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A night to showcase dance!

New Hampton dance team members Olivia Hoy (left) and Kylee Junk perform solos while the entire squad performs a pom routine during Saturday evening’s Dance Showcase.



On a night when high schoolers and youngsters took to the gym floor for the Dance Showcase, (from left) Baylee Rapenske performs the state champion prop routine with her teammates, young dancers enjoy their performance and Emma Carpenter performs a solo.



Ava Thronson (left), accompanied by her parents Eric and Stephanie, is honored during the Senior Night Recognition while Madison Roethler (above) performs a routine with her teammates.



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Spring rains will be critical when area farmers head into 2024 growing season

DROUGHT: FROM 1

“I think we got that snow, and obviously, it got really cold there for a few days,” he said, “but I don’t think it froze hard. So we’re not seeing what we usually see when we get temperatures in the 30s this time of the year. It’s not all running off, we’re getting some soaking in, which is a blessing.”

Area fields were also helped by rains — New Hampton received about a half-inch, according to the National Weather Service — that fell late last week.

Still, spring rains are going to be critical for area farmers, who brought in decent yields in 2023 despite a warm, dry summer. But those yields,

Basol believes, were delivered in large part to the fact that soil moisture contents were full heading into last year’s growing season.

“There was nothing left when we got the crop out of the field in the fall,” Basol said. “We pulled every last bit of it from the soil profile, and we need to recharge that sucker going into 2024.”

The 2023 drought was reminiscent of one that took place in 2012. That year was followed by one of the wettest on record.

“We don’t want that to happen again,” Basol said. “Hopefully, we can land somewhere in the middle, but there’s no doubt, if we’re going to err, let’s err on the side of too much rain this year.”

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Supervisors, EMA director remain at odds over budget

BUDGET: FROM 1

consecutive quarters. As of Jan. 15, the fund had almost \$990,000 in it, and as of Monday, the balance in the fund was just \$2,000 shy of \$1 million. So even if the county does approve a budget amendment today (Thursday) that would use \$180,000 of those funds to remodel Chickasaw County EMS' ambulance station to include living quarters, it is likely that the fund will still be above \$750,000 on April 15.

That led to a lengthy discussion on how much the county should put into the fund during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Supervisor Matt Kuhn suggested that the county make at least two payments, "possibly" three, but all the supervisors agreed that whatever the county contributes will not all be put into the fund at the beginning of the fiscal year, which board members approved last year.

"We'd set the money in the budget until need be," Supervisor Jacob Hackman said. "If you do that, that's going to blow that number [the EMS fund balance] up, kind of what happened last year."

Board members agreed that the 2024-25 budget should include the county setting aside \$268,576 for Chickasaw County EMS, but Hackman pushed hard for the county to use \$100,000 in LOST funds so that the RSB levy wouldn't take the entire hit for the ambulance service.

Fellow board members agreed, and the discussion moved on to the Secondary Roads allotment.

Kuhn and Board Vice Chairman Steve Breitbach both said they felt the fact that the department will receive \$600,000 in the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds was something supervisors should consider.

"I'm just saying with the \$600,000, I'm not in favor of 100 percent," Breitbach said. "I'd be more in favor of 90 percent or maybe 95 percent."

And the latter number is what board members eventually agreed on, but they never did come to a clear consensus on the funding for libraries. Supervisor Travis Suckow suggested that the county only match what it gave the facilities this budget year, instead of the 6 percent increase in funding the library directors proposed when they met with board members late last year.

While Hackman agreed, both Breitbach and Kuhn said they favored the increase, in part because it would be just a blip on the levy rate.

With the increase to libraries, Auditor Sheila Shekleton

said the RSB levy rate would be \$3.51112 per \$1,000 valuation while keeping the funding the same as this year, the levy rate would be \$3.50044 per \$1,000 valuation.

"I think without an increase last year, 6 percent is fair," Breitbach said.

The board still has time to change its mind, but deadlines are looming. The board must be ready to send out its maximum levy to county property owners by March 15, and on Monday, supervisors voted to hire Mail Service Inc. to help with what is a new requirement counties, cities and schools must follow.

That's the date the county must send out a letter to property owners that detail those levies. And under the new law that begins with this budget season, counties must collect all the data from other government entities and, along with their own data, send those to property owners.

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During the workshop, board members also discussed the Emergency Management Agency's budget, and that led to some sharp exchanges between EMA Director Jeff Bernatz and Hackman.

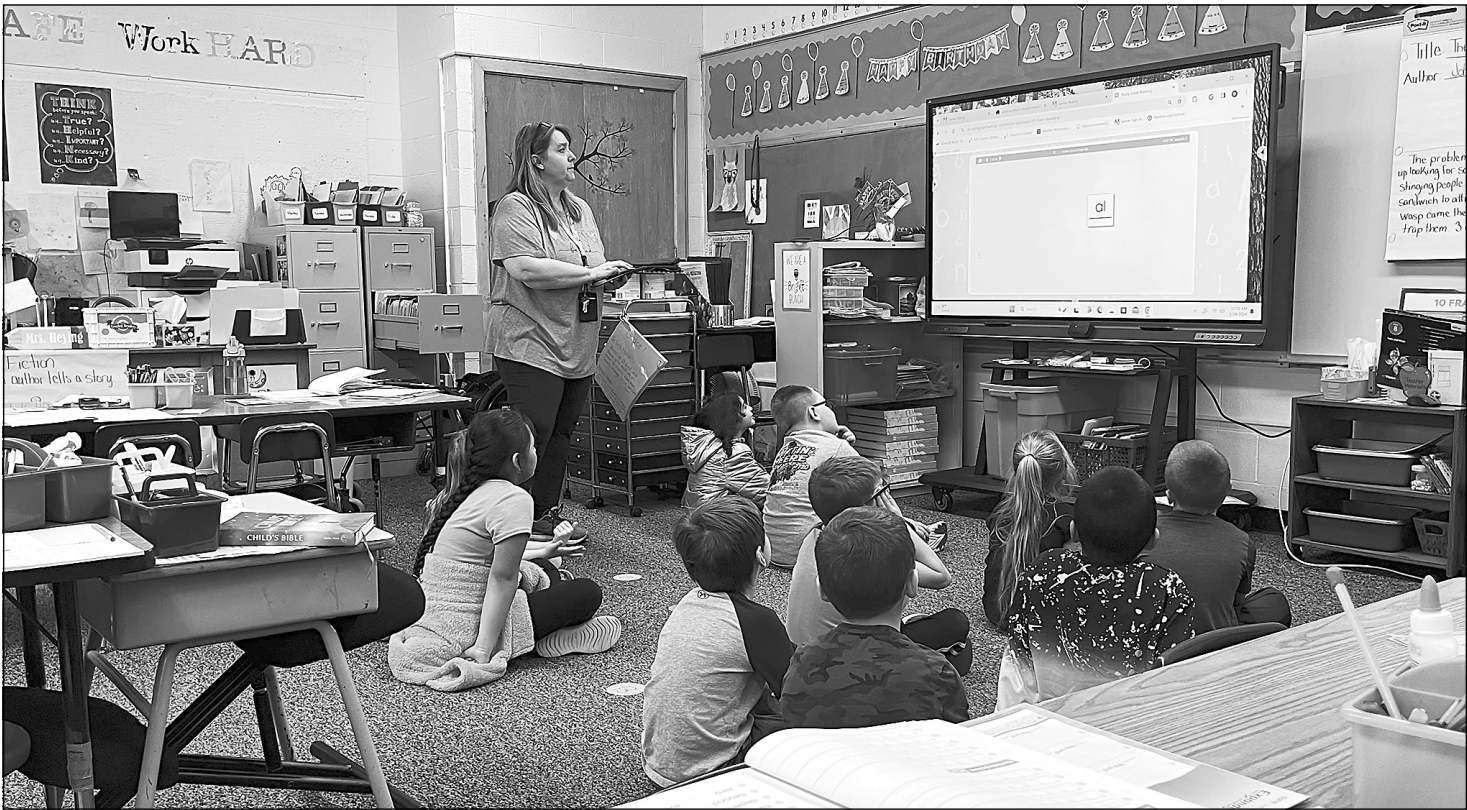
Bernatz said state code states that the Emergency Management "Commission shall set the budget," and that the county's commission, which includes representatives of each of the county's cities and a member of the Board of Supervisors, is requesting \$252,000 for its 2024-25 budget.

But Hackman has long railed that the cities do not provide any funding for emergency management and that the supervisors have the ultimate authority to determine how much it levies for emergency management.

"Jake says it every year that I can walk in here with a \$1 million budget," Bernatz said, "but I have respect for you and the taxpayers that I don't do that. I have a respectful budget and I explain to you what that budget is for and what that covers."

Bernatz said board members weren't following the law when it comes to emergency management, and when Hackman stated that "none of the cities have skin in the game," Bernatz said he wasn't arguing that fact but that [the Emergency Management Commission members] "did follow the law and the procedures and that's where we're at today. ... We've been having the same conversation for the past five years."

No final decisions were made, but Hackman said he was worried about the General Services levy and that "trying to set up for GS is going to be hurting us and we're going from a \$1.1 levy rate to X."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Busy times these days at St. Joe's!

St. Joseph Community School teacher Dawn Heying works with her students on a phonics lesson last week as the school geared up for Catholic Schools Week that began on Monday and continues through this Friday. The phonics is just part of what St. Joe's teachers have gleaned from an intensive professional development program they began recently and learn how school staff are working to improve their students' reading scores in next week's Tribune.

Public Works director not sure city can afford Kenwood Avenue project

KENWOOD: FROM 1

lies beneath the road. Water mains, sewer mains, storm water mains that need replacing."

Lensing said he talked with Mai last week about Kenwood and how the two entities could come up with a way to complete the project, and on Monday he explained that if the project cost \$600,000, the city would be responsible for \$179,000 of that cost.

"I don't think they have the money right now to just say, 'Here you go, here's a check.' I don't know if they have the money to say in five years, can we pay it off yearly? Or 10 years."

Lensing said that Kenwood was just one option of where the Secondary Roads Department could use the \$600,000 in county American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) funds that supervisors voted to give to the

department last year.

The stretch of Kenwood Avenue discussed was built in 1976 and had an overlay in 2002, and Lensing said he believes it's a roadway that needs attention.

"We need this project done," he said, "but I totally understand the difficulties for New Hampton to afford it with their current plans."

At the same time, he said the county needs New Hampton on board.

"I don't advise you guys say, 'Don't worry New Hampton, you don't have to reimburse us for your portion of the roadway,'" he said. "Now, you're setting precedent for every project that we go through in the future."

After a lengthy discussion, one in which included putting the ARPA funds into the county's Farm to Market program, Mai agreed to discuss it with the City Council,

but he also stated that the city, like the county, has a limited budget for its roads and infrastructure. He pointed out that his city's Road-Use funds were depleted by \$130,000 a year ago to remove ash trees in the city's right-of-way.

He added that the bulk of the city's Local Option Sales Tax dollars are currently earmarked for the county-owned ambulance service that serves New Hampton through a 28E agreement with the county.

"It's tight, but I also know we want to be good partners with the county, too," he said. "I appreciate Roman coming to me and laying it out. I just don't know right now."

Lensing said he would continue to get the stretch of roadway surveyed and come up with "more concrete numbers so New Hampton at least knows what it's going to cost."

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Jan. 28 1949 (75 years ago)

• The Famous Globe Trotters worlds champions will be soon in action in New Hampton. On Feb. 5, against the Fae Stine Post American Legion team in one of the outstanding games of the season, for when the Trotters come to town, anything can happen in a basketball game. The game is sponsored by the Fae Stine Post American Legion and all proceeds will be given to the March of Dimes.

1974 (50 years ago)

• A gift of \$1,000 has been received by the New Hampton Public Library. The anonymous donor, a graduate of the New Hampton High School has

donated the money in memory of Belle Powers and Bessie Porter, with the stipulation that the library board use this money for books only. Books bought will be stamped in memory of Miss Powers and Miss Porter.

Mrs. William J. Kennedy, president of the library board, made the announcement Monday evening at the regular board meeting.

1999 (25 years ago)

• A former New Hampton resident has become a part of the action and thrills of the NASCAR racing circuit. Scott Geerts, 1982 graduate of New Hampton High School, is member of the pit crew for the Winston Cup Budweiser-

sponsored car, #25 driven by Wally Dallenbach.

Scott's duties began Jan. 4 and in February will be the first big race of the season, the Daytona 500 in Daytona, Florida. Scott's job on the pit crew is rear tire changer.

2014 (10 years ago)

• Jeff Bernatz and Bryan Dungey, members of the Chickasaw County Rescue Squad, got the call Sunday afternoon that a man was stranded in his car on LaSalle Avenue about 2 1/2 miles north of New Hampton. Sheriff Todd Miller tried to reach the driver, but visibility forced him to turn back. Bernatz and Dungey set out on their snowmobiles and were able to

locate the stranded motorist, get him on the back of one of the snowmobiles and take him home.



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February 2024



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Thursday, February 1, 2024
4:30 PM JV Girls/Boys Basketball
Opponent: North Fayette Valley away
6:15 PM Type: Var. Girls/Boys Basketball Opponent: North Fayette Valley away

Friday, February 2, 2024
5:00 PM Basketball: JV Girls/Boys vs. Postville Home
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Girls/Boys vs. Postville Home

Saturday, February 3, 2024
5:00 PM Var. Girls/Boys Opponent: Clayton Ridge Home
5:00 PM B/G Varsity (only) Basketball Vs. Clayton Ridge Home

Monday, February 5, 2024
4:00 PM JV Girls/Boys Opponent: South Winneshiek Home
4:15 PM 7th/8th Boys Opponent: West Central Away
6:15 PM Var. Girls/Boys Opponent: South Winneshiek Home

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
4:15 PM Basketball: 7th/8th Opponent: MFL MarMac Middle School Away
6:15 PM Basketball: JV vs. Kee High (Home)
6:15 PM Basketball: JV vs. Kee High (Home)

Thursday, February 9, 2024
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. North Fayette Valley MS (Home)

Monday, February 12, 2024
School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
4:15 PM Basketball: 7th/8th Opponent: Postville Home

Friday, February 16, 2024
NO SCHOOL

Saturday, February 17, 2024
IHSSA All-State Large Group Speech (Home) @ Iowa State Univ.

Monday, February 19, 2024
NO SCHOOL
National FFA Week

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
National FFA Week

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
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Thursday, February 22, 2024
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Friday, February 23, 2024
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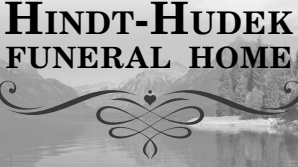
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We expect eternal life because Jesus rose from the dead

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"The dead in Christ will rise." We have to let that sink in. It seems too good to be true. We have buried too many loved ones, and none of them have risen from the dead. Why should we expect this in the future?

We expect it, and we are confident it will happen, because Jesus rose from the dead.

Death could not hold Him down, and He promises that it won't hold down any who trust in Him.

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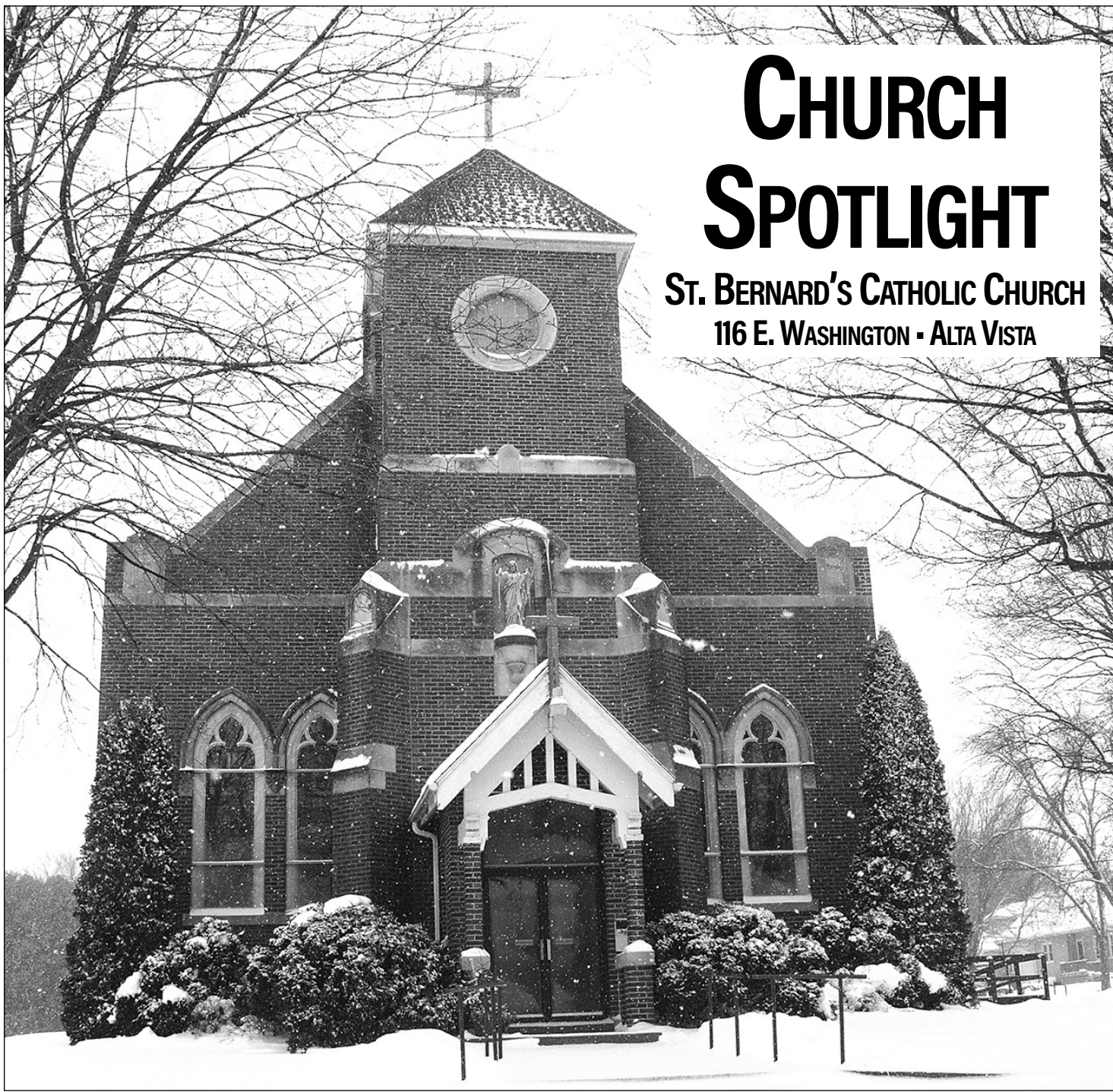
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in this life will recognize His voice when He calls them to wake up from their temporary rest in the tomb and join Him in glory.



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How can business owners plan for an exit?

If you're a business owner, you always have a lot to do and a lot to think about. But have you put much thought into how you'll eventually leave it all behind?

Even if you're a few years away from that day, it's a good idea to create an exit strategy. If you're like most other owners, most of your net worth may well be tied up in your business — so how you exit that business can have a big impact on your finances and your retirement.

As you begin the exit strategy process, you'll need to examine some basic questions, such as how much you want for your business and how much it's worth. But you'll especially need to plan for the mechanics of your exit — that is, just how you're going to sell or transfer ownership of it.

Essentially, you have three main options:

- Internal sale or transfer – You could sell or transfer your business to someone affiliated with the company, such as a family member, business partner or even a group of employees. The advantages of this method are that you'll have greater control over the timing of your exit, and you'll be able to provide greater continuity for your employees, clients and suppliers. One potential disadvantage is that your net sales proceeds may be less than what you'd get from selling the business to an unrelated third party.
- External sale or transfer – The biggest benefit of selling or transferring your business to an unrelated third party is that you can potentially maximize your net sales proceeds. But you'll need to consider some tradeoffs, too. For one thing, a sale to an outside person or business usually requires a long and possibly expensive due diligence process. Also, you'll have less control over the timing of your exit than you would if you sold the business to an internal source.
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dated your business by selling all your assets and shutting down operations, you could end up with far fewer net proceeds than if you sold the business to an internal or external source. However, you could raise cash pretty quickly. But if you chose to liquidate or dissolve your business, it could potentially be disruptive for your employees, clients and suppliers.

Because everyone's situation is different, there's no clear-cut formula for deciding which of these exit options is right for you. And it isn't simply a matter of numbers, either, because you'll need to consider some intangible factors, too. How will your family be affected by your choice? How would you feel if your business was in someone else's hands, or no longer existed? You'll need to work out these issues, along with the financial ones, before you decide on your business exit strategy.

Fortunately, you don't have to go it alone. You may want to consult your financial, legal and tax advisors, and possibly work with a commercial banker and a business evaluation expert. By drawing on several sources of expertise, you can feel more confident that you'll make a decision that's appropriate for your needs.

One final suggestion: Don't wait too long before you begin putting together your exit strategy. Time goes fast — and when the time comes for you to say goodbye to your business, you'll want to be prepared.

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New Hampton Elementary School Principal Emily Steele (left) shares an update on her school while New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson (above) recaps the past year during the IDC annual meeting at the Pub at the Pinicon Tuesday.

IDC celebrates a busy year during annual meeting

By **BOB FENSKE**
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New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson is grateful for three things — great quality of life, excellent schools and a hospital that many cities New Hampton's size can only dream of having — when it comes to the city she calls home.

And during the annual New Hampton Industrial Development Corporation's annual meeting, Robinson celebrated not only that trio but also a year in which her office was active by bringing in \$1.44 million in grants, facilitating more than \$508,000 in loans, providing \$21,700 in small business loans and raising more than \$1.15 million with private fundraisers.

"I believe strongly in quality of life and

having great schools and hospitals," she said. "Whenever I meet with families or businesses, those are the first three things they ask us about. It's important."

And she celebrated the many partnerships the Economic Development office and the IDC have with not only IDC members but with many other entities, including the New Hampton Light Plant that helps fund loans and the small-business assistance grants her office facilitates.

Robinson, who closed the meeting after New Hampton Elementary School Principal Emily Steele gave IDC members an update on her school, said the organization was busy this past year.

She pointed out that 2023 saw her office financially help six businesses — Rebel Diamonds, Full River Fabrication, Cinco de Mayo, Daisy's Mexican Store, Prime Nutrition and Kahn Tiling. She also point-

ed out that Mid-American built a new maintenance and operations shop in the South Industrial Park.

Like Steele, Robinson touted the opening of Little Sprouts Children's Center that opened a new "wrap-around" daycare in the elementary school, but she also made a pitch to complete the fundraising to cover the costs of the project.

Robinson also talked about seeing the fruits of offering a career week to New Hampton Middle School eighth-graders, some of whom are now entering the workforce and seeking employment at manufacturers they visited several years ago.

"If you want to grow our population, if we want to help with what is no doubt a worker shortage," she said, "I've said it for years that it has to start right here at home. And I'm really proud of the work that all of us are doing in this room to do that."



Stitching Together comes to the Carnegie

Longtime Quilters Window owner Denise Sinnwell poses with a couple of her quilts that are part of "Stitched Together," the latest exhibit at the Carnegie Cultural Center.

An open house for the exhibit will be held this Saturday morning from 10:30 to noon.

Photo courtesy of Christina Carlton

Lawler Lions Club to hold annual breakfast this Sunday

A pancake, French toast and sausage breakfast will be held at the Turkey Valley High School this Sunday from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lawler Lions Club, proceeds for the free-will donation meal will go to Lawler Lions Volunteerism Scholarships available to all Turkey Valley High School seniors.

Breakfast will be served in the school cafeteria, but carry-out meals will also be available.

New Hampton Calendar of Events

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1
• 7:15am Yearbook Meeting
• 9:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity State TBD vs. IGHSAU @ Coralville XTREAM Arena
• 4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs High School
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - NH vs Iowa Falls-Alden
• 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton High School
• 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
• 5:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs
• 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs
• 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
• TBD Wrestling: Girls Varsity State TBD vs. IGHSAU @ Coralville XTREAM Arena
• 7:15am Interact CORE Meeting in Mrs. Ward's room - 106
• 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School Comet Gym Pack the Gym Night
• 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School Comet Gym Pack the Gym Night
• 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School
• 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School
Comet Gym Pack the Gym Night

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
• Large Group Speech State Large Group Contest
• 12:00pm Wrestling: Varsity State vs. IHSAA @ Iowa City Area Sports Commission, Coralville
• 10:30-Noon Stitched Together by Denise Sinnwell Carnegie Cultural Center
• 9:00-10:30 am Chickasaw County Clover Kids Club, Chickasaw County Extension

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
• 1:00-2:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Workshop Chickasaw County Extension
• 5:00-6:30 pm YQCA Chickasaw County Extension

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5
• 4:15pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton Middle School

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
• Future Business Leaders of America CTE day at the Capital
• 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Bowlaway Lanes Senior Parent Night
• 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Bowlaway Lanes Senior Parent Night
• 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School @ Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School
• 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Sumner Fredericksburg Middle @ New Hampton Middle School
• 4:30-6:30 pm Legos at New hampton Public Library
• 9:00 am-2:00 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Chickasaw County Extension

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
• 7:30am National Honor Society

National Honor Society Meeting
• Bingo Lawler Lions Starlite Ballroom

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
• 5-8 pm Father/Daughter Dinner Dance The Pub at Pinicon

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
• TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity District Tournament vs. IHSAA @ TBA
• 10:00am Bowling: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament vs. TBD @ TBD
• 4:15pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Waukon @ Waukon Middle School

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
• 10:00am Bowling: Boys Varsity Regional Tournament vs. TBD @ TBD
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 - Playoffs - TBD
• 9:00 am-2:00 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Chickasaw County Extension

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
• TBD Wrestling: Varsity State vs. IHSAA
• 7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament IGHSAU vs. TBD
• 9:00-11:45 am Commercial Ag Week, Insect & Plant Disease Pest Control C-CIC Chickasaw County Extension

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
• TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity

District Tournament TBD vs. IHSAA Music Tallcorn Jazz Festival @ UNI, Cedar Falls
• 7:15am Yearbook Meeting
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - Playoffs - NH vs TBD

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
• No School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
• 5:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament IGHSAU vs. TBD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
• Band All-Iowa Concert Band Festival at Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids
• No School Teacher Inservice

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
• TBD Basketball: Boys Varsity District Tournament TBD vs. IHSAA
• 9:00 am-2:00 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Chickasaw County Extension
• 3:30-5:30 pm Open House/Ribbon Cutting Chickasaw County Extension
• 6:00-8:00 pm Chickasaw County Extension Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
• 5:00pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting Middle/ High School Cafeteria
• 9 am Veteran's Coffee Heritage Residence

• 9:00-11:30 am Seed Treatment C-CICI Chickasaw County Extension

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - Finals - TBD
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - Finals - NH vs TBD
• 5:30-8:00 pm Iowa Cattlemen's Association Forums in Nashua

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 - Finals - TBD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
• Band Dorian Honor Band @ Luther College
• 1:30-3 pm Grief Support Group Everybody's Hurt at St. Johns School of Religion

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
• Band Dorian Honor Band @ Luther College
• TBD Basketball: Girls Varsity State IGHSAU vs. TBD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
• 9:00 am-2:00 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Chickasaw County Extension

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
• 7:15am Yearbook Meeting

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Tuesday	38	27	--

Forecast

Thursday: Partly sunny with a high of 46 and a low of 33.

Friday: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a high of 42 and a low of 38.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a high of 48 and a low of 35.

Sunday: Partly sunny and still breezy with a high of 46 and a low of 29.

Extended forecast: Our very un-February weather continues as we'll start the work week with sunny skies, highs in the lower 40s and lows dropping to around 30.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1913, 25-year-old multi-sport star Jim Thorpe — who won two gold medals at the 1912 Olympics — signs a Major League Baseball contract with the New York Giants.
- In 1960, the Greensboro (North Carolina) Sit-In begins as four Black college students spark a nationwide civil rights movement by refusing to leave a “whites-only” lunch counter at a popular retail store after they are denied service.
- In 1979, two weeks after the Shah departs the country, the Ayatollah Khomeini returns to Iran in triumph after 15 years of exile.
- In 2002, 38-year-old American journalist Daniel Pearl, the Southeast Asia bureau chief of the “Wall Street Journal,” is murdered by a terror group in Pakistan.
- In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia breaks up while entering the atmosphere over Texas, killing all seven crew members on board.

Birthdays

- Clark Gable, the American actor best known for “Gone with the Wind,” was born in 1901.
- Boris Yeltsin, the first president of post-Communist Russia, was born in 1931.
- Harry Styles, pop singer with the band “One Direction,” turns 30.
- American poker player Phil Ivey turns 47.
- Michael C. Hall, who played the title character on TV’s “Dexter,” turns 53.

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Mark Wood, 64

Mark Wood, age 64 of Nashua, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home/Olson Chapel in Nashua with the Rev. Darin Cerwinski presiding.

Interment will be held in Horton Cemetery in Horton at a later date.

Friends greeted the family from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Born in Waverly on June 30, 1959, Mark's life journey was a testament to his spirited nature and friendly disposition.

After graduating from Plainfield High School in 1977, Mark continued to enrich his knowledge and skills at Hawkeye Tech, where he earned an electrical engineering technology degree between 2000 and 2002.

His educational pursuits set the stage for a successful career where Mark dedicated many years as a maintenance worker at Sara Lee and Nestle, before transitioning to an environmental specialist role at Floyd County Medical Center.

His hands-on expertise and amiable personality made him a valued colleague and a friend to all who worked alongside him.

Mark's heart found its match in Annette (Livingston) Wood, his beloved wife, whom he met during their school years in Plainfield.

The couple married in Waverly and built a life filled with love and adventure, never straying far from Nashua, the area that they called home throughout their adult lives.

Together, they raised their son, Dylan Wood, born in Iowa City, who inherited his father's kind-heartedness and love for life's simple pleasures.

His brothers, Eric and Donald Wood, shared in Mark's life journey, from childhood antics to adult camaraderie, always finding solace in the bond of brotherhood that kept them connected through the years — often through the activities of motorcycling and target shooting experiences.

Mark's life was a melody composed of his passions and hobbies. He loved music deeply, with every rhythm and lyric finding a place in his heart.

His motorcycles were not just vehicles but companions on the open road, where he felt a sense of freedom and joy.



Mark Wood

Mark was a proficient target shooter, a hobby that reflected his focus and patience.

His love for his feline companions was evident in the gentle care and affection he showered upon them.

One of Mark's most endearing qualities was his childlike curiosity and enthusiasm for life's novelties. This was best exemplified by his recent fulfillment of a long-held curiosity — tasting an “Alaskan Waffle,” a simple pleasure that brought him immense joy and a story he loved to share with a twinkle in his eye.

Mark and Annette shared a tradition of annual trips to Road America, where they enjoyed the thrill of the race and the companionship of each other's presence on their motorcycle rides. Their many leisure trips on the bike were moments of connection and freedom, creating memories that Annette will hold dear.

Mark's life was not just about the destinations but also about the journey. His friendly smile, spirited conversations, and handy skills left an indelible mark on those who had the pleasure of knowing him. He had the rare gift of making every person he met feel like an old friend, and his presence was a source of comfort and joy.

Mark is survived by is wife, Annette (Livingston) Wood of Nashua; son, Dylan Wood of Nashua; brothers, Eric (Lucy) Wood of West Concord, Minnesota, and Donald (Julie) Wood of Shell Rock; nephews, Edward, Nathaniel, Travis, and Ryan; nieces, Heather, Robbyn, Melinda, Nicole, Christina, and Kathleen; mother-in-law, Jacqueline Livingston; and sister-in-law, Lori (Kathy) Livingston.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Mary (Zwanziger) Wood; brother, Kenneth Wood; father-in-law, Randle Livingston Sr.; and brother-in-law, Randle Livingston Jr.

Mary Catherine Link, 103

Mary Catherine Link, age 103 of Elma and formerly of Ionia, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at Colonial Manor in Elma.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be held in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Ionia.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua where there will be a 9 a.m. Rosary.

Nadine Schumacher, 89

Nadine Schumacher, age 89 of New Hampton, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2024 at New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Peter Faugstad and Vicar Matthew Lehre presiding.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

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Michael ‘Mike’ Schmitt, 63

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.

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. Online condolences for the Schmitt family may be let a www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

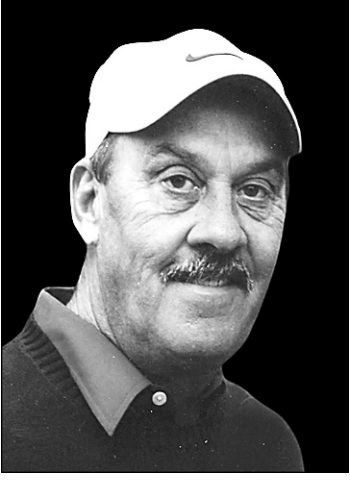
Michael Mark Schmitt was born on July 22, 1960, to Bernard and Victoria (Kuennen) Schmitt at Palmer Lutheran Hospital in West Union. He was born the seventh child of eleven siblings.

Mike brought a lot of change to the Schmitt family. He was the first son, preceded by five older sisters. He was dressed up in girls' clothing, curlers and even perms in his hair. As he approached kindergarten, he did not want to go to school because he was his dad, Bernie's right hand man at the Waucoma Feed Mill. Mike rode in the truck with his dad on deliveries.

He was an ambitious young boy who did lawn mowing for several families with a push mower, was a Waterloo Courier paperboy, a carry-out boy at the local McKay Grocery Store, an altar server at St. Mary's Church, and Mike was known to have the fastest silver bike in town!

Mike was so proud of his hometown community of Waucoma. Mike enjoyed living by the Turkey River. Starting at a young age, he loved to fish and camp often along the river with his friends. He was compared to “Huck Finn,” as he made a raft to float the river and he had a small fishing boat that made many trips up and down the Mill Pond. Mike rode his bicycle everywhere he went. When he was 16, he bought his own car, a 1968 Chevy Impala, which he was very proud of.

Mike was a 1979 graduate of Turkey Valley High School where he often found himself getting into trouble with his classmates. He participated in football and track in school and then decided to get a job at



Mike Schmitt

Farmer's Butter & Dairy/AMPI, where he worked for 20 years until the business closed.

Mike met the love of his life, Janet Balk, when she was 14 years old. He saw Janet walking after church one day with a white sundress on and he told his buddy “that is the girl I'm going to marry.” Mike and Janet were united in marriage on June 22, 1985. What a party they had! They lived on Janet's grandparents' farm outside of St. Lucas for five years, until they moved to Waucoma in 1990 to the “Schmitt family home.” This was Mike's home all his life. Their marriage was blessed with three children — Sara, Adam and Ben.

For the past 38 years, Mike and Janet made a great life in Waucoma. Mike introduced himself wherever he went as “Mike Schmitt, Waucoma, Iowa.” He worked at Lynch Livestock on the maintenance crew, where he enjoyed daily challenges. Janet referred to Mike as “McGyver” because he could fix anything.

Mike was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Church in Waucoma, where he received all of his sacraments. He was active as an usher, choir member and, along with Janet, did marriage prep for young couples for the past 20 years.

Mike was one of the original Waucoma First Responders and served for 42 years.

Mike also was a devout volunteer in his community in many ways. He was known for using his golf cart with the grandkids to water the community flowers.

Mike and Janet (The Waucoma Kid & Queen of the Turkey) enjoyed being outdoors and had a love for nature. They spent many hours canoeing and agate (rock) hunting. They averaged around 30 trips per year. In recent years, they have been Ranger riding along the

Jami R. Kasemeier, 39

Jami R. Kasemeier, age 39 of Waukon, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, in Waukon.

A service will be held Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, at 7 p.m. at Martin-Grau Funeral Home in Waukon with Pastor Ken Kimball officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 3 p.m. until the time of services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Jami Rachel Kasemeier was born Jan. 7, 1985, in Des Moines, the daughter of Roger and Julie (Beckman) Jones.

She attended school in New Hampton and Cresco, IA, and later received her GED.

Jami moved to Waukon in 2014, and worked at Good Samaritan Society as lead cook and at Kwik Star as a guest service leader.

She enjoyed planting flowers



Jami Kasemeier

and collecting gnomes. She took great pride in how her house was decorated. Jami liked dressing up and getting her nails done; as a tattoo lover, each one she had came with a special meaning. Riding Harleys and shop-

Clarence Hayen, 77

Clarence Hayen, age 77 of New Hampton, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at Hillcrest Home in Sumner.

Arrangements are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

A private family service will be held at a later date in South Dakota.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Clarence's arrangements.

Clarence was born July 18, 1946, in Parkston, South Dakota, son of Henry and Catherine Haye.

In 1963 Clarence enlisted in the Army, and after serving two years, he immediately reenlisted in the Navy.



Clarence Hayen

Clarence was united in marriage to Cheryl Simpson on May 15, 1969 in California.

To this union, three children

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Turkey River. They have experienced many pieces of heaven on earth on these journeys.

Mike enjoyed making bonfires. He loved sitting by the bonfire with friends and family telling stories. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed talking about the fish he caught and the friends he was with. Mike was a great friend to all. He loved hearing about their family and who they were related to. He always wanted to know who your grandparents were and where you were from.

He loved taking the grandkids on golf cart rides and giving them treats, often a Mr. Freeze. Mike loved sleeping in his bed, often sleeping in on Saturday mornings, only to be awakened by grandchildren prodding him.

Mike had an immense love for his family, friends and the community of Waucoma. This is the life story of the “Waucoma Kid,” Mike Schmitt, as told with a grateful heart by his beloved wife, Janet.

Mike and Janet's children remember a quote spoken often by their dad, “Run while you can!” The laughter, the stories, the service and the love that Mike Schmitt from Waucoma, Iowa imparted on countless lives will be forever remembered and dearly missed.

Mike is survived by his wife, Janet; daughter, Sara (Justin) Haught; sons, Adam (Jill) and Ben (Kalyn), both of Waucoma; seven beautiful grandchildren, Winnie, Millie and Otto Haught, Jacob, Hazel and Vera Schmitt, and Corbin Schmitt; siblings, Gloria Wagner of West Union, Sally (Michael) Hensley of Waucoma, Susy (Ron) Kuennen of St. Lucas, Debbie Kapnisnis of West Union, Kathy (Brian) Dunt of West Union, Mary (Ken) Bouska of Chatfield, Minnesota, Mark (Karen) Schmitt of New Hampton, Marlene Bouska of Hawkeye, and Marvin (Traci) Schmitt of Waucoma; mother-in-law, Wilma Balk of Waucoma; brothers-in-law, Ken (Emi) Balk of Marion, Greg (Angela) Balk of Waucoma, and Larry Niebes of Horton; and many nieces and nephews who knew him as “Uncle Mike.”

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Victoria; brother in infancy, John; brothers-in-law, Paul Wagner, Gus Kapnisnis and Terry Bouska; nephews, Brady Kuennen, Lee Einck and Jonathan Bouska (in infancy); niece, Taylor Bouska; father-in-law, Duane “Fritz” Balk; sister-in-law, Karla Faber Niebes; and brother-in-law, Jim Faber.

ping kept her busy as well. Jami loved spending time with her family and her two dash hounds Hank and Whinnie, and her maltese teddy Stella. If she saw something with a dash hound on it, more than likely it was coming home with her.

Survivors include her children, Bradley (Ella Dehli) Kasemeier and Jenaya (Quinton Nies) Kasemeier, both of Waukon, and Caiden Moore of Charles City; her mother, Julie (Dave) Beckman of Cresco; three sisters, Sarah (Brian) Owen of Pleasantville, Victoria Jones of Elma, and Alizabeth Holmes of Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her father Roger, who died in 2022.

Online condolences may be left at www.martinfunerals.com.

— John, Branda, and Clint — were born.

The family lived most of their life in South Dakota; in 1990, the family moved to New Hampton, where Clarence made cheese at AMPI in Fredericksburg. He was in the cheese business for over 40 years.

The couple was married for 51 wonderful years before his wife passed away in 2020.

Clarence is survived by two children, Branda Arens of Fredericksburg, and Clint Hayen of Elma; 10 grandchildren, Jennifer, Courtney, Emily, Josh, Sam, Hunter, Lane, Lewey Brandy, and Taylor; and nine great-grandchildren, Sawyer, Lavonne, Harper, Lily, Lucy, Lena, Owen, Kaiser and Maisie.

Cowboys have plenty of fun but also send a message or two, too

COWBOY POETRY: FROM 1

This year's performers included R.P. Smith, Jake Riley and Brooke Turner. They sang, they shared the poems and fired off more than a few corny, yet good, jokes.

And Turner brought a guest, the above-mentioned Ascherl, and he couldn't help but give her a bit of a hard time during one of their "sets" on Saturday night.

"You know, she's a first-grade teacher," he said with a mischievous grin, "so you know what that means? Practice, homework if you will, was not an option. It was mandatory."

For Ascherl, the chance to perform with Turner was too good to pass up, although she was the first to admit that the ol' butterflies were floating before she took the Starlite stage on the opening night of the 2024 Cowboy Poetry celebration.

"I'm thankful the people up here are forgiving," she said with a smile, "because I was shaking a little bit when I got up there. But Brooke made it so easy for me, he's so quick on his feet, and once we started playing our guitars and singing, it was just like we were practicing. It was a wonderful experience."

And Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver was appreciative. He spoke during intermission both nights and thanked those who turned out for the event. Shawver, who served as the K9 handler for the Sheriff's Office from 2014 to 2019, said that no taxpayer money goes to the unit; instead, it is entirely supported by donations.

"I can't thank the Lions and Cowboy Poetry enough," he said. "We've been blessed with great support from countless donors throughout the years, and trust me, having a K9 unit greatly helps our department and the public."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver (above) shares information about the county's K9 unit at Cowboy Poetry, where poets like Jake Riley regaled crowds this past weekend with some great tales and songs.

There are always plenty of laughs when it comes to Cowboy Poetry, there are always those moments when important messages are delivered as well. Take a song written by Turner that he performed with Ascherl. Titled "It's About the Ride," he said he wrote the song for his daughter, a rodeo queen in Iowa.

"I like the message, because it really isn't about the fall, it's about the ride," he said. "We do joke around a lot here and at a lot of these events, but you know, that's a message we all need to hear. Let's be honest, no matter what we do in life, we're going to fall, if you will. But let's not focus on that; let's focus on that ride because that's what's really important."



Life Line Screening to be in city Feb. 12

Residents living in and around New Hampton can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

The Chickasaw Event Center will host this community event on Feb. 12. The site is located at 301 N Water Avenue in New Hampton.

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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. JUV000907 and JUV000908

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 the petition.

You are further notified that a parent, guardian or custodian in a child in need of assistance proceeding has the right to be represented by counsel at all hearings subsequent to the filing of a Petition. If you wish to privately retain counsel, you should immediately notify the attorney of these proceedings. If you desire representation but you cannot afford to hire and attorney, you should immediately contact the Clerk of the above-named court and request from and file with the Clerk an Application for Appointment of Counsel and Financial Statement. If you are determined to be indigent, the Court may appoint counsel for you. The child's parent is notified that the child's parent may be required to reimburse the state for all of the legal fees and costs attributed to the appointment of counsel for the child's parent.

Note: The attorney who is expected to represent the child's parent should be promptly advised by the parent of the service of this notice.

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No. 23586
01/18/24 01/25/24 02/01/24

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Interested students can contact their High School guidance counselor, Ag instructor-FFA advisor or visit www.nexus.coop for an application. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2024. Mailing address is: Nexus Cooperative; Ag Youth Scholarship Program; 615 Union Street, Stacyville, IA 50476. Failure to enclose all required information, sign the application or meet the deadline date will result in disqualification.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXTENSION Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
The CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXTENSION will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024				
Meeting Date/Time: 2/20/2024 06:00 PM		Contact: Amanda Tuupper	Phone: (641) 394-2174	
Meeting Location: ISU Extension & Outreach Chickasaw County Office 115 N Broadway Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
County Agricultural Extension Education	345,700	140,000	485,700	facility expense increase
Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	
Tort Liability	5,000	0	5,000	
Total	350,700	140,000	490,700	

No. 23606
02/01/24 02/02/24

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXTENSION							
The Extension Council of the above named County will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget as follows: Meeting Date: 2/20/2024 Meeting Time: 06:05 PM Meeting Location: ISU Extension & Outreach Chickasaw County Office 115 N Broadway Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659							
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Extension Council Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 674-A) will be furnished upon request. Contact Name: Amanda Tupper Contact Telephone Number: (641) 394-2174							
FUND	FYE June 30, 2023 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2024 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2025 Budget Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2025	Estimated FY 2025 Beg. Balance	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	Estimated Utility Tax Replacement and Property Tax Dollars
1. County Agricultural Extension Education	344,764	483,258	397,672	168,822	209,594	270,752	279,000
2. Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	26,683	26,683	0	0
3. Tort Liability	2,917	7,300	7,300	3,002	4,302	5,823	6,000
4. TOTAL	347,681	490,558	404,972	198,507	240,579	276,575	285,000
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$						0.29589	

Virtual Meeting Information:
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No. 23607
02/01/24 02/02/24

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Applications must be submitted in person or by mail Chickasaw County Engineer's Office, Courthouse, P.O.Box 316, New Hampton, Iowa 50659-0316. Applications accepted until position is filled.

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To apply on-line log on to www.cityofcharlescity.org.
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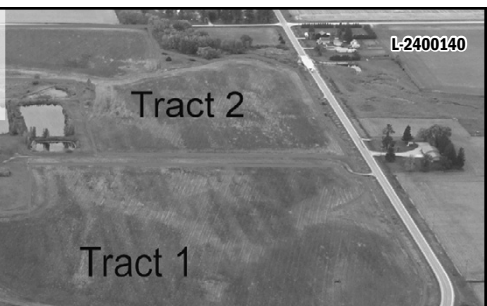
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Tract 1

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Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 14	Jan. 22		
	W	L	
HereZ 2 U	72	54	
Bowlaway Lanes	70	56	
Brite Spot	69	57	
Big Willie's	67	59	
Dak's Tap 1	67	59	
Butch's 1	64	62	
VFW	64	62	
Butch's 2	63	63	
Dak's Tap 2	60	66	
Rascals	57	69	
Hide-A-Way	54	72	
The Office	49	77	

RESULTS
Dak's Tap 1 7, Hide-A-Way 2
Bowlaway Lanes 6, Butch's 1 3
Dak's Tap 2 5, Butch's 2 4
The Office 7, Rascals 2
VFW 5, Big Willie's 4
HereZ 2 U 6, Brite Spot 3

THREE-GAME WINNERS
Dak's Tap 1: Lew & Chad, Dak & Tyler
Big Willie's: Les & Danny
The Office: Dakota & Blake
Bowlaway Lanes: Kyle & Sam

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 14	Jan. 24		
	W	L	GB
Hide A Way	63	45	0
Butch's II	58	50	5
Schucky's	58	59	5
Butch's I	57	60	6
Dak's Tap I	55	53	8
Bowlaway	54	54	9
Dak's Tap II	54	54	9
Big Willie's	53	64	10
The Office	52	65	11

RESULTS
Dak's Tap II 7, Butch's I 2
Hide A Way 6, Big Willie's 3
The Office 5, Dak's Tap I 4
Schucky's 5, Bowlaway Lanes 4
Butch's II Bye Week
THREE-GAME WINNERS
Dak's Tap II - Michelle Toricill & Jaime Frahm
Dak's Tap II - Leslie Noehl & Cathy Knutson
Hide A Way - Helen Geerts & Candy Schoba
The Office - Laurie Schult & Heather Steege

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES January 22, 2024
The Board convened on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Breitbach. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Nashua Public Library Heather Hackman, New Hampton Public Library Carrie Becker, Fredericksburg Public Library Jackie Kush, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc (SHE) Rustin Lingbeek, Assured Partners Brian Huinker and Jay Fjelstul, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz,
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for January 22, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the additional agenda for January 22, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 15, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn. Abstained: Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.
Discussed wages for Friday January 12, 2024 when the Courthouse closed due to weather and decided to follow handbook. Due to weather. If an employee's office is closed during work hours, then the employee will not be paid for those hours unless the employee elects to use vacation, casual days, or compensatory time to receive a full paycheck.
Public Comment. Librarian Carrie Becker gave insight to a letter she sent the Board of Supervisors.
Supervisor Cerwinske wanted to remind Chickasaw County of the Winter-fest in Nashua January 27, 2023
Discussed with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc (SHE) Rustin Lingbeek the Heritage water project.
Discussed with Assured Partners Brian Huinker the difference between health benefit consultants and the board is looking to go out for RFP's for health insurance.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve RESOLUTION #01-22-24-04 RESOLUTION FOR A COUNTY TO AWARD CONTRACT &

TV begins gauntlet of regular season games

By KELLY TERPSTRA
sports@nhtrib.com

Like the weather outside, the Turkey Valley Trojan boys basketball team is starting to heat up.
They'll need to continue to stay on a roll if John Izer's Upper Iowa Conference squad wants to host a couple postseason games when the opening round of district play starts in the small-school class on Tuesday, Feb. 9.
In the meantime, TV (9-7, 4-6) will look to continue a four-game win streak and do it by playing in a gauntlet of games. That incredible amount of contests in a short stretch – six games in eight days to be precise – will go a long ways toward finding out where the Trojans fall in the conference pecking order. Several of the six games to close out the regular season will also determine TV's postseason seed in Class 1A.
“We had to have it. I challenged them to five in a row – minimum,” said Izer, in his third year at the helm of TV.

TV gunned for its fifth victory in a row on the road at Central Elkader (5-11, 4-9) on Tuesday – a game they were favored in.
TV topped winless West Central (0-17, 0-13) on the road last week Tuesday by a score of 62-47. The Trojans also beat Clarksville this past Saturday, 62-52.
“Wapsie and Cresco were the two-best full games we have played all year,” said Izer. “At Clarksville we played the best half. We were up 18 at half.”
TV senior Braylen Byrne notched a career high 24 points in the win over the Cadets last week Monday. He's continued to play well down the stretch as he notched 12 and 14 points, respectively, against West Central and Clarksville.
“He's really rolling right now – full



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley senior Caleb Kurtenbach works the perimeter versus MFL MarMac earlier this season in an Upper Iowa Conference game at home.

confidence,” said Izer about Byrne. “He's got himself in better shape. Now he's lasting longer in games.”
Oliver Schmitt, another senior for TV and the team's leading scorer (11.3 ppg), registered 15 points against the Blue Devils and 13 points versus the Indians over the weekend.
Caleb Kurtenbach, Izer's senior point guard, led the Trojans in scoring with 15 against Clarksville. He also added double-figure scoring versus West Central with 10 points.
TV plays North Fayette Valley (13-3, 9-3) on the road in West Union tonight (Thursday). Turkey Valley plays its

final five games of the regular season at home. TV squares off against Postville (12-7, 8-6) on Friday and a date at home with Clayton Ridge (3-13, 1-10) is scheduled to get under way around 7 p.m. on Saturday in Jackson Junction. UIC rival South Winneshiek (11-6, 7-5) comes to town on Monday and the regular season finale will be against the conference-leading Hawks of Kee High (17-2, 13-1) on Tuesday. The Hawks are ranked 10th in Class 1A by the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).
TURKEY VALLEY 74, CRESTWOOD 64
CR 23 8 7 26 - 64
TV 12 15 23 24 - 74

Turkey Valley rolls past West Central in UIC road tilt

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The Turkey Valley girls hoops squad had no problem in disposing of West Central last week Tuesday on the road by a score of 56-17.
That gave Steve Hoffer's Trojans its fourth Upper Iowa Conference win this winter.
The Trojans also took on Spring Grove last week Thursday – a squad from Minnesota that made just enough plays to keep TV at bay. The final score saw Spring Grove claim victory, 48-40.

“I like the way we competed tonight against a very good Spring Grove team. We had our chances but just couldn't make enough plays down the stretch,” said Hoffer.
The game versus West Central (1-16, 0-13) saw TV blank the Blue Devils in the final period of play, 8-0.
TV sophomore Addison Steinlage hit for 13 points in the West Central game and ripped down seven rebounds.

Spring Grove used a 17-6 third-quarter advantage to take a 39-33 lead headed into the final period of play.
TV senior Mariah Thronndson and junior Delaney Busta each paced the Trojans in scoring with nine points apiece. TV sophomore Haylee Hanson and Anika Bodensteiner tallied eight points each.
CRESTWOOD 68, TURKEY VALLEY 43
TV 8 16 16 3 - 43
CR 20 21 16 11 - 68
Addison Steinlage 1-5 0-2 2, Anika Bodensteiner 4-9 1-2 10, Layni Schuchhardt 4-7 3-7 12, Mariah Thronndson 5-13 0-0 11, Delaney Busta 0-3 0-0 0 Hazel Nieman 0-0 0-0 0, Jenna Thronndson 0-2 0-0 0, Ashlyn Busta 0-2 0-0 0, Emersyn Hoffer 1-1 0-0 2, Alexis Elsbernd 1-3 0-0 3, Isabella Stika 1-1 0-0 2,



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley's Addison Steinlage brings the ball up the floor against MFL MarMac.
Kendall Kuennen 0-0 0-0 0, Haylee Hanson 0-4 1-2 1, Makinley Lutgen 0-0 0-0 0, Ellaney Bodensteiner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-50 5-13 43.
3-point field goals - Steinlage 0-2, A. Bodensteiner 1-3, Schuchhardt 1-3, M. Thronndson 1-5, Elsbernd 1-3.
Rebounds - A. Bodensteiner 7, Steinlage 5, D. Busta 4, Hanson 3, Schuchhardt 2, M. Thronndson 2, J. Thronndson 2, A. Busta 1, Elsbernd 1, Stika 1, E. Bodensteiner 1.

New Hampton boys bowlers roll to second win of season against Huskies
Chickasaw girls record first victory at Viper Lanes

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The New Hampton bowlers made it twice as nice on Monday at Viper Lanes in Oelwein.
The Chickasaws girls and boys squads swept Oelwein and NH head coach Andy Aries was pleased by his team's performance out on the lanes.
“It was just a total team effort,” said Aries.
Prior to taking on the Huskies at their home alley, New Hampton participated in the North Central Conference Baker Tournament at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo on Wednesday.
The Chickasaws rolled a 1,874 to place third out of 13 teams and that allowed New Hampton to advance to bracket play. There NH faced off against Charles City in the eight-team bracket format. The Comets moved on to the championship match versus Decorah, where the Vikings won the final head-to-head square off to be claimed conference baker champs.
“There was a lot better communication,” said the NH head coach.
The Chickasaws boys squad came away with two 223s in the opening round of baker play.
“They made a huge improvement. They had a couple games what I consider sub-par, but they definitely did a huge bounce-back,” said Aries. “They shot very strong.”
The NH girls team rolled an 845 at the baker league meet and had a top score of 100 in the first 10 frames of competing in the opening round.

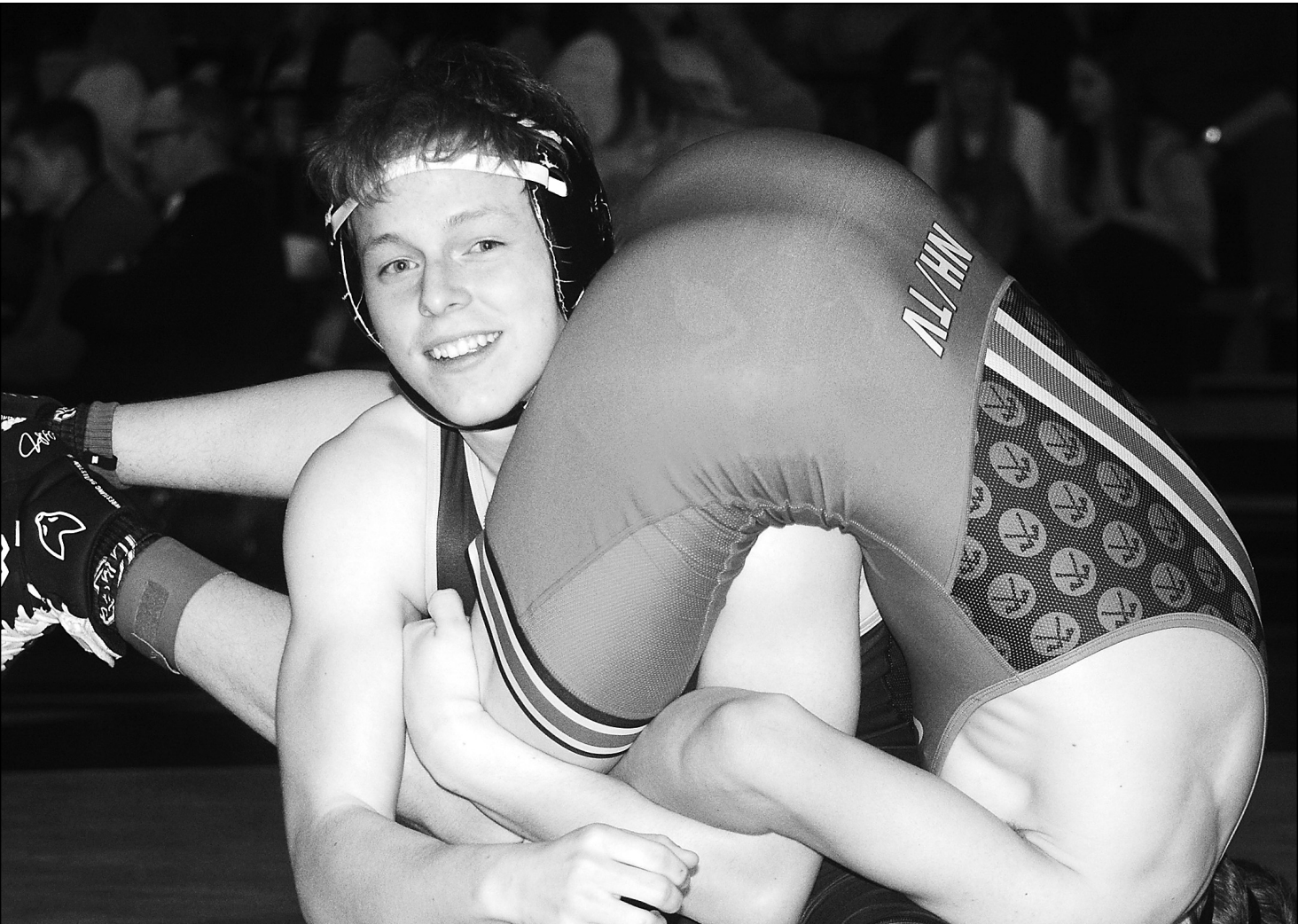


Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
New Hampton's Chase Gebel bowls this season.
“They did great for only having four people,” said Aries. “What they did was phenomenal. Both teams actually showed a no-quit attitude all the way through.”
The NH boys team outlasted Oelwein 2,651 to 1,994 and the girls rolled past the Huskies 1,193 to 643.
NH junior Landon Marr broke the school record with a high game of 248. The old mark was set earlier this year by junior Gabe Macon (247).
Marr finished with medalist honors at Viper Lanes with a 418 series. Macon and sophomore Chase Gebel each accumulated a series of 353. Xander Meyerhoff, a junior, was a pin back of that score with a 352.
Kody Kleen, a junior, shot a 333 and senior Tucker Terrell

Caleb Kurtenbach 2-15 2-2 6, Russell Nieman 2-5 2-2 7, Logan Busta 4-8 3-5 13, Oliver Schmitt 6-11 6-7 18, Braylen Byrne 7-12 6-7 24, J.D. Kruse 1-2 2-2 4, Cale Langreck 1-1 0-0 2, Aidan Holthaus 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-55 21-25 74.
3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 0-7, Nieman 1-3, Busta 2-6, Schmitt 0-5, Byrne 4-7.
Rebounds - Schmitt 8, Byrne 7, Nieman 6, Kruse 5, Busta 4, Kurtenbach 4, Holthaus 1.
Assists - Schmitt 6, Busta 4, Byrne 3, Kurtenbach 1, Nieman 1, Kruse 1.
Steals - Busta 2, Schmitt 2, Nieman 1, Kruse 1.
Blocks - Busta 1.
TURKEY VALLEY 62, WEST CENTRAL 47
TV 23 11 15 13 - 62
WC 14 14 11 8 - 47
Kurtenbach 4-14 0-0 10, Nieman 1-4 0-0 2, Busta 5-9 0-0 10, Schmitt 6-14 3-5 15, Byrne 5-13 0-0 12, Kruse 4-9 1-2 9, Calen Franzen 0-0 0-0 0, Ethan Orvis 0-3 0-0 0, Langreck 0-1 0-0 0, Mitchell Kriener 1-2 0-1 2, Jonah Orvis 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Kriener 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 27-73 4-8 62.
3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 2-7, Nieman 0-2, Busta 0-1, Schmitt 0-3, Bryne 2-5, E. Orvis 0-1, J. Orvis 0-1.
Rebounds - Busta 6, Schmitt 6, Kruse 6, Byrne 5, Nieman 4, M. Kriener 3, Kurtenbach 1, E. Orvis 1, Langreck 1, J. Kriener 1.
Assists - Busta 6, Nieman 3, Kurtenbach 2, Schmitt 2, Kruse 1, J. Orvis 1.
Steals - Kurtenbach 4, Schmitt 4, Byrne 2, Nieman 1, Kruse 1, J. Orvis 1.
Blocks - Byrne 1, Kruse 1.
TURKEY VALLEY 62, CLARKSVILLE 52
TV 20 18 13 11 - 62
CLA 10 10 18 14 - 52
Kurtenbach 6-14 0-0 15, Nieman 2-3 0-0 5, Busta 4-12 0-0 9, Schmitt 5-11 3-3 13, Byrne 5-15 2-3 14, Kruse 3-5 0-0 6, Langreck 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-60 5-6 62.
3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 3-7, Nieman 1-1, Busta 1-4, Schmitt 0-1, Byrne 2-3.
Rebounds - Byrne 11, Schmitt 9, Busta 5, Nieman 4, Kurtenbach 4, Kruse 3, Langreck 2.
Assists - Busta 6, Schmitt 6, Nieman 3, Kurtenbach 1.
Steals - Kurtenbach 3, Busta 3, Schmitt 2, Nieman 1.
Blocks - Kurtenbach 1, Busta 1, Byrne 1, Kruse 1.

Assists - Schuchhardt 5, A. Bodensteiner 2, D. Busta 2, Elsbernd 2, Hanson 2, Nieman 1.
Steals - Steinlage 5, Schuchhardt 3, Hanson 3, A. Bodensteiner 2, M. Thronndson 2, J. Thronndson 1.
Blocks - Hanson 2, Steinlage 1, Schuchhardt 1.
TURKEY VALLEY 56, WEST CENTRAL 17
TV 10 24 14 8 - 56
WC 5 3 9 0 - 17
Steinlage 3-6 6-9 13, A. Bodensteiner 2-8 2-2 6, Schuchhardt 0-3 5-6 5, M. Thronndson 2-9 3-6 7, D. Busta 0-1 2-2 2, Nieman 1-5 0-0 2, J. Thronndson 2-4 1-2 5, A. Busta 1-6 0-2 2, Hoffer 1-5 0-0 2, Elsbernd 0-7 0-0 0, Stika 1-4 0-1 2, Kuennen 0-0 0-0 0, Hanson 2-3 0-2 4, Lutgen 0-0 0-0 0, E. Bodensteiner 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 17-64 21-34 56.
3-point field goals - Steinlage 1-2, A. Bodensteiner 0-4, M. Thronndson 0-3, Nieman 0-1, A. Busta 0-3, Elsbernd 0-5, Stika 0-2.
Rebounds - Steinlage 7, E. Bodensteiner 7, A. Bodensteiner 6, Schuchhardt 5, M. Thronndson 5, A. Busta 5, Hanson 4, J. Thronndson 3, Nieman 2, Hoffer 2, Stika 1.
Assists - Schuchhardt 4, M. Thronndson 2, Steinlage 1, A. Bodensteiner 1, Nieman 1, Hanson 1, Lutgen 1.
Steals - Steinlage 3, Schuchhardt 3, Hoffer 3, A. Bodensteiner 2, M. Thronndson 1, J. Thronndson 1, A. Busta 1, Elsbernd 1.
SPRING GROVE 48, TURKEY VALLEY 40
SP 15 7 17 9 - 48
TV 12 15 6 7 - 40
Steinlage 2-6 1-2 5, A. Bodensteiner 3-7 0-0 8, Schuchhardt 0-6 0-0 0, M. Thronndson 4-11 1-1 9, D. Busta 3-6 3-3 9, Nieman 0-0 0-0 0, A. Busta 0-1 0-0 0, Stika 0-1 1-2 1, Hanson 3-7 2-2 8. Totals 15-45 8-10 40.
3-point field goals - Steinlage 0-1, A. Bodensteiner 2-4, M. Thronndson 0-2.
Rebounds - Steinlage 8, D. Busta 7, Hanson 6, M. Thronndson 5, Schuchhardt 4, A. Bodensteiner 3.
Assists - M. Thronndson 4, Steinlage 2, Schuchhardt 1.
Steals - Steinlage 3, M. Thronndson 3, D. Busta 2, A. Bodensteiner 1, Schuchhardt 1.

rolled a 310.
The Chickasaw girls were led by senior Madison Dreckman's 226. NH sophomores Sophia Rivera came up with a 216 and McKenzie Herzberg was able to register a 190. Chickasaw freshman Kassidy Meyerhoff competed to a final score of 171.
The New Hampton boys improved its record to 2-4 overall and the Chickasaw girls are now 1-4.
The Chickasaws took on North Fayette Valley on Tuesday at Lilac Lanes and then New Hampton takes part in its final home meet of the season versus Decorah at Bowlaway Lanes on Tuesday, Feb. 6. That is also Senior Night for the Chickasaws. New Hampton's final regular season meet is at Arrowhead Lanes versus Waukon on Friday, Feb. 9. Postseason play begins on Monday, Feb. 12 for the girls in regional play and the following day on Tuesday for the boys at districts.
GIRLS RESULTS
NEW HAMPTON 1,193, OELWEIN 643
Medalist - Kelly Donat, Oelwein 134-162-296
New Hampton scores - Madison Dreckman 131-95-226, Sophia Rivera 78-138-216, McKenzie Herzberg 81-109-190, Kassidy Meyerhoff 96-75-171.
BOYS RESULTS
NEW HAMPTON 2,651, OELWEIN 1,994
Medalist - Landon Marr, New Hampton 248-170-418.
New Hampton scores - Marr 248-170-418, Gabe Macon 181-172-353, Kody Kleen 156-177-333, Xander Meyerhoff 187-165-352, Tucker Terrell 182-128-310, Chase Gebel 168-185-353.



New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Hunter Humpal (above) is all smiles as he takes down his younger brother, Chase, during the 144-pound fifth-place match while the Chickasaws’ Burke Busta (below) has three back points in hand during the 150-pound fifth-place match against Crestwood’s Jace Pedretti at the NEIC tourney on Saturday.

Chickasaw JV wrestlers acquit themselves well at NEIC

NEIC: FROM 12

New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s bid for a runner-up finish all but dissipated with injuries that kept 120-pound senior Landon Bruess and 175-pound senior Leander Reicks off the mat, but Chickasaw coach Matt Paulus was far from downcast after the meet.

“We got a lot of good, tough matches and that’s what we wanted here,” Paulus said. “No one came here wanting to get fourth but when you have four weights open [NH/TV also didn’t have wrestlers at 106 and 113] but we didn’t back down today. I’ll take today.”

As his lone champion put it, the NEIC is important but it’s not the biggie, either.

“In the grand scheme of things, it’s conference but Tuesday [and the regional duals] and the district meet, they’re the ones that really matter,” McShane said. “It’s a big deal, I’m not saying that, but it’s not the one that matters the most.”

McShane joined a plethora of Chickasaw greats who have stood atop the NEIC podium for three years, and considering the rumors of the conference’s demise, winning three straight league titles is something he’ll hang his proverbial hat on ... in a few years, that is.

“Right now, I’m just focused on state,” he said after improving to 36-1. “That’s the podium I really want to be on top of, but there’s a lot of good wrestlers on that [three-time NEIC champion] list and to be in that group, yeah, I know that will mean a lot when I’m an old guy.”

McShane was the lone champion Saturday, but two other Chickasaws — top-seeded Karson Kolbet at 157 and second-seeded Gatlin McCumber at 285 — made the finals.

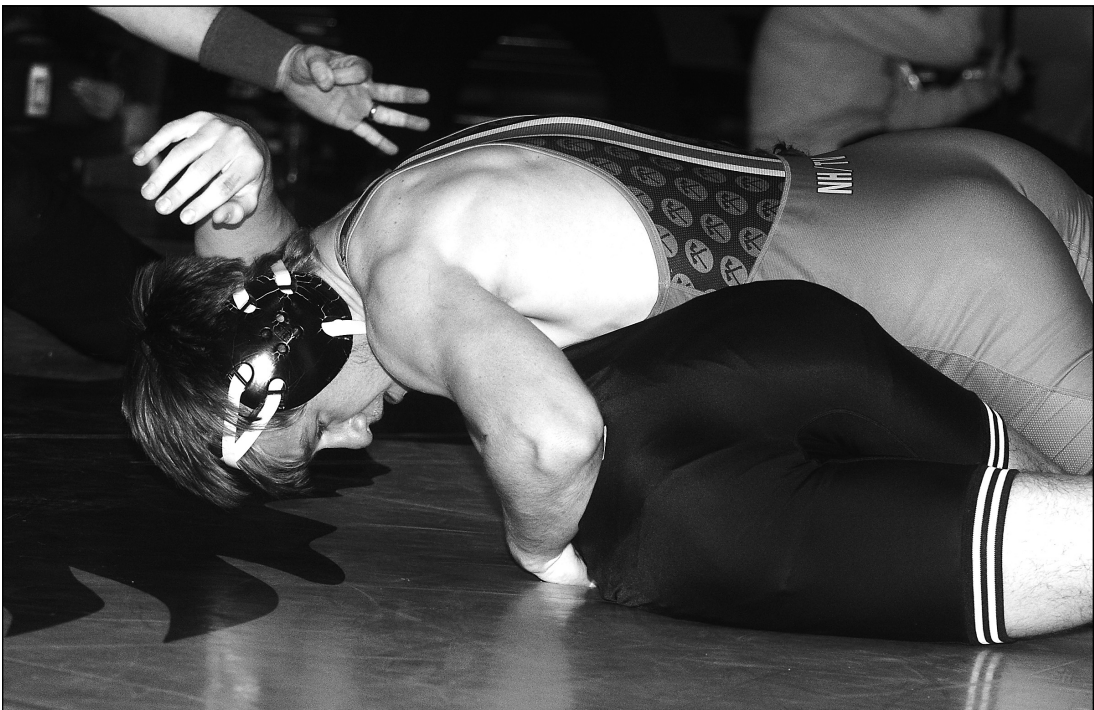
Kolbet lost for a second time this season to Decorah’s Brody Hanson, and while the final score — 8-0 — looked awful, it was a five-point move by Hanson in the second period that made it look like a rout.

“Karson’s in tight on two takedowns in the first and if he gets one of those, it’s a whole different match,” Paulus said, “and you know, [Kolbet] came close on that cradle a couple times in the third period. You know, obviously, we want to win a conference championship, but I know Karson’s going to learn from this, get back out there and be better than ever.”

McCumber, meanwhile, gave up a late takedown in the first period to Caden Wetherell, who is ranked fifth in Class 3A by IA wrestle, and then got caught and pinned early in the second period.

“That kid’s going to be high on the stand in 3A, in my opinion, and our guy has the same potential in 2A,” Paulus said. “We came here to get tough matches, to get better, and Gatlin will use this to do just that.”

The Chickasaws got third-place finishes from Emmett Kuehner (138), Ethan Praska (144), Jax Shekleton (150), Olandreon Saunders (165) and Ethan Swehla (190), all of whom lost in the semifinals but



THREE-TIME CHICKASAW NEIC CHAMPS			
Here are the New Hampton and NH/TV wrestlers who have won three Northeast Iowa Conference championships:			
Marty Vaala	95, 112, 112	1966-68	
Duane Boos	98, 112, 126	1971-73	
Tom Ball	167, 167, 167	1971-73	
Jeff Pacovsky	167, 185, 167	1978-80	
Kip Gebel	98, 112, 119	1986-87, 1989	
Curt Heideman	171, 171, 189	1989-91	
Tad Weiglein	112, 119, 145	2000-02	
Casey Mai	103, 130, 130	2002, 2004-05	
Jaydon Mitchell	145, 152, 160	2005-07	
Leighton Gaul	112, 113, 120	2011-13	
Connor Cleveland	106, 113, 120	2014-16	
Michael Blockhus*	106, 126, 145	2015, 2017-18	
Evan Rosonke	182, 182, 195	2018-20	
Braden McShane	182, 220, 215	2022-24	
* Blockhus won his first NEIC title wrestling for Crestwood.			

worked their way back up the ladder on the back side of their brackets.

Meanwhile, NH/TV had nine wrestlers who battled their way into the varsity tournament by finishing in the top-two of their respective weight classes at last Thursday’s NEIC junior varsity tournament in which the Chickasaws claimed the team title. A number of those Chickasaws placed as Hunter Humpal (144) and Burke Busta (150) finished fifth and Weston Praska (132), Mason Nelson (138), Chase Humpal (144) and Roy Barron (215) wrestled to sixth-place finishes.

“Our JV kids got some matches and that was really good,” he said. “I’m not the biggest fan of how we do it, but this year — having eight, nine guys get a chance to wrestle — it worked out well for us. They wrestled hard and I thought they made the most out of the opportunity.”

But as the wrestlers made their way to the awards stand following the completion of the conference tournament, Paulus’ attention was already focused on the future.

NH/TV competed in the Class 2A regional duals in Algona on Tuesday and is gearing up for Class 2A district tournament that will be held a week from this Saturday in Manchester.

“We’ve got the possibility of a lot good things happening,” Paulus said, “and I know these guys are going to put the work in that they have to. We got what we wanted out of today, but the big stuff, the important stuff, is still ahead of us.”

TEAM SCORES		
Waverly-Shell	Rock	278.5
Decorah	207.5	Crestwood 182
New Hampton/Turkey Valley	175.5	Waukon 127, Charles City 94.5

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY INDIVIDUAL RESULTS		
126: Braidon Schaufenbuel placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Lucas Byrnes (W) OT dec. Schaufenbuel, 4-2. Cons. Round 1 - Schaufenbuel pinned Max Jones (W), 1:23. Cons. Semi - Ethan Bergan (C) pinned Schaufenbuel, 4:57. 5th Place Match - Schaufenbuel pinned Byrnes (W), 3:39.		
126: Cargin Robinson did not place. Quarterfinal - Jordan Young (CC) pinned Robinson, 1:33. Cons. Round 1 - Michael Clement (D) pinned Robinson, 1:18.		
132: Jayden Bucknell placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Bucknell pinned Jose Lievano (C), 2:15. Semifinal - Carter Cajthaml (CC) dec. Bucknell, 11-4. Cons. Semi - Bucknell pinned Justin Murphy (W), 3:24. 3rd Place Match - Kolby Sprole (WSR) dec. Bucknell, 6-4.		
132: Weston Praska placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Cajthaml (CC) pinned Praska, 2:15. Cons. Round 1 - Praska won by forfeit Jose Lievano (C). Cons. Semi - Kolby Sprole (WSR) maj. dec. Praska, 13-0. 5th Place Match - Justin Murphy (W) pinned Praska, 0:25.		
138: Emmett Kuehner placed third. Quarterfinal - Kuehner OT dec. Owen Regan (W), 3-2. Semifinal - Zane Behrends (WSR) pinned Kuehner, 1:17. Cons. Semi - Kuehner won by forfeit Mason Nelson (NHTV). 3rd Place Match - Kuehner pinned Cayden Kruger (W), 1:29.		
138: Mason Nelson placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Cayden Kruger (W) pinned Nelson, 1:57. Cons. Semi - Kuehner (NHTV) won by forfeit Nelson. 5th Place Match - Owen Regan (W) dec. Nelson, 7-2.		
144: Ethan Praska placed third. Quarterfinal - Praska won by forfeit Chase Humpal (NHTV). Semifinal - Kaleb Adams (C) pinned Praska, 5:24. Cons. Semi - Praska won by forfeit Hunter Humpal (NHTV). 3rd Place Match - Praska pinned Jacob Vance (CC), 3:53.		

144: Hunter Humpal placed fifth. Quarterfinal - William Fullhart (D) pinned Humpal, 4:50. Cons. Round 1 - Humpal dec. Brain Regan (W), 4-0. Cons. Semi - E. Praska (NHTV) won by forfeit Humpal. 5th Place Match - Humpal pinned C. Humpal (NHTV), 1:00.

144: Chase Humpal placed sixth. Quarterfinal - E. Praska (NHTV) won by forfeit Humpal. Cons. Round 1 - Humpal pinned McCoy McIlravy (WSR), 2:27. Cons. Semi - Vance (CC) pinned Humpal, 3:16. 5th Place Match - H. Humpal (NHTV) pinned Humpal, 1:00.

150: Jax Shekleton placed third. Quarterfinal - Shekleton tech fall Jace Pedretti (C), 18-2. Semifinal - Bas Diaz (WSR) pinned Shekleton, 1:17. Cons. Semi - Shekleton won by forfeit Burke Busta (NHTV). 3rd Place Match - Shekleton dec. Kollin Henry (D), 6-5.

150: Burke Busta placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Talan Weber (CC) maj. dec. Busta, 12-2. Cons. Round 1 - Busta pinned Mason McKee (W), 1:59. Cons. Semi - Shekleton (NHTV) won by forfeit Busta. 5th Place Match - Busta pinned Jace Pedretti (C), 5:55.

157: Karson Kolbet placed second. Quarterfinal - Kolbet won by forfeit Beau Serie (NHTV). Semifinal - Kolbet pinned Cody Kerian (C), 0:55. 1st Place Match - Brody Hanson (D) maj. dec. Kolbet, 8-0.

157: Cade Carpenter did not place. Quarterfinal - Hanson (D) pinned Carpenter, 1:52. Cons. Round 1 - Carter Burkhardt (CC) pinned Carpenter, 3:39.

157: Beau Serie did not place. Quarterfinal - Kolbet (NHTV) won by forfeit Serie. Cons. Round 1 - Ethan Gibbs (W) dec. Serie, 7-5.

165: Olandreon Saunders placed third. Quarterfinal - Saunders pinned Jared Snitker (W), 3:02. Semifinal - Ethan Bibler (WSR) maj. dec. Saunders, 11-1. Cons. Semi - Saunders pinned Eli Forcier (WSR), 5:41. 3rd Place Match - Saunders pinned Colton Anderegg (CC), 5:45.

190: Ethan Swehla placed third. Quarterfinal - Swehla pinned Carson Linde (CC), 0:36. Semifinal - Zander Wedemeier (WSR) dec. Swehla, 3-1. Cons. Semi - Swehla pinned Mason Regan (C), 1:35. 3rd Place Match - Swehla pinned Chase Mwangi (WSR), 1:15.

215: Braden McShane placed first. Semifinal - McShane pinned Kaiden Youngblood (D), 0:31. 1st Place Match - McShane pinned Logan Lashbrook (WSR), 1:39.

215: Roy Barron placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Tryston Johnson (W) pinned Barron, 1:03. Cons. Round 1 - Barron pinned McKyan Egan (W), 4:53. Cons. Semi - Kaiden Youngblood (D) pinned Barron, 1:30. 5th Place Match - Tryston Johnson (W) pinned Barron, 0:21.

285: Gatlin McCumber placed second. Quarterfinal - McCumber pinned Jackson Warnke (CC), 0:48. Semifinal - McCumber pinned Mason Hinrichs (WSR), 5:44. 1st Place Match - Caden Wetherell (WSR) pinned McCumber, 2:36.

New Hampton boys close the week with a pair of road games

NH Boys: FROM 12

long enough to know that there are teams that implode when they’ve got a record like ours.”

The Chickasaw coach paused for a moment and shook his head.

“But this one was tough, really tough. That’s two nights in a row we’ve played really, really hard, and this was one we could have — should have — won.”

The Sailors, who came into the game with a 5-13 mark, used a zone defense to get back into the game, and New Hampton struggled.

“I’m surprised honestly that we were so kerfuffled by that zone,” Rausch said. “I don’t know, we just didn’t seem as patient as we needed to be.”

Still, New Hampton found some answers in the fourth quarter with assists by Jake Schwickerath, Caden Rochford and Adam Ewert, but Columbus’ Jackson Mudd gave the Sailors their first lead of the night when he hit a 3-pointer to make it 39-36.

An Ewert free throw and a Nick Brincks basket, thanks to a pretty pass from Ben Gilbert, tied the game at 39 with 2 1/2 minutes remaining.

Columbus retook the lead with a minute left on a basket by Amani Robinson, but 15 seconds later, Gilbert drained a 3-pointer to give New Hampton a 42-41 advantage. Robinson, though, powered inside for what proved to be the winning basket with 25 seconds left and although the Chickasaws got a great look on a 3-pointer from Gilbert, it wouldn’t fall.

“We did a lot of good things, but I keep saying that most nights,” Rausch said. “What we need is a win, and it’s not on the kids, it’s on me. I’ll say that, I’ll own up to that. We just have to find a way to win a game like this. ... It felt like a playoff game.”

“It was intense, it was physical, the effort by both teams was outstanding and we just came up one point short.”

The loss to the Sailors came after the Chickasaws ended last week with two blowout losses — 64-33 to North Fayette Valley on Thursday and 90-44 to Class 3A fifth-ranked Decorah on Friday.

But as disappointed as Rausch was in his team’s performance on Thursday, when New Hampton connected on just 20.4 percent of its shots, he found a lot to like in the loss to a Decorah team that is one of the best in the state.

“We played so hard,” he said,

“and the effort that night, I’m going to give my guys their due. They didn’t back down, they battled. I’ll never complain about an effort like that, and I don’t care what the final score was.”

Brincks led the Chickasaws with 12 points against the TigerHawks and then put together what may have been the best game of his career on Friday against Decorah as the senior hit 6 of 9 shots from the field, and finished with 14 points, second best on the team to Laures’ 19-point effort.

New Hampton will finish this week with a pair of road games as they play at Central Springs tonight (Thursday) and travel to Charles City on Friday.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 64, NEW HAMPTON 33					
NFV	19	16	12	17	- 64
NH	10	9	8	6	- 33

Ben Gilbert 3-11 0-0 7, Caden Rochford 0-5 2-2 2, Adam Ewert 1-8 3-6 5, Nick Brincks 3-8 4-4 12, Cael Laures 2-9 0-0 4, Jake Schwickerath 1-4 0-0 2, Carter Newbrough 0-3 0-0 0, Ryan Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Dylon Schmitt 0-1 0-0 0, Jacob McDonald 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 10-49 9-12 33.

3-point field goals - Brincks 2-4, Laures 1-4, Gilbert 1-7, Schmitt 0-1, Ewert 0-2, Newbrough 0-2, Rochford 0-3.

Rebounds - Willadsen 6, Gilbert 6, Laures 5, Brincks 4, Ewert 2, Rochford 1, Schwickerath 1.

Assists - Ewert 5, Newbrough 1. Steals - Gilbert 1, Brincks 1. Blocks - Laures 1.

DECORAH 90, NEW HAMPTON 44					
Dec	31	18	20	21	- 90
NH	9	12	17	6	- 44

Gilbert 0-6 0-0 0, Rochford 1-7 2-2 5, Ewert 2-7 0-0 4, Brincks 6-9 0-0 14, Laures 6-18 4-5 19, Schwickerath 1-3 0-0 2, Newbrough 0-2 0-0 0, Ramon Condle 0-0 0-0 0, Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Schmitt 0-0 0-0 0, McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Bundy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-52 6-7 44.

3-point field goals - Laures 3-7, Brincks 2-4, Rochford 1-6, Ewert 0-1, Newbrough 0-2, Gilbert 0-4.

Rebounds - Laures 5, Ewert 4, Gilbert 2, Brincks 2, Schwickerath 2, Rochford 1, Newbrough 1, Bundy 1.

Assists - Ewert 4, Gilbert 2, Newbrough 2, Schwickerath 1.

Steals - Willadsen 2, Ewert 1, Rochford 1.

BLOCKS - Laures 1. WATERLOO COLUMBUS 43, NEW HAMPTON 42					
Col	13	4	13	13	- 43
NH	18	5	7	12	- 42

Ben Gilbert 3-8 0-0 7, Caden Rochford 2-5 1-2 6, Adam Ewert 3-9 1-2 7, Nick Brincks 4-10 0-0 8, Cael Laures 6-13 0-1 14, Schwickerath 0-1 0-0 0, Newbrough 0-0 0-0 0, Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Rausch 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-47 2-5 42.

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

Rebounds - Laures 12, Brincks 9, Ewert 6, Gilbert 2, Rochford 2.

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

Steals - Gilbert 2, Laures 2, Willadsen 1.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

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

New Hampton 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.

Turkey Valley 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.

FRIDAY

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

Turkey Valley 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 middle school, 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

NH/TV boys wrestling at state dual meet, if qualified, XTREAM Arena, Coralville, 9 a.m.

Turkey Valley varsity basketball vs. Clayton Ridge, varsity girls at 5 p.m., varsity boys at 6:15 p.m.

MONDAY

Turkey Valley basketball vs. South Winneshiek, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton bowling vs. Decorah (senior parent night) 4 p.m.

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

Turkey Valley boys basketball vs. Kee High, JV at 6:15, varsity at 7:30 p.m.

COFFEE CUP BOWLING

STANDINGS	W	L	Schmitt 187, Eleanore Martin 185.
Hugeback-Johnson	4	0	
Rochford Insurance	3	1	High individual series: Rita Geerts 535, Karen Schmitt 524, Diane Nehl 501.
Vern Laures Auto	3	1	High team games: Muscari LLC 476, Hugeback-Johnson 472, 471.
Muscari, LLC	1	3	High team series: Hugeback-Johnson 1,381, Mid-Tech Services 1,287, Rochford Insurance 1,247.
Geerts Plumbing	1	3	
Mid-Tech Services	0	4	
D&K	0	4	

JAN. 24 RESULTS

Week 17

Hugeback-Johnson 4, Mid-Tech Services 0
Rochford Insurance 3, Muscari LLC 1
Dummy 4, D&K 0
Vern Laures Auto 3, Geerts 1

LEADERS

High individual games:
Jeanne Roder 190, Karen

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)
Jeanne Roder 57
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)
Karen Schmitt 98
Karen Schmitt, Secretary

Chickasaws' hard-hitting Heeren headed to Luther to play softball

By Bob Fenske
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Here's what Jenna Heeren learned a couple of weeks ago: Standing up in front of her family and friends and saying a few words is way, way tougher than stepping into a batter's box and facing a pitcher 43 feet away.

"Oh my gosh, I'm so nervous," the New Hampton senior said before the ceremony in which she made her commitment to play attend and play softball at Luther College next year. "I don't know what to say, and I hate talking in front of people."

But here's the deal: Heeren did just fine; in fact, she handled her little "press conference" almost as well as she hits a softball.

Although she's looking forward to donning the blue of Luther in 2025, she's just as excited for the upcoming soft-

ball season with coach Tate Hoffmeister and her teammates.

"I think we can be really good because we have a lot of the same people back and Hoff always pushes us to be better," she said. "I think we're going to surprise a lot of people and I'm pumped to get going."

Heeren is one of the big reasons New Hampton has reason for optimism in 2024.

She broke into the starting lineup late in her eighth-grade season under then-coach Lisa Rude and has hit the ball ever since, compiling a career batting average of .358.

Her power numbers, too, have steadily increased throughout her career as she hit four homers in 2021, five in 2022 and 10 a year ago.

Once the season ends, though, she'll be a Norse, and she credited her former coach for helping her get to the "next



New Hampton senior Jenna Heeren — with her parents, Janet and Larry — signs on the “dotted line” to make her commitment to Luther softball official.

level."

"I would say my sophomore year of high school, with Lisa Rude," Heeren said, "because I knew she played there. I've always kind of had an interest in playing college softball, but she really helped me."

And once she visited Luther, Heeren, who is planning in fol-

lowing in her mother's footsteps and become an elementary school teacher, was hooked.

"When I went to watch them play, they always looked like they were having have a lot of fun," Heeren said. "The coaches, when I met with them, they were just great and very positive all the time."



New Hampton's Caycee Crawford (above) drives to the basket in Friday's game against Decorah while the Chickasaws' Molly Wegner (below) looks for an open teammate during Monday's game against Columbus.

Deflating loss leaves Chickasaw girls reeling

By Bob Fenske
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It was, as David Leichtman, put it, deflating.

And that 54-50 loss to a North Fayette Valley last Thursday sent Leichtman's club into a downward spiral, one that included a 77-37 Northeast Iowa Conference loss to Class 4A 13th ranked Decorah on Friday and a 68-49 non-conference defeat to Waterloo Columbus on Monday night.

"I'd love to see what we would have done if we had beaten North Fayette," Leichtman said after his team fell to 5-13 with the loss to the Sailors Monday. "That game, you know, it was deflating. I mean all the air went out of us, and obviously, Decorah's Decorah; they're that good. But tonight, I think we're all a little disappointed. This is a game we thought we'd be competitive in."



Instead, the Chickasaws suffered through a third straight game in which they played seemingly with a lid on the basket.

In the three losses, New Hampton hit just 44 of 167 shots, and 26.3 percent shooting from the field is not going to win anyone a lot of basketball games.

"I'm not saying everyone of them was a good look," Leichtman said, "but for the most part, I don't think we took a lot of bad shots the last three games. We just haven't been able to buy a bucket. That's what's so frustrating. We just have to shoot the basketball better."

Coming off a 59-50 win at South Winneshiek, the Chickasaws put together an excellent effort against a North Fayette Valley team that currently has a 13-4 record.

For much of the game, New Hampton rebounded well, it shared the ball well, it shot free throws well and it played hard-nosed defense. But the Chickasaws hit just 15 of 64 shots (23.4 percent from the field, and in the end that frigid shooting cost them what would have been a marquee victory.

New Hampton built a 28-22 halftime lead, but the TigerHawks slowly but surely cut into the lead in the second half. Still, the Chickasaws held a 48-45 lead late in the game

before North Fayette Valley closed the game with a 9-2 run to pull out the victory.

Junior Taylor Ries had a monster game for the Chickasaws as she scored 26 points — on 8-of-15 shooting from the field and a 10-for-13 night at the free-throw line — and grabbed 12 rebounds. But the rest of the team was just 7-for-49 from the field, which meant that Cora Schwickerath's nine-rebound night, Jordan Thronsdon's nine rebounds and four steals and Molly Wegner's four steals went for naught.

The following night, though, New Hampton was simply outgunned by a Decorah squad that is 12-5 overall and has just one NEIC loss as the Vikings raced out to 24-8 first quarter and 48-23 halftime leads.

The Chickasaws, who fell to 2-6 in conference play, had no answer for Decorah senior Yasmeen Whatsitt, who hit 15 of 24 shots on her way to a 42-point night.

New Hampton was led by Ries again as she finished with nine points while Ava Leichtman added eight points.

Still, Columbus presented a better opportunity on Monday night; after all, the Sailors came into the game with a 4-13 mark.

The game was tight for nine minutes as New Hampton trailed just 20-17 with seven minutes left in the first half, but

the Chickasaws will look to complete a season sweep of the Cadets.

"We need to find that confidence again," Leichtman said, "especially on offense. That's it. That's the bottom line. We have winnable games coming up, and we need to build some momentum before we [go into the postseason]."

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 54, NEW HAMPTON 50

NFV	12	10	16	16	-	54
NH	15	13	13	9	-	50

Megan Pickar 1-2 1-2 3, Ava Leichtman 1-13 1-2 4, Taylor Ries 8-15 10-13 26, Molly Wegner 2-17 2-2 8, Cora Schwickerath 2-9 2-2 7, Jordan Thronsdon 1-3 0-0 2, Chloe Weigel 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 15-64 16-21 50.

3-point field goals - Wegner 2-12, Leichtman 1-5, Schwickerath 1-5, Ries 0-1, Weigel 0-5.

Rebounds - Ries 12, Schwickerath 9, Thronsdon 9, Weigel 4, Leichtman 4, Wegner 3, Pickar 1.

Assists - Ries 2, Weigel 2, Pickar 1, Wegner 1, Thronsdon 1.

Steals - Thronsdon 4, Wegner 4, Leichtman 2, Schwickerath 2, Ries 1.

Blocks - Wegner 1.

DECORAH 77, NEW HAMPTON 37

Dec	24	24	18	11	-	77
NH	8	15	7	7	-	37

Pickar 2-2 1-1 5, Ries 2-12 4-7 9, Wegner 2-9 0-2 5, Schwickerath 2-7 0-0 5, Amiya Kellogg 1-1 0-0 3, Tegan Dungey 0-0 0-0 0, Leichtman 2-11 2-6 8, Sydney Laues 0-0 0-0 0, Kayme Hackman 0-0 0-0 0, Thronsdon 0-0 0-0 0, Caycee Crawford 1-1 0-0 2, Chloe Weigel 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 12-45 7-16 37.

3-point field goals - Leichtman 2-6, Kellogg 1-1, Ries 1-3, Schwickerath 1-3, Wegner 1-5, Weigel 0-2.

Rebounds - Schwickerath 4, Ries 3, Thronsdon 3, Pickar 2, Wegner 2, Leichtman 2, Weigel 1, Laues 1, Dungey 1.

Assists - Weigel 2, Leichtman 2, Ries 2, Schwickerath 2, Thronsdon 1.

Steals - Pickar 1, Ries 1.

Blocks - Ries 1.

WATERLOO COLUMBUS 68, NEW HAMPTON 49

Col	17	18	20	13	-	68
NH	14	5	13	16	-	49

Pickar 0-0 0-0 0, Leichtman 4-14 3-5 12, Ries 6-18 5-5 18, Wegner 6-15 0-0 15, Schwickerath 1-5 0-0 0, Dungey 0-2 0-0 0, Hackman 0-0 1-2 1, Thronsdon 0-1 0-2 0, Crawford 0-0 0-0 0, Weigel 0-2 1-4 1, Kellogg 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-58 10-18 49.

3-point field goals - Wegner 3-10, Ries 1-4, Leichtman 1-7, Schwickerath 0-1, Weigel 0-1.

Rebounds - Leichtman 6, Thronsdon 4, Schwickerath 4, Ries 4, Pickar 3, Crawford 2, Weigel 1, Wegner 1.

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

Streaks - Ries 4, Wegner 2, Schwickerath 2, Leichtman 1, Dungey 1, Thronsdon 1, Weigel 1.

Blocks - Weigel 1.

Chickasaws to send pair of girls to state

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wrestling for the first time this winter. She thought she'd give it a go after being convinced by Chickasaw junior 170-pounder Aleah Eichenberger — who along with Ali Russler and Keira Myers made state last year at the first sanctioned state meet in Iowa prep girls wrestling history.

Did Thronsdon think she'd excel at a sport that is one of the more challenging endeavors one can undertake?

"No. I thought I'd be terrible," smiled Thronsdon.

Thronsdon wrestled up two weight classes for a short period of time and some at 155 pounds before settling in at her target weight class of 145.

"We had to take some time to get to her body comp, where she could wrestle 145," said NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli. "She was wrestling up two weights classes and then at 55 for a while. Once she got down to 45, you could just tell that she was the stronger, bigger wrestler."

Thronsdon engineered a pin over Ariana Menne of Postville in 5:18 and toppled Addison Burger of West Delaware with a quick pin in just 52 seconds in her other two wins at super regionals.

Thronsdon thanked her coaching staff for putting herself in a position to succeed.

"Even like the first tournaments where we were losing and losing, they were so confident in you that you were going to do well. Every single practice they're telling you you're going to win tournaments and telling you you're going to win duals," said Thronsdon.

Thronsdon — a No. 15 seed in her 32-person weight bracket — takes on No. 18 seed Layna Demoss (41-10) of Benton Community in the first round of state today.

Glaser has a unique story of her own — as almost all skilled athletes at this level do.

Glaser (29-17) said she had butterflies all week leading up to the biggest meet of her young, but burgeoning career. A text message from her older brother — 2018 NH grad Noah Glaser — the night before helped calm her nerves.

"I was really, really nervous just all week and this morning," said Glaser. "My brother sent me a text last night and it was some quote that said bravery is not being afraid or not thinking you can't do something. It's setting it aside and saying 'shut up, I can do this.'"

If Glaser can wrestle as well as her older sibling she may well be crowned a state champ some day. Noah Glaser was a two-time state medalist for the Chickasaws and placed third at state his senior year at 170 pounds.

Glaser — who is only in her second year of undertaking wrestling — beat Woodward Granger's Katelyn Brandhorst twice on Friday. She eked out an 8-7 decision in the quarterfinal round and toppled Brandhorst once more in her third-place match to seal the deal for her state berth.

"I was just thinking I'm going to leave it all out there," said Glaser. "It really doesn't matter if I win or lose — I'm going to get better every single match."

Glaser also won by major decision over Samantha Wolter of Pochahontas Area, 10-0, and the Chickasaw multi-sport star stopped Bayleigh Wood of MFL-MarMac in her first match of the day by pin in 1:21.

"Sophie's got really good offense so she needs to get to it often — stay aggressive the whole six minutes. If there's anybody out there who can hang with her for six minutes with her pace — than credit to them, because they worked hard. Because there's not a lot who are going to outwork Sophie," said Ciavarelli.

Glaser wrestles Clara Sapienza (39-3) of Southwest Iowa in her first match on Thursday morning in the 135-pound weight bracket. Sapienza is ranked fifth by IAWrestle.

Glaser was poked in the eye in her last match against the Woodward-Granger wrestler. It didn't seem to faze her, in fact she seemed to revel and take more satisfaction in Thronsdon vaulting herself to state than she did in her amazing accomplishment of doing the same.

"I was just telling her how my brother got an award one

year when he was in high school. I don't know if they do these awards anymore. Most improved wrestler — that would be her, for sure" said Glaser about her pal Thronsdon.

NH/TV placed 10th at the state qualifier with 81 points.

Aleah Eichenberger, a junior who was hampered by a hamstring injury the week prior, did not make a return trip back to the state meet. Eichenberger (27-12) was eliminated from the challenging 170-pound bracket after losing to Karissa Oldenbrger of Waverly-Shell Rock in consolation round five by fall in 4:00.

"Aleah's wrestling banged up," said Ciavarelli. "I'm very proud of her effort. We knew coming in we had to change our game plan. She couldn't wrestle the way that she wanted to wrestle in a lot of those matches. She gave herself a chance and it just didn't pan out for her. She's gotta hate the feeling and come back next year with vengeance."

Eichenberger won by fall over Raegen Patrie of Charles City and Isabella Harken of Tripoli to go 2-2 on the grueling day.

"Aleah was hurt. She would have made it to state today," said Glaser. "You could see it on her face, she was hurting."

Raelen Manderfield (28-17), who produced a terrific freshman season at 155 pounds, also lost in her final match of the blood round.

Chickasaw sophomore Ella Knutson (130) finished 3-2 in her matches, but like Manderfield was unable to place.

"Raelen lost her first match. That's a long road to go. Same thing with Ella (Knutson). It's a long road to go," said Ciavarelli. "They were up for the challenge...you wrestle five, six matches in a row, you gotta be perfect and that's hard to do on the back side."

Ciavarelli summed up a day that exemplified how bright a future his program possesses.

"It's a grind of a day," said Ciavarelli. "We're young. We had a great season and a lot of stuff to build on and this tournament showed that. We have girls who are going to be sniffing it next year. They gotta put in the work."

REGION 7 TEAM SCORES

Cedar Falls 309, Waverly-Shell Rock 252.5, West Delaware 168, South Tama County 166.5, Charles City 154, Clear Lake 127, Sumner-Fredericksburg 114, Humboldt 105, Woodward-Granger 88, NH/TV 81, Postville 71, Central Elkader 70, Cascade 57, West Fork 50, Waterloo West 48, Oelwein 47, Tripoli 42, MFL-MarMac 40, South Central Calhoun 35, Grinnell 28, Baxter 25, AGWSR 24, Pocahontas Area 15, Starmont 13.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 - Taelynn Bass did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Livia Smith (STC) pinned Bass, 3:26. Cons. Round 4 - Bass pinned Courtney King (SCC), 0:15. Cons. Round 5 - Amber Hoth (WSR) won in sudden victory, 14-12.

130 - Ella Knutson did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Knutson pinned Kyrie Chapman (GRI), 2:33. Champ. Round 2 - Kylee Shoop (WD) pinned Knutson, 1:34. Cons. Round 2 - Knutson pinned Emma Allie (CL), 0:47. Cons. Round 3 - Knutson pinned Haley Hollingsworth (WG), 3:34. Cons. Round 4 - Claire Weydert (HUMB), 0:55.

135 - Sophie Glaser placed third and qualified for state. Champ. Round 2 - Glaser pinned Bayleigh Wood (MFL), 1:21. Quarterfinal - Glaser dec. Katelyn Brandhorst (WG), 8-7. Semifinal - Maeley Elsbury (STC) maj. dec. Glaser, 13-1. Cons. Semi - Glaser maj. dec. Samantha Wolter (PA), 10-0. 3rd Place Match - Glaser maj. dec. Brandhorst (WG), 8-2.

140 - Olivia Hoy did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Hoy pinned Lilly Kalous (SCC), 1:44. Quarterfinal - Kiara Djoumessi (WSR) pinned Hoy, 0:25. Cons. Round 4 - Hoy pinned Ashlynn Boldt (TRIP), 3:19. Cons. Round 5 - Carly Maternach (CASC) dec. Hoy, 3-1.

145 - Kelly Thronsdon placed third and qualified for state. Quarterfinal - Thronsdon pinned Ariana Menne (POST), 5:18. Semifinal - Emerson Bartlett (CF) pinned Thronsdon, 1:17. Cons. Semi - Thronsdon pinned Addison Burger (WD), 0:52. 3rd Place Match - Thronsdon pinned Alexia Heffin (CL), 3:27.

155 - Raelen Manderfield did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Gracey Smith (CL) dec. Manderfield, 5-3. Cons. Round 3 - Manderfield pinned Elsie Hubbell (HUMB), 1:00. Cons. Round 4 - Manderfield pinned Parker Robinson (WD), 5:39. Cons. Round 5 - Baleigh Martin (CASC) pinned Manderfield, 3:17.

170 - Aleah Eichenberger did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Eichenberger pinned Raegen Patrie (CC), 2:00. Quarterfinal - Fernanda Ramirez (WF) pinned Eichenberger, 5:51. Cons. Round 4 - Eichenberger pinned Isabella Harken (TRIP), 4:36. Cons. Round 5 - Karissa Oldenbrger (WSR) pinned Eichenberger, 4:00.

Chickasaws put up heck of a fight at regional

NH/TV stuns Hampton-Dumont-CAL in opening round, but comes up short in final against host Algona

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley showed it belonged — and then some — in the Class 2A regional duals Tuesday night, but the Chickasaws came up just short of earning their first trip to the state duals in six years.

The Chickasaws, ranked 21st, stunned 10th-rated Hampton-Dumont-CAL in the opener, picking up nine victories to post a 39-27 win over the Bulldogs, but host and seventh-ranked Algona, also nicknamed the Bulldogs, earned its first-ever trip

to state with a 43-24 win in a meet that was much closer than the final score indicated.

“Our guys came a million miles this year,” NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said after his team’s dual season came to an end, “and I’m just so proud of how they competed tonight.

“They wrestled with so much heart, and sure, we’d love to have two or three of those matches back with Algona, but the effort was supreme. I couldn’t have asked for anymore from our guys.”

NH/TV’s upset of Hampton-Dumont-CAL began with the first match when senior Ethan Swehla

came up with a dramatic pin in over-time at 190. It set the tone for a dual in which NH/TV showed plenty of grit.

A pin from 215-pound top-ranked Braden McShane made it 12-0, but HDC won five of the next seven matches to take a 27-18 lead.

An Ethan Praska 5-2 decision at 144 and a Jax Shekleton 12-9 win at 150 cut the deficit to 27-24, and Karson Kolbet came up with a second period pin at 157 to give NH/TV a lead it would not relinquish.

An Olandreon Saunders decision at 165 and a Leander Reicks pin at 175 sealed the win and sent the Chickasaws

to the finals.

NH/TV’s magic, though, ran out against the other Bulldogs, the ones from Algona as just McShane, Quinlan Mahoney, Kolbet and Swehla picked up wins in a tightly-contested meet.

The season, however, is not over ... not by a long shot.

NH/TV will wrestle at the Class 2A district tournament in Manchester a week from this Saturday.

“You have to be short-minded in this

sport,” Paulus said, “and in life, too. Obviously, state duals was a big goal but making traditional state is just as big.

“As tough as it is to lose tonight, that’s what we’re going to focus on, starting now.”



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Kelly Thronson (above) picks up a pin while teammate Sophie Glaser (below) is on the prowl for back points during the super regional tournament that was held Friday in Mason City.

DOUBLING UP ON THE FUN!

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY’S GLASER AND THRONDSO PUNCH TICKETS TO STATE MEET

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Kelly Thronson said no to seconds at the dining room table and passed on that delectable dessert.

She knew will power could get her somewhere soon and in a relative short amount of time.

Throw in some hard work and an attentive ear that’s willing to learn and the possibilities could be endless for the up-and-coming Chickasaw.

In a nutshell, that’s the life of a prep wrestler in the state Iowa for about four months out of the year. Some grapplers attempt the “grind” year round — but that’s a tale best told on another day.

But Thronson was not alone in her quest to rise to the occasion, take all that she’s been taught and utilize it to her benefit on a long day at super regionals that comes with highs and lows and pressure-packed moments.

Only the strong survive and Thronson can take solace in accomplishing a goal that few even realize, let alone achieve.

That’s just the start of an incredible story for the Chickasaw sophomore 145-pounder, who along with freshman Sophie Glaser (135) ran a gauntlet at the super regionals held last Friday in Mason City to secure their spots at the coveted state wrestling meet this week in Coralville.

New NH faces — along with a whole host of elite wrestlers in the state of Iowa — will attempt to flex their muscles this morning (Thursday) in the opening round of the biggest tournament of the year.



How did Glaser and Thronson get to Coralville?

Let’s find out.

Thronson’s first ever high school varsity wrestling match was at Independence this year — where she was wrestling up two weight classes. The sophomore Chickasaw did not win a match at 170 pounds that day.

My how times have changed since that mid-November weekend tournament.

“It feels amazing. My first tournament I got last at 170,” said Thronson. “It was a lot of self control in eating and working out like no other.”

Thronson, 24-13 on the year, once

again pinned Alexa Heflin (33-8) of Clear Lake at the state qualifier in 3:27 and that victory in the third-place match punched her ticket to state. She stuck the Lion wrestler for the second time in a week as she won by fall over Heflin in 3:39 at the Mason City Invite the previous weekend.

“Bottom was not her speciality. She wasn’t very strong on bottom so I knew I had to keep her down. She’s better on her feet,” said Thronson. “I just kept on being really strong on top.”

Thronson is competing in the sport of

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McShane’s third title highlights NEIC for undermanned NH/TV

Chickasaw senior wins third conference title, but NH/TV must settle for fourth-place finish

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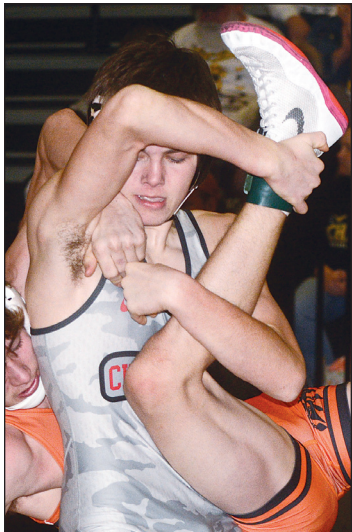
Braden McShane was without a doubt the most overwhelming favorite when it came to the 14 No. 1 seeds at Saturday’s Northeast Iowa Conference tournament.

And the New Hampton/Turkey Valley senior lived up to his billing, scoring two quick pins to saunter through the 215-pound weight division and became the Chickasaws’ 14th three-time NEIC champion.

The top-ranked McShane pinned Decorah’s Kaiden Youngblood in 31 seconds before beating Waverly-Shell Rock’s Logan Lashbrook in 1:39 to add the 215 title to the 182 crown he won in 2022 and the 220 championship he claimed last winter.

“I try not to think about it,” McShane said after he was asked about being the prohibitive favorite, “and just focus on one match at a time. You never know what can happen on the mat so you’ve got to treat everyone like they can beat you and just get to work and get it done. It felt good, but this is just one step to get ready for state. That’s the big one.”

Waverly-Shell Rock, in its final year in the conference, won its sixth straight title with 278.5 points, and Decorah

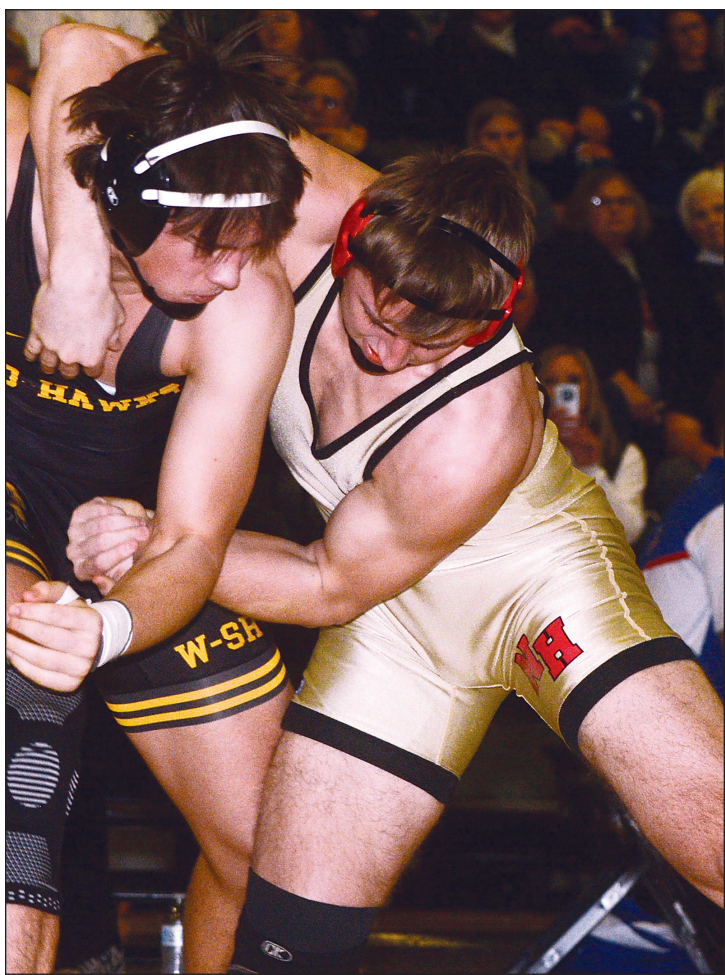


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NH/TV’s Emmett Kuehner (above) works to finish off a takedown against Waukon’s Cayden Kruger while the Chickasaws’ Braden McShane (below) overpowers Waverly-Shell Rock’s Logan Lashbrook in the 215-pound finals at the NEIC tourney Saturday.

took second with 207.5 points. The runner-up finish was the best Vikings’ finish since 2004, when it was a runner-up to New Hampton. Crestwood, meanwhile, edged NH/TV for third, 182-175.5.

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Chickasaw boys suffer a heartbreaking loss

New Hampton squanders a 10-point lead, falls to Waterloo Columbus in final minute

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This was the night that the drought was going to end, and New Hampton for the first 2 1/2 quarters certainly looked like a team that was going to snap a five-game losing streak and get its second win of the season.

The Chickasaws may not have been shooting the basketball at a high level in Monday night’s non-conference game with Waterloo Columbus, but they were playing hard and when Cael Laues drained a 3-point shot, they had built a 28-18 lead.

But it was not to be as

Columbus roared back, closing the third quarter with a 12-2 run to tie the game, and when the horn sounded after a back-and-forth fourth frame, New Hampton had come up a point short, 43-42, to fall to 1-15.

“I’m just sick to my stomach watching us lose winnable games,” New Hampton coach Ryan Rausch quietly said in the deserted gymnasium 15 minutes after the game ended. “Don’t get me wrong, I loved our effort. Our guys played together, they care for each other, they celebrate each other. There’s zero ego, and I’m telling you I’ve been around sports

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New Hampton’s Jake Schwickerath heads to the basket on a fast break during the first half of Monday’s game against Columbus.

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