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Public Health will stay put

Board passes on move after learning cost estimate is almost \$600,000

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors spent months talking about the possible move of Public Health and Homecare Services to the Heritage Center.

And in about five minutes during Monday's meeting, the board in effect

decided that Public Health would remain at its current location — the Community Services Building in New Hampton.

That's because once supervisors learned the estimated cost to move the agency to the former county home that is located just south of New Hampton, they experienced sticker shock.

Martin Gardner Architecture "pre-

liminary estimated opinion of probable costs" stated that the county could expect to pay \$538,500 for construction costs to prepare the Heritage for Public Health's arrival.

Throw in the "phase II" part of the project — estimated to cost \$61,200 — and the county would have to spend slightly less than \$600,000 to move Public Health.

The Heritage is currently home to the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Office and several non-profit organizations, and Supervisor Jake Hackman said he was having trouble coming to grips with estimated cost.

"It amazes me that we put in what, eight or nine non-county departments

in that building for probably under the cost of \$3,000," Hackman said, "and they have not complained once about where

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Supervisors gear up for what will be tough budget year

Board members considering pay and budget freezes, move up this month's department head meeting to prepare for challenges ahead

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors want to give the men and women who head county departments some direction when it comes to preparing for the 2024-25 budgets.

But that's easier said than done, county leaders say, because of House File 718, a new state law that limits how much revenue counties and cities can raise.

Board members also don't know how union negotiations will play out with the two unions that represent some county employees, but they appear to be leaning toward supporting a pay freeze for those employees who are not represented by unions.

The bottom line, as Supervisor Jake Hackman put it, is that the county is in "for a very tough budgeting year."

He pointed out that under House File 718, a county's valuations could go up 3 percent, but that would mean the county would have to cut its levy rate by 2 percent.

The discussion began with Auditor Sheila Shekleton asking board members if they wanted to send out a letter to the department heads that would give them guidance as they prepare for their budgets for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Supervisors last month said they did not want the Compensation Board to grant them raises this year, and on Monday, the one thing they agreed on was that budgets needed to include a 6 percent increase for health-care costs.

"So basically we're recommending 0 percent, or a wage freeze," Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal, "and then as far as capital expenditures or projects or improvement projects like that, [are you saying] kind of recommend [that we] freeze those as well? ... I don't want

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Photo courtesy of Emma Schwickerath

Members of the New Hampton Dance Team — (front row, from left) Baylee Rapenske, Madi Shawver, Emma Carpenter, Olivia Horner, Belle Broughton, Kylee Junk, (back row) Marjie Reicks, Cinetta Schwickerath, Brooke Vestal, Ava Thronndson, coach Emma Schwickerath, Madison Roethler, Alexis Rethamel and Kassidy Meyerhoff — pose for a photo after the awards ceremony was held at the Iowa State Dance and Drill Team Association state meet last week.

DANCING TO ANOTHER STATE TITLE

NEW HAMPTON CLAIMS PROP CROWN TO WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE SEASON

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New Hampton's dance team captains Olivia Horner and Emma Carpenter have been through enough seasons to know not to panic when it comes to unveiling a new routine.

But this year's prop routine — one that

included jump ropes and trampolines — may have taken the proverbial cake when it comes to the first time the team ran through it.

"Oh my gosh, it was awful," Horner said with a laugh. "We kept telling the other girls, 'It's OK, it's OK, it'll get better.' But it took a long, long time."

It was that routine, though, that allowed

Carpenter and Horner and their fellow seniors — Baylee Rapenske and Ava Thronndson — to depart New Hampton as four-time state champions as the dance team claimed the state title with a convincing performance in the Class I Prop Division that included five teams.

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We're going to get real Christmassy for a couple of days

If your Christmas spirit needs a boost, New Horizons-Chamber and the Little Light of Mine Committee have just the events for you.

The chamber will host the annual Live Windows Display from 5 to 7 this evening (Thursday) that will include a new event, a Light Parade, along with old favorites like Santa and Mrs. Claus, strolling characters, warm-up stations, carolers and more.

Two nights later, Santa will make his annual stop at Little Light of Mine and visit with children from 5 to 7, and the display's annual fireworks show will start at 7.



Santa Claus visits with New Hampton resident Joanne Heying and her grandchildren, Cole and Everly, during Santa Saturday at the Carnegie Cultural Center.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Santa touched by present on his day

Instead of giving the jolly old fellow a wish list, child presents Santa with a painted rock

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It's true; kids do really say the darndest things.

Take Santa Saturday at the Carnegie Cultural Center, where a young boy was asked by Santa Claus if he could fit down the chimney at the little youngster's house?

"Don't do the chimney, just go through the front door," the kid said to Santa. "It's a lot easier."

But kids can also be incredibly kind, and Santa was reminded of that Saturday at the museum, where kids not only had a chance to talk with and get their picture taken with him but also



Santa shows off the gift he received from a child during Santa Saturday.

could head downstairs to complete a Christmas craft.

"I had a child come up to

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

After seeing Santa, Freya and Ronin Albin put together some Christmas crafts in the basement of the Carnegie Cultural Center.

For this Santa, a painted rock is the best gift of all

SANTA SATURDAY: FROM 1

me today, and she didn't want to tell me what she wanted for Christmas," Santa said. "Instead, she wanted to give me this."

And with that, he showed off a beautiful painted rock that included a holiday tree and a simple message: Merry Christmas.

"I've been doing this for 50 years," said Bob Havner, who was the man who donned the

Santa suit at the Carnegie Saturday, "and over the years, you get touched by the kindness kids have in their hearts. Getting that rock, that was one of those times."

Havner bought that Santa suit 50 years ago at a K-Mart in Long Beach, California, and every Christmas season since, he has donned it and brightened the lives of children.

And as Saturday proved, sometimes the kids do the same thing for Santa.

DANCE TEAM: FROM 1

The judges gave New Hampton a final score of 361 points, 11.5 more than second-place Grundy Center, and helped coach Emma Schwickerath and her dancers to add another state championship trophy to its bulging trophy case. New Hampton also finished fourth in a highly competitive Class V Hip Hop Division.

In addition to the two team trophies New Hampton claimed at the Iowa State Dance and Drill Team Association's state competition that was held at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines last Thursday, it also celebrated a masterful performance by sophomore Kylee Junk, the school's first-ever state individual qualifier. Junk finished eighth in the Class V Solo Division.

"When you consider she was eighth out of 73 or something like that dancers," Schwickerath said, "it was just an amazing performance. The emotion she brings to her dance is just amazing, and I'm so happy for her."

The 10th-year coach paused and smiled.

"And knowing that I have her back for two years," Schwickerath said, "I'm really happy for me, too."

SCHWICKERATH, though, really wanted her seniors to go out on top.

New Hampton won a state title in hip-hop in 2020 and then went back-to-back with prop champions the past two winters.

But the New Hampton coach was the first to admit that she was fretting in the weeks before the state meet.

"I'll tell you the truth, we didn't really put it all together until the day before we went to state," Schwickerath said.

"Jump roping together, jumping off trampolines together, making the dance moves, putting all that together was hard. It was an extremely difficult routine, and yeah, I was getting nervous."

And the nine girls —



Photo courtesy of Emma Schwickerath

New Hampton High School sophomore Kylee Junk poses for a photo after becoming the first girl in school history to qualify as an individual performer at the state dance championships.

Rapenske, Madi Shawver, Carpenter, Horner, Belle Broughton, Junk, Cinetta Schwickerath, Thronson and Madison Roethler — who performed nailed it on Thursday.

"I knew when we got done, we had left it all out there on the floor," Carpenter said. "It was such a great feeling, because no matter what the judges said, I knew we had done it better than we had ever before."

Her coach agreed. "So I sit in the corner and when they got done, I jumped out of my seat, was fist pumping and yelling," Schwickerath said, "and I never do that. OK, I had never done that before, put it that way."

But there is no scoreboard in dance; instead, the coach, her dancers and her alternates had to wait five agonizing hours to find out if the judges agreed.

It was worth the wait. "You try to tell yourself not to get too nervous but it doesn't work that way all the time," Carpenter said, "so when they

announced us as the champion, I kind of went crazy. But so did all my teammates so it's cool."

NEW HAMPTON'S dance team, though, is more than the nine girls who took the Wells Fargo Arena floor last Thursday.

It also includes alternates like Kassidy Meyerhoff, Alexis Rethamel, Brooke Vestal and Marjie Reicks, all of whom are either freshmen or sophomores.

"They're a huge part of our team," Schwickerath said. "First, they're like the varsity girls, they're here at 6 in the morning three days a week and then five days a week as we get closer to state. Second, if someone gets hurt and we have enough time, they're going to be the ones stepping in."

"For them to be there last week, that's huge because they know what state is all about, they know what it's like to be in that big arena."

And the dance season isn't over yet — the team will dance at halftimes of various basket-

ball games and also host its annual Dance Showcase — but the competition is.

Carpenter smiled when asked what was harder — dancing at state or dancing at their home school?

"I think I'm way more nervous when we dance at home," she said, "because you know everyone, you know what I mean?"

Horner does.

"I'm totally with Emma on that one," she said. "At New Hampton, everyone knows you. It's a lot easier dancing at state, as strange as that sounds."

THE PRESSURE, however, is off.

And make no mistake about it, the New Hampton dancers, especially the seniors, wanted to fourpeat.

"I'd say it was a good pressure," Horner said. "I think for all of us seniors, we were pretty motivated. I mean winning three state championships sounds pretty good. But winning four sounds way, way better."

Schwickerath admits she sets the bar high each summer when New Hampton's dance team begins preparing for state.

"Expectations are good," she said, "and I don't want to be mean or anything but I also don't want to sugar coat it, either. We want to win state championships, we want to bring home trophies, and to do that, you have to work hard. People don't get how hard these girls work to get to this point, and I'm so appreciative of the fact that they never complain about 6 a.m. practices."

For the seniors, though, the joy of leaving New Hampton as four-time state champions was tinged with a little sorrow.

"Knowing that was the last time I'd get to dance with these girls, it was kind of motivating to give it all I had," Carpenter said, "but when it was over, when we had finished the prop, I'm not going to lie, it was hard knowing that was the last time I'd dance with everyone I grew up with on that floor."

It's why Horner is looking forward to the dance team's second season — the basketball games and the Dance Showcase. It buys her more time.

"When the showcase is over," she said, "I'll probably definitely will cry. I'd do anything for these girls, and I know they'd do the same for me."

Turkey Valley names first quarter honor roll students

Turkey Valley's first quarter honor roll was released recently. Students are listed alphabetically in groups divided in regard to grade point average ranges.

The criteria for a student qualifying for the honor roll is obtaining a quality point average of 3.0 or above, students receiving a "D" or "F" grade will not qualify for the honor roll.

3.75-4.0 — Alexa Muetherthies, Courtney Ball, Honora Chicken, Jocelynn DeSloover, Brynlee Hayek,

Elizabeth Hyer, Mya Ives, Caleb Kriener, Nicholas Bernhard, Gavin Berst, Ellaney Bodensteiner, Grace Bouska, Mitchell Kriener, Ava Kuennen, Cale Langreck, Hazel Nieman, Anna Reicks, Karsyn Reicks, Isaiah Wheeler, Bree Balk, Annika Bodensteiner, Hunter Kruse, Karstyn Lukes, Makinley Lutgen, Kinsey Reicks, Bode Balk, Megan Blong, Burke Busta, Isabella Gruenberg, Cadyn Huber, Russell Nieman, Oliver Schmitt, Ryann Schmitt, Mariah Thronson, Tanner Tlusty, Ana Ventura and Halle Weber.

3.50-3.74 — Lauryn Dagit, Annabelle Scheidel, Alexis Gruenberg, Dominick Reicks, Treyton Franzen, Theresa Hanson, Jordan Kriener, Jadeyn Muetherthies, Haylee Hanson, Traejin Keel, Colton Kurtenbach, Addison Steinlage, Jenna Thronson, Larry Vrba, Maici Weber, Aidan Berst, Calen Franzen, Alayna

Kuennen, Caleb Kurtenbach.

3.25-3.49 — Kole Adams, Mackenzie Albertson, Jacob Hanson, Annika Kuennen, Cole Fencil, Dawson Humpal, Levi Kruse, Jacob Wurzer, Hugo Busta, Emersyn Hoffert, Ella Ives, Kaden Jirak, Kendall Kuennen, Jayden Rausch, Tucker Tlusty, Maria Klimesh, John Kruse, Ty Moudry, Delaney Busta, Brooklyn Kuennen, Ethan Orvis, Kinek Reicks, Avery Vsetecka, Morgan Vsetecka, Michael Kleppe, Mia Langreck and Matthew Smith.

3.00-3.24 — Ella Carolan, Bryn Franzen, Brady Gruenberg, Blade Hurd, Aubrey Reicks, Callie Busta, Jaya Quail, Chloe Schmitt, Brady Blong, Reid Bramow, Aaron Malven, Raelen Manderfield, Graham Schmitt, Logan Busta, Tucker Reicks, Ella Drilling, Lee Heinrich, Autumn Maklenburg, Jonah Orvis, Austin Wemark, Adysen Wurzer and Tristan Pullman.

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6:15 PM Basketball: Girls/Boys Varsity vs. North Fayette Valley (Home)

Monday, December 4, 2023
Basketball: Girls 7th & 8th vs. Clayton Ridge (Home)

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
4:00 PM JV Girls/Boys Basketball: JV vs. MFL MarMac (Away)
6:15 PM Var. Girls/Boys Basketball: Varsity vs. MFL MarMac (Away)

Thursday, December 7, 2023
4:15 PM Basketball: Girls 7th & 8th vs. West Central (Home)

Friday, December 8, 2023
4:00 PM Basketball: JV vs. Clayton Ridge (Away)
6:15 PM Var. Girls/Boys Basketball: Varsity vs. Clayton Ridge (Away)

Monday, December 11, 2023
7-12 Winter Band and Vocal Concert School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
4:15 PM 7th/8th Basketball: Girls 7th & 8th vs. Riceville (Away)

Friday, December 15, 2023
4:00 PM JV Girls/Boys Basketball: JV vs. West Central (Home)
6:15 PM Var. Girls/Boys Basketball: Varsity vs. West Central (Home)

Saturday, December 16, 2023
10:00 AM J.V. Basketball: JV vs. Decorah (Home)

Tuesday, December 19, 2023
4:30 PM JV Girls/Boys Basketball: JV vs. Central Elkader IA (Home)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Girls/Boys vs. Central Elkader IA (Home)

Friday, December 22, 2023
End 2nd Qrt/1st Sem. (Home)
4:00 PM Basketball: JV Girls/Boys vs. Postville (Away) Postville High School
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Girls/Boys vs. Postville (Away)

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New Hampton Elementary School music teacher Erica Koster (above) leads the kindergartners and first-graders through some dance moves while fourth-graders Kyra Waddell and Olivia Wygle (right) sing “A Christmas Hallelujah” during the school’s Winter Contest that was held Monday night in the New Hampton High School competition gymnasium.



Third-graders Brock Rasing and Jack McGee (above) introduce the songs their grade will sing while New Hampton Middle School student Kye Rausch (below) plays the saxophone as second-graders perform “Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.”



You gotta love the three-piece suit worn by kindergartner Luke Carlton for Monday’s concert.

A rousing kickoff to ‘concert season’

New Hampton Elementary music teacher, students enjoy embracing the chaos of annual concert

By Bob Fenske
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Erica Koster laughed when asked what it's like to lead the "dress rehearsal" for the annual New Hampton Elementary School Winter Concert. After all, she's bringing scores of students in grades K-4 to the New Hampton High School competition gymnasium and putting them through their paces so they're ready for the show later that night. "It's pretty wild," the elementary school music teacher said, "and it comes down to this: You just have to embrace the chaos. But we have so much fun with it that it flies by. I love these kids. They're so enthusiastic, they're so excited. How can I not love it?"

And trust us, the chaos was a wonderful sight to behold on Monday night, when the "little ones" of New Hampton Elementary kicked off "concert season" with enthusiastic performances.

They, as they say in show business, nailed it. So, too, did their director. Koster is, in a word, enthusiastic. She says she loves her job, and she not only talks the talk, but she walks the proverbial walk, too. It's all part of her plan to get kids to embrace music. "It's all around us, and it can be such a big part of anyone's life," she said. "I want my kids to really explore music and have



Second-graders have fun singing “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” during Monday evening’s concert.

fun with it. Hopefully, people saw that tonight." If they didn't, they might need to see an optometrist, for from the kindergartners' "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" to the fourth-graders' "A Christmas Hallelujah," they sang and danced with gusto. And many of them did so dressed to the nines. "That's one of my favorites

parts," Koster said. "These kids were just adorable tonight, but then again, I think that every day. ... I hope they had fun, just like I hope that I'm giving them a passion for music." The elementary school's concert was the first of four that New Hampton students will perform this month. Next up is the New Hampton Middle School Winter Concert

that will feature both band and choir students and is set for Monday at 7 p.m. St. Joseph Community School students will perform their Christmas Program at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, at the school's Parish Center, and New Hampton High School band and choir students will close out the "concert season" the following night, Monday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m.

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Let your light shine

Ask God to open opportunities for you to make a difference in others' lives

Jesus instructed His followers in Matthew 5:16, “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”(NIV)

This Advent season is a perfect time to do that because it is a season of sharing and giving.

It provides an opportunity to meet practical needs in the name of Jesus Christ and show your faith through actions, not just words. Many people are hurting and scared, seeking hope.

Imagine meeting someone in need, giving

them a Christmas card that talks about the love of Jesus Christ. This simple act can convey the message that Jesus Christ cares about them. Colossians 4:5 advises, “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”(NIV)

This Christmas season, pray daily and ask God to open opportunities to make a difference for God, and then ask for the courage to follow through.

God will work through your life, providing opportunities to deliver good news to people

during this season.

I pray that this year has been growing in your relationship with God. Take opportunities to share the love of Christ. I believe you would be encouraged and enjoy it.

Today is the last time I meet with you through this article.

As I conclude this article, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all.

It has been a joy and honor for me to have been able to share the gospel with everyone in New Hampton through



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this article over the past 2 1/2 years. I hope God's grace and love be with you all.

Advent is our time to prepare for the birth of Christ

In Christianity, Advent refers to the period of four weeks leading up to Christmas. It begins on the Sunday closest to Nov. 30 (St. Andrew's Day) and ends on Dec. 24.

It is a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word adventus, which means “coming” or “arrival,” which translates to the Greek word parousia. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul,

Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1).

During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

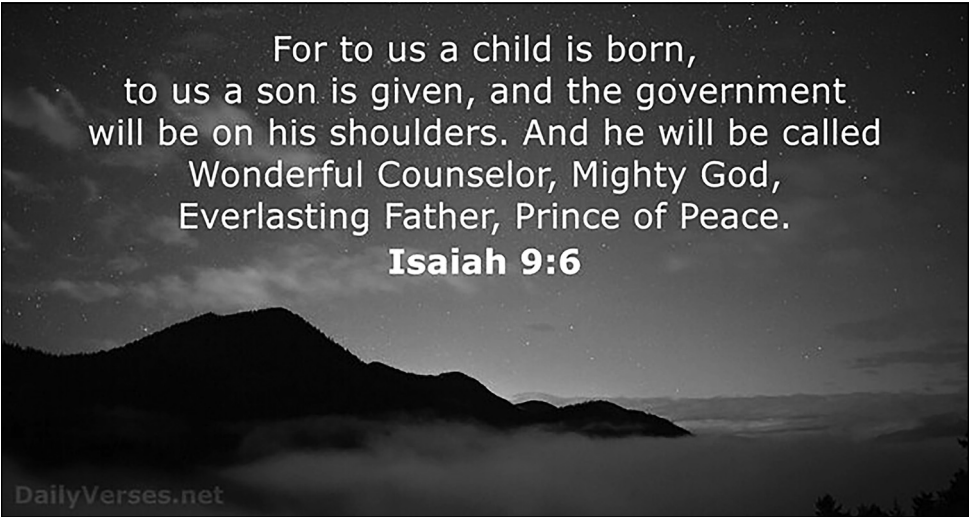
By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the “coming” they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. The Advent season was not explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas until the Middle Ages.

What Does Advent Symbolize?

Advent symbolizes the church's present situation in these “last days” (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2) as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom.

The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them.

In the same way, the church, during



Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people.

In this light, the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season: *O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ's first coming, the church now sings the song to commemorate the first coming and expects the second coming in the future.

Advent Traditions to Celebrate the Coming of Christmas

Advent is a season observed in many Christian traditions as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Different Christian denominations may have variations in how they observe Advent, but here are some common traditions and practices associated with the holiday season:

• **Advent Wreath:** Lighting candles on an Advent wreath is a common practice. The wreath typically has four candles, each representing one of the four weeks of Advent. A new candle is lit on each Sunday leading up to Christmas.

• **Advent Calendar:** Many families and churches use Advent calendars to count down the days until Christmas. These calendars often have small doors or

pockets that conceal a treat or a small item to be opened each day in December.

• **Scripture Readings:** Reading passages from the Bible that focus on the prophecy and anticipation of the Messiah is a common Advent tradition. This can include readings from the Old Testament, particularly from the book of Isaiah.

• **Prayer and Reflection:** Advent is a time for spiritual reflection and prayer. Many Christians use this season to prepare their hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Some churches may have special Advent prayer services or devotional guides for personal reflection.

• **Jesse Tree:** The Jesse Tree is a symbolic way of recounting the genealogy of Jesus, starting from Jesse, the father of King David. Each day, a different ornament or symbol is added to a tree or wreath, representing key figures and events from the Old Testament that led to the birth of Jesus.

• **Acts of Kindness and Charity:** Advent is also seen as a time of giving and helping others. Many Christians engage in acts of kindness, charity, or volunteer work during this season.

• **Christmas Hymns:** Singing hymns and carols that focus on the themes of Advent and Christmas is a common tradition. Many churches have special musical performances or choir presentations during Advent.

• **Nativity Scenes:** Setting up a nativity scene at home or in church is a tradition that helps focus on the central story of Christmas—the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

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City, manufacturer continue to butt heads over building permit

City Council rejects latest request from Precision after closed session; hiring of officer brings Police Department back to full strength

By Bob Fenske
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The New Hampton City Council and a manufacturer in the city remain at odds over the city's refusal to grant a building permit for construction in the city's west-side industrial park.

After spending almost an hour in close session Monday night, the council, according to City Clerk Karen Clemens, rejected a request made by Precision of New Hampton to revise an agreement the council had approved at the end of its Nov. 20 meeting.

That action came three days after the city was notified that Precision notified city officials that it would not sign the agreement that would have ended a more than year long legal battle between the city and the manufacturer.

The city filed suit against Precision in November 2022 over the construction of an "add-on" to a building owned by Precision that city officials said violated the terms of a storm sewer easement.

City officials contended that Precision's building violated the terms of the agreement and on Nov. 22, 2022, the city issued a stop-work order alleging violation of the conditions of a building permit that

had been issued earlier that fall. The city specifically cited that the building permit required that "no concrete be poured in the stormwater easement area."

Last month, Chickasaw County District Court Judge Laura Parrish agreed that the city had the right to deny the issuance of the building permit, but she also ruled that Precision was not guilty of a "municipal infraction."

After Parrish made her decision, the City Council on Nov. 20 approved an agreement that would have the city and Precision, at Precision's expense, "remove and relocate the storm sewer pipe that cross the landowner's land to a mutually agreeable location either to the south of landowner property or to an adjoining property owned by a third party."

The agreement also states that the parties will attempt to salvage and reuse the existing pipe "to the extent reasonable and possible," but if that any section of the pipe requires replacement with a new pipe, such cost will be paid for by Precision.

Once the easement and pipe relocation have been completed, the city would issue a building permit to Precision for the construction of the new building as long as it "abides by and meets any and all relevant building code and zoning require-

ments."

Clemens said on Monday that basically Precision wants to have the city issue a building permit and have the Iowa Supreme Court decide the legality of New Hampton's easement ordinance.

But the council remained against the building permit and the two sides remain at an impasse.

Also on Monday, the City Council approved the recommendation of Police Chief Tim Pedersen to hire a new officer. Cory Frank will begin work for the city on Dec. 22, but will have to attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy soon after.

The hiring of Frank will bring the Police Department back to "full strength" for the first time since this past May.

- In other news from Monday's meeting:
- The council approved selling the city's old tornado siren. Two bids were received, and the council accepted the high bid for \$1,250.
 - Council members also approved the request for Full River Fabrication to have a designated temporary parking spot to be used for loading and unloading.
 - Council members OK'd the fire department wages of \$48,938 that cover calls the department received between Dec. 1, 2022, and Nov. 30, 2023.

Heritage costs preclude Public Health move

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they're at. This price is a lot higher than I expected, along with a lot of the other projects that I've been hearing about."

Hackman, who has supported pursuing the idea of moving Public Health, said that "I think this time without the funding, you can't move forward with this."

Several times over the past few months, Hackman has suggested that one idea he'd like to explore if Public Health moved to the Heritage was moving the county attorney's office to the Community Services Building, relocating the Emergency Management Agency either to the Heritage or the Community Services Building and selling the building that houses those two offices.

But the move has been met with opposition from both Public Health officials and the Board of Health that oversees the department; in fact, the board last month voted on a motion stating its opposition to having the department relocat-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

After learning that the estimated cost to move Public Health and Homecare Services to the Heritage Center would be almost \$600,000, the Board of Supervisors on Monday put the idea, at least for now, to bed.

ed to the Heritage.

The county has about \$67,000 remaining in uncommitted American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and about \$475,000 in its capital improvements budget, but supervisors are facing questions on how the

county will pay for the remodeling of the Chickasaw County EMS ambulance station so that it has living quarters. And board members also considered spending more than \$200,000 to hook the Heritage into the city of New Hampton water system.

Board members are expected to learn the costs of the ambulance station remodel during its Dec. 18 meeting, and the county and city are at an impasse when it comes to the terms the city wants the county to accept to have city water at the Heritage.

Can Life Insurance Help Provide Retirement Income?

If your children are grown and your mortgage is paid off, do you still need to carry life insurance? It depends on your situation, but for many people, a cash-value life insurance policy, such as whole life or universal life, can be a valuable, tax-efficient source of retirement income.

And by drawing on the cash value of your policy, you might be able to temporarily reduce the amount you take out from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). This ability could be especially important when the financial markets are down — you'd probably like to avoid liquidating your assets when their prices have dropped.

Basically, you can use the cash in your policy in these ways:

- **Withdrawals** — You can typically withdraw part of the cash value of your life insurance without losing coverage. You generally won't incur income taxes on these withdrawals, up to the amount you've put into the policy — that is, the premiums you've paid. Once your withdrawals exceed this amount, you would generally owe taxes. Also, keep in mind that any withdrawals will reduce your policy's death benefit and the available cash surrender value.
 - **Policy loans** — Rather than taking a withdrawal from your policy, you could take out a loan. You won't have to go through an approval process or income verification, and policy loans typically have lower interest rates than bank loans and don't assess closing costs. Plus, because your insurer will be lending you the money and using the cash in your policy as collateral, your policy's cash value can remain intact and still potentially grow.
- However, policy loans do carry some issues of which you should be aware. For one thing, while a loan usually isn't taxable, you could end up owing taxes on any unpaid loan balance, including interest. And if this balance exceeds the policy's cash value, it could cause your policy to lapse. Also, outstanding loans can reduce your



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death benefit.

- **Cashing out** — If you cash out, or "surrender," your policy, you can receive the entire cash value, plus any accrued interest. You will have to subtract any money needed to pay policy loans, along with unpaid premiums and surrender fees, which can be significant. Also, any amount you receive over the policy's cash basis — the total of premiums you've paid — will be taxed as regular income.

- **1035 Exchange** — Through what's known as a Section 1035 Exchange, you can transfer your life insurance policy to an annuity, which can be structured to pay you a lifetime income stream. The exchange won't be taxable but surrender charges may still apply.

Given the potential tax implications of the above options, you may want to consult with your tax advisor before making any moves. Also, be sure you are comfortable with a reduced or eliminated death benefit. Specifically, you'll want to be confident that your spouse or other family members don't need the proceeds of your policy. This may require some discussions about your loved ones' plans and needs.

And don't forget that life insurance can help your family pay for final expenses, such as funeral costs and unpaid medical bills.

Whether it's providing you with needed retirement income or helping your family meet future needs, your cash value life insurance policy is a valuable asset — so try to put it to the best use possible.

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

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New Hampton Calendar of Events

December 2023

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
• Light Parade/Downtown Live Windows
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - NH vs Clear Lake
• 5:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Double Dual vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School Gym
• 6:00pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 6:15pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual vs. Decorah @ Decorah Middle School
• 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
• 7:30am Interact Club Meeting in Mrs. Ward's room - 106
• 4:00pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. South Winneshiek @ Luther College
• 4:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. South Winneshiek @ Luther College
• 4:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Tournament vs. South Winneshiek @ Luther College
• 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah Middle School
• 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Game vs. Decorah @ New Hampton Middle School Middle School Gym
• 4:15pm Wrestling: 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ MFL MarMac High School
• 4:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School Go-Hawk Gym
• 4:45pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School Bock Gym
• 6:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School Go-Hawk Gym
• 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game Bus Info Leaves: 4:00pm vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School Go-Hawk

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
• Santa & Fireworks/Little Light of Mine, Mikkelson park
• 10:30am Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Leroy-Ostrander @ Decorah High School
• 2:00 - 4:00 pm 4H & FFA beef Weigh In Charles City/Chickasaw Co. Extension

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
• 7:45am Vocal Area Choir Tour-local churches

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
• 7:00pm Music High School Gym 5-8 Winter Band/Choir Concert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 - NH vs Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
• 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton Middle School Elementary Gym
• 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Game vs. Crestwood @ Cresco Middle School
• 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 4:15pm Wrestling: 7-8 Meet (Location Changed) vs. Multiple Schools @ South Winn High School
• 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 6:00pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Match vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School
• 6:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Match vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School Middle School Gym
• 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
• 3:30pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Grundy Center @ Grundy Center Crystal Bowl
• 3:30pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Grundy Center @ Grundy

Center Crystal Bowling
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - NH vs Crestwood
• 6:00pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School High School Gym
• 6:15pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School
• 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 7:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
• 9:00am Wrestling: Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Young Arena
• 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School Gym
• 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School Gym
• 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School Gym
• 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
• Panic Saturday
• 8:30-10 am Breakfast with Santa NH Community Center, New Hampton
• Santa at the Ionia Fire Station
• 9:00am Wrestling: Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Young Arena

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
• 5:00pm Troy Baas Photography High School Gym Concert Band and Vocal Music Photos/HS Winter Concert
• 5:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV Invitational vs. Multiple Schools @ West Delaware High School
• 7:00pm Music High School Gym Winter Music Festival (9th-12th Concert Band/Jazz Band/Choir)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
• 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ Bowlaway Lanes
• 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ Bowlaway Lanes
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 - NH vs Crestwood
• 6:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 7:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
• 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - NH vs West Delaware
• 4:45pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Kee @ Kee High School
• 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Kee @ Kee High School
• 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Kee @ Kee High School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
• 2 Hour Early Out
• End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

• 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
• 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ New Hampton High School High School
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• Chickasaw Co. Extension Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26
• Chickasaw Co. Extension Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27
• Chickasaw Co. Extension Office Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28
• Chickasaw Co. Extension Office Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29
• 1:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. Hudson - Iowa @ New Hampton High School
• Chickasaw Co. Extension Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
• New Year's Eve Party Fundraiser, Nashua Town & Country Club

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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny and warm with a high of 53 and low of 26.

Friday: Partly sunny and still very un-December like; high 53, low 30.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow; high 38, low 21.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and breezy with a high of 35 and a low of 20.

Extended forecast: We'll start the work week with partly sunny skies but it'll be breezy as highs will be in the upper 30s and lows will be around 20.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications boards, 5 p.m., NHMU Conference Room.

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- In 1941, Japanese warplanes pull off a surprise attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, killing more than 2,400 and bringing the United States into World War II.
- In 1982, the first execution by lethal injection takes place at the state penitentiary in Huntsville, Texas, as Charles Brooks, Jr., convicted of murdering an auto mechanic, is put to death.
- In 1989, boxer Sugar Ray Leonard triumphs over a lackluster Roberto Duran in the third and final bout between the two superstars of the sport.
- In 2001, “Ocean’s Eleven,” a film featuring an all-star ensemble cast including George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Bernie Mac, Don Cheadle, Andy Garcia and Julia Roberts, opens in theaters.

Birthdays

- Hall of Fame wide receiver Terrell Owens turns 50.
- Actor C. Thomas Howell, who starred in “The Outsiders” and “Red Dawn,” turns 57.
- Hall of Fame basketball player Larry Bird turns 67.
- Hall of Fame baseball catcher Johnny Bench turns 76.
- American film actress Ellen Burstyn turns 91.

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Sandra Jo Crooks, 82

Sandra Jo Crooks, age 82 of Ionia, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hampton, with Pastor Kevin Frey presiding.

The interment will be in Sunnyside Memory Gardens, rural Charles City.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

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

Sandra Jo Crooks was born Aug. 19, 1941, in New Hampton, the daughter of Joseph and Zenovia (Babcock) Kelly.

Sandra's early life in New Hampton was filled with learning and growth, culminating in her graduation from New Hampton High in 1959.

It was also in this nurturing community where Sandra's heart found its match. She met Darrell Crooks on a double date at a skating party, an encounter that skated them smoothly into a lifelong partnership. The couple wed on June 13, 1959, at Trinity Lutheran Church, beginning a journey of love and companionship that would bless them with three children — Kendra, Durrell and Dennis.

In her early years, she worked diligently at Powells Variety Store, saving to buy a wedding ring for Darrell, a testament to her determination and commitment. She also helped on the family farm.

Sandra also served the children of her community for over 37 years as a school bus driver, retiring in a touching parallel with her mother Zenovia's retirement from the same noble profession.

Furthermore, Sandra's love for baking was shared with many through her time at the local bakery, where she worked alongside her daughter Kendra, creating sweet memories and sweeter treats. Her family and friends enjoyed the special cakes she made for them including wedding cakes. Her

passion for making breads and pies was obvious by the way her children lovingly fought over her treats.

The couple cherished their time together, whether they were fishing and boating, enjoying card parties, or traveling to picturesque destinations like Mexico, Alaska and Florida.

Sandra's zest for life was infectious, and her smile was as warm as the sun on a clear day. Shopping trips with her mother and, in later years, with her grandchildren, were not merely errands but adventures that strengthened the bonds of family.

Those who know Sandra will remember her for her teasing ways, a playful spirit that brought laughter and happiness to any gathering. Her smile was a universal language that welcomed friends and strangers alike, turning the latter into the former with ease. Sandra was the epitome of friendliness and spirit, qualities that defined her and endeared her to all. Sandra's journey was one marked by love and a spirit that uplifted everyone she encountered.

Survivors include her husband, Darrell of Ionia; children, Kendra (Doug) Walker of Clear Lake, and Dennis (Kendra) Crooks of New Hampton; daughter-in-law, Sonya Crooks of Ionia; eight grandchildren, Justin Crooks, Brandon Crooks, Natasha Crooks, Jenna Crooks, Alysha Walker, Adam Walker, Shawn Crooks, and Kim Klohn; eight grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Durrell Crooks on Dec. 12, 2011; and her in-laws, Don (Rosella Marvin) Crooks.

Lenora Alberta Aikey, 95

Lenora Alberta Aikey, age 95 of Nashua, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at Cedar Vale Assisted Living in Nashua.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua with the Rev. Sarah Namukose officiating.

Interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Nashua following the service.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 11 a.m. prior to the service at the Methodist Church on Saturday.

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

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

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 were 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 was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

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

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

Property Transfers

Theresa J. Polkow to Kerri L. Prigge; E1/2 FREDERICKSBURG NEWTHS ADDITION Lot: 13 Block: 4 E1/2 FREDERICKSBURG NEWTHS ADDITION Lot: 14 Block: 4.

Randall L. Fisher and Shawn Fisher to Shane D. Usher and McKayla L. Lebeck; COMM 2R S & 2R W NE COR SW NE 19-94-14.

Michael Murray and Michael R. Murray to Triston W. Mohlis and Desiree Lopez; LAWLER KONZENS 2ND ADDITION Lot: 10 LAWLER KONZENS 2ND ADDITION Lot: 11.

Thank You

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to family and friends for the food, cards, memorials, flowers and support extended to us during this difficult time of Claudia Schueller's passing.

Special thanks to Reverend Jim Goerend and Sister Vicky for spiritual guidance at the hospital and her service.

To the Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home and staff Anthony, Connie, Donna, Gayla. You did a spectacular job helping us plan her service. The video tribute was amazing and will make our memories live on while watching.

Thank you to the ambulance crew. The hospital staff who were amazing and compassionate. So kind to Claudia to keep her comfortable during her stay.

Also we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Nursing and Rehab Center and Kensington Place Assisted Living for making her stay comfortable and enjoyable. She loved the people at both facilities.

The Beckman Family

Ben & Aricia, Mark & Diane, Julie & Dave, Matt & Brenda

Margaret Mary Shekleton, 90

Margaret Mary Shekleton, age 90 of New Hampton, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton, with Garrett Shekleton, Shane Shekleton, Brad Kamrath, Brigitte Kamrath, Benjamin Ross and Ellie Ross serving as pallbearers. The honorary pallbearer was Bryce Kamrath.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, where there was a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Saturday at the church.

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

Margaret Mary Shekleton was born on Jan. 4, 1933, on the family farm near Benson, Minnesota. She was the cherished daughter of John and Ethel (McQuaid) O'Connor, growing up as the middle child in a close-knit family of three siblings. Her early years were spent attending a country school on the family farm, instilling in her a deep connection to the land and a strong work ethic.

Margaret's journey through education led her to Benson High School, where she distinguished herself not only academically but also through her active participation in sports — including softball and cattle showing alongside her beloved siblings. Her passion for learning continued at The College of St. Teresa in Winona, Minnesota, where she graduated with a bachelor of arts as a medical technician.

Following her education, Margaret embarked on a new chapter in Colorado Springs, where she found purpose in a hospital job.

Fate intervened at a wedding in Minnesota, where she met the love of her life, John “Jack” Shekleton. Their connection deepened through letters and courtship, culminating in a joyous union on Oct. 6, 1962, at St. Brigid's Catholic Church in DeGraff, Minnesota. Together, they built a life filled with love and devotion, blessed with the arrival of four children.

Settling in New Hampton, Margaret seamlessly merged her roles as a wife, mother and a dedicated professional. Alongside her contributions to the family farm, she worked tirelessly at the New Hampton Clinic's lab, showcasing her commitment to the well-being of others. Her caring nature extended beyond her immediate family, as she selflessly cared for her mother-in-law and earned recognition as the State of Iowa's Volunteer of the Year in 1998 for her exemplary work as a tutor.

trips taken with her husband, exploring new places together.

Above all, Jean Lowe was loving, creative and faith-filled. Her life was a living example of devotion to family, community, and her personal passions. Her bright spirit and kind heart will be profoundly missed by those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Jean's life will be celebrated in a manner that honors the rich tapestry of love and dedication she wove throughout her 97 years. Her memory will be cherished and her presence deeply missed, but the impact of her life's work and the love she shared will live on forever in the hearts of those who loved her.

Jean's journey through life was one filled with the joy of family, the warmth of companionship, and the satisfaction of hard work. She was the beloved matriarch of a large and thriving family, survived by her children, Jim (Rosalee) Lowe of Stacyville, Sharon (Ed) Rowe of Shakopee, Minnesota, and Bob (Bev) Lowe, Marilee (Gerald) Mishak, Jan (Jim) Dockendorf, Bill (Rose) Lowe, and Mike (Joyce) Lowe, all of New Hampton. Her legacy also lives on through her sister, Lou Ann Simon of St. Ansgar; her 17 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews who will all hold her memory dear.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Lula (Worple) Eschweiler; her beloved husband, Francis Lowe, who passed away in 2000; her brother, Gerald; and her siblings, Ronnie, Marlene, and Bernita, who all left this world during childhood.

Traffic Violations

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN OR USE SAFETY BELTS-ADULTS: Curstyan M. Bowser, Carbon Cliff, Illinois; Scott Michael Tieskotter, Lawler.

SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER): Darlene Boldon, Pflugerville, Texas; Brandon John Corkery, Cedar Falls; John Robert Burgess, Cedar Rapids.

SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (11 THRU 15 OVER): Jaimie Michelle Stokes, Cedar Rapids.

SPEEDING OVER 55 ZONE (16 THRU 20 OVER): Tierra Cimone Winters, Waterloo; Gregory Scott Brenneman, Cedar Rapids.

FAILURE TO DISPLAY REGISTRATION PLATE: Eddie D. Gingerich, Fredericksburg.

DARK WINDOWS OR WINDSHIELD: Eddie D. Gingerich, Fredericksburg; Joshua Paul Harper, Charles City; Gregory Scott Brenneman, Cedar Rapids.

SPEEDING 55 OR UNDER ZONE (1 THRU 5 OVER): Tai Ya Andrea Smith, Waterloo; Bruce Wayne Berndt, Des Moines; Melissa Lynn Woodyard, Algona; Dean Ashleigh Lund, Bradenton, Florida; Anthony C. Johnson, Moline, Illinois

SPEEDING 55 OR UNDER ZONE (6 THRU 10 OVER): Khye Lee Stough, Nashua; Amanuel Mekonnen Negash, Oakdale, Minnesota; Lori Lynn Sigler, Waterloo; Farhad Zonoozi, Bel Aire, Kan.; Nathan Ray Dockendorf, Elma; Ester Mae Martin, Charles City; Elizabeth Suzanne Hemesath, Ossian; Brooke Lynn White, Cedar Falls; Anthony Donald Chase, Charles City

SPEEDING 55 OR UNDER ZONE (11 THRU 15 OVER): Jacob J. Hinrichsen, Lincoln, Neb.; Lo Ai Ahmad Al Rahabneh, South Haven, Miss.; Dinesh Peiria Pulle, New York; Darren Eric Mann, Blaine, Minnesota; Andrea Cassandra Vingers, Saint Paul, Minnesota; Lacinda Sue Patterson, Des Moines;

SPEEDING 55 OR UNDER ZONE (21 OR OVER): Lee Reh, Waterloo.

NO VALID DRIVERS LICENSE: Mario Lonnell Welch, Des Moines; Andrew Adam Bronner, Lime Springs; Nataly Martinez, New Hampton; Marlon Orozco Lopez, Rosobel, Wisconsin; Brooke Lynn White, Cedar Falls; Omar Antonio Perez, New Hampton.

OPERATING NON-REGISTERED VEHICLE: Stephanie Jean Fuerstenberg, Ionia; Sandra Grace Zeien, New Hampton.

Francis Riha, 89

Francis Riha, age 89 of Waucoma, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at Aase Haugen Senior Services in Decorah. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waucoma, with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass. Interment was held at St. Marys Catholic Cemetery, Waucoma.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waucoma, where there was a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continued an hour before the Mass at the church on Tuesday.

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

Francis was born Feb. 14, 1934, to Frank and Mary (Franzen) Riha on the St. Lucas farm and moved to the Waucoma homestead in 1939. He was the eighth of nine siblings and shared a birthday with his older brother, Edward, who was born 12 years earlier.

Francis attended Catholic grade school at St. Mary's in Waucoma and later graduated from Waucoma Public High School in 1952.

Francis was drafted into the Army in 1956. He completed boot camp at Fort Carson in Colorado and attended Quarter Master training in Washington, DC. Francis was stationed in South Carolina.

Upon his discharge in 1958, he returned to the family farm and resumed farming.

He met Regina (Jeannie)



Francis Riha

Hoey while attending church. Francis had to ask her out after mass as Grandpa Hoey did not believe in telephones at that time. They were wed on July 16, 1960. They have four children — Bernadine, Cathleen, David, and JoEllen.

Farming was Francis's passion over the last 63 years. From raising hogs, planting crops, and driving tractors, Frank kept busy. Even in retirement, he checked grain futures, mowed the lawn, and fed a bevy of yellow finches, woodpeckers, and Blue jays. As a farmer, he would always tell you "We could use some rain." Neighbors would always find Frank on (Mom's) Kubota surveying the crops.

Francis had a quiet demeanor but could come up with a corny remark when least expected. He always had a twinkle in his eye and when not farming, was spoiling his grandchildren.

Francis was a member of St Mary's church of Waucoma, where he taught religion class,

and served as Eucharist minister and lector.

Francis is survived by his wife, Jeannie; son, David Riha of Fort Atkinson; daughters, Bernadine (Kevin) Keck of Davenport, Cathleen (Mark) Bassing of Minnetrista, Minnesota, and JoEllen (Jim) Bridgewater of Blirstown; four grandchildren, Matt (Brooke) Keck of Davenport, Brian Keck of Davenport, Nicole (Tim) DeWeese of Prior Lake, Minnesota, and Nathan Bassing of Minnetrista, Minnesota; one great-grandson on the way; sister, Barbara (James) Jirak of Fort Atkinson; brothers-in-law, Bill Hoey of Lawler, Jim (Elaine) Hoey of Waucoma, and Wayne (Diane) Wurzer of Solon; and sisters-in-law, Shirley Riha of Waucoma, Jane (Ron) Eckenrod of New Hampton, Mary Hoey of New Hampton, and Mary Hoey of West Union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mary Riha; his father and mother-in-law, Leonard and Edna Hoey; brothers, James Croatt, Edward Riha, Matthias Riha, Leonard Riha and Daniel Riha; sisters, Loretta Rausch and Angela Brannon; brothers-in-law, Alex Rausch, William Brannon, Tom Hoey and Pat Hoey; and sisters-in-law, Verena Croatt, Anges Riha, Mary Riha, Millie Riha, Kathy Hoey and Sally Wurzer.

The Riha family would like to thank the dialysis staff for the care and compassion they provided to Frank for the last six years. Memorials may be made to Mayo Clinic Outreach Dialysis Center in Decorah.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, at Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner and for one hour preceding services at the Church on Monday.

Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner is assisting Danny's family.

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

Dec. 10 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Waucoma Event Center.

The meal will be free will donation, with the suggested donation at \$10. Carry outs will be available. The chapter's hope for this breakfast is to bring the community together to celebrate the recent harvest season.

All are welcome and encouraged to join Turkey Valley FFA for a meal of pancakes, sausages, applesauce, and eggs!

Mobile Food Bank to hold monthly distribution on Dec. 21

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly stop in Chickasaw County on Thursday, Dec. 21.

Food will be distributed between 4 and 5:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Event Center.

The monthly distribution is open to all residents and families of the county who feel they are food-insecure.

Richard ‘Rick’ Pickar, 65

Richard “Rick” Pickar, age 65 of Lawler, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

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

Richard “Rick” Joseph Pickar, a cherished husband, beloved father and treasured member of the Lawler community, passed away peacefully on Nov. 28, 2023, in the same town where his life's journey began. Born on May 27, 1958, to James and Rosalie (Kriener) Pickar, Rick's warmth and vivacity were evident from his early years in New Hampton.

Rick's commitment to education and hard work was reflected in his formative years at New Hampton Schools, from which he graduated in 1976.

Even as a young man, his dedication was clear as he began his career at B & J Construction, starting humbly by cleaning floors and running errands.

However, it was not just his professional life that flourished in his hometown; it was also where he met the love of his life, Lois King, while she was a waitress at a local truck stop, which led them to the altar on Sept. 29, 1979, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Lawler. Together, they welcomed two children — Dawn and Chad — who were the pride and joy of Rick's life and who always knew they had the best dad anyone could wish for.

Professionally, Rick's journey continued at Mitko, where he became a cornerstone of the company for 47 years. His



Rick Pickar

innate ability to fix nearly anything, combined with a willingness to tackle problems he had never encountered before, made him the go-to person for any and all questions. His practical knowledge gained through tireless experience and the occasional bout of trial and error became legendary. Rick's colleagues knew him as a man who was not only capable but also deeply committed to his work and to the company that he considered a second home.

Beyond his work and family, Rick had passions that filled his life with joy and adventure. He was an avid outdoorsman, relishing in the tranquility of fishing and the thrill of deer hunting, always processing his game and livestock with skill and care at home. He spent countless weekends relaxing at his camper at Roberts Lake Resort in Faribault, Minnesota, plus an annual Canada fishing trip, where he could unwind and share his love for the great outdoors with friends and family. It didn't matter where or when it was always the time to fish. Rick also attended the Turkey and Pheasants Forever

banquets, usually coming home with a new print or gun.

Those who knew Rick would invariably describe him as kind, funny and friendly. His sense of humor was a beacon of light, and his kindness touched the hearts of many. His friendly demeanor made him a beloved figure not only within his family but throughout the entire community. Rick's legacy is one of laughter, generosity and an unwavering spirit of camaraderie.

Rick's life was a testament to the values he held dear — hard work, devotion to family, and the joy of simple pleasures. His presence was a gift to all who knew him, and his memory will continue to inspire and comfort his family, friends and all who were fortunate enough to cross paths with him.

Rick is survived by his devoted wife of 44 years, Lois of Lawler; his loving children, Dawn (CJ) Philo of New Hampton, and Chad (Carissa) of Lawler; his mother, Rosalie Pickar of New Hampton; grandchildren, Taylor (Charles) Durnan of New Hampton, Alex Philo of New Prague, Minnesota, Kiara Philo of Walker, Minnesota, Cale Pickar of Lawler, and Chloe Pickar of Lawler; sisters, Cindy (Tom) Zeien of New Hampton, Janet (Tony) Schwickerath of New Hampton; brother-in-law, Dale (Cathy) King of Lawler; sister-in-law, Judy Lensing of Calmar; many nieces and nephews, close friend, Ron (Goudy) Leibold; and a community that will miss his kind soul and infectious smile.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Pickar; father and mother-in-law, Hugh and Marvelene King; and brothers-in-law, Tony Lensing and Alan King.

Daniel ‘Danny’ Pagel, 62

Daniel “Danny” Pagel, age 62 of rural Sumner, died unexpectedly Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church in Sumner.

Burial will follow at Union United Methodist Church Cemetery, rural Sumner.

Briefs

Breakfast with Santa set for Dec. 16 at Community Center

The New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The event will run from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and be held at the New Hampton Community Center, where Santa will be ready to talk with children, who can make their “I’ve-been-nice-not-naughty” pitch.

Families can also have a great breakfast, and new this year, kids will have a chance to make their own Christmas ornaments.

Breakfast with Santa doesn't have an admission fee, but families are asked to bring items that will be donated to the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Turkey Valley FFA to hold a Post Harvest Breakfast this Sunday

The Turkey Valley FFA will be hosting its first-ever Post Harvest Breakfast on Sunday,

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES

November 27, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, November 27, 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, Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, The Design Connection Aaron Thompson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Darren Steinlage, Bridget Edson, Terry Johnson

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for November 27, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from November 20, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve the meeting minutes from November 22, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cervinske Kuhn. Abstained: Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Public comment: Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley had a few statements: 1. County Attorney can not go South of town.

2. Leave nurses where they are. 3. Reexamine the cash for EMS. 4. Employee turnover with county. 5. Steve Breitbach not mentioning being a Board of Supervisors.

Steve Breitbach wanted to clarify that there was a vote for Martin Gardner Architecture on July 3 (Not June 19) for feasibility study on whether to move Public Health to Heritage Center. Steve did not vote for it.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to reject sealed bids for EMS building that were received by Auditor's office. Direct The Design Connection, Aaron Thompson to move forward with changes to the EMS building design, communicate with sub-contractors and have bids back to The Design Connection by December 13, 2023. The Design Connection should have a proposed amount to the Board of Supervisors by December 18, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske approve, and authorize chair signature for Airgas agreement for medical gases effective December 1, 2023 thru November 30, 2026 for EMS. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed second budget amendment for FY23-24.

Committee Assignments
Supervisor Cervinske F-M-C Early Child of Iowa, November 20, 2023

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:25 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried
Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

No. 23493
12/07/23 12/08/23

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR Chickasaw County
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF

Anthony G. Hoffman, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003164

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATORS
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Anthony G. Hoffman, Deceased, who died on or about October 22, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on November 3, 2023, the undersigned were appointed Administrators of the estate. Notice is hereby 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 four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on November 28, 2023.
Edward B. and Shirley M. Hoffman,
Administrators of the Estate 2669 Ivanhoe Ave. Ionias, IA50645

Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#:AT0004198
Attorney for the Administrators Kennedy & Kennedy 12 E. Main St. PO Box 406 New Hampton, IA50659
Date of second publication 12/14/23

No. 23483
12/07/23 12/14/23

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.,
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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Celebrating a Hometown Christmas

Hometown Christmas in Fredericksburg attracts a large crowd to the Community Center on Saturday, where a craft and vendor show (above) was held. Other activities included entertainment provided by members of the Sumner-Fredericksburg Concert Choir (below), a visit by Santa, an arts-and-crafts table and some great food.



Deadline is Jan. 15 to apply for Chickasaw County Foundation grants

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, at 5 p.m.

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, director of affiliate impact at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, by emailing shansen@cfneia.org or calling 319-243-1357.

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Week of Dec. 3

1948 (75 years ago)

• Patricia Caulfield and Robert Schueth, accompanied by their music teacher, Clyde Freeman and his wife, Lucile, went to Des Moines Thursday afternoon where Patricia and Robert participated in the All State Band rehearsals on Friday and Saturday.

At the finale concert Saturday night, 1,700 students participated. Patricia played the clarinet and Robert in the percussion. Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Schueth and Geraldine attended on Saturday.

• The New Hampton basketballers won an easy victory, over-powering Osage, 36 to 14. The Chicks started rolling from the start and were never in any trouble. The Chicks led at half-time 17-7 with Osage getting all their points on free throws.

Coach Engstrom started the fourth quarter by taking the regulars out and giving the subs an opportunity to show their stuff. The Chick attack was led by Ball, Willadsen and Scott with 8 points each and Martin, who was game captain, had 5 points.

1973 (50 years ago)

• Among New Hampton's newest businesses is the Serendipity Shop at 9 North Locust Avenue, which opened Nov. 8. Owned and operated by Mrs. Howard (Shirley) Ness, the Serendipity primarily features hobby and craft aids along with booklets offering hints and suggestions on a number of crafts.

In addition to these items, Mrs. Ness also offered an explanatory lesson on Wednesday afternoon at the shop on candle making, with Mrs. Robert Bell in charge. Future lessons, all open to the public and free of charge, will include needlework, crocheting, knitting and macrame.

• New Hampton area high schools will lose a total of six Holiday Tournaments and one regular season game as a result of the decision of the Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association decision to declare a moratorium on all interscholastic competition for a nine-day period in late December, a decision the Board made as a contribution toward alleviating the energy crisis.

The ban on competition, from Dec. 22 thru Dec. 30, will apply to practice sessions as well as games and meets.

1998 (25 years ago)

• The New Hampton office of the law firm, Elwood, O'Donohoe, O'Connor & Stochl commemorated the 50th anniversary of its founding on Tuesday, Dec. 1. It was Dec. 1, 1948 that James E. O'Donohoe opened an office above what is now Bennett Pharmacy. In 1959, Jim entered into a partnership with Attorney James D. O'Connor.

The offices were moved to 26 N. Chestnut in 1964 and to its present location at 101 N. Locust in 1974. Christopher O'Donohoe (Kit) joined in 1975 and the name became O'Donohoe, O'Connnor & O'Donohoe. In 1989, the name changed to O'Donohoe, O'Connor, O'Donohoe and Stochl as Richard Stochl became a member of the firm.

• Don't let the lack of experience give anyone too much concern about the NHHS varsity boys basketball team this season. There are only two returning letterwinners, seniors Neal Stone and Casey Tierney, a second team, All-NEIC selection last year. Chickasaw head coach Scott Hogeland has high expectations for a fine season, there is a group of talented athletes on the team who might be short of experience, but have a great deal of potential.

The Chickasaws will be participating in the state-wide "Tip-Off Classic" this weekend and the Big Red has drawn a pair of Class 4A hammers in the 32-team opening weekend extravaganza.

2013 (10 years ago)

• Once again the Chickasaw girls basketball program will conduct a toy drive designed to help deliver toys to area children for Christmas. During home sporting events in December, there will be a box in the high school lobby for unwrapped toys. Cash donations may also be made to any coach or player so the team my purchase toys. This year, all the toys collected will stay in the school district.

2018 (5 years ago)

• Caleb Lines, a 2018 Nashua-Plainfield graduate, competed in the Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway at halftime of the Big Ten Championship football game, and at stake was 100 grand. The day before, he had thrown 16 footballs into a can in 30 seconds to win a \$25,000 scholarship and become one of the two finalists, and the winner would receive \$100,000 for college tuition.

He competed against Taylor Miller, a pre-med student at Spelman College in Atlanta, Lines and Taylor had 30 seconds to throw as many balls into a large Dr. Pepper can five yards away. Lines finished with nine to beat Miller by one and claim the grand prize.

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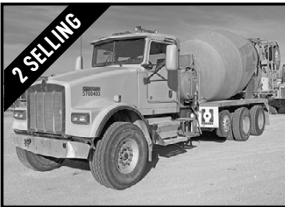
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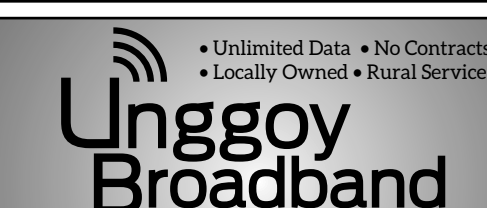
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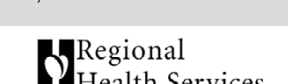
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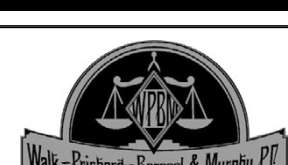
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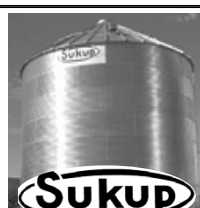
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Supervisors tackle budget challenges, consider having buildings analyzed for blight

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to spend time and put together a \$100,000 shelter revamp and then we're not going to give our employees raises. ... You know what I'm saying, we're freezing employees' wages, am I to take that into consideration that I shouldn't be doing any capital projects this year?"

But none of the supervisors on Monday stated that there would be a "budget freeze," instead they discussed a number of the challenges they face heading into the new year.

County Attorney David Laudner said supervisors needed to tell him and his fellow department heads what they wanted.

"If the message is, 'Hey guys, not only is 0 percent salary, I don't want you to spend one more penny unless it's an emergency thing.' ... If that's the message, just tell us now," Launder said. "That way I have a chance to work on it."

He also said that if the supervisors will allow budgets to increase, even if it's by a small percentage, they need to give department heads some latitude in how they will use that increase.

Laudner also said that he would have issues with a pay freeze if budgets are going to be increased for other things.

"I guess I wish you tell me, 'Hey, here's what's your number is going to be, Dave, you figure out how to

make it work,'" Laudner said. "Let me choose where I want to grow. I'd rather keep our employees and our colleagues happy."

The one decision supervisors did make on Monday was to move up its meeting with department heads from Dec. 21 to Dec. 13, in large part to discuss the challenges that lie ahead with the budget process.

Also on Monday, supervisors learned that it would cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to have three buildings — the Sheriff's Office, a Secondary Roads building and the courthouse — undergo an assessment to determine if they qualified as "blighted."

That's important because if they are determined to be so, the coun-

ty could possibly use tax-increment financing funds on them. Supervisors have discussed using TIF funds for the proposed remodeling of the Sheriff's Office and the construction of a 24-hour holding facility adjacent to it.

"I know there's been some discussion on whether to throw the courthouse in there or not," Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said. "I don't know if we want to keep that in there or take it out."

Fellow Supervisor Steve Breitbach said he would favor having the courthouse included in the assessments.

"The way they discussed that is you can always add projects down the line," Breitbach said, "but if you have someone here doing the analysis here

anyway, it's going to be cheaper to have them do the analysis while they're here."

Supervisors discussed having the building at the old county landfill also analyzed.

"I don't know if they've ever mentioned how long the assessment would be good," Cerwinski said. "I would assume without the project being repaired, that it's not going to see the assessment change."

Board members agreed to put off a decision on spending the money on the blight assessments until they learn how much extra the county would be charged to include the landfill building and are expected to discuss the issue again this coming Monday.

Briefs

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Red Kettle volunteers needed for Salvation Army fundraiser

The Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army is in full swing with its annual Red Kettle campaign, and bell ringers are needed for the fundraising drive that runs from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. through

Christmas Eve.

The kettle is once again at Fareway, those who wish to volunteer to ring the bell can do so by calling Kris Markham at 641-229-0113.

Funds raised during the campaign are used to help county residents navigate emergencies and tragedies, and Markham says the more volunteers the organization has, the more they will be able to help people.

Four fire departments battle fire on eastern edge of Chickasaw County

Firefighters from four area departments responded to a rural structure fire Saturday evening just over the Chickasaw County line.

The Charles City Fire Department reported that it was called about 10:30 p.m. to assist at a fire in a shop building near a home, off of Highway 18 just inside Chickasaw County.

The crews used a technique called drafting to ensure there was a water supply, the department said. The cause of the fire was not known. Firefighters from Nashua, Ionia, Colwell and Charles City were at the scene, the report said.

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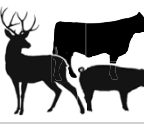
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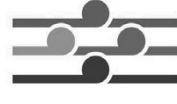
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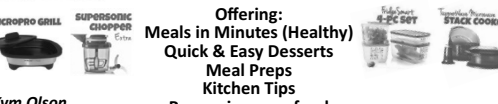
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Laures scores career high but Chickasaws fall

NH BOYS: FROM 15

the first half,” Rausch said, “and even though the second quarter didn’t go our way, I loved the way we responded to start the second half.”

New Hampton finally broke Osage’s run with a Reid Rausch basket late in the third quarter, and the Chickasaws put up a game effort in the fourth quarter.

Down 59-45, Laures scored three straight baskets to lead an 8-1 run that got New Hampton within seven, 60-53, with three minutes left. But that was as close as the Chickasaws would get as they fell to 0-2.

There’s no doubt, however, that New Hampton showed dramatic improvement in some areas after a disappointing loss to Turkey Valley in its season opener.

After hitting just 21 percent of their shots against the Trojans, New Hampton hit 55.6 of its shots (25-for-45) against Osage. Laures led the way, going 12-for-16 from the field, as he scored a career-high 26 points. Ewert finished with 13 points while Reid Rausch had 10.

“Cael, I’ve been telling him all along, that he can be a freakazoid,” coach Rausch said. “I’ve told him so many times that if he plays aggressively, no one can stop him, and he’s proving me right so far. His shot is so much better this year, but it’s more than that. He’s making his mind to get to the rim, and he’s getting there.”

The Chickasaws also got a solid night from senior Nick Brincks. Although he had just two points, he tied Laures for the team lead in rebounds with eight and led New Hampton with four assists.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton’s Ben Gilbert splits two Osage defenders and puts up a shot in the fourth quarter of the Chickasaws’ home opener last week.

But in the end, the game came down to taking care of the basketball. Osage did an exceptional job, committing just six turnovers. New Hampton, though, had 19.

Or in their coach’s words: “Too many, way too many.”

Yet Rausch remained undaunted when he talked about the expectations he has for this group of Chickasaws.

“I don’t care what anyone says,” Rausch said, “but for those who don’t think this team can be really good, well, they weren’t watching tonight. We’ve got to clean things up, no question about it, but you take that first half, especially the first quarter, and the way we started that second half, we’re

right there.”

OSAGE 71, NEW HAMPTON 59												
Osage	12	19	18	22	-	71						
New Hampton	20	11	9	19	-	59						
Ben Gilbert	2-5	0-0	5,	Adam Ewert	5-10	2-2	13,					
Nick Brincks	1-1	0-0	2,	Cael Laures	12-16	1-1	26,					
Reid Rausch	4-8	0-0	10,	Jake Schwickerath	0-1	0-0	0,					
Carter Newbrough	0-1	0-0	0,	Caden Rochford	1-3	1-1	3,					
Ryan Willadsen	0-0	0-0	0,	Dylen Schmitt	0-0	0-0	0.					
Totals	25-45	4-4	59.									
3-point field goals	-	Rausch	2-5,	Laures	1-2,							
Gilbert	1-3,	Ewert	1-4,	Rochford	0-2.							
Rebounds	-	Brincks	8,	Laures	8,	Rausch	4,					
Ewert	4,	Gilbert	2,	Rochford	1.							
Assists	-	Brincks	4,	Ewert	2,	Rausch	2,					
Rochford	1.											
Steals	-	Brincks	1,	Laures	1,	Rausch	1.					
Blocks	-	Laures	2.									

New Hampton girls coach sees vast improvement from Chickasaws

NH GIRLS: FROM 15

mean we’re right there with them, down 20-18, but we could have been up by 10.”

Still, in Leichtman’s eyes, it was a night-and-day difference for the Chickasaws when compared to their season opener, a 57-33 loss to Riceville a few days before Thanksgiving.

“Our defense was so much better,” he said, “and really, both games, we’ve taken a lot of good shots. Sooner or later, they have to start falling, right?”

Although the Chickasaws never led in the second half, they stayed with Osage — thanks in large part to a trio of Molly Wegner 3-point buckets — for much of the third quarter; in fact, when Taylor Ries scored on a twisting drive, New Hampton trailed just 34-31.

The Green Devils, though, took advantage of three Chickasaw turnovers in the frame’s final 90 seconds to take a 39-31 lead into the fourth quarter, and when Osage started the period with a 10-2 run, the hole was dug for New



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton’s Jordan Thronson plays strong defense in last week’s game against Osage.

Hampton.

Wegner and Taylor Ries led the Chickasaws with 13 points apiece while Ava Leichtman finished with 11, but the Chickasaws, like they did against Riceville, struggled with their shooting — hitting just 13

of their 50 shots.

New Hampton did win the turnover battle, 24-19, but the Chickasaws, who are going to be at a height disadvantage every night this season, were outrebounded 37-21.

Coach Leichtman, though,

said the game represented a step — maybe even a giant one — forward for his club.

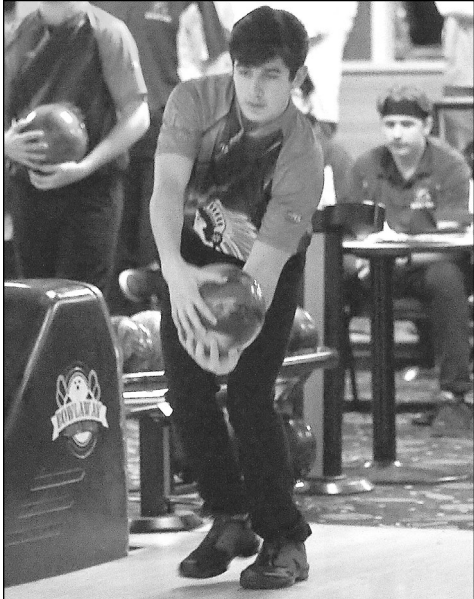
“We played hard, we played smart, we got good shots, we created turnovers,” he said, “and I think in almost every facet of the game, we were better, much better, than we were in our first game. If we keep making progress like this, yes, we’re going to go through some growing pains but we’re going to be fine.”

OSAGE 57, NEW HAMPTON 41												
Osage	9	11	19	18	-	57						
NH	9	9	13	10	-	41						
Megan Pickar	0-0	2-2	2,	Taylor Ries	6-14	1-1	13,					
Molly Wegner	3-14	4-8	13,	Jackie Pickar	0-0	0-0	0,					
Cora Schwickerath	1-6	0-0	2,	Ava Leichtman	3-11	3-4	11,					
Jordan Thronson	0-3	0-0	0,	Chloe Weigel	0-2	0-0	0.					
Totals	13-50	10-15	41.									
3-point field goals	-	Wegner	3-10,	Leichtman	2-7,	Weigel	0-2.					
Rebounds	-	Thronson	4,	Ries	4,	Weigel	3,					
Leichtman	3,	Wegner	3,	J. Pickar	2,	M. Pickar	1,					
Schwickerath	1.											
Assists	-	M. Pickar	2,	J. Pickar	2,	Schwickerath	2,					
Weigel	1.											
Steals	-	Weigel	3,	Leichtman	2,	J. Pickar	2,					
Wegner	1,	Ries	1,	M. Pickar	1.							
Blocks	-	Weigel	2.									



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s McKenzie Herzberg (above) keeps an eye on her ball while Jamison Porath (below) begins his approach during New Hampton’s bowling meet last week.



pins. Chickasaw junior Kody Kleen tallied a 338 and his top game was a 180. Jaxon Porath, a sophomore, bowled a 299 and junior Gabe Macon finished with a 293.

Aries explained how 2023 is different than the first ever season of bowling for New Hampton.

“It’s different expectations. The ones that bowled and have already been there for a year already know my expectations. They know that I set my bar a little bit higher this year than what I had last year,” said Aries. “That might make a difference, too.”

Aries is confident New Hampton will respond to the challenges that lie ahead and produce a worthy effort out on the lanes this year with terrific scores to boot.

“This will definitely be a year to remember I’m thinking here,” said Aries. “We met every goal, if not exceeded every single goal that I wanted last year.”

The Grundy Center girls team topped the Chickasaw girls — 1,211 to 826.

McKenzie Herzberg, a sophomore, paced the Chickasaws with a 201. NH senior Madison Dreckman wound up with a 190 and sophomore Sophie Rivera managed a 147 series.

New Hampton has just four bowlers this season and was missing freshman Kassidy Meyerhoff — who competed at the state dance competition over the weekend.

“The kids, they tried hard and did what they could,” said Aries. “Obviously, we just fell short and came out on the wrong end of the meet.”

NH/TV girls coach likes quality competition at the Donnybrook

NH/TV GIRLS: FROM 15

NH/TV garnered 105 points and saw eight of its nine wrestlers place.

“It’s just a little bit different style of a tournament. That first-round match is really important and if you were to lose it, the best you could place I believe is 17th,” said Ciavarelli. “Along with that, with it being an early-season tournament and bunch of teams that are not necessarily in-state — it kind of poses a couple things that could happen. You could get put with a hammer first round and the rest of your tournament’s a little bit messed up.”

Ciavarelli wasn’t so much as concerned about each of his girls’ placings as he was about facing top-notch competition.

“The big thing about it was for us, this tournament is not necessarily the placing, but getting quality matches at an early-season tournament,” said Ciavarelli.

“Overall, it’s another great tournament with a lot of good competition. There’s no easy match. Everyone on our team really showed a lot of improvement from that Independence Tournament to this tournament.”

NH junior Aleah Eichenberger (9-4) was the Chickasaws top finisher as she placed 10th in her 170-pound weight bracket.

The state qualifier from a year ago won her first match by pin over Jemima Mukete of Apple Valley by fall in just 37 seconds. She lost in the second round of her championship bracket match with Aleah Johnson of Raccoon River-Northwest by pin. She then proceeded to pick up two pins in her consolation matches before losing by pin in her medal match versus Averie Wittkop of West Marshall.

“It was similar to her tournament last year. She was able to improve by one place from the year before,” said Ciavarelli. “She’s gotta keep working like everybody else. She did really well when she got to the back side.”

Sophie Glaser improved to 9-5 overall with a 17th-place finish at the 135 pounds. Glaser lost to Avery Losiewicz of Medford in her first match of the day on Thursday by major decision, 16-8. Then Glaser went undefeated the rest of tournament in her four matches — winning all but one by fall.

“We told her her job is to win every single match and do the best that you can do on her side of the bracket. That’s what she did,” said Ciavarelli.

“Her job kind of changed a little bit and she had to adjust. The next thing you know — she won out. That’s what she needed to do.”

Her 4-3 decision over Aly Erickson of Vinton-Shellsburg gave her plenty of momentum headed into her placing match, where she stuck Madelyn Thompson of West Marshall in the second period in a time of 3:33.

“We were in control the whole time. We kind of need to pose more offense in that match, especially late in the match. We did what we needed to do to get the win,” said Ciavarelli about Glaser’s 4-3 decision. “Vinton-Shellsburg’s got a good team and this girl just happened to be in a similar situation as Sophie. So we took advantage of it and were able to get a big win there.”

Kelly Thronson (5-7), a sophomore wrestling for the first time, made a big impression at 155 pounds. She placed 11th and won her first match in overtime fashion as she came out on top in a tiebreaker, 2-1, over Grecia Garcia of Huntley. Thronson picked up a pin and won her medal match via medical forfeit.

“She just needs to keep learning,” said Ciavarelli.

Chickasaw freshman Taelynn Bass (7-6) and sophomore Brooklyn McShane (4-6) each placed 12th overall at 100 and 135 pounds, respectively. Olivia Hoy (3-9), a junior, also placed 12th at 140 pounds.

“She wrestled really well and I think could even could have done better than her placing,” said Ciavarelli about Bass. “She was in a lot of matches on Friday that I thought should have won. They just didn’t go our way.”

Hoy won a 4-3 decision over Harper Chase of Iowa City West and McShane pinned Miranda Powley of Lockport in just 18

seconds.

“It was good to see her have that success,” said Ciavarelli about McShane. “It was her going out and scrappin’ pretty good.”

Keira Myers (2-1), who has been out of action since the season-opening quad at Central Elkader last month, is still battling a shoulder injury. Myers, a sophomore, qualified for state last year and has competed at 145 pounds for the Chickasaws this winter.

Ciavarelli said she has a MRI scheduled for Monday, Dec. 11 to learn the extent of her shoulder injury.

“The doctor’s are saying she might have a torn labrum. If that’s the case I don’t think she will be back,” said Ciavarelli.”

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NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

100 - Taelynn Bass placed 12th. Champ. Round 1 - Bass pinned Carly Elliott (Mount Vernon), 0:51. Champ. Round 2 - Katie Biscoglia (Raccoon River) pinned Bass, 0:50. Cons. Round 2 - Bass dec. Kaylie Andrews (West Marshall), 12-8. Cons. Round 3 - Danna Manuel (Dubuque Wahlert) pinned Bass, 3:04. 11th Place Match - Ella Als (Mason City) pinned Bass, 1:38.

115 - Zoey Dreckman did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Reese Zimmer (DeKalb) pinned Dreckman, 0:22. Cons. Round 1 - Zoia Dejong (Omaha Westside) won in sudden victory over Dreckman, 7-5. Cons. Round 2 - Averie Peterson pinned Dreckman, 0:46. Cons. Round 3 - Dreckman won by medical forfeit over Layla Myers (Lee’s Summit). Cons. Round 4 - Valeria Sanchez (Huntley) pinned Dreckman, 2:22.

130 - Ella Knutson placed 22nd. Prelim. - Cienna Ficken (West Marshall) pinned Knutson, 0:44. Prelim - Knutson pinned Cecilia Blake (Waukon), 1:03. Cons. Round 1 - Knutson pinned Lila Bihun (Iowa City West), 1:05. Cons. Round 2 - Jaylynn Craun (Oelwein) pinned Knutson, 2:38. Cons. Round 3 - Knutson won by medical forfeit over Ella Krob (Mount Vernon). 21st place Match - Abe Gorham pinned Knutson, 1:37.

135 - Brooklyn McShane placed 12th. Champ. Round 1 - McShane pinned Miranda Powley (Lockport), 0:18. Champ. Round 2 - Maelynn Sundlie (Ozark) pinned McShane, 1:49. Cons. Round 2 - McShane won by medical forfeit over Kylie Blunt (Charles City). Cons. Round 3 - Shannon Finn (Williamsburg) pinned McShane, 0:53. 11th Place Match - Bella Bruins (Raccoon River) maj. dec. McShane, 8-0.

135 - Sophie Glaser placed 17th. Champ. Round 1 - Avery Losiewicz (Medford) maj. dec. Glaser, 16-8. Cons. Round 1 - Glaser pinned Lianny Guzman (Huntley), 0:46. Cons. Round 2 - Glaser pinned Ciara Gomez-Bryant (Cedar Rapids Prairie), 2:53. Cons. Round 3 - Glaser dec. Aly Erickson (Vinton-Shellsburg), 4-3. 17th Place Match - Glaser pinned Madelyn Thompson (West Marshall), 3:33.

140 - Olivia Hoy placed 12th. Champ. Round 1 - Hoy dec. Harper Chase (Iowa City West), 4-3. Champ. Round 2 - Emma Meyer (Mason City) pinned Hoy, 1:10. Cons. Round 2 - Hoy won by forfeit over Jeanie Mbui (Iowa City High). Cons. Round 3 - Meika Neal (Mount Vernon) pinned Hoy, 0:52. 11th Place Match - Rylee Steffen (Dubuque Wahlert) pinned Hoy, 2:45.

155 - Kelly Thronson placed 11th. Champ. Round 1 - Thronson won tiebreaker over Grecia Garcia (Huntley), 2-1. Champ. Round 2 - Piper Zatechka (Omaha Westside) pinned Thronson, 1:31. Cons. Round 2 - Thronson pinned Ava Ayala (Apple Valley), 4:59. Cons. Round 3 - Shaona Emmanuel (Iowa City High) pinned Thronson, 0:52. 11th Place Match - Thronson won by medical forfeit over Addison Herrick (Raccoon River).

170 - Raelynn Manderfield placed 18th. Champ. Round 1 - Gracie Pinckney (Mount Vernon) won tiebreaker over Manderfield, 6-3. Cons. Round 1 - Manderfield pinned Lexi Rosalos (Lee’s Summit), 3:13. Cons. Round 2 - Manderfield pinned Sidney Danner (Staley), 1:10. Cons. Round 3 - Manderfield won tiebreaker over Samiah Watson (Liberty), 7-6. 17th Place Match - Dakota Cornell (Vinton-Shellsburg) pinned Manderfield, 1:31.

170 - Aleah Eichenberger placed 10th. Champ. Round 1 - Eichenberger pinned Jemima Mukete (Apple Valley), 0:37. Champ. Round 2 - Aleah Johnson (Raccoon River) pinned Eichenberger, 1:08. Cons. Round 2 - Aleah Eichenberger pinned Reagan Lubahn (Waukon), 2:00. Cons. Round 3 - Eichenberger pinned Mallorie McGuire, 4:41. 9th Plae Match - Averie Wittkop (West Marshall) pinned Eichenberger, 2:48.



New Hampton’s Jackie Pickar (above) drives baseline against Clear Lake on Tuesday night while Adam Ewert (below) drives to the rim against the Lions.

Clear Lake proves to be too much for Chickasaws

Chickasaw girls fall 47-29 while boys take it on the chin 70-34; New Hampton opens Northeast Iowa Conference play Friday

By Kelly Terpstra
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David Leichtman liked his Chickasaws’ fight and intensity on Tuesday night at home versus No. 10 Clear Lake.

It’s one of the reasons his New Hampton girls basketball squad cut the favored Lions’ lead down to five at the start of the second half.

New Hampton’s shots just wouldn’t drop, though, as the Lions prevailed with a 47-29 victory.

“Our defense is starting to get fearless,” said Leichtman. “Offensively, I bet there was at least 10 buckets that we would love to have back. If those 10 buckets fall – whole different game.”

Leichtman implemented a full-court press to start the second half and a Lions’ lead that was aided by a 13-0 run to start the first half was whittled down to 28-23 after a Ava Leichtman fastbreak layup found the bottom of the net with 4:13 left in the third period.

“We’re learning to turn some of those turnovers into points,” said Leichtman. “I thought we



got better looks out of our turnovers tonight. We didn’t convert everything we wanted to.”

But turnovers bit the Chickasaws (0-3) on this night as Clear Lake (2-1) was able to build its cushion back up to claim victory. The Lions forced 30 NH turnovers.

NH senior guard Molly Wegner led the Chickasaws with 12 points. She knocked two 3-pointers to go along with her 5-10 shooting.

That contest gave way to the boys tussle, which featured another strong Lions squad that was preseason ranked in the

Des Moines Register’s Super 10 rankings to start the 2023-2024 campaign.

A slow start hampered Ryan Rausch’s Northeast Iowa Conference squad as the Lions rolled to a 70-34 victory and remained undefeated in three tries.

Clear Lake raced out to an 11-0 lead as New Hampton missed its first nine shots of the non-conference matchup.

“You’re not going to beat a great team if you don’t start – period,” said Rausch. “They’re really good. If we hit some of those shots we’re in it.”

Clear Lake led 34-10 at the break, but the Chickasaws caught fire from beyond the arc in the second half. Reid Rausch drained three shots from long-range to finish with nine points.

New Hampton’s leading scorer – senior forward Cael Laures – scored 10 second-half points to end up with 12 points.

“The more aggressive he got and really just said, ‘you know what, I’m going to the rack with this thing,’” said Ryan Rausch. “I thought because of that our movement and passing got better.”

Banged-up Turkey Valley boys drop two in UIC

By Kelly Terpstra
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Rolled ankles are never fun and take some time to heal.

That’s what the Turkey Valley boys basketball team is dealing with after games versus league foes South Winneshiek and North Fayette Valley to start the season.

Not one starter, but two suffered ankle injuries for John Izer’s Upper Iowa Conference bunch in the beginning to the league portion of its regular season slate on Tuesday and Friday.

Versus its top rival in South Winn on the road in Calmar, Caleb Kurtenbach went down with an ankle injury early in the first half and never returned. The Warriors ended up winning that contest, 74-50.

Then on Friday at home against the TigerHawks, down went TV’s top returning scorer in Oliver Schmitt with an ankle injury. NFV proceeded to run away with that contest by a score of 77-39.

Izer, in his third year, talked about the South Winn contest.

“We started South Winn healthy and then Caleb rolled it. They came out and punched us hard,” said Izer.

Without Kurtenbach – TV’s starting point guard – the Trojans bad luck got worse as Schmitt rolled his ankle in the first quarter against NFV.

“There was nothing left,” said Izer.

South Winn raced out to a 16-1 lead and Kurtenbach was hurt shortly thereafter. TV whittled that lead down to just five in the third quarter but there wasn’t enough gas left in the tank to close out the Warriors and bring home a win back to Jackson Junction.

“I was so proud of my guys because we cut that to five in the third quarter and then we were just exhausted and it got away,” said Izer.

The two league games saw younger players on Izer’s roster get a chance to accumulate



Turkey Valley’s Caleb Kurtenbach puts up a 3-point shot against New Hampton during a game last week, but the following night, the Trojan went down with an ankle injury – one of the reasons Turkey Valley struggled in its first two conference games.

valuable varsity experience out on the hardwood because of the two TV senior starters’ absences.

“That’s what I’m emphasizing. Everybody just relax, we’re fine. We’ll get through this. This will make us better at the end of the year,” said Izer. “I just don’t want this to linger all year. I want to side on precaution.”

Schmitt led TV in scoring against South Winn (2-0, 2-0). He netted 13 points on 5-11 shooting and dished out four assists. J.D. Kruse, a sophomore, chipped in with 11 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Extremely short-handed versus NFV, Trojan freshman Cale Langreck rose to the occasion to lead TV in scoring with 12 points. He was 6-8 from the field.

Amazingly, TV did not attempt one free throw all evening versus the TigerHawks. Conversely, NFV (3-0, 2-0) shot 14-17 from the charity stripe.

The TigerHawks outscored TV, 31-7, in the third quarter

and was led by Cael Reichter’s 28 points.

TV (1-2, 0-2) played MFL-Mar-Mac Tuesday in Monona. The Bulldogs qualified for the state tourney last year in Class 2A.

“These first four games with us were humdingers,” said Izer. Then it’s contests that the Trojans will be favored in versus Clayton Ridge, West Central and Central Elkader. TV’s last game before Christmas break is a road tilt at Postville (4-0, 2-0) on Friday, Dec. 22.

“My main deal now is get ‘em healthy and don’t force the issue,” said Izer. “There’s a ton of basketball left. You’re not going to qualify for anything big before Christmas.”

SOUTH WINNESHIK 74, TURKEY VALLEY 50

TV	8	21	9	12	-	50
SW	21	18	19	16	-	74

Caleb Kurtenbach 0-2 0-0 0, Russell Nieman 2-7 0-0 4, Logan Busta 2-9 2-3 7, Oliver Schmitt 5-11 2-8 13, Braylen Byrne 2-5 0-0 5, J.D. Kruse 4-7 3-5 11, Calen Franzen 0-1 0-0 0, Cale Langreck 2-3 3-4 8,

Jonah Orvis 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Kriener 1-3 0-0 2, Aidan Holthaus 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-49 10-20 50.

3-point field goals - Nieman 0-3, Busta 1-4, Schmitt 1-3, Byrne 1-2, Franzen 0-1, Langreck 1-1.

Rebounds - Nieman 8, Kruse 6, Byrne 4, Busta 3, Schmitt 3, Kurtenbach 2, Langreck 2, Kriener 2, Franzen 1.

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

Steals - Busta 2, Nieman 1, Schmitt 1, Byrne 1, Orvis 1.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 77, TURKEY VALLEY 39

NFV	15	18	31	13	-	77
TV	12	6	7	14	-	39

Kruse 3-7 0-0 6, Nieman 1-5 0-0 3, Busta 3-11 0-0 7, Schmitt 1-1 0-0 2, Byrne 3-8 0-0 7, Franzen 0-0 0-0 0, Ethan Orvis 0-0 0-0 0, Langreck 6-8 0-0 12, J. Orvis 0-0 0-0 0, Kriener 0-3 0-0 0, Holthaus 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 18-47 0-0 39.

3-point field goals - Nieman 1-4, Busta 1-6, Byrne 1-3, Langreck 0-2, Holthaus 0-1.

Rebounds - Kruse 8, Busta 5, Langreck 3, Holthaus 3, J. Orvis 2, Nieman 1, Schmitt 1, Byrne 1, E. Orvis 1, Kriener 1.

Assists - Busta 4, Nieman 3, Langreck 2.

Steals - Nieman 2, Langreck 1.

Blocks - Busta 2.

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Trojan girls coach likes the ‘fight’ his team shows

TV GIRLS: FROM 15

“I’m very proud of the girls. They fought through foul trouble to succeed tonight,” said Hoffert.

Layni Schuchhardt, a 5-8 junior guard, led TV in scoring against South Winn with 10 points, despite fouling out of the contest. Haylee Hanson, a 5-11 sophomore center, notched nine points.

The iron was also unkind to the Trojans in the league home opener versus North Fayette Valley (4-0, 3-0) on Friday night. TV shot just 25 percent (15-60) from the field and dropped the league tilt, 50-39.

Annika Bodensteiner, a sophomore 5-8 guard, racked up 17 points – a career high. Bodensteiner also drained three 3-pointers. Bodensteiner ripped down 14 rebounds against South Winn, also a career high.

Hanson again was a factor down low as she hit for double-digit scoring with 10 points versus NFV. She also led the team with nine rebounds.

She came up with eight rebounds against South Winn (1-3, 1-2).

TV (1-2, 1-2) outscored NFV, 15-13, in the final period of play.

“I like the way this team doesn’t quit. They keep fighting no matter the outcome,” said Hoffert. “We did a really good job breaking their press early. We need to find consis-

tency on offense, that will come as we grow as a team.”

TURKEY VALLEY 42, SOUTH WINNESHIK 35

TV	11	9	10	12	-	42
SW	9	2	8	16	-	35

Addison Steinlage 2-8 0-0 4, Annika Bodensteiner 2-8 3-11 7, Layni Schuchhardt 4-12 2-4 10, Mariah Thronsdon 3-9 1-3 7, Delaney Busta 2-7 1-4 5, Ashlyn Busta 0-1 0-0 0, Alexis Elsbernd 0-2 0-0 0, Haylee Hanson 4-7 1-4 9. Totals 17-54 8-26 42.

3-point field goals - Steinlage 0-1, Bodensteiner 0-4, Schuchhardt 0-1, Thronsdon 0-3, Elsbernd 0-1.

Rebounds - Bodensteiner 14, Hanson 8, D. Busta 6, Thronsdon 4, Schuchhardt 3, Steinlage 2, Elsbernd 2.

Assists - Bodensteiner 2, Steinlage 1.

Steals - Steinlage 3, Thronsdon 2, Elsbernd 2, Hanson 2, Bodensteiner 1, Schuchhardt 1, D. Busta 1.

Blocks - Steinlage 2. NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 50, TURKEY VALLEY 39

NFV	9	12	16	13	-	50
TV	9	5	10	15	-	39

Steinlage 1-9 0-0 2, Bodensteiner 7-19 0-1 17, Schuchhardt 1-6 0-0 2, Thronsdon 2-6 0-0 6, D. Busta 1-4 0-0 2, Jenna Thronsdon 0-2 0-0 0, Elsbernd 0-1 0-0 0, Hanson 3-13 4-5 10. Totals 15-60 4-6 39.

3-point field goals - Steinlage 0-1, Bodensteiner 3-13, Schuchhardt 0-1, M. Thronsdon 2-4, D. Busta 0-1, J. Thronsdon 0-1, Elsbernd 0-1, Hanson 0-2.

Rebounds - Hanson 9, Schuchhardt 6, M. Thronsdon 6, Steinlage 4, Bodensteiner 3, D. Busta 1.

Assists - Steinlage 2, Bodensteiner 1, Schuchhardt 1, M. Thronsdon 1.

Steals - Steinlage 3, Bodensteiner 3, Hanson 3, M. Thronsdon 2, Schuchhardt 1, D. Busta 1.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

NH/TV boys and girls wrestling at Decorah, 5:30 p.m.
New Hampton ninth boys basketball vs. Decorah, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

NH/TV girls, JV and varsity boys wrestling at South Winneshiek tournament, Luther College, 4 p.m.

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

New Hampton basketball at Waverly-Shell Rock, girls and boys JV at 4:45 p.m., varsity girls at 6 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

New Hampton girls basketball vs. LeRoy-Ostrander at Decorah, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

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

NH/TV girls and boys wrestling vs. Nashua-Plainfield and North Fayette Valley, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

New Hampton bowling at Grundy Center, 3:30 p.m.
New Hampton ninth boys basketball at Charles City, 6 p.m.
NH/TV girls, JV boys and varsity boys wrestling vs. Charles City, 6:15 p.m.

COFFEE CUP BOWLING

STANDINGS	W	L	High team games:
Mid-Tech Services	7	1	Tech Services, 504, 452, Vern
D&K	7	1	Laures Auto 440.
Muscari, LLC	6	2	High team series:
Rochford Insurance	4	4	Tech Services 1,330, Huge-
Vern Laures Auto	4	4	back-Johnson 1,218, Muscari
Hugeback-Johnson	2	6	LLC 1,215.
Geerts Plumbing	1	7	MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

NOV. 29 RESULTS

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

LEADERS

High individual games:
Diane Nehl 231, 198, Kristy Kirkus 201, Jeanne Roder 198.
High individual series:
Nehl 609, Kirkus 543, Eleanore Martin 461.

Chickasaw Women's Pool	W	L	GB
Week 6 Nov. 29			
Bowlaway	28	17	0
Schucky's	27	27	1
The Office	27	27	1
Butch's I	25	29	3
Dak's Tap I	24	21	4
Butch's II 23	22	5	
Dak's Tap II	23	22	5
Hide A Way	20	25	8
Big Willie's	19	26	9
RESULTS			
Butch's 5, Bowlaway Lanes 4			
Butch's II 6, Dak's Tap II 3			
Schucky's 5, Dak's Tap 4			
The Office 5, Hide A Way 4			
Big Willie's - Bye Week			
THREE-GAME WINNERS			
Bowlaway Lanes - Krissy Anderson & Ann Crook			
Dak's Tap I - Dee Bran-non & Sue Bouska			
The Office - Heather Steege & Laurie Schult			

Chickasaw Men's Pool	W	L
Week 8 Nov. 27		
HereZ 2 U	43	29
Brite Spot	41	31
Rascals	40	32
Big Willie's	39	33
Dak's Tap 1	38	34
Bowlaway Lanes	38	34
Butch's 2	36	36
VFW	35	37
Butch's 1	34	38
Dak's Tap 2	34	38
Hide-A-Way	29	43
The Office	25	47
RESULTS		
HereZ 2 U 7, Dak's Tap 1 2		
Brite Spot 5, VFW 4		
Big Willie's 7, The Office 2		
Butch's 2 6, Rascals 3		
Dak's Tap 2 6, Butch's 1 3		
Bowlaway Lanes 7, Hide-A-Way 2		
THREE-GAME WINNERS		
Bowlaway Lanes: Scott & Jeremy, Bruce & Mitch		
Big Willie's: Les & Darny, Small Block & Cody		
HereZ 2 U: Pete & Cory		
Butch's 2: HB & Trent		
VFW: Brad & Adam		

Winter leads
Wartburg back
to D-III semis

The Wartburg football team is headed back to the Division III national semi-finals, and this year, the Knights will be able to sleep in their own beds the night before the game.



Winter

The third-ranked Knights, who are coached by 2000 New Hampton High School graduate Chris Winter, rallied from a 21-3 second quarter deficit to beat Wisconsin-Whitewater 31-28 on Saturday to set up a semifinal date with North Central (Illinois) this Saturday.

The semifinal game will be played in Waverly at Wartburg's Ralston-Hoover Stadium with kickoff slated for 2:30 p.m. The game will be televised on ESPN+.

But Winter and his Knights had their work cut out for them when it came to earning a trip to the semi-finals for the second consecutive season. A year ago, Wartburg made its first ever trip to the semifinals before dropping a wildly entertaining 34-31 game against Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio.

Down 18 early in the second frame, Wartburg got a touchdown run from Hunter Clasen and a TD catch from Crestwood graduate Carter Henry to cut the deficit to 21-17 at halftime.

The Knights took the lead on their opening drive of the second half on a Clasen 1-yard touchdown run, but Whitewater answered with a touchdown pass midway through the fourth quarter.

With 3:56 left, Warburg began an 11-play, 78-yard drive that culminated with a Nile McLaughlin-to-Clasen 7-yard touchdown pass with 54 seconds left and that proved to be the difference.

Wartburg improved to 13-0, the same record North Central has after beating Wisconsin-La Crosse 55-42 in its quarter final game.

The win improved Winter's career record to 33-4, including a 26-1 mark in the past two seasons.



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New Hampton Elementary School student Myles Hackman gets ready to take an opponent to the mat during the 2022 Lions tournament.

Lions youth wrestling
tourney is set for Saturday

The New Hampton Lions Club will host its 45th annual youth wrestling tournament this Saturday in the New Hampton High School competition gymnasium.

The Junior Division (grades 5-6) and Pee Wee Division (grades 3-4) will weigh-in between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m. and wrestling will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m.

The Midget Division (grades 1-2), the Tots Division (Pre-K to K) and the Girls Division (Pre-K to grade 6) will weigh-in between 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. and wrestling for those divisions will begin around 11:30 a.m.

For those who have not entered the tournament yet, the entry fee is \$20, and walk-ins will be accepted.

For more information, contact tournament directors Dennis Pagel (641-330-9090) or Paul Hereid (641-394-4981) or email the Lions club at nhlionswrestling@gmail.com.

Admission to the tournament is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students.



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NH/TV's Burke Busta (left) works to fend off a takedown attempt by South Winneshiek's Brady Ohrt while teammate Landon Bruess (above) controls Central Elkader's Jamison Feickert during a quadrangular held at Turkey Valley last week.

Chickasaws like start but know there's work to be done

NH/TV BOYS: FROM 15

Friday as four Chickasaws — Landon Bruess (120), Karson Kolbet (165), Ethan Swehla (190) and Braden McShane (215) — went undefeated to earn spots in Saturday's gold brackets.

All, of course, are seniors. "We've got what I think is a pretty solid group of seniors. They're tough dudes, and they got after it at Indee," Paulus said. "They kind of set the tone for us, and I liked how our seniors got after it."

McShane, who finished third at 220 during last winter's Class 2A state wrestling tournament, came up with the biggest win of the weekend for the Chickasaws as the third-ranked senior claimed the 215 title with a hard-fought 6-5 win over South Tama County's Gavin Bridgewater, who is ranked second.

The Chickasaw star got the first takedown of the match and then used two reversals in the second period to build a 6-3 lead before hanging on for the win.

"He felt good about that win," Paulus said, "but at the same time, he felt like he could have, should have, wrestled better and beat him by more. ... That's definitely a senior trait, a veteran trait, to not be satisfied. That, to me, is a huge positive and speaks volumes about what kind of kid Braden is. He knows what a crazy sport we're in and that you can never think you're there."

Swehla went 6-1 during the two-day tournament — his only loss was to Demaris Henderson of Waterloo East — and sent a message that he's a 190-pounder to be reckoned with this season.

"Ethan surprised some people, I'm sure," Paulus said, "but we knew if we could let him just settle in at a weight, he has the drive and work ethic to be really good."

Kolbet finished fourth — losing to two out-of-state wrestlers — while Bruess finished seventh.

Paulus, though, wasn't just pleased with his gold bracket wrestlers.

Six Chickasaws — Ty Moudry (113), Cargin Robinson (126), Braiden Schaufenbuel (132), Burke Busta (157), Leander Reicks (175) and Gatlin McCumber (285) — finished the tournament with flourishes as all six won their final three matches Saturday.

Reicks joined his fellow four seniors as top-10 finishers at the 33-tournament with a championship, good for ninth place overall, in the silver bracket.

"We had a lot of conversations yesterday," Paulus said on Sunday, "and you could see the confidence growing. After the pools, we said you can't change anything and you're going to be wrestling guys your own caliber so get after it. And we had a lot of guys get after it."

And that's a positive heading into a grueling week that included a triangular at Osage against the host Green Devils and Union, a triangular Thursday against host Decorah and Minnesota power Kasson-Mantorville and a Friday evening trip to Decorah for the South Winneshiek Invitational.

"It's a tough week, no question about it, but we have to keep grinding and work through it," Paulus said. "We're going to see some pretty good competition — that's an understatement — but that's how you get better and we have a room full of guys who want to get better."

NH/TV 78, CENTRAL ELKADER 6

132 - Braiden Schaufenbuel

(NHTV) pinned Collin Jaster, 1:17. 138 - Jayden Bucknell (NHTV) won by forfeit. 144 - Tate Schwickerath (NHTV) won by forfeit. 150 - Ethan Praska (NHTV) pinned Preston Kulper, 3:56. 157 - Burke Busta (NHTV) won by forfeit. 165 - Karson Kolbet (NHTV) won by forfeit. 175 - Leander Reicks (NHTV) won by forfeit.

190 - Ethan Swehla (NHTV) won by forfeit. 215 - Braden McShane (NHTV) won by forfeit. 285 - Gatlin McCumber (NHTV) won by forfeit. 106 - Quinlan Mahoney (NHTV) won by forfeit. 113 - Ty Moudry (NHTV) won by forfeit. 120 - Landon Bruess (NHTV) pinned Jamison Feickert, 2:24. 126 - Braxton Bormann (CE) pinned Cargin Robinson, 1:24.

NH/TV 52,

SOUTH WINNESHIK 27

138 - Bucknell (NHTV) maj. dec. Eric Greve, 18-5. 144 - Collin Holm (SW) pinned Schwickerath, 1:38. 150 - Landon Schnuelle (SW) pinned Praska, 3:43. 157 - Brady Ohrt (SW) dec. Busta, 8-2. 165 - Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Kyle Kuboushek, 1:26. 175 - Reicks (NHTV) pinned Quinn Huinker, 1:06. 190 - Swehla (NHTV) pinned Ray Lienau, 0:46.

215 - McShane (NHTV) pinned Parker Timp, 0:57. 285 - McCumber (NHTV) pinned Kolton Brummond, 0:15. 106 - Gavin Thuentle (SW) pinned Mahoney, 0:26. 113 - Aiden Feickert (SW) pinned Moudry, 5:14. 120 - Bruess (NHTV) pinned Jamison Zweibahmer, 2:33. 126 - Robinson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 132 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) won by forfeit.

NH/TV 51, CLEAR LAKE 23

144 - Carter Perry (CL) pinned Schwickerath, 2:00. 150 - Praska (NHTV) dec. Tyler LeFevre, 9-2. 157 - Busta (NHTV) pinned Cooper Cooke, 3:51. 165 - Kolbet dec. Christian Dunning, 4-3. 175 - Reicks (NHTV) pinned Liam Byrnes, 1:31. 190 - Swehla (NHTV) dec. Dylan Evenson, 5-3. 215 - McShane (NHTV) pinned Max Orchard, 0:27.

285 - McCumber (NHTV) pinned Jake Trenary, 3:48. 106 - John Amos (CL) pinned Mahoney, 0:28. 113 - Moudry (NHTV) won by forfeit. 120 - Bruess (NHTV) won by forfeit. 126 - Noah Potter (CL) pinned Robinson, 1:44. 132 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Jesse Prestholt, 1:44. 138 - Aiden Hippen (CL) pinned Bucknell, 5:04.

Extra - 138 - Mason Nelson (NHTV) pinned Cayden VanVoorhis, 0:48. 144 - Bryar Usher (NHTV) pinned VanVoorhis, 0:50. 150 - Caleb Utley (NHTV) pinned Gage Young, 2:32. 157 - Cade Carpenter (NHTV) pinned Dan Orchard, 0:36. 165 - Jack Hackman (CL) pinned Carpenter, 1:25. 165 - Raif Baack (CL) pinned Dylan Maloy, 3:25. 165 - Hackman (CL) pinned Maloy, 3:12. 175 - Lohen Tank (NH/TV) pinned Brock Thompson, 2:58. 175 - Tank (NHTV) tech. fall Jackson Peckham, 15-0. 3:55. 190 - Lincoln Allsbrook (CL) pinned Trae Keel, 5:18. 215 - Allsbrook (CL) pinned Roy Barron, 2:37.

CLIFF KEEN INVITATIONAL
TEAM SCORES

Alburnett 320, Carlisle 282, Fennimore 277.5, Union 256, New Hampton/Turkey Valley 231, Independent 222, Osage 219.5, Clear Creek-Amara 215.5, Burlington Nortre Dame 201, Harrisburg 196, Algona 188, Denver 178, Solon 173, Tintley Park 172, Lisbon 171, Crestwood 167, Cedar Rapids Xavier 165.5, South Tama County 164.5, Cedar Rapids Prairie 159, Greene County 148.5, Roland-Story 142.5, Smithville 140.0, Pleasant Valley 138, Waterloo East 137.5, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 135, Milton 133, Interstate 35 123.5, Maquoketa 119, Fort Madison 117, West Liberty 103, Christian Brothers College 79, Des Moines Lincoln 44, Dubuque Senior 44.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

106: Quinlan Mahoney placed 32nd. Round 1 - Coy Mehler (U) pinned Mahoney, 0:15. Round 2 - Jack Gogel (Li) pinned Mahoney, 0:35. Round 3 - Konnor Blume (R-S) pinned Mahoney, 0:38. Cons. Round 1 - Lucas Ennis (CGD) pinned Mahoney, 0:24. Cons. Round 2 - Hudson Shelton (Ca) pinned Mahoney, 0:12. 31st Place Match - Dylan Warthan (Ma) pinned Mahoney, 0:17.

113: Ty Moudry placed 17th. Round 1 - Jailen Coleman (WE) pinned Moudry, 3:03. Round 3 - Ryan Cassidy (WL) maj. dec. Moudry, 9-0. Cons. Round 1 - Moudry pinned Jerrin Glasbrenner (Fe), 1:16. Cons. Round 2 - Moudry maj. dec. Justin Moore (So), 12-2. 17th Place Match - Moudry pinned Thomas Zabka, 3:05.

120: Landon Bruess placed seventh. Round 1 - Bruess pinned Brody Hall (WE), 0:50. Round 2 - Bruess pinned Wyatt Mether (In), 0:55. Round

3 - Bruess pinned Elijah Wilhite (Alg), 1:31. Quarterfinal - Aiden Slama (Mi) maj. dec. Bruess, 9-0. Cons. Round 2 - Kyler Steapp (So) maj. dec. Bruess, 13-1. 7th Place Match - Bruess won by medical forfeit over Eligh Branan (STC).

126: Cargin Robinson placed 27th. Round 1 - Emory Johnson (Ha) pinned Robinson, 1:56. Round 2 - Tanner Wilson (In) pinned Robinson, 1:40. Round 3 - Jacob Harmeyer (GC) pinned Robinson. Cons. Round 1 - Tyson Wheeler (So) pinned Robinson, 3:27. Cons. Round 2 - Robinson pinned Jeremy Swafford (DML) 0:35. Cons. Round 3 - Robinson pinned Sage Gillum (Ca), 0:40. 27th Place Match - Robinson pinned Dagen Henzen (De), 0:55.

132: Braiden Schaufenbuel placed 27th. Round 1 - Casey Griffin (TP) pinned Schaufenbuel, 0:58. Round 2 - Nick Pasutti (I35) dec. Schaufenbuel, 11-6. Round 3 - Kameron Kremer (In) pinned Schaufenbuel, 1:38. Cons. Round 1 - Kolton Hefti (CGD) dec. Schaufenbuel, 6-5. Cons. Round 2 - Schaufenbuel pinned Dalton Leffler (Fe), 1:20. Cons. Round 3 - Schaufenbuel dec. Braydin Wilcox (CRP), 4-2. 27th Place Match - Schaufenbuel pinned Caden Kuecker (Alg), 3:20.

138: Jayden Bucknell placed 16. Round 1 - Bucknell pinned Tate Sherwood (BND), 3:16. Round 2 - Bucknell maj. dec. Colton Tollefson (Fe), 11-0. Round 3 - Tyler Wurth (Ha) dec. Bucknell, 5-4. Cons. Round 1 - Tyler Lee (CRP) maj. dec. Bucknell, 14-2. Cons. Round 2 - Kael Cook (BND) dec. Bucknell, 11-7. 15th Place Match - JJ Callahan (Alb) dec. Bucknell, 7-3.

144: Tate Schwickerath placed 24th. Round 1 - Boden White

(De) tech. fall Schwickerath, 17-0. Round 2 - Darren Adams (Os) pinned Schwickerath, 2:21. Round 3 - Schwickerath pinned Teague Krob (Li), 1:13. Cons. Round 1 - Cole Mincer (BND) pinned Schwickerath, 3:47. Cons. Round 2 - Brady Brueck (CRX) pinned Schwickerath, 0:36. 23rd Place Match - Georvon Tyler (WE) pinned Schwickerath, 3:17.

150: Ethan Praska placed 18th. Round 1 - Dirk Boyles (BND) 4-2 pinned Praska, 1:16. Round 2 - Jack Stevens (CCA) pinned Praska, 2:55. Round 3 - Praska pinned Gable Underbakke (WL), 1:16. Cons. Round 1 - Praska dec. Carson Kidwell (So), 8-6. Cons. Round 2 - Praska pinned Henry Gelner (I35), 3:37. 17th Place Match - Collin Cole (CRP) pinned Praska, 2:54.

157: Burke Busta placed 19th. Round 1 - Tanner Faulkner (CBC) OT dec. Busta, 2-1. Round 2 - Tucker Stangel (Os) 6-0 pinned Busta, 2:52. Round 3 - Busta pinned Camden Maniatas (TP), 1:53. Cons. Round 1 - Tayge Privett (Ha) dec. Busta, 8-2. Cons. Round 2 - Busta pinned Kynnick Christofferson (BND), 5:52. Cons. Round 3 - Busta pinned Maverick Hutton (I35), 1:59. 19th Place Match - Busta dec. Erik Alvarado (DML), 6-3.

165: Karson Kolbet placed fourth. Round 1 - Kolbet pinned John Cherry (DML), 0:27. Round 2 - Kolbet pinned Selvin Gonzalez (CGD), 1:18. Round 3 - Kolbet maj. dec. Cyrus Mathes (STC), 12-2. Quarterfinal - Kolbet pinned Benjamin Haughey (CCA), 3:03. Semifinal - Tristan Steldt (Fe) maj. dec. Kolbet, 9-1. Cons. Round 3 - Kolbet maj. dec. Caleb Seaba (CGD), 10-2. 3rd Place Match - Logan O'Connor (Ha) maj. dec. Kolbet, 9-1.

175: Leander Reicks placed ninth.

Round 1 - Reicks pinned Jonquel Wright (DS), 3:38. Round 2 - Reicks pinned Ulises Frias (CGD), 1:11. Round 3 - Ronan Thomas (CRX) dec. Reicks, 5-0. Cons. Round 1 - Reicks won by medical forfeit over Christian Fanetti (CBC). Cons. Round 2 - Reicks pinned Hunter Sauer (Alb), 2:45. 9th Place Match - Reicks pinned Braylen Bieber (In), 1:42.

190: Ethan Swehla placed third. Round 1 - Swehla pinned Calvin McAvan (DS), 0:44. Round 2 - Swehla won by medical forfeit over Holden Craft (U). Round 3 - Swehla pinned Kyler Jensen (So), 3:16. Quarterfinal - Swehla pinned Ian Tripp (R-S), 1:32. Semifinal - Demaris Henderson (WE) dec. Swehla, 5-2. Cons. Round 3 - Swehla pinned Grant Helmle (CRX), 4:25. 3rd Place Match - Swehla pinned Noah Noland (Ca), 5:11.

215: Braden McShane placed first. Round 1 - McShane pinned Yousef Rezekallah (BND), 0:48. Round 2 - McShane pinned Marcus Ball (GC), 0:33. Round 3 - McShane pinned Adyn Wyckoff (Ca), 0:40. Quarterfinal - McShane pinned Ashtin Willms (CGD), 2:15. Semifinal - McShane pinned Emmitt Fleshman (Alb), 3:52. 1st Place Match - McShane dec. Gavin Bridgewater (STC), 6-5.

285: Gatlin McCumber placed 11th. Round 1 - McCumber pinned Carson Bromwell (CCA), 0:43. Round 2 - Mac Muller (Os) pinned McCumber, 1:09.. Round 3 - McCumber pinned Rizg Osman (Ha), 1:10. Cons. Round 1 - Aaron Peyton (R-S) pinned McCumber, 1:21. Cons. Round 2 - McCumber pinned Vinnie Keller (CCA), 1:17. Cons. Round 3 - McCumber won by injury default over Grant Wilson (So). 11th Place Match - McCumber pinned Alex Olson (Ca), 1:07.

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New Hampton's Nick Brincks comes up with the "assist of the night" making the pass to an open teammate during Thursday night's game.

New Hampton girls take step in right direction but fall to Osage

Chickasaws hang tough but Green Devils pull away late

BY BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton girls basketball coach David Leichtman stood in the hallway near the competition gymnasium last Thursday night and shook his head — not so much in frustration but more in the "what-could-have-been" mode.

"That first half is exactly how we want to play, how we have to play," Leichtman said. "We forced 14 turnovers, we were really tenacious on defense, and I think for our girls it's what they have to hang their hats on.

They have to realize if we play like that for 32 minutes, we can win basketball games."

If there was a difference between the two teams on this night, it was this: New Hampton didn't capitalize on turnovers and Osage did. Add it up, and it was a 57-41 win for Osage, one of the favorites in the Top of Iowa Conference East Division.

"They turned our turnovers into points," Leichtman said after his team fell to 0-2, "and we didn't capitalize on theirs, especially in the first half. I

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New Hampton's Cora Schwickerath looks for an open teammate during the Chickasaws' game with Osage last week.

NH/TV girls garner respect at Donnybrook

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With 12 mats full of simultaneous, non-stop action — the Dan Gable Donnybrook is a must-watch event if you're a wrestling fan.

If you're a competitor like the New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling squad was at the two-day event — it's a team-first approach that will get you places at the prestigious tournament.

In an individual sport — the team rises above all else and it's that all-hands-on-deck approach that propelled NH/TV and head coach Caleb Ciavarelli to a respectable showing on Thursday and Friday at the Xtream Arena in Coralville.

"I feel that way about all of our girls," said Ciavarelli about the unselfish character his team displays. "Everybody was in each other's corner and helping out. There's 12 mats rolling, so sometimes if a coach can't be there, we have other girls that are helping each other along the way."

NH/TV placed 29th out of the 43 teams in attendance — some the best the Midwest has to offer. That includes top end, elite wrestlers — several of them ranked nationally.

"The out-of-state teams are kind of bringing a different challenge, just because some of the states have been wrestling for a few years and kind of established, where Iowa is still kind of playing catch up a little bit," said Ciavarelli. "The teams that are there from Iowa are all pretty deserving of being there as well and did really good."

Decorah won the tournament with 408 points, while Waverly-Shell Rock was runner-up with 367 points.

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One 'lapse' costs Chickasaw boys

Osage's 17-0 third quarter run too much for New Hampton to overcome

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Two "hustle" baskets — one by Adam Ewert; the other by Reid Rausch — and a 3-point bomb by Ewert had given New Hampton a 38-32 lead over Osage early in the third quarter, and for a moment, Chickasaw coach Ryan Rausch had to be thinking his team was going to put its awful opener to bed.

Instead, the Green Devils took advantage of six New Hampton turnovers over the next five minutes to go on a 17-0 run on their way to a 71-59 victory in the Chickasaws' home opener.

"We were right there, right where we wanted to be and then we have a lapse," Rausch said after his team fell to 0-2. "Against a good team — and Osage is a good team — you can't have that. ... It was beyond frustrating. We showed what kind of team we're capable of being for three, 3 1/2 quarters, but we can't do what we did during that lapse. We can't have those turnovers, we have to play tough defense no matter what else is happening."

Osage shared the Top of Iowa Conference East Division title a year ago and has three of its top players back, but for the first eight minutes Thursday, New Hampton looked like

the team that had won a league title last winter.

Cael Laures had nine points in the opening quarter, which ended with an Ewert drive and bucket just before the buzzer sounded that gave New Hampton a 20-12 lead.

The Green Devils clawed back and knotted the game at 31 heading into the halftime break, but it was New Hampton that regained the momentum with a 7-1 run to start the third quarter.

And then came the lapse.

"I loved the energy we played with in

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley Ethan Swehla works to turn Ray Lienau of South Winneshiek during a triangular match held in Turkey Valley's gym last week.

Chickasaws grind their way to fifth at Indee

New Hampton/Turkey Valley gets five top-10 finishes at 33-team Cliff Keen Independence Invitational

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling coach Matt Paulus will be the first to remind his Chickasaws that one week does not a season make.

But, man oh man, the fifth-year coach will definitely take the first week of the 2023-24 season, one in which the Chickasaws rolled to three dual-meet victories and then trav-

eled to Independence and, at least to some, took a surprising fifth at the two-day Cliff Keen Invitational.

"We weren't quite sure what to expect [at Independence]," Paulus said, "but we saw a lot of good wrestling and we saw our guys respond in a lot of ways. It's a great starting point for our guys, but they'll be the first to tell you, there's a lot of work to be done in the room."

Class 1A power Alburnett won the tour-

namment with 320 points, 38 more than Carlisle amassed. Fennimore, a team from southwestern Wisconsin, was third while Union took fourth. The Chickasaws finished with 222 points and earned a top-five finish by just 2.5 points over host Independence.

NH/TV put together a solid day of wrestling in the pools that were contested on

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New Hampton's Kody Kleen follows through after releasing the ball during the Chickasaws' bowling season opener that was held last Friday at Bowlaway Lanes.

Chickasaw bowlers just miss win in opener

Grundy Center holds off New Hampton to pick up a victory by a mere eight pins

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New Hampton bowling head coach Andy Aries can't fault his team for giving a great effort, but the season opener at home versus Grundy Center on Friday night left him wanting more.

He knows his Chickasaws are fully capable of accomplishing amazing things this season.

The result at Bowlaway Lanes in the first dual meet of the year versus Grundy Center was a near miss — by just eight pins.

The Spartans slipped past New Hampton by a paper-thin margin of 2,626-2,618 to claim victory and turn back the Chickasaws.

"I expected more out of the gate instead of keeping my expectations so low like I did last year," said Aries. "I kind of expected more right away."

New Hampton was awfully close to gaining win No. 1 on the season but a less-than spectacular final baker score of 135 was one of the reasons the Chickasaws came up just short.

"I was a little more disappointed. I know we can shoot better than that," said Aries. "We missed quite a few spares. It's something that I kind of talked to them about. Spare shooting — that's gonna win you more meets than it will lose you meets."

New Hampton led the Spartans 1,799-1,746 headed

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Trojan girls split a pair of UIC tilts

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When the shots aren't falling — teams need to find other ways to pull out victories.

That's exactly what the Turkey Valley girls hoops squad did last week Tuesday on the road against conference rival South Winneshiek.

TV earned its first win of the season with a 42-35 victory over South Winn in the Upper Iowa Conference opener. The Trojans didn't connect on a 3-pointer from beyond the arc in 10 tries and were just 8-26 from the free-throw line against the Warriors, which came out to a 31 percent make rate.

The Trojans made up for those shooting deficiencies through hustle on the defensive end and owning the glass. TV outrebounded SW, 39-25, and while the Trojans committed 25 turnovers, they forced 26 South Winn turnovers.

"It was important for us to get a win tonight to help boost the confidence of this young team. I thought we did a really good job defending and rebounding tonight," said Steve Hoffert, in his second year of guiding the Trojans hoops program.

With more games under their belt, Hoffert feels his Trojans will start to pick up the pace offensively and find the bottom of the net.

"Our offensive identity will come with it. We are still a work in progress on that end," said Hoffert.

Several Trojans were saddled with foul trouble during the rivalry matchup.

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