely figuring things out,” coach Matt Paulus said, “and we have some guys who honestly where it’s become gut-check time. ... I think we are better than we showed today.”

But he had no complaints when it came to McShane and 1 minute and 21 seconds of mat time Saturday.

“He’s long and strong at 182, no doubt about it,” Paulus said. “I can tell you that wasn’t the plan at the beginning of the year, but his weight was there to make that move and he decided that’s the way he wanted to go. It wasn’t like he was bad at 195, but he’s tough as nails at ‘82.”

NH/TV’s other finalist made quick work of his first two matches and then got off to a great start in the finals against Sean Mwangi of Waverly-Shell Rock as Tenge scored a first-period takedown and added an escape early in the second to take a 3-0 lead.

But Mwangi got a takedown late in the second period and then received a penalty point when the referee ruled Tenge locked hands and picked up a reversal to take a 5-3 lead.

Back came Tenge, who got an escape and a takedown to take a 6-5 lead with 46 seconds left. But Mwangi picked up an escape 10 seconds later and then came up with a takedown just nine seconds into overtime.

“I still think Ben’s better than that kid,” Paulus said, “but we have to work through some things when we’re tired. ... I know he’s been sick so his shape isn’t where it should be and hopefully we can get that back this week.”

The Chickasaws also got third place finishes from Burke Busta at 138 and Jacob Burgart at 285, but what frustrated Paulus was the number of Chickasaws who placed lower than their seeds.

“Like I said, we got a look inside ourselves this week,” he said. “We have guys who are better, much better, I think, wrestlers than they showed today.”

The third-place finish was what most expected from the Chickasaws, but the point total was lower than Paulus wanted.

And in a year in which illnesses and injuries have taken a heavy toll on NH/TV, Saturday was no exception.

Neither Leander Reicks at 152 or Marcus Herold at either 195 or 220 were available Saturday, although Herold said he fully expects to be ready to wrestle at this weekend’s Class 2A sectional tournament in Independence.

“We’ve got a week to figure a lot out,” Paulus said. “Obviously, I’ve said this all season but we’ve got to get healthy. But we also need every one who goes on the mat next week to perform like they’re capable.”

He paused for a moment and quietly continued.

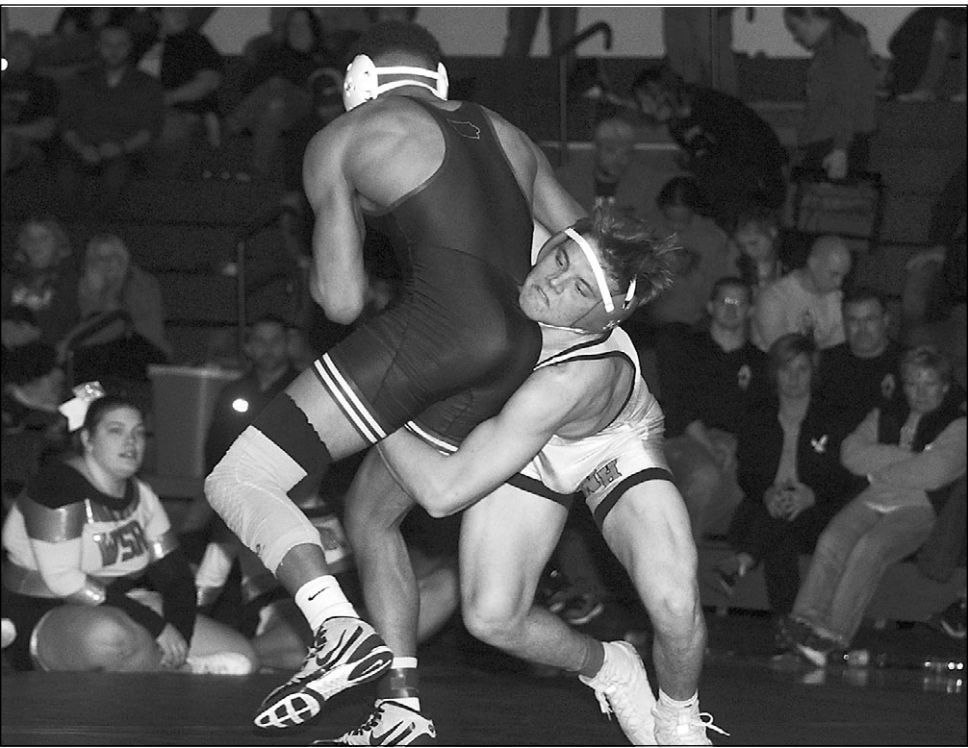
“One champ, two in the finals, a distant third or whatever you want to call it,” he said, “that’s not Chickasaw wrestling. My message to our guys this week is simple. It’s now or never, because the postseason is here.”

NEIC TEAM RESULTS

Waverly-Shell Rock 321.5, Crestwood 217, New Hampton/Turkey Valley 153, Waukon 133.5, Charles City 103, Decorah 90.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

106: Landon Bruess did not place. Quarterfinal



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Ben Tenge (above) works to get a takedown against Waverly-Shell Rock’s Sean Mwangi in the 170-pound final while the Chickasaws’ Edgar Nunez tries to get into position for a takedown in a 113-pound consolation match at Saturday’s Northeast Iowa Conference tourney.

Chickasaws head to Indee for sectional

New Hampton/Turkey Valley will head to Independence on Saturday for a Class 2A sectional tournament that features the state’s ninth-ranked team and 12 wrestlers who appear in the iawrestle.com rankings.

The top two placewinners in each weight class will advance to the district tournament that will be held in New Hampton a week from Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Chickasaws hope to be in a battle with No. 9 Union and Independence, which spent a good part of the season in the rankings, for a top-two team finish that would send them to the regional duals that will be held next Tuesday.

Ranked wrestlers taking the mat on Saturday include:

- 106: Jace Hedeman, Union, second.
- 113: Kaden Kremer, Independence, eighth; Brayden Bohsack, Union, 12th.
- 120: Carter Kolthoff, SH-BCLUW, fifth; Kale Wieand, Independence, seventh.
- 132: Caleb Olson, Union, ninth.
- 138: Carter Straw, Independence, 10th.
- 145: Isaiah Weber, Independence, fourth.
- 152: Hunter Worthen, Union, third.
- 160: Stone Schmitz, Union, seventh.
- 170: Mitch Johnson, Independence, ninth.
- 182: Braden McShane, NH/TV, eighth.

- Jayden Mara (Wa) dec. Bruess, 7-44. Cons. Round 1 - Justin Fortman (D) dec. Bruess, 3-1.

113: Edgar Nunez placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Nunez pinned Ethan Gibbs (Wa), 5:18. Semifinal - Cole Schmauss (Cr) pinned Nunez, 3:22. Cons. Semi - Nunez dec. Mason Howe (Wa), 6-3. 3rd Place Match - Kollin Henry (D) pinned Nunez, 0:57.

120: Bryar Usher placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Daniel Schwickerath (Cr) pinned Usher, 1:02. Cons. Round 1 - Usher pinned Corbin Harris (CC), 0:55. Cons. Semi - Jordan Young (CC) pinned Usher, 1:36. 5th Place Match - Daniel Schwickerath (Cr) maj. dec. Usher, 11-1.

126: Tristin Willadsen did not place. Quarterfinal - Cade Korsmo (Cr) pinned Willadsen, 1:16. Cons. Round 1 - Dylan LaPolice (CC) dec. Willadsen, 9-4.

132: Ethan Praska placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Praska dec. Lawson Erickson (Cr), 15-9. Semifinal - Carter Fecht (WSR) tech fall Praska, 20-5. Cons. Semi - Praska pinned Hunter Humpal (NHTV), 1:16. 3rd Place Match - Ethan Govern (Cr) dec. Praska, 11-10.

132: Hunter Humpal placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Ethan Govern 24-15 pinned Humpal, 1:47. Cons. Round 1 - Humpal dec. Kaedyn Anderson (Wa), 6-2. Cons. Semi - Praska (NHTV) pinned Humpal, 1:16. 5th Place Match - Humpal pinned Gage Kilby, 5:09.

138: Burke Busta placed third. Quarterfinal - Busta pinned Braden Darling (D), 4:45. Semifinal - Ryder Block (WSR) pinned Busta, 2:42. Cons. Semi - Busta won by medical forfeit over Brady Roling (WSR). 3rd Place Match - Busta pinned Lucas Byrnes (Wa), 3:27.



138: Nelson Reicks placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Reicks won by injury default over Brady Roling (WSR), 0:27. Semifinal - Carter Fousek (Cr) pinned Reicks, 1:03. Cons. Semi - Lucas Byrnes (Wa) pinned Reicks, 2:23. 5th Place Match - Reicks won by medical forfeit over Roling (WSR).

145: Karson Kolbet placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Brock Voyna (Cr) maj. dec. Kolbet, 12-1. Cons. Round 1 - Kolbet OT dec. Talan Weber (CC), 6-4. Cons. Semi - Ethan Bibler (WSR) pinned Kolbet, 1:01. 5th Place Match - Brock Voyna (Cr) maj. dec. Kolbet, 11-3.

152: Joshua Scott placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Brody Hanson (D) pinned Scott, 2:00. Cons. Round 1 - Scott pinned Riley Burington (Wa), 2:39. Cons. Semi - Colton Crooks (CC) pinned Scott, 4:29. 5th Place Match - Brody Hanson (D) dec. Scott, 6-1.

160: Gavin Rings placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Rings pinned Rony Gonzalez (CC), 2:52. Semifinal - Zander Wedemeier (WSR) dec. Rings, 6-2. Cons. Semi - Rings pinned Trent Pisney (Cr), 0:50. 3rd Place Match - Austin Wilkins (D) dec. Rings, 7-0.

170: Ben Tenge placed second. Quarterfinal - Tenge pinned Gavin Stortz, 1:10. Semifinal - Ben Tenge pinned Isaiah Perez (WSR), 1:46. 1st Place Match - Sean Mwangi (WSR) OT dec. Tenge, 8-6.

182: Braden McShane placed first. Semifinal - McShane pinned Tyler Gast (WSR), 0:43. 1st Place Match - McShane pinned Cullen Dickson (Wa), 0:38.

195: Isaac Howe placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Howe pinned Blake Wilson (CC), 3:15. Semifinal - Landen Schemmel (Cr) pinned Howe, 4:21. 3rd Place Match - Ethan Peterson (CC) pinned Howe, 3:17.

220: Zach Utley placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Utley pinned Alex Goetzinger (Wa), 3:04. Semifinal - Layne McDonald (WSR) pinned Utley, 1:27. Cons. Semi - Jake Staack (WSR) dec. Utley, 3-2. 5th Place Match - Utley pinned Goetzinger (Wa), 3:15.

285: Jacob Burgart placed third. Semifinal - Brayden Ishman (Cr) pinned Burgart, 2:40. Cons. Semi - Burgart pinned Kameran Josephson (NHTV), 1:05. 3rd Place Match - Burgart dec. Caden Wetherell (WSR), 3-2.

285: Kameran Josephson placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Caden Wetherell (WSR) pinned Josephson, 3:35. Cons. Semi - Burgart (NHTV) pinned Josephson, 1:05. 5th Place Match - Josephson received a bye.

Chickasaws fall to one of top 3A teams

High scoring Vikings use 14-0, 16-0 runs to win

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Leave the door open just a crack and it can swing wide open in a hurry.

Do it against a team like fifth-ranked Decorah and the hinges might just be blown off that entrance way.

New Hampton found out the hard way what repeated turn-overs and lack of consistent shooting can do to an underdog team that still played one whale of a ball game for stretches in the two team’s Northeast Iowa Conference boys basketball tilt on Friday night.

The answer is to remarkably lose by 36 points - 67-31.

Although this setback at the hands of the Vikings was night and day compared to the first meeting when Decorah won by 50 points over New Hampton - 88-38.

“I was incredibly proud of how hard we played,” said NH head coach Ryan Rausch. “I asked the guys, I said ‘I don’t care what happens, I don’t care what the scoreboard looks like. Sell out for me for 32 minutes because I felt like we could learn a ton about ourselves before the playoffs.’ If we play like that in the Class 2A playoffs and make some shots, I told them to keep their schedules clear. We’re going to be busy and I mean that.”

Decorah showed why it’s one of the most explosive teams in the state, let alone Class 3A, on Friday night against Rausch’s Chickasaws.

“I haven’t been shy to say it, I think they have a chance to win the title in 3A,” said Rausch. “My goal was to try to hold them under 65 and hope that we could hit a few more shots.”

Decorah won its 13th contest in a row and broke open a tight game in which it seemed the Vikings were fighting for their life, up 25-21, with five minutes to go in the third period. But Jon Carlson’s high-scoring machine put the hammer down and sucked all the energy out of New Hampton’s gym to close the contest on a 42-10 run.

Drake Wemark’s 3-point-er at the start of the fourth quarter trimmed Decorah’s lead to 44-28 with 7:39 left in the game. Then the flurry of points put this one away for good.

“I really feel like if we would have hit shots we would have been there with three minutes left with a chance to win the game,” said Rausch. “They haven’t been threatened like that all year.”

The Vikings used two separate runs of 14-0 and 16-0 to distinguish themselves and let the rest of the state know that this team is definitely for real.

Decorah (14-1, 7-0) was the highest scoring team in Class 3A (72.8 ppg) headed into the contest. The Vikings had scored a whopping 102 points against South Winneshiek and 93 against Denver in its two previous matchups prior to the New Hampton road game.

But New Hampton limited Decorah to just six 3-pointers. The Vikings hit twice that many (12) in the 50-point beatdown in New Hampton’s first crack at Decorah.

“I’m just really proud of the guys. I think we learned a lot about our toughness regardless of what the scoreboard does,” said Rausch.

The problem for New Hampton is the Chickasaws couldn’t match Decorah’s long-range shooting. New Hampton was 2-13 from beyond the arc. The Chickasaws shot just 26 percent from the floor.

Wemark, a sure-fire bet to be named to the first team all-NE-IC squad this winter, finished with 13 points on 6-15 shooting.

New Hampton (8-9, 3-5) was playing without its second-leading scorer in junior forward Carter Steinlage - who was out with an illness.

DECORAH 67, NEW HAMPTON 31

DEC	12	13	19	23	-	67
NH	4	11	10	6	-	31

Drake Wemark 6-15 0-1 13, Ben Gilbert 0-3 0-0 0, Gannon Shekleton 1-10 2-2 5, Mason Lane 1-3 0-0 2, Cael Laures 1-6 0-1 2, Aiden Roberson 2-2 0-0 4, Tyler Wiltse 0-1 0-0 0, Adam Ewert 1-2 0-0 2, Evan Knowlton 0-1 2-4 2, Hunter Serie 0-1 0-0 0, Reid Rausch 0-0 0-0 0, Logan Peterman 0-1 1-2 1, Carsyn Leistikow 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 12-45 5-10 31.

3-point field goals - Wemark 1-3, Gilbert 0-1, Knowlton 0-1, Serie 0-1, Ewert 0-1, Shekleton 1-3, Lane 0-2, Wiltse 0-1.

Rebounds - Wemark 8, Lane 5, Gilbert 4, Shekleton 2, Laures 2, Knowlton 1, Peterman 1.

Assists - Laures 2, Lane 2, Shekleton 1, Ewert 1, Wemark 1.

Steals - Shekleton 1, Wiltse 1.

Blocks - Lane 1, Laures 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Drake Wemark puts up a shot in the first half of Friday’s home game against Decorah.

ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS, TROJANS THURSDAY

New Hampton basketball at Central Springs, 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.

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

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 4

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

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 5

New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling at Class 2A sectional tournament, Independence, noon.

MONDAY, FEB. 7

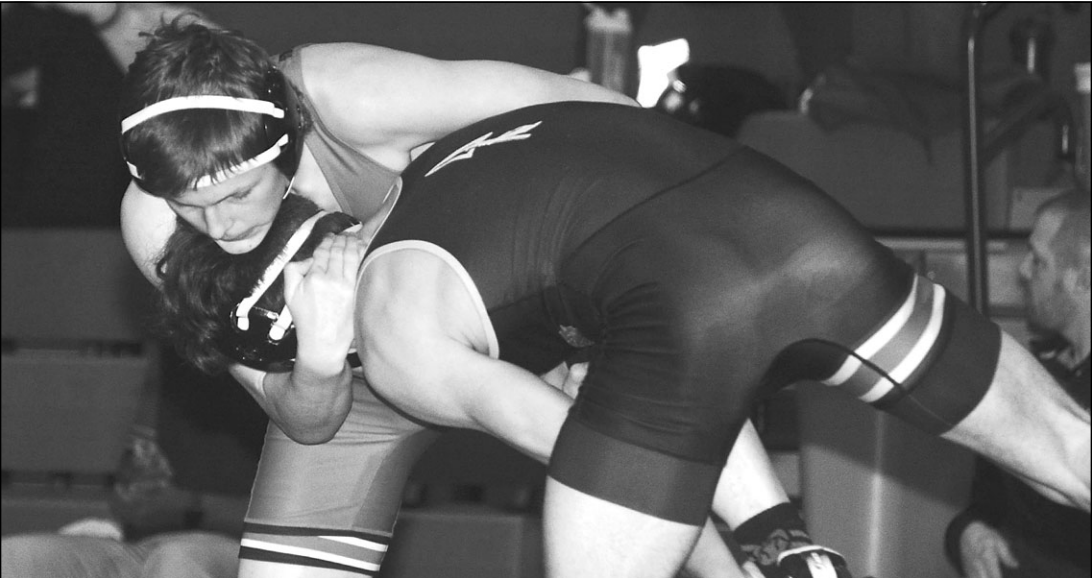
Turkey Valley basketball at Riceville, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton girls basketball at Hudson, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

New Hampton girls basketball vs. Crestwood, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

NH/TV wrestling at Class 2A regional duals, if qualified, 6 p.m., site to be announced.



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New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Hunter Humpal tries to fend off a takedown attempt by the Chickasaws’ Ethan Praska during Saturday’s Northeast Iowa Conference tournament, where matchups between wrestlers from the same school took place after the NEIC allowed the top-two placewinners in each weight class at the JV tournament to wrestle in the varsity tournament.

106 - Quinlan Mahoney, fifth.
113 - Caleb Utley, fourth.
132 - Hunter Humpal, second;
Daniel Aispuro, third.
138 - Nelson Reicks, second.
145 - Jacob Frahm, fifth.
152 - Joshua Scott, fourth;
Ethan Swehla, eighth.
170 - Diego Salas, sixth.
182 - Oandreon Sanders, fourth.
285 - Kameran Josephson, second;
Arin Rausch, fourth.



Turkey Valley’s Jalyssa Blazek (left) and Aubrey Hoffert pressure Morgan Kriener on Tuesday in UIC play. Dylan Reicks puts up a shot in the boys game. Reicks scored 13 points to lead TV to an impressive 52-35 win.

Trojan girls top South Winn; TV boys take down Warriors

By Kelly Terpstra
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The Turkey Valley Trojans will hit the road for almost all of its remaining games this season.

John Izer doesn’t mind that bus ride one bit after his team’s big win over arch rival South Winneshiek on Tuesday night.

TV (9-9, 7-7) broke a 24-24 halftime tie and locked down the Warrior offense en route to an impressive 52-35 victory in Upper Iowa Conference boys hoops play.

The Troans limited South Winn (10-9, 8-6) to just 11 second-half points and avenged an early-season 51-38 setback to South Winn in Calmar back in December.

Turkey Valley has now won three games in a row after suffering though six defeats in its last seven games prior to perhaps its biggest win of the season against South Winn.

“We went ahead of them with

the energy and the fight. I don’t know if there’s really anything smooth about it. It was just a dogfight and a grind,” said Izer. “We matched them every second in heart.”

The game turned into a bit of rock fight and turnover fest in the third period, but Trojan senior Garrett Kurtenbach’s 3-pointer from the top of the key gave TV the lead for good at 31-28 with 1:45 left in the third period.

The Trojans closed the contest on 24-7 run. That included Kurtenbach’s back-breaker from beyond the arc.

Kurtenbach finished with 12 points and TV senior center Dylan Reicks was the hammer down low for Izer against the 6-7 senior center for SW –Trey Kreiner. Reicks pumped in 13 points to go along with 14 rebounds.

Calvin Bodensteiner rained down three 3-pointers in six attempts from beyond the arc. He netted 14 points.

Noah Hanson had a fine game for the Trojans as well. He hit several clutch shots en route to 10 points.

TV went on a 9-0 to lead 43-40 in the final period of play.

“We have not peaked. Now we can make a peak at the right time. For South Winn last year, when they got us over there – they rode all the way to state,” said Izer.

The TV girls improved to 12-6 overall and 10-4 in league play after they dominated South Winn in the first half to take a 44-20 victory.

The Trojans limited South Winn to just a single field goal in the first half and led 28-2 at the break.

Surprisingly, South Winn outscored TV 18-16 in the second half.

“I was definitely disappointed in the second half. We just talked about how you need to come out and need be ready to go and you need to finalize the game,” said Trojan head coach

Carla Nymeyer. “I thought we played better the first time we played them in terms of taking care of the ball and things like that.”

Jacqlyn Schmitt, a junior, paced the Trojans’ attack with 17 points. She was 7-11 from the field.

Kara Reicks, TV’s senior point guard, was 5-9 from the floor and notched 12 points. Reicks also collected seven steals and doled out five assists to go along with five rebounds. Reicks also hit two 3-pointers.

Aubrey Hoffert scored 11 points for TV.

TV went on an 19-0 run to end the first half.

The Warriors’ only bucket of the first half came at the 7:00 mark of the second period and

was knocked down by Morgan Kleve.

TURKEY VALLEY 44, SOUTH WINNESHIEK 20

SW 0 2 7 11 - 20
TV 9 19 10 6 - 44

Alison Leibold 0-5 0-2 0, Jalyssa Blazek 2-3 0-0 4, Brianna Busta 0-1 0-0 0, Kara Reicks 5-9 0-0 12, Aubrey Hoffert 5-8 0-1 11, Hailey Elsbernd 0-3 0-0 0, Mariah Thronsdon 0-0 0-0 0, Olivia Snyder 0-0 0-0 0, Abigail Schmitt 0-0 0-0 0, Jacqlyn Schmitt 7-11 3-4 17. Totals 19-40 3-7 44.

3-point field goals - Leibold 0-3, Reicks 2-4, Hoffert 1-2, Elsbernd 0-3.

Rebounds - Blazek 6, Busta 2, Reicks 5, Hoffert 1, Elsbernd 1, Snyder 2, J. Schmitt 5.

Assists - Reicks 5, Hoffert 3, Blazek 2, Leibold 1, J. Schmitt 1.

Steals - Leibold 3, Blazek 3, Reicks 7, J. Schmitt 1.

Blocks - J. Schmitt 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 52,

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 35

SW 12 12 6 5 - 35
TV 16 8 12 16 - 52

Caleb Kurtenbach 0-0 0-0 0, Carson Busta 2-7 1-3 3, Dylan Reicks 5-14 3-3 13, Noah Hanson 4-12 1-2 10, Calvin Bodensteiner 4-8 3-4 14, Oliver Schmitt 0-1 0-0 0, Garrett Kurtenbach 4-16 2-4 12, Chase Hayek 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-58 10-16 52.

3-point field goals - Busta 0-2, Hanson 1-2, Bodensteiner 3-6, G. Kurtenbach 2-10.

Rebounds - Reicks 14, Busta 4, Hanson 7, Bodensteiner 8, G. Kurtenbach 6.

Assists - G. Kurtenbach 4, Bodensteiner 1, Hanson 1, Reicks 1, Busta 1.

Steals - Hanson 5, G. Kurtenbach 5, Busta 2, Reicks 2, C. Kurtenbach 1, Schmitt 1, Hayek 1.

Blocks - Reicks 1, Bodensteiner 1.



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New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Braden McShane (above) finishes off a takedown of Waukon’s Cullen Dickson in the 182-pound finals match while earlier on Saturday, the Chickasaws’ Joshua Scott (below) pins the Indians’ Riley Burlington in a 152-pound consolation match at the Northeast Iowa Conference tournament.

DROPPING DOWN AND DOMINATING

McSHANE CLAIMS NH/TV’S LONE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT NEIC TOURNAMENT

By Bob Fenske
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It may not have necessarily been the plan at the start of the season, but the move down to 182 pounds is paying big dividends — like a Northeast Iowa Conference championship — for New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Braden McShane.

The Chickasaw sophomore hardly broke a sweat Saturday — scoring two first-period pins on his way to securing NH/TV’s lone individuals championship. “I felt like I was a pretty small 195-pounder,” McShane said after pinning Waukon’s Cullen Dickson in the finals, “and it just seemed like the right move to make.”

So after Christmas, he made the move



to 182, and he hasn’t lost since. And he’s winning impressively — very impressively — these days.

The top-seeded McShane received a bye

into the semifinals, where he needed just 43 seconds to flatten Waverly-Shell Rock’s

SEE NEIC, 12

Decorah uses a late run to pull away from Chickasaws

New Hampton girls coach sees growth, but Vikings use a 20-1 run to pick up NEIC win

By Kelly Terpstra
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Some day New Hampton could very well win games like last Friday night versus Decorah.

That plausible outcome might be in the not-so-distant future for Chickasaw hoops fans.

One thing is for certain, don’t bet against these Chickasaws in an attempt to do so.

Dave Leichtman’s Northeast Iowa Conference girls basketball team sure showed some spunk against the favored Vikings in the conference

rematch from last month.

New Hampton also proved that it’s pretty tough, too, especially after bouncing back from a heartbreaking overtime loss to North Fayette Valley from the night before and putting a scare into Decorah.

The Vikings answered the bell, though, and pulled away from New Hampton for a 70-46 victory. Decorah (10-6, 5-1) ended the contest on a 20-1 run after the game got whittled down to just five points early in the fourth quarter.

“It takes confidence, synergy

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New Hampton’s Kirsten Reicherts looks back to see where her teammates are as she heads down the court on a fast break in Friday’s Northeast Iowa Conference game against Decorah.

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Chickasaw boys heat up in win over TigerHawks

New Hampton uses key 14-0 run and hot 3-point shooting to pick up 51-39 victory

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It wasn’t exactly the start the New Hampton boys basketball team was looking for Tuesday night.

Four minutes into the game, the Chickasaws — who were playing without their second leading scorer, Carter Steinlage — were on the wrong end of a 6-3 score with North Fayette Valley. The offense was stagnant. The defense wasn’t great, although the TigerHawks’ poor shooting had kept New Hampton within striking range.

“It was just four minutes but still, the longer that goes on, the more likely we’re not going to break out of the funk,” New Hampton coach Ryan Rausch said. “We needed to get something going.”

They did.

The Chickasaws closed the quarter with an 11-0 run to take a lead it would never relinquish on their way to a 51-39 non-conference victory that evened their record at 8-8. But what made Rausch happiest was the fact that the run was a complete team effort.

Mason Lane hit a 3-pointer, Ben Gilbert hit one of two free throws, Tyler Wiltse came up with a great assist on a Drake Wemark basket and

Gilbert scored on a fast break to give New Hampton a 14-6 lead at the quarter break before Wemark pushed the run to 14 straight points with a 3-pointer to start the second frame.

“We had a lot of different guys contribute to that run,” Rausch said, “and that’s what we’re going to have to have if we’re going to make a push in the postseason. I was really pleased with that run. One of the things we’ve asked our guys is that they all have to step up. It just can’t be Drake. Or it just can’t be Carter. It has to be everyone.”

Not that North Fayette Valley folded; instead, the TigerHawks cut the deficit to six at halftime and then used a 9-4 run to open the third quarter to cut the New Hampton lead to just one, 28-27.

New Hampton had an answer as Cael Laures, Gannon Shekleton and Wiltse all scored baskets as the Chickasaws scored the final six points of the quarter to take a 34-27 lead and never looked back.

Wemark put together another one of his patented all-around games as he scored 18 points, grabbed 11 rebounds, dished out seven assists, made four steals and blocked two shots.

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New Hampton sophomore Cael Laures puts up a shot in Friday night’s game against Northeast Iowa Conference leader Decorah, and although the Chickasaws kept it close for 2 1/2 quarters, the Vikings pulled away for a 36-point victory.

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