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City open to Kenwood project

Council wants more details, written plan from county, before proceeding

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The New Hampton City Council expressed interest during its meeting Monday night in partnering with Chickasaw County on the Kenwood Avenue reconstruction project.

Council members, though, want to explore the possibility of paying the county back over a period of time —

possibly five to 10 years — and they also want the exact terms of a deal between the county and the city to be in writing.

Public Works Director Casey Mai, who spoke on numerous items during Monday's meeting, told council members that he had spoken with Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing and also met with the Board of Supervisors about the project.

"I expressed my concerns, but I also told them I would certainly talk to you about what they're thinking and what our involvement will be," Mai said. "We do have some major projects, we have a lot on the docket tonight besides this ... but I understand that road is in terrible shape."

Last year, the supervisors — on a 3-2 vote — decided to commit \$600,000 to an unnamed Secondary Roads project,

and Lensing floated the idea of using the funds to reconstruct the 3,400 feet of Kenwood from Highway 18 to the railroad tracks.

But the city owns half of the road for the 2,065 feet because the Croell Inc. property that is on the east side of the road is within city limits. During the Jan. 29 supervisor meeting, Lensing

said he would work to give Mai an estimated cost for the city, and on Monday afternoon, Mai said Lensing emailed with him of a

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Supervisors OK amended amendment to county budget

APRA funds taken out of final amendment but transfer likely

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to its budget last Thursday morning but only after voting for to remove the \$600,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that was slated to go to the Secondary Roads Department for an unnamed road project.

However, that doesn't mean Secondary Roads

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required to be in a budget amendment.

Board members approved the second amendment to this year's budget — the other took place at the beginning of the fiscal year last July — after also considering removing \$13,500 that will pay for the service contract for EMS equipment.

The discussion on the budget amendment lasted for more than a half hour and included just one county resident — former Auditor Joan Knoll — speaking during the public hearing.

Knoll questioned why the county was having \$186,000 come out of the Chickasaw County EMS budget to pay for the proposed remodeling of the ambulance station in New Hampton so that it will include living quarters for the service's drivers, paramedics and EMTs.

"I just think that should come out of the capital improvement fund," she said, "because there's more than enough money in it to pay for that and

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won't receive the funds; instead, supervisors in the near future can transfer that money to the department because transfers are not



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Edith Wegner (left) shows her grandmother, Terri Castle, some of her work while her siblings, Kuennen and Everly look on during Grandparent's Day at St. Joseph Community School last week.

SHOWING OFF THEIR SCHOOL

ST. JOE'S STUDENTS BRINGS SOME SPECIAL GUESTS TO CLASS DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Grandparent's Day is one of those time-honored traditions at St. Joseph Community School, and it also gave a reporter a chance to score some "points" with the honored guests

at the Catholic school in New Hampton last Thursday.

"You're too young to be a grandparent," he said, "aren't you?"

"I like how you're thinking," New Hampton resident Tom Fye said. "Let's go with that, but we're having a good time no matter how old we

actually are."

Grandparent's Day was held during Catholic Schools Week, which included a host of activities for both students and staff, as well as community members.

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New Hampton speech team has itself quite a day at state contest

Five of six groups who qualified for state earn coveted Division I ratings

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New Hampton High School large-group speech coach Kassie Bercik fell asleep almost as soon as her head hit the pillow Saturday night and not just because she and her team members had a long day at the state contest in Dubuque.

"Needless to say, I slept well Saturday night knowing that yet another successful large-group speech season was completed," Bercik said, "and all of the success goes to these kids who find time to be silly, dramatic, demonstrative and creative with me in the middle of their busy and hectic schedules. I'm so lucky to be their coach."

And New Hampton had itself a day on Saturday as five of the six groups that had qualified for state brought home Division I ratings.

Topping the list were a choral reading group and an improv duo that received "straight" Division I ratings — i.e., superior ratings from all three judges.

New Hampton's choral reading group included Elleri Eike, Beth Pickar, Karla Pickar and Brenna Thronson, who performed "Let America Be America Again," a poem by Langston Hughes, while the improv performed by Andi Gebel and Thronson also received Division I ratings from all three judges.

Three more groups — ensemble acting's Skyler Bugenhagen, Gebel, AnnaRose Pauley, Josi Singewald and Brooke Vestel, improv's Eike, Elliot Eiler and Erin Tierney and improv's Miranda Buckley, Syd Hyer and Caydence Phillips — also received overall Division I ratings after two

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Photo courtesy of Kassie Bercik/New Hampton High School

New Hampton High School speech competitors Brenna Thronson (left) and Andi Gebel come up with an improv piece during a recent practice.

Everybody Hurts to bring 'amazing' film, story to New Hampton in March

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A local non-profit organization that focuses on mental health awareness and suicide prevention

will hold a free screening next month of a documentary film that chronicles the life of a teenager who was paralyzed by a suicide attempt that propelled her on a mission to use her experience to help others.

Everybody Hurts will show the film "My Ascension" on Tuesday, March 5, in the New Hampton Middle School gym — i.e., the

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Student Briefs

Simpson president's list

Simpson College announced that 165 students made the president's list for the fall 2023 semester. Students named to the president's list achieved a 4.00 grade point average.

Those from the area included Tierney Perkins of New Hampton and Abby Meyer of Sumner.

Luther dean's list

Nolan Dungey of New Hampton made the dean's list at Luther College for the fall 2023 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

UNI graduates

A list of area students that recently graduated from the University of Northern Iowa, their degree and their majors are as follows:

Fredericksburg: Tiffany Beyer, Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education.

Ionia: Kayla Crooks, Master of Arts, Speech-Language Pathology.

Nashua: Sarah Jepperson, Bachelor of Arts, Human Services.

New Hampton: Max Babcock, Bachelor of Arts, Management: Business Administration; Kennady Nie, Bachelor of Arts, Health Sciences.

Alpha: Jordon Snyder, Bachelor of Arts, Physical Education-Teaching; Abraham Schmitt, Bachelor of Arts, Social Science Teaching.

Elma: Kristyn Blaylock, Bachelor of Arts, Graphic Technology, Interior Design.



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The many faces of Bingo — (clockwise from left) Haizlee Fye with her grandmother Joanne McAvoy, Jack Mitchell who was playing with his grandmother, LeeAnne Schulz and Melvin Johnson with his grandmother, Lori Johnson — can be seen during Grandparent's Day.

Grandparent's Day is one of the highlights of Catholic Schools Week

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From serving hot cocoa to apple cider at the New Hampton Municipal Utilities Building to making Valentines for veterans to the school's annual bubble-gum contest to spending the day at the Cedar Valley Sports Complex in Waterloo, it was quite a week for the Panthers of St. Joe's.

But Grandparent's Day was, as it always is, special.

A number of the grandpas and grandmas returned to the hallways and classrooms where they roamed long ago, but even for the non-alums, spending a day with their grandchildren was, to put it simply,

special. They went to class, they joined students for the St. Joe's weekly Mass, they got tours of the school with the best guides — their grandchildren — and they had a chance to partake in a game or two of Bingo along the way.

For much of the day, however, it was hard to say who was more proud — the grandparents or the grandchildren?

"It's always such a special day," St. Joe's Principal Michelle Nehls said. "The kids just light up when they get to show grandma and grandpa all the work they're doing in school. That's probably my favorite part."



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Members of the New Hampton High School choral reading team — including Beth Pickar, Karla Pickar, Brenna Thronson and Elleri Eike — rehearse their scene from Langston Hughes' poem "Let America Be America Again."

New Hampton speech team has plenty to celebrate

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judges in their respective rooms gave them two Division I and one Division II rating.

A sixth group, an improv by Madi Dreckman, Xander Meyerhoff and Jarrin Robinson — were given an excellent Division II overall rating.

"Although our day started off a little hectic, the students showed their resilience and performed at high levels all day," Bercik said. "I was incredibly proud of each and every group.

Seeing all of their hard work from this season pay off with so many overall district 1 ratings was awesome."

The groups that received overall Division I ratings now have the chance to be nominated for the All-State Speech Festival, and those nominations in all likelihood will be announced later this week.

Bercik had especially high praise for her "straight 1" students.

She pointed out that three of the four choral reading performers were new to the category but she was quick to add that they understood their "assign-

ment from day one."

"I feel like Langston Hughes would be proud of the emotion and dedication they gave to this piece," Bercik said. "They performed it beautifully so many times, and I was over the moon for them when their ratings came back. They deserved, perhaps more than any other group, to be rewarded for the hard work they put in all season!"

The coach also said the key to success for Gebel and Thronson in improv is their willingness to "put themselves out there," an especially tough task considering both are just

freshmen.

"They're not afraid to be silly and be whatever character is needed for whatever prompt they draw. I was in the room when they performed on Saturday, and when I saw them make their choice out of the three prompts and smile, I knew I was in for something special," Bercik said. "In my six years of coaching large group speech, their improv performance was the best I've ever seen.

"It flowed smoothly, their characters and conflict was solid, there was never a beat missed, and they were hilarious."

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A motorist (above) drives past Croell Inc. on a stretch of Kenwood Avenue that Chickasaw County and the city of New Hampton jointly own while New Hampton Public Works Director Casey Mai (below) discusses the city's numerous infrastructure needs during a City Council meeting on Monday night.

Public Works director: City has lots in infrastructure 'docket'

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figure of "\$174,000 and change." On Monday, Mai told the council that he wasn't sure if the city could afford it, especially with those items that he discussed later in the meeting.

He sounded the same refrain Monday with the council as he did the week before with county leaders. Mai said he felt four street projects — South Broadway Avenue from Garfield Street to Main Street, North Maple Avenue from the railroad tracks to Milwaukee Street, Logan Street from Linn Avenue to Alta Avenue and Cleveland Street from Linn Avenue to Locust Avenue — should take precedence over Kenwood.

Council members, though, expressed interest in at least exploring working with the county to make the Kenwood project a reality.

They did so during a meeting in which the city's Public Works Department dominated the discussion.

Mai not only talked about Kenwood and the four street projects, he also discussed with the council the issues with a city-owned parking lot located at the intersection of Spring Street and Locust Avenue, the Street Department's quest for a new snow-blower, a piece of equipment that is vital for removing snow from the downtown area and the deterioration of the decorative brick on Main Street sidewalks.

The public works director said that as of March 2023, the estimate to reconstruct the four streets and put in new infrastructure like water mains, storm sewer and sanitary sewer pipe came in at a little more than \$5.84 million. That estimate, Mai said, will undoubtedly be higher because of increased costs in concrete over the past year.

"They are absolutely in horrible shape," Mai said, "and I think those streets need attention as soon as possible. ... We're looking at infrastructure that's 100 years old, and it's just something we have to focus on."



He said those four streets were on the top of a "priority list" the city compiled in 2017 and that city leaders may want to consider bonding for the project. Council members were open to that idea, but before they go down that road, they want Mai to get an updated engineer's estimate and have the Street Committee consider the city's options.

Ditto for the 52-space parking lot that sits across the street from the New Hampton Police Department. Mai said that after he was approached by residents concerned about the steps that exit the parking lot by a retention wall, he and his staff also took note of the deterioration of the retaining wall and the lot itself.

"It's in very poor condition," he said. "We've got cracks and holes everywhere in that lot, and there may be a sinkhole under it as well. We've tried to Band-Aid it, and maybe that's what we want to do now with the steps, but the pictures kind of show you that it's in tough shape."

City Councilwoman Katie Fisher said she believes the city needs to consider redoing the entire lot.

"I don't think we can Band-Aid anything any more," she said. "I think we've been doing that for too long and this is where

we end up."

Other council members agreed that they have to at least consider doing more with the parking lot than just fixing the steps that exit it and directed Mai to follow the same path he will with the four street projects — i.e., get an estimate for the Street Committee and have that committee report back to the full council.

Council members also discussed both the decorative bricks that were put in when Main Street was reconstructed in 2008 and 2009 and the need for the city to at least consider purchasing a used snowblower to replace the 1978 model the city is currently using.

They also agreed that bonding may be an option and that the Kenwood Avenue project with the county could be part of it; however, they also pointed out that they also may need to use general-obligation bonds to help pay for a new \$28 million wastewater treatment plant the city will need to build to comply with state codes.

"We have a lot of tough decisions to make," Councilwoman Deb Larsen said, "and I think the first thing we need to do is to have numbers in front of us that we can go off and then we're going to have to prioritize."

Documentary subject to be in New Hampton next month to discuss suicide prevention

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old competition gym — and the event begins at 5 p.m. with a free-will donation meal. At 6 p.m., the documentary will air, and following the showing, the subject of the film will hold a discussion on youth suicide prevention and mental health wellness.

"My Ascension" tells the story of Emma Benoit, a Louisiana 16-year-old who attempted sui-

cide in June 2017. She survived the attempt but was paralyzed, which led her to bring Hope Squad, a school-based suicide prevention program, to her home state.

The film also shares the stories of two remarkable young people who tragically did not survive their attempts, and we learn first-hand from their families, friends, school officials and suicide prevention experts about the devastating effects of

suicide and what can be done to prevent it.

Dawn Heying, whose daughter Brittney died from suicide in 2020, started Everybody Hurts and said that she heard Benoit speak last year during an appearance in Cedar Falls.

"Her story is just amazingly good," Heying said, "and I think it's important that we hear it. The film itself stands on its own, but to have Emma here I think will really make an impact on

our people."

Everybody Hurts holds an annual 5K run/walk each April — this year's is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 26.

The non-profit organization uses funds raised from the event to not only host events like Benoit's film and visit but also to help area families struggling with mental health issues and to provide scholarships to area residents studying to enter the mental health field.

Supervisors will have ambulance remodel come from EMS budget

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the water project."

Knoll also said that she felt the fact that since the county has given the city of Nashua \$50,000 in ARPA funds, it should consider being "fair" and distributing some of its ARPA funds to other cities in the county, especially Alta Vista, which like Nashua, elected not to sign a 28E agreement to participate in the county-owned ambulance service.

Supervisors Steve Breitbach and Matt Kuhn both voiced support for using the capital improvement fund to pay for the remodeling costs and, as they did last September when they voiced opposition to committing the bulk of the county's remaining ARPA funds to Secondary Roads, voiced their opposition to committing that money.

All three supervisors — Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski, Travis Suckow and Jake Hackman — who voted for that motion continued to defend their September votes on Thursday. They pointed out that four cities — Alta Vista, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — all came to the county and asked for ARPA funds.

"I'll tell you, I told a mayor that I was ready to take the whole works and get rid of it, because I was sick and tired of everybody wanting the money," Suckow said. "When Jake brought that up, I liked that idea."

"When it was brought up, I thought it was a good idea," Cerwinski said, "just because of the money we had taken away from Secondary Roads last year. It was a good place to put it. It's taxpayer money, and our roads need, we all know our roads need as much money and as much work as we can give them."

Supervisors, though, removed the \$600,000 from the budget amendment once they understood that they could still transfer the money to the Secondary Roads Department at a later date and agreed to remove the item from the budget amendment.

They understood that they could still transfer the money to the Secondary Roads Department at a later date and agreed to remove the item from the budget amendment.

"Hopefully, within a couple of weeks," Hackman said, "we can transfer that in house to the infrastructure fund or a project that is designated."

During a meeting Monday, though, board members discussed the transfer but decided to wait until County Engineer Roman Lensing has more concrete plans on how he will use the money.

Under ARPA rules, the county must designate how the federal funds will be used by the end of this year and must expend the funds by the end of 2026.

Hackman also felt that the service agreement on EMS equipment should come out of the EMS budget and not from ARPA, despite the fact that board members in 2022 voted to use ARPA funds for the three-year agreement.

"That bill should have been paid then, and not now," said Hackman, who made a motion to have the service agreement paid for by the EMS Department and not with ARPA funds. That motion, though, failed with only Hackman and Suckow supporting it.

A few minutes later, board members approved, by a unanimous vote, the rest of the budget amendment that was published in mid-January and included items like directing grant money to various departments, paying for higher health insurance costs the county incurred after supervisors last year approved paying parts of family premiums for county employees and allowing the EMS Department to use its budget to pay \$186,000 of the remodeling costs for the ambulance station.

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The New Hampton Middle School Oratory Showcase Night participants pose for a photo following the event last week, and they include (front row, from left) Ximena Munoz, Mary Soy Chuy, Addison Neville, Bailee Tenge, Gretta Kuehner, Brooklyn Bohaty, Riley Berns, (back row) language arts teacher Patricia ten Hoeve, Asher Jirak, Katie Hall, Austyn Rosonke, Ainslea Pint, Carson Laures, Aiden Underwood, social studies teacher Jason Rude and Benton Napier.

Bravo to a group of students who conquer fears, deliver great speeches

It's been a long time since I was in eighth grade; in fact, I needed a calculator (math was never my best subject) to figure out exactly how long it's been.

2024 - 1979 = 45 years.

So my memories from eighth-grade are, well, limited. I remember I was the statistician for Mapleton High's boys basketball team, the Scots squad that became the first in school history to make the Minnesota state tournament. I vaguely recall the agonizing uncomfortable-ness of middle school dances. I kind of have a recollection of being sent to the office of Mr. Gau, our principal, a time or two.

The reality, though, is those memories are all blurry.

One fact though remains crystal clear from 4 1/2 decades ago — I was terrified to get up in front of my friends, much less a cafeteria full of people — and talk. And I would have been doubly alarmed if someone had told me I not only had to get up and talk but do so on a topic I had researched and written a speech about.

Say Mrs. Stock or Mr. Slotting or Mr. O'Brien had suggested it, my answer would have been something along the lines "not going to happen."

So last Tuesday night, as I watched Asher Jirak, Austyn Rosonke, Carson

Laures, Addison Neville, Brooklyn Bohaty, Bailee Tenge, Gretta Kuehner, Ximena Munoz, Mary Soy Choy and Riley Berns step up to the podium in the New Hampton Middle School cafeteria to deliver speeches, I wanted to stand up and applaud.

Ditto for Katie Hall, Benton Napier, Ainslea Pint and Aiden Underwood, the "featured players" who demonstrated "theater games" to the crowd during New Hampton Middle School's sixth annual Oratory Showcase Night.

Bravo, kids, bravo. The speech topics ranged from the serious — school shootings, inequality and the fairness of allowing transgenders compete in girls sports — to the hilarious, i.e., Tenge's "Sunscreen and Lobster" in which she detailed the challenges red-heads like herself face on a daily basis.

As impressive as the research that was done for the speeches, in my opinion, it paled in comparison to the poise those kids showed last Tuesday night.

They stood up in front of God and everyone — including their parents and their friends' parents — and, to use a sports analogy, hit it out of the ballpark. And considering they are eighth-graders, that's a heck of an accomplishment.

Like I said, I couldn't have done it 45 years ago. Heck, as much as this will surprise those who think I talk too much, I don't know if I could do it today, but the showcase, which is the culmination of several weeks of a cross-curricular activity led by social studies teacher Jason Rude and English instructor Patricia ten Hoeve, showed that eighth-graders today have far

more guts than eighth-graders from the late 1970s.

Yet these kids wrote not only outstanding speeches but also delivered them with amazing aplomb.

The beauty of the showcase is that these kids are just a representation of the outstanding work put together by the members of the Class of 2028. Those kids learned a lot during January. They learned how to do research. They learned how writing is a critical piece of any great speech. And, most of all, they learned that, yes, they can conquer their fears, get up in front of their peers and speak.

It's a skill that will last forever.

Granted, most of us don't get up and deliver speeches on a daily basis, but we do have to talk to people and, often, we have to talk to people we don't know very well, if at all. Being able to have the confidence to, at the very least, mask those fears is a critical component of life in the real world.

I say this over and over to kids when a teacher is foolish enough to invite me to the classroom, but the fact is, at the age of 58, I still get nervous interviewing people I don't know very well.

But competing in high school speech more than 40 years ago, to this day, helps me deal with those apprehensions on almost daily basis.

The same goes for New Hampton Middle School's Oratory Showcase Night.

So I'll say it one more time. Bravo, Asher, Austyn, Carson, Addison, Brooklyn, Bailee, Gretta, Ximena, Mary, Riley, Katie, Benton, Ainslea and Aiden.

You did well. Really well.



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Briefs

ISU Extension to host cheesemaking workshop on March 12

If you'd like to try your hand at cheesemaking or simply want to improve your knowledge of this culinary science, plan to attend a cheesemaking workshop March 12 in Northeast Iowa.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Iowa State Creamery are teaming together to offer a three-hour program at the Dubuque County extension office.

The "Home Cheesemaking Workshop" will cover the essentials of sanitation, equipment and supplies and hands-on cheesemaking. Supplies and lessons are included, with preregistration due by March 5. Participants will be making queso fresco cheese.

The workshop will run from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and participation is limited to 25. A fee of \$25 covers supplies. The session will be presented by Sarah Canova, business administrator for the Iowa State Creamery. Canova holds a Master of Business Administration and a bachelor's in food science from Iowa State.

Register by contacting Kimberly Feltes, office manager, at 563-583-6496 or kfeltes@iastate.edu.

DNR to recap hunting seasons, discuss possible rule changes

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at the Waverly Civic Center/City Hall, 200 1st Street NE, in Waverly, on Feb. 21. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

"We want people to come out, listen to the hunting seasons reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff," said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR's Wildlife Bureau. "Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process."

The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations. Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission.

Student Briefs

Iowa State University dean's list

More than 10,800 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2023 dean's list. Students named to the dean's list must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students from the area include (name, year, curriculum)

Alta Vista: Paige Mariah Lubbert, 3, Mathematics
Ionia: Michael Francis Davis, 4, Mechanical Engineering; Greta Mary Glaser, 4, Accounting; Joel M. Winters, 2, Management Information Systems.

Nashua: Alivia Anne Bixby, 1, Agronomy; Aiden Richard Lamborn, 1, Mechanical Engineering; Autumn Nelson, 1, Marketing; Jackson J. Zwanziger, 1, Agricultural Engineering.

New Hampton: Peyton Anderson, 2, Supply Chain Management; Conner Lee Gorman, 4, Industrial Technology; Julia Mae Havlik, 4, Industrial Design; Joshua Clemens Holschlag, 3, Industrial Design; Campbell Eva Kolbet, 2, Nutritional Science (H SCI); Jessica Ann Kuennen, 4, Apparel, Merchandising, and Design; Jayda Elizabeth Nehl, 4, Animal Science; Preston Matthew Pickar, 4, Financial Counseling and Planning; Aydin J. Ries, 2, Aerospace Engineering; Ethan Michael Rosonke, 4, Management Information Systems; Christina Lee Speicher, 4, Animal Science; Avery Laine Thronson, 4, Industrial Technology; Zachary Marcus Utley, 3, Agronomy.

Hawkeye graduates

Hawkeye Community College released its list of December 2023 graduates.

Those from the area include:

Fredericksburg: Peyton Schmitz, Precision Agriculture, certificate.

Ionia: Kristen Pitz, Associate Degree Nursing, AAS.

Nashua: Emarae Carey, Psychology, AA; Kendrick Huck, Welding, certificate, honors; Paige Ripley, Natural Resources Aide, certificate, high honors.

New Hampton: Sanja Noehl, Human Resource Management, AAS, high honors; Gavin Rings, Precision Agriculture, certificate, high honors; Preston Trower, Precision Agriculture, certificate.

Waucoma: Becca Farrell, Practical Nursing, diploma, honors.

University of Iowa dean's list

More than 7,900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2023 fall semester.

Area students on the list are:

Ionia: Kelsey Klassen, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Speech and Hearing Science, undergraduate - second year.

New Hampton: Lydia Olson, Tippie College of Business, Business Direct Admission, undergraduate - second year; Hope McDonald, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Health Promotion, undergraduate - third year; Sydney Wegner, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Speech and Hearing Science, undergraduate - fourth year; Paige Wisner, College of Nursing, Nursing, undergraduate - fourth year.

Sumner: Mya Seehase, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Psychology, undergraduate - second year.

Waucoma: Marisa Muetterthies, College of Nursing, Nursing, undergraduate - third year.

Fredericksburg: Kallison Rochford, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Human Physiology, undergraduate - fourth year.

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Jesus tells us to be neighborly

To those 'old-timers' and 'new-arrivals,' put yourselves in their shoes

The Lord . . . loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

— Deuteronomy 10: 18-19

Hospitality, even to the strangers and sojourners from other lands, is a reoccurring theme in the Bible.

We have noticed sojourners in our neighborhoods and communities lately, have we not?

Some of these newly arrived neighbors are easy to notice because they do not speak our language or understand

our routines. The Lord reminds the children of Israel, "You were sojourners."

It's like he's saying, "Put yourself in their shoes."

If you can, set aside the emotions and the controversies surrounding immigration for a moment, and just think: What would it be like to find yourself suddenly in a strange land, where the people are talking gibberish, the signs are undecipherable, the customs are mysterious and the weather is whacked out!

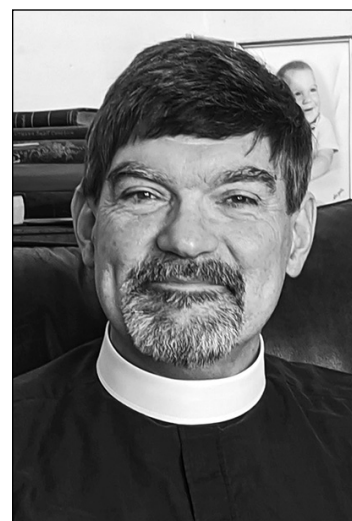
Surely, you'd appreciate some compassionate, helpful, smiling people. Well, "Do unto others,

as you'd have them do to you." says Jesus.

Consider what you can safely, happily do to express compassion and hospitality. Almost everyone can smile; some can give advice on how and when to set the garbage out. Or maybe you can invite new neighbors to church, or to the library or to lunch.

Whenever you care for your neighbors (be they newly arrived, or old timers) it'll give you an insight into the love the Lord has for you.

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many rooms. I am going there to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). Our



The Rev. Ronnie Koch is the pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, where worship services are held at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

compassionate Lord Jesus came down from heaven, lived, died and rose again and invites us, who sojourn here below, to join him in the heavenly Father's home.

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Friday	33	29	--
Saturday	38	28	--
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Monday	51	28	--
Tuesday	52	31	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with rain likely; high 56, low 37.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 43 and a low of 28.

Saturday: Partly sunny and blustery with a high of 36 and low of 25.

Sunday: Partly sunny but a chance of a few snow showers; high 37, low 24.

Extended forecast: We'll remain relatively mild as we start the work week with highs in the mid-30s and overnight lows dropping into the 20s.

Meetings**MONDAY**

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications boards, 5 p.m., New Hampton Municipal Utilities building.

History

In 1904, following the Russian rejection of a Japanese plan to divide Manchuria and Korea into spheres of influence, Japan launches a surprise naval attack against Port Arthur, a Russian naval base in China, starting the Russo-Japanese War.

• In 1943, Japanese troops evacuate Guadalcanal, leaving the island in Allied possession after a prolonged campaign.

• In 1960, An idea floated by a Hollywood business leader in 1953 comes to fruition when construction begins on the Hollywood Walk of Fame—today one of the Los Angeles area's main tourist attractions.

• In 1986, Spud Webb, who at 5-7 was one of the shortest players in the history of professional basketball, wins the NBA slam dunk contest, beating his Atlanta Hawks teammate and 1985 dunk champ, the 6-8 Dominique Wilkins.

Birthdays

- William Tecumseh Sherman, the great Union general in the Civil War, was born in 1820.
- American actor and cultural icon James Dean was born in 1931.
- NBA star Klay Thompson turns 34.
- American author John Grisham, best known for his legal thrillers, turns 69.
- American actor Nick Nolte turns 83.
- American composer John Williams, best known for his film scores, turns 92.

Corrections

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Luella 'Swede' Shores, 95

Luella "Swede" Shores, age 95 of Little Turkey, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024, at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton, with the Rev. Peter Faugstad officiating.

Interment was held in Jerico Lutheran Cemetery with Shane Pietan, Jeff Pietan, Paul Allen, Chris Havlik, Andrew Thronson and Ethan Thronson serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, prior to the service at the church.

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

Luella Mae "Swede" Shores, aged 95, passed away peacefully on Jan. 30, 2024, in Sumner.

Born on July 20, 1928, in New Haven, the daughter of Peter and Martha (Anderson) Ronnei, Swede was a beacon of light and laughter to all who knew her. Her infectious spirit and warm presence were dearly missed by her community, friends and family.

Swede grew up in the close-knit community of New Haven, where she attended local schools and laid the foundations of her education. It was here where her vibrant personality began to shine, and she developed the strong sense of community that would be a hallmark of her life.

In June 1952, Swede married her beloved husband, Ervin Shores, in a charming ceremony at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Their partnership was one of deep love, mutual respect and shared joy in the simple pleasures of life.

After a brief stint in Protivin, Swede and Ervin moved to the Shores family farm, embracing the rural lifestyle that Swede would cherish for seven decades. She thrived in the countryside's tranquility, the satisfaction of a well-tended garden and the companionship of her many canine friends. Her love for animals was evident in the care she provided to each of her pets, making the farm not just a home for her family, but a haven for her furry companions as well.

Professionally, Swede was

**Swede Shores**

known for her generous spirit and her gift for gab. She worked as a bartender, first at Holly's in Lawler, where her fun-loving personality made her a favorite among the patrons. Later, she brought her charm and warmth to The LT Tap, becoming a fixture in the community. Swede had the rare ability to make a friend of every stranger she met, and her kindness left a lasting impression on all.

Swede was also a formidable card player, often found sharing laughs and friendly competition with bar-goers over a hand of cards. Her love for a good time extended to the dance floor, where she could be found enjoying a dance with a smile that could light up the room. Her spirit was one of joy and celebration, embodying the very essence of what it meant to live life to the fullest.

Her sense of humor, friendliness, and spirited nature defined Swede's character. She approached life with a sense of fun and a readiness to share a joke, ensuring that those around her were never far from a smile. Swede's ability to connect with people, to spread happiness, and to embrace the moment made her a cherished member of her community.

Swede is survived by four nephews, Larry (Verna) Pietan of New Hampton, Dale (Mary) Pietan of Elk Run Heights, Bill Pietan of Evansdale, and Nub Ronnei of Nashua; two nieces, Cyndi (Wayne) Cavalier of Jarrell, Texas, and Molly (Marty) Onken of New Hampton; along with many great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ervin in 2000; sister, Marie (Rollo) Pietan; and brother, Paul (Nin) Ronnei.

Thelma Allen, 96

Thelma Allen, age 96 of New Hampton, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, at Shell Rock Healthcare Center in Shell Rock.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, at Harvest Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Anthony Harris officiating.

Inurnment will be held at the New Hampton City Cemetery. Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, prior to the service at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory have been entrusted with local arrangements.

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

Merlyn F. Zipse, 78

Merlyn F. Zipse, age 78 of New Hampton, died unexpectedly on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, while wintering in Dade City, Florida.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory have been entrusted with local arrangements.

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

Property Transfers

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Edith Nadine Schumacher, 89

Edith Nadine Schumacher, age 89 of New Hampton, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Monday, Jan. 29, 2024, at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab in New Hampton.

Funeral services for Nadine were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, New Hampton.

Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton and will continue at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

Online condolences for Nadine's family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Nadine was born Feb. 14, 1934, on her grandfather's farm in Sherburn, Minnesota, to Archie and Mabel (Webster) Gemmill. She was the fourth of six siblings.

Nadine attended Sherburn High School graduating in 1953. She then attended Estherville Junior College, graduating in 1955 with an associate in arts degree.

She began her career as a third-grade teacher in Armstrong, where she taught for several years.

It was in Armstrong that she met the love of her life, Wayne Schumacher. On Dec. 22, 1956, they were united in marriage at Presbyterian Church in

**Nadine Schumacher**

Armstrong.

The couple made their home in Armstrong before eventually settling in New Hampton in 1964. She started daycare soon after moving to New Hampton and did that for many years for more kids than we can count.

In the early 1980s, she found her true passion, which was teaching piano to students of all ages, ranging from kindergarten to retirees. She continued this until just recently. She had numerous students continue with successful musical careers. The schools' instructors loved having her students due to the strong music theories she taught them. She offered an enriching environment to nurture their knowledge and help them explore music at various levels.

She enjoyed music, crocheting (her afgans were gifted all over town and many different

states), knitting, stamp collecting, playing games and staying in touch with family and friends on her iPad, bus trips and polka fests with Wayne and his sister Donna Mae.

Her grandchildren and great-grandson were the light of her life.

Those left to cherish Nadine's memory are her children, Carol (Bob) Gorman of New Hampton, Randy (Bonnie) Schumacher of Aurora, Illinois, and Jennifer Schumacher (Scott Dotzler) of Cresco; her grandchildren, Brad (Kathy) Gorman, Meghan (Nate) Carter, Julie Schumacher and Amanda (Caleb) Ferch; one great-grandson Brooks Wayne Carter; brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and LaDonna Gemmill, sister and brother-in-law, Mary and James Blackburn; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Wayne in 2019; her parents; parents-in-law, Albert and Clyta Schumacher; siblings, Avis Olson, Gordon Gemmill and Neola Bass; sisters-in-law, Blanche Gemmill, and Donna Mae Swehla; brothers-in-law, Walter Olson, Joseph Bass and Donald Swehla; one niece; and one great-niece.

The family would like to acknowledge NH Nursing and Rehab and especially the care from St. Croix Hospice Staff for the care given to Nadine through the years.

Sandra Kay Szalkowski, 78

Sandra Kay Szalkowski, age 78 of Nashua, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, at Cedar Vale Assisted Living in Nashua.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Nashua, with the Rev. Tom Heathershaw celebrating the Mass.

Friends may greet the family from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to Mass at the church on Saturday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua have been entrusted with arrangements.

Born on Nov. 14, 1945, in Hampton, to Hio and Esther (Willand) Bodde, Sandra's life was a testament to her enduring kindness and dedication to nurturing the minds and hearts of those around her.

Sandra's journey began in the small town of Hampton, where her youthful curiosity and love of learning set the stage for what would become a lifelong commitment to education.

After completing her bachelor's degree in education, she embarked on a remarkable 34-year career as a beloved third-grade teacher in New Hampton. Sandra's classroom was a place of discovery and growth, where she imparted not only knowledge but also the values of thoughtfulness and generosity that she embodied so fully.

**Sandra Szalkowski**

Beyond the classroom, Sandra was an active and cherished member of the PEO and St. Elizabeth Circle, where her gentle spirit and wise counsel were a source of comfort and inspiration to many. Her involvement in these organizations was a reflection of her commitment to community and her unwavering support for the empowerment of others.

Sandra's interests took her far beyond the familiar landscapes of Iowa. Each summer, she eagerly anticipated traveling, with a particular fondness for Washington D.C. Her family fondly recalls how, despite her mild protests, she was swept up in the excitement of exploring historical sites. These adventures became cherished memories, woven into the fabric of their shared history.

At home, Sandra's heart was most content when surrounded by her family. She and her

late husband Paul Szalkowski (married Nov. 28, 1968), who predeceased her in 2008, raised two sons, Jeffrey and Shawn, instilling in them the values she held dear.

Sandra's role as a grandmother was one she embraced with joy. The time spent with her grandchildren, especially making salsa, was filled with laughter and the simple pleasures of togetherness.

Those who knew Sandra will remember her for the thoughtful gestures, the gentle encouragement, and the generous spirit that she extended to all. Her presence was a comforting embrace, a quiet strength that uplifted and supported those around her.

Sandra's legacy is one of love, a love that was evident in every aspect of her life. From the countless students whose lives she shaped, to the family she nurtured with such care, to the community she served with such passion, Sandra's impact will be felt for generations to come.

Sandra is survived by her sons, Jeffrey Szalkowski of Peosta and Shawn (Karen) Szalkowski of Indianola; and her grandchildren, Sam and Cassie.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Hio and Esther (Willand) Bodde; and her husband, Paul Szalkowski.

The family would like to thank the staff at Cedar Vale in Nashua, St. Croix Hospice and many neighbors for their help and support through the years.

Briefs**New Hampton Hotel/Motel group awards grants**

Fourteen area government entities and non-profit organizations were recently awarded grants totaling almost \$42,000 from the New Hampton Hotel/Motel Grant Committee but have also learned that the amount of grants available in future years in all likelihood will decrease.

The committee late last month awarded the grants but also directed New Hampton City Clerk Karen Clemens to inform the recipients "the likelihood of reduced future Hotel/Motel Tax proceeds due to the loss of a New Hampton motel."

Clemens said Monday that the building located adjacent to the Pub at the Pinicon is no longer considered a motel, which will lead to decreased revenues for the committee to distribute in 2025.

This year's grants were topped by five \$5,000 awards — one each to the Chickasaw County Conservation Board, New Horizons-Chamber, the city of New Hampton for the Heartland Days fireworks, the New Hampton Motorcycle Rally and the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department.

The city of Nashua, the New Hampton Police Department and the Plum Creek Art Center received \$3,000 apiece while Lawler Irish Fest and the Big 4 Fair Association were each awarded \$2,000. Receiving \$1,000 grants were the Little Light of Mine Committee, the Nashua Water Over the Dam Days Committee and the Carnegie Cul-

tural Center while the New Hampton Main Street Bloomers, a group that takes care of the flower pots each summer, received \$800.

— Bob Fenske

ISU Extension Cover crop workshop in Osage Feb. 20

Iowa Learning Farms, in partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, will host a cover crop and relay intercropping workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Milton R. Owen Nature Center near Osage.

Cover crops provide many benefits to farmers and landowners, including reduced soil erosion, weed suppression, reduced nutrient loads entering water bodies, increased organic matter in the soil, and forage for livestock.

In a relay intercropping system, where three crops are grown in two years, the benefits include a marketable small grain cover crop and additional revenue for the farmer. Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to compare and contrast these two conservation practices, discuss new relay intercropping opportunities, ask questions, and share their experiences.

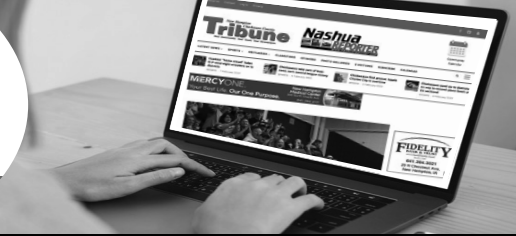
The workshop will be hosted by Dr. Matt Helmers, Iowa Nutrient Research Center director; Dr. Mark Licht, associate professor and extension cropping systems specialist; and Dr. Jon Dahlem, ISU postdoctoral research associate.

To RSVP, please contact Alena Whitaker at 515-294-2473 or ilf@iastate.edu.

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Supervisors are still grappling with the county's 24-25 budget

Board OKs contract agreement with union representing Secondary Road workers but still hasn't made a decision on salaries for elected officials and non-union employees

BY BOB FENSKÉ
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Crunch time is nearing for the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, and the puzzle pieces, at least when it comes to the county's 2024-25 budget, are still spread out all over the place.

Board members are now a month away from having to have a max levy in place, and although they did take action on a number of items that will affect next year's budget during Monday's meeting, there are still a ton of unanswered questions.

During a budget workshop near the end of Monday's meeting, County Attorney David Laudner said he understands that supervisors are facing a daunting challenge when it comes to putting together a budget.

Yet, he pointed out that board members have yet to act on the Compensation Board recommendations that call for 9 percent raises to the county's elected officials, save for supervisors. The Comp Board recommended 3.2 percent raises for the five men who will ultimately put together the budget and tax levy rates for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The deadline to have that budget certified is for all practical purposes April 15 because that's the date the county must submit its roads budget to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Jake Hackman, though, pointed out that the reality is the county must set its maximum tax levy by early March so that it can comply with a new state law that requires counties and other government entities to mail out those levies in the middle of that month.

"I don't want to be that guy ... it's not hard. It's like dieting, you either eat less or work out more," Laudner said, "or a combination thereof. You're either going to have to raise taxes or cut somewhere, or a combination thereof. They're hard choices."

During this fiscal year, the county levied the maximum levy rate of \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation for General Basic (GB), \$1.17233 per \$1,000 valuation for General Supplemental (GS) and \$3.31935 per \$1,000 valuation for Rural Services Basic (RSB).

Board members have indicated that they will once again max out GB and in a recent meeting, they reached consensus for an RSB levy for next year of a little more than \$3.50 per \$1,000.

They have also said that they will attempt to move some items in the budget from GB to GS, but as Hackman put it Monday, there are limitations the county faces.

"We can't raise GB anymore ... You can't pay people out of GS. It does not allow you to do that," Hackman said. "I don't know what else to say."

According to Iowa law, GS funds can be used to pay for only specific items — including elections, employee benefits, liability and property insurance, maintenance and operation of an emergency management agency and, for rural county services, an amount sufficient to pay for employee benefits that are associated with salaries for rural county service.

And the more the supervisors move to GS, the higher that levy goes.

BUT EVEN WHEN it comes to Chickasaw County's General Basic fund, there are still plenty of unknowns, especially with salaries.

Board members on Monday did approve a new three-year contract with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 234, the union that represents Secondary Roads workers. Under the terms of the contract, union employees will receive 5 percent raises on July 1 of this year and 4 percent raises on July 1 the following two years.

Board members, though, still have plenty of salaries to set. Not only are raises for elected officials not decided, neither are those for non-union workers in the county. And supervisors have yet to vote on a new union contract with the union that represents personnel in the Sheriff's Office.

In December, board members hinted strongly to department heads to not raise pay in the next fiscal year, but since then, some departments have followed that suggestion while others have included raises in their respective budgets.

Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal did not include raises for his employees in the budget he submitted, and on Monday, he asked supervisors when he and other department heads would get a definitive answer on 2024-25 wages.

Hackman was blunt when he answered, "I don't know when we're going to have that discussion, that debate. We have a lot of non-union members yet waiting to hear."

Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski said he'd like the board to act on the Compensation Board recommendations and salaries soon, possibly as early as this Monday.

Laudner said his worry is that time is running out for the board to make those decisions.

"You guys know you have hard choices to make," he said. "My fear is we just keep doing this and we get to March 1 and there's just going to be a rush at the last minute ... it's going to be a decision that's made without any feedback or any chance for anyone to come in and have any discussion."

ADDING TO THE challenge is what many believe is a worker shortage, and one department head said on Monday, that is very real.

During a discussion on hiring a new assistant to engineer and giving a current assistant to an engineer a wage increase, County Engineer Roman Lensing told board members that it's not only important for the county to find qualified employees but also to keep them.

He shared several statistics that showed Chickasaw County's assistants to the engineer are lagging behind in pay with other counties, both near and far from Chickasaw County.

Board members did approve the hiring of Leighton Gaul for a position that has been vacant for three months, and Gaul will be paid \$31 per hour, almost \$2 more hour than the last person to fill the position.

Supervisors also agreed to increase assistant to engineer Liza Herold's hourly wage from \$29.15 to \$33 after Lensing made a passionate plea for the increase.

"It saves the county a lot of money if we can do a lot of design, and I do not have the time to do it all with all the other responsibilities in here," he said. "She's been a big help [with design.] Right now, she's doing a bridge. She went out and surveyed Kenwood last week. She's gotten the CAD line work already done so I can get an estimate to the city of New Hampton for a meeting tonight. She's been doing a really good job."

He added that the county spent \$1,000 to advertise for the position that Gaul will fill and received just three applicants.

"If we can't keep these people, we are wasting money on advertising and the training is significant," Lensing said.

Kuhn, who ended up supporting the wage increase, pushed back a bit.

"I just want to point out how badly we cut the Secondary Roads' budget," Kuhn said, "but yet we're able to afford these higher wages."

"It saves money to pay these people a couple of extra dollars," Lensing responded. "You will see further cuts if we don't have the staff that we do."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It is February, correct?

Check out the temperature on the Luana Savings Bank sign Monday afternoon, and you have to be wondering if you overslept by a month or two. But February certainly came in like a lamb as we recorded three 50-degree days in the first six days of the month, and we're going to stay on the warm side through at least today (Thursday). And even our "cool down" isn't expected to be all that bad as highs will be above the freezing mark for another week or so.

Briefs

Pre-register for seed treatment course in New Hampton by Feb. 14

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County will host a Seed Treatment Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Chickasaw County Extension Office in New Hampton. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before Feb. 14. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at 641-394-2174.

Hawkeye CC dean's list

Hawkeye Community College announces the dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. The dean's list is an official recognition of outstanding academic accomplishment by full-time students. To make the dean's list, an individual must be a full-time student and successfully complete 12 or more credits in the fall or spring

semesters with a semester GPA of 3.50 or better for courses taken at Hawkeye.

Students from the area listed were:
Fort Atkinson: Marcus Herold, Kade Kuennen, Alison Leibold.
Fredericksburg: Austin Langreck.
Nashua: Bo Harrington, Kendrick Huck, Kaden Miller, Ashlee Olson, Landon Pratt, Chase Rust.
New Hampton: Isaac Howe, Sanja Noehl, Gavin Rings, Joshua Schuchhardt, Joshua Scott.
Waucoma: Brennen Drilling, Kourtney Schmidt, Kaleigh Wolfs.

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RESOLUTION NO. 6611 A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, that:
WHEREAS, A public hearing be set for Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm to hear citizen comments on the proposal to sell the following City property,
Commencing at a point 628.74 feet South the Southwest corner of Lot One of Block Three of Tank's Second Addition to New Hampton, Iowa, thence South to the former Right of Way line of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, thence Southeasterly along said Right of Way line to a steel survey post, thence East 144 feet, thence North to a point directly opposite the point of beginning, thence West to the point of beginning, all in the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 7, Township 95 North, Range 12 West of the 5th P.M., therein after known as: Parcel 2023-43 in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 95 North, Range 12 West of the 5th P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the South Quarter Corner of said Section; Thence North 87°52'03" East, 295.55 feet along the South Line of said Section to the Southeasterly Corner of Parcel Y, as recorded in Document #2000-2126, on file in the Chickasaw County Recorder's Office, New Hampton, Iowa and the Point of Beginning; Thence North 34°11'45" West,

150.16 feet; Thence North 40°09'15" West, 9.82 feet, both along the Easterly Line of said Parcel Y to the Southeast Corner of Parcel 2021-66, as recorded in Document #2021-2509, on file in the Chickasaw County Recorder's Office, New Hampton, Iowa; Thence North 00°22'26" West, 134.02 feet along the Easterly Line of said Parcel 2021-66 to the Southwest Corner of Lot A of 7, Block 1, Tank's Third Addition to the City of New Hampton; Thence North 89°06'13" East, 189.93 feet along the South Line of said Lot A of 7 to the Northwest Corner of Parcel CC, as recorded in Document #2002-2152, on file in the Chickasaw County Recorder's Office, New Hampton, Iowa; Thence South 01°04'05" East, 264.90 feet along the West Line of said Parcel CC and the Southerly Extension thereof to the South Line of said Quarter-Quarter Section; Thence South 87°52'03" West, 103.32 feet along said South Line to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.03 Acres(s), subject to any easements recorded or unrecorded.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of New Hampton that the City Council approves and directs the City Clerk to sell the aforementioned property.
Done in Council the 5th day of February, 2024.
STEVE GEERTS, Mayor
Attest: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DUANE QUIRK, DECEASED CASE NO. ESPR003185 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Duane Quirk, Deceased, who died on or about December 5, 2023:
You are hereby notified that on January 19, 2024 the Last Will and Testament of Duane Quirk, deceased, bearing date of May 21, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Lori Quirk was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated February 6, 2024.
Lori Quirk, Executor of Estate 420 W. Main St. New Hampton, IA50659

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated February 6, 2024.
Lori Quirk, Executor of Estate 420 W. Main St. New Hampton, IA50659

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PO Box 406 New Hampton, IA50659

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES February 1, 2024

The Board convened on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbart, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, Joan Knoll, Ahlers & Cooney Attorney Michael Galloway, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Deputy Sheriff Adam Hanson, Sheriff office Cathy Knutson, Teamsters 238 Jeanne Austin.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for February 1, 2024. Roll Call All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbart to approve the meeting minutes from January 29, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to go out for RFP from Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP), Assured Partners, and Cottingham & Butler for health benefit consultants' services. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment, Attorney David Laudner sent out letter to Mike Franke on January 31, 2024 for the withdrawal of the purchase agreement due to lack of funding.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbart to open public hearing for the Budget Amendment #2 for FY 2023-2024 at 9:10 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbart, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Discussed Budget Amendment #2. Joan Knoll asked the Board of Supervisors about paying for renovations for EMS building out of Capital Funds. No written comments.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbart to close public hearing for the Budget Amendment #2 for FY 2023-2024 at 9:34 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbart, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved a Departmental Appropriations on June 12, 2023, for all departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2023 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa, and WHEREAS, the appropriations approved on February 1, 2024, are hereby amended in accordance with the attached sheet for the following reasons and with no increase in current fiscal year taxes. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF February 1, 2024. /s/s/ Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbart, Suckow, Cerwinski. Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbart to approve RESOLUTION NO. 02-01-24-06 RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to periodically transfer from ARPA Fund (0003) to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund (0004) during the FY 2023-2024 budget year, and WHEREAS, said transfer must be in accordance with the Code of Iowa, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, as follows:

- 1. The transfer from the ARPA Fund (0003) to the Emergency Medical Services Fund (0004) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, shall be the \$13,500.00. 2. The amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balance in the transferring fund. 3. The Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and notify the Treasurer of the amount of said transfers. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 1ST Day of February, 2024 the vote thereon being as follows: /s/s/ Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbart, Cerwinski. Nays: Suckow, Hackman. Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov
- Pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) - exchange of initial proposals with Teamsters 238.
- Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:17 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) - exempt session to engage in collective bargaining with Teamsters 238.
- Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board
- BUDGET FY 23-24, FY23-24 AMEND 1, FY23-24 AMEND 2, FY 23-24 BUDGET
- DEPT. NO. DEPT
- 1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS..... \$272,599.00, \$5,000.00, \$11,100.00, \$288,699.00

- 2, AUDITOR/ELECTIONS \$427,031.00, \$50,578.00, \$15,031.00, \$492,640.00
- 3, TREASURER \$414,025.00, \$-, \$42,188.00, \$456,213.00
- 4, CO. ATTORNEY \$302,883.00, \$-, \$1,040.00, \$303,923.00
- 5, SHERIFFS \$2,250,685.00, \$222,967.00, \$91,614.00, \$2,565,266.00
- 7, RECORDER \$187,101.00, \$-, \$784.00, \$187,885.00
- 20, CO ENGINEER \$9,946,322.00, \$294,794.00, \$10,241,116.00
- 21, VETERANS AFFAIRS \$80,935.00, \$-, \$350.00, \$81,285.00
- 22, CONSERVATION \$583,000.00, \$26,000.00, \$8,300.00, \$617,300.00
- 23, PUBLIC HLTH & HOME CARE SERV \$1,441,540.00, \$-, \$65,000.00, \$1,506,540.00
- 24, WEED COMMISSIONER \$970.00, \$-, \$970.00
- 25, DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES \$2,070.00, \$-, \$2,070.00
- 26, CHICKASAW HERITAGE BUILDING CENTER \$120,557.00, \$300,000.00, \$6,914.00, \$427,471.00
- 27, STATE DHS \$10,000.00, \$-, \$10,000.00
- 28, MEDICAL EXAMINER \$50,355.00, \$-, \$50,355.00
- 30, CO RELIEF \$27,500.00, \$-, \$27,500.00
- 31, CLERK OF COURT \$70,000.00, \$-, \$70,000.00
- 32, SANITARIAN (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH) \$101,417.00, \$-, \$300.00, \$101,717.00
- 33, CO LIBRARY \$124,338.00, \$-, \$124,338.00
- 37, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES \$1,110,704.00, \$366,500.00, \$201,364.00, \$1,678,568.00
- 45, LAW ENFORCEMENT BLDG \$53,580.00, \$-, \$53,580.00
- 46, COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING \$40,287.00, \$-, \$14,450.00, \$54,737.00
- 49, LEMC \$39,550.00, \$-, \$39,550.00
- 50, TWP CLERKS AND TRUSTEES \$11,710.00, \$-, \$11,710.00
- 51, GENERAL SERVICES \$806,982.00, \$60,400.00, \$350.00, \$867,732.00
- 52, DATA PROCESSING \$313,000.00, \$-, \$313,000.00
- 53, HAZMAT WASTE, \$6,007.00, \$-, \$6,007.00
- 54, FAIR & 4-H \$14,000.00, \$-, \$14,000.00
- 55, SANITARY DISPOSAL \$34,500.00, \$-, \$85,000.00, \$119,500.00
- 58, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION \$5,000.00, \$-, \$5,000.00
- 65, CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT \$48,000.00, \$-, \$48,000.00
- 70, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, \$100,000.00, \$-, \$100,000.00
- 75, RECORDER'S SURCHARGE, \$2,500.00, \$-, \$2,500.00
- 79, RECYCLING, \$27,384.00, \$-, \$27,384.00

- 80, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, \$350.00, \$-, \$350.00
- 83, PLANNING COMMISSION, \$9,172.00, \$-, \$9,172.00
- 95, K-9 UNIT, \$6,600.00, \$-, \$6,600.00
- 96, DARE ACCT, \$700.00, \$-, \$700.00
- 99, NON-DEPARTMENTAL, \$1,984,323.00, (\$236,000.00), \$52,270.00, \$1,800,593.00
- LEASE AGREEMENTS - RADIO COMM \$18,000.00
- COUNCIL ON AGING \$7,000.00
- NORTHEAST IA AREA AGENCY ON AGING \$1,000.00
- NORTHEAST COMMUNITY ACTION \$25,000.00
- RIVERVIEW CENTER \$2,000.00
- HELPING SERVICES NORTHEAST IOWA \$5,000.00
- FOSTER GRANDPARENTS \$1,000.00
- SOIL CONSERVATION \$4,000.00
- COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT \$5,000.00
- EASTERN TOURISM \$500.00
- NORTHEAST IOWA RC&DS \$6,000.00
- UPPER WASPI RIVER WATER SHED \$600.00
- OPIOID SETTLEMENT \$40,000.00
- CHICKASAW COUNTY TOURISM \$17,750.00
- ARPA \$1,150,000.00
- DEBT SERVICE (\$500,000.00)
- CAPITAL PROJECTS \$28,000.00
- CO ECONOMIC DEV-NASHUA DAM ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE - ISG PIPELINE \$150,000.00
- AG EXTENSION FARM SAFETY \$2,870.00
- ADMINISTRATION SERVICES-TIF \$30,000.00
- GILMORE CO PROPERTY TAXES \$400.00
- ARPA JAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY \$9,000.00
- CO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT \$10,000.00
- SUB TOTAL \$1,984,323.00
- TOTAL \$21,027,677.00
- 56, ASSESSOR \$555,822.00
- 66, SCHROEDER STEWARDSHIP FUND \$1,200.00
- 70, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION \$252,069.00
- 71, 911 SERVICE BOARD \$514,105.00
- 90, SAUDE FARM \$2,100.00

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NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Feb. 4 1949 (75 years ago) Full approval of St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton has been given by the American College of Surgeons at the annual meeting of the board of regents.

The American College of Surgeons represents some 15,800 leading surgeons in the United States, Canada and other countries. There are 3,150 approved hospitals out of 3,947 under survey, making the approval percentage 79.7 percent.

A rip-roarin' blizzard brought winter to this part of Iowa with a vengeance Thursday. With eleven inches of snow falling and propelled into huge drifts by a wind of gale proportions, everything and everybody was snow-bound Friday. On the heels of the blizzard came a biting cold

that reached a low of 23 below on Saturday and on Tuesday hit a low of 26 below for the winter's coldest reading. Adding all this to the thick carpet of ice held over from a previous storm made a combination about as wicked as had been seen hereabouts in many a day.

1974 (50 years ago) The Turkey Valley girls basketball team and coaches had a reason to celebrate. The Trojanettes had clinched the 1973-74 Cedar-Wapsie Conference title with a 70 to 52 defeat of Dunkerton in the Valley High gym at Jackson Junction. For most of the squad, it was a second championship celebration. Turkey Valley's girls had shared the loop crown with Wapsie Valley last year, this season they claimed it all by themselves.

Although two new members have

joined New Hampton's police force in the past two months, the department is still one man shy of its regular six-man contingent. The newest member of the force and also believed to be the youngest patrolman ever to join the department is Paul Bergman, 20, a 1972 New Hampton High graduate.

Appointed to the police department in December was Walter Ray Craft, 31, a former Sumner resident, who served on the police force there for two and one-half years.

1999 (25 years ago) Tri-State Signing was founded in Decorah in 1986. The company's purpose was to manufacture the service road signs for Carlson Construction Company. As Tri-State expanded they out grew their facilities in Decorah. In 1992 Dave Meirick and his present partner, Steve Samec, bought the

shares of the original investors and set up their business in New Hampton. The growth has been rapid, with an estimated 300 percent increase from 1992 to 1998. The Iowa DOT is Tri-State's biggest contract customer with about 165 jobs in 1998.

New Hampton's Casey Tierney signed a national letter of intent to play football for the University of Northern Iowa Panthers. The Chickasaw senior was recruited by the Panthers primarily as a linebacker. UNI coaches were impressed not only with the 6-4, 210-pound athlete's size, but his speed as well.

A four-sport athlete, Tierney has won honors in baseball, basketball, track and field and football. Most recently, he was announced as a selection for the Iowa Shrine Bowl All-Star football game.

2014 (10 years ago) Sunday was a day of rest for the New Hampton boys basketball team. The Chickasaws posted three wins in three days, rolling by Crestwood 76-54 Thursday before beating Decorah 64-53 on Friday and topping Cedar Rapids Washington 58-48 on Saturday.

New Hampton is now 15-0 overall and 7-0 in the Northeast Iowa Conference. The Chickasaws were ranked second in last week's Class 2A Associated Press poll.

Only one name will grace the walls of New Hampton's wrestling room this year as Connor Cleveland earned a Northeast Iowa Conference championship Saturday. The Chickasaw sophomore breezed through the field at 106 to earn his first NEIC title.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES January 29, 2024 The Board convened on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Cerwinske, Vice-chairperson Breitbach called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Big Four Fair Board Director Nancy Hillesheim and Dwight Kolthoff, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton, Jeremy McGrath, Mike Kennedy.

2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. No public comment Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize auditor's signature on an agreement for temporary clerical services with Kathy Lechtenberg starting January 30, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Big 4 Fair Board of Directors Nancy Hillesheim and Dwight Kolthoff discussed budget request. Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to reinstate Homestead Credits and Exemptions for Billy's Farm, Inc, Three Shoes, Inc, V.J.C Farms, Inc, Ionia Pigs, Inc, Heying Farms, LTD, and Edson Farms, Inc. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to recommend Joanne Heying as Board of Supervisor representative for the Examining Board for a six-year term. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Discussed Secondary Roads updates. Discussed potential locally funded paving project on Kenwood Ave from Highway 18 South approx. 0.67 to

County Road B57. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve blueprints for EMS building with changes. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Discussed construction manager for EMS building project. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to go with Mailing Services for the HF718 mailings. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Nays: Hackman. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Discussed that RFP for health benefit consultants would be tabled to a later agenda. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to direct Attorney Laudner to pull purchase agreement with Mike Franke for a tower site due to lack of funding. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Budget work session Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bill in the amount of \$1,449.90. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve the voided checks to Rapid Printers and in the amount of \$2,669.79. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman,

Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$101,822.30. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve payroll, check dated January 26, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Committee Assignments. Supervisor Kuhn, January 23, Hotel/Motel Supervisor Suckow, January 25, Northeast Iowa Workforce Supervisor Hackman, January 24, CSS Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 12:29 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Steve Breitbach, Vice-Chairperson, Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board No. 23656 02/08/24 02/09/24

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Death knell sounds for Northeast Iowa Conference

UIC approves adding Crestwood, extends invites to New Hampton, Waukon; superintendent to hold public meeting Tuesday evening

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

The obituary for Iowa's oldest high school athletic conference can now be written.

That's because on Tuesday afternoon, the superintendents of the Upper Iowa Conference voted to admit Crestwood to the conference, beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

And that leaves the NEIC with just four schools, one less than the state association's mandate conferences have to have.

During Tuesday's meeting, all the current UIC members but one voted to admit Crestwood to the conference, with only MFL-Mar-Mac abstaining from the vote. That paved the way for the Cadets to leave the NEIC, which was formed in 1920, following the 2024-25 school year.

Jay Jurens, who is the superintendent at both Turkey Valley, a UIC member, and New Hampton, a member of the NEIC, said Upper Iowa

superintendents also extended formal invitations to both New Hampton and Waukon to join the conference.

"This really is the end of the NEIC," Jurens said, "and we in New Hampton will have some decisions to make. Four isn't enough obviously, but then again, we knew five wasn't really realistic."

The NEIC had been a seven-team conference for more than 50 years before Oelwein departed in 2021 to join the North Iowa Cedar League.

A year later, the remaining NEIC voted the to remove Waverly-Shell Rock, the conference's largest school, from the league in an attempt to make the NEIC more attractive to smaller schools like Osage, North Fayette Valley and Sumner-Fredericksburg, just to name a few.

Waverly-Shell Rock and the remaining NEIC schools, which also includes Charles City and Decorah, reached a deal last year to allow the Go-Hawks to compete this year in the conference before it becomes an independent in 2024-25.

But the NEIC found no takers as it sought to expand, and Crestwood applied for UIC membership last month.

Charles City then sent a "letter of inquiry" to the North Central Conference, a conference that includes schools like Clear Lake, Hampton-Dumont-CAL and Webster City while Decorah also began the process of inquiring about membership in the Upper Iowa.

Jurens said UIC superintendents, in a letter sent to both Waukon and New Hampton, believe "an ideal group of schools" could be found if those two schools come into the NEIC. A "large-school" division would have Waukon, Crestwood, New Hampton, North Fayette Valley, MFL MarMac and South Winneshiek. The remaining schools — Postville, Clayton Ridge, Central Elkader, Turkey Valley, Kee High and West Central — would be grouped in a "small-school division."

The UIC superintendents also said they "would like to move forward

with this as quickly as possible" and asked Waukon and New Hampton to respond by March 1.

Jurens said Tuesday that he planned on meeting with New Hampton coaches on Wednesday morning and is looking at holding a community meeting next week to discuss the conference situation.

That meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium. Jurens said during the meeting, he will update residents on the history of the conference discussion and options going forward. He said he also hopes to gather input from residents of the school district.

He added the district will be putting out surveys to the community, staff and students to gather additional feedback.

He said he would like to have as much information as possible for School Board members when they meet on Feb. 19, when the UIC invitation will be on the agenda.

Future UIC?

If New Hampton and Waukon accept invitations, superintendents say the UIC would have an "ideal grouping of schools" for a two-division conference that would be based largely on this year's BEDs numbers, which the state associations use for classifications throughout the year:

LARGE SCHOOLS	
Waukon	293
Crestwood	285
New Hampton.....	246
North Fayette Valley	243
MFL MarMac	206
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Postville	196
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Trojans heat up at right time

TV Boys Hoops: FROM 15

TV begins postseason play next week in a survive-and-advance format.

Because when it comes time to getting their hands dirty – these Trojans have been able to get the job done as of late.

That's what it took last Friday night in Jackson Junction as a 16-point lead against the visiting Postville Pirates evaporated in a hurry late in the third period for Izer and his Trojans.

They didn't buckle, though, and pulled out a key 54-51 win over the Pirates – which went a long way to hosting a postseason game next week at the home of the Trojans, often dubbed the "Turkey Dome."

"We're getting hot right now," said TV senior point guard Caleb Kurtenbach. "Tonight we played all four quarters. Fourth quarter wasn't probably our greatest quarter, but we fought through it."

While Upper Iowa Conference rival South Winneshiek downed TV this past Monday – 64-55 – the Trojans have caught fire down the stretch.

Turkey Valley (13-9, 7-8) had won eight of its last 10 games prior to its most recent loss to the Warriors. That stretch of winning basketball also included a five-game win streak.

"It's great to be streaking towards the end. We're starting to peak as a basketball team. Even today, we weren't perfect, so we have some things to work on and be even better than the performance we put out today," said Trojan senior guard Russell Nieman about the Postville win.

The Trojans took on 10th-ranked Kee High (18-2, 14-1) at home on Tuesday to end the regular season. Then TV will wait until next Monday rolls around when it will open up Class 1A district play at home versus Edgewood-Colesburg. TV is the No. 3 seed in the Class 1A District 12 contest, Ed-Co is the sixth seed.

"Our boys are believing. We're hitting our goals in the last part of the season here," said Izer. "I'm so proud of them. They fight."

Up 44-28 with just a few ticks left before the final period began against Postville (13-9, 9-7) the Pirates went on an 11-0 run to close to 44-39 with 4:40 remaining.

Izer said his team has had a problem closing out games this winter. It's something his team will look to fix when the games really start to matter.

"It's something I want to fix. I'm going to fix that fourth quarter," said Izer.

Postville – which beat TV 66-48 clear back on Dec. 22 – would have a chance to tie the game with its leading scorer at the line after he was fouled on a 3-point attempt with just nine seconds left.

The score was 51-48 in TV's favor and that player is Pirate senior forward Koby Bohr – a candidate to be named UIC Player of the Year who is also a 63 percent free-throw shooter.

Unfortunately for his Pirates, he missed all three free-throw attempts.

"I didn't see that coming," said Izer about Bohr's three missed free throws. "We got a break there."

Postville wasn't quite done yet, because after two made Oliver Schmitt free throws put the Trojans up five at 53-48 – Bohr buried a 3-pointer at the top of key to cut it back down to a one-possession game with three seconds left in regulation. Schmitt was fouled in the corner on an inbounds play and



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley sophomore Logan Busta attempts a jumper on Friday at home versus Postville. The Trojans held off a late Pirate charge by winning the UIC tilt, 54-51.

went on to make 1-2 from the charity stripe to pump up the cushion to three points.

Bohr's desperation heave from in back of the center circle with around a second left was wide right.

"We found a way to win – that's all that matters," said Nieman.

Nieman finished with nine points – but his back-to-back-to-back 3-pointers against Postville's 2-3 zone gave TV a 27-18 lead with 46 seconds remaining before intermission. His buckets gave TV all the momentum in the world as it would create a steal shortly after his third made 3-pointer in a row. That Pirate turnover led to a Logan Busta jumper in the lane right before the first-half horn sounded.

"The start was a lot better. I think we went down quite a bit early and we were clawing back that game," said Nieman about the first time TV played Postville.

In fact, in the first meeting between the two teams Postville hit its first five shots from beyond the arc to lead 15-4.

"This game we had a lot better close-outs, which helped with them not hitting as many shots," said Kurtenbach, who averages over 10 points a game and leads the team in 3-point makes (34).

Kurtenbach finished with seven points and shot just 2-13 from the field against Postville, but he turned the ball over only once. The multi-sport Trojan star talked about the big win over the Pirates.

"This helped get us a home game," said Kurtenbach. "That helps a lot playing in the "Turkey Dome." The fans are great. It's always easier to get momentum at home. We just gotta keep the ball rolling. We're starting to find our identity. We're just improving every day."

Kurtenbach said the Trojans' identity is being scrappy. TV came up with 13 steals – six by Schmitt, who led TV with 19 points. Schmitt leads the team in scoring with an 11.5 points-per-game clip.

"We knew we had to up our defense," said Kurtenbach. "That's been a big identity here for a long time is defense."

Bohr netted 13 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, but was 0-4 from the charity stripe. The Pirates were 2-10 from the free-throw line.

TV trounced Central Elkader, 55-33, last week Tuesday. TV senior Braylen Byrne continued his torrid pace of scoring as he pumped in 21 points. His career high of 24 points came just a

week earlier against Crestwood. Byrne rolled his ankle in the third quarter at North Fayette Valley (17-3, 12-3) on Thursday and did not play in the Postville game.

NFV held off TV for a 61-45 victory. The TigerHawks led by only four points at one point in the final period according to Izer.

TV came away with a 57-42 win at home over four-win Clayton Ridge on Saturday. Trojan sophomore J.D. Kruse notched a career-high 19 points on 9-14 shooting.

Izer had this to say about the Postville win and being able to host a district game next week.

"It was a gritty win. We needed it," said Izer. "I'm too old to keep getting on buses."

TURKEY VALLEY 55, CENTRAL ELKADER 33

TV 15 11 20 9 - 55
CE 7 6 10 10 - 33
Caleb Kurtenbach 3-11 0-2 7, Russell Nieman 3-4 0-0 8, Logan Busta 1-3 0-0 3, Oliver Schmitt 4-7 1-2 9, Braylen Byrne 9-11 3-5 21, J.D. Kruse 1-1 1-2 3, Calen Franzen 1-1 0-0 2, Ethan Orvis 0-1 0-0 0, Cale Langreck 1-3 0-1 2, Jonah Orvis 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Kriener 0-0 0-0 0, Aidan Holthaus 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-44 5-12 55.

3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 1-4, Nieman 2-3, Busta 1-3, E. Orvis 0-1.

Rebounds - Nieman 5, Schmitt 5, Holthaus 4, Kurtenbach 3, Busta 2, Byrne 2, Langreck 2, Kruse 1, J. Orvis 1, Kriener 1.

Assists - Busta 4, Schmitt 4, Kurtenbach 1, Nieman 1, Kruse 1, E. Orvis 1, Holthaus 1.

Steals - Kurtenbach 4, Schmitt 3, Byrne 3, Busta 2, Kruse 1.

Blocks - Schmitt 1.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 61, TURKEY VALLEY 45

TV 14 11 16 4 - 45
NFV 6 22 17 16 - 61

Kurtenbach 6-18 0-0 15, Nieman 5-9 0-0 11, Busta 1-4 0-2 2, Schmitt 5-11 1-3 11, Kruse 1-1 2-2 4, Langreck 1-1 0-0 2, Kriener 0-0 0-0 0, Bryne 0-5 0-0 0, Holthaus 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-49 3-7 45.

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

Rebounds - Kruse 6, Nieman 4, Schmitt 3, Byrne 3, Kurtenbach 2, Busta 1, Holthaus 1.

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

Steals - Kurtenbach 3, Schmitt 2.

TURKEY VALLEY 54, POSTVILLE 51

Post 11 7 11 22 - 51
TV 13 16 15 10 - 54
Kurtenbach 2-13 1-4 7, Nieman 3-6 0-0 9, Busta 4-11 1-2 10, Schmitt 6-10 7-10 19, Holthaus 0-0 0-0 0, Kruse 2-4 3-7 7, Langreck 1-2 0-2 2. Totals 18-46 12-23 54.

3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 2-8, Nieman 3-4, Busta 1-6, Schmitt 0-1.

Rebounds - Busta 8, Schmitt 7, Kruse 7, Nieman 5, Kurtenbach 2, Holthaus 1, Langreck 1.

Assists - Schmitt 4, Busta 2, Holthaus 1.

Steals - Schmitt 6, Kurtenbach 2, Nieman 2, Langreck 2, Busta 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 57, CLAYTON RIDGE 42

CR 8 8 11 15 - 42
TV 18 8 17 14 - 57
Kurtenbach 1-7 3-6 5, Nieman 0-6 0-0 0, Busta 7-10 0-0 17, Schmitt 2-4 6-8 10, Holthaus 0-0 0-0 0, Kruse 9-14 1-2 19, Franzen 0-0 0-0 0, E. Orvis 0-0 0-0 0, Langreck 2-2 0-0 4, Mitchell Kriener 1-1 0-0 2, J. Orvis 0-0 0-0 0, J. Kriener 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-44 10-16 57.

3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 0-5, Nieman 0-4, Busta 3-6, Schmitt 0-2.

Rebounds - Schmitt 5, Kruse 5, Langreck 4, Busta 4, Kurtenbach 2, Nieman 2, Holthaus 1, J. Kriener 1.

Assists - Schmitt 6, Kurtenbach 5, Busta 3, Kruse 1, J. Kriener 1.

Steals - Busta 4, Schmitt 3, Langreck 1.

Blocks - Schmitt 1.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
Chickasaw County 911 Service Board

The 911 Service Board of the above named jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/21/2024 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: 260 E Prospect St New Hampton, IA 50659

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of budgeted receipts and expenditures on file with the 911 Service Board Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished upon request.

	FYE June 30, 2023 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2024 Re-Estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2025 Proposed Expenditures	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Surcharge
1. Surcharge Fund	161,954	514,105	416,605	0	44,927	286,532	0	0	175,000
2. Operating Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	161,954	514,105	416,605	0	44,927	286,532	0	0	175,000

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2/8/24 2/9/24

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
Chickasaw County Emergency Management Commission

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/21/2024 Meeting Time: 05:35 PM Meeting Location: 260 E Prospect St New Hampton, IA 50659

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present 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 County Coordinator.

	Actual FYE June 30, 2023	Estimated FYE June 30, 2024	Proposed FYE June 30, 2025
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE:	1	267,096	381,847
REVENUES:			
County Contribution	2	222,608	100,000
Other Revenues	3	77,643	15,000
Total Revenues (2+3)	4	300,251	115,000
EXPENDITURES:			
Administration and Operations	5	132,913	144,069
Capital Outlays	6	52,587	108,000
Total Expenditures (5+6)	7	185,500	252,069
Total Ending Fund Balance	8	381,847	244,778

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The contents of Storage Unit #52
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Will be sold at public auction sale on: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 12:00PM

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RESOLUTION NO. 6612
A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, that: WHEREAS, A public hearing be set for Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm to hear citizen comments on the proposal to sell the following City property, That portion of East Gardner Street between Locust Avenue and Spring Creek, excluding the approximately 150' east of the dead end road of Gardner Ave.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of New Hampton that the City Clerk to sell the aforementioned property with a minimum bid of \$8,500.00.

Done in Council the 5th day of February, 2024.

STEVE GEERTS, Mayor
Attest: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk



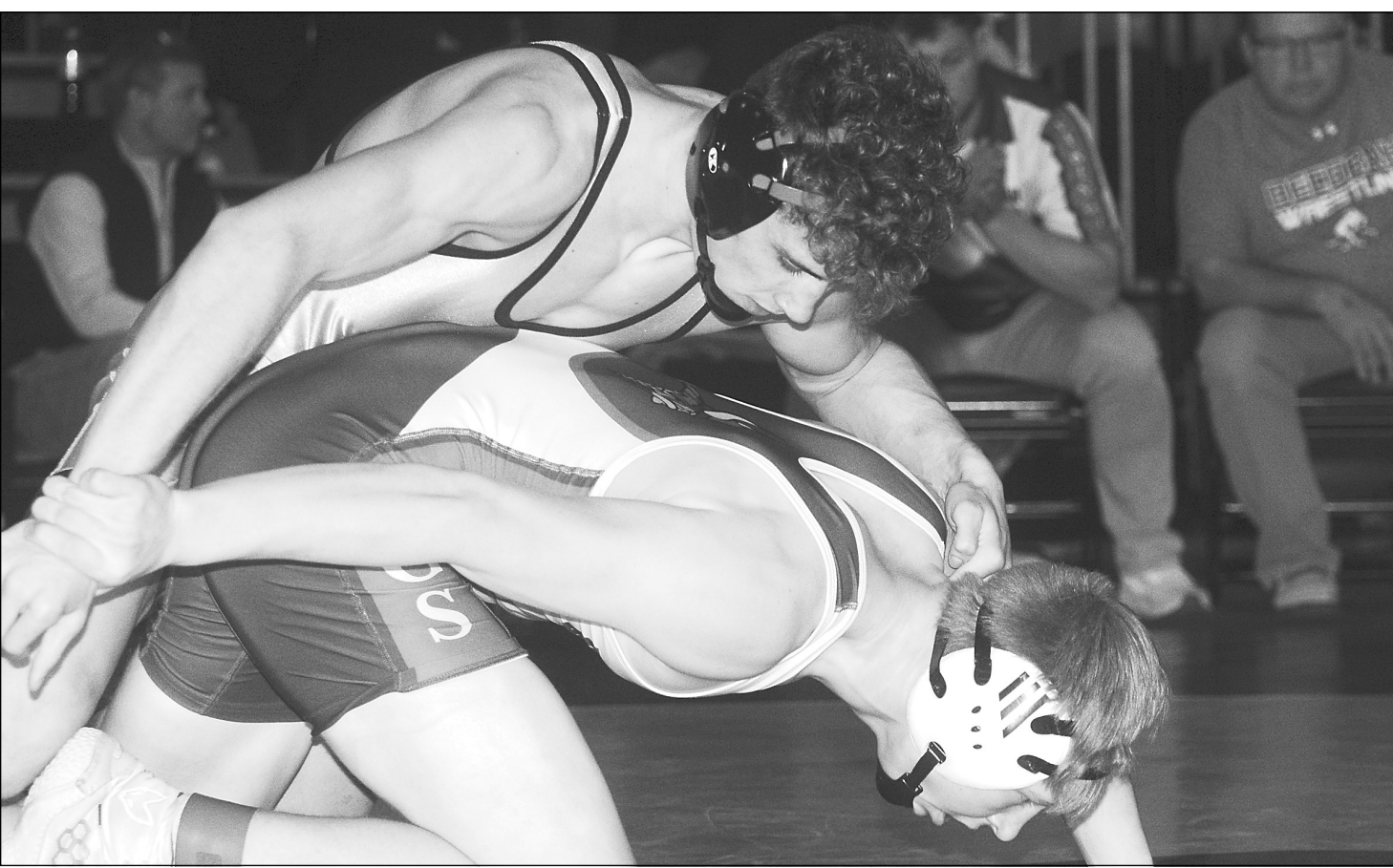
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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Karson Kolbet, one of two returning state qualifiers who will be in the lineup for this weekend's Class 2A district tournament, works to control Decorah's Brody Hanson during the NEIC tournament.

Chickasaws have 'opportunities' in Manchester

DISTRICT: FROM 15

mentally. Getting there this year broke it up a bit. If we had made state duals, it would have broken it up even more, but we'll take what we got."

Still, as he talked last Saturday, the infection in Paulus' voice was loud and clear. He wished he could invent time travel and skip a week.

"I'm really excited for our guys," he said. "I told you Tuesday [after regional duals] that this team has come a million miles this year, and I'll say it again. We are so much better than we were at the beginning of the year. We have opportunities at district and we have to seize them."

NH/TV will be the lone Northeast Iowa Conference team at a Manchester district that includes state duals qualifier West Delaware, but Paulus isn't wrong, opportunities await.

The field includes 12 wrestlers found in the latest IAWrestle rankings, but no weight division has two wrestlers among the state's top-12.

Two returning state qualifiers — Braden McShane, ranked No. 1 at 215, and Karson Kolbet, ninth rated at 157 — will lead NH/TV into the tournament, but Paulus said there are a number of Chickasaws who have the potential to punch tickets to the state tournament that will be Feb. 14-17 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

And he said despite the rankings, it's not a cakewalk district. He pointed to 190, where NH/TV's Ethan Swehla enters the tournament with a 31-6 mark.

"There are five guys with six or less losses at '90, and there's a sixth, with double digit losses who qualified for state last year," he said. "There's going to be a lot of tough brackets there. We're going to have to show up and wrestle our best to get to state."

One thing he won't worry about too much is team scoring. Sure, the district team champion gets a nice banner to hang in the gym, but on Saturday, Paulus and his coaching staff are focused on getting the maximum number of Chickasaws to state.

Chickasaw lineup at district

Here is the projected lineup for New Hampton/Turkey Valley at this Saturday's Class 2A district tournament at West Delaware High School in Manchester

106	Quinlan Mahoney	7-32
113	Open	
120	Landon Bruess	25-15
126	Braiden Schaufenbuel	22-24
132	Jayden Bucknell	25-20
138	Emmett Kuehner	17-10
144	Ethan Praska	21-21
150	Jax Shekleton	17-13
157	Karson Kolbet	36-7
165	Olandreon Saunders	21-8
175	Leander Reicks	33-6
190	Ethan Swehla	31-6
215	Braden McShane	37-1
285	Gatlin McCumber	30-14

"You don't really pay attention to the team standings at districts, because honestly, it doesn't mean much," he said. "You're right, it's a banner. If you're getting a lot of guys through, then well, the team points take care of themselves."

And as district week dawned, Paulus was focused on getting the engine in peak running order. He gave his wrestlers a rare day off last Wednesday and he said this week the Chickasaws will be focusing on the "little things."

"We want guys to be ready, healthy and excited to go Saturday," he said. "That's the focus."

Paulus paused and smiled. "That and getting as many guys to Des Moines as we can."

CLASS 2A REGIONAL DUALS SUMMARIES

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 39, HAMPTON-DUMONT-CAL 27

190: Ethan Swehla (NHTV) pinned Cael Burmester, 6:23. 215: Braden McShane (NHTV) pinned Sean Heilskov, 0:38. 285: Carter Heilskov (HDC) pinned Gatlin McCumber, 3:13. 106: Carter Janssen (HDC) pinned Quinlan Mahoney, 0:22. 113: Jayson Stevens (HDC) pinned Nolan Swehla, 0:28. 120: Landon Bruess (NHTV) dec.

Ranked wrestlers at district

Here are the ranked wrestlers (IAWrestle) who will compete at Saturday's district in Manchester:

- 113: Jonah Luensman (Monticello) 8th.
- 120: Brayden Murray (West Delaware) 12th.
- 132: Jerren Gille (Dubuque Wahlert) 4th.
- 138: Jax Miller (West Delaware) 10th.
- 150: Liam Weber (West Delaware) 4th.
- 165: Brenden Heying (Benton Community) 3rd.
- 157: Karson Kolbet (NH/TV) 9th.
- 165: Colin Young (Dubuque Wahlert) 6th.
- 175: Brent Yonkovic (West Delaware) 3rd.
- 190: Dylan Monk (Monticello) 6th.
- 215: Braden McShane (NH/TV) 1st.
- 285: Brennen Blegen (Benton Community) 12th.

Will Varrelmann, 7-4. 126: Braiden Schaufenbuel (NHTV) dec. Jaymes Stevens, 4-2.

132: Charlie Showalter (HDC) pinned Cargin Robinson, 2:25. 138: Brody Strother (HDC) dec. Jayden Bucknell, 8-5. 144: Ethan Praska (NHTV) dec. Jacob Mahler, 5-2. 150: Jax Shekleton (NHTV) dec. Ryder Strother, 12-9. 157: Karson Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Taylor Mahler, 3:06. 165: Olandreon Saunders (NHTV) dec. Colin Bird, 3-1. 175: Leander Reicks (NHTV) pinned Brody Robertson, 1:50.

ALGONA 43, NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 24

215: McShane (NHTV) pinned Gavin Goche, 1:37. 285: Hunter Kollasch (A) dec. McCumber, 5-4. 106: Mahoney (NHTV) won by forfeit. 113: Thomas Zabka (A) pinned N. Swehla, 0:17. 120: Isaac Wilson (A) pinned Ty Moudry, 0:45. 126: Elijah Wilhite (A) pinned Bruess, 5:22. 132: Schaufenbuel (NHTV) dec. Caden Kuecker, 5-0.

138: Barrett Morgan (A) dec. Bucknell, 13-7. 144: Ashton Moreno (A) dec. Praska, 12-6. 150: Tate Slagle (A) pinned Shekleton, 3:48. 157: Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Ian Fehr, 1:23. 165: Taeyvn Zinnel (A) maj. dec. Saunders, 11-2. 175: Dane Kitzinger (A) won by forfeit. 190: E. Swehla (NHTV) dec. Brody Shipler, 10-3.

Chickasaws rally from early deficit, pick up NEIC win over Charles City

NH GIRLS HOOPS: FROM 15

Chickasaw rallies to post a victory. Leichtman had 14 points while Wegner added 11 and Pickar had 10 points and grabbed six rebounds.

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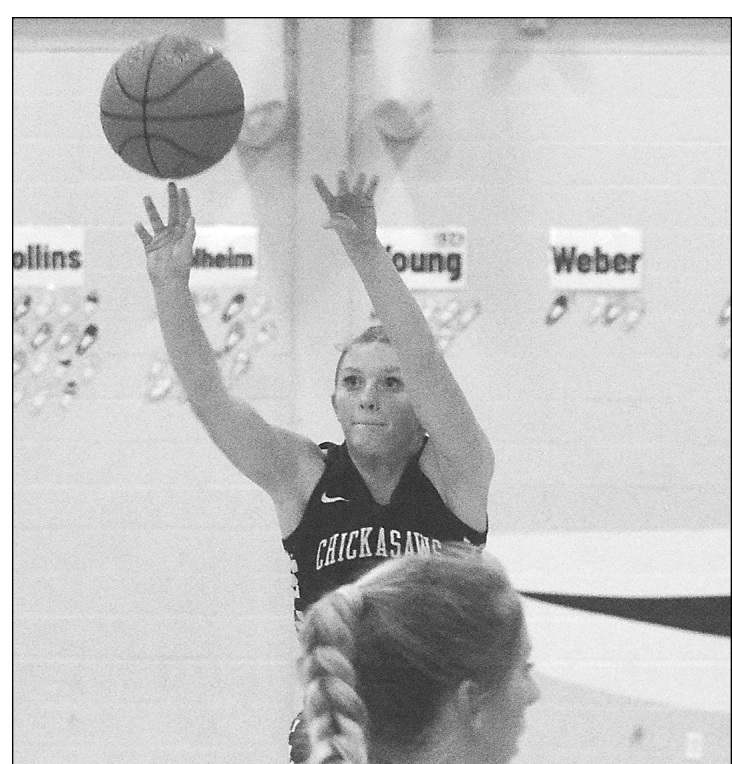
New Hampton closed out the regular season Tuesday night with a home game against Crestwood and then heads to Forest City Saturday to take on an Indians' squad that is 16-3 in the first round of the Class 3A regional tournament. "It's a challenge," coach Leichtman said, "no doubt about it, but that's why a game like tonight was so important to us. We needed a win, not just to help our record but more to get some confidence back. When we play like we did in that second quarter, I'm telling you we can play with a lot of teams. I believe that, and the girls have to believe that."

Charles City would cut the lead to 26-25, but Taylor Ries' six points sparked an 8-2 run to close the half, and when New Hampton, despite Boss' 12 third quarter points, added to the lead in the frame. Two inside baskets by Jordan Thronson, a 3-pointer by Chloe Weigel and two key baskets by Megan Pickar helped New Hampton head into the fourth quarter with a 51-39 advantage.

"You can go up and down our roster and everyone really contributed to this win," coach Leichtman said, "and I really mean that. We had such a weird January. We beat Crestwood and then didn't play forever (11 days) and then we got in a little funk after that North Fayette Valley [a 54-50 loss on Jan. 24]. We needed this."

There were plenty of heroines on this night. Ries finished with 15 points, nine rebounds and six assists while Pickar scored 10 points and had four steals. Schwickerath scored nine points and made four steals while New Hampton's subs, led by Weigel's six points, outscored Charles City's bench 11-1.

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New Hampton's Ava Leichtman takes a 3-point shot during Friday's game against Charles City.

Chickasaw senior posts career-high against Comets

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won that game with defense, period."

Offensively, the Chickasaws were led by a trio of players. Adam Ewert hit 9 of 15 shots from the field and scored 22 points, Cael Laues was 7-for-15 from the floor and finished with 15 points while Nick Brincks did a good amount of damage from the free-throw line, where he was 6-for-8, and also had 15 points. Throw in Reid Rausch, who hit half of his four 3-point shots, and those four players were a combined 22-for-43 from the field.

"We've talked about it all year, but the fact is this game is a lot easier when you make shots," coach Rausch said. "That game up at Manly was proof."

The momentum, though, didn't carry over to Friday night.

Instead, Charles City raced out to an 18-2 lead in the game's first four minutes and then blew the game wide open with a 19-0 third quarter run.

The Comets came into the game winners of 10 of their past 12 games and had plenty of reasons to celebrate on their Senior Night.

"I know it was a late night Thursday and we tipped off late on Friday," Rausch said, "but that's no excuse. ... It's frustrating because how many punches do you take to the face before you'll throw a haymaker?"

Still, the Chickasaws had a few bright spots. Laues scored 15 points, grabbed six rebounds and



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New Hampton's Jacob McDonald works to disrupt a Charles City shot late in Friday's game.

rejected, impressively we might add, three Charles City shots.

Senior Carter Newbrough, who came into the game averaging 0.9 points a game, came off the bench to score 11 points, including nine in the second quarter.

And sophomore Dylon Schmitt hit three 3-point shots to finish with nine points.

New Hampton, though, lost the younger Rausch to an ankle injury in the third quarter and had few, if any, answers for the Comets' athleticism and press.

"I'm really happy for Carter," Rausch said. "He came in and gave us a lift we had to have after that open. I told our guys if they were open to let it fly. No one expects us to win, right?"

So if you're open, take it. And Carter listened, took good shots and it was great to see a kid like that have a game like that."

New Hampton closes out the regular season with two home games — tonight (Thursday) against Crestwood, a team the Chickasaws beat 68-44 in early January, and Friday against Oelwein — before beginning the Class 2A district tournament next Monday with a road tilt at North Fayette Valley.

Rausch said he's hoping his squad can end the regular season on a high note this week when it plays 2-17 Crestwood on Thursday and 7-13 Oelwein on Friday, both at home.

"It's all about building momentum," he said, "and

these are two winnable games, something to build on and carry into the playoffs. ... I still think, no matter what our record is, we can play with people and we can make a run."

NEW HAMPTON 64, CENTRAL SPRINGS 59

NH 13 22 23 6 - 64
CS 20 19 6 14 - 59
Ben Gilbert 1-11 4-4 6, Caden Rochford 0-4 0-0 0, Adam Ewert 9-15 2-2 22, Nick Brincks 4-8 6-8 15, Cael Laues 7-15 1-2 15, Jake Schwickerath 0-0 0-0 0, Carter Newbrough 0-0 0-0 0, Ryan Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Reid Rausch 2-5 0-0 6. Totals 23-58 13-16 64.

3-point field goals - Rausch 2-4, Ewert 2-6, Brincks 1-2, Laues 0-2, Rochford 0-3, Gilbert 0-4.

Rebounds - Laues 7, Ewert 5, Willadsen 3, Brincks 3, Rochford 3, Rausch 2, Gilbert 2, Newbrough 1.

Assists - Gilbert 6, Ewert 2, Brincks 2, Rochford 1.

Steals - Laues 5, Gilbert 4, Ewert 3, Brincks 2, Willadsen 1.

Blocks - Laues 2, Ewert 1.

CHARLES CITY 73, NEW HAMPTON 47

NH 7 15 10 15 - 47
CC 22 16 24 11 - 73

Gilbert 1-4 0-0 2, Rochford 0-1 2-2 2, Ewert 1-8 2-2 4, Brincks 0-2 0-0 0, Laues 5-8 4-4 15, Rausch 0-3 0-0 0, Schwickerath 1-2 0-0 2, Newbrough 4-4 0-0 11, Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Dylon Schmitt 3-3 0-0 9, Jacob McDonald 1-1 0-0 2, Braxton Bundy 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 16-38 8-10 47.

3-point field goals - Schmitt 3-3, Newbrough 3-3, Laues 1-3, Schwickerath 0-1, Ewert 0-1, Rausch 0-2, Bundy 0-2, Gilbert 0-3.

Rebounds - Laues 6, McDonald 3, Rausch 3, Willadsen 2, Ewert 2, Gilbert 2, Brincks 1, Schwickerath 1, Schmitt 1.

Assists - Willadsen 2, Rochford 2, Ewert 1, Brincks 1, Rausch 1.

Steals - Rochford 3, Schwickerath 1, Laues 1.

Blocks - Laues 3.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

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

Class 1A girls basketball regional first round, Turkey Valley at East Buchanan, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton boys and girls bowling at Waukon, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys basketball vs. Oelwein, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling at Class 2A district tournament, West Delaware High School, Manchester, 10 a.m.

Class 3A girls basketball regional first round, New Hampton at Forest City, 7 p.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton girls varsity regional bowling, Bowlaway Lanes, 10 a.m.

Class 2A boys basketball district first round, New Hampton at North Fayette Valley, 7 p.m.

Class 1A boys basketball district first round, Edgewood-Colesburg at Turkey Valley

TUESDAY

New Hampton boys varsity regional bowling, Bowlaway Lanes, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley girls basketball Class 1A regional round two, if qualified, at Edgewood-Colesburg, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

New Hampton/Turkey Valley at Class 2A traditional state tournament, 9 a.m., Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines

New Hampton girls basketball, Class 3A regional semifinal game, if qualified, at Forest City, 7 p.m.



New Hampton bowlers to host postseason meets

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The New Hampton bowling squads haven't had a lot of home cooking as of late.

So the Chickasaws and head coach Andy Arias were happy to head back to the friendly confines of Bowlway Lanes on Tuesday where NH celebrated Senior Night against Decorah.

To top it off, the Chickasaws were fortunate to learn New Hampton's home alley will host the regional/district meet on two separate dates next week. Bowlway Lanes will be the site of Class 1A regional state qualifier on Monday, Feb. 12 for the girls and the boys district meet will be held the following day on Tuesday.

The meets start at 10 a.m. and feature six teams on the girls side, including New Hampton. Those squads are Denver, Durant, Oelwein, Sumner-Fredericksburg and West Delaware. The boys district meet will include all those aforementioned teams in addition to Maquoketa.

There are eight state qualifying sites in Class 1A and the top team advances to state.

Each team bowls 15 baker games in that quest to compete at state, which will be held at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo on Feb. 19-21. There is also an individual tournament played at the regional/district meets where the top four individuals advance to state (each individual bowls three games and top pin total advances to state meet). There are 32 individual state qualifiers per class.

The comfortable nature of the Bowlway Lanes will be a welcome reprieve for the NH boys team (2-5) after competing on the road for all of January. The last home meet for the NH boys squad was right before Christmas on Dec. 19 versus North Fayette Valley — a matchup the Chickasaws won 2,760 to 2,022.

The TigerHawks exacted their revenge on their home alley last week Tuesday against New Hampton at Lilac Lanes in West Union. NFV (3-8) won the meet and bested the Chickasaws by 55 pins — 2,467 to 2,412.

New Hampton junior Landon Marr racked up a 374 series to tally the best series of any Chickasaw bowler that evening. Colin Shatek, a soph-



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton sophomore Colin Shatek competes for the Chickasaw bowling team in a bowling meet at Bowlway Lanes earlier this winter.

omore, finished with a 329 series, followed by freshman Charlie Kriener's 294. NH juniors Jarrin Robinson and Kody Kleen each rolled 291s, respectively. Chickasaw sophomore Easton Monteith recorded a series of 285.

The New Hampton girls have not bowled at home since the season opener versus Grundy Center on Dec. 1. The Chickasaws (1-5) were also in attendance at Lilac Lanes along with the NH boys and lost to NFV (9-1) by a score of 2,361 to 1,249.

Arias had this to say about his two North Central Iowa Conference bowling squads recently.

"We've still got a little bit more work to do with them as far as working together a little bit more," said Arias. "The biggest thing is that communication factor between the kids themselves and then communicating back to me so that way I can help them figure everything out and really set them up for success. When they communicate back with me and tell me this is going on and possibly

even bounce ideas off me — sometimes it works," said Arias.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 2,361, NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 1,249

Medalist - MayLynn Warren, North Fayette Valley 404.
New Hampton scores - McKenzie Herzberg 265, Madison Dreckman 247, Cassidy Meyerhoff 217, Sophia Rivera 174.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 2,467, NEW HAMPTON BOYS 2,412

Medalist - Carter Otto, North Fayette Valley 451.

New Hampton scores - Landon Marr 374, Colin Shatek 329, Charlie Kriener 294, Jarrin Robinson 291, Kody Kleen 291, Easton Monteith 285.

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 15 Jan. 31

	W	L	GB
Hide A Way	70	47	0
Butch's I	63	63	7
Dak's Tap II	62	55	8
Schucky's	62	64	8
Dak's Tap I	60	57	10
Butch's II	59	58	11
Bowlway	57	60	13
The Office	54	72	16
Big Willie's	53	64	17

RESULTS

Butch's I 6, Bowlway Lanes 3
Dak's Tap II 8, Butch's II 1
Dak's Tap I 5, Schucky's 4
Hide A Way 7, The Office 2

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Butch's I - Diane Nehl & Missy Hackman
Dak's Tap II - Jaime Frahm & Michelle Torticill, Leslie Noehl & Cathy Knutson
Dak's Tap I - Jean Wiemann & Irene Frantzen
Hide A Way - Candy Schoba & Helen Geerts

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 15 Jan. 29

	W	L
HereZ 2 U	78	57
Bowlway Lanes	76	59
Brite Spot	74	61
Butch's 1	71	64
Big Willie's	71	64
Dak's Tap 1	69	66
VFW	69	66
Butch's 2	69	66
Dak's Tap 2	64	71
Rascals	60	75
Hide-A-Way	57	78
The Office	52	83

RESULTS

Butch's 1 7, Dak's Tap 1 2
VFW 5, Dak's Tap 2 4
Bowlway Lanes 6, The Office 3
Butch's 2 6, Hide-A-Way 3

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Bowlway Lanes: Mitch & Jamey
HereZ 2 U: Jake & Dave
Butch's 1: Rich & Craig

COFFEE CUP BOWLING

STANDINGS	W	L
Hugeback-Johnson	8	0
Rochford Insurance	6	2
Vern Laues Auto	5	3
Muscari, LLC	3	5
Geerts Plumbing	2	6
Mid-Tech Services	2	6
D&K	2	6

JAN. 31 RESULTS

Week 18

Muscari LLC 2, Vern Laues Auto 2
D&K 2, Mid-Tech Services 2
Rochford Insurance 3, Geerts Plumbing 1
Hugeback-Johnson 4, Dummy 0

LEADERS

High individual games: Diane Nehl 266, 198, Rita Geerts 200.
High individual series: Nehl 651, Rita Geerts 543, Eleanore Martin 518, Kristy Kirkus 514, Karen Schmitt 509.
High team games: D&K 517, Hugeback-Johnson 455, Mid-Tech Services 452.
High team series: D&K 1,326, Hugeback-Johnson 1,307, Rochford Insurance 1,239.

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

Diane Nehl 70

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)

Karen Schmitt 77

Karen Schmitt, Secretary

Trojan senior appreciates her team's attitude

Turkey Valley's lone senior says her team won't back down to anyone as it heads into Class 1A regional tournament

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Turkey Valley senior Mariah Thronson plans on majoring in business and finance at the University of Northern Iowa once she graduates from her alma mater over in Jackson Junction.

But before her prep playing days are over on the hoops hardwood, she would like to help her young Trojan basketball squad claim a few victories in the postseason or heck, maybe get on a roll and really do some damage in Class 1A regional play — which begins tonight (Thursday) for small-school schools across the state of Iowa.

Thronson is a left-handed senior guard who is the lone senior on Steve Hoffert's inexperienced, yet talented Upper Iowa Conference team that won its last home two games of the regular season over two-win Postville (54-22) last Friday evening and on Monday against league rival South Winneshiek (46-38).

Turkey Valley will carry a 7-14 record into Winthrop in its opening-round road regional game when it takes on the 14-7 East Buchanan Buccaneers. The Trojans completed the conference portion of their season with 6-10 mark — which put them in sixth place in the UIC standings.

The Trojans won't be favored by many to come out on top against East Buchanan — which plays in the Tri-Rivers Conference. But TV wasn't picked to win by many, either, when it travelled to West Union to take on North Fayette Valley last week Thursday.

That was a game TV could well have won had they not missed 17 free throws out of 24 attempts. NFV (15-6, 12-4) outlasted the Trojans in overtime and pulled out a 52-49 triumph.

"We've had ups-and-downs all throughout, but we always work together through it," said Thronson, who managed 11 steals against the TigerHawks. "We weren't favored against NFV and we went into OT and lost it. We don't back down from anybody."

Hoffert said TV went 3-18 from the charity-stripe in the final period and the extra stanza of play. That 29 percent shooting overall at the charity stripe throughout the entire game is tough to overcome when the Trojans sometimes have a hard time putting the round, orange ball over the rim and through the nylon net.

"That's the signs of a young team — the inconsistency part of it," said Hoffert, in his second year at TV after taking over for longtime Trojan head coach Carla Nymeyer.

Hoffert said despite all the bumps and bruises encountered against NFV and the self-inflicted wounds TV created by missing free throws — he thought they played well.



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Turkey Valley senior Mariah Thronson (above) makes a move on the perimeter versus Postville on Friday and Trojan junior Alexis Elsbernd (below) plays defense against the Pirates.

complete game that we played — start to finish," said Hoffert.

Addison Steinlage, another lefty for TV and a sophomore starter at guard, netted a career-high 15 points against NFV and she snared 10 rebounds in the impressive performance. Steinlage — along with junior starter Layni Schuchhardt — were lost for the rest of the game after suffering concussions in the second half versus the TigerHawks.

"Even through all that happening to us, we still had an opportunity to win that game," said Hoffert.

Steinlage and Schuchhardt did not play in the game versus Postville — a contest that saw TV hold the two-win Pirates scoreless for over 12 minutes to start the game. TV led 31-0 before Leticia Dahl's free throw broke the scoring drought with 3:18 remaining in the second period.

Thronson scored 12 points in the NFV game and hit for 11 points on 4-7 shooting in the Postville blowout. TV sophomore center Haylee Hanson almost notched a double-double versus the Pirates with nine points and 10 rebounds. She also came up with four steals.

Thronson talked about the majority of TV's roster either being freshman or sophomores — who have come a long ways down the stretch in terms of improvement according to Hoffert.

"I try to just be really positive to them — let them know it's okay to make mistakes. If you're learning from them, that's the most important thing. You can't keep making them over and over," said Thronson.

TV graduated the bulk of its scoring from last year on a team that went 17-6 and finished second in the UIC with a 14-2 mark. Over 15 points came courtesy of low-post player Jacqlyn Schmitt — who has



since graduated but was in the stands on Friday watching the Postville game.

"The way I describe it to people is we averaged 45 points a game last year and I lost 39," said Hoffert. "We don't have that go-to person. We have to function as a unit together."

TV lost to Central Elkader (14-6, 13-3) last week Tuesday, 43-31. The Trojans trailed by just six points at one point in the fourth quarter according to Hoffert.

"We need to find a way to win games. We've never been able to really get over that hump against a good team," said Hoffert. "Outside of Crestwood, we've never been totally shellacked."

What's the game plan for TV in its do-or-die regional contest against East Buchanan in order to keep its season alive? Deal with the East

Buchanan's press — which has generated almost 300 steals over the course of 21 games and averages over 14 steals a game.

"They're going to pressure us. They're going to run a little 2-2-1," said Hoffert.

"We've got to be able to handle their pressure. That's where they score most of their points. We're going to be very active in the half-court defense as well — trapping."

CENTRAL ELKADER 43, TURKEY VALLEY 31

TV 4 14 4 9 - 31
CE 15 9 5 14 - 43
Addison Steinlage 2-8 0-2 4, Annika Bodensteiner 2-10 1-2 6, Layni Schuchhardt 0-2 0-0 0, Mariah Thronson 4-10 0-0 8, Delaney Busta 0-1 0-0 0, Hazel Nieman 3-7 1-2 7, Emersyn Hoffert 0-7 0-0 0, Isabella Stika 2-4 0-0 5, Haylee Hanson 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 13-50 3-8 31.

3-point field goals - Bodensteiner 1-5, Schuchhardt 0-1, Thronson 0-2, Nieman 0-2, Hoffert 0-1, Stika 1-1.
Rebounds - Stika 7, Hoffert 5,

Nieman 4, Busta 3, Thronson 3, Bodensteiner 3, Schuchhardt 1, Hanson 1.

Assists - Stika 3, Thronson 2, Bodensteiner 1, Nieman 1, Hoffert 1.
Steals - Thronson 2, Nieman 2, Stika 2, Hanson 1, Steinlage 1, Schuchhardt 1.

Blocks - Busta 3, Hoffert 2, Steinlage 1, Bodensteiner 1.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 52, TURKEY VALLEY 49

TV 14 2 15 16 2 - 49
NFV 10 8 14 15 5 - 52
Steinlage 5-10 3-4 15, Bodensteiner 0-3 1-2 1, Schuchhardt 2-5 0-2 5, Thronson 5-15 1-6 12, Busta 1-8 1-4 3, Nieman 0-3 0-2 0, Hoffert 0-2 1-2 1, Stika 0-3 0-2 0, Hanson 5-7 0-0 12, Ellaney Bodensteiner 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 18-59 7-24 49.

3-point field goals - Steinlage 2-2, Schuchhardt 1-3, Thronson 1-4, Busta 0-3, Nieman 0-1, Hanson 2-3.
Rebounds - Steinlage 10, Stika 4, Schuchhardt 3, Busta 3, Hanson 2, Thronson 1, Nieman 1, Hoffert 1, E. Bodensteiner 1.

Assists - Schuchhardt 3, Thronson 3, Busta 2, Hanson 2, Steinlage 1, A. Bodensteiner 1.

Steals - Thronson 11, Schuchhardt 4, Hanson 2, Steinlage 1, Busta 1, Nieman 1, Hoffert 1.
Blocks - Hanson 2, A. Bodensteiner 1, Thronson 1, Nieman 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 54, POSTVILLE 22

Post 0 3 9 10 - 22
TV 20 13 12 9 - 54
A. Bodensteiner 1-6 0-0 3, Thronson 4-7 3-4 11, Stika 1-3 2-2 4, Busta 3-4 0-0 6, Hanson 4-8 1-1 9, Nieman 0-0 2-2 2, Jenna Thronson 1-3 1-2 3, Ashlyn Busta 3-12 0-0 8, Hoffert 3-6 0-0 6, Alexis Elsbernd 0-7 0-2 0, Kendall Kuennen 0-1 0-0 0, Makinley Lutgen 0-1 0-0 0, E. Bodensteiner 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 21-62 9-13 54.

3-point field goals - A. Bodensteiner 1-4, Stika 0-1, A. Busta 2-7, Elsbernd 0-4.

Rebounds - Hanson 10, J. Thronson 6, D. Busta 4, Elsbernd 4, E. Bodensteiner 4, Hoffert 3, A. Bodensteiner 3, Kuennen 2, Stika 2, M. Thronson 1, Nieman 1, A. Busta 1, M. Lutgen 1.

Assists - A. Bodensteiner 3, Nieman 3, M. Thronson 2, Stika 2, Hoffert 2, J. Thronson 1, E. Bodensteiner 1.

Steals - Hanson 4, Stika 2, Nieman 2, J. Thronson 2, Hoffert 2, Elsbernd 2, M. Thronson 1, E. Bodensteiner 1.
Blocks - D. Busta 1, Hoffert 1.

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It's a one-day, but valuable, state meet for NH/TV girls



Kristi Nixon

New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Sophie Glaser (above) works to pick up back points while teammate Kelly Thronkson (right) fends off a takedown attempt during the girls state wrestling tournament last Thursday.

Glaser goes 1-2, Thronkson 0-2, but future is bright for Chickasaw state girls wrestling tourney qualifiers

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Sophie Glaser and Kelly Thronkson have an opportunity to rewrite the history books for the New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling program in the coming years.

The first chapter in their burgeoning mat careers was penned this past Thursday at Xtream Arena in Coralville at the second-ever state sanctioned meet in Iowa.

While the pair of Chickasaw grapplers didn't reach their goal of standing tall up on the podium stand, they'll have many "pages" left to scribe in what should be a fantastic "read" that will hopefully tell the tale of two promising athletes' path to potential greatness.

"They are both young and understand that their book isn't finished being written. I personally am excited to be a part of their journey and look forward to what the future holds for both these ladies," said NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli.



Glaser and Thronkson were each competing in their first season of varsity wrestling competition and they both finished strong – even in loss against the state's best.

The state meet is just that good

SEE STATE MEET, 12

New Hampton boys snap skid with road win, fall to NEIC foe

Big third quarter lifts Chickasaws past Central Springs, but can't replicate feat against Comets

BY BOB FENSKE
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Ryan Rausch wasn't exactly happy when he entered the locker room in Manly at half-time Thursday night.

To be blunt, the New Hampton boys basketball coach was pretty teed off.

"I just felt like we were playing well enough offensively that there was no way we should be trailing," Rausch said. "I told our guys, '39 is unacceptable. They're not Decorah.' It was one of those play-defense-or-sit-on-the-bench kind of talks."

The talk resonated well – very well – as New Hampton, down 39-35 at the break, put the clamps on Central Springs in the second half, especially in the third quarter, to pick up a 64-59 non-conference victory that snapped the Chickasaws' six-game losing streak.

The following night, though, was more of the same for a New Hampton team that fell to 2-16 overall and 1-8 in the Northeast Iowa Conference with a 73-47 road loss in Charles City.

Let's, however, focus on the positive – a much-needed victory.

Central Springs jumped out to a 20-13 first quarter lead and then scored 19 more points in the second frame to take that four-point lead into the locker room. Then came the "talk," which was followed by the "action."

Central Springs did not score on its first seven possessions and nine of its first 10 possessions of the third quarter, and New Hampton's offense clicked into high gear as it outscored Central Springs 23-6 to take a commanding 58-45 lead into the final period.

"We told them that we're going out there and we're going to get stop after stop after stop," Rausch said, "and they responded. No offense to Central Springs, but 39 in a half? That was ridiculous, absolutely ridiculous. I'm proud of the way our kids bought in on defense. We had a good offensive game, no doubt, but we

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Jordan Thronkson (left) eyes the basket before going up for a layup while teammate Megan Pickard (above) drives past a Charles City defender during the Chickasaws' win over the Comets Friday night.

Chickasaw girls come together for NEIC win

Down 22-11, New Hampton roars back to pick up road victory in Charles City and snap four-game losing streak

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New Hampton had reason to be a little on edge after the first 8 minutes and 20 seconds of Friday night's game against Charles City.

After the Comets' Maggie Boss hit her fourth 3-pointer of

the game, the Chickasaws were starting at a 22-11 deficit. Was a four-game losing streak going to be extended to five?

"I'm not going to lie, we were a little nervous," freshman Ava Leichtman said, "but then we got back to playing our game, playing as a team and everything kind of took care of itself."

Did it ever as the Chickasaws, sparked by a trio of 3-pointers from Leichtman, closed the half with a 23-5 run to take a 34-27 halftime lead on their way to a 70-56 victory against their Northeast Iowa Conference rivals.

"I'm proud of our girls for hanging in there," New

Hampton coach David Leichtman said after his team improved to 6-14 overall and 3-6 in NEIC play a night after suffering a tough 55-45 non-conference loss to Central Springs. "We took a pretty good gut punch from Charles City,

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New Hampton senior Carter Newbrough, who finished with a career-high 11 points, drives to the basket in the Chickasaws' game at Charles City.

Trojan boys heat up as postseason nears

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Pizzazz with a brash drive to the hoop – or even style points being put up off the glass.

That's not the Turkey Valley boys basketball squad.

"They remind me of a bunch of dogs – they're just dogs out there," said TV boys hoop coach John Izer. "There is nothing flashy, but they'll grind with you. They'll play hard. I'm old school, I like the gritty."

That blue-collar mentality may be just what it will take to pull out victories when

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Russell Nieman puts up a shot in Turkey Valley's game against Postville.

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It's all about the individuals as NH/TV heads to 2A district meet

Chickasaws' road to state meet goes through Manchester

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's focus for much of the season has been on its team, but Saturday, the Chickasaws will "flip the switch" when it heads to Manchester's West Delaware High School for the Class 2A district tournament.

"We have to switch our focus," NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said. "Now, it's really individualized and our job is to make sure everyone's ready to go for the final push. ... The goal, obviously is to get as many guys to state as we can."

For much of January, the Chickasaws were battling not

only their opponents but also the folks who rank dual teams in an effort to prove they belonged in the regional duals. That goal was achieved and NH/TV last week acquitted itself quite well as the 21st-ranked Chickasaws upset No. 10 Hampton-Dumont-CAL in the first round and gave No. 7 Algona a run for its money in the finals before bowing out with a closer-than-final-score-indicated 43-24 loss.

"I think making regional duals was really good for us," Paulus said. "Last year, when we didn't make it, that was a long two weeks. That's a toll

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3 tips for first-time home buyers

Real estate has garnered considerable attention since 2020, and for good reason. Though speculators and real estate professionals may point to a number of variables that have affected the market for homes in recent years, the pandemic certainly was among those factors. Real estate prices and mortgage interest rates increased significantly during the pandemic and have remained well above pre-pandemic levels ever since.

The spike in home prices and interest rates has had a significant impact on young home buyers, some of whom feel as though their dream of home ownership may never be realized. And data from the National Association of Realtors indicates the median age of home buyers is now significantly higher than it was two decades ago. In 2023, the median age of buyers was 49, which marked an increase of 10 years compared to the average buyer age 20 years ago.

First-time home buyers may face a more challenging real estate market than they would have encountered just a half decade ago. The following three tips can help such buyers successfully navigate the market as they look to purchase their first home.

1. Expect to move quickly. Inventory remains very low, which means buyers are in heated competition for the few homes that are on the market. In late

2023, NAR data indicated the rate of home sales were the lowest they had been in 13 years, so buyers will likely need to move quickly and make an offer if they see a home they like, as chances are the property won't be on the market too long before it's sold. In fact, the NAR noted that homes spent an average of just 23 days on the market in October 2023.

2. Apply for mortgage preapproval. The competitive nature of the market for buyers means it's in their best interests to arrange financing prior to beginning their home search. A mortgage preapproval can be a competitive advantage, as it indicates to sellers that buyers won't be denied a mortgage or lack financing after making an offer. The financial experts at NerdWallet note that buyers will be asked to provide details about their employment, income, debt, and financial accounts when applying for mortgage preapproval. Gather this information and clear up any issues, such as credit disputes or delinquent accounts, prior to applying for preapproval.

3. Set a realistic budget and expect to offer over asking price. A financial planner and/or real estate professional can help first-time buyers determine how much they should be spending on a home. In the current market, buyers should know that they



will likely need to pay more than asking price for a home. For example, the NAR reports that 28 percent of homes sold for above list price in October 2023. With that in mind, first-time

buyers may do well to look for homes that are under budget in anticipation of offering more than list price after seeing a property.

The real estate market remains

competitive for buyers. First-time buyers can utilize three strategies to increase their chances of realizing their dream of home ownership.

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The basics of home inspections

The process of buying a home involves a number of variables that present at various times throughout buyers' search for a home. For instance, real estate professionals typically advise buyers to receive a mortgage preapproval prior to beginning their search for a new home. Once such preliminary measures have been taken care of, buyers can then search for a home and ultimately make an offer.

One of the more critical steps buyers can take when making an offer is insisting that the offer is contingent upon a home inspection. Home inspections offer a measure of protection that can save buyers from investing in properties that may look nice to the naked eye, but feature a host of costly problems beneath the surface. Individuals new to home buying may not know what to expect of the inspection process. In such instances, the following rundown can shed light on home inspections.

Recognize inspection may be mandatory. Though it's not always the case, home inspections may be required by mortgage lenders. Lenders want to ensure borrowers can repay their loans, which might prove difficult if a home is in need of considerable repairs. That's why home inspections tend to be mandated by lenders, even if they're paid for by buyers. Estimates from HomeAdvisor indicate home inspections cost between \$279 and \$400 on average, but that cost is well worth the peace of mind of knowing

you won't unknowingly be buying a money pit.

- You choose your own inspector. Buyers will choose their own home inspector, so it can pay dividends to start asking people you trust for recommendations even before you begin searching for a new home. Realtors also may recommend inspectors they've worked with in the past. The International Association of Certified Home Inspectors® (nachi.org) also can help buyers find a home inspector.

- You can, and should, attend a home inspection. It's wise for buyers to attend a home inspection. Doing so allows them to see potential issues firsthand. Some seasoned home inspectors even prefer clients to attend an inspection so they can point out issues as they go through the house and answer questions directly rather than later on over the phone or via text or email. Though inspectors typically will answer questions off-site, it's easier for both buyer and inspector to discuss issues in person on the day of the inspection. And for buyers, this can be a great way to become more informed about the home inspection process.

- Expect to spend a good deal of time at the inspection, and not necessarily with the sellers present. The National Association of Realtors indicates inspections can take as long as three hours, so this won't be an in-and-out excursion. Buyers don't want to rush the process, so block



out ample time on your schedule to attend the inspection. In addition, sellers typically are not home during an inspection, though it can happen. Buyers who don't want sellers present can request that they are not on the

premises while the inspection takes place. There may not be anything to compel sellers to be off-site, but it can't hurt to ask.

Home inspections are a vital component of the home buying process. It's imperative that buyers take inspections seriously so they can feel confident they are not investing in a flawed property.

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What to know about mortgage preapproval

Shopping for and ultimately purchasing a home can feel like a day at an amusement park. Much like a ride on a roller coaster, buying a home can be both exciting and a little scary, and those peaks and valleys have been even more profound in recent years, when the real estate market has been as tough as ever to navigate due to low inventory and high prices.

Though the real estate market has changed significantly in recent years, some conventional home buying wisdom still holds true. The importance of mortgage preapproval is one such notion, and it's even likely that being preapproved for a mortgage before making an offer on a home is more significant now than it was as recently as half a decade ago.

What is mortgage preapproval?

Mortgage preapproval essentially confirms to sellers and sellers' agents that a given buyer has qualified for a mortgage they can use to purchase a property. In a competitive real estate market like the current one, mortgage preapproval can set buyers apart from the competition, increasing the likelihood that their offers will be accepted over ones submitted by buyers who have not been preapproved.

What is prequalification?

Some buyers may hear the term "prequalification" and assume it's the same thing as preapproval. However, the lending experts at LendingTree report there is a notable distinction between the two terms. Prequalification is less formal and based on a casual conversation with a lender that may or may not involve details about a buyer's credit history, income, monthly expenditures, and other pertinent financial information. Preapproval is a formal examination of a buyer's finances and financial history that is conducted after documentation such as W-2s and bank statements are provided. A lender also will conduct a credit inquiry through three major credit bureaus during the preapproval process.

How do I get mortgage preapproval?

Mortgage preapproval is a simple process and it's a service offered by most mortgage lenders. A simple phone call or email to a lender can get the process started, and it does not take long for a lender to decide if an applicant qualifies for preapproval. However, insufficient documentation or misleading information can slow down the preapproval process (and potentially cause a lender to deny an application), so prospective home buyers are encouraged to provide ample and honest documentation of their finances.

Does mortgage preapproval expire?

It can take buyers a long time to buy a home in a competitive market with low inventory. So it's important that prospective buyers recognize mortgage preapproval has a shelf life of around 60 to 90 days. The preapproval letter a lender provides will indicate an expiration date for the preapproval. If that date comes and

goes without buyers purchasing a home, they will have to reapply for preapproval.

Must I borrow from the lender who preapproved me?

Buyers also should know that a mortgage preapproval does not bind them to the lender who preapproved them. Buyers can still shop around for a mortgage once they make an offer on a home.

Mortgage preapproval is a vital part of the home buying process and can be especially useful in a competitive real estate market.



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