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Board rejects remodeling bids

Confusion leads to supervisors asking construction manager to return Dec. 18

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors will have to wait three more weeks to learn how much it will cost to remodel the Chickasaw County EMS' ambulance station so that it will have living quarters for its paramedics, EMTs and drivers.

That's because the board unani-

mously voted Monday to reject all the bids it received for the project; in fact, the supervisors didn't even open the bids it received.

The reason? Board members want to make sure that bidders weren't confused by the process — one in which the supervisors thought they would be receiving general contractor bids yet only received just one of those bids while receiving two "sub" bids for car-

penry work.

Board members said they believed that Design Connections' Aaron Thompson would be serving as the "construction manager" of the project, but Thompson's Rochester, Minnesota-based company submitted a general contractor bid.

"My intention was to act as a construction manager," Thompson said, "but I wanted to make sure I provided

a number from that standpoint.

I do understand wanting to make sure that everything is taken care of so that nothing comes back to the county as unfair or anything."

Supervisors held a special meeting last Wednesday on the matter, and on Monday, they again hashed over ways to come with grips with what has

becoming a confusing odyssey.

After a lengthy discussion — one that included making several changes

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Principal pumped for new apprentice welding program

School Board approves program; Manson says school hoping to establish similar ones

By BOB FENSKE
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The long-held dream of New Hampton High School Principal Matt Manson has become a reality.

That's because the School Board last week approved his plan to offer a registered apprenticeship in combination welding, and Manson's hope is that this is just the beginning.

"It's important to serve all of our students," Manson said, "and not every student that walks through these halls wants to — or needs to — go to college. It's doesn't mean that it's not important, but apprenticeships certainly should be an option."

Under the plan approved by the School Board during its Nov. 20 meeting, students who are interested in the combined welding apprenticeship will take welding courses before moving on to more advanced courses. Then, they will over to spending partial days at Afinitas, formerly known as New Hampton Metal Fab.

"Basically, we are running the program, and Afinitas is serving as the work experience provider," Manson said. "We're incredibly grateful for their partnership, and honestly, we're hoping there will be more interest from other businesses as we get this going."

Manson said he hopes to have at least one student at Afinitas by the start of the second semester.

He said Iowa Works provided valuable assistance in writing the program.

"They're the ones who basically looked at it and said, 'You can do this,'" Manson said. "It's going to be a valuable experience for all of our students."

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

The overnight snowfall means that numerous New Hampton residents, including this one clearing a sidewalk near the intersection of Water Avenue and Hamilton Street, had some extra chores to complete on Sunday morning.

WE GET A LITTLE TASTE OF WINTER

NEW HAMPTON AREA GETS MORE THAN A DUSTING AS AREA RECORDS FIRST MEASURABLE SNOWFALL OF THE SEASON

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This was certainly more than a "dusting," then again, it is late in November, right?

And if it's any consolation, we had less

snow to remove than say the folks who live in Manhattan, Kansas, where more than 6 inches of snow fell — much of it during a highly entertaining football game between Iowa State and Kansas State.

Still, for those of us who listened to the fore-

cast during the day on Saturday — the one that called for a "dusting" of snow — we were in for a rude awakening when we looked outside Sunday morning as New Hampton received 2

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Salvation Army unit makes the call for more bell ringers

Annual Red Kettle Campaign off to a great start, but director says that she needs to fill gaps in the December schedule

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army needs you.

As Kris Markham, who directs the unit put it, there's a lot of "white space" on her Red Kettle Campaign calendar in December.

"Really, there's no other way to put it than this: If we don't have bell ringers, we don't make any money," Markham said, "and if we don't make any money, then we can't help the people who need it the most."

So Markham is making a plea to area residents, businesses and organizations to answer the call and ring the bell for the annual campaign that — if there are enough bell ringers — runs from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day in the entryway at Fareway in

Want to ring the bell?

Those who want to "donate" an hour or two of their time to volunteer to ring the bell for the Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army can call Kris Markham at 641-229-0113.

New Hampton.

She said this year's campaign, which began on Nov. 15, is off to a good start, but at the same time, she's worried about all that white space on her calendar.

"I tell people it's a great way to get out and see people you haven't seen in four, five or six months," she said, "and it's for a great cause, too. Once people do it, they find out it's really a

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Eight-year-old Ryan Edson rings not one but two bells as he mans the Salvation Army's red kettle with his mom, Bridget, on the night before Thanksgiving.

School Board keeps gyms closed on Sunday mornings

Ministerial Association asked for three 'exceptions'

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton Community Schools will keep its gyms closed to youth activities on Sunday mornings despite efforts by the New Hampton Ministerial Association to overturn a decision the association had lobbied the School Board to make in the mid-2010s.

At that time, the ministers asked board members to not allow youth activities to be held in the schools until at least 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Last week, Superintendent

Jay Jurens told the current School Board that he had received a request from the association for "three exceptions to be made so that youth activities can happen on Sunday morning at least three times."

Jurens was lukewarm to the request, pointing out that since word had gotten out about the request, he had received two requests for Sunday morning activities "if this passes and this doesn't count the activity that promoted the request."

During an interview before

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Carnegie set for Santa Saturday

It's one of the favorite days for the folks who volunteer at the Carnegie Cultural Center, and it happens this Saturday — or to be more precise, "Santa Saturday."

Santa will be on hand at the New Hampton museum from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to talk with kids and give their parents a Christmas "photo op."

In addition, children will have a chance to complete a Christmas-themed craft during the event.

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New Hampton's McCumber, Turkey Valley's Schmitt are second-team selections

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Rivalry win

Turkey Valley knocks off New Hampton in boys hoop opener

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A good, albeit frigid, night to check out the lights!

A horse-drawn wagon makes its way onto Mikkelson Park's Ring Road on Friday evening, when the Little Light of Mine commenced its 2023 holiday display of lights. This is Little Light's biggest display in the seven years that the committee has led efforts to light up the park as there are more than 160 displays put up by the committee and area businesses, organizations and families. The park will be lit up through New Year's Eve, including on Dec. 9, when the committee will welcome Santa Claus to the band shell. On that same evening, a fireworks show will be held.

Iowa Dairy Center will hold 'drive-through Santa' on Dec. 8

Santa will be coming to town — or to the farm — as a "drive-through Santa" on the farm event will be held at Iowa's Dairy Center on Friday evening, Dec. 8 from 5-7 p.m.

Iowa's Dairy Center is located at 1527 Hwy. 150, Calmar.

Visitors will be able to meet Santa from their vehicles. The drive-through event will take visitors right through the farm's freestall barn to see a close-up view of the milking cows.

Pre-packaged cookies and milk will be served right to your vehicle and visitors will also receive a fun holiday goody bag which includes dairy educational activities.

This family-friendly event is free to the public and donations are appreciated. The event will be weather permitting. For up-to-date information or questions, visit the Northeast Iowa Dairy & Agriculture Foundation's Facebook page or email info@iowadairycenter.com.

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With the Christmas decorations up and the snow on the ground, New Hampton’s Main Street definitely has a winter look on Sunday morning.

Snow won’t be sticking around all that long ... at least for now

WEATHER: FROM 1

inches of the white stuff.

That meant we had to break out the shovels and the snow-blowers as those who live in and around Chickasaw County

received their first measurable snowfall of the season.

The good news is this: It won’t stick around long.

That’s because after the first real “cold snap” of the season — high temperatures stayed below

freezing from Friday through Tuesday and the overnight low on Monday dipped below zero — forecasters say high temperatures through the rest of the week and the start of next week will be above freezing; in

fact, there’s a chance of rain Saturday and Sunday.

Still, this past week’s frigid temperatures and the snowfall that started Saturday evening reminded us that winter is most definitely knocking.

Salvation Army looking for bell ringers of all ages

SALVATION ARMY: FROM 1

nice, enjoyable experience. It’s a great way to get out of the house, I’ll tell them.”

And it also can be a wonderful family experience.

Take the day before Thanksgiving, for example, when the New Hampton Rotary Club filled the bell-ringing duties throughout the day. Taking the 5 to 6 p.m. shift was Bridget Edson, or maybe to be more precise, Ryan Edson, her 8-year-old son who is a second-grader at St. Joseph Community School.

"Let me tell you," his mother said, "he was working it."

Boy was he ever, for young Ryan was a two-fisted bell-ringer.

"He loved it and wants to go back again," Bridget Edson said. "I want my kids to be

service minded so this is one of the only things little kids can do."

That story was the proverbial music to Markham’s ears.

"At the end of the year, I’m always amazed at how many different kinds of people ring the bell," she said. "Young and old and everything in between, and most of them find it a very rewarding experience."

The campaign also includes a day of bell-ringing in Fredericksburg, where the local Lions Club mans the kettle, as well as the mini-kettles that are placed at Casey’s in New Hampton and Fredericksburg, as well as Klunder’s Kafe in New Hampton.

The money raised goes to a variety of causes — from food for families to clothing for children to helping those who can’t pay their power or heat bills. This past year, the Salvation Army unit was able to

present checks to schools that serve county residents to help families who were behind on their lunch accounts, and the unit also made a \$1,500 donation to the Chickasaw Pride Pantry that is available 24/7 in the front entrance at New Hampton High School.

"We’re very appreciative of Fareway for letting us have the kettle there," Markham said. "We’re grateful for those who give so freely, and like I said, we’re grateful for those people who are willing to step up and ring the bell because without them, we wouldn’t be able to help the people who need it the most."

She paused for a moment and made one final plea.

"The more, the merrier," she said. "You hear that a lot at this time of the year, and it’s our motto for bell ringers, too."

German American Museum in St. Lucas to host ‘Christmas Reflections’ Dec. 9-10

The traditional Christmas Reflections Open House will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the German American Museum, Library and Family History Center in St. Lucas.

The Christmas Reflections meal will be served both days in the attractive and expansive Museum dining room decorated for the Christmas holiday season.

This year the abundant meal consists of three all-time favorites: chicken dumpling (spätzle) soup, harvest squash with sausage and rice, and hearty chili soup. The meal is topped off with delicious Black Forest ham sandwiches. The meal includes a wide variety of desserts: traditional Christmas cookies with hot apple cider, bottled water, coffee and an adult refreshment. Suggested meal donation is \$15.00.

This Christmas Reflections event is partially supported by the Reicks View Farms and the Melissa Lea Reicks

Foundation of Lawler, and by 1891 Financial Life, formerly the National Catholic Society of Foresters, St. Lucia Court # 233, St. Lucas. This Christmas Reflections event is to help raise funds for the rehabilitation of the museum roof and the upgrading of its electrical system.

Volunteers are urging residents to see what’s new at the German American Museum.

They can check out the extensive Hummel artifact

collection, the 1860s German antique baby grand piano, the stunning 100 year old beaded Native American handbag, the many Christmas displays in the attic, and the new display cases populated with family exhibits, Czech and Native American artifacts.

A traditional St. Nicholas will be greeting the children in the chapel auditorium.

St. Nicholas wants to share a holiday goodies gift bag with each child who ventures in the

auditorium to watch classic Christmas movies.

School Board passes on opening district’s gyms on Sunday mornings

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the Nov. 20 School Board meeting, Jurrens said he was uncomfortable with the request.

"I’m not sure we want to get into being the ‘deciders’ on this," he said. "Do you take the first three requests? Do you sift through them and decide? It’s a can of worms, and honestly, my recommendation is either leave it the same or open it up to everyone and have the parents

make the final decision if they want their kids to go to a youth activity or church."

The board was firmly behind the former.

Board member Nate Schwickerath said he felt the current policy was fine and made the motion to keep the policy that didn’t allow access to the gyms until 1 p.m. on Sundays. The rest of the board agreed, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Christ's birth and the
return of Christ at the
second coming.

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dlelight, reflection, and
expectation.

We celebrate during
our worship services
with the Advent wreath,
the unbroken circle of
greens, representing the
image of everlasting life.
We use the wreath as a
sign that Christ leads us
to the light of everlasting
life.

As I was looking for
hymns to use during the
Advent season, I noticed
the words of "Comfort,
Comfort Now My People"
got me started reminis-
cing.

My memories of my
folks and siblings, along
with all the fighting and
war happening in the
world, had me wonder-
ing whether I was one of
those "sitting in darkness
and mourning under sor-
row's load." Most days I
feel content, happy, and
satisfied but there are
days when the sorrow
does feel heavy.

I carry the people I
love and miss around

with me ... in my heart
and in my mind ... as
part of me.

Realizing these folks
are part of me as I go
about my daily tasks,
keeps their spirit alive.

Revisiting my trea-
sured memories reveals
the love within the loss.

I have the peace and
comfort of knowing God
is always with me as I
pray and give my con-
cerns to God.

Even when my heart
aches, the indwelling
Spirit of Christ reassures
me I am beloved and all
will be well.



Pastor Sue Cira serves
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Church in Alta Vista.

As we walk through
this Season of Advent,
may comfort come to
you.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

A day to be thankful at Trinity

It was another banner Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church this past Friday as scores of residents turned out for the turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn and green-bean casserole ... and yes, the fellowship that has become a hallmark of the holiday at the church on South Water Avenue.



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Sundays.

WAUCOMA

ST. MARY CATHOLIC

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Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 8:30
a.m.

ST. LUCAS

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC

215 East Main
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, Dec. 10,
10:30 a.m.

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HOLY TRINITY

124 N. Main St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, Dec. 10,
8:30 a.m.

LITTLE TURKEY

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3303 160th St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 10:30
a.m.

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Rev. Peter Wenzel
Service time: 10 a.m.,
Sundays.

Can you make charitable giving less ‘taxing’?

Once again, it’s the season of generosity. In addition to considering gifts for your loved ones, you might want to think about charitable gifts as well. But what should you know before making gifts to charities? And what impact might these gifts have on your financial and tax situation?

First, you may want to create a gift budget by deciding just how much you will give to charitable organizations over the rest of the year.

Next, look closely at the groups to whom you wish to contribute. You can find many reputable charities, but some others may be less worthy of your support. One of the red flags of a questionable organization is the amount of money it spends on administrative costs versus the amount that goes to its stated purpose. You can check on the spending patterns of charitable groups, and find other valuable information about them, on the well-regarded Charity Navigator website (charitynavigator.org).

Once you’ve established a gift budget and are comfortable with the groups you choose to support, you might turn your thoughts to another key issue connected with charitable giving: tax benefits. A few years ago, changes in the tax laws resulted in a large increase in the standard deduction, which meant that many taxpayers found it more favorable not to itemize — and lost the ability to take charitable deductions. But if you still do itemize, your charitable gifts or contributions to tax-exempt groups — those that qualify as 501(c)(3) organizations — can generally be deducted, up to 60% of your adjusted gross income, although lower limits may apply, depending on the nature of your gift and the organization to which you’re contributing.

Other, more long-term avenues also exist that combine charitable giving with potential tax benefits. One such possibility is a donor-advised fund, which allows you to make an irrevocable charitable contribution and receive an immediate



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tax deduction. You can give cash, but if you donate appreciated assets, such as stocks, your tax deduction would be the fair market value of the assets, up to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Plus, you would not incur the capital gains tax that would otherwise be due upon the sale of these assets. Once you establish a donor-advised fund, you have the flexibility to make charitable gifts over time, and you can contribute to the fund as often as you like.

Another possible tax benefit from making charitable contributions could arrive when you start taking required minimum distributions, or RMDs, from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and 401(k). These RMDs could be sizable — and distributions are counted as taxable income. But by taking what’s called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), you can move money from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charitable organization, possibly satisfying your RMD, which then may be excluded from your taxable income. You must start taking RMDs at 73 but you can begin making QCDs of up to \$100,000 per year as early as age 70½. (This amount will be indexed for inflation after 2023.)

Establishing a donor-advised fund and making qualified charitable distributions are significant moves, so you’ll need to consult with your tax advisor first. But if they’re appropriate for your situation, they may help you expand your ability to support the charitable groups whose work you admire.

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Design Connections President Aaron Thompson (left) works to clear up the confusion that has come with the bidding process for the remodeling of county-owned ambulance service’s building so that it will have living quarters.

Supervisors will get EMS building remodeling cost on Dec. 18

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

to the drawings that Design Connections provided to bidders — supervisors decided to not open the bids. Instead, they asked Thompson to reach out to the sub-contractors to see if their bids would substantially change because of the changes and return on Dec. 18 with the bids.

“I don’t think it was advertised enough, at least that’s how I see it,” Supervisor Travis Suckow said. “I’d rather not open these, because once the numbers are out, that’s unfair, too.”

Supervisor Scott Cerwinski agreed. “There’s been enough confusion that I think we just have to make sure we have it right before we move forward,” he said.

Board members also want Design Connections to “bond” the project, something that wasn’t included in the bidding

documents. Supervisors also told Thompson that they would like him to seek another bid for the electrical work. Other parts of the project, Thompson said, all had multiple bidders.

“The miscommunication came from the fact that I was looking to get all the subcontract bids,” Thompson said, “so that ultimately I could present a construction manager cost today.”

Supervisors purchased the ambulance station that is located near the intersection of Prospect Street and Water Avenue in New Hampton earlier this year for \$350,000.

Although Chickasaw County EMS’ ambulances have been parked at the building since Aug. 1, the service is still renting living quarters for its main crew, most of whom work 24-hour shifts.

During Monday’s meeting, Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson urged

the board to move forward with employing Design Connections as the construction manager on the project and not seek more general contractor bids.

“I guess I keep coming back to where I don’t know where it becomes advantageous for us to have a general,” he said. “That’s just going to charge us a percentage and in essence do the same thing he’s doing for a lesser price.”

“That’s my thought,” Supervisor Steve Breitbach said, and board members agreed.

Just how the county is going to pay for the remodeling, though, remained up in the air.

The plan had been to use the county’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay for the project, but earlier this year, board members voted 3-2 to give \$600,000 of ARPA funds to the county’s Secondary

Roads for a to-be-determined future road project. The county has about \$67,000 remaining in ARPA funds that have yet to be committed, but none of the supervisors or Knutson believe that amount of money will cover the entirety of the project.

Those sub-contractors who did bid on the project or those who would like to bid on the project are asked to reach out to Design Connections by calling Thompson at 507-286-7869 or by emailing him at aaron@thedesigconnection.net.

Thompson told supervisors he would reach out to those who provided him sub-contractor bids and that he wants any new sub-contractor bids to be in his office no later than Dec. 13 so that he has time to go over them before the Dec. 18 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Bassett mayor expresses frustration with supervisors

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

It turned out Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley had plenty on his mind during the open comment period of Monday’s Board of Supervisors meeting.

From where the county attorney’s office is to the possible move of Public Health and Homecare Services to the county-owned ambulance service to the fact that one supervisor is running for the Five Star Cooperative Board of Directors, Ashley spent more than five minutes bending the ears of board members.

And during his rant, he hinted that he’d like to see the supervisors investigated by state officials.

“If you don’t do something about that subsidy, after the first of the year, I think [New Hampton Mayor-Elect] Steve Geerts and I can get together,” Ashley said, “and we’ll proba-

bly get Rob Sand up here and the attorney general to see how much stuff is going on that you’re covering up because that subsidy is way out of line. You don’t need more than \$750,000 in that reserve; you really don’t need \$250,000.”

Geerts said Tuesday night that he has not talked with Ashley and that the first he heard about Ashley’s comments was when one of the supervisors called him after the meeting.

The 28E agreements that each of the six cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — signed with the county stated that after the first year of operation, if the county had \$750,000 or more in its ambulance fund, the Board of Supervisors would “waive” the quarterly payments that cities make to the county.

But it wasn’t just the ambulance that had Ashley irate.

He told supervisors that the

“county attorney can’t go south of town,” a reference to the Heritage Center that is located outside of New Hampton’s city limits. Under state law, a county attorney’s office must be within the city limits of the county seat.

However, county leaders have not talked about moving the attorney’s office to the Heritage.

During the Nov. 20 Board of Supervisors meeting, Jake Hackman did state that if Public Health moved to the old county home, one possibility would be to move the county attorney’s office to the Community Services Building that currently houses Public Health and is located just a couple of blocks from New Hampton’s downtown.

Ashley also took the supervisors to task for even considering moving Public Health, saying “leave the public nurses where they’re at; you’re going to lose the whole damn department.”

And finally, the Bassett mayor took Supervisor Steve Breitbach to task for not mentioning that he served on the board while running for the Five Star Cooperative Board of Directors.

“I didn’t think it was relevant,” Bretibach said after the meeting, “and for him to suggest I’m ashamed of being on the board, well, that’s just not true and I’m not even going to dignify that with a response.”



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HOUSEHOLD: Loveseat, table with 6 chairs, table with 2 chairs, dresser, TV stand, end table, sofa table, coffee table, desk, book shelf, console stereo, hall tree, newer GE refrigerator, Kenmore washer, Maytag electric dryer, 2 microwaves, CD racks, exercise bike, brand new Frigidaire window air conditioner, Compaq Presario laptop, Dell laptop, Hp laptop, Hp printer/Scanner, Coby portable DVD player, VCR's, DVD players, lots of new household items, brand new sewing machines, pots and pans, dishes, small kitchen appliances, quilts, pool sticks, Cast Iron skillet, lots of VHS movies, eagle statues, lots of John Deere cow figurines, lots of Moo Moo cow figurines, pictures, 2 40" flat screen TV's, games.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: 2 old dressers, old rocker, old cedar chest, antique end table, antique desk, old night stand, old jars, old comics, post cards, jewelry, pocket watches, knives, antique calculator, old view master with lots of slides, Legos, salt and pepper shakers, Hawkeye Ertal Banks, lots of M&M's items, old meat grinder, old Tinker Toys, some Parkersburg advertising pieces, Zippo lighters, Nashua advertising salt and pepper shakers, metal toys and few coins.

OUTDOOR AND GARAGE ITEMS: Lots of fishing poles, 3 tackle boxes full, lots of garden utensils, 2 gas weed eaters, pull behind seeder, 10 cu ft steel trailer to pull behind lawn tractor, Craftsman 15.5 Hp OHV 42" Hydro lawn tractor, lots of wooden ladders, saw horses, lots of tools Snapon, Craftsman, Mactools and misc., lots of cordless tools with batteries and chargers, Campbell Hausfeld wire welder, torch cart with torch just missing tanks, creeper, battery charger, lots of camping supplies, crocheted game, horse shoes, and other outdoor games, tents, air mattress queen/double, tripod, Rocket Air Compressor 15 gallon 3/4 hp.

GUNS AND AMMO: Hawthorne model 1880 22 long rifle, Mauser GEHA 12 ga shot gun, Daisy No25 BB gun, Cobra Powerline 856 BB/Pellet gun, Daisy 2003 35 Shot repeater, Crosman 357 pelgun airgun, Crosman pelgun single action 6 .22 cal gas powered single action revolver, Winchester duck and pheasant shot gun shell 2 ¾ 16ga, Holiday duck and pheasant 2 ¾ 16ga, 12 ga shells, 22 long rifle shells.

CAR: 1995 Buick Regal GrandSport 3800 motor 98,685 original miles. Very clean car.

AUCTIONEER NOTE: This is only partial listing too much to list. Not responsible for accidents or theft. Food stand on-site. Viewing is Thursday, November 30th from 3pm to 6:30pm. Guns will be sold at 7pm Friday and Matt Ross will be doing the paperwork for guns. **TERMS:** Cash or good check nothing will be removed until settled.

PRESCOTT AUCTION SERVICE

Col. David Prescott 641-220-4364

Grants available to nonprofits in county

Grant applications can now be submitted to the Chickasaw County Community Foundation (CCCF) for the 2024 grant cycle, with a submission deadline on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Grants are awarded to projects within the program areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services.

The 2024 online grant application can be found on the CCCF’s website at chickasawccf.org. Technical support will be available to applicants until Monday, Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. Grant recipients will then be announced in March.

The CCCF, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA), is also seeking new volunteers to serve on its impact committee beginning in April 2024.

The impact committee position description and volunteer interest form can be found at www.cfneia.org/volunteer.

Questions about volunteering may be directed to Shanda Hansen by emailin her at shansen@cfneia.org or calling 319-243-1357.



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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 36 and low of 18.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 34 and a low of 13.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow late; high 36, low 28.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with chance of rain or snow; high 38, low 25.

Extended forecast: We'll have a calm start to the week with partly cloudy skies and highs in the mid-30s and lows dropping into the mid-20s.

Meetings
MONDAY
• Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
• New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
History
• In 1876, Yale defeats Princeton, 2-0, in Hoboken, New Jersey, in the first collegiate football game played on Thanksgiving.
• In 1939, the Soviet Union invades Finland, starting what becomes known as the "Winter War."
• In 1950, during a news conference, President Harry S. Truman will not rule out using atomic weapons during the Korean War.
• In 1993, during a White House ceremony attended by James S. Brady, who was severely wounded in an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan, President Bill Clinton signs the Brady handgun-control bill into law.
• In 2004, after winning 74 straight games and more than \$2.5 million — a record for U.S. game shows — "Jeopardy!" contestant Ken Jennings finally is knocked off.

Birthdays
• The great American novelist Mark Twain was born in 1834.
• Winston Churchill, Great Britain's prime minister during World War II, was born in 1874.
• American television personality Dick Clark was born in 1929.
• Kaley Cuoco, who starred on TV's "The Big Bang Theory," turns 38.
• Bo Jackson, who starred in the MLB and the NFL, turns 61.
• Billy Idol, the 1980s rock star, turns 68.
• British film director Ridley Scott turns 86.
• Famed film director Woody Allen turns 88.

Corrections
• The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.
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Andrea Kae Burgart, 37

Andrea Kae Burgart, age 37 of New Hampton, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment followed at the Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass on Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers or plants, Andrea shared her wishes for balloon bouquets — symbolic for her girls and all of us that they will carry her to her heavenly home — or for donations to Cedar Valley Hospice, a place where Andrea was passionate about the work she did for a non-profit organization that serves our community.

Legends say that hummingbirds float free of time, carrying our hopes for love, joy and celebration. Hummingbirds open our eyes to the wonder of the world and inspire us to open our hearts to loved ones and friends. Like a hummingbird, we aspire to hover and to savor each moment as it passes, embrace all that life has to offer and to celebrate the joy of everyday. The hummingbird's delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning, and that laughter is life's sweetest creation. — Anonymous

Andrea was born to Edward and Sandra Shekleton, eighth child of nine (Linn, Christine, Daniel, Richard, Edward Jr., Jean, Robert and Jason).

She lived life to the fullest, savoring each moment and embracing all that it has to offer. Andrea went skydiving after high school graduation, bungee jumped in South Korea, ran a marathon, parasailed in Clearwater, just to name a few adventures.

She also married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Gerry Burgart on Sept. 21, 2013, had two beautiful daughters, Ruby and Isla, whom she loved and cherished with all her might, filled her parents and siblings' hearts with overflowing love and laughter, and touched the lives of her friends, co-workers, community and so many patients and their families during her a career as a hospice and oncology nurse. She was so very accomplished in her short time here with all



Andrea Burgart

of us. Andrea has left a legacy of compassion, selflessness, and joy with every personal connection she made and is truly an inspiration to all.

Not only did Andrea live with cancer, but her entire family did as well. She believed she didn't win or lose her battle with cancer.

As Andrea put it, she "just tried to embrace the next set of 10 minutes fully, every consecutive 10 minutes at a time" to keep moving forward and celebrate the joy of everyday.

This diagnosis shaped her life into the person God meant for her to be and was reflected in each choice she made in life, what was meaningful to her, and the patients she cared for. She knew God had a chosen path for her, so she always made sure to follow her heart.

Along her journey, Andrea graduated from college with a degree in finance but shortly after decided to pursue a degree in nursing, for which she proudly graduated with honors. She studied so diligently during nursing school that she even developed a stomach ulcer, which she admits could have been from all the coffee and energy drinks she consumed.

For fun during her late-night studying, she made it her personal mission to try every new Oreo flavor and she tried A LOT, but birthday cake always remained her favorite!

Andrea's journey of starting a family began with marrying her best friend and high school sweetheart, Gerry. Together they were blessed with two beautiful, smart and spunky daughters, Ruby and Isla. Andrea cared deeply for her family. During her grief for the loss of future she had expected with them, her biggest concern was first and foremost that they would always be cared for and supported when she was no longer here to do it herself.

During Andrea's career she was passionately driven and highly accomplished as a nurse in oncology at Mayo Clinic and hospice in Cedar Valley-

Waverly. It became a source of therapy for Andrea to work in oncology and care for patients and their families who were also going through their cancer journey.

Her work enabled her to connect with them, as she could relate to their experiences, feelings, and fears. This sense of passion, as well as a desire to work closer to home to be able to spend more time with her growing family, led Andrea to becoming a hospice nurse. She saw first-hand the challenges her patients experienced every day, and she did everything in her power to comfort and care for them.

She also made it her mission to bring a little joy and personal connection into her patients' lives, whether it was coffee and donuts on a weekend visit, truffles for a birthday, pat on a foot before leaving their home, or saying a prayer as she held their hand during the last days or sometimes last breaths.

It was during these vulnerable moments that Andrea realized her career as a hospice nurse was God's calling in her life. She learned every death is a pivotal moment in each person's life and it is just as important as the moment we are born. It should be celebrated.

With delicate grace, Andrea leaves behind her husband, Gerry, for whom she has unending love, devotion, and sometimes silly stubborn squabbles; her daughters Ruby and Isla, for whom she loves fiercely, is infinitely proud, and has eternal hope for life filled with joy, laughter, love, success, and health; and she is relentlessly enveloped with love, support, faith and hope; by her parents, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, mother-in-law and father-in-law (Audra and Stan Burgart), nieces, nephews, big Moose E. (dog with middle name "Extreme"), and many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and co-workers.

She was preceded in death by her paternal and maternal grandparents, paternal uncle and many special patients who have gone before her.

"I know I have a lot of special people waiting for me in heaven and because of this, I am not afraid." — Andrea Burgart

"If I could give you information of my life it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths to do in His service what He has done in her. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all; and I have never refused God anything." — Florence Nightingale

Joy M. Brummond, 68

Joy M. Brummond, age 68 of New Hampton, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. James Goerend officiating.

Interment will be held at the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

Joy Marie Brummond — a loving wife, devoted mother and cherished friend — peacefully passed away on Nov. 26, 2023, in New Hampton.

Born on April 22, 1955, in Waterloo, the daughter of Charles and Belva (Williams) Peyton, Joy was known for her thoughtful, selfless and friendly nature, which touched the lives of many.

Joy received her education at New Hampton Community Schools, where she met the love of her life, Randy Brummond.

Their romance blossomed, and the couple tied the knot on August 10, 1974, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Hampton. Their union was blessed with two children, Todd, born in 1975, and Mandy Jo, whom they adopted in 1986.

Joy's professional journey was characterized by her dedication and talent. She held various jobs in New Hampton, demonstrating her hardworking nature in each role.

However, when her daughter Mandy Jo, who had several health problems, joined the family, Joy's priorities shifted. She decided to stay at home, dedicating her time and energy to taking care of Mandy Jo's needs. Joy was Mandy Jo's primary caregiver until Mandy Jo's passing on Feb. 22, 2000.

In addition to her caregiving role, Joy was self-employed, cleaning homes for many families in the New Hampton area. She was also instrumental in assisting Randy with bookkeeping tasks. Her work ethic and commitment to excellence were evident in everything she did.

Joy's interests extended beyond her professional and caregiving roles. She was an



Joy Brummond

avid flower gardener, taking great pride in the beauty she cultivated. Joy also enjoyed the occasional trip to the casino, where she loved to socialize and enjoy a cocktail. Her zest for travel was undeniable, and she and Randy took several trips to Mexico to enjoy the sun and fun. They also tested their luck on the Las Vegas strip, creating lasting memories along the way.

Above all, Joy's family was the center of her world. Her selfless nature and love for her family were evident in the way she cared for everyone. Joy was a giver, always ready to lend a hand and ensure the well-being of her loved ones.

Joy's life was a testament to her kind and loving spirit. Her thoughtfulness, selflessness, and friendly demeanor were the hallmarks of her character, making her an unforgettable presence in the lives of those she touched. She will be deeply missed, but her legacy will continue to live on through the memories and stories shared by those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Joy is survived by her husband of 49 years, Randy Brummond of New Hampton; son, Todd (Rachel) Brummond of New Hampton; four grandchildren, Kyrsten Brummond, Kylie Brummond, Ethan Dodson and Sadee Dodson; one great-grandchild, Araylia Joy Brummond; and two brothers, Chuck (Patty) Peyton of New Hampton, and Tim Peyton of Sumner.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Mandy Jo Brummond in 2000; two sisters, Sandra Hanson and Vickie Johnson; and brother, Dave Peyton.

James F. Weber, 58

James F. Weber, age 58 of Fountain City, Wisconsin, passed away Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, at Winona Health Services, Winona, Minnesota.

James Frederick was born Oct. 4, 1965, in New Hampton, to Reba (Moorman) and Richard Weber, Sr.

He graduated from New Hampton High School in 1984 and attended Western Technical College, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Since 2005, he was employed at Ashley Furniture, Arcadia, Wisconsin, at the IT service desk.

On Oct. 16, 1999, he married Rebecca Smiley in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and together they raised two sons — Devan and Michael.

He was always interested in the current sport of the "season" — football, basketball, baseball, hockey. He was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings, Iowa Hawkeyes and Colorado Avalanche.

He volunteered with different Cochrane-Fountain City youth organizations, serving on the PYAA board for two years, and could be seen at many high school sporting events being the scoreboard operator.

He is survived by his wife Becki; sons, Devan and Michael; his mother, Reba Weber; a brother, Richard Weber, Jr.; a sister, Mary Weber; two nephews, Nicolaus and Lincoln; mother-in-law, Mary Smiley and other relatives.



James Weber

He was preceded in death by his father Richard Weber, Sr., a sister-in-law Christie Weber, and father-in-law Harvey Smiley.

Funeral prayers will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at Fawcett Junker Funeral Home, Winona with Deacon Ed Wendt officiating.

Interment will be at the Smiley Family Cemetery in Sanostee, New Mexico.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Services entrusted to Fawcett Junker Funeral Home & Crematory, Winona, Minneota.

Online condolences can be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com.

Memorials can be directed to the Susan G. Konen Foundation at www.konen.org.

Craig William Campbell, 96

Craig William Campbell, a kind and handy man, was born on June 1, 1927, in Park Rapids, Minnesota, and passed away peacefully on November 23, 2023, in Charles City.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church, Nashua with the Rev. Todd Burrichter presiding.

Interment with military honors will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Friends may greet the family an hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory/Olson Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

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

Susan Westervelt, 63

Susan Westervelt, age 63 of Rudd and formerly of Nashua, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua with the Rev. Drew McHolm officiating.

Interment will be held in Greenwood Cemetery, Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Margaret Shekleton, 90

Margaret Shekleton, age 90 of New Hampton, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory

in New Hampton.

Online condolences for Margaret's family may be left at the funeral home's website — www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Jane Nelson, 90

Janet Nelson, age 90 of Nashua, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, at the Waverly Hospital.

Services are pending with Hugeback-Johnson

Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Online condolences for the Nelson family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Property Transfers

Dexter Wayne Brahn, Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR, Janice Brahn Trust, Income Only Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST EX E25R E1/2 SW SW 22-95-14 NW SW 22-95-14.

Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR, Janice Brahn Trust and Income Only Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST SW NW 27-95-14.

Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR, Dexter W. Trust and Income Only Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST SW NW 27-95-14.

Dexter Brahn, Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR, Janice Brahn

Trust and Income Only Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST E25R N42R E1/2 SW NW 22-95-14.

Dexter Brahn, Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR, Dexter W. Brahn and Income Only Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST E25R N42R E1/2 SW NW 22-95-14.

Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR, Janice Brahn Trust, Income Only Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST NW NW 27-95-14.

Dexter W. Brahn and Janice Brahn to Lyle Brahn TR, Dexter W. Brahn Trust, Income Only Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST NW NW 27-95-14.

Robert B. Daniel TR to Chad R. Gruenberg and Mary K. Gruenberg; WOODLAND EST ADD L15 08-95-12.

James T. Marik `EST and Michael Heying EX to Adam Roethler and Christy Roethler; L12 NW NW 29-97-13.

Kayla Lechtenberg to Christopher Lechtenberg; NEW HAMPTON NO ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 29 Parcel: 191007251036.

Patricia Tongate to LPT Rentals LLC; NEW HAMPTON SOUTH VIEW ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 4.

Gary T. King and Melody S. King to Bruce Jon Buchheit and Lois Ann Buchheit; N1/2 EX PARCEL A NE 21-97-11.

ISU Extension to host culinary workshop Dec. 8

Master the art of gourmet cooking in our hands-on workshop, where you'll gain the skills you "knead" to impress your family or guests.

Learn the secrets of crafting homemade pasta and creating irresistible cinnamon rolls for a delightful breakfast the next morning. Ideal for busy parents and holiday hosts, this workshop combines convenience with culinary excellence, elevating your meals effortlessly.

Unleash your inner chef, create memorable dishes, and fill your kitchen with homemade goodness.

All will be possible at a workshop that will be held at the Chickasaw County Extension office, 115 N. Broadway Ave., New Hampton from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8.

The cost of the program is \$20 per person and is limited to 20 attendees.

To register, contact the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 641-394-2174 or email xchickasaw@iastate.edu.

News Bits From Our Past Compiled By Terri Josepshon

Week of Nov. 26 1948 (75 years ago)
• The coaches of the Northeast Iowa Conference met at New Hampton to pick the all-conference football team of 1948. Ball of New Hampton was picked for the second team as a back and Willadsen, Gilbert, Scott, O'Holleran and Wentz received honorable mention.

• Charles Theodore Koenigsfeld of Ionia will be the first man from Chickasaw County to be drafted into the army under the new peace time selective service act. He reported for assignment on Nov. 19 in Mason City. No report has been received from Waterloo on the second group who were sent there for their physical examination.

1973 (50 years ago)
• The 1973-74 basketball team hammered out a 71 to 40 defeat of Turkey Valley High in the Tribe gymnasium. And the Big Red made it a sweep of the night's activities by adding a 53 to 27 victory in the sophomore preliminary game. In the varsity scoring department Keith Weigel closed with 18 points, John Gates with 15 and Tom Collins, 14. Valley got 16 out of Joe Klimesh and 15 from Ken

Barloon.
• The Gambles Store at 23 East Main Street, New Hampton, opened under new ownership of Johnny Frerichs. Frerichs comes from Parkersburg and he and his wife, Gladys, plan to move here as soon as housing can be arranged. The have two children and two grandchildren.
1998 (25 years ago)
• Chantal Papousek, Fredericksburg, is completing her reign as Mrs. Chickasaw County International. She was named first runner-up for Iowa and Mrs. Photogenic during the pageant in Ames. She has appeared in the Dairy Day Parade, Water over the Dam Days and Heartland Days, crowning the first Miss Heartland. Chantal has now been named the Mrs. Chickasaw County, 1999, by the Mrs. Iowa America Pageant. She will compete in the Mrs. Iowa Pageant in Sioux City on May 31.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Larry Flattum, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003140 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Larry Flattum, Deceased, who died on or about August 19, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on September 7, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Larry Flattum, deceased, bearing date of February 15, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Dori Siglin was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above 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 November 15, 2023.
Dori Siglin, Executor of Estate 15 Old Farm Rd. Mason City, IA 50401
Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004198 Attorney for Executor Kennedy & Kennedy 12 E. Main St. PO Box 406 New Hampton, IA 50659
Date of second publication 11/30/23

Chantal is the wife of Alan, they have a son Logan, 4 years old, the family resides in Fredericksburg.

2013 (10 years ago)
• It wasn't a typical season opener for the New Hampton girls basketball team. Shooting percentage is notoriously low in the early season, but the Chickasaws shot 48 percent and added an exclamation point with 57 percent from three-point range while winning 58-34 over Nashua-Plainfield.

• Archbishop Michael Jackels understood what the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Church were going through Sunday. Those who have called St. Mary's home were holding Mass in their beloved St. Mary's for the final time.

In the 2000s, St. Mary's became one of two centers in

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Pauline G. Ovel, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Pauline G. Ovel, Deceased, who died on or about October 14, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on November 19, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Pauline G. Ovel, deceased, bearing date of September 20, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Nancy VanWyk was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above 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 November 24, 2023
Nancy VanWyk, Executor of Estate 1868 Prairie Ave. Marshalltown, IA 50158
Christine B. Skilton, ICIS#: AT0007262 Attorney for Executor Cronin, Skilton & Skilton, P.L.L.C.
Cronin, Skilton & Skilton, P.L.L.C., 205 Brasher Street P.O. Box 39 Nashua, IA 50658-0039
Date of second publication 12/7/23

the Holy Family Parish that included St. Joseph Catholic Church. New Hampton can no longer afford to run two separate centers. On Sunday, the men, women and children of St. Mary's came together for one final time.

2018 (5 years ago)
• Six New Hampton High School Dance members spent their Thanksgiving week in New York City and performed with a group of more than 600 girls from around the country in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The members included Katie Steinlage, Kori Jirak, Maddie Hoeck, Jenna Murray, Lauren Smith and Faith Erdman.

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Legal Notice NOTICE OF SALE The contents of Storage Unit #9 Located at: C Storage 803 N. Linn Ave New Hampton, IA 50659 And rented in the name of: Robert Fenske

Will be sold at public auction sale on: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 1:45 PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$350 per unit.

If the tenant of the above storage unit pays rent due before the auction, the sale will be canceled without notice.

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Louis M. Sostak, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003157 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Louis M. Sostak, Deceased, who died on or about on October 2, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on October 17, 2023, the last will and testament of Louis M. Sostak, deceased, bearing date of July 6, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on November 21, 2023.
Lisa M. Schildroth, Proponent 2604 Union Avenue Fredericksburg, Iowa 50630

Attorney for estate: Brian R. McPhail, ICIS#: AT0005344 P.O. Box 360 Osage, IA 50461-0360 Briangmp@osage.net Date of second publication 11/30/23

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Newspaper Claim's Listing CHICKASAW COUNTY AUDITOR 11/10/2023 through 11/24/2023 Vendor Name, Vendor Payment Amount 20/20 FX, DATA PROCESSING SUPPLIES.....\$300.00 ADDICTED 2 STITCHIN, LABOR TO SEW SHERIFF PATCHES (19-19).....\$20.00 AG VANTAGE FS, DIESEL FUEL NASHUA SHOP.....\$1,439.01 AHLERS & COONEY, HUMAN RESOURCES SRVS THRU 10/15.....\$1,800.00 AIRGAS USA, OCT RENT OF OXYGEN CYLINDERS.....\$276.51 ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTILITIES.....\$68.75 AMAZON, SHERIFF UNIFORM.....\$631.86 ANGELL ELECTRIC INC, CH AIR COMPRESSOR INSTALLATION.....\$3,011.87 BEARMAN, BRUCE, ELECTION RUNNER.....\$50.37 BECKER, SHIRLEE, ELECTION WORKER.....\$217.50 BECKER, TODD, ELECTION WORKER.....\$220.12 BERNATZ, JEFF, MEETING/TRAINING MEALS.....\$114.46 BERST, MARLYS, ELECTION WORKER.....\$236.79 BIRMINGHAM, NANCY, ELECTION WORKER.....\$226.31 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, RECYCLE BUILDING NATURAL GAS.....\$2,013.32 BONNIE GAGE, ABSENTEE TEAM.....\$68.81 BURT OSTERT, ELECTION WORKER.....\$247.27 BUTLER CO REC, POWER @ ANCHOR.....\$255.63 BUTLER COUNTY, OLD LANDFILL ELECTIC BILL.....\$58.11 BUTLER-BREMER, SHERIFF INTERNET PHONE SERVICE.....\$647.40 CALHOUN-BURNS, OUTSIDE ENGINEERING - 2023 BRIDGE RATING & INSPECT.....\$5,064.30 CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON/CROELL REDI MIX INC, PARTS, FILTERS, EQUIP CONSUME, ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES\$2,599.43 CASTERTON-HUMPAL, MINDY, ELECTION WORKER.....\$225.33 CENTURY LINK, 911 PHONES\$3.95 CINTAS, UNIFORMS / EMPLOYEE & BUILDING CONSUMEABLES.....\$2,158.12 CLEMEN, CINDY, ELECTION WORKER.....\$232.94 COLLINS, JANE, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG.....\$176.85 CONSOLIDATED ENERGY, DIESEL FUEL - AV & IONIA.....\$5,033.15	CRANE CREEK CEMETERY, VET GRAVE CARE 2023.....\$225.00 CULLIGAN, BOTTLED WATERS\$8.50 DEERE, MISTIE, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG REIMB.....\$435.58 DIETZENBACH, DONNA, ELECTION WORKER.....\$217.50 DIETZENBACH, LOREN, ELECTION WORKER.....\$222.74 FAREWAY STORES, SODA FOR COURTHOUSE.....\$183.98 FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, (AUD) PLAT BOOKS - 35 (SEC ROADS) 5 PLAT BOOKS.....\$1,225.75 FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, DIESEL FUEL FREDERICKSBURG SHOP & GAS #8. \$2,965.05 FAYETTE COUNTY, OCTOBER BOARDING INMATE....\$1,550.00 FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, DIESEL, GAS, GEN SUPPLY.....\$12,730.64 FLICK, TAMMY, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG.....\$262.66 FLIRIS, RACHEL, ABSENTEE TEAM.....\$67.50 FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, BOARDING INMATE FEES.....\$1,040.00 FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, OCTOBER LEACHATE FEES\$187.50 GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS, SHERIFF UNIFORMS.....\$70.15 GATR OF CEDAR RAPIDS INC, 2 - 2024 MACK DUMP TRUCKS W/ SNOW EQUIPMENT.....\$552,974.00 GEERTS, DONNA, ELECTION RUNNER.....\$19.65 GILLUND ENTERPRISES, TOOLS & EQUIP CONSUMEABLES \$933.48 GINA FANGMAN, MILEAGE TO NASHUA TO DELIVER SUPPLIES.....\$22.27 GLASER, AMANDA, ELECTION WORKER.....\$225.33 GLASS TECH, LABOR TO INSTALL WINDOW.....\$200.00 GLAXO SMITH KLINE, FLU VACCINE.....\$7,755.30 GREENFIELD CONTRACTORS, RECOVER MIX SHED - BALANCE OF CONTRACT.....\$11,815.11 HEALTHCARE FIRST, SURVEYS SENT TO CLIENTS PER CMS GUIDELINES.....\$104.74 HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES, DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE.....\$1,680.00 INOVALON PROVIDER, BILLING SOFTWARE.....\$566.64 IDOT, STOCK PARTS, SIGN MAINT MATERIALS, EQUIP CONSUMEAB.....\$410.39 IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR RECERT HANSON.....\$175.00 IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS.....\$15,260.90 IOWA STATE EXT & OUTREACH, ORNAMENTAL & TURF CIC.....\$45.00	IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES, MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/ GOLD STAR COUNTY.....\$575.00 IVERSON, DAWN, ELECTION WORKER.....\$276.68 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, JAIL, CSB, GEN SERV SUPPLIES (OCTOBER BILLING).....\$432.58 KAHN TILE SUPPLY, CULVERTS & BANDS.....\$869.18 KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC., LAB FEES FOR WELL WATER TESTING.....\$892.00 KIME, ANDREA, OCT CLIENT CALLS & MTG MLG & MEAL REIMB.....\$188.12 KIME, JENNY, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG.....\$453.92 KNOLL, JOAN, ELECTION WORKER.....\$232.50 KNUTSON, ANN, OCT CLIENT CALLS & PH MLG.....\$176.62 KOCH OFFICE GROUP, FREIGHT FROM INVOICE 481697.....\$14.99 KOEHN, BARRY, IEMSA PASS REIMBURSEMENT.....\$300.00 KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK DIESEL AND GAS.....\$8,108.54 KWIK TRIP INC - FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES INC, JAIL FUEL BILL FOR OCTOBER.....\$4,107.65 L & R MANUFACTURING, STOCK PARTS.....\$51.60 LAMPSON-BAST, SHELLEY, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG.....\$472.91 LARKIN, DENISE, ABSENTEE TEAM.....\$67.50 LAWSON PRODUCTS, ELECTRICAL PARTS & SUPPLY.....\$226.22 LECHTENBERG, LINDA, ELECTION WORKER.....\$220.12 MAIL SERVICES, PRINT + POSTAGE/DECEMBER RENEWALS '24.....\$885.07 MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE PC, HERITAGE DESIGN & SRVS.....\$980.00 MCKESSON, INF. CONTROL + WOULD CARE + VACCINE CLINIC SUPPL.....\$538.93 MCSHANE, SHELLEY, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG REIMB.....\$336.67 MEGAN LESTER, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG REIMB.....\$438.20 MERCY ONE MEDICAL CENTER, AMBULANCE MEDICATIONS.....\$333.54 MERCY ONE MEDICAL CENTER-NEW HAMPTON, ER PROFESSIONAL PROVIDER LEVEL 4.....\$419.00 MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEATING, HERITAGE BOILER MAINTENANCE.....\$763.70 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, INTERSECTION LIGHTING.....\$7.31 MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES, PARTS #25.....\$324.59	MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, SAUDE ELECTRICITY & INTERSECTION LIGHTING.....\$385.22 MITKO, PARTS #65 & HARDWARE.....\$4,702.36 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, ANTENNA ROOF MOUNT - 911.....\$18.13 MULLER, WENDEL, DECEMBER MONTHLY LEASE - RADIO TOWER.....\$500.00 NACo / NATIONAL ASSOC. OF COUNTIES, COUNTY DUES '24.....\$450.00 NAPA, TOOLS, FILTERS, STOCK PARTS.....\$957.89 NEW HAMPTON AUTO BODY DEDUCTIBLE FOR REPAIRS\$500.00 NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, JAIL PHONE/INTERNET SERVICE (OCT).....\$1,065.87 NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE.....\$376.00 NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, JAIL UTILITIES.....\$3,746.25 NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER, OCTOBER TOURISM CONTRACT.....\$1,078.25 NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORP, OCT ADMIN FEE.....\$636.41 NORTHERN IOWA THERAPY, PT, ST, OT THERAPY SERVICES FOR OCT.....\$9,000.00 ON TRACK SIGNS, SIGNAGE FOR #47, #24, #38.....\$290.00 OTTERS, ROSE, ELECTION WORKER.....\$233.81 PAULUS, JUDY, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG REIMB.....\$170.30 PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE, JULY SOFTWARE BILLING.....\$4,998.66 PETERS, WENDY, OCT CLIENT CALLS MLG REIMB.....\$180.13 PETROBLEND CORP, LUBRICANTS.....\$2,172.20 POWER PLAN, PARTS #41. \$3,027.57 PRICHARD LAW OFFICE, ANN REPORT FOR GUARDIAN SHIP + CONSERVATORSHIP.....\$218.00 QUALLEY, ROSE, ELECTION WORKER.....\$222.09 QUILL, CASH RECEIPT BOOK @ JAIL.....\$329.90 R & R WELDING, OUTSIDE REPAIRS - NH SHOP WESTEND DRAIN COVERS.....\$1,119.00 RAPID PRINTERS, 1 HON IGNITION TASK CHAIR.....\$1,262.26 RASH, BRAXTON, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEETING.....\$225.32 RASMUSSEN, THERESA, ELECTION WORKER.....\$247.50
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Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency Unapproved - Executive Board Minutes November 14th, 2023

On Tuesday November 14th, 2023 in the Meeting Room at the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill at 5:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency was held in person and by Zoom.

Chairman Rick Bodensteiner was in the chair. Executive Board members Jerry Joergler, Al Anhorn, Marguerite Ashley, Dennis Keifer, Scott Cerwinski, and Laurie Reetz were in the Board-Room. Sydney Hartogh was presented by Zoom. Absent: Bobby Schwickerath

Employees Present: Christian Fox, Director. Lori King, Office Manager.

Guests Present: None

A motion was made by Al Anhorn, second by Scott Cerwinski to approve the consent agenda as presented including Minutes of the October 2023 Executive Board Meeting and the Summary List of Bills for October 2023. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Financial Report- Joergler presented the Financial Report. Joergler stated that we were just one month into the new budget and the income side was right on target with the budget. He stated that they would be moving some money around and hoped to be purchasing new CD's for 5.2% and 5.25% interest. After some discussion, a motion was made by Cerwinski and second by Keifer to approve the Financial Report. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Decision amending the Financial Policy- King brought to the attention of the board a recommendation of amending the Financial Policy. She stated that there were multiple policies that could be condensed into one cleaner and thorough policy. An addition of two signatures required to do transactions at banks was recommended as well. After some discussion, no action was taken at this time.

Discussion/Decision regarding Christmas- It was brought to the attention of the board by Joergler to discuss giving the Landfill employees' money for Christmas. It was stated that last year the employees received \$250 for Christmas. After some discussion, a motion was made by Anhorn and second by Keifer to have the Landfill give \$250 to each employee for Christmas. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Decision on concrete bar-

rier blocks- Fox brought to the board's attention, the need for concrete blocks around the new convenience area. He stated that the blocks would be placed around the convenience area to prevent customers from driving off the rocked area, as well as to help catch litter. After some discussion, a motion was made by Joergler and second by Cerwinski to purchase concrete barrier blocks for the Convenience area. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

There being no further items requiring board action, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m. with a motion by Margarite Ashley and second by Scott Cerwinski. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

December minutes will be published in the Charles City Press. A copy of these minutes can also be found on our website fmlandfill.org.

Expenses by Vendor Summary

September 2023	
Alliant Energy-	1,101.26
Alta Vista Shopper-	87.50
Anhorn, Alan-	65.13
Bodensteiner, Rick-	58.58
Cardmember Service-	2,137.51
Carolina Software-	400.00
City Laundering-	494.00
Culligan-	97.47
Dennis, Keifer-	58.58
Fairbanks Scales Inc.-	984.00
Farmland Hardware-	69.13
Fox, Christian-	308.28
Hartogh, Sydney-	44.17
HLW Engineering Group-	1,329.50
Innovative Ag Services-	6,577.31
Joergler, Jerry-	210.74
Kibble Equipment-	456.92
L R Falk Construction Co.-	7,427.05
Larson's Hardware Hank-	371.03
Lori King-	58.58
Marguerite Ashley-	69.06
Midwest Electronic Recovery-	1,598.30
Mitchell County - Health/Dental-	2,850.76
NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING-	1,034.00
O'Connell, Trevis-	57.27
Omnitel Communications-	214.96
Scott Cerwinski-	74.30
Smith AG, INC-	2,669.80
Superior Welding Supply-	741.80
Swartrock IMP.CO-	37,900.00
Swenumson, David-	122.40
US Cellular-	43.98
Ziegler Inc-	922.43
TOTAL	70,635.80

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CHICKASAW COUNTY RESIDENTS

In an emergency when county snowplows are needed to open a road, contact the Sheriff's Office, 641-394-4171 (emergency only).

In non-emergency situations, contact either the County Engineer's Office, 641-394-2321, or the County Garage, 641-394-4413.

Expectant mothers are encouraged to let us know their locations so we can direct our plows to open the roads leading to their homes as soon as possible after a storm.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
November 20, 2023
The Board convened on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cervinske, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Assessor Raymond Armel, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Ahlers Cooney Attorney Jason Comisky by phone, Terry Johnson
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for November 20, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve the meeting minutes from November 13, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from November 14, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman, Kuhn. Abstained: Cervinske. Motion carried.

Discussion and consensus by the Board of Supervisors that they wanted their representatives for the Compensation Board to freeze the Supervisors salaries for FY24-25.
Public comment: Public Health Director Lisa Welter read a motion by the

Board of Health to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to leave Public Health and Home Care Services and Environmental Health at current location, 260 East Prospect Street for the benefit of the county residents. Attorney David Laudner said the paperwork for the Nashua tower is completed and in his office.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to acknowledge new hire Environmental Health Specialist employee, Derek Lechtenberg, starting November 28, 2023 at \$25.00 per hour fulltime. Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge Megan Lester RN moving to RN/QIA (Register Nurse Quality Improvement Quality Assessment) starting November 20, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 11-20-23-79 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2023-42 in the E1/2 OF THE NE1/4 of section 13, all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 20th DAY of November, 2023 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2023-42 in the E1/2 OF THE NE1/4 of section 13, all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2023-42 in the E1/2 OF THE NE1/4 of section 13,

all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 20th DAY of NOVEMBER, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cervinske, Kuhn. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve part-time hire Lynn Boeding as a CPR Driver for the EMS at a wage of \$13.00 per hour starting November 20, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cervinske Suckow, Kuhn. Nays: Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve part-time hire Brad Schmidt as a Paramedic for the EMS at a wage of \$25.30 per hour starting November 20, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cervinske Suckow, Kuhn. Nays: Hackman. Motion carried.
Discussed and updated on the bidding process for the EMS building.
Discussed departmental updates with Secondary Roads Engineer, Roman Lensing.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach approve Form of Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Erdman Engineering, P.C. for future roadway reconstruction project within the City of Alta Vista and au-

thorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 11-20-23-80 2024 County Five Year Program Resolution 0.1 Chickasaw County Secondary Roads Unforeseen circumstances have arisen since adoption of the approved Secondary Road Five Year Program and previous revisions, requiring changes to the sequence, funding, and timing of the proposed work plan. The Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Code section 309.22, initiates and recommends modification of the following project(s) in the accomplishment year (State Fiscal Year 2024), for approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IowaDOT), per Iowa Code 309.23 and Iowa DOT Instructional Memorandum 2.050. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cervinske, Kuhn. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.
Discussed Secondary Roads Summer-(4) 10 Hour Day Work Week (Monday-Thursday) proposal.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the canvass of the City/School election held on November 7, 2023 controlling county for the New Hampton, Nashua/Plainfield, and Turkey Valley School Districts and authorize the Auditor to Certify the results to the State and record in the permanent election register. Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.
Discussion with TIF Advisory Committee and consensus of the Board of

Supervisors to have Ahlers Cooney Attorney Jason Comisky reach out to Simmering – Cory Consulting Firm from Storm Lake, Iowa to possibly do testing on a couple of County Buildings (Jail and Secondary Roads building) to see if they qualify as blight.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve prior bids \$43.06. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve claim in the amount of \$699,877.30. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cervinske Suckow, Kuhn. Nays: Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve payroll checks dated November 17, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.
Committee Assignments
Supervisor Cervinske FMC County Landfill, November 14, Cedar River Watershed Project & Pathways, November 15.
Supervisor Hackman CSS, Emergency Food & Shelter, November 15
Supervisor Kuhn INRCOG, November 16
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:30 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried
Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
November 22, 2023
The Board convened on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 3:06 P.M. with members Breitbach, Kuhn, and Cervinske, present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Suckow and Hackman. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Lester Glaser, The Design Connection Aaron Thompson (by phone) and Jeremy McGrath
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve the agenda for November 22, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cervinske, and Kuhn. Absent: Suckow and Hackman Motion carried.
Discussion with Design Connection Aaron Thompson regarding EMS'S building bidding process and consensus by Board of Supervisors to wait till Monday's meeting.
No discussion on Homeland Energy Solutions regarding sponsoring a DERA Grant through the EPA.
Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 3:43 P.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cervinske, and Kuhn. Absent: Suckow and Hackman Motion carried.
Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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Board Proceedings
The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, November 20, 2023, in the High School FCS Room. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Superintendent Jurens, and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director Denner was absent.
Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the agenda. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the consent agenda. Approve minutes of the October 16, 2023, regular session. Approve the October monthly financial report and the November 2023 bill listing. Approve the following resignation from Pat Praska (Food Service) effective at the end of December 2023. Approve Peyton Anderson as volunteer wrestling coach. All new hires are pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Approve the contracts for our Career/Technical Student organization sponsors. Mrs. Schmitt will be the sponsor for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Mr. Spratt will be the sponsor for the Skills USA organization, and Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Farrell will be the cosponsors of Future Business Leaders of America. Since they have been working on these since the start of the school year, they will receive the full contract this year.
Approve the Second Reading of Board Policies: 405-410.5– General Licensed Employee Defined, Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection, Licensed Employee Individual Contracts, Licensed Employee Continuing Contracts, Licensed Employee Workday, Licensed Employee Assignment, Licensed Employee Transfers, Licensed Employee Evaluation, Licensed Employee Probationary Status, Licensed Employee Organization Affiliation, Licensed Employee Compensation and Benefits, Licensed Employee Salary Schedule, Licensed Employee Salary Schedule Advancement, Licensed Employee Continued Education Credit, Licensed Employee Compensation for Extra Duty, Licensed Employee Group Insurance Benefits, Licensed Employee Tax Shelter Programs, Licensed Employee Termination of Employment, Licensed Employee Resignation, Licensed Employee Contract Release, Licensed Employee Retirement, Licensed Employee Early Retirement, Licensed Employee Suspension, Licensed Employee Reduction in Force, Licensed Employee Professional Growth, Licensed Employee Professional Development, Licensed Employee Publication or Creation

of Materials, Licensed Employee Tutoring, Required Professional Development for Employees, Licensed Employee Vacations and Leaves of Absence, Licensed Employee Vacation -Holidays -Personal Leave, Licensed Employee Personal Illness Leave, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Notice to Employees, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Request Form, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Certification Form, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Regulation, Licensed Employee Family and Medical Leave Definitions, Licensed Employee Discretionary Leave, Licensed Employee Political Leave, Licensed Employee Jury Duty Leave, Licensed Employee Military Service Leave, Licensed Employee Unpaid Leave, Other Licensed Employee, Substitute Teachers, Shared Licensed Employees, Summer School Licensed Employees, Student Teachers – Internships, Education Aide.
Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the Second Reading of board policies 405.2, 405.8, 501.3, 505.9, 505.9 R(1). Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
New Business:
Board Treasurer Roethler presented the FY23 treasurers report. Director Ayers moved to approve the FY23 Treasurers Report. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to adjourn the FY2023 School Board at 6:37pm. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Board Secretary Roethler called the 2023-2024 School Board Meeting to order at 6:37 pm.
Board Secretary Roethler asked for nominations for President. Director N. Schwickerath nominated Jay Matthews for President. Director Ayers seconded the nomination. Board Secretary Roethler did a roll call vote. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none. Matthews was unanimously elected as president of the New Hampton School Board.
Board Secretary Roethler conceded the chair to president elect Matthews. President Matthews asked for nominations for vice-president. Director Ayers nominated N. Schwickerath and requested nominations to be closed. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. N. Schwickerath was unanimously elected as vice-president of the New Hampton

School Board.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to retain committee assignments as prior year. Directors Matthews, N. Schwickerath, and A. Schwickerath: Negotiation Committee; Directors Ayers and Denner: facilities committee; Directors A. Schwickerath and Denner: Transportation committee. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to appoint Steve Weidner as the school Attorney. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to appoint Jay Jurens as the chief negotiator. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens presented a quote from BlueAlly Technologies for new Chromebooks for next year's incoming Freshman class. Superintendent Jurens recommended accepting the BlueAlly quote for \$27,700. Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the purchase of Chromebooks out of Save Funds for next year's Freshman class. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens and High School Principal Mr. Manson presented information regarding the Registered Apprenticeship in combination welding with Affinitas. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the apprenticeship. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens presented information on hardware needed for the online time clock systems. The additional cost for the hardware is \$14,867.04. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the hardware purchase for the online time clocks. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the use of the CWC Maintenance Fund to pay for the cost of repairing the light pole due to recent wind damage. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the authorization of the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$309,981 for increased enrollment in the district. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Ayers, Matthews, N. Schwickerath and A. Schwickerath. Nays: None. The motion carried

by a vote of 4-0.
Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the authorization of the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$30,845.50 related to the English language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2023 certified enrollment headcount. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Ayers, Matthews, N. Schwickerath and A. Schwickerath. Nays: none. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
Superintendent Jurens presented the four snow removal bids that were received. Director A. Schwickerath moved to accept the bid from Brett Ohm for the 2023-2024 School Year. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Ayers, Matthews, N. Schwickerath, and A. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens presented information regarding a request from the Ministerial Association to expand our policy on gym usage on Sundays. Currently our policy states no youth activities prior to one o'clock in any school facilities. They are asking for 3 exceptions to be made so that youth activities can happen on Sunday morning at least 3 times. Director N. Schwickerath made the motion to reject the request to allow activities on Sunday mornings. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Ayers, Matthews, N. Schwickerath, and A. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Superintendent Jurens presented bids and information regarding purchasing another school bus. After some discussion, Director Ayers made a motion to table the purchase and reach out for more bids on diesel type buses. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Ayers, Matthews, N. Schwickerath, and A. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the mid-year graduates Hailey Knock, Ricky Pauley and Dakota Thiele. This pending satisfactory completion of all course work. Director Ayers the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
The next regular board meeting will be December 18, 2023, at 6:00 pm. (Note time change)
Director N. Schwickerath moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.
Monthly Bills November 2023
General Fund
Vendor Name Amount
AFLAC 90.27
Ag Vantage FS 2,041.41
Amazon Capital Services 5,858.48
Apple Inc 99.99
Awards 'N Time 54.90

Bauler, Rachel 10.00
Blackhawk Automatic Sprinkler, 290.00
Bodensteiner Implement Company 252.48
Carolina Biological Supply 1,561.66
CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON 41.17
CDW Government, Inc. 144.00
Cedar Valley Instrument Repair ... 28.04
CENGAGE Learning 3,681.00
Chickasaw Chassis 140.00
Chickasaw Wellness Complex 300.00
City Laundering Co. 1,327.67
City of New Hampton 14,142.00
Command Performance Language Institute 2,238.59
Continental Clay Company 6.10
Counseling & Family Centered Services, Inc. 10,800.00
Crystal Ball Roller Rink 310.00
Decorah Community School District 6,437.00
Dollar General Charged Sales 72.19
Dollar Tree 48.90
EMS Detergent Services 260.45
Fareway 1,967.23
Five Star Cooperative 6,614.95
Flinn Scientific Inc. 1,082.16
FM Controls, Inc. 1,643.02
Follett School Solutions, Inc. 309.96
Fritchert, Katie 1,529.50
Geerts Plumbing & Heating 148.50
Geerts, Norbert 75.00
Gopher Stage Lighting 565.00
Grainger 613.70
Grant Wood AEA 75.00
Huber's 38.60
Huinker, Bob 399.50
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land 15.00
Iowa Department of Human Services 25,646.15
ISU Extension 45.00
Jendro Sanitation Services Inc. 1,555.96
John Deere Financial 14.99
JourneyEd.com Inc 817.26
Kayser-Kemp, Karen 40.00
Kwik Star 142,429.30
L & R Manufacturing, LLC 912.00
LessonPix Inc 36.00
LS Supply & Rental 92.80
Lunch Fund 125.00
Madison National Life Insurance 2,252.04
Main Event Center, The 500.00
Martin Bros. Distributing 133.04
McGraw Hill School Education Holdings LLC 7,815.35
Medical Enterprises Inc. 1,275.00
Mick Gage Plumbing 100.00
Midwest Group Benefits, Inc. 558.00
MITKO Specialty Sales & Service 461.52
Mohawk Electric 102.00
musicfirst 1,368.00
MVP Events 1,500.00
New Hampton Electric 852.00
New Hampton Tribune 252.88
NHMU Fiber 300.00
Northeast Iowa Community College Business and 195.00

Office World 1,296.14
Orkin 80.00
Popken, Darla 75.00
Postmaster 50.00
Principal Life Insurance Company 975.63
Pub at the Pincon, The 127.92
Really Great Reading Company 1,683.00
Rieman Music, Inc. 1,545.76
Rifton Equipment 483.75
Riverside Insights 1,180.21
Rosonke, Bob 555.00
Sam's Club 22.46
Schmitt, April 378.95
Schnobelen, Richard 48.00
School Specialty, LLC 280.36
Schueth Ace Hardware 2,248.25
Schumacher, Timothy 16.00
Scrubber City Inc. 40.42
Secretary of State 30.00
Sheraton Hotels 288.96
Stanton Electric 522.80
Subway 379.60
Superior Welding Supply 171.75
Swisher & Coht, P.L.C. 74.00
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation 181.05
Timberline Billing Service LLC 3,917.86
Tyler Technologies, Inc. 2,573.50
United Parcel Service 24.88
Vern Laues Chev-Buick 93.30
VISA 662.56
Wagoner Bros. Repair 7,554.55
Walmart.com 11.94
Walz, Morgan 40.00
Ward's Natural Science 168.18
Warburg College 460.50
Washington National Ins. Co. 864.97
Waverly Shell-Rock School 9,044.55
Weber Paper Company 1,081.72
WEX BANK 284.85
Windstream 1,824.45
Wonder Workshop Inc. 50.00
Zoom Video Communications Inc. 160.39
Fund Total: \$296,245.92
Capital Projects
FEHR GRAHAM Engineering & Environmental 454.75
Geerts Plumbing & Heating 5,179.00
H21 Group 12,690.00
Premier Furniture & Equipment 3,973.95
Fund Total: \$22,297.70
Management
Community Insurance of Iowa
Fund Total: 5,346.00
Physical Plant & Equipment
Interstate Power Systems 1,913.15
Marco, Inc. 1,659.46
Fund Total: \$3,572.61
Attest: November 20, 2023
Jay Matthews Board President
Christy Roethler Board Secretary

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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2023 7:00 P.M.
The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 20, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner and Fisher. Also in attendance were Tim Pederson, Kristi Pederson, City Attorney Todd Pritchard, Bob Fenske, Tara Hackman, Rick Kramer, Beth Eiler and Matt Kuhn of Homeland Energy and several NHHS government students.
1. Approve meeting agenda
2. Approve City Council Minutes of November 6, 2023
3. Approve City Claims of \$41,001.57
4. Department Head Minutes of November 7, 2023
5. Library Board Minutes of November 6, 2023
6. Park & Rec Minutes & Pool Report of November 8, 2023
7. FMC Landfill Agenda & Minutes of October 10, 2023
8. New Horizons Chamber: Request Street Closure on December 7, 2023
9. Request to take bids for old tornado/warning siren, bids due 12/1/2023
10. Finance Reports
FUND, RECEIVED DISBURSED
GENERAL \$769,387.23
ROAD USE TAX \$219,539.72
ROAD USE TAX \$39,227.39
SPECIAL REV/EMPLOYEE BEN \$81,968.87
SPECIAL REV/EMPLOYEE BEN \$87,875.60
SELF INSURANCE FUND \$23,385.49
SELF INSURANCE FUND \$8,760.56
LOCAL OPTION TAX \$11,973.46
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX \$44,621.50
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX \$0.00
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX \$0.00
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX \$3,000.00
TIF- INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL \$117,003.41
TIF PROJECT EXP \$41,079.88
TIF PROJECT EXP \$41,079.88
SPECIAL REVENUE- GRANTS \$77.00
DEBT SERVICE \$0.00
DEBT SERVICE \$42,814.26
DEBT SERVICE \$32,245.50

LIBRARY SPECIAL PROJECTS \$3,959.33
COMM CENTER RENOVATION \$226.00
ROADS CAPITAL PROJECTS \$108.10
STORM WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS \$13.97
CAPITAL PROJECTS \$5,738.04
CAPITAL PROJECTS \$6.99
CAPITAL PROJECTS \$33,838.84
WATER UTILITY \$74,192.65
SEWER UTILITY \$88,991.97
SEWER UTILITY \$30,523.27
WASTEWATER PROJECT \$0.00
SOLID WASTE \$13,454.28
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WATER \$26,561.14
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SEWER \$5,007.49
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS \$4,961.50
TOTAL \$1,457,839.95
TOTAL \$589,234.02
Moved by Humpal, seconded by Speltz; that the Consent agenda be approved. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.
City Clerk Karen Clemens shared information with the City Council regarding House File 718 which was passed by the State of Iowa Legislature last spring. This legislative action has greatly decreased a city government's revenue generating abilities in addition to setting limitations on growth. Currently, the City utilizes three voter approved levies to fund the NH Public Library, the Carnegie Cultural Center and the maintenance expenses for the Community Center/City Hall building. The City Council has the discretion to use the revenues from these phased out levies toward any general fund department. Once the city receives the valuations in December, Clemens will have a better understanding of what the revenues will be for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
Councilmember Cory McDonald presented an updated Capital Improvement Plan for council review. Several city de-

partments submitted 52 capitals projects requests to improve their departments and improve the quality of life for New Hampton residents.
Councilmember Cory McDonald discussed the possibility of utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which have been dedicated to the TRIBE Trail Phase III project, be used for other city projects. TRIBE Trail committee representative Tara Hackman reminded the council that the City's contribution of \$200,000 to the Phase III project was necessary to receive several grants. Changing the contribution amount from the City would be detrimental to the status of the current grants but could also hurt the possibility of receiving future grants.
On November 13, 2023 the Iowa District Court for Chickasaw County submitted an Order for Case No. CVCV004370 City of New Hampton v. Precision of New Hampton. It was ordered that Precision of New Hampton was not guilty of municipal infractions; and the City of New Hampton does not have to issue a building permit for the proposed building. As a result of this Order, Pritchard was informed by Precision of New Hampton's attorney that Precision of New Hampton intends to move the storm sewer that is under their newly poured cement foundation. Pritchard has prepared an agreement for all parties to sign. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Porath That Resolution No. 6600 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING MAYOR SCHWICKERATH TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRECISION OF NEW HAMPTON AND THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON FOR THE RELOCATION OF A STORM SEWER MAIN, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.
Beth Eiler and Matt Kuhn, representatives from Homeland Energy, are requesting the City of New Hampton assist the company with a grant application with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). They are requesting the City be the applicant for the grant process, they will be the sub-recipient. Pritchard was concerned about the specifics of the grant and how it could negatively affect the City of New Hampton. Pritchard requested an indemnification agreement if the city council approves to continue with the request. To discuss this issue further, a special City Council meeting has been set for Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 5:30

pm in the Council Chambers.
Moved by Porath, seconded by Speltz; that the meeting adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.
ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk
ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023 7:00 PM
CITY - WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 6, 2023
State of Iowa
Sales Tax October 4,435.11
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills 127.12
Windstream, Phone Service (Sewer) 195.57
Kwik Star, Gas (Police Water Sewer Street Zoning) 1,404.56
TOTAL WRITTEN 6,162.36
CITY - TO BE WRITTEN--
Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas (PD WA Clerk Cust ST Fire SR) 1,879.18
Chickasaw County Conservation Board, Hotel/ Motel Grant 2023 5,000.00
Federal Signal Corporation, Test & Terminate Warning Siren 4,500.00
Galls, LLC, Uniform Allowance (Police) 129.97
INRCOG, Expenses for USDA Housing Program 627.62
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Evaluation of MMPI (Police) 150.00
Iowa Peace Officers Assoc, Annual Dues (Police) 30.00
LeisureTime Golf Cars, UPS Shipping (Water) 51.42
Lessin Supply, Sprockets (Street) 53.67
MercyOne New Hampton, Drug Screen (Street) 30.00
MiEnergy, Electric Service (Sewer) 73.31
MME Properties, Rent for Rebel Diamonds LLC 700.00
Mohawk Electric, 5 HP Marathon Motor (Sewer) 828.25
New Hampton Electric, Cordgrip, Lock-nut (Sewer) 18.56
New Hampton, City of, Utilities (Clerk PD St Fire Carnegie WA SR) 14,667.03
Petty Cash, Certified Junk Letter (Clerk) Postage (Police) 31.90
Reimbursement Specialists, Annual COBRA Fee 375.00
Short Elliott Hendrickson, MidAmerican Energy Stormwater Management Review 658.05
Stanard & Associates, Law Enforcement

Officer Test (Police) 40.50
UMB Bank, 2015 City GO Bond Interest Payment 3,123.75
UnityPoint Clinic, Drug Screening 42.00
US Cellular, Cell Phone & Data Charges (Street Sewer Fire WA Zoning) 455.44
USA Blue Book, Lab Supplies (Water) 210.24
Visa, Workshop (Clerk) 509A App (EmpBen) Level (St) Conference, Batteries, V-Belt (SR) Microsoft 365 (WA) Gsuite Fee, Uniform Allowance (PD) 785.01
Windstream, Phone Service (Water) 97.28
Zips Truck Equipment, SnowDogg Shoe Kit (Water) 281.03
Total to be Written 34,839.21
Plus City Written 6,162.36
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED 41,001.57
AYROLL -WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 6, 2023
FICA & Federal Tax 9,906.49
Empower Retirement, Deferred Comp 325.00
AIRPORT -TO BE WRITTEN
MiEnergy, Electric Service 154.89
CEMETERY -TO BE WRITTEN
Mary & Zips Repair, Cable Ends, Battery Cables, Gas O Klenz 55.13
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, Blow out water lines 250.00
New Hampton, City of, Utilities 76.02
PARK & REC -TO BE WRITTEN
New Hampton, City of, Utilities 609.23
Petty Cash, FS Tank Rental, Cleaning Supplies 8.49
US Cellular, Cell Phone Service 62.49
Visa, Postage, Canva, Teamsideline, Bollard Covers, Supplies 2,565.44
LIBRARY -TO BE WRITTEN
New Hampton, City of, Utilities 400.88
Visa, Books, Bookmarks, Hotel for Conference, Microsoft Fees, Pizza, Cans, Cups 1,148.17
LIBRARY - WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 6, 2023
Baker & Taylor, Books 728.82
Cengage Learning , Books 151.95
DEMCO, Book Covering Supplies 288.41
Dungey's Furniture, Replace Carpet Squares 90.00
Iowa Communications Network, Long Distance Charges 4.30

Jendro Sanitation Services, Garbage & Recycling 72.00
Kanopy, Streaming Services 70.00
Petty Cash, Postage, Pumpkins 33.81
Rapid Printers, Copy Paper 239.96
Riley's, Copier Fee 117.17
PARK & REC- WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 6, 2023
20/20 FX, New Power Supply & Battery Backup 258.30
Black Hills Energy, Gas Service 46.40
Boland Recreation Rubber Surfacing Installation 120,000.00
Brummond Construction, Sidewalk at Runion 7,150.00
Builders First Source, Shelter/ Restroom Materials 10,963.09
Cooley Pumping LLC, RR Rentals 64.47
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A week away from Live Windows and a parade!

We're a week away from New Horizons-Chamber's annual Downtown Live Windows that will be held Thursday, Dec. 7.

In addition to businesses transforming their storefront windows into live Christmas scenes, there will be strolling characters throughout the downtown area from 5 to 7 p.m., warm-up stations, a soup cookoff contest and carolers. And, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available to chat up the kids and have photos taken.

And new this year will be the new Light Parade that will begin with a lineup near Kwik Star and make its way down Main Street to Linn Avenue. Business, organizations and families are encouraged to enter a golf car, UTV, vehicle in the parade, and for more information, call the chamber office at 641-394-2021.

Board OKs career, technical groups' sponsors

SCHOOL BOARD : FROM 1

Students in the apprentice program will still need to complete the 48 credit hours that are required by the district to graduate, and they will also have to meet state standards that require students to have four years of English instruction and three years of science, math and social studies instruction.

"We're trying to help our students who want to go down this path," he said. "If you look, there are kids who, once they graduate, just want to go to work. Getting this on-the-job experience, we think, is critical. ... We want to help our employers and businesses, too."

Manson said he and his staff members will seek out other apprenticeship programs in the future.

"But we have to start somewhere, and thanks to this program and Afinitas, this is our starting point."

The School Board's approval of the combination welding apprenticeship program came on the same night in which they appointed the sponsors for career and technical student organizations.

April Schmitt will serve as the sponsor for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) and Damian Spratt will fill the same roll for Skills USA, an organization designed for industrial technology students. Krissy Anderson and Lexi Farrell will serve as the co-sponsors for the Future Business Leaders of America.

Those student organizations are critical to the district because without them, after this year, New Hampton would not be eligible for federal Perkins funds.

"The apprenticeship, the organizations, it shows that our district is committed to career and technical programs," Manson said. "I keep saying it, but we want this just to be a start. We've got bigger and better

plans for down the road."

Board holds off on vehicle purchases

The New Hampton School Board last week decided to wait a month before making a decision on purchasing a new school bus and an additional vehicle for its fleet.

Jurens said that board members want more information before purchasing a bus, but that they appear to be leaning toward buying diesel.

"We are having some issues," Jurens said, "and need to purchase one to stay on track with them."

He recommended that the district avoid buying a propane-powered bus because of some "quality issues" the district's current propane buses have and the difficulty of having them repaired.

Jurens said this week he expects the board to act on the vehicle purchases at its Dec. 18 meeting.

Briefs

New Hampton students to put on concerts

New Hampton students in grades K-12 will be performing three concerts next month, beginning with the annual Elementary School Winter Concert on Monday, Dec. 4.

New Hampton Middle School band and choir students will perform a week later on Monday, Dec. 11.

New Hampton High School's Concert Choir, Nu-Hi Chorale, Concert Band and Jazz Band will wrap up the "concert season" on Monday, Dec. 18.

All three concerts will be held in the competition gymnasium and will begin at 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, St. Joseph Community School will put on its annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. in the Parish Center.

Fredericksburg Christmas event is Saturday

The Women of Fredericksburg will be hosting their 30th annual Hometown Christmas Celebration on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Fredericksburg Community Center.

Vendors, refreshments, entertainment, and kids' activities will be available. Santa will be visiting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hometown Christmas is one of the major annual fundraisers for the Women of Fredericksburg. Proceeds from the event are given back to the Fredericksburg community. Donations have been given to the schools, Brad Niewoehner Park, Garden Club, Plum Creek Nature Trail, Country Schoolhouse, Upham Memorial Library, the City of Fredericksburg and numerous other worthy causes.

Nashua, Plainfield Christmas events Saturday

Nashua and Plainfield will be hopping on Saturday, Dec. 2, as Christmas celebrations will be held in both cities.

In Nashua, there are a variety of events scheduled for "Christmas in Nashua," and they include the following:

- Compass Outreach silent auction from 9 a.m. to noon.
- VFW Craft and Vendor Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center Craft and Vendor Show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Graphic Apparel Husky Holiday Open House will be held from 9 a.m. to noon.

• Santa's Workshop at the Nashua Public Library will begin at 10 a.m.

• Santa Mini Sessions at the B will run from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

• The Nashua Park Board will hold S'mores on Main from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• The Boy Scouts Soup Lunch will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the welcome center.

• The Nashua Garden Club will hold its annual soup supper at the welcome center from 5 to 7 p.m.

• The Pizza Puzzle will begin at 6 p.m. at the B.

Meanwhile, Plainfield will celebrate Christmas on Main from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and activities include the light of the tree at 5 p.m., a soup supper, business open houses, Santa at Butler-Bremer, horse-drawn wagons, vendors at the 707 and crafts at the library.

Lettermen food drive ends next week

The New Hampton Lettermen are sponsoring a canned food drive to collect non-perishable food items for the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

The drive ends next Wednesday and items can be dropped off at any New Hampton school building.

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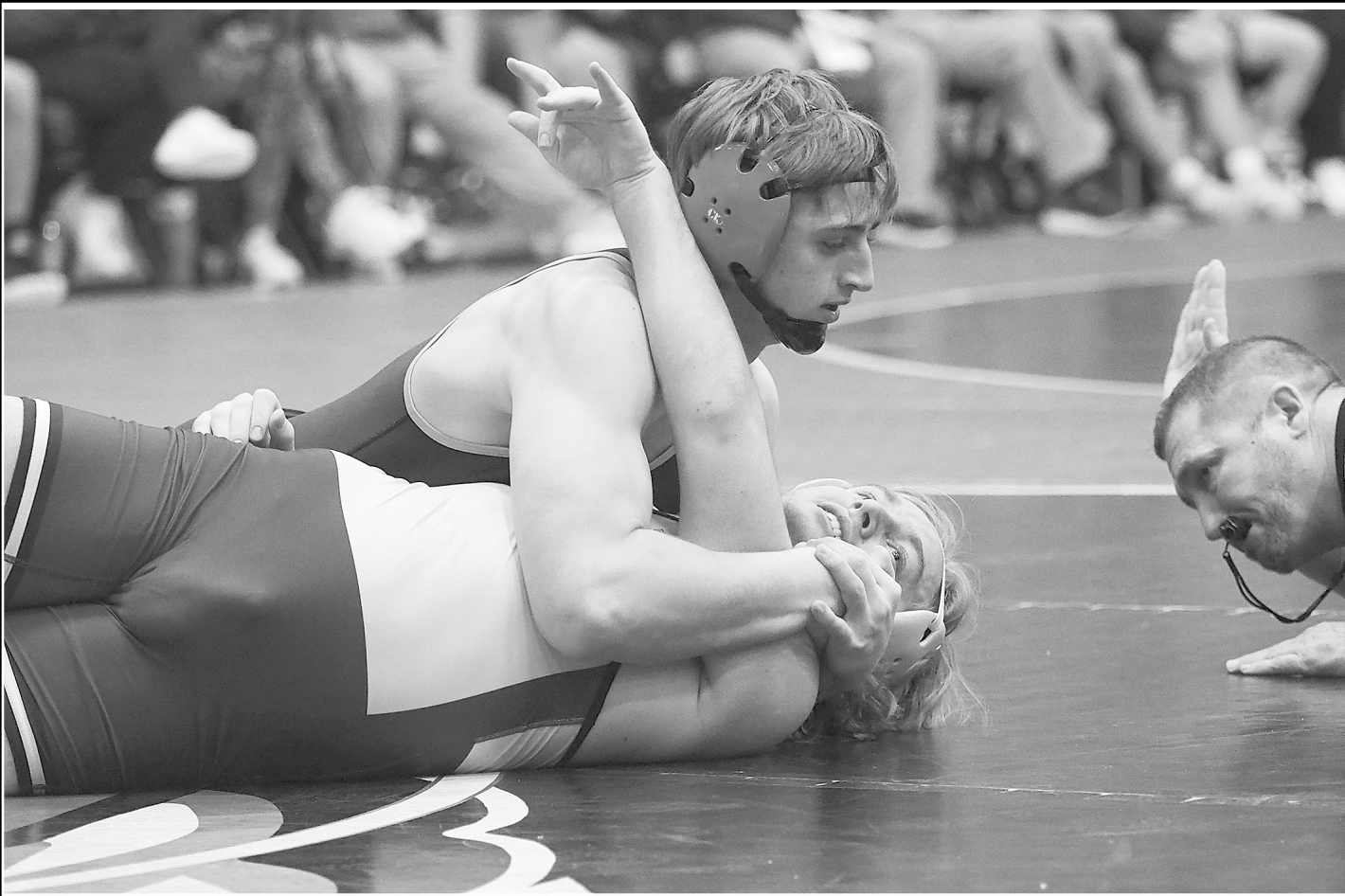
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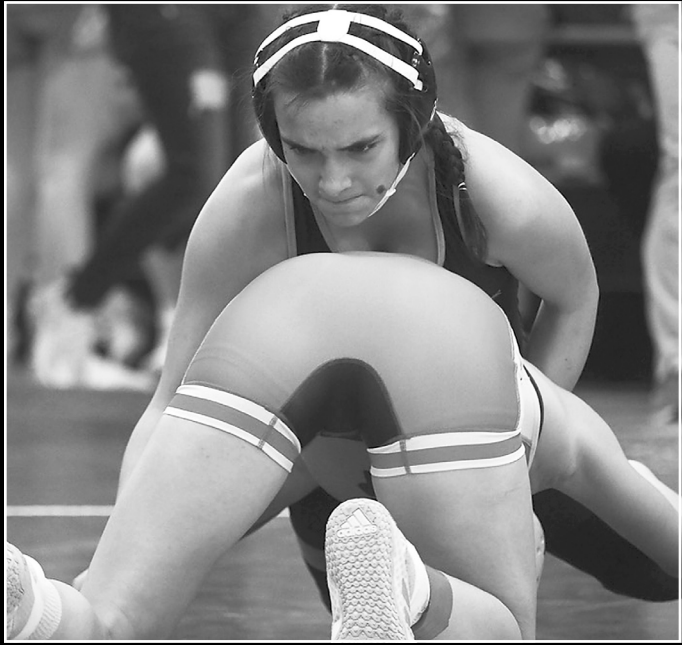
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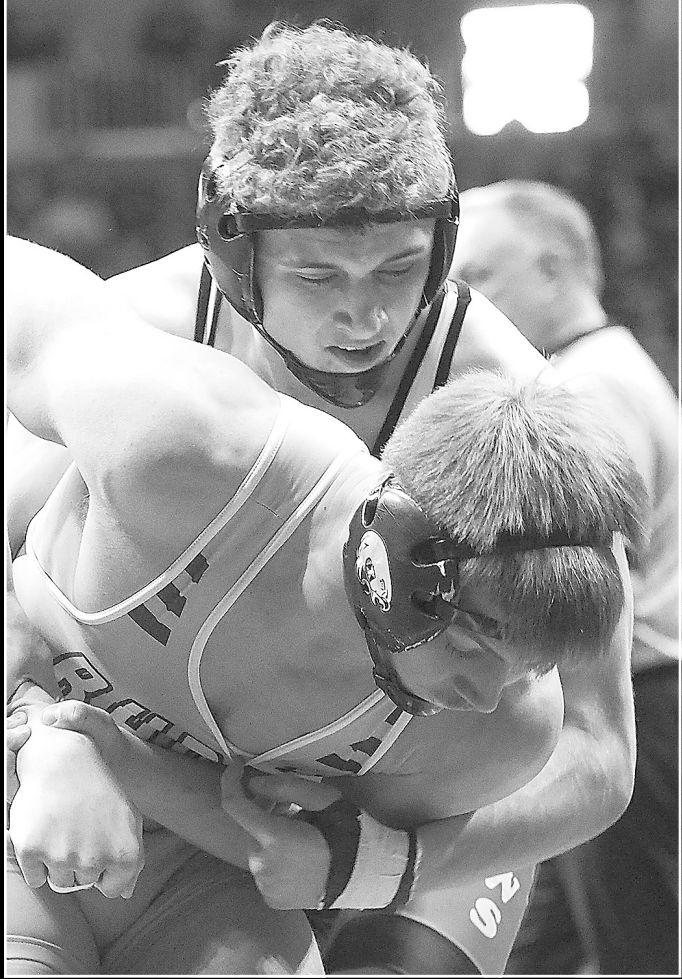
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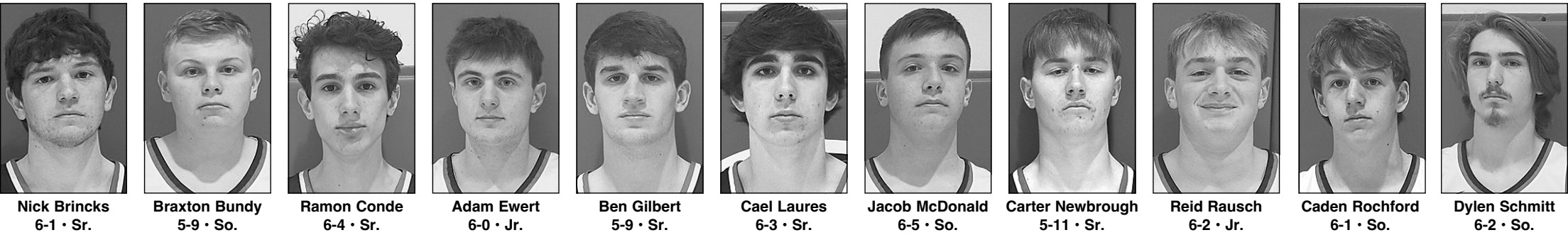
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NH/TV's Karson Kolbet



Chickasaw boys look to push tempo

New Hampton has more size than in the past but wants to play at a quick pace this winter

By BOB FENSKE
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Let's be honest, the early schedule for the New Hampton boys basketball team can be described with two words — saw and buzz, not necessarily in that order.

After opening the season with a "rivalry game" at Turkey Valley Monday night, the Chickasaws host Osage tonight (Thursday), play a home game against Clear Lake Tuesday and three days later, hit the road for a contest against Waverly-Shell Rock.

The Green Devils, Lions and Go-Hawks share one thing in common: All were conference champions last winter.

"I like it, I like it a lot," said Ryan Rausch, who is entering his sixth year as New Hampton's head coach. "It's going to give us a gauge with where we're at, and playing teams like that out of the gate, it's going to make us better in the long run."

So far, Rausch likes what he sees from the 2023-24 Chickasaws, who welcome back five players who have at least some starting experience.

"We do not have to look for effort, we do not have to look for togetherness," he said, "and as coaches, that's so important. They really share the ball, they really get after it. They celebrate

NEW HAMPTON BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE			
Nov. 30	Osage JV/V	5:15/7:45 p.m.	
Dec. 5	Clear Lake JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Dec. 7	Decorah 9	6 p.m.	
Dec. 8	Waverly-Shell Rock	4:45/7:30 p.m.	
Dec. 12	Waukon JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Dec. 14	Charles City 9	6 p.m.	
Dec. 15	Decorah JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Dec. 19	Sumner-Fredericksburg JV/V	6:15/7:45 p.m.	
Dec. 21	Kee High JV/V	4:45/7:30 p.m.	
Dec. 22	Charles City JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Jan. 5	Crestwood JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Jan. 12	Waverly-Shell Rock JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Jan. 13	MFL MarMac at Upper Iowa V	2 p.m.	
Jan. 15	Waterloo Columbus JV/V	5/7:45 p.m.	
Jan. 18	Waukon 9	6 p.m.	
Jan. 19	Waukon JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Jan. 22	South Winneshiek JV/V	5:15/7:45 p.m.	
Jan. 25	Decorah 9	7:30 p.m.	
Jan. 25	North Fayette Valley JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Jan. 26	Decorah JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Feb. 1	Charles City 9	6 p.m.	
Feb. 1	Central Springs JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.	
Feb. 2	Charles City JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.	
Feb. 8	Crestwood JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.	
Feb. 9	Oelwein JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.	
Feb. 12	Class 2A district tournament begins		

each other, and I think those are going to be the hallmarks of this team. It's probably the most cohesive team I've had and I'm pumped."

New Hampton has to replace its two leading scorers as Gannon Shekleton (14.0 points a game) and Carter Steinlage (10.2) both graduated this past

spring, but Rausch has a solid core of veterans returning.

Senior guard Ben Gilbert averaged 6.7 points a game in 2022-23, when New Hampton went 9-14. Fellow guard Adam Ewert, a junior, averaged 6.5 points a game, and senior Cael Laures gives New Hampton a strong inside presence after

One-and-one no longer part of prep game

Change is coming to high school basketball this winter, thanks to a major rule change approved this past offseason.

Gone are the one-and-one free throw and tallying team fouls by halves.

Instead, teams will shoot two free throws on the fifth and subsequent foul of each quarter.

Once the period ends, team fouls are zeroed out and the process starts anew.

averaging 5.8 points and 4.9 rebounds a contest last winter. And both junior Reid Rausch (2.2 points per game) and senior Nick Brincks (2.0) also saw plenty of playing time a season ago.

"I think this is the best overall shooting team we've had in a while," Rausch said. "Reid, Ben and Adam all have really good shots, and Cael really has come a long way with his shot, too. You look at conference games [last year] and our opponents are hitting, seven, eight, nine 3-pointers and we're hit-

ting one. I don't think we're going to face that 27 points in the hole this year."

What concerned Rausch at the beginning of preseason workouts was his team's depth, but he said he's been pleasantly surprised with the players who will come off the bench this season.

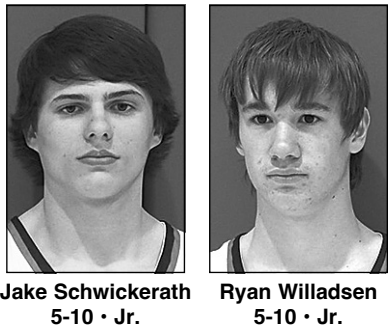
"That was probably our No. 1 concern," he said, "but we've had some guys really step up and basically show us, 'Hey, we're ready to play at the varsity level.' You can't win high school basketball games — especially in our league — with just five guys."

He said players like senior Carter Newbrough, juniors Jake Schwickerath and Ryan Willadsen Caden Rochford, Dylen Schmitt and Jacob McDonald have all had their moments during preseason workouts.

"Cade shoots it really well, and Big Jake and Dylen give us some nice size," he said.

McDonald stands 6-foot-5, Schmitt is 6-2 while Laures is 6-3, which gives New Hampton decent size, which has been a rarity for the Chickasaws in recent years.

"They're all pretty long, too," Rausch said. "You take Cael; he plays bigger than 6-3 in my mind. Dylan's athletic, and Jake, if he gives us two, three minutes here and there, that's



Jake Schwickerath 5-10 • Jr.

Ryan Willadsen 5-10 • Jr.

going to be huge."

But make no mistake about it, New Hampton's coach wants his team to push the tempo, especially with what could be a guard-oriented offense.

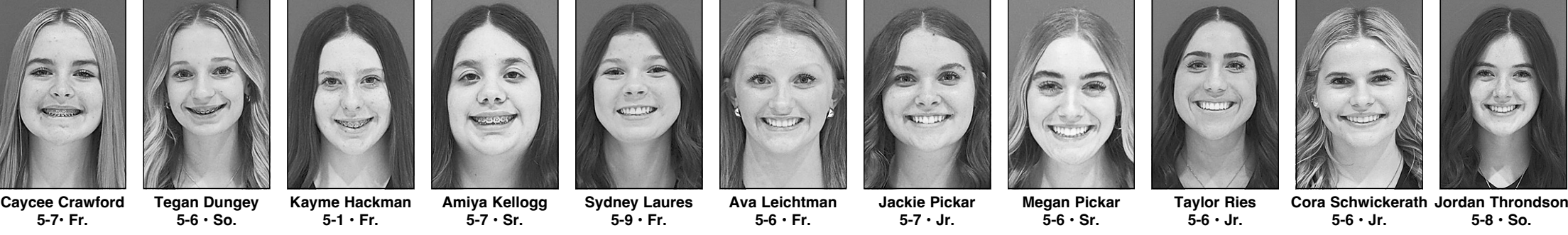
"We want to play fast," Rausch said, "and we have a group of guys who I believe have the ability to be playing fast confidently. That's important. You can't run just to run, you have to believe in it, you have to know when it's there and when it's not. And I think our guys have that basketball IQ to do that."

Still, the schedule — as already mentioned — is daunting, especially when it comes to the Northeast Iowa Conference.

Rausch called Decorah and Waverly-Shell Rock the favorites, but he added that there will be no such thing as a night off in the NEIC. Charles City shared the title with Decorah last winter and welcomes back several veterans while Crestwood and Waukon also have plenty of weapons returning.

"It's going to be a dogfight every time we play a conference

SEE NH BOYS, 13



Caycee Crawford 5-7 • Fr.

Tegan Dungey 5-6 • So.

Kayme Hackman 5-1 • Fr.

Amiya Kellogg 5-7 • Sr.

Sydney Laures 5-9 • Fr.

Ava Leichtman 5-6 • Fr.

Jackie Pickar 5-7 • Jr.

Megan Pickar 5-6 • Sr.

Taylor Ries 5-6 • Jr.

Cora Schwickerath 5-6 • Jr.

Jordan Thronsdon 5-8 • So.

Undersized New Hampton girls will emphasize playing fast

Chickasaws have just 13 players on roster, but coach believes team has speed and strength to compete on the hardwood this winter

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Fast-paced and fun to watch.

That may well be the tagline to describe David Leichtman's New Hampton Chickasaw girls basketball team this season.

While undersized, the Northeast Iowa squad plans on pushing the ball up the court and implementing a high-energy, full-court assault on opponents in 2023-2024.

New Hampton hoops fans will want to have their popcorn ready and a seat close to the court to witness what could well be a track meet for teams trying to stop Leichtman's bunch.

"We're gonna have to run. We're going to have to be the mighty Chickasaw running team," said Leichtman.

"It's just the way we're gonna play. The girls know it. We're bought in."

Leichtman, in his third year as Chickasaw head coach, will have to replace the all-around superb play of all-time leading scorer Carlee Rochford, who has moved on to the college ranks.

Gone are the 24 points that Rochford averaged her senior year last winter. Rochford — an

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE			
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Dec. 5	Clear Lake JV/V	4/6:45 p.m.	
Dec. 8	Waverly-Shell Rock	4:45/6 p.m.	
Dec. 9	Leroy-Ostrander at Decorah	10:30 a.m.	
Dec. 12	Waukon JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.	
Dec. 15	Decorah JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.	
Dec. 16	Turkey Valley JV/V	2/3 p.m.	
Dec. 21	Kee High V	6:15 p.m.	
Dec. 22	Charles City JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.	
Jan. 4	Clarksville JV/V	6:15/7:45 p.m.	
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Feb. 2	Charles City JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.	
Feb. 6	Crestwood JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.	
Feb. 10	Class 3A regional tournament begins		

all-state standout and four-year Chickasaw starter — now runs track for the University of Iowa. She'll be missed, but there's plenty of new faces on Leichtman's squad that will try to fill her that void.

A key change this year for the Chickasaws is the their training regimen. Leichtman will go

about eight or nine players deep this year and they'll have to be able to get up and down the floor on a consistent basis.

"One of the big things that we've done to that is we changed up some of our strength, conditioning and agility program," said Leichtman.

One thing is for sure, New

Hampton won't be the tallest team out on the hardwood. The Chickasaws' tallest player is freshman reserve forward Sydney Laures — at 5-9. The Chickasaws' tallest starter is sophomore Jordan Thronsdon at 5-8.

Leichtman said that New Hampton's lack of height didn't come into play in its scrimmages at Mason City earlier this month. The Chickasaws defeated Northwood-Kensett and Emmetsburg, while losing to Lake Mills.

"My thoughts early are hey, we have to be mighty fast and we have to be mighty strong," said Leichtman. "What I've seen so far out of our scrimmages, I really think height wasn't a factor."

New Hampton opened the season at No. 6 Riceville on Monday, Nov. 20. The Class 1A Wildcats topped New Hampton, 57-33, and held the Chickasaws to 20 percent shooting. Riceville held New Hampton's top returning scorer — senior guard Molly Wegner — to just six points on 0-16 shooting.

It was definitely an off-night for Wegner, but don't look for her to repeat that uncharacteristic performance anytime

soon.

Wegner started nine games as a freshman and averaged over eight points a contest her junior year.

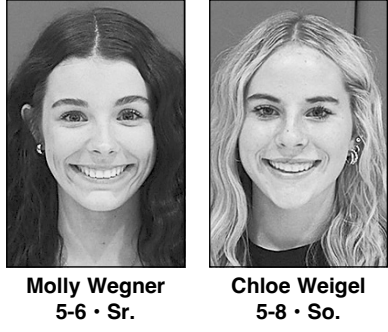
"Molly's got four years on the court," said Leichtman. "Molly has really stepped up as our leader. She shoots the ball really well. Her shot has improved each year and we look forward to that for a lot of shots to fall her senior year."

Also back is junior guard Taylor Ries, who pumped in almost six points a contest last year. Ries also added five rebounds a game and should be all over the court this season. She started four games as a freshman.

"She's athletic. Her dribbling, handling the ball, handling pressure each year improves. She's done well with assists as well as being able to get in the lane and score," said Leichtman. "She's got great footwork."

Another player that will be a staple and mainstay in Leichtman's lineup is junior guard Cora Schwickerath. She started two games last year and will be counted on to be NH's defensive stopper.

"Cora got integrated as a



Molly Wegner 5-6 • Sr.

Chloe Weigel 5-8 • So.

defensive shutdown. She's had to play a key defensive role against a lot of all-conference, all-state players that are around our area," said Leichtman. "She brings a lot of that to the table."

Leichtman said Schwickerath is working on her jumper to be more consistent to give her more of a well-rounded and balanced attack on both ends of the court.

"She's been able to get some better shots early here and I really like her ability to knock some of these down," said Leichtman.

New Hampton's fourth starter will be senior guard Megan Pickar — who did not play in the opener at Riceville.

"Megan has done just a tremendous job of court leadership. She goes from the length of the court in a short amount of time," said Leichtman. "She is able to get the right

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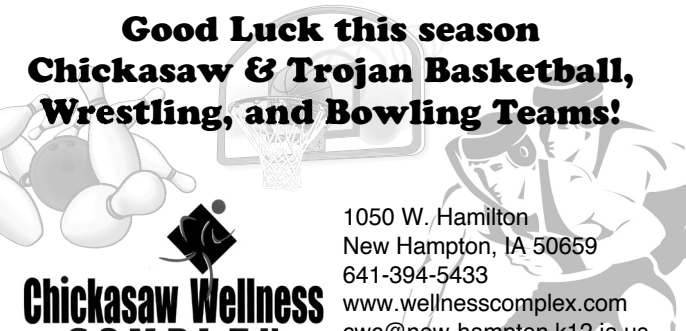
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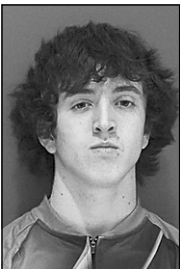
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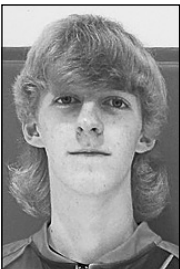
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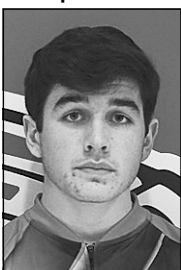
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New Hampton girls know 'D' is key this winter

NH GIRLS: FROM 12

position offensively and defensively right out of the gate.”

NH junior forward Jackie Pickar started versus Riceville and hit both of her two field attempts for four points.

“Jackie plays a lot taller than she is,” said Leichtman.

Thronsdon got into foul trouble early versus Riceville, but look for the forward to have big impact this year.

“Jordan is a very strong kid,” said Leichtman.

Chickasaw sophomore forward Chloe Weigel also came off the bench last week versus Riceville and will log many minutes for New Hampton.

Perhaps New Hampton's X-factor this year will be freshman guard Ava Leichtman – the New Hampton head coach's daughter and younger sister of Isabel Leichtman, who held the single-season 5-on-5 scoring record at NHHS her senior year back in 2018 before Rochford broke it this year.

Ava Leichtman proved she's got plenty of talent and sank three 3-pointers during a three-minute stretch in the second quarter versus Riceville where it was readily apparent she can score from anywhere on the floor.

She led New Hampton in total points with 11.

In addition to playing an up-tempo game this year, the Chickasaws will also need to play well on the defensive side of the ball in order to pull out victories.

“We're going to have to slow down some of the other team's scorers – there's no doubt about it,” said Leichtman.

The rest of the Chickasaw lineup includes senior center Amiya Kellogg, freshman guards Caycee Crawford and Kayme Hackman, as well as sophomore guard Tegan Dungey.

New Hampton boys are ready for NEIC tests

NH BOYS: FROM 12

game,” Rausch said, “and I'm way more than OK with that. We want to compete for that top half, and the bottom line is no matter what happens, it gets us ready for the playoffs. I'll guarantee you this – there aren't a lot of Class 2A teams in Iowa who play in a conference like ours.”

The playoffs, of course, are a long way off, but Rausch said his hope is that the Chickasaws can make a deep postseason run.

“I think a lot of it right now is that we're going to trust the process,” he said. “Yes, we have a tough schedule to start the season, and yes, we play in what I think is a really good conference.”

“At the same time, we just want to keep getting better every practice, every game we take the court. This team, in my mind, has a lot of potential.”

He paused for a moment and smiled.

“I'm optimistic, but I also know that we haven't seen any real bullets yet,” he said, “but these guys so far have come to practice every day with a work ethic that makes me proud. We keep that up, and I think we can go places this year.”

NEW HAMPTON BOWLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 1	Grundy Center	4 p.m.
Dec. 14	Grundy Center	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	North Fayette Valley	4 p.m.
Jan. 9	Oelwein	4 p.m.
Jan. 16	Sumner-Fredericksburg	4 p.m.
Jan. 22	Independence	4 p.m.
Jan. 24	Sumner-Fred tourney at Waterloo	10 a.m.
Jan. 30	North Fayette Valley	4 p.m.
Feb. 6	Decorah	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	Waukon	4 p.m.
Feb. 12	Girls regional tournament	10 a.m.

bowlers out for its boys and girls squads this winter. The Chickasaws sport four girls on their roster and Aries has five out of his top six bowlers back from his varsity lineup from a year ago.

“We exceeded a lot of expectations. I expect us to actually go a lot higher and a lot better than what we did last year,” said Aries. “I'm not going to say we're going to win every meet or anything, but I expect us to push our limits.”

The New Hampton boys

went 2-7 a year ago and the Chickasaw girls team earned a meet win over Oelwein.

“Every school record we had last year, I expect to see all of them to be broken,” said Aries.

Leading the pack for the NH boys varsity's top six is junior Landon Marr – who averaged 176 in 16 meets last year and sported a high series of 423.

Rounding out the Chickasaws lineup is junior Jamison Porath (162 avg., 368 high series), sophomore Chase Gebel (152 avg., 379 high series), sopho-

more Jaxson Porath (159 avg., 334 high series) and junior Jarrin Robinson (119 avg, 238 high series).

“I believe these kids are going to make big strides from day one all the way through,” said Aries.

Aries said junior Gabe Macon as well as freshmen Charlie Kriener and Connor Stumme could also vie for time on the varsity lineup.

“I've got some freshmen that have some extreme possibilities,” said Aries. “They have lots of potential and are up-and-coming.”

The rest of New Hampton's boys roster consists of Easton Monteith (sophomore), Xander Meyerhoff (junior), Tucker Terrell (senior), Kody Kleen (junior), Zak Larson (junior) and Colin Shatek (sophomore).

“There's a few of them that look like they've been out quite a bit during the summer and practicing,” said Aries. “I've seen some big strides as far as how they throw the ball, what they're doing now – the type

of focus that they're using now towards bowling compared to last year.”

The girls team features McKenzie Herzberg (sophomore), Madison Dreckman (senior), Sophie Rivera (sophomore) and Kassidy Meyerhoff (freshman).

“It's incredible just to see how far some of them have come from last year to this year,” said Aries.

Aries talked about his team's second year – which should provide players and fans with plenty to cheer about as the season progresses.

“Last year was more of a feel-out year,” said Aries. “We didn't know how the kids would react as far as approach towards the sport. This year I kind of got the feeling on how they react and stuff like that.

“I'm going to push them a little more this year to maybe try things that they're not comfortable in – just for the simple fact is it will make them that better bowler if they can actually do it.”



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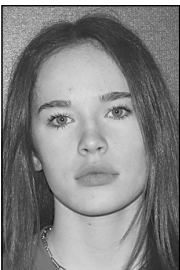
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NH/TV girls bring high hopes into second sanctioned wrestling season

Chickasaws welcome back three state meet qualifiers

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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In year two of the now sanctioned sport of girls prep wrestling in the state of Iowa – expect longer matches and less pins.

That means the girls are getting better out on the mat in a sport that can be as unforgiving as they come.

For New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestlers Aleah Eichenberger and Keira Myers – that's means the road to return to the state tournament in Coralville is going to be paved with more potholes and bumps in the road than there were last year.

“The competition is going to keep getting tougher, so we need to be ready for that and keep evolving our wrestling skills. Right now we need to find our go-to shots and improve our bottom position as a whole, but we will get there,” said second-year NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli.

In its inaugural sanctioned season – over 2,300 girls com-

peted in the sport of wrestling in the Hawkeye State and almost 450 of them competed at state.

Some day the girls could well have separate classes for its state brackets. Now it's all just one class – but the sport has grown by leaps and bounds in a relative short amount of time.

Regardless of how much NH/TV's opponents may have improved from last year or understand the sport better – Ciavarelli is still just as laser-focused as he was back in 2022.

“My focus hasn't changed. It's about learning everyday and becoming not only better wrestlers, but better people who work hard and take challenges on,” said Ciavarelli.

Ciavarelli is a 2012 Clarksville grad and finished state runner-up his senior year for the Indians in the 195-pound weight class over a decade ago.

He'll look to bring more Chickasaw wrestlers to the state tournament than he did last year – which was three as Wartburg wrestler and NH grad Ali Russler earned NH/TV's first ever medal in school

history with a third-place finish at 145 pounds.

When the placing and championship round rolls around on Day Two of the state wrestling tournament in February – Eichenberger and Myers want to be on the mat and not in the stands as spectators like they were last year.

“Aleah and Keira are hopefully just going to pick up where they left off last year. They will be looked at as leaders and I expect with a lot of work that they can improve their state qualifier status from last year to a state placewinners this year,” said Ciavarelli.

Eichenberger, a junior, qualified for state last year at 170 pounds. She worked her way to a 28-20 record – which included suffering two pins in the third period at state.

Eichenberger has raced out to a 6-2 mark this year at 190 pounds – with five of those wins coming by fall. She placed 11th in her weight bracket at a loaded and extremely difficult Independence Invite on Saturday, Nov. 18.



Brooklyn McShane
135 • So.



Keira Meyers
140 • So.



Marjie Reicks
170 • Fr.



Kelly Thronsdon
155 • So.

NH/TV GIRLS WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 1	Dan Gable Donnybrook at Coralville	9 a.m.
Dec. 5	Waverly-Shell Rock tournament	4 p.m.
Dec. 7	Decorah	6:15 p.m.
Dec. 8	South Winn Invite at Luther	4 p.m.
Dec. 12	Nashua, NFV	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	Charles City	6:15 p.m.
Jan. 2	Osage Invitational	9 a.m.
Jan. 4	Crestwood	6:15 p.m.
Jan. 6	Denver Invitational	10 a.m.
Jan. 9	A-P, Central Elkader, N. Butler, Oelwein	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Waukon	6:15 p.m.
Jan. 18	Waverly-Shell Rock	6:15 p.m.
Jan. 20	Mason City Invitational	10 a.m.
Jan. 26	Regional tournament at TBA	11 a.m.
Feb. 1-2	State tournament at Coralville	

Myers is battling a shoulder injury that the Chickasaw coaching staff is closely monitoring. That injury prevented Myers from wrestling at Indee.

Myers vaulted herself to XTream Arena down in Coralville at state as a freshman 140-pounder. She wres-

tled at Central Elkader in a quad to open the season on Tuesday, Nov. 14 and picked up a pin in under a minute at 145 pounds and was also stuck by Alburnett's Addy McGraw in the third period.

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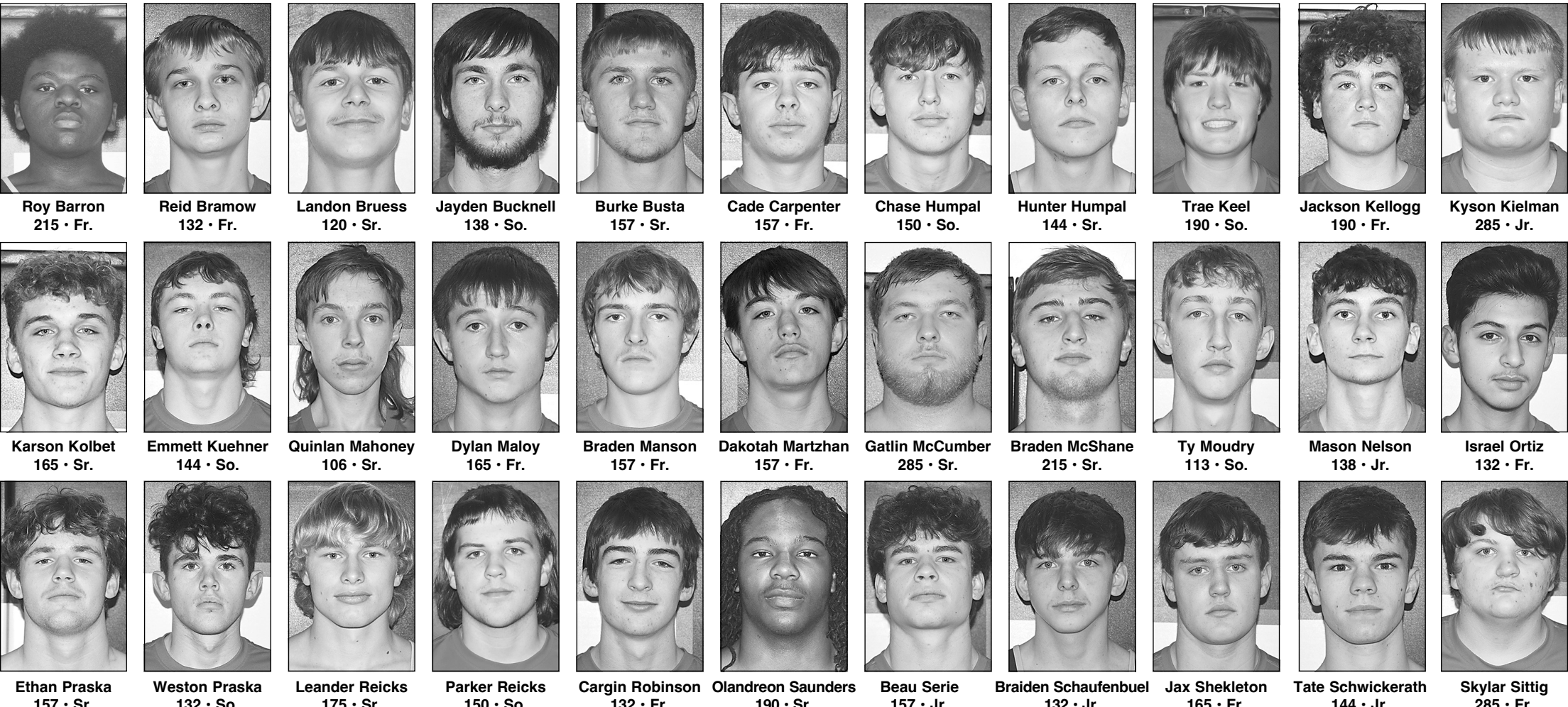
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NH/TV ready to make a run

Roomful of Chickasaw boys taking aim at wrestling's state duals, traditional tournament

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling coach Matt Paulus loves a drama-free preseason, and his Chickasaws delivered him one over the past two weeks.

"Our numbers are back up, and that's great," Paulus said Saturday morning as his wrestlers warmed up for the annual first-of-the-season "tryouts" in New Hampton High School's wrestling room. "We started with 38 guys, and everyone's still here. That's been really nice, and I think it shows the mentality we want in our program. Put your head down and go to work. That's what these guys have been doing since we started practice."

The Chickasaws are coming off a season in which they went 15-10 in dual meets, finished a strong third in the Northeast Iowa Conference tournament and claimed the runner-up spot at the Class 2A district meet.

And of the 13 wrestlers who competed at the district meet last February, 10 are back this season, one in which a plethora of new weight classes will be on the docket.

Every 10 years or so, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) studies demographic data and comes up with weight

NH/TV BOYS WRESTLING SCHEDULE			
Dec. 1-2	Cliff Keen Indee Invitational V	2 p.m./9 a.m.	
Dec 2	Chris Davis Invite at Wapsie Valley JV	10 a.m.	
Dec. 4	Waverly-Shell Rock tournament JV	4 p.m.	
Dec. 5	Osage, Union at Osage V/JV	6 p.m.	
Dec. 7	Decorah V/JV	6:15 p.m.	
Dec. 8	South Winn Invite at Luther V/JV	4 p.m.	
Dec. 11	West Delaware freshman tourney	5 p.m.	
Dec. 12	Nashua-Plainfield, NFV V/JV	6 p.m.	
Dec. 14	Charles City V/JV	6:15 p.m.	
Dec. 15-16	Battle of Waterloo V	TBA	
Jan. 4	Crestwood V/JV	6:15 p.m.	
Jan. 6	Maquoketa Valley Invitational	10 a.m.	
Jan. 6	Central Elkader Invitational JV	10 a.m.	
Jan. 11	Waukon V/JV	6:15 p.m.	
Jan. 13	Doc Carr Duals V/JV	10 a.m.	
Jan. 18	Waverly-Shell Rock V/JV	6:15 p.m.	
Jan. 20	Alburnett Duals V	9:30 a.m.	
Jan. 22	NH/TV Invitational JV	5 p.m.	
Jan. 25	NEIC JV tournament at Charles City	4:30 p.m.	
Jan. 27	NEIC varsity tournament at Waverly	10 a.m.	
Jan. 30	Class 2A regional duals	6 p.m.	
Feb. 3	Class 2A state duals at Coralville	8 a.m.	
Feb. 10	Class 2A district tournament at Manchester	10 a.m.	
Feb. 14-17	Class 2A state tournament at Des Moines		

classes that reflect that data. Nothing changed between 106 and 138, but the middle and upper weights are now 144, 150, 165, 175, 190, 215 and 285.

"I said it a couple of weeks ago, but yeah, I would have liked to have seen a bigger weight class up there," Paulus said, "especially when it comes to our team this year. We've got a ton of kids in the middle

and the upper weights. I mean, we've got six guys at 150 right now, and we have multiple kids at every weight above that, too."

Still, he's not complaining because once the Chickasaws complete their weight cutting, NH/TV will be able to fill every weight, although Paulus' "smaller boys" will have to stay healthy.

"We've got a few lower weights where we got one kid,"

Paulus said, "so our depth d o w n

there, that's a concern, but then I look at it, and we've got three heavyweights and that hasn't happened here in quite a while."

And he really likes the fact that Senior Night will take a while this season because NH/TV has 11 seniors on its roster.

The "old guys" are led by two returning state tournament qualifiers — Braden McShane, who finished third at 220 last winter, and Karson Kolbet, who earned his first trip to Des Moines at 160.

"Two exceptional kids right there," Paulus said. "Braden's Braden. He's got the talent, and he's got the drive. You see that in every single sport, and everyone knows his goal is to be on top of that podium down at Wells Fargo. ... And the thing I love about Karson is that he really put the work in over the summer. He wasn't just content and satisfied to make it to state last year; he wants more."

Two other returning seniors, Landon Bruess and Ethan Swehla, finished third at last year's district meet. Bruess will move up from 106 to 120 this winter while Swehla, after a season in which he was Paulus' ultimate utility wrestler, will settle in at 190.



"Ethan last year did everything for us. He wrestled all over the place," Paulus said, "and if that meant going up against guys 20 pounds heavier, he did. And he never complained. That's just the kind of kid he is, and I can't wait to see what he's going to do settling into a weight."

That quartet will be joined by classmates Quinlan Mahoney (106), Hunter Humpal (144), Ethan Praska (157), Burke Busta (157), Leander Reicks (175), Olandreon Saunders (190) and Gatlin McCumber (285).

Reicks and Busta both finished fourth at the 2023 district meet while Humpal was also in the lineup.

McCumber, meanwhile, wasn't out a year ago, but Paulus said the heavyweight, who weighs around 270, could be an X factor for the Chickasaws.

"He's so strong, he's very athletic, and man, I can't wait to see what he does out there," Paulus said. "We've got a lot of guys like Gatlin on this team, though. We've got guys who got a lot of potential, in my mind, and I think they're going to surprise some people."

Other wrestlers who competed at districts last year include Ty Moudry (113), Braiden Schaufenbuel (132) and Jayden Bucknell (138).

"We've got a lot of guys with experience," Paulus said, "but the best part of having 38 guys in the room is that they're getting pushed every day in practice. That's what makes you get better."

The Chickasaws, meanwhile, have switched up their schedule a bit. They'll wrestle a Friday

night tournament at South Winneshiek, and for the first time in years, they won't be heading to southwest Iowa as NH/TV will head to Maquoketa Valley instead of Atlantic in January.

"South Winn got with us and said let's try a Friday night," Paulus said, "and it's really basically because of the official shortage. You're seeing more and more Friday night tournaments, and hey let's give the kids a Saturday off, and me, too."

As for discarding the trip to Atlantic?

"We went there for state seeding purposes," Paulus said, "and honestly, it wasn't helping us all that much so we're going to stay closer to home. It's still a dang good schedule."

Indeed, it is as the Northeast Iowa Conference looks as tough as ever and the non-conference duals include match-ups against state heavyweights like Osage and Nashua-Plainfield.

And NH/TV, as it always does, has big goals. The Chickasaws want to end their state duals drought; they haven't qualified for the tournament since 2018. And NH/TV wants to take a busload of wrestlers to Des Moines for the traditional state tournament.

That's the reason Paulus likes his team's conference and non-conference slates.

"Waverly lost a lot of horses but you know they're going to be good," Paulus said, "and with the Crescos and Decorahs, the NEIC just tough, man. But wrestling good competition — both in and out of conference — that's what gets you ready for February so we're excited to get after it."

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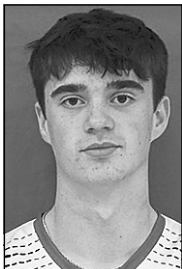
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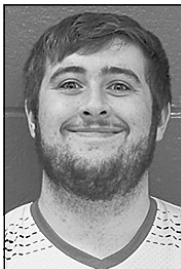
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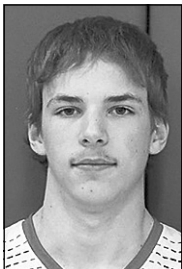
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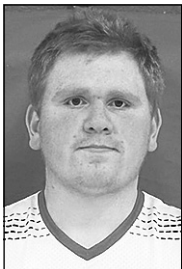
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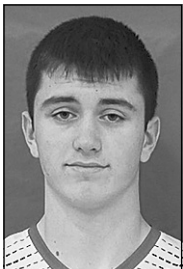
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Trojan girls look to reload

Turkey Valley coach believes squad has plenty of potential

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Rebuild?
How 'bout reload.
When you sport a tradition such as the Turkey Valley Trojans – one does just that presumably.

That statement will look to become truth this winter for Steve Hoffert's young Upper Iowa Conference girls hoops squad.

It's no secret to anybody that watched the Trojans play last year that graduation ravaged TV's roster from a scoring standpoint in 2023-2024.

Gone this year due to the loss of eligibility from those graduating seniors are all-conference players Jacqlyn Schmitt, Aubrey Hoffert, Brianna Busta and Alison Leibold.

Those four starters constituted almost 80 percent of TV's scoring output from last winter.

They'll need to be replaced. That's a tall task for any squad to do, but if anybody's up to the challenge – it's these Trojans.

But with the unknown right now – comes the unexpected. That's a word Hoffert has used often this early into the season.

"The unexpected. When coaching a young team you just aren't sure what you will get day-by-day, game-by-game, quarter-by-quarter, possession-by-possession," said Hoffert. "That can be both a strength and a weakness. At times we can look really good and at times we can look out-of-sync."

Hoffert is in his second year at the helm of Turkey Valley after taking over for longtime Trojan top-dog Carla Niemeyer. Niemeyer is a bona-fide legend at Turkey Valley after leading the Trojans to back-to-back state title appearances in 2016 and 2017. She retired from coaching after the 2022 season after a decade-long run of tremendous success over in Jackson Junction.

Hoffert did an outstanding job of guiding the Trojans in his first season as he helped guide TV (17-6, 14-2) to a second-place finish in the league – just a game behind a ranked Central Elkader squad, which ended up being the league champ. That won-loss total for TV included a late upset of No. 7 Central, 41-40.

"We have great tradition here at Turkey Valley and a lot of these girls have witnessed it when they were in the youth program. It's their turn to shine.

And I think they are ready for it," said Hoffert.

Trojan senior guard Mariah Thronsdon is TV's lone returning starter. She averaged just over two points of scoring and two rebounds a game last year. Those numbers are sure to increase exponentially in her final go-round as a Trojan.

"Mariah is our leader. She helps the younger girls in practice and in games getting to the right spots and understanding how we do things," said Hoffert.

Addison Steinlage – a lefty like Thronsdon – is also back and she'll be another starter that TV will count on to rack up wins this season. Steinlage averaged almost three points of scoring last year as a freshman and averaged 3.5 rebounds. She started one game last winter.

"Addi" will be the primary ball handler," said Hoffert.

Annika Bodensteiner – a tall and lanky sophomore forward – will be another starter for TV. She averaged 1.4 ppg and one rebound a contest last year as a freshman.

"We have seen great improvement from everyone in these first two weeks of practice. Roles for some of the younger girls have changed. Last year "Addi" and Annie were role players. This year they will be counted as starters and take on more of a scoring role," said the TV head coach.

TV juniors Layni Schuchhardt (guard) and Delaney Busta (forward) are two other players that will see considerable time out on the court this year. Busta is a letterwinner from a season ago and played in 14 games. Sophomore center Haylee Hanson and junior guard Alexis Elsbernd will also contribute to the team's scoring output and be in Hoffert's rotation.

"Layni and Delaney both saw some action last year. This year they are taking on more minutes and more responsibility on offense and defense. Haylee and Alexis will also see increased roles this season," said Hoffert.

Junior Ashlyn Busta, sophomore Jenna Thronsdon, as well as freshmen Hazel Nieman, Bella Stika, Emersyn Hoffert and Ellaney Bodensteiner fill out TV's varsity roster.

"We have talked about as a team that we have a lot of potential. We will take a few lumps early in the season, but once we settle in and get our feet under us we have a chance to be a really good basketball team," said Steve Hoffert.

TV played Kee High at home to start the season on Tuesday, Nov. 21 and the Hawks won that UIC matchup by a score of 52-45. TV's scheduled game with New Hampton this past Monday was postponed and moved to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. The Trojans played at South Winneshiek on Tuesday and take on North Fayette Valley at home this Friday.



Bella Stika
5-9 • Fr.



Jenna Thronsdon
5-6 • So.



Mariah Thronsdon
5-6 • Sr.

Inexperienced Trojans expect to improve

Turkey Valley boys basketball coach likes his team's aggressiveness, ability to play fast pace

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Keep on truckin' – but remember there are posted speed-limit signs on every highway from West Union to Monona and as far down "south" as Guttenberg.

John Izer and his Turkey Valley Trojan boys basketball team loves to play at a fast pace.

That means the Upper Iowa Conference squad that plays its home games near the unincorporated community of Jackson Junction prefers to get up and down the floor in an attempt to run.

Izer's Trojans also need to know that a gear shifter and brake pedal can come in handy when the rubber meets the road because sometimes engines run hot and break down.

Being on the side of the road with no place to go – especially before the holiday break – is no place to be with your thumb out in the air looking for a ride.

"We did ask the guys last year – I did. I started it. We wanted to start the season going 120-miles-an-hour," said Izer. "Well, until we brought it down to 90-miles-an-hour, we were averaging over 20 turnovers a game."

That means expect the Trojans this year to achieve more of a "controlled chaos" out on the floor when attempting to wreak havoc on both ends of the court in Izer's up-tempo system.

That frenetic and fun-to-watch style of play orchestrated a 14-9 overall record last year for the Trojans. That energetic flow to Izer's offense also produced a third-place finish in the UIC with an 11-5 mark – tied with North Fayette Valley.

"My guys are really handsy," said Izer. "They play aggressive."

TV has plenty of shoes to fill as it graduated four starters from last year in Noah Hanson, Calvin Bodensteiner, Carson Busta and Chase Hayek.

Hanson and Bodensteiner each averaged over nine points and six rebounds a game their senior years – with Hanson being TV's floor general at point guard and Bodensteiner a valuable forward for the Trojans.

Busta was the team's leading 3-point shooter with 32 makes and Hayek was a valuable role player that could rebound and provide stability down on the blocks.

"Four guys that have played at very young ages in all sports – we lost," said Izer, in his third year as head coach.

While they are gone – TV has the "parts" to replace them and fine-tune a potential high-scoring machine that Izer hopes will be "well-oiled" come late January and early February.

"I go to bed right now at

TURKEY VALLEY BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 1	North Fayette Valley JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	MFL MarMac JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Clayton Ridge JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	West Central JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Decorah JV	11 a.m.
Dec. 19	Central Elkader JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Postville JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Riceville JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Kee High JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	North Fayette Valley JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Tripoli JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	South Winneshiek JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Wapsie Valley JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Clayton Ridge JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	MFL MarMac	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Crestwood	6/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	West Central JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Central Elkader JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Postville JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Kee High JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.

seven deep. I can go to bed on that," said Izer. "We're trying to find eight, nine and 10."

One has to start on TV's roster with senior guard Oliver Schmitt. The all-state football player also barrels his way down the hardwood as evident by his 11-point scoring average – which led the team last year. He was honorable-mention all-conference as a junior and provides the Trojans with tremendous athleticism.

Caleb Kurtenbach – another senior – should replace Hanson at the point guard position and started one game last year. He netted over nine points of scoring last winter off the bench.

"Caleb knows the game. He's a great leader," said Izer.

Those two projected starters are going to need some help, though.

"They're going to need them other kids to go with them to a certain extent," said Izer. "We're not a hard scouting report right now – "Dog Olly" and "Dog Caleb" and who else do you know on the team? Stop "Olly" and stop Caleb and no one's going to know the names of the other players."

That's where sophomores Logan Busta and J.D. Kruse come into play. The football standouts had breakout seasons on the gridiron last fall and Izer

is hoping they do the same out on the basketball court.

Logan sports the most experience of the two as he scored all of 29 points in 15 games last year.

Kruse – with his 6-1 athletic frame – will be a weapon that will be leaned on heavily as well. He played in just seven games last year and netted nine points.

There's no better time than the present for each of them to make their mark and continue a run of success in the hoops game according to Izer.

"I'm glad both of them got to be key contributors in football," said Izer. "We've been on them two all summer – don't look for "Olly" and Caleb. Now is your time – you don't hold the ball and look for them two. It is your time – now to go."

Trojan senior Russell Nieman – a lefty – will also be a valuable commodity, whose stock is on the rise. His numbers from last year don't jump out – 2.3 ppg and 2.2 rpg – but he is poised to make big contributions this year.

"Hard-nosed kid – tough. He'll be the one on the floor – first one," said Izer. "He's key. He has better offensive skills than he believes he does and

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Welcoming back the veterans: Chickasaw, Trojan returning letterwinners



Returning letterwinners for the NH/TV boys wrestling team include (front row, from left) Hunter Humpal, Landon Bruess, Ty Moudry, Jayden Bucknell, Braiden Schaufenbuel, (back row) Leander Reicks, Burke Busta, Olandreon Saunders, Braden McShane, Ethan Swehla, Caleb Utley and Karson Kolbet.



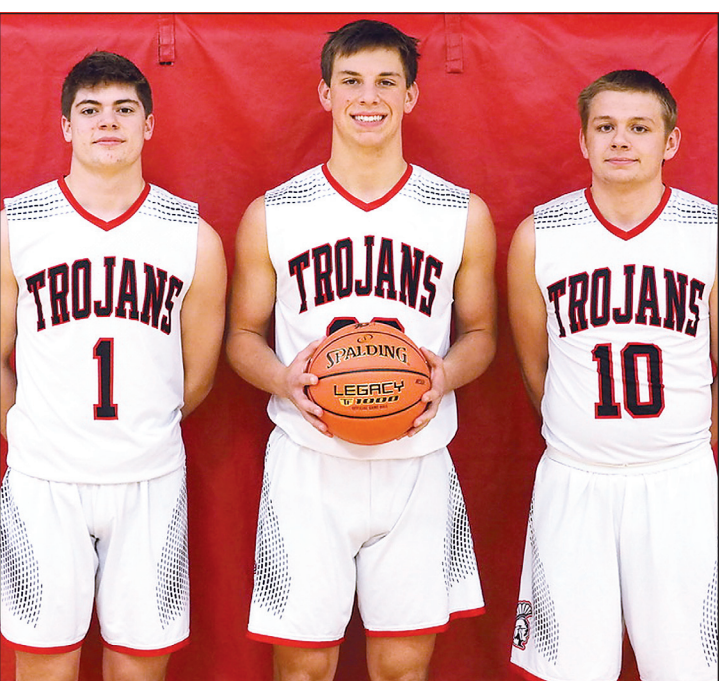
Returning letterwinners for the New Hampton boys basketball team include (from left) Reid Rausch, Ben Gilbert, Cael Laures, Nick Brincks and Adam Ewert.



Returning letterwinners for the New Hampton bowling team include (from left) Landon Marr, Madison Dreckman and Jamison Porath.



Returning letterwinners for the NH/TV girls wrestling team include (from left) Zoey Dreckman, Aleah Eichenberger and Olivia Hoy.



Returning letterwinners for the Turkey Valley boys basketball include (from left) Caleb Kurtenbach, Oliver Schmitt and Russell Nieman.



Returning letterwinners for the Turkey Valley girls basketball team include (from left) Annika Bodensteiner, Mariah Thronson, Addison Steinlage and Delaney Busta.



Returning letterwinners for the New Hampton girls basketball team include (from left) Taylor Ries, Megan Pickar, Cora Schwickerath and Molly Wegner.

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NH/TV senior 150-pounder Ethan Praska (above) wrestles in Turkey Valley’s gym in the season opener on Tuesday night while Chickasaw senior Braden McShane (below) earns his 100th career win in dominant fashion with a pin.

NH/TV boys commence season with three wins

McShane earns 100th career win with quick pin over South Winn state qualifier

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The parking lot was full on the campus of Turkey Valley High School on Tuesday night – and for a good reason.

The New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling squad opened the season in Jackson Junction for a home quad and Chickasaw fans came out in droves.

What those devoted grappling followers witnessed was a pretty good start to the season as NH/TV rolled to impressive dual victories over Central Elkader (78-6), South Winneshiek (52-27) and Clear Lake (51-23).

New Hampton and Turkey Valley joined forces for the start of the 2017-2018 wrestling season – the same year the Chickasaws put the finishing touches on back-to-back state dual crowns in Class 2A.

So NH/TV’s home dual on Tuesday – roughly 16 miles away from New Hampton in



Jackson Junction – was an homage of sorts for TV wrestlers and fans that pour their heart into the sport that has produced a whole host of champions in Chickasaw wrestling lore.

“Our Turkey Valley athletes buy into our program a lot. They gotta do a lot of driving and spend a lot of long nights and early mornings. We love having them on our team,” said NH/TV head coach Matt Paulus. “We

love the culture and fans over here, too. We’re trying to bring the communities together.”

One such legend of the mat for NH/TV – senior 215-pounder Braden McShane – earned his 100th career win with a dominant pin over South Winn’s Parker Timp. Timp qualified for state last year in Class 1A, but he was no match for McShane as the Chickasaw put the hammer down early and drove Timp into the mat for a fall in just 57

seconds.

“That was awesome. I’m really proud of him,” said Paulus. “He was a little bit excited about it, but in straight-Braden fashion, he’s like that’s just a small stepping stone for what he wants to do this year. It doesn’t seem like a big deal to him, but some day it will.”

McShane has his eyes set on a state title for NH/TV this winter. He placed third at state last year and fourth the year before.

“There’s been thousands of wrestlers in New Hampton/Turkey Valley history that haven’t got to a 100 wins,” said Paulus. “Of course he did it in McShane-fashion and absolutely dominated.”

Karson Kolbet, another senior on NH/TV’s roster and a state qualifier last season at 160 pounds – earned a satisfying pin over South Winn’s Kyle Kuboushek in 1:26 at 165 pounds. Then Kolbet gutted out a tough 4-3 win over Clear Lake’s Christian Dunning.

Turkey Valley girls rally late but fall to Kee

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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There was no quit in the Turkey Valley Trojans last week Tuesday in its season opener at home versus Kee High.

Despite trailing by 21 points in the third quarter, TV rallied to make a game of it against the Hawks. Kee High held on, though, for a 52-45 win.

“We got off to a good start tonight but we just couldn’t sustain it for four quarters,” said TV head coach Steve Hoffert.

“We didn’t give up, we showed a lot of fight in the second half, which was very encouraging to see.”

TV sophomore Addison Steinlage and junior Alexis Elsbernd paced the Trojan attack with 11 points apiece. Steinlage came up with six steals and Elsbernd knocked down three 3-pointers.

Trojan senior Mariah Thronsdon netted seven points and ripped down six rebounds. Annika Bodensteiner, another sophomore for TV, notched

six points and grabbed six rebounds.

TV outscored Kee, 18-4, in the final period of play.

“We started out really well. We broke their press easily for some layups. Late in the first quarter and half way through the second we struggled to score and didn’t take care of the ball,” Hoffert added.

KEE HIGH 52, TURKEY VALLEY 45										
KEE	17	18	13	4	-	52				
TV	12	10	5	18	-	45				
Addison Steinlage	4-7	2-3	11,							

Annika Bodensteiner 1-8 4-6 6, Layni Schuchhardt 1-6 1-2 3, Mariah Thronsdon 3-8 1-1 7, Delaney Busta 1-6 0-0 2, Jenna Thronsdon 0-0 0-0 0, Ashlyn Busta 0-0 0-0 0, Alexis Elsbernd 4-7 0-2 11, Haylee Hanson 1-4 2-2 5. Totals 15-46 10-16 45.

3-point field goals - Steinlage 1-1, Bodensteiner 0-4, M. Thronsdon 0-2, Elsbernd 3-6, Hanson 1-1.

Rebounds - Bodensteiner 6, M. Thronsdon 6, D. Busta 5, Hanson 5, Elsbernd 3, Schuchhardt 3.

Assists - Steinlage 3, Schuchhardt 3, M. Thronsdon 3, Elsbernd 1.

Steals - Steinlage 6, M. Thronsdon 1, D. Busta 1.

Blocks - Bodensteiner 2.

Laures’ career high not enough for Chickasaw boys

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a banked-in 3-pointer right before the third quarter buzzer sounded just past half court right near the Trojans’ logo.

“That was lucky. Skill – I don’t know?” said Schmitt. “After I saw it went in it was pure joy.”

Schmitt had his hands in what seemed like almost every play as he finished with 15 points on 6-10 shooting. He drained both his 3-point attempts, grabbed nine rebounds, came up with six steals, dished out four assists and had one block.

“We played our butts off. The first game you are always a little tired after a bit. I think we played through it,” said Schmitt. “Free-throw percentage wasn’t very good, but we played hard.”

And this was a showcase – at least early on for folks that wondered what kind of team Izer possesses – for his two new sophomore starters.

Those sophomores would be Logan Busta and J.D. Kruse.

Busta scored a career high 17 points and shut the door on the Chickasaws in the second half.

“Logan took over in the third quarter. He has a little moxie,” said Izer. “I believe he had 13 points.”

Busta scored all of 29 points as a freshman last year on the varsity level. Kruse almost exceeded his point total from last year with eight points – one more than the nine he tallied last winter.

Kruse and Busta combined to shoot 10-17 from the floor and finished with 25 points. “The way they play you

wouldn’t even know they’re sophomores,” said Schmitt. “You expect them to step up, because we need that.”

The Trojans took New Hampton’s best punch, then proceeded to shut down New Hampton’s offense in the final quarter of play.

The game was back-and-forth through much of the middle stages of the non-conference tilt before TV came up with a knockout punch and went on a 14-0 run in the second half after the game was tied at 40-40 with 55 seconds to play before the final stanza. TV outscored NH, 12-2, in the final period.

“They gotta a bunch of tough kids that play hard. They’re gonna win a lot of basketball games,” said New Hampton head coach Ryan Rausch.

A 13-0 run – capped Busta’s bucket down low – saw New Hampton race out to a 20-8 lead with 7:25 left in the second quarter.

Then New Hampton caught fire.

NH senior guard Ben Gilbert’s 3-pointer from the wing cut TV’s lead to 23-20 with 3:48 left in the half. Chickasaw senior forward Cael Laures converted on a bunny down low and New Hampton had promptly went on a 10-0 run a possession later and trailed by just one, 23-22.

“I thought we responded really well in the first half and I don’t think we responded as good in the second half,” said Rausch.

Reid Rausch hit on the first points of the second half on a driving layup and New Hampton’s lead would rise up to 31-27.

Russell Nieman’s 3-pointer trimmed NH’s lead to 31-30 with 7:09 left in the third quarter. Busta’s splash-down from long-range made it back-to-back 3-pointers for the Trojans and TV had regained the lead, up 33-31 with 6:13 left in the third period.

Laures’ offensive board and putback tied the game back up at 40-40 late third quarter. NH sophomore Caden Rochford hit a baseline 3-pointer prior to Laures’ made field goal in the paint.

Then the wheels seemed to fall off for the Chickasaws.

“Coach (Tate) Hofmeister said it after the game perfectly. You’ve gotta go to the next play. One play can’t beat you twice,” said Ryan Rausch. “We had a lot of guys when they had a play that didn’t go their way, their head was down. We talk about that all the time. That really surprised me because this group has not done that.”

New Hampton struggled mightily from the floor on the perimeter pretty much the whole game and shot 21 percent from the field (13-61).

“We were 4-for-20 in the first half from two-point range,” said Ryan Rausch. “Most all of our two’s were right around the basket and in the second half it was worse. I mean we missed layup, after layup, after layup. I know they’re in traffic, but you gotta finish. This is varsity basketball.”

Laures scored a career-high 18 points and was 8-15 shooting. He snared nine rebounds and blocked two shots.

TURKEY VALLEY 57, NEW HAMPTON 42										
NH	8	21	11	2	-	42				
TV	18	9	18	12	-	57				

NEW HAMPTON STATS
Ben Gilbert 1-12 2-2 5, Carter Newbrough 0-1 0-0 0, Adam Ewert 0-10 5-8 5, Nick Brincks 0-2 1-2 1, Reid Rausch 2-8 0-0 4, Jake Schwickerath 0-0 2-2 2, Caden Rochford 2-7 1-1 7, Ryan Willadsen 0-3 0-0 0, Dylon Schmitt 0-2 0-0 0, Cael Laures 8-15 0-0 18, Jacob McDonald 0-1 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 13-61 11-15 42.

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

Rebounds - Laures 9, Brincks 7, Rausch 7, Schmitt 3, Ewert 3, Willadsen 2, McDonald 2, Schwickerath 1, Rochford 1.

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

Steals - Ewert 2, Gilbert 1, Brincks 1, Laures 1.

Blocks - Laures 2, Ewert 1.

TURKEY VALLEY STATS
Caleb Kurtenbach 4-16 3-9 12, J.D. Kruse 4-7 0-1 8, Aidan Holthaus 0-0 0-0 0, Braylen Byrne 1-5 0-0 2, Russell Nieman 1-3 0-2 3, Cael Langreck 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Kriener 0-1 0-0 0, Oliver Schmitt 6-10 1-5 15, Jonah Orvis 0-0 0-0 0, Ethan Orvis 0-0 0-0 0, Logan Busta 7-10 1-2 17, Calen Franzen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-53 5-19 57.

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

Rebounds - Schmitt 9, Busta 7, Kurtenbach 5, Kruse 4, Nieman 2, Holthaus 1, J. Orvis 1, Franzen 1.

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

Steals - Schmitt 6, Kurtenbach 2, Kruse 2, Byrne 1, Busta 1.

Blocks - Busta 2, Schmitt 1, Kruse 1.

NH/TV girls coach has plenty of new faces in wrestling room

NH/TV GIRLS: FROM 13

Myers wrestled to a 29-18 mark a year ago and also encountered two pins at state.

One familiar name that Chickasaw wrestling fans shouldn’t have a hard time remembering is Glaser. Sophie Glaser, a freshman, began her varsity wrestling career this month and has all the makings of producing plenty of firepower for the Chickasaws.

Glaser’s older brother is Noah Glaser – a 2018 NH grad that placed third at state his senior year at 170 pounds. Glaser went on to wrestle at the University of Northern Iowa.

Ciavarelli likes Glaser’s chances this year to have a big impact out on the mat. It also doesn’t hurt to have a family history of success in wrestling, either.

“Sophie has been wrestling well and it never hurts to have a brother who was tough as nails helping her along the way. She shows a lot of upside in her grit and toughness, and now we just need to improve her skills and wrestling knowledge in all positions,” said Ciavarelli. “She is a freshman, but she has big goals and is willing to do what it takes everyday to make herself better.”

Also back for her second season is sophomore Olivia Hoy (140). Hoy was just 4-20 last year and has started out to a 1-6 mark this year. But don’t let the record fool you, she means business this year out on the mat.

Ciavarelli said confidence is key for Hoy – something she should be able to obtain by racking up a few more wins in the early stages of the season.

“Olivia’s technique has come a long way already,” said Ciavarelli. “We’re at a hump right now and we gotta get her over that hump and start winning matches.”

“Her wrestling is there. She’s been leading in three or four matches already this season that just haven’t come out our way.”

Two other freshman for NH/TV that have plenty of upside

are Ella Knutson (135) and Raelynn Manderfield (170).

Knutson (3-4) pinned Savannah Talyat of Cedar Rapids Kennedy in her placing match in 4:00. Knutson is tall for a wrestler – which Ciavarelli is hoping she can use to her advantage.

“Her and Sophie (Glaser) are cousins, I believe. She’s just in kind of the same boat as Brooklyn – just willing to try something new and have fun learning it,” said Ciavarelli. “We got her a few wins. She’s kind of a taller girl, so we were kind of able to teach her a cradle right away and she’s been able to put a couple girls away with that cradle.”

Manderfield (5-3) engineered two pins to end the Indee Invite – one against teammate Kelly Thronsdon (170).

Sophomore Brooklyn McShane is also slotted in Ciavarelli’s lineup at 135 and is 2-3 early on. McShane was on the team last year but did not wrestle on the varsity level.

“Right now our team has really been putting themselves in good situations to win matches. Now, some of those matches we are still losing, but we are learning what we need to change in order for us to turn the tide,” said Ciavarelli.

Chickasaw freshman Taelynn Bass (100) has rocketed out of the gates with four pins so far. She is 5-3 on the year. She placed 11th at Indee.

NH/TV senior Zoey Dreckman is 3-0 on the year at 115 pounds – all of her wins have come by forfeit.

Also on NH/TV’s roster is sophomore Elizabeth Deere (235) an junior Irelynn Bodensteiner (235).

“There are a lot of new faces this season, so that means we are still struggling learning all the details of wrestling. It is a long season and I believe these ladies can still be successful by overcoming adversity. I am excited to put the work in,” said Ciavarelli.

NH/TV wrestles in the Dan Gable Donnybrook starting tonight (Thursday) in Coralville at Xtream Arena.

Good shot selection will be a key for Turkey Valley boys this winer

TV BOYS: FROM 15

that’s what we’re trying to draw out of him.”

Braylen Byrne, a 6-3 senior, missed considerable time last year and played in six games. He’ll be counted on to log many minutes for the Trojans and help solidify the frontcourt.

“Braylen last year, unfortunately, didn’t get as advanced as we wanted him to,” said Izer.

The rest of TV’s roster is comprised of senior Aidan Holthaus, juniors Jonah Orvis and Ethan Orvis, as well as junior Calen Franzen. Trojan freshmen Jordan Kriener and Cael Langreck were added to the varsity roster in the last week or so.

Izer stressed his main focus this year is decision making when it comes to knowing when to pull the trigger on shots. That focal point will be essential for TV to flourish at if it wants to finish in the upper-half of the league.

“Our team motto this year is shot selection,” said Izer. “We have got to have good shot

‘Team’ is key for all-state players

ALL-STATE: FROM 18

been a while since we had done that, and we wanted to end that streak.”

Schmitt, meanwhile, was one of five seniors who led Turkey Valley to a 5-5 season that included that 14-8 win over Riceville in the final game of the regular season that gave the Trojans a trip to the playoffs.

He led the Trojans with 82 tackles and six sacks and was also a mainstay on offense for Turkey Valley – leading his team in rushing (1,124 yards), receptions (16) and touch-downs (23). And for good measure, he was 6-for-9 passing for 164 yards and two TDs.

“I would say all-state was a goal of mine at the beginning of the year,” he said. “I worked extremely hard to become the best I could be as I knew this year were down from the previous year.

“We all knew we had to step up a notch to be the best we could and I think it worked out for myself and my teammates.”

Chickasaw Men’s Pool

Week 7 Nov. 20

	W	L
Rascals	37	26
Dak’s Tap 1	36	27
Brite Spot	36	27
HereZ 2 U	36	27
Big Willie’s	32	31
Butch’s 1	31	32
VFW	31	32
Bowlaway Lanes	31	32
Butch’s 2	30	33
Dak’s Tap 2	28	35
Hide-A-Way	27	36
The Office	23	40

RESULTS

Dak’s Tap 1 7, VFW 2
HereZ 2 U 16, The Office 3
Butch’s 2 5, Brite Spot 4
Butch’s 1 6, Big Willie’s 3
Hide-A-Way 6, Rascals 3
Dak’s Tap 5, Bowlaway Lanes 4

THREE-GAME

WINNERS

Dak’s Tap 1: Dak & Lew
TABLE RUN
Bowlaway Lanes: Mitch G.



Turkey Valley's Russell Nieman tries to drive past New Hampton's Caden Rochford during Monday night's season-opening boys basketball game.

Trojans get rivalry game win over New Hampton

Turkey Valley boys kicks off season, pulls ahead late to pick up a 57-42 victory over cold-shooting Chickasaws

By Kelly Terpstra
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John Izer will be the first to tell it straight to your face — because he doesn't waste time beating around the bush. "People have asked the last two weeks how many games you gonna win? I want to win one," said Izer. "Now we've won one, now you can tell 'em I want to win two. That's the only way to do it."

Izer, in his third year as head coach of his Turkey Valley boys basketball team, was referring to his Trojans' impressive win over area rival New Hampton on Monday night in the season opener over in Jackson

Junction. These Trojans can play some ball as evident by their lockdown performance over the larger-school Chickasaws in a game that went the way of TV — 57-42.

"I'm just very proud of this group — losing as many as I lost and only having 'Ollie' as the lone starter back," said Izer. "I knew what I had, but I had to see them against competition."

"Ollie," as in Trojan senior forward Oliver Schmitt, was all over floor on Monday making plays. The two-time all-state football player for TV saw his highlight of the night come on

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Turkey Valley's Braelyn Byrne battles New Hampton's Nick Brincks (14) and Cael Laures for a rebound during Monday's game.

Wartburg claims playoff win

The Wartburg College football team made it look easy this past Saturday as the Knights rolled to a 42-20 victory over Whitworth University to earn a trip to the quarterfinals of the Division III national playoffs.

The third-ranked Knights, who are coached by New Hampton native Chris Winter, jumped out to a 42-6 lead and cruised to the win that pushed their record to 12-0 this season.

Wartburg's offense finished the day with 540 total yards in the win over the 18th-ranked Pirates from Spokane, Washington.

The Knights will look for a second-straight trip to the national semifinals when they play host to Wisconsin-Whitewater this Saturday. Kickoff at Walston-Hoover Stadium is set for noon.

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New Hampton's Gatlin McCumber helps create a hole for teammate Braden McShane during a game against Crestwood this past fall.

New Hampton's McCumber, Turkey Valley's Schmitt end careers on all-state teams

Chickasaw lineman, Trojan linebacker both named to their respective second teams by Iowa Print Writers Association

By Bob Fenske
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Ask New Hampton's Gatlin McCumber and Turkey Valley's Oliver Schmitt their favorite memories from this past football season, and they're quick to point to team accomplishments.

Don't get them wrong, both seniors take pride in being named to their respective all-state teams by the Iowa Print Writers Association, but what they will remember about their final seasons of prep football are the playoff teams their respective teams made.

"I think what I'm most proud of is just the way we turned our season around," McCumber said. "I mean we were 0-4 and a lot of teams would have just given up, but to get to the playoffs and get a [postseason] win, that was pretty special."

"Making the playoffs was one of our goals this season so you have to be happy with that outcome," Schmitt said. "Of course we didn't win the first round but making the playoffs isn't an easy accomplishment so I think that speaks words for what we were able to achieve this year. My favorite part was definitely the week 8 game against Riceville."

"When you have to play to get into the playoffs, that's a whole different feeling and then the way we were able to pull out with a W makes it ten times better."

McCumber was named to the Class 2A second-team as an offensive lineman by the IPWA while Schmitt was a second-team linebacker on the all-state eight-man teams.

Start with the big fella from New Hampton, who had another outstanding season on both sides of the ball. McCumber was

named the Class 2A, District 3 offensive lineman MVP as he and his linemates overcame a slow start to finish the season with an outstanding rushing attack.

During a five-game stretch in which New Hampton went 4-1 — the only loss was in overtime to Waukon — the Chickasaws rushed for 1,340 yards, an average of 268 yards a game.

That run coincided with the return of Braden McShane, the 2022 all-state running back who missed 3 1/2 games on offense with an injury.

"You know, when Braden's getting those yards — really when anyone's getting yards — we take a lot of pride in that," McCumber said. "We don't really have stats as offensive lineman, but that rushing yards, that's our big one, you know?"

On defense, McCumber played a solid defensive end and finished the season with 23.5 tackles, including 3.5 for loss.

The only downside to the announcement of the all-state teams was the exclusion of McShane, who gained 995 yards despite missing 35 percent of the season.

"Braden should have made it," McCumber said. "Ask anyone and he's the best running back we saw all year. I'm glad he was on our team, put it that way."

Still, McCumber said one of his goals heading into the season was to be among the state's best.

"Yeah, I put it down, but the important goals were the team ones," he said. "We wanted to win more than four games obviously, but like I said, getting a playoff win was huge. It had

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Turkey Valley senior Oliver Schmitt comes up with a sack in the Trojans' win over Central Elkader this past fall.



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