

Former student says program does ‘so much’ for eighth-graders

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engaging, high level teaching,” Rude said. “It’s the best professional development I’ve ever been a part of, and it’s on-going.”

So for a few weeks each January, the wall that separates the rooms of Rude and ten Hoeve is opened and students take to the podium to deliver speeches on a variety of topics. Some deal with serious topics like sexual assault; others are fun.

Kuehner, for example, is working on a speech that deals with the effect of transgender athletes on female sports, but one of her best friends, Bailee Tenge, is crafting a speech on the challenges “red-heads” face.

“I’m telling you, Bailee’s is awesome,” Kuehner said. “I like that there’s a lot of variety in our class. Some are really, really serious, and there’s some like Bailee’s where you can’t help but laugh.”

And both are fine with the teachers. Make no mistake about it, though, these are student projects that cover a lot of ground in a relatively short amount of time. From conducting research to writing the speech to practicing the speech to delivering the speech, they stay busy — very busy.

“It’s a lot of work,” said Ainslea Pint, whose speech is personal — a look at Type 1 diabetes and how it affects those afflicted with it. “I think if you just walked by the classroom, you might think we’re not doing a lot, but we really do. For me, it’s kind of a chance to tell people about something I deal with every day.”

The two teachers divide up the work. “For this project, it allows us to focus on different aspects of the project,” ten Hoeve said. “Jason talks to them about the research side more heavily, which allows me to break down the writing side of the project more.”

At the same time, ten Hoeve said

there’s a plus to getting outside-the-traditional-English box.

“I also find benefits in using social studies topics to teach reading and writing in general because I’m able to talk about components of literacy through topics that the students find interesting.”

For Rude, working with another teacher means both get to play off each other’s strengths.

“We both have solid writing backgrounds,” he said, “but Patricia is stronger on mechanics and proper documentation. I am stronger on research methods, historical backgrounds, and performance. By combining our talents we can usually address all the needs the students have.”

And they get help from former students who return from the high school to help students hone their speeches.

On Friday, for example, New Hampton High School freshman Skyler Bugenhagen returned to the middle school to help this year’s eighth-graders with things like phrasing, finishing, and cutting.

“Students start out writing their essay for literacy, then turn it into a speech,” she said. “The entirety of the essay portion can be two to four pages long. Typically, for a 1 to 2 minute speech, the whole thing should be just under a page. I tell them to look for sentences that say similar things and unnecessary words or phrases. They were very easy to work with and listened to everything I said.”

The instructors also emphasize what they call “podium points” — things like volume, pace and tone, and also spend time emphasizing that a good speech also has a physical aspect with posture and eye contact being critically important.

This week, the eighth-graders are delivering their finished speeches to their classmates, which as Rude put it, can be “terrifying” for middle-school



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New Hampton High School freshman Skyler Bugenhagen reads over eighth-grader Aiden Underwood’s text and offers him some advice on how to make his “Social Justice” speech more impactful.

students.

He knows that incoming eighth-graders have heard the stories about the program and that many of them are extremely nervous about it because let’s face it, for all of us, not just eighth-graders, speaking in front

of people can be challenging.

“One exercise I do with them is I ask them ‘who says they can’t speak in front of people?’” Rude said. “I choose one of the students — because they almost all raise their hands — and I start talking with them about some-

thing completely unrelated.”

After about two minutes, he will ask the student a simple question. So, you can’t speak in front of people?”

“They say yes, and I say ‘because you just spent the last 2 minutes speaking in front of people.’ Then I drop them with a huge truth-bomb. ‘We’re not afraid to speak in front of people. We’re afraid to be judged in front of people.’ Our goal is to help them realize that the more they allow themselves to let their guard down, the more they speak loud, then soft, and change their tone, the less they will be judged.”

And it works. Ask Bugenhagen, who by the way, is part of a large-group speech state qualifying team this year.

“This program does so much for students,” she said, “and I’m so glad I got to be a part of it. I know for me one of the things this has helped me with was putting me out of my comfort zone.”

And that is proverbial music to the ears of the teachers who lead “Social Justice” each year.

“I tell them that at the very least, they will need these skills through high school and into college if they are choosing to go to college,” ten Hoeve said. “They learn so much through this but here are some examples. They are learning how to push through an uncomfortable experience, how to be nervous but still get work done, and how to break down a big task into small manageable pieces. And all that, you need for the rest of your life.”

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Owl prowls at Twin Ponds

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board is hosting an owl prowls and make your own call on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

At 6 p.m. there will be a discussion on some of the adaptations that help owls thrive. Attendees will be shown how to make and use their own owl call.

There is no cost for the program, but pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

Graceland president’s list

The honor roll lists for Graceland University’s 2023 fall term have been announced, and Kaylee Baker of New Hampton has been named to the president’s list.

Only Graceland University students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average are named to the president’s list.

University of Iowa graduate

Paige Wisner of New Hampton was among the nearly 1,700 undergraduate, graduate and professional students conferred their degrees last month at the University of Iowa.

Wisner was a student in the College of Nursing whose program of study was Nursing. The degree awarded was a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



Middle school social studies teacher Jason Rude (above) offers some critiques to a student while eighth-grader Ainslea Pint (right) practices her speech from the podium in his classroom.



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Now, that’s a fun – and cute – halftime show!

During the halftimes of the Turkey Valley varsity basketball games on Friday, Turkey Valley youth basketball players took to the floor and showed off their basketball skills. The future Trojans, who included first-grader Bailey Busta (below left) and second-grader Kortlyn Rausch (below right), not only had plenty of fun but they also gave the crowd plenty of reason to roar when they found the bottom of the net!



When it comes to improv, being a ‘goofball’ is a plus

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Division I ratings. They included Elleri Eike, Elliot Eiler and Erin Tierney; Madi Dreckman, Xander Meyerhoff and Jarrin Robinson; Miranda Buckley, Syd Hyer and Caydence Phillips; and Andi Gebel and Brenna Thronsdon.

New Hampton will also be taking an ensemble acting group that included Skyler Bugenhagen, Andi Gebel, AnnaRose Pauley, Josi Singewald and Brooke Vestel and a choral reading group that included Eike, Karla Pickar, Beth Pickar and Thronsdon to the state meet that will be held in Dubuque a week from this Saturday.

“If Saturday was any indication of what’s to come,” Bercik said, “I can say with confidence that the future of New Hampton’s speech program is very bright!”

Three other entries — an ensemble acting piece by Miranda Buckley, Natalie Hidding, Beth Pickar and Ava Thronsdon and radio broadcasting entries Kael Meyers and Leander Reicks and Aleah Eichenberger, Olivia Hoy and Karla Pickar — earned excellent Division II ratings.

“Like I said, I know it’s always disappointing for kids that don’t get to go to state,” Bercik said, “but I applaud all our kids who are willing to put themselves out there and perform.”

Add it all up and it was a heck of a day for students whose entire season comes down to a few minutes in front of a judge at districts.

“I usually get groups formed by the end of October and we start practicing at the beginning of November,” Bercik said. “Sometimes it takes a while to pick out pieces, but this year we got them done and began practicing right away.

“I only meet with groups once a week, so that usually equates to about a dozen practices. A lot of the onus is on the students to get lines memorized, so a lot of the time practices with me feel like mini-performances.

She said that once the calendar turns to January, more

practices are held, Bercik said, but much of that practice time is devoted to “tweaking little things.”

Asked what her state qualifiers will focus on before heading to Dubuque, Bercik said that because the “two weeks between districts and state go pretty quickly anyway,” pieces are rarely overhauled.

Instead, Bercik and her students will discuss the district ballot and “decide if and to what extent we want to take their constructive criticism.”

They’ll also work on parts of pieces that were “shaky” at the district meet, but “more than anything, we just do more run-throughs to really get everything memorized and set in stone.”

Then again, four of the groups moving on are improv, where students draw topics and characters and have all of two minutes to prepare and present a piece.

So how do you practice for speeches you have no idea what you’ll be doing?

“That’s a good question,” Bercik said with a laugh. “I always tell the kids that my coaching of improv comes from theory and not practice because I would rather die than perform something that I don’t know what is until until two minutes beforehand.”

Still, she said she’s bought into improv because New Hampton students seem to love the concept.

“We work on the controllables, like developing good characters and figuring out what type of characters each member in our groups is good at. Deciding who will end your improves, who the natural “planner” is, and so on and so forth. That way, if you’ve got a good foundation of planning, characters, and endings, the rest really can be made up.”

Again, she laughed, pointing out that she’s had a number of speech students who are willing to be goofy and put themselves out there.

“I’ve been blessed with a bunch of goofballs over the last few years,” Bercik said, “and they’ve been rewarded with trips to state!”

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Carnegie announces upcoming events

Stitched Together, featuring works from Denise Sinnwell, will be a temporary exhibit at the Carnegie Cultural Center from Feb. 3 until March 24. An open house for the event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. On Saturday, Feb. 10 there will be a card-making class at 10:30 a.m. with limited space available. Call 641-394-2354 to sign up or register at info@carnegieculturalcenter.org. The facility will host its Sunday Story the next day at 3 p.m., with milk and cookies served.

ISU Extension to offer week, pest course

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County will host a Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, Feb. 14. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 115 N. Broadway Ave., New Hampton. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The registration fee is \$45 on or before Feb. 7 and \$55 after Feb. 7.

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.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 1A, 1B, and 1C.

Topics covered will include application equipment use, maintenance, and calibration; safe application techniques; and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP.

Dance teams to be featured on Iowa PBS

For nearly five decades, the Iowa State Dance Team Championships have showcased the talents of Iowa’s young athletes. Iowa PBS will once again provide exclusive coverage of the event, featuring highlights of all the winning routines and busy backstage action.

The 2024 Iowa State Dance Team Championships will premiere on the statewide network Saturday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. and be rebroadcast Sunday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m.

More than 5,000 of Iowa’s top young dance athletes showcased their talents in what is considered to be one of the nation’s largest and most prestigious events of its kind.

The dance championships were held in Des Moines at Wells Fargo Arena and Hy-Vee Hall on Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1.

“The talent, creativity and technical skills are more impressive every year as Iowa’s top young dance athletes bring their best to this competition,” said Iowa PBS Producer and Director Judy Blank. “Witnessing this event in person inspires in me a sense of pride and hope which I believe viewers will also value and enjoy.”

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Meet St. Valentine

Martyred priest has come to symbolize love for many Christians

It doesn't take much to notice that Valentine's Day is a holiday marketed to couples.

Every year, shopping malls, candy stores, restaurants, and theme parks are decorated for lovers as merchandise sales and reservations shoot through the roof for Feb. 14, which is now just a few weeks away.

Some Christians find Valentine's Day appalling, given its commercialism and focus on couples. As annoying as this may be every year, it does not stray far from the stories of Saint Valentine himself.

In the Roman Catholic Church, as well as the Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran churches, Valentine is the patron saint of engaged couples and happily married spouses due to his devout Christian life.

Who was Saint Valentine?

Saint Valentine, also known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a historical figure who is associated with the celebration of Valentine's Day. In early Christian history, there were several martyrs named Valentine, and scholars still debate the true identity of the Saint Valentine who inspired the holiday. The most frequently cited historical account suggests that Saint Valentine was a priest in Rome during the third century AD.

Outside of his name and martyrdom, the story (or perhaps legend) behind the real Saint Valentine remains much of a mystery to this day. For a detailed account of the many stories about his life, you can read "Martyrdom of St. Valentine" by Dan Graves below. The main story tells us the following:

According to one story, he was a priest imprisoned and persecuted for his faith. The story goes on to say Valentine was also imprisoned for marrying off soldiers of the Roman army. At this time, married soldiers could avoid the call for military service during war-time.

Keeping soldiers from military service may seem odd from our modern view, though less so in Valentine's period (the third century). Several historians have argued that before Christianity became Rome's official religion, Christians discouraged serving in Rome's armies — so Valentine probably viewed marrying off soldiers as a way to keep men from dying while serving a pagan power.

However, if married men avoided the military, military numbers would plummet, something Emperor Claudius II didn't care for. The emperor had Valentine imprisoned for subversiveness.

The story tells that Valentine was on good terms with Claudius II until he attempted



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This painting by Italian Jacopo Bassano completed in the 1500s shows Saint Valentine baptizing St Lucilla.

to persuade him on the validity of Jesus. Growing tired of his attempts, Claudius II sentenced him to death unless he abandoned the faith.

A similar story tells that Valentine was the Bishop of Terni, Italy. Here, the legend goes that he was martyred in Rome and had his relics buried on the Via Flaminia, where a church was built upon them.

Saint Valentine and Marriage

Saint Valentine performed Christian marriages in secret at a time when the Roman Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage for young men, believing that unmarried soldiers made better fighters. Saint Valentine's actions in performing these marriages were seen as an act of defiance against the emperor's edict.

Eventually, Valentine was arrested and sentenced to death. While in prison, he is said to have developed a close relationship with the jailer's daughter, to whom he wrote a farewell letter signed "From your Valentine" before his execution. This is one of the earliest connections between Saint Valentine and romantic love.

Saint Valentine's Legacy and Holiday

Saint Valentine was executed on February 14, around the year 269 AD. Over time, this date became associated with celebrating love and affection, leading to the modern Valentine's Day holiday. However, it's essential to note that the historical details surrounding Saint Valentine are not well-documented, and

When Was Valentine Likely Born?

Without multiple sources and accounts of one individual that corroborate each other, it can be difficult to decipher where they came from. The date of Valentine's birth is still unknown today. Based on the accounts of his life that have been found, it is widely believed that he was martyred between 270 and 280 AD.

When Did Valentine Become a Saint?

Valentine would not be canonized as a saint for another 200-plus years. The Roman Catholic church canonized him in 496 AD under the Bishop of Rome, Pope Galasius. Eastern and Coptic Orthodoxy, Anglicanism, Lutheranism, and other Christian liturgical denominations and traditions also recognize Saint Valentine.

While his feast day was made official on Feb. 14, it wasn't until 1969 that it was removed from the General Roman Calendar under Pope Paul VI due to a lack of reliable information. Despite this, it is still a recognized and widely celebrated holiday today.

When Did Christians Start Celebrating Valentine's Day?

While the official recognition of Saint Valentine's Day came in the late fifth century, it was not widely celebrated as a day of romance in the Roman Catholic Church until the 14th century.

During and after his lifetime, especially in the High Middle Ages, the writing of love letters grew among couples of the Christian faith. The origin of writing to one's "Valentine" may very well come from this practice. Other gestures were incorporated on Saint Valentine's Day as time passed—chocolates, sweets, roses, greeting cards, and jewelry.

Even after the Reformation era, the holiday was still celebrated and recognized among Protestant circles. To this day, Christians within the high and low churches of Christianity celebrate this day of romance. Some celebrate it by giving honor and veneration to Valentine himself. Others celebrate it as a fun and romantic gesture to their spouse or sweetheart.

Regardless of how Christians celebrate and commemorate the holiday, lessons — the significance of love and holy matrimony, the fact that holy matrimony gives what the world cannot, marriage is about sacrifice and that love brings us back to God — can be taken away from Valentine's life.

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Treasury bonds: Still safe for investors

You may have read reports about an impending “debt crisis” in the U.S. Should you be worried about investing in Treasury securities?

Part of the concern over debt has been driven by the cost of government borrowing, which has risen because of higher interest rates. But it’s worth noting that while interest expenses have risen to nearly 2% of gross domestic product (GDP), this measure had exceeded 3% in the early 1990s. So, while the upward trend of federal debt could prove problematic down the road, the claims of a current crisis may be overblown. And Treasury securities are still considered among the safest investments in the world, as they are secured by the full faith and credit — that is, the ability to borrow and tax — of the United States.

In any case, if you haven’t invested in Treasury securities, you’ll want to know the basics. First of all, when you purchase a Treasury security, you’re lending money to the federal government for a specific period of time.

Here are your purchase options:

- Treasury bill – Typically matures in four, 13 or 26 weeks, although some have maturities of up to a year.
- Treasury note – Matures between one and 10 years.
- Treasury bond – Typically matures in 10 to 30 years.

When you buy Treasury notes or bonds, you receive semiannual interest payments, but when you purchase a Treasury bill — a T-bill — you generally buy it at a discount, and when the bill matures, you receive its face value. So, for instance, you might pay \$4,700 for a 13-week T-bill and get \$5,000 back at the end of the three months.

When investing in Treasury securities, you’ll want to keep these features in mind:

- Price fluctuation – While your interest payments will always remain the same, the market value of your Treasury security can change. So, you



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might not get face value for a Treasury bond if you sell it before it matures, particularly if market interest rates are higher than the rate you’ve been receiving. Because longer-term bonds have more payments left to make than shorter-term ones, they are more sensitive to interest rate changes and market price fluctuations.

- Taxes – Interest income from Treasury securities is subject to federal income tax but exempt from state and local taxes.

In addition to the traditional Treasury bonds, bills and notes, another option is available: Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). Unlike other Treasury securities, in which the principal is fixed, the principal of a TIPS can move up or down, based on movements in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Once your TIPS matures, if the principal is higher than the original amount, you’ll get the increased amount; if the principal is equal to or less than the original amount, you’ll get the original amount. TIPS pay a fixed interest rate semiannually until maturity, but because interest is paid on the adjusted principal, the amount of your interest payments can vary. As with other Treasury securities, you can hold a TIPS until maturity or sell it before it matures.

Don’t let scary or gloomy predictions discourage you from considering Treasuries — they remain a good option as part of the fixed-income portion of your investment portfolio.

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St. Joe’s to celebrate Catholic Schools Week

St. Joseph Community will mark National Catholic Schools Week with a variety of activities, beginning on Monday. And for once, it looks like the weather just may cooperate. In the past, of course, the annual celebration seems to have been a magnet for “snow days.”

The New Hampton school will kick off the week on Monday by “Celebrating Our Community.” Students are asked to wear

white and blue and making Valentines for veterans.

Thursday is Celebrating Our Families and students are asked to dress their best as the day will also include the weekly mass, Grandparents Day and Bingo with Trivia.

Friday is Celebrating Our Staff and Faculty, who will join the students for a fun-filled day at the Cedar Valley Sports Complex.



Photo courtesy of Emma Schwickerath

Big week for New Hampton’s dancers

New Hampton’s state championship dance team will be performing tonight (Thursday) in between the boys and girls varsity basketball games and at halftime of the boys game as they gear up for their annual Dance Showcase on Saturday. The event starts at 5 p.m., will be held in the competition gymnasium and will include a number of routines by the full dance team, as well as solo performances. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

EMS director appreciates support of city officials

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summer, but Knutson would like his crew to be housed in the same building that Chickasaw County EMS’ ambulances are parked.

“One, we wouldn’t have to rent anymore, and I know it’s not a super amount of time, but our response time will be better,” he said. “We’ve talked and talked and talked about this, but it seems like there’s something that always crops up and, yes, it’s frustrating. I’m pulling my hair out.”

Another issue cropped up during Monday’s Board of Supervisors’ meeting.

Because the building is housed right on the property line, a second inside stairwell from the living quarters would have about an 18-inch drop to the outside of the building.

That second stairwell, though, is required if the county doesn’t want to put in a sprinkler system in the building. If the county does put a sprinkler system into the building, the cost to remodel the building

would be more than \$270,000, far above the \$196,000 threshold the county doesn’t want to cross because that would trigger, by law, more state requirements — including hiring a licensed architect or engineer and going through a full bidding process — that would drive up the cost.

The good news, according to Knutson, is that the 18-inch drop from the door is not a concern to the county’s insurance provider.

The Board of Supervisors has received a quote for a remodeling plan that would not include a sprinkler system that would cost the county around \$185,000.

Board members late last year reached a consensus to use some of the county’s remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA funds and \$180,000 from the EMS budget — i.e., the money that the county and the six cities that have 28E agreements for ambulance service — have contributed to the department.

“We’re so close, but I’ve been saying that for how long,” Knutson said. “Again,

I know they have their jobs to do, but I’m really hoping we can get the ball rolling on this sooner — much, much sooner — than later.”

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Knutson also was asked about the meeting with representatives of the six Chickasaw County cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — he held on Jan. 16 to discuss the service.

He said five of the six cities attended the meeting and that he met with Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley this week to go over his update.

“I didn’t expect it to go badly, don’t get me wrong,” Knutson said, “but I was really, really happy with how well it went. The cities were very supportive of what we’re doing and the service we’re providing. I think one of the things we lose sight on sometimes is that we, as in the county, have great partners when it comes to the cities that are involved with us.”

Kids & Tech series continues Monday at the New Hampton Public Library

The second session of a three-part “Kids & Tech” series that the New Hampton Public Library is hosting will be held this coming Monday at 6 p.m.

Christy Teslow, the founder of Cresco-based Mobile Mamma, is leading sessions designed to not only help parents make sure their children are safely using technology but also help themselves with things like technology jargon and the like.

This Monday’s talk will be geared toward parents of middle school students. The series will wrap up on Monday, Feb. 5, with an emphasis on parents of high school students, as well as adults themselves.

“We’ll talk a lot about what apps kids are using, which ones are safe, which ones need monitoring and things like that,” New Hampton Library Director Carrie Becker said, “and one of the things I’ll stress is that this is open to everyone — not just parents. Grandparents, for example, can get a lot out of Christy’s talks.”

The sessions will last about an hour, and there is no cost to attend. Becker also emphasized that residents don’t have to attend all the sessions.

Tree identifying course set for Feb. 3 at Twin Ponds

Do you enjoy a good walk in the woods? Do you like to identify trees when you are outdoors? Do you wish you could identify trees with confidence in the winter? If this sounds like you, then a program on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Twin Ponds Nature Center in Chickasaw County might interest you.

The Winter Forestry Field Day will focus on methods to identify native, and non-native trees and shrubs. The 1-2-hour field day will consist of a pleasant (and possibly chilly) walk through the woods surrounding the nature center. Organizers will use some tried and true methods of identifying trees in the winter, such as: branch structure, bark, buds, leaf scars, and others. This will be a fun and informal walk, and the floor will always be open to any questions relating to forestry.

Local enthusiasts, professionals, and casual nature enjoyers alike are welcome. Questions may be directed to Maison Hubrig, WMI Forestry Specialist at 563-608-0086 or by email at Maison.Hubrig@dnr.iowa.gov.

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Donna Rae Slick, 68

Donna Rae Slick, age 68 of New Hampton, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

The funeral service was held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Interment followed at New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends greeted the family from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was the cherished daughter of Willis and Myrtle (Thronsdon) Ransom, growing up with four adoring sisters. Donna attended high school in New Hampton, where she laid the foundation for a life filled with joy, love and compassion.

On April 27, 1974, Donna exchanged vows with the love of her life, Ricky Slick, at the Congregational Church in New Hampton. This union was blessed with three beautiful children who became the center of Donna's universe.

Donna had a vibrant spirit, and her dream job reflected her love for music and fun – she aspired to be a “groupie,” reveling in the front row of the best concerts. Her playlist was a testament to her eclectic taste, featuring favorites like “Little Willy” by Sweet, “U Smile” by



Donna Slick

Justin Bieber and anything by REO Speedwagon or Journey. She was the life of every gathering, always found playing music and dancing, spreading joy to those around her.

Her favorite moments were spent cuddling with her “love bug,” granddaughter Maddie, and Nash, her faithful Yorkshire Terrier, while indulging in the magic of the Harry Potter movies. Donna's warm heart extended to everyone she met, and she affectionately called everyone her “bestie,” with a special place in her heart for Jeanie, Peg, and Tammy.

Fondly known as “Grandma Donna,” her kind heart and healing hugs earned her this endearing title. She had an extraordinary gift for making each person feel like the most important in the world.

Her love for her children was immeasurable, and while she could never pick a favorite, she would cheekily admit that Joey held a special place in her heart, though she adored Jeremy and Patti just as much.

Donna's legacy is marked by her selflessness, dramatic storytelling and an unmatched work ethic. From 2008 to 2021, she found purpose and fulfillment working with individuals facing mental health challenges at Prairie View Management in New Hampton.

Life, for Donna, was a celebration of love, family, friends and her beloved Yorkshire Terrier, Nash. However, there was one exception – cats. Donna harbored a deep aversion to them, finding them both terrifying and unlovable.

Her deepest affections were reserved for her family, her faithful companion Nash, her circle of friends and the simple joy of sipping on strawberry daiquiris.

She is survived by two sons, Jeremy Slick of Ionia, and Joey Slick of Fredericksburg; one granddaughter, Maddie Hoeck of Ionia; and three sisters, Luana Heit of Spring Valley, Minnesota, Pat (Roddie) Randall of New Hampton, and Jodie Beck of Charles City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Rick in 2012; one daughter, Patti in 2017; and one sister Julie Learn in 2021.

Trinity College in Carmarthen, Wales. Throughout the six months Mark was in Wales, Dixie would write a weekly letter keeping him informed of all family matters. These letters took one week to arrive. When she found out that Trinity College did not serve milk at the college meals, she took matters in hand. Immediately Dixie sent Mark a \$100 bill every month in her letters to make sure he made the daily walk into town to buy a daily bottle of milk. Dixie always thought of her children first and foremost.

Dixie's zest for life extended far beyond her hometown. Alongside Nubs, she traveled extensively, exploring many islands, reveling in the bright lights of New York for Broadway shows, and attending concerts of her favorite artists, including the legendary rock band Queen and the vocal powerhouse Celine Dion. These adventures were the backdrop for a life lived fully and with joy.

She is survived by three of her four children, Terry (Timothy) Rausch of Ionia, Mark (Karen) Steffes of Cedar Falls, and Kristy (Todd) Ashton of Apple Valley, Minnesota; four grandsons, Jared Downing, Jacob Downing, Jordan Downing and James Ashton; two granddaughters, Caitlyn O'Conner, and Amy Fogarty-Houser of New Hampton; two step-granddaughters, Taylor Ashton, Grace Ashton; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 51 years, Norbert “Nubs” Steffes in 2006; son, Randy Lee Steffes who was tragically killed in an auto accident on April 6, 1988; brothers-in-law, Lawrence Steffes, Bay Galloway, Leo Ertz, Florian Wittrock, Lawrence Kokenge, Herb Irlmeier, and Leo Wernimont; sisters-in-law, Darlene Steffes, Hilda Schroeder, Lucille Galloway, Irene Ertz, Elizabeth Wittrock, Florence Kokenge, Bernice Irlmeier and Coletta Wernimont; and many other relatives and friends.

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Marie ‘Gerry’ Heying, 95

Marie “Gerry” Heying, age 95 of Elma, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, at Afton Oaks Assisted Living in Elma.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elma with the Rev. Ken Glaser celebrating the Mass.

Interment was held at Calvary Cemetery, Elma with Tom McGrane, Randy Voves, Lance Lawrence, Scott Freidhof, David Pitz, Trevor Heying, Jesse Heying, Nick Heying and Landon Buckridge serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma where there was a 3 p.m. public Rosary. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Monday.

Marie Geraldine “Gerry” Heying passed away peacefully on Jan. 16, 2024, in Elma. Born on March 19, 1928, in rural Howard County, IA, the daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth (Rosonke) Biwer, Gerry's life was one marked by dedication to her family, her work, and her unwavering faith.

Gerry's early education took place at the Afton 8 Country School in rural Elma until the 8th grade. She then continued her studies at Immaculate Conception High School in Elma, graduating in 1945.

After high school, Gerry worked at Art Gansen's Allis Chalmers store, a job that would serendipitously introduce her to Leander “Slim” Heying. Their partnership flourished into a lifelong love, and they were married on Jan. 21, 1947, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elma. Together, they welcomed 11 children into the world, nurturing a family grounded in love and mutual respect.

The couple began their married life west of Elma on a farm, eventually moving to a farmstead east of Elma. Gerry was a force of nature on the farm,

Mary Ann Kuennen, age 89 of Lawler, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler with the Rev. Nick Radloff, the Rev. Ivan Nienhaus and Deacon Jim Zajicek concelebrating the Mass.

Interment will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery, Lawler. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Bill Kuennen, Nick Kuennen, Brian Smith, Tim Kuennen, Bob Kuennen, Jake Kuennen, Josh Kuennen, Brady Kuennen and Alex Altmann. Honorary pallbearers are her granddaughters, Carol Gaul, Sally Tieskoetter, Sue Rieland, Michelle Smith, Kayla Boots, Jessica Kuennen, Kathy Elsbernd, Jenny Kuennen, Allison Kuennen, Madeline Altmann and Gabrielle Altmann.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler where there was a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to Mass at the church Thursday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory has been entrusted with services. Online condolences for the Kuennen family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Mary Ann Kuennen, a beacon of unwavering love and faith, passed away peacefully on Jan. 19, 2024, in her cherished hometown of Lawler. Born on Dec. 26, 1934, on a family farm north of Lawler, Mary Ann's life was a testament to the beauty of simplicity and the enduring power of love.

Her journey began as a young girl attending country school by Little Turkey, where the seeds of her lifelong learning and love for nature were planted.

At the tender age of 16, Mary Ann's heart was captured by Delbert Kuennen of St. Lucas,



Gerry Heying

working alongside Slim in the fields, managing equipment, and caring for the animals. Her green thumb was evident in the large vegetable gardens she cultivated, providing sustenance and nourishment for her growing family.

Gerry's talents extended well beyond the fields. She was a skilled seamstress, often seen sewing and mending clothes for her children and neighbors. Her culinary prowess was legendary; Gerry could always be counted on to have a delicious four-course meal waiting for her family and friends. Her cakes and baked goods were a source of joy for all who had the pleasure of tasting them, and her recipes will be cherished and missed by family and friends alike.

As her children grew older, Gerry found a new way to express her innate desire to care for others. She became a nurse's aide at the Colonial Manor in Elma, where for about 30 years, she was a valued employee known for her compassionate nature. Her dedication to helping others also extended to her and Slim's role as custodians at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elma, where they served for many years, generously offering their time and talents to the parish.

Gerry's faith was the cornerstone of her existence. A lifetime member of the Immaculate

Conception Church in Elma and a longtime member of the Rosary Society, she lived her faith every day, inspiring those around her to do the same. Gerry's faith-filled life was a testament to her belief in kindness, service, and community.

Those who knew Gerry would speak of her selfless nature. She was the kind of person who always put others before herself, and who found the greatest joy in the happiness and well-being of those she loved.

Her presence was a comforting constant in the lives of her family, and her absence will be deeply felt.

Her garden was her pride, and many people stopped to chat with her ended up enjoying from her bountiful harvest. Her reward was how much she could give to help others.

The family would like to thank the staff of Colonial Manor & Afton Oaks for her wonderful care.

Gerry is survived by her children, Jean (Vern) Voves of Elma, Kay Lawrence of Monticello, Joanne (Rick) Freidhof of Cresco, Pat (Merle) Pitz of Elma, John (Donna) Heying of Elkader, Rick (Ann) Heying of Alta Vista, Roger (Rose) Heying of Alta Vista, Andy Heying of Webster City, Becky (Keith) Buckridge of Edgerton, Minnesota, and son-in-law, Lavern McGrane of Elma; 30 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; brother, Al (Donna) Biwer of Elma; brother-in-law, Joe Glaser of New Hampton; sister-in-law, Jackie Biwer of Surprise, Arizona; close friend, Janice Kobliska of Elma; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leander Heying in 1998; son, Ernest Heying in infancy; daughter, Donna McGrane in 2007; two grandsons; two great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Clem Lawrence; three sisters, Mary Ann, Betty, and Phyllis; and two brothers, Joe and Matt.

Mary Ann Kuennen, 89



Mary Ann Kuennen

in a serendipitous meeting at the Legion Hall in Lawler. Their love was swift and sure, a love at first sight that endured the test of time and distance.

Despite Delbert's Air Force commitments and their mere four dates before marriage, their union was blessed at Assumption Church in Little Turkey on Sept. 28, 1953. The young couple's adventure took them to Louisiana, where they welcomed the first of their six children. They would later return to Iowa, creating a loving home and expanding their family on a farm northeast of Jackson Junction.

Mary Ann's life was a canvas of creativity and a garden of love. Her hands, always busy, crafted beauty in the kitchen with homemade bread and kolaches. When she could, she enjoyed coloring intricate color books, painting, completing puzzles, and journaling.

A dedicated fan, she cheered for the Minnesota Twins, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Iowa Hawkeyes with equal fervor.

Her Czech heritage was a source of pride, and she relished family outings, whether to a ballgame or a day spent fishing.

Mary Ann's adventurous spirit shone through her love of gambling and her fond memories of trips to Vegas. Music filled her home, and she often

sang along with joy in her heart. She completed many word find and crossword puzzlebooks with keen intellect.

Above all, family was Mary Ann's number one priority — her greatest passion and achievement.

Her life, described as simple but great, was a reflection of her loving, kind, and faith-filled nature. In her words, being a mother was her greatest accomplishment in life, as well as a gift that money could not buy. She took immense pride in seeing her six children grow into wonderful adults. Her only wish was for more time with the family she adored beyond measure.

As we remember Mary Ann, we recall the words of Helen Keller: “What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.” Mary Ann Kuennen's legacy of love and faith will forever be etched in the hearts of those she touched.

Mary Ann's life was one of grace and gratitude, a life where every moment was cherished and every family bond treasured. As we bid farewell to this remarkable woman, we celebrate the love she shared and the lives she so beautifully shaped. Her calm and gentle spirit will continue to inspire and guide us through the seasons of our lives.

Mary Ann's life was marked by her dedication to her family. She is survived by her loving children, Randy (Laura) of Lawler, Jim (Charrn) of Fort Atkinson, Diane (Al) Smith of Cresco, Ken (Bridget) of Denver, Gary (Janel) of Lawler, and Lynn (Rob) Altmann of Buffalo, Minnesota; 20 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Zephie (Bouska) Shileny; her beloved husband, Delbert in 1997; her granddaughter, Mary Diane Smith; and her siblings, Eleanor (Joe) Dostal, Julius (Loretta) Shileny, and Norbert (Delores) Shileny.

Slavery, 1619 Project to be discussed in six-part series in Fredericksburg

A discussion of the 1619 Project, which examines the history of slavery and its lasting impact on the many generations since, will be coming up this month in Fredericksburg.

The six-part series adds an element of faith to the discussion about race, slavery, racism, and racial justice.

The group will meet the fourth Sunday of the month, beginning Jan. 28 and the series will

run though June.

Each session stands alone, participants may come to one or several or all - June 28, Feb. 25, March 24, April 28, May 19, and June 23. The location is the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 111 S. Hamilton, 6:30 to 8 p.m. and will be hosted by Joe Peraud, Jim Reid, Hugh and Carol Mackintosh, Robin Kime, Kara Johns, and Gladys Christoph.

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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with rain likely; high 36, low 33.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 38 and a low of 31.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 35 and a low of 21.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 35 and a low of 26.

Extended forecast: We're going to start the work week off still relatively warm with highs nearing 40 and lows dropping into the upper 20s.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.

History

- In 1776, the Continental Congress authorizes the first national Revolutionary War memorial in honor of Brigadier General Richard Montgomery, who had been killed during an assault on Quebec on Dec. 31, 1775.
- In 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered during a routine inspection by the mine's superintendent. Weighing 1.33 pounds, and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.
- In 1919, a commission is formed to create the League of Nations.
- In 1924, the first Winter Olympics take off in style at Chamonix in the French Alps. Spectators were thrilled by the ski jump and bobsled as well as 12 other events involving a total of six sports.
- In 1949, the first Emmy Awards — honoring excellence in what was then a novel medium, television — ceremony is held on at the Hollywood Athletic Club.
- In 1971, cult leader Charles Manson is convicted, along with followers Susan Atkins, Leslie Van Houten, and Patricia Krenwinkel, of the brutal 1969 murders of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

Birthdays

- The great Scottish poet Robert Burns was born in 1759.
- Charles Curtis, who served as Herbert Hoover's vice president from 1929 to 1933, was born in 1860.
- American pop and R&B singer-songwriter Alicia Keys turns 43.
- Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky turns 46.

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Duane "Fritz" Balk, age 86 of Waucoma, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, at the Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Hospital in West Union from complications of dementia and heart failure.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Waucoma, with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Friends may greet the family 4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at the Waucoma Event Center. Visitation continues an hour prior to Mass at the church on Thursday.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in Waucoma. Online condolences for the Balk family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Duane Anthony "Fritz" Balk, a cherished husband, father and friend, passed away on Jan. 19, 2024, after a courageous battle with dementia and heart failure.

Born on Jan. 6, 1938, on the family farm in Waucoma, Fritz entered the world just after his twin sister, Dorothy, to the delight of his parents, Nick and Dolly (Bradley) Balk.

Fritz's early life on the farm set the stage for a lifelong passion for agriculture and a strong work ethic. He completed his education in Waucoma through the 12th grade, where he not only gained knowledge but also cultivated lasting friendships.

It was at a local dance at the Inwood ballroom where he met the love of his life, Wilma Kuehner from nearby St. Lucas. The couple married on Oct. 4, 1958, at St. Luke's Catholic Church in St. Lucas, on Wilma's 18th birthday. They embarked on a remarkable journey of love and partnership that spanned 65 years, blessed with four children who would become the center of their world.

In 1966, Fritz and Wilma moved to the Balk family farm, embracing it as their home-stead. Together, they dedicated 50 years to farming and milking cows, a testament to their shared commitment to

Ronald Tierney, age 75 of Elma, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024 at the VA Medical Center in Iowa City.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Elma with the Rev. Bruce Miller officiating.

Interment will be held in Howard Cemetery, Elma with Mason Tierney, Logan Tierney, Ashton McShane, Braden McShane, Ben Douglas and Brett Tierney serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Mollie Tierney, Kadyr Tierney, Sarah Douglas, Summer Douglas, Addie Douglas, Brooklyn McShane and Kyle Tierney.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at the Elma Memorial Hall located at 702 Busti Ave. in Elma. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Ronald Dean Tierney on Jan. 20, 2024, at the age of 75. Ron's journey began on October 23, 1948, when he was born to Walter and Evelyn Tierney. Following the passing of his mother when he was just 6 months old, he and his older brother Denny were raised by his maternal grandparents, Theresa and Ernest Kutzbach, in Elma. Ron graduated from Crestwood High School in 1966.

Ron honored his country with service in the Navy, receiving an honorable discharge in 1969.

Fate smiled upon him when he met the love of his life, Sandra Pickar, on a blind date. Their union on June 27, 1970,

marked the start of a rewarding life together — filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Ron often reminded us, "Life is great, if you let it be that way."

Ron found immeasurable joy in his three children, Chad, Theresa, and Casey and their families. Despite modest beginnings, the Tierney household was rich in love and happiness, making their children truly feel as if they had it all.

Ron's professional journey included various roles before taking ownership of Tierney Services & Body Shop, a gas station and body shop in Alta Vista. He shared the building with wife Sandy, where she also ran her own beauty shop. Known for his humor and sometimes inappropriate jokes, upon the closure of Tierney Services & Body Shop, he took his show on the road and excelled as a tool salesperson with Northeast Iowa Tools, covering a 60-mile radius.

Affectionately known as "Ronski" to some, he embraced life with passion and lived it to

Madonna Ann Cashman, age 94 of Waverly and formerly of Alta Vista, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

A Memorial Mass will be held later this spring.

Michael "Mike" Schmitt, age 63 of Waucoma, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, at the Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Hospital in West Union.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Waucoma, with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Duane 'Fritz' Balk, 86



Fritz Balk

the land and each other. Their love extended beyond the fields; Fritz and Wilma were known for their graceful dance steps, often found twirling each other around at local events. The couple also enjoyed snowmobile and motorcycle rides on Sundays, relishing the freedom of the open road. Their appreciation for country music was a soundtrack to their lives, and they looked forward to their Saturday night dinners at the local White House, surrounded by family and friends.

Fritz's role as a father was characterized by his playful spirit and nurturing heart. His children fondly recall the evenings he spent playing ball with them and the joyful wagon rides behind the mower. His commitment to family and community was evident in everything he did, from helping to start the Waucoma ball diamond to his unwavering support at his children's and grandchildren's sporting events.

An avid softball player, Fritz played with the Waucoma Old Timers, sharing his love for the game and camaraderie with his teammates.

His affinity for John Deere tractors was more than just a preference; it was a symbol of his farming heritage and a source of pride. Fritz was also known as the "Dog Whisperer," a title that spoke to his gentle nature and ability to connect with his beloved pets.

Beyond his immediate family, Fritz was a friend to many in

the community. His willingness to lend a helping hand or simply share a friendly visit was a hallmark of his character. His presence in the neighborhood will be greatly missed, as will the wisdom and warmth he brought to every interaction.

Fritz's legacy is one of love, dedication, and joy. He lived a life that was deeply rooted in the values of hard work, family, and community. Those who knew him will remember his laughter, his kindness, and the way he made each day brighter. As we say goodbye to Fritz, we celebrate a life well-lived and cherish the memories that will continue to inspire us.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma; children, Janet (Mike) Schmitt of Waucoma, Kenny (Emi) Balk of Marion, and Greg (Angela) Balk of Waucoma; 12 grandchildren, Danielle (Matt) Fox, Eric (Maggie) Sloan, Sara (Justin) Haught, Adam (Jill) Schmitt, Ben (Kalyr) Schmitt, Jordan Balk, Austin (Madison) Balk, Megan Balk, Kennedy (Aaron) Chapman, Olivia Chapman, Kennedy (Blake) Balk and Keegan Balk; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy (Danny) Winter of West Union, and Mary (Gerry) Hackman of Ft. Atkinson; sisters-in-law, Pat Balk of Charles City, and Mary (Tom) Reissner of Spencer; brothers-in-law, Don (Adrian) Kuehner of Chicago, Duane Kuehner of Decorah, Al (Cathy) Kuehner of Bloomington, Minnesota, and Marv (Sandi) Kuehner of Marshalltown; and son-in-law, Larry Niebes of Horton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Karla Faber Niebes; son-in-law, Jim Faber; his in-laws, Will and Minnie Kuehner; brothers, Harry Balk and Robert (Elaine) Balk; sister, Arlene (Stu) Spangler; and sister-in-law, Kaye Kuehner.

Wilma and her family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Gunderson Lutheran Hospice, with special thanks to Carol, Amanda, Heidi, Kate and Janelle, for their excellent care of Fritz over the past year.

Ronald Tierney, 75



Ron Tierney

the fullest. Among his cherished moments were the warmth of a well-stoked fireplace, where he instilled the value of hard work in his children through tireless woodcutting. Other favorites included the occasional sweet indulgence, a deep passion and involvement in music that extended to playing in multiple bands, his many fishing trips to Waterville, Minnesota, and Canada, and a profound love and talent for refinishing classic cars. Later in life, he found added pleasure in wintering in Texas, where he and his wife Sandy created additional friendships and fond memories.

Ron is survived by his devoted wife and caregiver, Sandy Tierney of Elma, with whom he shared 53 years. He leaves behind his cherished children, Chad (Leslie) Tierney of Denver, Theresa (Josh) Douglas of New Hampton, and Casey (Kim) Tierney of Waukee; and a legacy of grandchildren, each of whom held a special Grandpa-given nickname: Mason, Sarah, Logan, Summer, Ashton, Braden, Ben, Kadyr, Mollie, Brooklyn, Addie, and Kyle. Ron is also remembered by his siblings, Dennis (Joyce) Tierney of Charles City, Becky Tierney of Des Moines, Tom (Millisa) Tierney of La Porte City, and Tim (Colleen) Tierney of Waterloo; along with several special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Tierney; father, Walter Tierney; in-laws, Mike and Edna Pickar; sister-in-law, Donna Pickar; brother-in-law, Mike Reicks; step-mother, Elda Tierney; and his beloved grandparents, Theresa and Ernest Kutzbach.

Madonna Ann Cashman, 94

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma has been entrusted with Madonna's arrangements.

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

Michael 'Mike' Schmitt, 63

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at the Waucoma Event Center. Visitation continues an hour prior to Mass at the church on Saturday.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Waucoma.

UNI \$250 million campaign two years ahead of schedule

By Brooklyn Draisey
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The University of Northern Iowa's fundraising campaign has reached its \$250 million goal more than two years ahead of schedule, prompting the university's foundation to increase its fundraising objective by \$50 million.

The UNI Foundation now hopes to raise \$300 million by 2026 through its "Our Tomorrow: The Campaign for UNI" initiative, according to a news release. The additional dollars raised will go to scholarships and student emergency funds, academic programs and faculty and facilities renovations.

"The overwhelming support has challenged us to dig deeper and to envision what students will need from UNI 10, 20 and 50 years from now," said UNI President Mark Nook in the release. "We have more to accomplish before we celebrate our sesquicentennial in 2026."

The campaign began its "quiet phase" of funding in 2018 and publicly launched in 2022, according to the release, and donated funds are split among areas of need that include students, faculty and staff, academic programs and learning spaces.

Funds raised so far have gone to creating 253 endowments and 424 new scholarships and investing in six new and expanding programs, as well as athletics and renovation projects.

A total of \$67.5 million has been given to scholarships, \$89 million has been raised for academic programs and faculty, and Wilson Automotive Group owner and CEO David Wilson gave a \$25 million gift

to the newly named David W. Wilson College of Business.

UNI has received donations from every state in the U.S. and 17 countries, with almost half of the gifts coming from first-time donors.

"The success of the Our Tomorrow campaign is thanks to the more than 28,000 alumni and friends who have stepped up to support UNI," Nook said. "The impact the Panther family has had on our university is profound. We already see those impacts touching every facet of campus and it's inspiring."

Each of the campaign's pillar goals have expanded with the new funding goal. The university hopes to raise \$75 million for scholarships and \$1.5 million for urgent student needs, an additional \$4 million to double resources for engaged learning, and \$10 million more for academic programs and faculty.

The campaign is seeking \$3.5 million to launch UNI's new nursing program, as well as finish funding phase one of UNI-Dome renovations and updates and expansions to the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. UNI also hopes to raise funds for construction of new facilities for its wrestling program.

"Raising the campaign goal became a necessary step toward a bolder future for the university as new needs have arisen," said Jim Jermier, vice president for university advancement and president of the UNI Foundation, in the release. "In the remaining two and a half years of the Our Tomorrow campaign, we invite our alumni and friends to rally around priorities that will help us build the tomorrow UNI needs."

New Hampton bowlers finally get a chance to take the lanes

NH BOWLING: FROM 12

score of 2,705.

Landon Marr, a junior, rolled a 375 series against S-F and racked up a 400 against the Mustangs. Gabe Macon, another junior, bowled a 395 at Independence.

The S-F boys are now 7-1 on the year and are coached by Todd Skoda — Aries' brother-in-law.

"There's a little bit of rivalry there from the get-go," smiled Aries.

The New Hampton boys hadn't bowled since Dec. 19 at home versus NFV — the Chickasaws only win of the year.

NH competed at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo in the conference baker tournament on Wednesday.

The Chickasaws then travel to Lilac Lanes in West Union to take on North Fayette Valley on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

GIRLS RESULTS
GRUNDY CENTER 1,605, NEW HAMPTON 1,236
Medalist - Meaghan Martens, Grundy Center 257; Lilyanne

Palmer, Grundy Center 257.
New Hampton scores - Sophia Rivera 207, McKenzie Herzberg 205, Cassidy Meyerhoff 196, Madison Dreckman 190.
SUMMER-FRED 1,854, NEW HAMPTON 1,226
Medalist - Amelia Rader, Summer-Fredericksburg 305.
New Hampton scores - Meyerhoff 92-144-236, Herzberg 88-118-206, Dreckman 86-103-189, Rivera 70-66-136.
INDEPENDENCE 2,255, NEW HAMPTON 1,168
Medalist - Addison Lamphier, Independence 331.
New Hampton scores - Herzberg 204, Dreckman 199, Meyerhoff 189, Rivera 157.
BOYS RESULTS
SUMMER-FRED 2,636, NEW HAMPTON 2,393
Medalist - Dyson Kock, Sumner-Fredericksburg 400.
New Hampton scores - Landon Marr 173-202-375, Jamison Porath 165-176-341, Chase Gebel 176-148-324, Gabe Macon 159-136-295, Charlie Kriener 145-137-282, Kody Kleen 142-138-280.
INDEPENDENCE 2,705, NEW HAMPTON 2,602
Medalist - Teegan Cross, Independence 416.
New Hampton scores - Marr 400, Macon 395, Jam. Porath 369, Kriener 322, Jax. Porath 313, Gebel 277.

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News Bits From Our Past Compiled By Terri Josephson

Week of Jan. 21 1949 (75 years ago)
• A number of county employees were given salary increases at the meeting of the board of supervisors on Jan. 4. County engineer, from \$4,500 to \$5,000 per year, steward and matron of the county home, \$2,400 to \$2,520 per year, assistant engineer, \$2,400 to \$2,820 per year, bookkeeper in the engineer's office, \$1,680 to \$1,920 per year, clerk in the treasurer's office, \$1,680 to \$1,800 per year and janitor, \$1,500 to \$1,560 per year. Other salaries included, clerk in the auditor's office, \$1,680 per year and deputy sheriff, \$2,400 per year.

• The New Hampton and Waucoma Fire Departments were called to Lawler Thursday morning to help fight a fire that was reported to have started about 8:30 a.m., demolishing the Tank Style Shop. The unoccupied building owned by Chas. Larson was also destroyed, and the Shekleton Grocery store was heavily damaged.

The Wood's Tavern and Cafe was saved but sustained considerable smoke and water damage. The Style Shop was not covered by insurance and no estimate of the damage was made at the time the Tribune went to press.

1974 (50 years ago)
• Eighty employees of the Kitchens of Sara Lee-New Hampton received layoff notices last week which were effective at the conclusion of their regularly scheduled shifts of the weekend. Vern McKinney, director of operations said the cut-back of short-term employees was necessary because of softening in sales of products made at New Hampton and the resulting increase of finished goods inventories.

McKinney said if employees are needed again, these will be recalled.
• The New Hampton High School Jazz Ensemble (jazz band), will appear on station KROC-TV Sunday, Jan. 27 during the noon hour according to the band's director, Robert Utterback. This will be the band's fourth appearance on the Cancer Telethon with Bernie Lusk, the program's host.

1999 (25 years ago)
• Bob Riger has been named chairman of a drive to promote an Iowa Community Trauma Center at St. Joseph Community Hospital. The drive will be seeking \$50,000 in funds to provide additional training and update the equipment in order to establish a center.

This would enable emergency personnel to bring patients here rather than take them to other designated centers.
• The New Hampton wrestlers definitely had a tough-as-nails week in the past seven

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
January 16, 2024

The Board convened on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, and Hackman present at the Community Services Building, 260 E Prospect Ave, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Cerwinske. Vice-chairperson Breitbach called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, EMS Jeff Bernatz, EMS Dan Phillips, Ionia Donna Geerts and Derek Day, Fredericksburg Mayor James Mitchell, Jim Cook, Doreen Cook, EMS Carly Sedivy, North Washington Mayor David Geerts, Duane Nie and Megan Baltzer, Joan Knoll, Kurt Knoll, Sheriton Deltmer, Lawler Dale King, New Hampton Karen Clemens

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for January 16, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, and Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

EMS Director Joel Knutson presented 2023 Year End Report for the Chickasaw County EMS.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to adjourn at 6:42 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow and Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Steve Breitbach, Vice-chairperson Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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2023 City of Alta Vista Wages	
NAME	Wage
Buchholtz, Dale.....	\$45,528.15
Heying, Richard	\$650.00
Holthaus, Jarrett	\$18,739.14
Slick, Samantha.....	\$600.00
Burke, Frank	\$100.00
Halvorson, Patricia.....	\$1,170.00
Laures, Dean	\$700.00
Flatjord, Christina	\$8,443.79
Crooks, Kevin	\$1,200.00
Taylor-Griffen, Crystal	\$7,616.57
Laures, Amy	\$700.00
Geerts, James	\$600.00
Roethler, Adam	\$550.00
.....	\$86,597.65

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of February, 2024 at 6 p.m., the City Council of Alta Vista, Iowa will hold a public hearing at City Hall, 110 E Weber St., to discuss a property owners request to allow livestock on their property at 500 S White Ave. The request would allow fenced-in calves being raised at 500 S White Ave. Specifically, the hearing is to obtain citizen comments on the livestock in city limits request prior to the City Council approving or denying the livestock.

Anyone interested may appear at the above stated time and place for the public hearing and be heard or may file written comments in person or mail to the City Clerk, of Alta Vista, Iowa at City Hall, 110 E Weber St., PO Box 115. Written comments must be received in the City Clerk's office before 6 PM on the date set of said hearing.

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days, but they capped it with a win at the prestigious Hudson Invitational on Saturday.

This win marked the sixth win at the Hudson Invitational for New Hampton. The Chickasaws won the meet in 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993. New Hampton's champions were Adam Kramer at 119, Ryan Utterback at 135, Cory Beckman at 145 and Jason Reicks at 171.

2014 (10 years ago)
• The Chickasaw boys basketball team held off No. 3 West Fork in a battle of the unbeatens. The first 24 minutes were New Hampton basketball at its best. The Chickasaws came out clicking in virtually every phase of the game, racing out to a 20-9 first quarter lead and stretched it out to 40-24 at halftime. The lead was pushed to a 57-35 advantage in the third quarter, but West Fork refused to fold and mounted a comeback cutting the lead to six in the fourth quarter. A blocked shot, clutch free throws and a thunderous dunk from Ryan Kriener finally finished off the Warhawks.

Kyle Smith led with 16 points, Cole McDonald and Kriener had 10 points apiece. Tucker Tenge and Tanner Rentschler finished with nine points and Anthony Sweitzer had eight to go with his six assists. The Chickasaws improved to 9-0.

• Northeast Iowa Community College career specialist Diane Diiro will be working out of the New Hampton Economic Development office. Diiro will work with an Advisory Board that has four goals, increase the number of high school students who attend concurrent enrollment courses, helping New Hampton become a "Skilled Iowa Community," re-establish English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes in

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY (JUVENILE DIVISION) IN THE INTEREST OF M.B. and A.B., Child.
Juvenile Nos. JUVJ000907 and JUVJ000908
ORIGINAL NOTICE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (IOWA CODE CHAPTER 232)
TO: Cory Lee Bane
You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above court, a petition in the above-entitled action, which prays for termination of the parent-child relationship between the parents and the above-named child pursuant to Division IV of Iowa Code Chapter 232. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is Charles Crain whose address is 516 South Linn Avenue, New Hampton, Iowa 50659.

You are further notified that a hearing to determine whether parental rights should be terminated to the child in interest pursuant to Iowa Code Section 232.117 shall be held before the Juvenile Court on the **4th day of March, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.** in the Courtroom of the Chickasaw County Courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa. If you fail to appear and defend at said time and place, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of Shirley M. Blazek, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR003184
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Shirley M. Blazek, Deceased, who died on or about December 13, 2023:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 8th day of January, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Shirley M. Blazek, deceased, bearing date of April 9, 2007, was admitted to probate in the abovesamed Court and that Donald R. Blazek and Eugene L. Blazek were appointed co-executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all per-

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Board Proceedings
The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, January 15, 2024, in the High School FCS Room. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors Matthews, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Denner, Superintendent Jurens, and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director Ayers was absent.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the agenda. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director Denner moved to approve the consent agenda omitting the Board Readings and the Daycare Payment. Approve minutes of the December 18, 2023, regular session. Approve the December monthly financial report and the January 2024 bill listing. Approve the resignation of Tate Hofmeister (High School PE Teacher effective at the end of the 23-24 school year. Approve contracts for Trevor Sitting as High School Biology Teacher, Lois Pickar Part-Time Cook at 5.5 hours and Derek Wight transferring from part-time cook to full-time cook at 6 hours. All new hires are pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director Denner moved to approve the Early Notification Incentive Applicant Resignation from Kristie Brincks. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens presented an update on the Day Care payment being paid over three years instead of the original five as planned. The first two payments will be in the amount of \$33,000 and the third payment will be in the amount of \$34,000. Director Denner made a motion to approve the updated payment plan for the Day Care. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens and Soccer

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Resolution Number 1010 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTED GENERATION FACILITIES GRID ACCESS CHARGE BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT.
WHEREAS, New Hampton Light Plant is committed to providing a safe and reliable electric distribution system to all customers at fair and reasonable prices; and
WHEREAS, New Hampton Light Plant is also committed to sourcing our electricity supply from a diverse, balanced and cost effective portfolio of resources, including renewable energy; and
WHEREAS, the costs of providing all of our customers equally with a safe and reliable distribution grid are fixed and do not vary based on a customer's energy purchases; and
WHEREAS, an acceptable way to charge customers that self-generate all or a portion of their energy needs for the use of the distribution grid is through a "Distributed Generation Grid Access Charge" that assigns a value to those fixed costs that are attributable to the distribution grid; and
WHEREAS, the Distributed Generation Grid Access Charge is calculated based upon our most recent cost of service study for the New Hampton Light Plant electric utility and the development of the charge establishes the portion of our fixed costs being recovered from all members in the Energy Charge; and
WHEREAS, It is this portion of fixed costs that are not being recovered when a non-demand customer supplies some of

New Hampton and enhance adult training program opportunities.

2019 (5 years ago)
• Sophie Adams, a member of the New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling team, competed in the first ever girls state wrestling tournament. Adams went 2-2 during the tournament in the 126-pound bracket.
Although she did not make it to the stand, the Chickasaw, who is a sophomore at Turkey Valley High School plans to return to the state tournament in 2020 because she found a sport she loves.

• The world's most popular sport is coming to New Hampton High School, thanks to a unanimous vote by the School Board Monday night.

Board members voted to add soccer to its sports offerings, beginning in the 2019-20 school year, after hearing from a parade of speakers who came to the meeting to express support for the sport.

Fifteen residents, ranging from elementary school students to grandparents spoke to the board about the importance of offering soccer.

In the end, the board voted 5-0 to add the sport.

its energy needs from Distributed Generation while remaining connected to and dependent on the New Hampton Light Plant electric distribution system; and
WHEREAS, the Distributed Generation Facilities or Grid Access Charge makes sure that all customers, including those with their own generation, are charged appropriately for access to and use of the New Hampton Light Plant electric distribution grid.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE New Hampton Light Plant – New Hampton, Iowa to set rates and charges as follows:
Section 1. Rates and Charges Established.
RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTED GENERATION FACILITIES OR GRID ACCESS CHARGE:
APPLICABLE: To Residential Electric Customers with Distributed Generation.
MONTHLY FACILITIES OR GRID ACCESS CHARGE PER KW:
All kW's...\$4.39 per kW (DC Nameplate Rating)
Not-to-Exceed:.....\$28.00 per Month Equivalent to DG installation of: 6.4 kW (DC Nameplate Rating)
SMALL COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTED GENERATION FACILITIES OR GRID ACCESS CHARGE:
APPLICABLE: To Small Commercial Electric Customers with Distributed Generation.
MONTHLY FACILITIES OR GRID ACCESS CHARGE PER KW:
All kW's:\$.582 per kW (DC Nameplate Rating)

Not-to-Exceed:.....\$67.00 per Month Equivalent to DG installation of: 12.0 kW (DC Nameplate Rating)
All applicable Local, State and Federal Taxes shall be added to electric rates and charges.
Delayed Payment: 1.5% interest added 20 days after billing date.
Section 2. Repealer Clause. All resolutions, parts of resolutions, or service rules in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed insofar as the conflicting portions thereof are concerned.
Section 3. Severability Clause. If any section, provision, or part of this resolution shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.
Section 4. Effective Date. The rates provided herein shall apply to electric billed on or about January 8, 2024. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.
Section 5. Publication. This resolution shall be published in full.
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Light Plant on the 8TH day of January, 2024.
GRANT ANDERSON, BOARD CHAIR
ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, BOARD SECRETARY
No. 23578
1/25/24

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
January 15, 2024
The Board convened on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, Helping Services for Youth and Families Carson Eggland and Trish Johnson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Veterans Affairs Administrator Keith Elenz, Veterans Affairs Board Chairperson Katy Kuehn, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Fredericksburg Community Development Corp Board Members Brad Steege and Lonnie Schult
Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for January 15, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 8, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to direct County Attorney to write a letter asking for more information from Vanguard Publishing Co. LLC, New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
No Public Comment.

Helping Services for Youth and Families Director Carson Eggland and Trish Johnson discussed budget request.
Discussed Economic Development Funds for Fredericka Locker.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the Chickasaw County Publication Report for payroll ending December 31, 2023 and direct the auditor to publish in the official county newspapers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve EMS quarterly report ending December 31, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve EMS Compensation Structure Policy. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Discussed EMS FY 24-25 budget.
Discussed Secondary Roads updates.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and authorize chair's signature on FY2024 Iowa Department of Transportation Secondary Roads Budget Amendment 1. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the appointment of Sam Milligan (mechanic) to the position of Shop/Sign Foreman at the rate of \$30.10/hour, effective January 22, 2024 (subject to 3-month probationary period). Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to authorize County Engineer to fill the open mechanic position. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz discussed FY 24-25 budgets.
Discussed Veterans Affairs budget FY 24-25.
Discussed county wages for budget

FY 24-25.
Discussed Examining Board Representative appointed by Board of Supervisors.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Sheriff's quarterly report ending December 31, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to direct County Attorney to draft a resolution for the Landfill. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Cerwinske. Nays: Breitbach, Kuhn. Motion carried.
Budget work session.
Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve a claim in the amount of \$75.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$139,132.40. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll, check dated January 12, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Committee Assignments.
Supervisor Kuhn, January 10, EMA and 911 Service
Supervisor Cerwinske, January 11, FMC Landfill
Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 12:39 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske. Nays: Hackman. Motion carried.
Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board
No. 23626
1/25/24 1/26/24

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Denner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tim Denner – yes, Adam Schwickerath – yes, Jay Matthews – yes and Nate Schwickerath – yes.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to hold a closed Session for Superintendent's mid-year evaluation per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) a school board may enter closed session "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session" Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tim Denner – yes, Adam Schwickerath – yes, Jay Matthews – yes, and Nate Schwickerath – yes. The board entered closed session at 7:55 p.m. Director Denner moved to come out of closed session at 8:16 pm. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tim Denner – yes, Adam Schwickerath – yes, Jay Matthews – yes and Nate Schwickerath – yes.
Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 19, 2024, at 6:30 pm.
Director Denner moved to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none
Monthly Bills January 2024 General Fund (10)
AFLAC29.90
Ag Vantage FS1,414.84
Amazon Capital Services2,901.98
American Solutions for Business392.15
Apple Inc99.99
BOSSLASER224.50
Carbidie 3D LLC84.87
CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON13.47
Casey's Business Account299.48
Charles City Comm School13,598.90
Chemsearch659.95
Chickasaw Chassis104.00
Chickasaw Wellness Complex300.00
City Laundering Co.1,023.96
Counseling & Family Centered Services, Inc.16,605.00
Crystal Ball Roller Rink980.00

Decorah Community School District2,826.00
Dollar General Charge Sales17.80
Dunkerton Community School 3,885.40
Eichenberger, Miranda13.98
Fareway1,118.09
Five Star Cooperative3,957.59
Fritcher, Katie864.50
Geerts Plumbing & Heating941.58
Glenn, Jill143.00
Good, Michelle36.96
Hanson Tire Service2,944.00
Hawkeye Alarm & Signal Co965.00
Hometown TV & Appl.3,893.00
Howard County Auditor1,277.10
Iowa Assoc. of School Boards2,020.00
Iowa Department of Human Services17,805.93
J.W. Pepper & Son Inc.95.00
Jaymar Business Forms, Inc.174.09
Jendro Sanitation Services Inc1,441.00
John Deere Financial23.97
Kip Carwash, Inc.200.00
Koster, Erica54.57
Kuennen, Mike895.00
Kwik Star1,037.72
Laures, June16.00
Letter Werks Sign City, LLC696.00
Madison National Life Insurance2,213.16
Marv & Zip's Repair, Inc.23.75
Mercy Medical Center570.00
Mick Gage Plumbing352.60
NAPA Auto Parts15.21
Nasco437.15
New Hampton Auto Body29.90
New Hampton Electric490.97
New Hampton Tribune501.02
NHMU Fiber314.52
Office World1,470.96
Oriental Trading Company Brands, INC.282.08
Orkin80.00
Pfaffle, Steve914.88
PhonicBooks173.80
Pinney Bowes Inc240.00
Play Mart Inc3,197.00
Principal Life Insurance Company975.63
Regents of University of Minnesota149.00
Riceville Community Schools34,968.60
Riley's Inc.109.95
Sam's Club44.94

School Bus Sales374.76
Schueth Ace Hardware416.33
Schumacher, Timothy16.00
Screen Print To Go.....18.00
St. Joseph's School29,929.99
Stanton Electric274.26
Sumner-Fredericksburg Community School District23,491.30
Superior Welding Supply500.52
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation181.05
Timberline Billing Service LLC2,720.17
Tobi Dynavox LLC (Mayer-Johnson, Inc)835.49
Tripoli Community School District3,885.40
Turkey Valley Community School1,138.37
Tyler Technologies, Inc.410.00
United Parcel Service107.82
Vern Laures Chev-Buick835.49
VISA1,245.11
Wagoner Bros. Repair9,971.59
Walmart.com.....294.50
Ward's Natural Science50.72
Washington National Ins. Co.833.10
Wayne's Truck Equipment & Parts, Inc.500.00
WEX BANK278.76
Windstream1,797.73
Fund Total:.....\$213,061.73
Capital Projects (33)
Chickasaw Wellness Complex.....1,000.00
Great Plays Daycare.....33,000.00
Hassman Construction1,742.68
RJ Kool Company3,207.50
Fund Total:.....\$38,950.18
Management (22)
EMC Insurance Companies500.00
Fund Total:.....\$500.00
Physical Plant & Equip (Equipment (36)
EH Electric, L.L.C.2,186.44
Marco, Inc.1,789.51
Fund Total:.....\$3,975.95
Debt Service (40)
UMB Bank600.00
Fund Total:.....\$600.00
Attest: January 15, 2024
Jay Matthews, Board President
Christy Roethler, Board Secretary
No. 23604
1/25/24

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ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

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

NH/TV boys JV conference tournament at Charles City, 4:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls basketball vs. Spring Grove, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

NH/TV girls varsity regional wrestling at Ma-son City, 10 a.m.

New Hampton basketball vs. Decorah, (senior parent night) girls JV at 4:15 p.m., JV boys at 5, girls varsity at 6:15 and boys varsity at 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY

NH/TV boys wrestling conference tournament at Waverly-Shell Rock, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley boys basketball at Clarksville, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 6:15 p.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton basketball vs. Columbus Catholic, JV girls at 4:15, JV boys at 5, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton bowling at North Fayette Valley, Lilac Lanes, 4 p.m.

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

NH/TV boys wrestling vs. Hampton-Dumont-CAL at Algo-na, 6 p.m., winner meets Algona at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

NH/TV girls wrestling at state meet, Coralville XTREME Arena, 9 a.m.

NH basketball at Central Springs, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

TV basketball at North Fayette Valley, girls JV at 4:30 p.m., boys JV at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton boys 9th basketball vs. Charles City, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

NH/TV girls wrestling at state meet, Coralville XTREAM Arena, TBD

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

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

NH/TV boys wrestling at state dual meet, if qualified,



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s Layni Schuchhardt (above) drives to the basket while teammate Hazel Nieman (below) forces a “held ball” during the Trojans’ game against MFL MarMac last week.

Coach sees improvement from his young Trojans

TV GIRLS: FROM 13

Still, he loved the intensity his Trojans showed against a Bulldog squad that currently sits atop the UIC standings, especially early in the game.

For the first 1 1/2 quarters, quite honestly, it was hard to tell which team was on top and which team was near the bottom of the standings.

Turkey Valley led for much of the first quarter and with four minutes left in the first half, a 3-pointer by Alexis Elsbernd had knotted the game at 22.

The Bulldogs, though, regrouped and ended the half on a 12-1 run to take a 35-23 halftime lead. And any thought of a Turkey Valley comeback ended when MFL started the third quarter on a 10-2 run to take a commanding 45-25 lead.

The Trojans, who fell 68-43 to Crestwood in a non-conference affair on Monday night, were led by Addison Steinlage,



who had seven points, but on this night, the Trojans had trouble buying a basket as they shot just 28 percent (14-for-50) from the field. Making matters worse, Turkey Valley had 29 turnovers and was whistled for 25 fouls, a big reason MFL held a 20-4 advantage at the free-throw line.

Then again, Turkey Valley is youthful. The Trojans had just

one player, Mariah Thronsdon, to honor during the post-game Senior Night ceremony and five freshman and four sophomores saw considerable playing time during the loss.

“They’re learning and tonight was no exception,” Hoffert said. “When you’re playing as many freshmen and sophomores as we are, you have to be patient. They’re getting better, and that’s

all I’m looking for right now — continued improvement.”

MFL MARMAC 35, TURKEY VALLEY 35

MFL	18	17	14	5	-	54
TV	15	8	6	6	-	35
Addison Steinlage	3-5	0-0	7,			
Annika Bodensteiner	0-0	2-2	2,			
Layni Schuchhardt	2-5	1-2	5, Mariah			
Thronsdon	2-14	0-0	5, Delaney Busta			
1-1	1-2	3, Hazel Nieman	0-2	0-0	0,	
Jenna Thronsdon	1-3	0-0	2, Ashlyn			
Busta	0-0	0-0	0, Emersyn Hoffert			
0-2	0-0	0, Alexis Elsbernd	1-3	0-0	3,	
Isabella Stika	2-9	0-0	4, Kendall			
Kuennen	0-0	0-0	0, Haylee Hanson			
1-5	0-2	2, Ellaney Bodensteiner	1-1	0-0	2, Totals	14-50 4-8 35.

3-point field goals - Steinlage 1-2, Elsbernd 1-3, M. Thronsdon 1-6, Hanson 0-1, Stika 0-2, J. Thronsdon 0-2.

Rebounds - Stika 5, Hanson 4, Schuchhardt 3, M. Thronsdon 3, Bodensteiner 2, Steinlage 1, Busta 1, J. Thronsdon 1.

Assists - Steinlage 2, M. Thronsdon 2, Busta 1, Stika 1, Kuennen 1.

Steals - Stika 3, Steinlage 2, Hanson 1, J. Thronsdon 1, Schuchhardt 1, M. Thronsdon 1.

Blocks - Steinlage 1, Stika 1, Hanson 1, E. Bodensteiner 1.

COFFEE CUP BOWLING

STANDINGS	W	L	
Mid-Tech Services	21.5	10.5	Diane Nehl 189.
Muscari, LLC	19	13	High individual series:
Rochford Insurance	18	14	Kirkus 522, Rita Geerts 518,
Geerts Plumbing	18	14	Nehl 508.
Hugeback-Johnson	17	15	High team games: Huge-
Vern Laures Auto	17	15	back-Johnson 447, Rochford
D&K	15.5	16.5	Insurance 444, 441.
JAN. 17 RESULTS			High team series: Roch-
Week 16			ford Insurance 1,288, Huge-
Rochford Insurance 3, Huge-			back-Johnson 1,255, Mid-Tech
back-Johnson 1			Services 1,199.
Mid-Tech Services 2, Mus-			MOST PINS OVER AVG.
cari LLC 2			(GAME)
Geerts Plumbing 3, D&K 1			Karen Denner 46
Vern Laures Auto 4, Dummy			MOST PINS OVER AVG.
0			(SERIES)
LEADERS			Karen Schmitt 61
High individual games:			Splits converted
Rita Geerts 203, Kristy Kirkus			Mel Schmit 2-10
193, Linda Lechtenberg 189,			Karen Schmitt, Secretary

Turkey Valley wins two games during hectic stretch of schedule

TV BOYS: FROM 13

and Turkey Valley forced overtime with a field goal with about 35 seconds left.

“The big thing is we played some really good defense to make sure we got it into overtime,” Izer said, “and once we got there, our guys did what they had to do.”

Logan Busta scored 19 points

to lead the Trojans, and Braylen Byrne continued his strong play of late. The senior, who had 12 points against MFL to tie Caleb Kurtenbach for the team lead, scored 18 points, and just missed a double-double with nine rebounds.

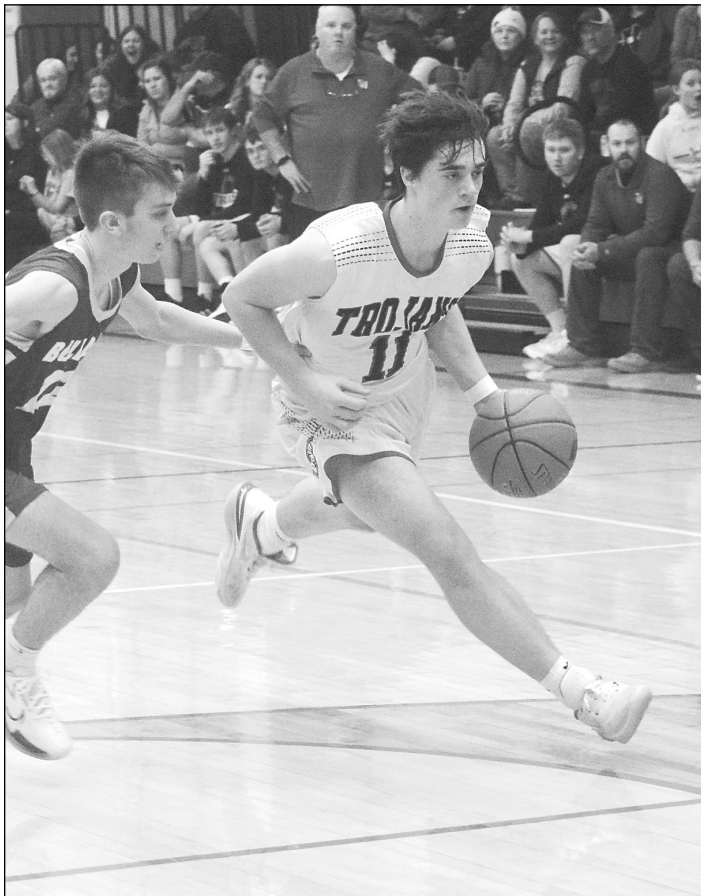
Kurtenbach and J.D. Kruse added nine points apiece while Busta finished with six assists and five steals.

“A lot of guys contributed to that win,” Izer said, “and with the way the schedule is right now, we need guys to step up because we’re playing a lot of games in a short amount of time.”

After taking Sunday off, the Trojans played host to former Turkey Valley coach Chris Sullivan and his Crestwood Cadets and came away with a 10-point victory that was highlighted by Byrne’s game-high 23 points.

“Braylen’s come a long way since the beginning of the year,” Izer said. “Some of it is he’s really gotten in shape; some of it is he’s just a lot more confident. I think what makes him tough to guard is that he can step out and hit that 3-pointer. For a ‘big,’ he shoots it well, and I don’t mind him taking those at all.”

Turkey Valley played host to winless West Central on Tuesday night, and Izer said,



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s Logan Busta beats his defender into the lane during Friday’s game against MFL MarMac.

after playing four games in five days, he was considering giving his team Wednesday off.

“We’re playing really well right now, but that’s a lot of basketball,” he said Tuesday morning. “We don’t play Friday so we’ll see how tonight goes. They deserve a little break, and then we’ll get back to work and get ready for

Clarksville [on Saturday].”

MFL MARMAC 79, TURKEY VALLEY 45

MFL	17	24	20	18	-	79
TV	10	11	15	9	-	45
Caleb Kurtenbach	5-10	0-0	12,			
Russell Nieman	2-3	0-0	5, Logan			
Busta	1-7	0-0	2, Oliver Schmitt	3-9		
1-2	7,	Braylen Byrne	4-7	3-3	12,	
J.D. Kruse	2-3	0-0	4, Calen Franzen			
0-1	0-0	0, Ethan Orvis	0-0	0-0	0,	
Cale Langreck	0-1	0-0	0, Mitchell			
Kriener	0-0	0-0	0, Jonah Orvis	0-0		
1-2	1,	Jordan Kriener	1-1	0-0	2, Aidan	
Holthaus	0-0	0-0	0, Totals	18-42	5-7	45.

3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 2-7, Nieman 1-2, Byrne 1-2, Calen Franzen 0-1, Busta 0-3, Schmitt 0-3.

Rebounds - Kruse 6, Byrne 5, Schmitt 5, Holthaus 2, Kurtenbach 2, Busta 2, Nieman 1, Franzen 1, Langreck 1.

Assists - Busta 4, Nieman 3, Schmitt 3, Kurtenbach 1.

Steals - Nieman 2, Busta 1, Schmitt 1.

Blocks - Schmitt 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 73, WAPSIE VALLEY 68

WV	11	16	19	17	5	-	68
TV	20	6	18	19	10	-	73
Kurtenbach	2-18	4-5	9,				
Nieman	2-5	0-0	6, Busta	6-12	4-6	19, Schmitt	
3-10	2-2	9, Byrne	7-18	2-4	18, Kruse		
1-5	7-12	9, Langreck	1-1	0-0	3, Aidan		
Holthaus	0-1	0-0	0, Totals	22-70			

19-29 73.

3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 1-12, Nieman 2-3, Busta 3-5, Schmitt 1-3, Byrne 2-4, Langreck 1-1, Holthaus 0-1.

Rebounds - Byrne 9, Kruse 7, Busta 6, Schmitt 5, Kurtenbach 4, Nieman 3, Holthaus 1.

Assists - Busta 6, Schmitt 4, Nieman 2, Byrne 2, Kurtenbach 1, Kruse 1.

Steals - Busta 5, Kurtenbach 4, Nieman 2, Schmitt 1, Kruse 1.

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AIRGAS, INC. OXYGEN CYLINDER	
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UTILITIES.....	\$68.62
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STANCE ABUSE MATTERS.....	\$1,654.74
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EMS SHOP/STAFF RENTAL DEC	
.....	\$60.75
BLACK HILLS ENERGY NAT GAS	
OUTSIDE SHOPS.....	\$442.34
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COM-	
PANY FILTERS & LUBRICANTS	
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SUPPLIES.....	\$216.02
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TPNC & TWIN PONDS.....	\$771.56
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TRIC POWER @ ANCHOR\$236.89	
BUTLER-BREMER ENG OFFICE	
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C. H. MCGUINESS CO. PARTS +	
LABOR TO REPLACE VALVES..	
.....	\$1,156.47
CAREY, RANAE REIMBUSE MILE-	
AGE & MICROWAVE.....	\$274.63
CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON	
LUB, FILTERS, PARTS.....	\$567.80
CENTURY LINK 911 PHONES \$33.95	
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF POST-	
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TIFIED PKGS.....	\$206.34
CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXT	
DISTRICT PEST CONTROL REG	
CLASS.....	\$55.00
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CI COOPER & ASSOC RANDOM	
DOT DRUG TESTING.....	\$135.00
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SUBSCRIPTION.....	\$820.00
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL FOR FINAL DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 364.7 notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held concerning the sale proposal set forth herein. The Public Hearing shall occur in the City Council Chambers of the Alta Vista City Hall at 110 East Weber, Alta Vista, Iowa on the 12th day of February, 2024 at the regular city council meeting at 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as any preceding business being addressed by the City Council has been concluded. The sale proposal is as follows:

The City of Alta Vista proposes to sell the real estate described as:

A parcel of land located in Parcel F in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 97 North, Range 13 West of the 5th P.M. which is 50.5 feet in width measured parallel to Washington Street located immediately adjacent to and to the West of Lot 17 With a North and South lot lines being an extension of the North and South lot lines of Lot 17 and the West lot line being parallel to the West lot line of Lot 17 in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 97 North, Range 13 West of the 5th P.M. in Chickasaw County, Iowa.

Actual legal description to be determined by survey

Together with the improvements thereon, and all rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto. The City proposes to sell the property at public auction to

the highest bidder on the following terms and conditions:

1.The property will be sold AS IS by Quit Claim Deed.

2. The Buyer shall pay one half of the surveying costs with the survey to be performed after closing.

3. All interested bidders shall provide a sealed bid to the office of the Alta Vista City Clerk, 110 East Weber Street, P.O. Box 115, Alta Vista, IA 50603, which must be received before 5:00 PM on the 12th day of February 2024.

4. The minimum acceptable sealed bid will be \$3,500.00 and all bids shall contain the name address and telephone number of the bidder.

5. In the event more than one sealed bid is received, a live auction shall be held at the time of the public hearing and the property sold to the highest bidder. In the event only one sealed bid is received the property shall be sold to the bidder providing that bid.

6. At the time of the public hearing, the highest bidder shall sign a written purchase offer and acceptance incorporating these terms.

Additional information is available by contacting Jarrett Holthaus, City Clerk. Written comments will be accepted by the Council until the date of the meeting.

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NH/TV wrestles hard, but falls to 3A Go-Hawks

Chickasaws have some 'highlight wins' but end up on wrong end of 47-21 score

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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With a starting lineup comprised of nine seniors – Matt Paulus sports a Chickasaw roster that is heavy on experience and brimming with talent.

Those New Hampton/Turkey Valley seniors wrestled in the last Northeast Iowa Conference dual meet of their careers in Waverly against the tenth-ranked Go-Hawks this past Thursday.

In an action-packed final head-to-head league battle before the postseason gets under way – W-SR held off a game effort by Paulus' Chickasaws to run through the NEIC portion of its schedule unscathed with a 47-21 victory over NH/TV.

"Anytime we travel to W-SR we know that it is going to be a hostile environment with a lot of tough wrestling. I think our guys wrestled hard, we just didn't come out on top," said Paulus.

Highlights for NH/TV came up at 215 pounds where top-ranked senior Braden McShane (33-1) continued to roll as he stuck the Go-Hawks' Logan Lashbrook in just 45 seconds.

McShane's lone loss this season came at Decorah back in the second week of December. That loss came courtesy of Minnesota wrestler Jacob Duitsman – who hails from the powerhouse program of Kasson-Mantorville. Duitsman won by a third-period over McShane – who placed third at state last year at 215.

Chickasaw senior Karson Kolbet (32-6) had no problem in pinning Mekyver Hagarty in 2:33 at 157 pounds. Kolbet is a returning state qualifier from last winter and is looking to hit the podium stand at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines next month at the traditional state tournament.

Ethan Praska (17-19), an NH/TV senior 144-pounder, powered his way to a pin over McCoy McIlravy in just 1:41.

Key toss-up matches took place at the upper weights at 175, 190 and 285 pounds. Any of those matches could go either way and the three-time defending Class 3A state dual champs won them all.

Braxten Westendorf, ranked fourth according to IAwrestle, got a major decision (10-2) over Chickasaw senior Leander Reicks (32-6) at 175 pounds.

Reicks, ranked sixth in Class 2A, gave up a couple takedowns on the same move –



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Braden McShane works to turn an opponent during a meet earlier this month.

which went a long ways toward Westendorf claiming victory.

"He has to learn to make in-match adjustments so that he doesn't get hit with the same moves over and over. He will work hard to make improvements and hopefully get another chance to wrestle that opponent," said Paulus.

No. 10 Zander Wedemeier slipped past Ethan Swehla (26-5) by a 4-2 decision and that gave the Go-Hawks a 23-12 lead.

"Swehla also wrestled a tough opponent and it was a very close match. He gave up a takedown on a questionable call, but he doesn't make excuses and he knows he needs to score more points in big matches. He is excited to get back to work," Paulus added.

The Go-Hawks' Caden Wetherell, rated No. 5, was able to come out on top over NH/TV senior Gatlin McCumber by a score of 7-3 at 285 pounds. McCumber is 28-11 this season.

NH/TV senior Landon Bruess (24-14) came up just short against No. 9 Alex Hornyak at 120 pounds. Hornyak won a tight 10-7 decision.

Chickasaw sophomore Jayden Bucknell (23-16) finished off the evening with a thrilling 11-7 decision over Kolby Sprole at 132 pounds. Sprole almost pulled off a last-second pin, but Bucknell held on for the victory and helped the Chickasaws finish off the evening on a winning note.

"All three of those guys wrestled quality opponents and wrestled hard. They need to focus on sticking to their game plan and force their skills on their opponents," said the NH/TV head coach.

NH/TV (13-11, 2-3) defeated Charles

City (62-12) and Waukon (61-18) in NEIC competition. The three losses in the NEIC came against these Go-Hawks, Decorah (37-30) and Crestwood by criteria, 40-39.

The Chickasaws head back to Waverly for the NEIC meet this Saturday.

WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 47, NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 21

138 - Zane Behrends (WSR) pinned Mason Nelson, 1:05. 144 - Ethan Praska (NHTV) pinned McCoy McIlravy, 1:41. 150 - Bas Diaz (WSR) pinned Jax Shekleton, 3:18. 157 - Karson Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Mekyver Hagarty, 2:33. 165 - Ethan Bibler (WSR) maj. dec. Olandreon Saunders, 13-2. 175 - Braxten Westendorf (WSR) maj. dec. Leander Reicks, 10-2. 190 - Zander Wedemeier (WSR) dec. Ethan Swehla, 4-2.

215 - Braden McShane (NHTV) pinned Logan Lashbrook, 0:45. 285 - Caden Wetherell (WSR) dec. Gatlin McCumber, 7-3. 106 - Maddox Westendorf (WSR) pinned Quinlan Mahoney, 0:28. 113 - Tayler Kibbee (WSR) won by forfeit. 120 - Alex Hornyak (WSR) dec. Landon Bruess, 10-7. 126 - Ryker Graff (WSR) pinned Braiden Schaufenbuel, 1:20. 132 - Jayden Bucknell (NHTV) dec. Kolby Sprole, 11-7.

JV RESULTS

120 - Ty Moudry (NHTV) pinned Luke Hornyak, 3:14. 138 - Layne Epley (WSR) dec. Emmett Kuehner, 11-7. 138 - Epley (WSR) pinned Israel Ortiz, 3:27. 144 - Bryar Usher (NHTV) pinned Samuel Genolous, 0:54. 150 - Chase Humpal (NHTV) pinned Genolous, 1:02. 150 - Burke Busta (NHTV) pinned Brayden McNeal, 4:46. 150 - Parker Reicks (NHTV) pinned McNeal, 2:45. 165 - Deegan Lewis (WSR) dec. Beau Serie, 6-0. 165 - Eli Forcier (WSR) pinned Dylan Maloy, 2:49. 165 - Forcier (WSR) dec. Serie, 9-3. 175 - Lohen Tank (NHTV) pinned Kamryn Steen, 2:41. 175 - Tank (NHTV) pinned Porter Behrends, 5:22. 175 - Maloy (NHTV) pinned Behrends, 1:39. 190 - Chase Mwangi (WSR) pinned Trae Keel, 1:54. 190 - Steen (WSR) pinned Keel, 2:47. 190 - Mwangi (WSR) maj. dec. Jackson Kellogg, 12-2. 285 - Mason Hinrichs (WSR) pinned Roy Barron, 6:00. 285 - Hinrichs (SWR) dec. Kyson Kielman, 5-0.

NH/TV heads to NEIC meet Saturday

NH/TV: FROM 13

NH/TV will be one of four Northeast Iowa Conference teams in the regional duals. Waverly-Shell Rock is ranked ninth in Class 3A while Crestwood is ranked 19th and Decorah is 23rd in Class 2A.

For the Chickasaws to get to regional duals, however, they needed a strong showing at Alburnett Saturday, and they delivered one.

But the losses may have been more important than the wins that included a 67-6 trouncing of Dike-New Hartford, a 74-6 rout of Iowa Valley and a 54-26 victory over Burlington Notre Dame.

NH/TV gave Alburnett all it could handle, building a 19-0 lead with a major decision from Leander Reicks at 175, an Ethan Swehla pin at 190, a Braden McShane decision at 215 and a Gatlin McCumber fall at 285.

But Alburnett responded by winning nine of the last 10 matches – with only Karson Kolbet's pin at 157 breaking the Pirates' string – to claim the win.

NH/TV, though, showed how far it has come this year as four of those losses came in decisions.

"Earlier in the year, we were giving up way too many bonus points," Paulus said, "and Saturday, you know, we had Alburnett scrambling. They knew they were in for a fight, they knew they had to do some scheming. A month and a half ago, we probably get blown out, but our guys are learning how important points are, how big it is to stay off our backs."

All in all, Paulus left Alburnett feeling like his team took a step forward.

Against Fennimore, New Hampton gave up just four pins against a team that will contend for the Wisconsin state title and got wins from McShane, Quinlan Mahoney (106), Jayden Bucknell (132) and Olandreon Saunders (165).

"Fennimore's dang good, and honestly, they're a terrible matchup for us," he said, "but our guys, I felt like, fought hard. We earned a trip to regional duals."

The rankers agreed, but

first, New Hampton/Turkey Valley will head to Waverly on Saturday for the Northeast Iowa Conference tournament.

And while the host Go-Hawks are the overwhelming favorites, NH/TV is heading to the tournament with a chip on its shoulder. The Chickasaws suffered dual-meet losses to both Decorah and Crestwood during the season, and beating those teams at conference would provide a much-needed salve to those wounds.

"I hate saying we're going there to get second, but realistically, that's probably what we're doing," Paulus said. "There's still a ton of good wrestlers in this conference, and I think our guys feel like they have something to prove. We lost to Decorah way back in December, we lost a tough one at Cresco earlier this month, and those still sting."

NH/TV expects to field a full lineup – and hopefully "then some" – on Saturday.

With Nolan Swehla down to 113, the Chickasaws had 14 wrestlers in the lineup at Alburnett, and they could have a few more competing on Saturday.

That's because the top-two wrestlers in each weight class at today's (Thursday) conference JV meet in Charles City will qualify to wrestle in the varsity tournament on Saturday.

NH/TV 74, IOWA VALLEY 6

157: Karson Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Nolan Kriegel, 5:50. 165: Olandreon Saunders (NHTV) pinned Ian Smith, 3:54. 175: Leander Reicks (NHTV) tech fall Colton Hudepohl, 16-1. 190: Ethan Swehla (NHTV) dec. Taite Peach, 6-4. 215: Braden McShane (NHTV) pinned Dawson Smith, 2:13. 285: Gatlin McCumber (NHTV) pinned Garrett Hoyt, 1:48. 106: Quinlan Mahoney (NHTV) won by forfeit.

113: Nolan Swehla (NHTV) won by forfeit. 120: Landon Bruess (NHTV) won by forfeit. 126: Braiden Schaufenbuel (NHTV) won by forfeit. 132: Jayden Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Jeffrey Crawford, 2:34. 138: Chance Hoyt (IV) pinned Mason Nelson, 2:32. 144: Ethan Praska (NHTV) pinned Karter Thiessen, 1:36. 150: Jax Shekleton (NHTV) pinned Dane Smith, 3:23.

NH/TV 67, DIKE-NEW HARTFORD 6

165: Gavin Gerbracht (DNH) dec. Saunders, 2-1. 175: Reicks (NHTV) pinned Jace Aneweer, 1:09. 190: E. Swehla (NHTV) won by forfeit. 215: McShane (NHTV) OT dec. Zach

Adelmund, 2-1. 285: McCumber (NHTV) pinned Tate DeBuhr, 0:26. 106: Mahoney (NHTV) won by forfeit. 113: N. Swehla (NHTV) won by forfeit.

120: Lucas Ragsdale (DNH) dec. Landon Bruess, 4-3. 126: Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Karson VanHeiden, 1:26. 132: Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Dax Weedman, 2:35. 138: Emmett Kuehner (NHTV) pinned James Wingert, 1:09. 144: Praska (NHTV) pinned Jake Reicks, 4:50. 150: Shekleton (NHTV) maj. dec. Ty Deering, 17-9. 157: Kolbet (NHTV) inj. default over Walker Weedman.

ALBURNETT 42, NH/TV 25

175: Reicks (NHTV) maj. dec. River Williams, 10-1. 190: E. Swehla (NHTV) pinned Wyatt Schrader (A), 1:38. 215: McShane (NHTV) dec. Emmitt Fleshman, 5-2. 285: McCumber (NHTV) pinned Josiah Redel (A), 1:06. 106: Cayden Leidigh (A) pinned Mahoney, 0:22. 113: Atlee Dewitt (A) pinned N. Swehla, 0:55. 120: Rowdy Neighbor (A) pinned Bruess, 0:55.

126: Tayten Coufal (A) dec. Schaufenbuel, 11-4. 132: Cooper Franklin (A) dec. Bucknell, 6-3. 138: Preston Klostermann (A) pinned Nelson, 1:40. 144: Dawson Becker (A) dec. Praska, 5-2. 150: Reece Klostermann (A) pinned Shekleton, 1:56. 157: Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Shayden Washburn, 0:34. 165: Hunter Sauer (A) dec. Saunders, 4-0.

FENNIMORE 45, NH/TV 19

190: Wyatt Ahnen (F) maj. dec. E. Swehla, 9-1. 215: McShane (NHTV) won by forfeit. 285: Evan Gratz (F) pinned McCumber, 0:19. 106: Mahoney (NHTV) won by forfeit. 113: Jerrin Glasbrenner (F) pinned N. Swehla, 0:42. 120: Cade Birchman (F) dec. Bruess, 4-1. 126: Colton Tollefson (F) maj. dec. Schaufenbuel, 8-0.

132: Bucknell (NHTV) maj. dec. Nolan Schoepf, 12-1. 138: Malin Hahn (F) maj. dec. Kuehner, 9-1. 144: Ian Crapp (F) pinned Praska, 2:27. 150: Syler Zdanczewicz (F) pinned Shekleton, 4:49. 157: Tristan Steldt (F) dec. Kolbet, 5-4. 165: Saunders (NHTV) dec. Ryder Zdanczewicz, 8-4. 175: Nathan Blaschke (F) dec. Reicks, 5-2.

NH/TV 504, BURLINGTON NOTRE DAME 26

215: McShane (NHTV) won by forfeit. 285: McCumber (NHTV) pinned Isaac Davis, 0:54. 106: Colt Boyles (B) pinned Mahoney, 0:13. 113: Carter West (B) pinned N. Swehla, 0:52. 120: Bruess (NHTV) won by forfeit. 126: C.J. Davis (B) pinned Schaufenbuel, 3:04. 132: Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Tate Sherwood, 2:41. 138: Kate Cook (B) tech fall Kuehner, 21-6. 144: Praska (NHTV) pinned Cole Mincer, 0:50. 150: Dirk Boyles (B) dec. Jax Shekleton, 4-2. 4-2. 157: Kolbet (NHTV) won by forfeit. 165: Saunders (NHTV) pinned Bridge Anderson, 3:24. 175: Reicks (NHTV) pinned Kamryn Wolkenhauer, 1:32. 190: E. Swehla (NHTV) pinned Nick Parker, 0:27.

Chickasaws endure tough week in NEIC

After blowout loss to unbeaten Go-Hawks, furious comeback comes up short for girls

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton girls basketball coach David Leichtman likes a lot about his 2023-24 Chickasaws, but their resiliency is at the top of the list.

Take last week's Northeast Iowa Conference games, neither of which ended up as a victory for New Hampton as league-leader Waverly-Shell Rock cruised to a 78-27 win over the Chickasaws on Tuesday and New Hampton dropped a 60-52 tilt with Waukon on Friday.

Three nights after the unbeaten Go-Hawks put a beat down on New Hampton, the Chickasaws got off to a dreadful start in Waukon – falling being 21-7 after one quarter and trailing 40-24 as they headed to the locker room at halftime.

Game over, right? Not so fast, and that's what had Leichtman smiling despite going 0-for-2 in conference play.

"One of the big things about these girls is that they bounce back," he said, "and as much as we wanted the win at Waukon, the way they came out and played in the second half, that says a lot about their character and their resiliency. They never quit. A bad loss, a bad start and a lot of teams would just throw in the towel, but that's just not this team."

New Hampton closed the third quarter with a 13-3 run to cut the deficit to 45-39 heading into the final frame, and even after Waukon appeared to right its ship, taking a 50-39 lead a minute into the fourth quarter, New Hampton came up with a 7-2 run to cut the Waukon advantage to 52-46 with three minutes to go.

Although there was no storbook finish, New Hampton's young squad had their coach bullish.

"Sure, you want that first quarter back, but the fight the girls showed was something we can take into the latter part of

New Hampton boys drop tilt to NEIC leaders, play Waukon tough for a half before falling

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New Hampton's Northeast Iowa Conference woes continued last week as the Chickasaws dropped a pair of conference games.

League-leader Waverly-Shell Rock completely dominated New Hampton last Tuesday – racing out to a 64-13 halftime lead on its way to a 77-27 victory – and although Friday's game at Waukon also ended somewhat lopsided, the final score, 74-58, was a bit of a mirage.

"You know, that first half was what we're capable of doing," New Hampton coach Ryan Rausch said, "but we just couldn't sustain it. They got a little bit of a lead and we let it get away from us."

The two teams were tied at 30 when they headed to the halftime break, but Waukon steadily pulled away in the second half, taking a 49-42 lead into the final frame and outscoring the Chickasaws 25-16 in the final eight minutes.

The two losses dropped New Hampton's NEIC mark to 1-7, but Rausch did take some heart in that first 16 minutes of basketball in Waukon.

"We moved the ball pretty well, we got good shots and we knocked them down," he said. "We still had too many turnovers – that's been our issue all year – but we made some shots. When it comes right down to it, that's what we're going to have to do if we're going to win games against good teams. You have to make shots, period."

New Hampton was led by Adam Ewert, who had 15 points and did much of his damage from outside as the junior was 3-for-5 from beyond the 3-point arc. Cael Laures added 12 points and seven rebounds while Ben Gilbert had nine points, four assists and four steals.

The Chickasaws also got eight points from Nick Brincks and a strong night from Jake Schwickerath, who came off the bench to hit 3 of 6 shots and finish with eight points.

But Waukon's hot shooting from the perimeter and New Hampton's penchant for turnovers – the Chickasaws had 21 of them – proved too much to

the season, into the playoffs," Leichtman said. "We learn from it – don't start like that – and then we take the last three quarters and say, 'OK, we can play with a lot of teams.'"

And New Hampton was short-handed as well. Starter Jackie Pickar, who was injured in the Waverly-Shell Rock game, didn't play on Friday, and the Chickasaws' rotation was reduced to just seven players.

The Chickasaws responded with a balanced attack as senior Molly Wegner scored 12 points while Taylor Ries, Cora Schwickerath and Ava Leichtman chipped in 10 points apiece.

New Hampton's comeback was aided by some outstanding long-range shooting as the Chickasaws hit five 3-pointers in the second half.

"We moved the ball really well, and we got some really good looks," coach Leichtman said after his team fell to 2-5 in NEIC play. "We hit some big shots, and when we got it down to five, six points, I thought, 'Man, we're going to do this.' We just dug the hole a little too deep, but the effort we got to make it a game, that's something we're going to celebrate."

WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 78, NEW HAMPTON 27

WSR 26 21 19 12 - 78
NH 7 12 2 6 - 27

Megan Pickar 0 0-0 0, Taylor Ries 2 4-4 8, Molly Wegner 2 0-0 4, Jackie Pickar 1 1-2 3, Cora Schwickerath 1 0-0 3, Tegan Dungey 0 0-0 0, Ava Leichtman 1 6-8 8, Sydney Laures 0 0-0 0, Kaymee Hackman 0 0-0 0, Jordan Thronsdon 0 0-0 0, Caycee Crawford 0 1-2 1, Chloe Weigel 0 0-0 0. Totals 7 12-16 27.

3-point field goals - Schwickerath 1.

WAUKON 60, NEW HAMPTON 52

NH 7 17 15 13 - 52
Waukon 21 9 5 15 - 60

M. Pickar 2 0-0 4, Leichtman 2 5-8 10, Ries 4 2-6 10, Wegner 4 2-2 12, Schwickerath 4 0-0 10, Thronsdon 0 0-0 0, Weigel 2 0-0 6. Totals 18 9-16 52.

3-point field goals - Wegner 2, Schwickerath 2, Weigel 2, Leichtman 1.

overcome.

"Waukon's hitting 25 percent of their 3-point shots and then they go and hit [seven] against us," Rausch said. "We wanted to take away their drives to the basket and I thought we did a decent job with that, but then they shot it pretty well. You have to pick your poison, and give them credit, they hit the shots they needed to."

Three nights earlier, Waverly-Shell Rock ran roughshod over New Hampton, building a huge halftime lead and playing their reserves throughout the second half.

Laures and Ewert combined for two-thirds of the Chickasaws' point as Laures finished with 10 and Ewert had eight.

New Hampton returns to NEIC action Friday with a home game against Decorah, the one team that can still catch the Go-Hawks for at least a share of the conference title.

WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 77, NEW HAMPTON 27

WSR 33 31 7 6 - 77
NH 9 4 14 0 - 27

Ben Gilbert 1-4 0-0 2, Adam Ewert 4-8 0-0 8, Nick Brincks 2-6 0-0 4, Cael Laures 4-9 0-0 10, Reid Rausch 0-8 0-0 0, Jake Schwickerath 0-1 0-0 0, Carter Newbrough 1-1 0-0 3, Caden Rochford 0-4 0-0 0, Ryan Willadsen 0-1 0-0 0, Dylon Schmitt 0-1 0-0 0, Jacob McDonald 0-1 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 12-46 0-0 27.

3-point field goals - Laures 2-4, Newbrough 1-1, Ewert 0-1, Schmitt 0-1, Bundy 0-2, Gilbert 0-3, Rochford 0-3, Rausch 0-4.

Rebounds - Laures 4, Gilbert 3, Ewert 2, Brincks 2, Willadsen 2, Bundy 1, Schmitt 1, Rochford 1, Schwickerath 1, Rausch 1.

Assists - Ewert 2, Rochford 2, Gilbert 1, Brincks 1, Schwickerath 1.

Steals - Willadsen 2, Brincks 1, Schwickerath 1, Schmitt 1.

Blocks - Rochford 1, Willadsen 1.

WAUKON 74, NEW HAMPTON 58

NH 14 16 12 16 - 58
Waukon 14 16 19 25 - 74

Gilbert 3-11 1-2 9, Ewert 5-13 2-2 15, Nick Brincks 3-6 2-3 8, Laures 5-11 1-1 12, Rausch 1-5 0-0 3, Schwickerath 3-6 2-2 8, Rochford 1-5 0-0 3, Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-57 8-10 58.

3-point field goals - Ewert 3-5, Gilbert 2-7, Rochford 1-4, Rausch 1-5, Laures 1-6, Schwickerath 0-1.

Rebounds - Laures 7, Ewert 4, Gilbert 3, Brincks 3, Rausch 3, Rochford 3, Schwickerath 1.

Assists - Gilbert 4, Ewert 3, Rochford 3, Rausch 2, Schwickerath 1, Brincks 1.

Steals - Gilbert 4, Ewert 2, Laures 2, Rochford 2, Brincks 1, Rausch 1, Schwickerath 1.



NH/TV freshman Raelen Manderfield (right) takes on No. 6 Destiny Kolheim of Charles City in thrilling match at 155 pounds in New Hampton last week Tuesday. Kolheim held off Manderfield’s upset bid to secure a 7-5 decision. The Chickasaws took on the Comets in their first true home meet in program history.

Chickasaws gear up for super regionals

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The season all boils down to one meet for the New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling team this Friday – and it’s a big one.

Caleb Ciavarelli’s Chickasaws will compete in the super regional meet at Mason City with hopes of punching as many tickets possible to the state meet in Coralville early next month.

This much is certain – the Chickasaws should be laser-focused at the state qualifier when a bevy of teams in two different super regionals all converge on the high school gymnasium at Mason City with dreams of competing in the second-ever sanctioned girls state meet.

The Chickasaws got a sneak peak and preview last week of the gym at Mason City that will be jammed-pack with athletes and fans all clamoring to make a trip down to Johnson County at the Xtream Arena in Coralville. NH/TV competed in the Mason City Invite this past Saturday and placed 15th.

“It’s always good to see the venue before you go there, especially for a regional event,” said Ciavarelli.

NH/TV managed that finish at Mason City amongst a field of 23 without its best wrestler – junior Aleah Eichenberger (25-10). Eichenberger was a state qualifier last year at 170 pounds and tweaked her hamstring in the final dual meet of the season at Waverly last week Thursday. She lost by injury default to the Go-Hawks’ Karissa Oldenburger.

What is Eichenberger’s status for this Friday at the super regionals?

That’s still a wait-and-see approach for the Chickasaw coaching staff in terms of whether Eichenberger will be competing.

“We’re gonna see,” said Ciavarelli. “I’m not 100 percent sure, but her hamstring is a little sore. We’re going to play it day-by-day.”

The Chickasaws (3-7, 0-5) closed out the regular season portion of its schedule with two NEIC duals prior to the Mason City Invite.

NH/TV hosted its first ever “home” meet as the girls took on Charles City last week Tuesday. It was the first time in school history that the Chickasaws competed just by themselves at home – without the Chickasaws

boys squad wrestling alongside Ciavarelli’s bunch.

The Comets came away with a 45-29 victory, but not before the Chickasaws put up an inspired fight.

“The girls wrestled really well. We gave ourselves a chance to win even though we’re giving up 30 points in forfeits,” said Ciavarelli.

What was the historical significance for Ciavarelli in the meet versus the Comets?

“It was just another home dual that kind of had some regional seeding implications,” said Ciavarelli.

W-SR, which sports four ranked wrestlers, downed NH/TV, 63-15.

The Chickasaws’ Kelly Thronkson, a sophomore 145-pounder, came away with a pin over the Go-Hawks’ Kasey Stone in 2:23. Thronkson also pinned Charles City’s Madison Haus in 1:09.

Thronkson (24-14) continued her impressive performances out on the mat by advancing all the way to her first ever title match in an invite at Mason City. She picked up two pins and a 3-2 decision over Aubrey Chapman of Osage in the quarterfinal round to then take on third-ranked Anastasia Simon of Decorah in the first-place medal match. Simon (35-1) ended up pinning Thronkson in the third period.

“Kelly not really having any experience coming into the year, it was about getting down to the right weight. She’s another girl that doesn’t miss practice. She just shows up for everything and she’s willing to work hard and learn. That’s why she’s at where she’s at,” said the Chickasaw head coach.

Chickasaw freshman 155-pounder Raelen Manderfield (25-10) placed seventh at Mason City and stormed back to tie her match against Charles City’s Destiny Kolheim after trailing 5-1. Kolheim held off Manderfield’s upset bid and ended up getting a late take-down to preserve a 7-5 decision. Kolheim is ranked sixth at her weight class according to IAwrestle and is 30-2 on the season.

“Raelen’s wrestled in the past so she had that natural kind of wrestling technique a little bit already coming into the season,” said Ciavarelli.

Manderfield pinned Annalessa Arnold of Decorah in first match of the day in 2:59 at Mason City. Arnold came

back to pin Manderfield in the consolation round in 1:40.

How does Ciavarelli feel about Thronkson and Manderfield’s chances of advancing to state?

Pretty good.

“They both have a legitimate chance to get there,” said Ciavarelli.

Another Chickasaw wrestler that has her eyes on the prize as well is freshman Sophie Glaser (135). Glaser was upset in her first match at Mason City against Mya Peterson of the North Central Trailblazers. Peterson stuck Glaser (25-16) in 2:37.

“She’s already beat that girl three times that beat her first round,” said Ciavarelli. “It was just one of those things. You got caught. You got beat first round, well that sets it up pretty hard for the rest of the day.”

Glaser also lost to No. 7 McKenzie Tollefson of Decorah by pin in her last match at Mason City. The Chickasaw standout tech-falled CC’s Nya Nosbisch by a score of 15-0.

Ciavarelli said Glaser’s losses this past week will make her better with the biggest meet of her career looming at super regionals.

“We were already working on some things that she had got caught in. It was what it was. We were able to take that and learn from it,” said Ciavarelli. “I’m confident she doesn’t worry about losses. She’s just ready to learn and she’ll be ready for this bracket at regionals.”

Freshmen Taelynn Bass (100) will take a 22-18 record into regionals. Sophomore Brooklyn McShane (125) is 13-17 and fellow Chickasaw soph Ella Knutson (130) is 17-19 on the year. Oliva Hoy, a junior 140-pounder, has wrestled to a mark of 8-17 this winter.

CHARLES CITY 45, NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 29

190 - Leah Stewart (CC) won by forfeit. 235 - Ava Thompson (CC) won by forfeit. 100 - Taelynn Bass (NHTV) pinned Sophia Calpito, 5:45. 105 - Open. 110 - Alexuz Ohlendorf (CC) won by forfeit. 115 - Emma Schmitt (CC) won by forfeit. 120 - Lillie Caster (CC) won by forfeit.

125 - Brooklyn McShane (NHTV) pinned Tegan Cavanaugh, 1:41. 130 - Edie Collins (CC) pinned Ella Knutson, 0:58. 135 - Sophie Glaser (NHTV) tech. fall Nya Nosbisch, 15-0. 140 - Kylie Blunt (CC) pinned Olivia Hoy, 3:30. 145 - Kelly Thronkson (NHTV) pinned Madison Haus, 1:09. 155 - Destiny Kolheim (CC) dec. Raelen Manderfield, 7-5. 170 - Aleah Eichenberger (NHTV) pinned Raegen Patrie, 1:12.

WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 63, NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 15

ing its own school record in its first meet back from Christmas break on Thursday, Jan. 11 at Crystal Lanes in Grundy Center.

New Hampton – which secured its first program win in school history last winter versus Oelwein at Bowlaway Lanes – tallied up a team score of 1,236 against the Spartans. Grundy Center (2-3) came away with the win as the Spartans scored a 1,605.

“They’re phenomenal. They never stop. They keep trying as hard as they can,” said Aries about his NH girls squad. “They have done very well this year.”

The Chickasaws then took on Sumner-Fredericksburg (3-5) last week Tuesday and rolled a 1,226. S-F won the meet with a 1,854.

Independence (12-8) defeat-

John Burbridge/Charles City Press

125 - Camille Schult (WSR) pinned McShane, 1:48. 130 - Knutson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 135 - Makana Miller (WSR) dec. Glaser, 10-4. 140 - Kiara Djoumessi (WSR) pinned Hoy, 1:18. 145 - Thronkson (NHTV) pinned Kasey Stone, 2:23. 155 - Manderfield (NHTV) dec. Evie Wagner, 3-1. 170 - Karissa Oldenburger (WSR) won by injury default Eichenberger.

190 - Alexis Johnson (WSR) won by forfeit. 235 - Madison Hinrichs (WSR) won by forfeit. 100 - Amber Hoth (WSR) pinned Bass, 5:10. 105 - Abby Doyle (WSR) won by forfeit. 110 - Macy Tiedt (WSR) won by forfeit. 115 - Addison Buseman (WSR) won by forfeit. 120 - Ashley Heine (WSR) won by forfeit.

MASON CITY INVITE TEAM SCORES

Decorah 223, Spencer 178, Waverly-Shell Rock 163, Mason City 160.5, Osage 153.5, Sumner-Fredericksburg 127, West Marshall 127, Charles City 122, Clear Lake 121, Waukon 113, Dallas Center-Grimes 109, Humboldt 89, Crestwood 87, Fort Dodge 76, NH/TV 54, North Central Trailblazers 51, St. Ansgar 46, Urbandale 37, South Winneshiek 34, Emmetsburg 12, North Butler/Clarksville 10, Pocahontas Area 10, Nashua-Plainfield 0.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

100 - Bass did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Bass pinned Kaylie Andrews (WM), 5:06. Quarterfinal - Chloe Sheffield (DEC) pinned Bass, 1:06. Cons. Round 4 - Georgia Edwards (DCG) dec. Bass, 6-5.

125 - Brooklyn McShane did not place. Champ. Round 1 - McShane pinned Odessa Nibbelink (CRES), 5:50. Champ. Round 2 - Makayla Lukes (MC) pinned McShane, 2:51. Cons. Round 3 - Brooklyn Acheson (URB) pinned McShane, 5:53.

130 - Knutson did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Kallie Gibbons (MC) pinned Knutson, 0:40. Cons. Round 3 - Knutson pinned Nya Nosbisch (CC), 1:47. Cons. Round 3 - Brooklyn Burke (CRES) pinned Knutson, 1:09.

135 - Glaser did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Mya Peterson (NCTB) pinned Glaser, 2:37. Cons. Round 3 - Glaser pinned Brooklyn Kunert (HUMB), 0:54. Cons. Round 4 - McKenzie Tollefson (DEC) dec. Glaser, 5-1.

140 - Olivia Hoy did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Shaylee Sutherland (SPEN) pinned Hoy, 1:18. Cons. Round 3 - Emma Meyer (MC) pinned Hoy, 0:51.

145 - Thronkson placed second. Champ. Round 2 - Thronkson pinned Mia Schluter (HUMB), 0:18. Quarterfinal - Thronkson dec. Aubrey Chapman (O), 3-2. Semifinal - Thronkson pinned Alexa Heflin (CL), 3:39. 1st Place Match - Anastasia Simon (DEC) pinned Thronkson, 5:32.

155 - Manderfield placed seventh. Champ. Round 2 - Manderfield pinned Annalessa Arnold (DEC), 2:59. Quarterfinal - Lauren Luzum (DEC) pinned Manderfield, 1:25. Cons. Round 4 - Manderfield pinned Hadley Buenzow (NCTB), 3:48. Cons. Round 5 - Arnold (DEC) pinned Manderfield, 1:40. 7th Place Match - Manderfield pinned Meredith Crawford (WM), 2:24.

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shot is a lot shorter and a lot less oil compared to what we’re used to,” said Aries. “It’s a different type of shot – a different type of look.”

There’s an obvious contrast in approaches when it comes to knocking down pins between the two alleys.

“The conditions we went up against over in Sumner were quite a bit different than what we’re used to,” said Aries. “That does take an effect. Sumner bowls on that type of condition on a regular basis. It does help them out.”

New Hampton bounced back with a 2,602 in the Indee matchup. The Mustangs (2-4) still proved themselves worthy enough to claim the top prize at their home alley with a team

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One big South Winn run proves costly to New Hampton boys

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department. Wegner racked up 12 points and came away with seven steals.

Taylor Ries, another athletic guard for New Hampton, also played an all-around good game on both ends of the court. The junior Chickasaw was one of four New Hampton players to score in double-figures as she finished with 11 points. Ries also dished out five assists.

“They’re really excited about defense and they just want to fly to the ball,” said David Leichtman. “That sparks a lot of offense. You can see when the defense is clicking. We go down on the offensive end and those shots go in. It’s a big-time deal for these ladies.”

New Hampton improved to 5-10 and South Winn dropped its record to 5-11.

The New Hampton boys team was looking for its second win of the season after claiming win No. 1 on the season at Cresco against the Crestwood Cadets on Jan. 5.

Things looked good early on for Ryan Rausch’s NEIC bunch – which played some of its better basketball of the season against the Warriors, a quality Class 1A squad with length and athletic wing players.

A game that looked like it might go down to the wire turned ugly for the Chickasaws in the second quarter.

New Hampton (1-12) never seemed to recover after the bottom fell out of the Chickasaws’ chance at victory as South Winn (11-4) went on an incredible 23-1 run to close out the first half.

After Cael Laures’ base-line 3-pointer with 4:57 left in the second period, SW led just 21-20. There were five ties in the first quarter, but the Warriors got hot and strung together points in bunches to outscore NH 31-6 in the second quarter.

“I fully expected that to be a game that’s probably going to come down to the last possession,” said Rausch. “I was really pleased with how hard we were playing. I felt like we missed some block outs early that would have prevented a couple second-chance points. But I felt like we recovered from that, went down and got scores.”

Two key factors were big in New Hampton’s loss – losing junior guard Reid Rausch to a sprained ankle midway through the first quarter and a disastrous outcome at the free-throw line. NH made only three charity-stripe shots in 16 attempts.

“Obviously, it hurt losing Reid right there in the first quarter,” said Ryan Rausch.

New Hampton turned the ball over 15 times, but it seemed those turnovers happened in bunches and led to South Winn taking over the game in the unfortunate turn of events that took place in the second period.

“When it gets crazy is when you need to be super-solid,” said Ryan Rausch. “We’re just not making the right basketball play enough and that’s what it

comes down to.”

An unlucky injury and free-throw shooting woes that did not go New Hampton’s way changed the complexity of the game. Throw in the fact that New Hampton had a hard time stopping South Winn down low and on the perimeter and it added up to another loss for a Chickasaw squad that keeps fighting no matter what the numbers show up on the scoreboard.

“If you make your free throws ... they have to play totally different,” said Rausch. “At the line and at the rim we just missed so many opportunities to make that a game where it’s a one-point game with 25 seconds left and you got the ball.”

Laures, a senior forward, once again led NH in scoring with 15 points. He produced another double-double with 12 rebounds. Laures had his inside-out game working well at times, as he was 3-5 from beyond the three-point stripe.

NH senior forward Nick Brincks came away with 11 points, including making his only attempt from 3-point land.

“I think we moved the ball well. We were getting two, three passes and then we were wide open,” said Ryan Rausch. That made a big difference.”

Caden Rochford, a sophomore guard, was 3-7 from the field for nine points. He knocked down two treys. Chickasaw senior guard Ben Gilbert pumped in seven points and distributed the “rock” for five assists.

“I’m proud of our guys. Our guys keep playing hard,” said Ryan Rausch.

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 59, SOUTH WINNESHIEK 50

NH 25 12 14 8 - 59
SW 12 10 10 18 - 50

Megan Pickar 2-5 1-1 5, Ava Leichtman 5-14 4-6 16, Taylor Ries 3-13 5-7 11, Molly Wegner 5-11 12, Cora Schwickerath 4-7 0-1 11, Chloe Weigel 1-1 0-0 2, Tegan Dungey 0-0 0-0 0, Sydney Laures 0-0 0-0 0, Kayme Hackman 1-2 0-0 2, Jordan Thronkson 0-0 0-0 0, Caycee Crawford 0-0 0-0 0, Amiya Kellogg 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-54 10-16 59.

3-point field goals - Leichtman 2-5, Wegner 2-5, Schwickerath 3-4.

Rebounds - Pickar 5, Thronkson 4, Schwickerath 4, Leichtman 3, Wegner 2, Ries 1, Weigel 1.

Assists - Ries 5, Schwickerath 3, Wegner 2, Pickar 1.

Steals - Wegner 7, Leichtman 5, Ries 4, Schwickerath 2, Thronkson 1, Pickar 1.

Blocks - Thronkson 1.

SOUTH WINNESHIEK BOYS 71, NEW HAMPTON 54

NH 15 6 14 19 - 54
SW 13 31 14 13 - 71

Ben Gilbert 3-12 0-0 7, Adam Ewert 1-13 1-4 3, Nick Brincks 5-8 0-3 11, Cael Laures 6-15 0-0 15, Reid Rausch 1-2 0-0 3, Jake Schwickerath 0-4 1-4 1, Carter Newbrough 2-3 0-0 5, Caden Rochford 3-7 1-5 9, Ryan Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Dylon Schmitt 0-0 0-0 0, Jacob McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-64 3-16 54.

3-point field goals - Gilbert 1-5, Ewert 0-4, Brincks 1-1, Laures 3-5, Rausch 1-2, Newbrough 1-2, Rochford 2-5.

Rebounds - Laures 12, Brincks 5, Ewert 4, Schwickerath 4, Rochford 4, Gilbert 3, Willadsen 2, McDonald 1.

Assists - Gilbert 5, Ewert 3, Laures 3, Rochford 3, Brincks 1.

Steals - Gilbert 3, Brincks 1, Laures 1.

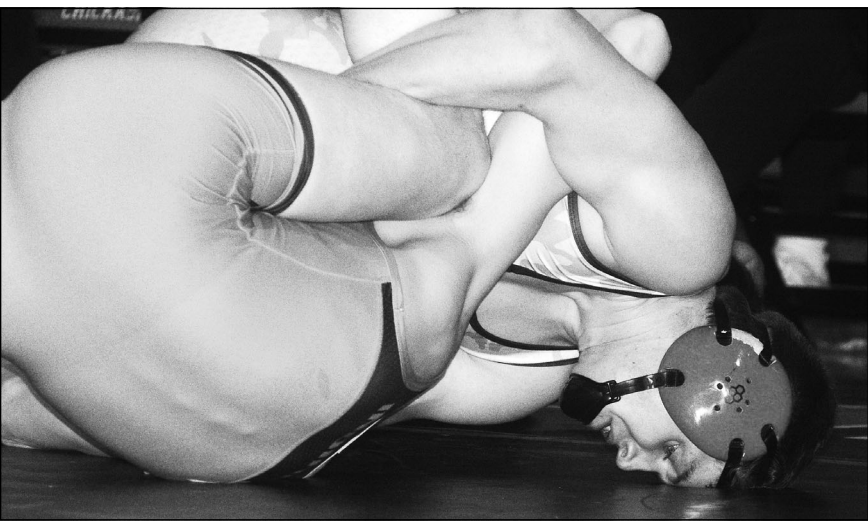
Blocks - Laures 3.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Nick Brincks (above) puts up a shot in a non-conference game at South Winneshiek on Monday.

Chickasaws make case for regional dual bid



Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Jax Shekleton puts the finishing touches on a pin during a dual meet earlier this month.

NH/TV gets three wins at Alburnett to earn trip to wrestling's postseason

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Put it this way: New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling coach Matt Paulus is not an “exclamation point guy” so when he uses four of them in a text, you know he’s pumped. And he was jacked on Tuesday morning when he responded to a text telling him the Chickasaws had qualified for the Class 2A regional duals that take place next Tuesday. “Let’s go!!!!”

An hour earlier, Paulus was talking about, in his opinion, the Chickasaws certainly had done enough over the last month of the season to warrant a trip to the regional duals for the first time since 2020.

“I hope the rankers do the right thing and get us a regional dual,” he said. “I think we did enough at Alburnett, heck, I think we’ve done enough this whole season, to be in there. ... Now that we are healthy and everyone is down to their optimal weight classes, our team is not one that any of those ranked teams wants to see at regionals.”

Still, there were no guarantees — even after a pretty solid 3-2 day Saturday at the Alburnett Duals, which included the Class 1A top-ranked hosts and Wisconsin power Fennimore — that the Chickasaws would be among the top-24 teams in the rankings; after all, they were outside the top-24 before Tuesday morning.

In recent years, the Iowa High

School Athletic Association has used those rankings to determine the lineup for regional duals. The top-eight teams receive a bye and take on the winners of next Tuesday’s first-round matches. “It’s tough waiting, knowing that it’s up to other people if you get to go,” Paulus said, “so yeah, we’re a little nervous today.”

But when the pairing came out there was New Hampton/Turkey Valley ranked 21st, which set up a first-round matchup with Hampton-Dumont-CAL at 6 p.m. next Tuesday in Algona. The winner of that meet then takes on Algona for a trip to the state duals that will be held in Coralville on Saturday, Feb. 3.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune
Turkey Valley senior Braylen Byrne puts up a 3-point shot during Friday’s game against MFL MarMac.

Trojan boys bounce back with two wins

After tough Senior Night, Turkey Valley rebounds to beat Wapsie and Crestwood

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It wasn’t the Senior Night Turkey Valley wanted, but the “bounce back” was pretty dang good.

After dropping a 79-45 Upper Iowa Conference tilt to MFL MarMac on Friday, coach John Izer’s boys responded in a big way with two big non-conference victories — a 73-68 overtime affair with Wapsie Valley on Saturday and a 74-64 win over Crestwood on Monday.

“I’m really proud of our guys,” Izer said, “because obviously, even though MFL’s a decent team, we didn’t play anywhere near our best basketball game so you kind of wondered how they’d come back the next day. I worried for nothing.”

Start with that MFL game,

one in which the Trojans simply struggled to take care of the basketball. Turkey Valley had 24 turnovers; the Bulldogs had just 7 and that’s a recipe for disaster.

“Against a team like that, when you’re giving the ball away as much as we did, it’s going to be a long night,” Izer said after his team fell to 3-6 in what is turning out to be a top-notch Upper Iowa Conference this season. “We didn’t shoot horrible, but we gave them a lot of layups.”

But Turkey Valley came back Saturday to win a topsy-turvy game. Up 20-11 after a quarter, the Trojans were outscored 16-6 in the second quarter and trailed 27-26 at the break. The second half was a tight affair

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Turkey Valley’s Isabella Stika drives to the basket during the second half of Friday’s game against MFL MarMac.

Inexperienced Trojans hang tough for a while but fall to MFL MarMac

By BOB FENSKE
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Turkey Valley coach Steve Hoffert had no issues with his team’s effort on Friday night, but he wouldn’t have minded seeing a “Caped Crusader” suit up for the Trojans.

“You know, we had four seniors last year that scored what 36 of our 45 points a

game,” Hoffert said after his team fell to 4-10 overall and 3-7 in the Upper Iowa Conference with a 54-35 loss to MFL MarMac. “We had a ‘Batman’ last year. If we needed points, we knew we could draw something up for one of our seniors. Right now, we just don’t have a ‘Batman.’”

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New Hampton senior Megan Pickar drives the baseline during the Chickasaws’ road victory over South Winneshiek on Monday night.

Chickasaws get a split with South Winn

New Hampton girls pick up a 59-50 victory; Warriors’ 23-1 run dooms boys in non-league loss

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David Leichtman likes his squad’s defensive intensity and their ability to attack the rim on offense.

Both those winning attributes were on display in the New Hampton girls 59-50 non-conference hoops victory at South Winneshiek on Monday.

South Winn senior guard Karissa Wenthold’s 32 points and nine made 3-pointers was a different story — and may well have been school records on both fronts

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according to people in the know at the school located in Calmar.

Either way, it was still a victory for the Chickasaws — which saw a 20-point lead evaporate to single digits late as the Warriors kept their starters in almost the entire game.

A 57-35 NH lead after an Ava Leichtman steal and layup with 4:54 remaining in the final period of play brought out some reserves for the Chickasaws. That didn’t stop South Winn from leaving key players in the game and those Warriors finished the contest on a 15-2 run to whittle the eventual losing deficit to just nine points.

Still, it was a nice win for New Hampton — which led 25-12 after one quarter of play and created 20 steals on the night.

“That was our best start all season,” said David Leichtman. “Just everybody was flying to the ball.”

Ava Leichtman, a freshman guard, led the Chickasaws with 16 points and she sank two 3-pointers. Leichtman drove past Warrior guards on the perimeter on a consistent basis and made it to the free-throw line with her slashing, attack-mode cuts to the rim. Leichtman was 4-6 from the free-throw line.

“Ava got in the lane big time tonight and drew the fouls,” said David Leichtman.

Not to be outdone, junior guard Cora Schwickerath showed a confident shooting touch as she buried three 3-pointers from beyond the arc and totaled 11 points.

Chickasaw senior guard Molly Wegner hit five shots out of 11 attempts for 12 points, including two 3-pointers to also come up with double-digits in the scoring



New Hampton’s Cael Laures (above) and Taylor Ries (below) take shots in Monday’s basketball games that were played in Calmar.



The benefits to hosting a wedding ceremony and reception at the same venue

Streamlining the wedding planning process can help couples feel relaxed and enable them to more fully enjoy their big day. Hosting a wedding ceremony and reception at the same location is one way to streamline and simplify the planning process.

According to the wedding resource Here Comes the Guide, all-in-one venues are preferred by the majority of modern engaged couples. Couples contemplating such an approach can consider the following benefits to tying the

knot and hosting the reception at the same venue.

- Streamlined planning: Rather than having to coordinate with two places, all of couples' attention can be directed to one location and working with one party coordinator. This can reduce the propensity for mix-ups.
- Ease of transport: Figuring out how to move between multiple locations and schedule hired vehicles and the like can be a chore. With one venue, guests simply arrive and are done with travel until the fes-

tivities end.

- Seamless transition: Sometimes there can be an awkward period between the ceremony and the reception. In such situations, a ceremony may end but the cocktail hour is still an hour or two away. A ceremony and reception in one locale can eliminate the gap, as such venues typically begin the cocktail hour a short time after the ceremony has ended.
- Better guest attendance: Guests who may find it challenging to get to two different locations, particularly those who don't drive or must rely on public transportation or a taxi, may find a single-location wedding more convenient.
- Outdoor ceremony: Couples who want to exchange vows outdoors often can do so when they have one wedding location because the nuptials are taking place outside of a house of worship, which may not allow for an outdoor wedding due to the sanctity of the location.
- Fewer travel worries: With a single location, it makes it much easier if inclement weather dampens the occasion because there is far less traveling involved.

Couples can keep in mind that a single-location wedding may come with some challenges. Unless the location is on the grounds of a house of worship, the wedding may lack the religious or spiritual component that some couples aspire to. Also, weather can cause issues if couples had hoped to have the ceremony outdoors and must move it into the same space as the reception as a plan B, necessitating a turnover of the room. Couples also may be limited in their photo backdrops, as there will not be two separate places where photos are taken, particularly if the wedding space is limited.

Hosting a ceremony and reception at a single location can benefit couples who want to simplify and streamline their wedding planning.



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What to know when picking a wedding reception menu

Lots of details require a decision when planning a wedding. Engaged couples may or may not enjoy tending to much of the minutiae involved in wedding planning, but the reception menu is typically one popular point of interest.

When picking a wedding reception menu, couples typically get to sit down with their venue operator or caterer and take a taste test so they can decide what to include and exclude come the big night. That typically results in some happy hearts and full bellies. But there's more to picking a reception menu than taste, and the following are some pointers couples can consider as they aim to provide a tasty meal for their wedding guests.

- Resist the urge to make the menu reflect your personal preference. Couples, particularly those footing the bill for their own weddings, may be tempted to pick exclusively foods they like for the reception. Though it's important that couples get to enjoy their first meal together after tying the knot, it's good to ensure that guests get to have an enjoyable meal as well. Resist any urge to let personal preferences dictate the menu, particularly if you have a restrictive diet. For example, vegans need not insist everyone eat a vegan meal at the reception nor should meat lovers insist that every plate end up with some red meat on it. Diversify the menu so people with various preferences can fill up and enjoy their dinner.

- Inquire about food allergies. When inviting guests, ask them to cite any food allergies they may have when they RSVP. Many banquet halls and caterers are now accustomed to accommodating diners with



food allergies, but the earlier that information is communicated, the more time couples have to pick delicious foods that won't compromise the health of guests who must avoid certain dishes or ingredients.

- Align food with degree of formality. It's important that couples consider the ambiance of the wedding when picking a reception menu. A pig roast might be ideal for a backyard wedding, but something more formal is called for when dining in a lavishly decorated banquet hall. Couples can keep this in mind when choosing the menu. It's also notable that caterers tend to have a creative side, so they might be able to present certain foods in ways that match the vibe of the wedding even if those dishes were not ordinarily align with the ambiance of the reception.

- Leave the experimentation to the cocktail hour. If couples have certain exotic foods in mind, they can still serve those items but do so during the cocktail hour. Guests can simply turn down the chance to try exotic foods during the cocktail hour without going hungry. But a sit-down dinner should ensure every guest has something to fill their belly.

Picking a reception menu is a fun and filling component of wedding planning. Keeping some simple pointers in mind can help couples pick a menu everyone can enjoy.

Wedding planning requires couples to make many decisions, including where the wedding will take place.

A couple's wedding day is typically broken into two parts: the ceremony comes first, and the reception follows soon after. Depending on couples' preferences and religious beliefs, ceremonies may take place at a house of worship or another location that is separate from the reception venue. In some instances, couples may choose one location for both the ceremony and the party to follow. Wedding venues are where the bulk of the day will unfold, and couples can consider these four tips to find a venue that suits their needs.

1. Consider your theme and wedding style. Most couples know which sentiments they want to convey during their weddings. The venue should match the theme so the entire wedding will feel connected to the space. A modern wedding, for example, will be at home in an art gallery or warehouse. A wedding with natural elements may work better on a ranch or in a botanical garden. Zeroing in on the wedding style helps narrow down potential venue options.

2. Assess the budget. A couple may find what seems to be the perfect venue, only to realize that the cost of the space doesn't fit their budget. Ampersand Travel says the venue accounts for the most significant wedding expense, at an average cost of \$9,000. Finding a venue that will maximize dollars spent involves looking at what is included. Rentals for chairs, linens, lighting, a dance floor, and other extras can quickly add up. Couples should



have a set limit they're willing to spend on the venue and let that dictate the location.

3. Availability of the location. When a couple wants to get married may determine their venue options, especially if they're planning on a budget. September and October are now the most popular months to get married, so venues will book up quickly during that time of year. Those who have their hearts set on specific days will have to begin the search earlier than couples with no

attachment to a particular date. Concessions may need to be made if a certain date is a must.

4. Estimate the size of your guest list. Price, date and style will factor into wedding venues, but the number of guests also is a major consideration. A trendy restaurant may seem like the perfect locale, but it must be able to accommodate everyone on the guest list. Couples should sit down with their families and come up with a list of potential guests and look for a venue that can accommodate

everyone.

Couples also should visit potential venues in person to see which, if any, details might be missing from online or magazine advertisements. A host of factors, including accessibility, should be considered when looking for a venue.

Finding the right venue requires careful consideration of various factors that are unique to each couple.

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The responsibilities of bridal party members

A couple's wedding day is one they will never forget. Guests' focus is squarely on the happy couple on the day they're set to make their union official. However, happy couples are not the only ones with important roles to play during a wedding. Being asked to be in a bridal party is a unique honor. With that honor comes responsibility, as each person in a bridal party can do their own part to ensure a couple's wedding day is a success.

Maid or matron of honor

A maid of honor and matron of honor perform the same functions. The terms are simply unique because a maid of honor refers to a person who has not yet gotten married, while the term matron of honor is used for a person who has gotten married. Brides also may choose a man to serve as man of honor. Whatever title is appropriate, the person who serves in this capacity will help the bride plan the wedding, including being there to offer insight when shopping for a wedding dress. This person also may coordinate the bachelorette party and

periodically speak with bridesmaids to ensure everyone is on schedule. The maid of honor will typically give a bridal toast during the reception.

Best man

Don't let the title fool you, as many couples now choose to have a best woman. Like the maid of honor, the best man may be asked to help with wedding planning and is typically tasked with organizing the bachelor party and toasting the groom during the reception. The best man also can help to ensure groomsmen are on schedule with tuxedo fittings.

Bridesmaids/Groomsmen

Bridesmaids stand beside the bride during the wedding ceremony. They can help with planning and help to resolve any last-minute issues that may arise on the big day, such as a vendor arriving late.

Groomsmen stand next to the groom during the ceremony and may be asked to help the best man plan the bachelor party. Both bridesmaids and groomsmen also may be asked to help host events leading up to the big day, such as a shower

or engagement party.

Ring bearer/flower girl

The roles of ring bearer and flower girl are typically filled by young relatives of the couple, such as nieces, nephews or young cousins. The flower girl walks down the aisle in advance of the bride, spreading pedals as she goes. The ring bearer carries the wedding rings down the aisle.

Parents

If they choose to do so, parents of the happy couple can help to pay for the wedding. The custom of the bride's parents paying the entire bill has largely fallen by the wayside, as many modern couples now pay for their own weddings. Parents can offer to pay for the engagement party and/or rehearsal dinner, but such generosity is not expected of them.

Serving in a wedding party is a unique and humbling honor. The roles of each person in the party vary, and party members who want to do their best for the couple can study up on their responsibilities in advance of the big day.

Tips to plan a perfect honeymoon

Couples have much to look forward to when planning their weddings. In addition to the momentous occasion when they say "I do," couples can look ahead with excitement as they anticipate spending time with family and friends in a fun setting.

Though the wedding day is the focal point of couples' planning efforts, the post-wedding honeymoon also merits ample consideration. A honeymoon is the first trip many couples take together after tying the knot, and many will never forget this special excursion. As couples pore over the details of wedding planning, they may want to consider these tips to ensure their honeymoon is a trip to remember for a lifetime.

- Identify your dream trip. There are no rules regarding honeymoons. Though couples' budgets and professional obligations may factor into where they can go and how long their honeymoon can be, couples can discuss their dream trips and then determine if they can make those dreams come true on their honeymoon. Couples who have always aspired to backpack through Europe should consider that a possible honeymoon trip. If a food tour of Italy is on couples' bucket list, then investigate how feasible that might be for your honeymoon.

- Stay up on current events. It can be easy for couples to get lost in the weeds while planning their weddings and miss what's going on across the globe. However, knowledge of current events can be vital when planning a honeymoon. Faraway and exotic locales may seem



tailor-made for a honeymoon, but that's only the case if such destinations are not plagued by civil unrest, conflict, natural disasters, or other events that can affect how safe it is to visit such places. The U.S. Department of State maintains a free, easily accessible list of travel advisories at travel.state.gov. The Government of Canada maintains a similar list at travel.gc.ca. Couples are urged to visit these sites before booking their honeymoon, particularly if they hope to travel internationally.

- Consider amenities and all-inclusive packages. All-inclusive packages can be a great deal, particularly for couples who want their honeymoon to be all about relaxing at a single resort destination. All-inclusive packages cover the cost of food and most beverages, making these options both

convenient and budget-friendly. When going this route, couples also should decide which amenities they want to access on their trip. Access to a gym and/or spa, activities like parasailing, and other perks are just some of the potential amenities couples can look for as they choose a honeymoon destination.

- Collaborate. A honeymoon may be the first trip couples take after tying the knot, and it can lay the foundation for future collaborative efforts. Planning travel is not always so easy, so couples can work together and make any necessary concessions so each person gets what they want out of the trip.

Some simple strategies can help couples plan and enjoy a honeymoon they are likely to remember for a lifetime.

Helpful tips for writing wedding vows

The exchange of wedding vows is a key component of a wedding ceremony and sometimes helps to ensure the marriage is binding in accordance with the faith of the participants. Vows also may be exchanged in service of tradition. According to the wedding resource Zola, vows are not a legal necessity for marriage and some cultures do not use them. Still, many couples like to recite vows during their weddings.

Couples have various options pertaining to the vows they share. In religious ceremonies, vows may be predetermined as part of the requirements and rituals of that faith and religious texts. Individuals also may choose to read romantic verses from poetry. Another option is to write one's own vows.

When drafting vows, here are some guidelines to follow.

- Utilize a template. Scour the internet for resources on writing vows. You'll likely find sample vows or even templates where you can fill in information if you do not know where to begin.
- Utilize memories of when you met. Your vows can include special anecdotes or stories of time spent in the early days when you first knew this was the person with whom you would spend your life.
- Explain who this person is



to you. Tell the audience what it is about this person that has you smitten. Is he or she your partner in crime? Confidante? Best friend? Or all of the above?

- Share what you are pledging. Write out exactly what you are vowing to your special someone. Be definitive and draw from your personal experiences. For example, "I vow to support you each time you adopt another shelter dog." "I promise to not hog the covers." "I vow to warm your toes on cold evenings." Make it personal, heartfelt and humorous.

- Say you'll be there. At the heart of vows is a promise that you'll be around no matter what life throws at you. This is a safe sentiment to include in your vows, and likely one your future

spouse and other guests will come to expect.

- Keep things brief. There is no need to write a novel for your vows, which may reassure you if you're nervous about the right wording and speaking in front of an audience. Outline the most important points you want to share and build on those sentiments.

- Reflect on the future. Wrap up your vows by noting your excitement about what the future may bring, whether that is a family, travel or another adventure.

Wedding vows are traditional components of many weddings. Couples easily can write their own vows to personalize the ceremony even further.



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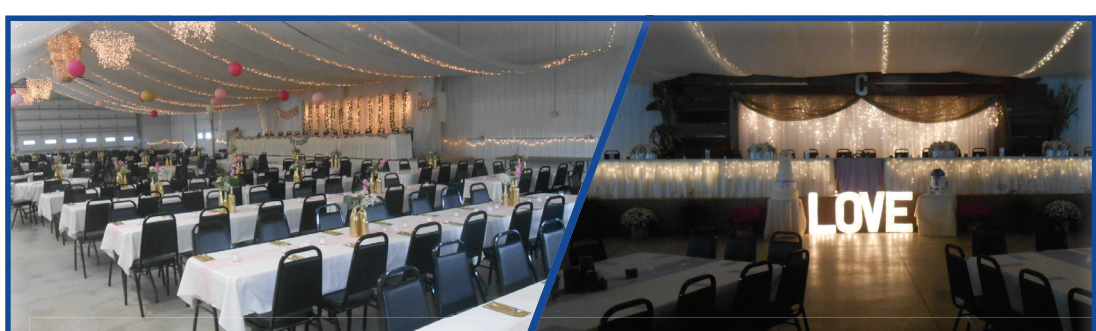
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