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Bob Fenske/Tribune
Brock Rasing plays the role of Santa while Benson Carolan has Elvis down pat during the New Hampton Elementary School Winter Concert that was held before a packed house in the New Hampton High School gym on Monday evening.

A ROUSING, ENERGETIC KICKOFF

NEW HAMPTON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, MUSIC TEACHER BRING PLENTY OF ENTHUSIASM TO FIRST CONCERT OF THE SEASON



Kindergartners Landon Lechtenberg and Blakely Holthaus perform a song with their classmates during Monday's concert.

BY BOB FENSKE
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The students Erica Koster teaches have energy to burn so it's probably a good thing that their teacher is, to put it mildly, wildly enthusiastic.

"Their wild and crazy matches mine," she said Tuesday morning on a day when the New Hampton Elementary School music instructor could take a deep breath.

After all, Koster's biggest concert of the year — the Winter Concert — was in the books.

Performed before a packed audience at the high school's competition gym, the event kicked off what we often call "concert season" in New Hampton schools. On deck are the St. Joe's Christmas Concert, the New Hampton Middle School Winter Band/Choir Concert and

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the New Hampton High School Winter Music Festival.

The spotlight, though, first shone on the kids of New Hampton Elementary School.

They knocked it out of the park. Heck, Santa was in the building. So was Elvis.

"I came up with the theme when someone from Osage said their music teacher's concert was so amazing and they said she had a kid play Elvis," Koster said. "She gave me voice lessons when I was in high school — I'm originally from Osage — so I reached out to

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Bob Fenske/Tribune
Ericca Clemens, a New Hampton native who now lives in Nicollet, Minnesota, gets ready to purchase a gift at Schueth Ace Hardware on Saturday morning.

It's a cold but fruitful Small Business Saturday

BY BOB FENSKE
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Despite the "Liz Curse," it turned out to be a pretty decent Small Business Saturday in New Hampton this past weekend.

"For the most part, despite the cold, it was a

pretty solid day for our stores," New Horizons-Chamber Director Liz Zweibohmer said. "We probably didn't have any records, but I didn't hear anyone say they were disappointed. We had a good crowd downtown and out and about

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Thanksgiving Dinner another hit

Organizers of annual event say they have 'system' that works

BY BOB FENSKE
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The "system" worked to perfection again, and what has now become a rite of Thanksgiving in New Hampton hit yet another home run on the holiday.

Since 2014 — with one notable exception, the COVID-19 year of 2020 — Trinity Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall has been home to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and the event seems to just keep getting bigger and bigger every year.

Yes, the number of meals served last Thursday was about the same as 2023, but more people "dined in" it seemed.

"We're really happy with the turnout," Community Thanksgiving Dinner Committee member Kathy Beckman said. "The point has always been 'no one eats alone,' but over the years, it's



Bob Fenske/Tribune
Volunteers serve up the meal during the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal last week.

become a tradition for families to have their Thanksgiving at the church. It's nice to look out and see the Fellowship Hall full and people enjoying each other's company."

And while the meal lasts a mere two hours, it takes months of work to prepare for the event.

The work begins in earnest in early September, when committee members meet and begin preparing for the meal that feeds hundreds. Over the next two months, they discuss

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Winter Sports!

We take a look at the winter sports teams from New Hampton and Turkey Valley

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Lights are on!

Little Light of Mine flips the switch on a bigger, better holiday lights display

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Chickasaw bowling, boys basketball, boys wrestling teams compete

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Photo courtesy of Brittany Bierle

Salvation Army unit needs more Madisons!

Young Madison Stange rings the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign in the entrance of New Hampton's Fareway store on Monday evening, and the local Salvation Army's unit director says this year's fund-raising efforts are off to a great start.

But Kris Markham added that there are still gaps in the December schedule that she is hoping to fill soon. The kettle is manned between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., and residents can sign up for shifts in one-hour increments.

Those who want to take a shift — which can be as little as an hour — can go online to <https://bit.ly/4e7Xq54> or call Markham at 641-229-0113.

Money raised during the campaign, which began on Nov. 20 and will end on Christmas Eve, is used by the unit to help those in emergency situations, as well as providing donations to various programs that serve those in need.

And as Markham has said often in the past, money can't be collected when there are no bell ringers, so let's be like Madison and sign up for a shift or two.



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A horse-drawn wagon (above) makes its way through Mikkelson Park on opening night of the Little Light of Mine display last Friday, when a group of residents (below) check out the Memorial Board that is one of scores of displays that make up the annual holiday event.

Forecast better for second Little Light of Mine event

By BOB FENSKE
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Jason Rude is thanking his proverbial lucky stars that he'll be shooting off fireworks this weekend for the Little Light of Mine Committee.

Yep, sometimes a week can make a heck of a difference.

The annual holiday display at Mikkelson Park flipped the switch last weekend and kicked off its 2024 season with two nights of horse-drawn wagon rides through the park.

Put it this way: Those were some downright frigid wagon rides as temperatures were in the teens and wind chills were near 0, but if the Thanksgiving weekend proved anything, we're a hearty bunch up here. Friday night, for example, more than 350 folks took part in the wagon rides to see the lights set up by the committee and scores of area businesses, organizations and families.

And now, Little Light of Mine is getting ready for its second big event in as many weekends as Santa will be at the light display from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and when the big fella is done talking with area kiddos and parents, the night sky will fill up with fireworks.

That's where Rude and J&M Displays comes into play. They're the fireworks guys.

"Absolutely, we'd much rather do it this weekend than last," Rude said. "It makes the fingers work a little better, especially



when you're dealing with a lot of intricate stuff."

Not that he hasn't experienced some bone-chilling cold over the years at Little Light of Mine.

"Yeah, I've whined and moaned the whole time some years," Rude said with a laugh. "We can do it, but we like it when it's 40 a lot better than it's 0. Trust me, we like that a whole lot better."

And Rude said he's excited for the show

that benefits what has become a New Hampton tradition — lighting up the crown jewel of the city's park system.

"This is the largest budget we've had for a show out there," he said, "and I think it's going to be a good one."

Although this is the last "big event" the Little Light of Mine Committee will put on, there's still plenty of time to enjoy the lights as the display will be on each evening through the end of the year.



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Snapshots from an energetic concert!

Let’s start with Weston Kuehn (left), who definitely has a career waiting for him on stage as he nails the look for a song titles “So Sad at Santa’s Pad” during the New Hampton Elementary School’s Winter Concert Monday night that also featured Aubree Factor (above) as “Elf 4” and cute kindergartners like Lane Tiemessen (right) singing with their classmates.



Zach Kennedy (above) plays the role of “Jerry Lee,” the piano guy, while McKinlee Felper (right) is all focus as she plays the xylophone during a song performed by first-graders.

Winter Concert photos by the Tribune’s Bob Fenske



Finnley Pitz (above) and Kayden Hansen (below) perform at the concert.





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We need Advent

The season reminds us of our need to repent and to seek Christ

I imagine you might feel like I do, that Thanksgiving is the calm before the storm.

Leading up to Thanksgiving, I think about family getting together, giving thanks for our blessings, enjoying a great feast, and then some football. What a nice, quiet, relaxing day.

But then December hits, and there is so much to do! Christmas party planning, food making, shopping for just the right gifts. What happened to the warm feelings of Thanksgiving?

This is why we need Advent. Advent keeps

us focused. It keeps us from getting lost in all the tinsel, tape, and treats. Advent focuses on the coming of God's Son in the flesh to save the world.

Advent means "arrival" or "coming." Jesus was born at Bethlehem, and He was later revealed to the world through the preaching of John the Baptist.

John's message to the people was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2).

This message is just as pertinent today. The kingdom of heaven is still at hand because our Lord Jesus, who died,

rose again, and ascended to the right hand of God the Father, continues to visit and bless His Church through His Word and Sacraments.

He also promises to come again soon to judge all people. When He comes in glory on the last day, everyone who believes in Him will be judged righteous and brought to everlasting life.

But everyone who does not believe in Him will be condemned to everlasting torment.

The season of Advent reminds us of our need to repent and to "seek the things that are above, where Christ is,



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seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1).

He came to save us, and He will come again to take His people to His heavenly kingdom.

Ways to celebrate Christmas season

Many adjectives can be used to describe the holiday season, including festive, jolly and religious. Another word that may come to mind is tradition. Traditions factor heavily into holiday celebrations of faith and family.

According to The Public Religion Research Institute's "2020 Census of American Religion," 70 percent of Americans identify as Christian. Data from the Pew Research Center indicates that 55 percent of Canadians identified as Christians in 2018.

Millions of Christians will be celebrating Christmas this year, and many of those celebrations will feature cherished traditions.

Here are some popular Christian traditions during the holiday season.

Advent calendars and wreaths
The word "Advent" is derived from Latin and means "coming forward." Advent is the four-week period preceding the Christmas celebration. Advent wreaths and calendars typically are part of Christmas in Christian households. Advent calendars are sold in stores or can be made as craft projects.

Most of them contain small prizes like chocolate treats or other trinkets behind each date on the calendar. Advent wreaths have four candles (three purple and one pink). One is lit each Sunday of Advent. The evergreen wreath signifies continuous life.

Nativity scene
Another popular religious tradition is setting up a nativity scene. A nativity scene places the focus on Jesus Christ. One tradition involves moving nativity fig-



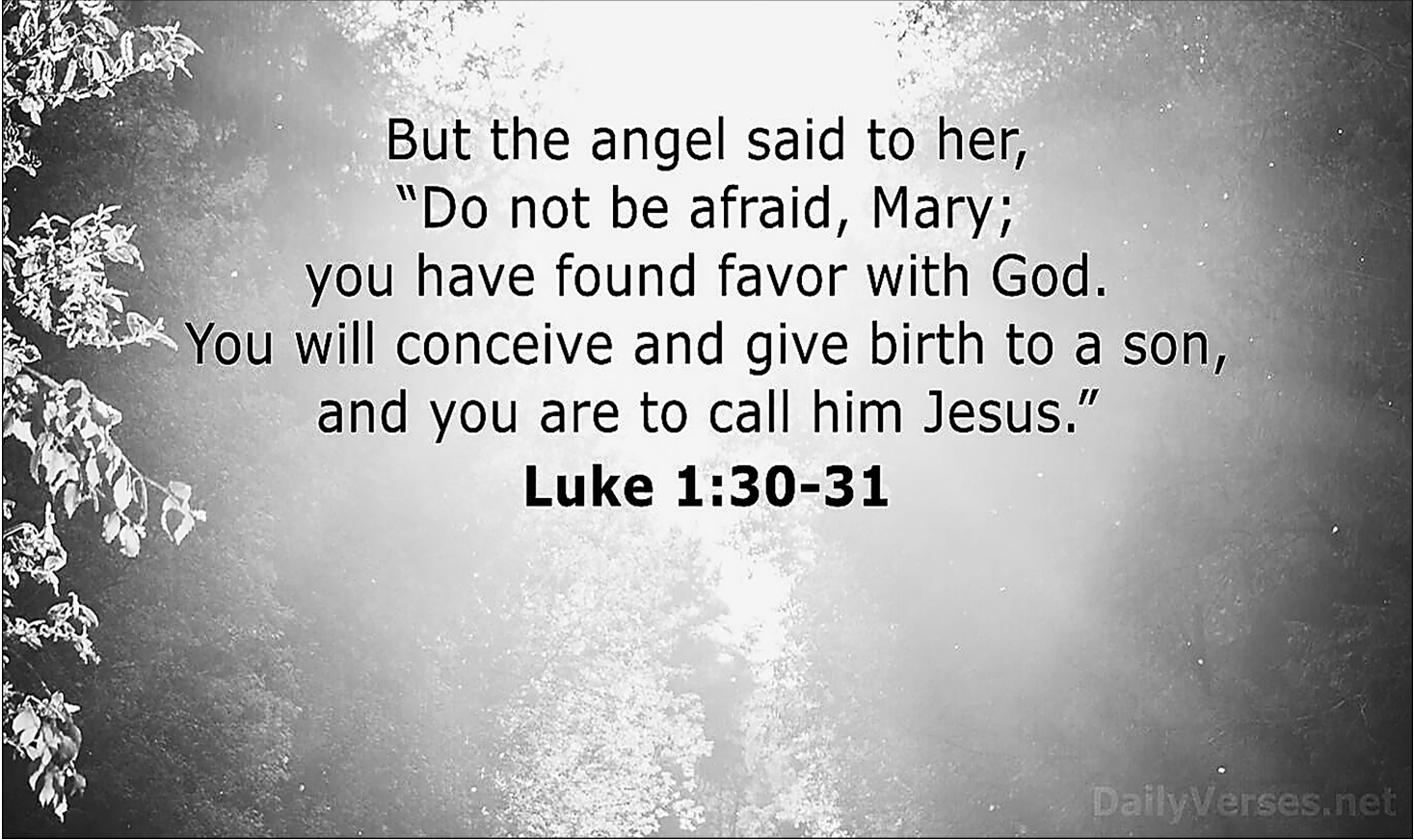
urines closer to the manger leading up to Christmas, and placing the infant Jesus in the manger on Christmas Day.

Some churches and towns also put on living nativity scenes, in which adults and children dress up, and together with live animals, depict the manger scene.

Christmas caroling
Caroling has a long history and was originally tied to winter solstice celebrations. Christians started singing carols to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many of the songs carolers sing are traditional religious hymns. During Advent, carols will herald the coming of Jesus.

After Christmas, carols are even more joyous in nature.

The three masses
Midnight Mass is a special celebration that takes place in the late hours of the evening on Christmas Eve. It is the first liturgy of Christmas that begins at midnight. It originated in 430 AD under Pope Sixtus III in the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The popularity of Midnight Mass grew by the 12th century, when the celebration of three Masses on Christmas day was granted to all priests. Midnight Mass is treated as a solemn High Mass, which involves singing and praying by the light of candles. A Mass at dawn is the second Christmas mass, followed by Mass of the Day, which is the midmorning Mass of the Christmas celebration.



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At different times, inflation may be high or low, but, except in those rare periods of deflation, it's always with us. During your working years, when you may receive boosts in your salary, you at least have the potential to keep up with inflation — but what happens when you retire? As a retiree, what can you do to cope with the rising cost of living?

- Here are a few suggestions:
- Keep some growth potential in your investment portfolio. During your retirement years, you may want to move your portfolio toward a somewhat more conservative approach by owning investments that offer significant protection of principal. However, these same investments offer little in the way of growth, which means they are susceptible to inflation. Consequently, you'll also need to own a reasonable amount in growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based securities. Of course, these investments will fluctuate in value as the financial markets move up and down, but by owning some more conservative investments, you can reduce the overall impact of market volatility on your portfolio.
 - Consider inflation-adjusted bonds. You might want to consider Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS), which are indexed to the Consumer Price Index, so the principal increases with inflation (and decreases with deflation). Another inflation-adjusted Treasury security is the I bond, which differs from TIPS in that the principal doesn't change but the interest rate does, every six months, based on a combination of a fixed interest rate and the inflation rate. Like all investments, though, TIPS and I bonds have various features and risks of which you should be aware before investing.
 - Delay taking Social Security. You can start collecting Social Security benefits at 62, but your monthly checks will be much bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, likely between 66



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and 67. You would receive the maximum amount if you waited until 70 before collecting. Of course, if you need the money to help support your retirement, you may not be able to afford to wait, but if you can, your bigger checks can be a big help against inflation.

- Don't hold too much cash. During your working years, it's a good idea to have an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses in liquid, low-risk accounts. And when you're retired, you might want to have up to year's worth of expenses in such a fund. But be careful about holding too much cash, as it will lose purchasing power each year due to inflation. Instead, when keeping cash, seek the "Goldilocks" solution — not too little, not too much, but just the right amount.
- Think about extending your employment. If you like what you do, you might want to consider working a few years longer than you had originally intended. Not only will you be bringing in more income, but you could also continue to contribute to retirement accounts, including your IRA and 401(k). Even if you don't want to continue working full time, you could do some part-time work or consulting. Any earned income you bring in can help in your fight against inflation.

You can't control the cost of living, but by making some of the moves described above, you can help yourself mount a defense against the effects of inflation during your retirement years.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton Elementary School music teacher Erica Koster welcomes attendees to the Winter Concert Monday evening.

Briefs

Carnegie Cultural Center ready to welcome Santa on Saturday

The Carnegie Cultural Center is ready to celebrate its annual Santa Saturday event this weekend, and the jolly old fellow will be in the house.

Santa will visit with children and their parents from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and in addition to having a photo opportunity with him, kids will also be able to make a Christmas craft at the New Hampton museum.

Lettermen Club canned food drive runs through coming Wednesday

The Lettermen's Club canned food drive, which benefits the Chickasaw County Food Pantry, will continue until Wednesday, Dec. 11 as anyone may drop items off at any of the school offices between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on school days.

Students in grades pre-K to 12 are being asked to bring an item during that time.

Among the items needed are canned vegetables, fruits and soups, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, beans, sugar, laundry soap and pasta. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Breakfast with Santa set for Dec. 14 at the Community Center

The New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa a week from Saturday, on Dec. 14, at the New Hampton Community Center.

Breakfast will be served and Santa will visit with area children from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Deb El provides the eggs for the breakfast, the New Hampton Education Association and New Hampton Public Library hands out

Music teacher appreciates fellow elementary teachers

CONCERT: FROM 1

her on Facebook and she sent me the information on it."

The issue was that the Osage concert was only made for students in grades 3-4, but that certainly didn't deter Koster. Instead, she wrote what she called some "Elvis parodies" for the other grades to tie them in as well.

The result was a high energy, fast-moving concert that lasted for about 45 minutes.

Granted, students had spent the better part of two months working on the concert but that timetable is a bit of an anomaly.

Koster sees her students about once a week, and since music classes last just 35 minutes, it takes a while to nail down songs. Plus, she's dealing with different aged students, and she will be the first to admit that working with students in transitional kindergarten and kindergarten is far different than leading fourth-graders.

"The thing that I know that will keep them invested is my energy," she said. "If I'm not excited about it every time we rehearse, they won't be either. ... I found that the more energetic I am with the little ones, the better they respond to me."

Trust us, it worked on Monday, but Koster is quick to point out that it's not a one-woman show when it comes to putting on a concert involving students from six different grade levels.

She said the elementary school's teachers are a godsend to her.

"I only see their kiddos for 35 minutes [on days they have music class], but they get them for much longer than that," Koster said. "Their patience is pretty amazing, especially the

CONCERTS KEEP COMING

New Hampton Elementary School kicked off "concert season" on Monday night, but for those who want to support young musicians, there's still plenty of events on the calendar.

- St. Joseph Community School Christmas Concert: Will begin after the 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Parish on Sunday. The concert is expected to begin at approximately 11:15 a.m.

- New Hampton Middle School Winter Band/Choir Concert: Set for 7 p.m. on Monday in the competition gymnasium.

- New Hampton High School Winter Music Festival: Will include both band and choir music and is set for 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, in the competition gymnasium.

kindergarten, first- and second-grade teachers. God gives them such strength to be basically a mom, teacher and supervisor to that many kids each day and it's so cool to see."

And make no mistake about it, Koster loves her students. Best of all, she said, is that love is reciprocal.

"They just love you, and I love them too," she said. "They are eager to play, have fun, and use their imaginations which is what I hope to foster. I recently moved to town, and I can't tell you how awesome it is to see their faces light up when they see me at the grocery store or the skating rink."

"They are all pretty precious to me."

a book to each child and, of course, the volunteers who cook up the breakfast are all key players in the annual event.

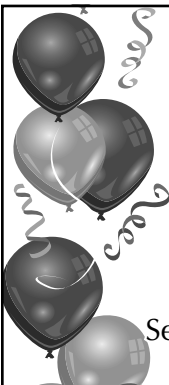
Admission to Breakfast with Santa is free, but families attending are asked to bring a donation for the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Iowa author to visit Nashua welcome center this Saturday

Iowa author, Linda Betsinger McCann, will be at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center in Nashua on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon with all her books. She writes about little-known aspects of Iowa history.

Her newest book, "Rosie the Riveters of Iowa," as well as the rest of her books will be for sale. McCann spoke with 35 women who had worked as Rosies for her book, and shares their memories in the book.

Another one of her books is "Prohibition in Eastern Iowa" a book McCann researched by speaking to the children and grandchildren of moonshiners and bootleggers.



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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny and blustery with a high of 17 and a low of 6.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 29 and a low of 19.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and warm with a high of 40 and a low of 28.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and still warm with a high of 46 and a low of 31.

Extended forecast: It will be back to reality — winter style — next week as highs will be in the 30s on Monday and in the 20s on Tuesday.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

- In 1776, a group of five students at the College of William and Mary create the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.
- In 1945, five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers comprising Flight 19 take off from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station in Florida on a routine three-hour training mission and are never heard from again, disappearing over the so-called “Bermuda Triangle.”
- In 1978, in an effort to prop up an unpopular pro-Soviet regime in Afghanistan, the Soviet Union signs a “friendship treaty” with the Afghan government agreeing to provide economic and military assistance.
- In 1985, “Beverly Hills Cop,” starring Eddie Murphy as the wise-cracking Alex Foley, premieres in theaters.
- In 2013, Nelson Mandela, the former activist who overcame a nearly three-decade prison stint to become president of South Africa, passes away at the age of 95 after years of struggling with health issues.

Birthdays

- Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, was born in 1782.
- Gen. George Armstrong Custer, famed for his “last stand” in the Indian Wars, was born in 1839.
- American animator Walt Disney was born in 1901.
- American singer-songwriter and rock pioneer Little Richard was born in 1932.
- TV actress Amy Acker turns 48.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.

If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenske at 641-394-2111.

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Mary Underwood, 91

Mary Underwood, age 91 of New Hampton, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City, surrounded by her family. She has been residing at Colonial Manner in Elma.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton, with burial following in the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Visitation of friends and family began at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church before the Mass.

Services are entrusted to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, a grateful family said goodbye to Mary Underwood. She was reunited in heaven with her husband Justin after a 16-year wait while surrounded by family. Her five children sent her off with prayers, hymns, pizza and as much love as they could return to the woman the family affectionately called Grandma Mary.

Born Mary Jean Wiley on Sept. 11, 1933, she married Justin Underwood on July 3, 1951, and gave everything she had to a 57-year partnership.

Though young, they were unafraid of hard work and sacrifice and set out to build a farm caring for mink and livestock of all kinds and raising crops. Times good and challenging came to pass, but, for Mary, the focus stayed solely on her family and her faith.

Selfless to the core she embraced work outdoors with the mink, tended a large garden, cooked every meal, baked luscious rolls, kept all the records and sewed clothes for dolls and kids alike, all while raising five children. Suffice it to say, everyone who visited left a little happier than when they arrived.

Mary took on her famous title of “Grandma Mary” in ’71 when the first of her 11 grandchildren was born. She entertained grandkids many Saturday evenings with healthy doses of TV dramas, Schwann’s ice cream, and sugar cookies with red hot decorations. Waving goodbye through the north window was the only hard thing.

While maintaining relationships with her children and friends, she found the time to crochet and quilt and to teach a little white poodle to dance. Always interested in the happenings at school, the crayon artwork, the toy tractors, plays, concerts, sports events ... anything the grandkids were doing took top priority.

When Justin lost his battle with cancer in 2008, it was Grandma Mary’s time to turn to the family for support and everyone was there. Over the



Mary Underwood

next 16 years, they gave her more and more great-grandchildren, all of whom loved her as much as that first little boy who was lucky enough to call her Grandma. Holding everyone close to the end, Grandma Mary would entertain the new crop of great-grandkids with her loving attention as they shared donuts together in the nursing home.

Grandma Mary’s life is an example of love and our family is left with the permanent wound of her absence. We will miss her dearly, but know it is now our turn to share and practice what she taught us with each other and with those future family members we don’t yet know. Her legacy is in our hands and we are comforted knowing she is happily reunited with Justin, who she loved with all her heart.

Thank you, Grandma.

Mary is survived by her children, Mike (Karla Matt) Underwood of Evansdale, Connie (Gene) Parson of Charles City, Ron (Deb) Underwood of New Hampton, Carol (Doug) Davies of Reno, Nevada, and Sharon (Steve) Kipp of Charles City; 11 grandchildren, Trevis (Alexandra) Parson, Ryan (Bryan Batz) Parson, Adam (Brittney) Underwood, Nathan (Tara) Underwood, Tyler (Morgan) Underwood, Laura (Jim) Garvin, Doug (Erin McNerney) Davies, Ali (Bryan) Arciniega, Seth Kipp, Sam Kipp and Talia (Mike Vacchina) Davies; 10 great-grandchildren, Sydney Parson, Henry Parson, Aiden Underwood, Lillee Underwood, Melia Underwood, Allison Underwood, Justin Underwood, Raleigh Underwood, Aurora Underwood and Austin Aciniega; sister, Eleanor (Cliff) Medberry of Elgin; and sisters-in-law, Orla Wiley of New Hampton, Janette Underwood of Waterloo, and Kay Carolan of Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry Raymond and Helen (Felton) Wiley; husband, Justin Underwood on Aug. 16, 2008; brother, Ray Wiley Jr.; and sister, Louise Arens.

James Jirak, 96

James Jirak, age 96 of Little Turkey, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, at Whispering Willow Assisted Living and Memory Wing in Fredericksburg.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Catholic Church in Little Turkey with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Inurnment will be held at St. Marys Catholic Cemetery, Little Turkey.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church in Little Turkey on Friday.

Janice Koch, 85

Janice Koch, age 85 of Fredericksburg, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at Shell Rock Healthcare Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg with the Rev. Scott Smith officiating.

Interment was held at Faith United Church of Christ Cemetery, Tripoli.

Friends greeted the family an hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Richard L. ‘Dick’ Jordan, 87

Richard L. “Dick” Jordan, age 87 of Nashua, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024, at the Floyd County Memorial Hospital.

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua with family remarks beginning at 7 p.m.

Private family burial will take place at a later date.

Richard L. “Dick” Jordan was born June 6, 1937, on the Jordan family farm in rural Cedar County.

Dick received his education in the local rural country school before graduating from Bennett High School in 1956.

It was there that he met his lifelong love and high school sweetheart, Marilyn Frick. The two were united in marriage on July 27, 1956, in Iowa City, marking the beginning of a beautiful journey together.

Dick’s dedication to his country was evident through his service in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. Dick was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Dick loved the thrill of jumping out of a C-130 cargo plane.

After his military service, he and Marilyn settled first in New Liberty and later in Mechanicsville. The couple then spent 16 years in Cedar Rapids, where Dick worked for Wilson Foods and then Penick and Ford



Dick Jordan

— as well as being self employed as a carpet layer, which he continued to do for nearly 30 years as a side job while being fully employed at his other jobs. He would often work nights in the factories and lay carpet during the day. Dick worked hard to provide for his family.

In 1978, Dick and Marilyn moved to Nashua. There, Dick was employed by the former Far Best Dairy in Fredericksburg for many years. He completed his work history at Sara Lee in New Hampton, retiring after the plant closed in 2000.

Retirement did not slow Dick down; instead, it gave him the opportunity to explore new horizons and indulge in his passions.

An avid golfer, Dick enjoyed many days on the greens, per-

fecting his swing and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow golfers.

In his earlier years, he was also an enthusiastic bowler, often found at the local bowling alley, knocking down pins and sharing laughs. However, Dick’s true joy was found in the stands at his grandchildren’s sporting events, where he proudly cheered them on, celebrating their achievements and encouraging their efforts.

After retirement, Dick discovered a newfound love for the open road. He and Marilyn purchased a motorcycle and together, they traveled the country, embracing the freedom and excitement that came with each new adventure. They shared countless memories and stories from their journeys, which became cherished tales for their family and friends.

In his later years, Dick found solace and contentment in camping near the river in Guttenberg, surrounded by nature’s beauty.

Survivors include one son, Jerry (Chris) Jordan of Fairfax; two daughters, Julie (Loren) Becker of Shellsburg, and Jeannie (Tom) Laube of Nashua; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marilyn on June 19, 2013; daughter, Jill Jordan; two grandchildren; and one brother, Marland Jordan.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Dec. 1 1949 (75 years ago)

- The New Hampton Chickasaws subdued Osage’s Green Wave without too much trouble 44-27 Tuesday night in the Chick’s gym. Coach Jack Wishmier got a look at his entire squad as the Greenies didn’t give the New Hampton regulars much of a chase.
- For the Chickasaws Jim Lynch and Dale Krall led offensively with 14 and 12 points respectively. Ray Ball’s rebounding was also a big factor in the New Hampton victory. The Chickasaws will meet Oelwein in a Conference game at Oelwein Friday.
- Dairymen continued to cut their operations this past year, but the decline in cow numbers was less than it was in the previous year, reports Francis Kutish, extension farm economist at Iowa State College.
- For the country as a whole, dairymen had 1 percent fewer milk cows on farms this summer. Meanwhile eastern dairymen actually had more milk cows last summer than a year before. Kutish said the reason for the continued decrease in dairy cow numbers traces to better returns from meat animals. Meat production has netted bigger profits to farmers than dairying.

1974 (50 years ago)

- The “Hartshorn Era” of New Hampton Community School football, during which New Hampton experienced its most successful years, came to an end last week when the board of education accepted Rupe Hartshorn’s resignation as head football coach.
- During his tenure at the Chickasaw helm, New Hampton varsity football teams won more games and played more winning seasons than at any other comparable span in the school’s history.

Hartshorn will retain his duties as athletic director.

- On Sale at Liddles Super Valu: U.S.D.A. Chuck Roast, 79 cents per Lb.; Corn King Hams, 3 Lb. tin for \$3.98; Kraft Dinner, 4 for \$1.00; Elf Tomato Soup, 13 cents; Meinerz Butter, 79 cents per Lb.; Potatoes, 10 Lb. Bag, 89 cents; Excedrin, 100 Ct., \$1.19. Fresh From Our Bakery; Fruit Cakes, \$1.98; Buttermilk Donuts, 10 for 99 cents.

1999 (25 years ago)

- The 1999 New Hampton Alumni Basketball Tournament was a huge success. The tournament is one of the primary fundraisers for New Hampton Boys AAU, which provided AAU tournament entry fees and team camp tuition for boys involved in basketball in the New Hampton Community School District.
- For the first time ever, the tournament was moved to Thanksgiving weekend this year, and was a huge success that will continue, according to tournament director Scott Hogeland.
- Willis and Pat Hansen, State Bank of Lawler, were honored by the Iowa Business Education Association at the association’s annu-

al convention with its “Outstanding Service to Business Education Award” for Area 1.

Hansen, bank president, is one of the first people think of when it comes to “helping out.” A few of the contributions include, contributing \$1,000 annually for Turkey Valley students entering the business field; donated banks’ furniture for school staff; donated \$1,000 toward the elementary playground. He will also pay tuition for any student or faculty member to attend Business Horizons. Pat Sheridan from Turkey Valley made the nomination.

2014 (10 years ago)

- When it comes to safe cities, New Hampton, at least to a nationwide home security company, ranks near the top of the list. Safewise released its annual “30 Safest Cities in Iowa” report and New Hampton found itself No. 19 on the list. Bloomfield is the state’s safest city, while Grundy Center, Marengo, Emmetsburg and Hampton round out the top five.
- Fifty years ago Vern Laures was ready to give car sales a try. After working at Gamble’s, Bill Huebner asked him if he wanted to help with car sales. And here it is 50 years later.
- In 1964, he was the lone salesman. Six later he bought ownership stake in the dealership. In 1976, the dealership moved to its current location on North Linn Avenue, and five years later, after Huebner suffered a fatal heart attack, Laures took over sole ownership and renamed the business Vern Laures Auto Sales.
- Since then, his two sons, Perry and Mitch, and one of his daughters, Lisa Lewis, have joined the family business. The dealership will celebrate 50 years in business with an open house.

2019 (5 years ago)

- Ryan Huffman is 2005 graduate of New Hampton High School and longtime substitute teacher and coach for the Chickasaws. He is currently teaching social studies at Osage Middle School. Huffman was recently honored by KIMT television station with the “Golden Apple Award.”

This award honors teachers throughout northern Iowa and southern Minnesota. Huffman, a four-year Osage teacher, was nominated by several of his seventh and eighth-grade students.

- The college football careers of seniors Matt Mulford and Jason Fisher finally came to an end on Saturday, as Wartburg fell to Wisconsin-Whitewater 41-28 in the second round of the Division III playoffs.
- Fisher, a graduate of Nashua-Plainfield, had an impressive performance in his final collegiate game. He posted a team-high three tackles for loss and five total tackles.
- Mulford, who prepped at New Hampton, hauled in one catch in his last showing for the Knights. Wartburg completes 2019 with a record of 10-2, including 7-1 in American Rivers Conference play, while claiming a share of the conference title.

Property Transfers

Jerod S. Gilbert and Mandy M. Gilbert to Rae I. Dugan and David A. Briney; COMM 628’ W OF NE COR OF N1/2 NW 01-95-12.

Matthew Ysbrand, Chickasaw County Treasurer, Susan Jacobs, Discover Bank, Bank of America NA, Veridian Credit Union and City of Nashua to ACC 921 LLC; S33’ OF W88’ NASHUA ORIGINAL PLAT NASHUA Lot: 3 Block: 10 Parcel: 191318476107.

Matthew Ysbrand, Chickasaw County Treasurer, Linda Theoboldt Singleton, Linda Theoboldt Singleton Linda Theoboldt, James C. Singleton, Brian Pennington, Donald Frank, Kathilynn Cheshire, Iowa Attorney General and City of Nashua to ACC 940 LLC; NASHUA GREELEYS ADDITION NUMBER 1 Lot: 7 Block: 1 S32’ NASHUA

GREELEYS ADDITION NUMBER 1 Lot: 8 Block: 1 Parcel: 191318426018.

Dannette Roethler, Michael J. Roethler, Patrick D. Carlin, Michael J. Hansen, Paul F. Carlin, Samantha Kemp Carlin, Samantha Kemp Carlin, Lea Holcomb and Stephen Holcomb to Lazy K Farms LLC; E180’ OF N130’ NE NW 18-95-11.

Marks Rental Properties LC to Nathan J. Steere; BEG 33’ S & 133’ W NE COR SW NE 19-94-14.

Joselyn M. Dosser TR, Roger W. Betten TR and Joann R. Betten Trust to Kenneth D. Boeding and Sandra K. Boeding; EX LOTS 1,2 & 3 NW NW 18-94-12 EX HWY NE NW 18-94-12 Parcel: 191518200003.

Joselyn M. Dosser TR, Roger W. Betten TR and Joann R. Betten Trust AGMT

and Joann R. Betten Trust to Colssus Land Company LLC; EX PARCEL B SE 22-96-12 Parcel: 190722425001 Parcel: 190722475001.

John Zimmer to John H. Zimmer TR, Marlys C. Zimmer TR and Zimmer Family Trust; E80AC EX NE 03-96-13.

Cletus Leo Laures EST and Thomas Laures EX to Tracy Geerts and Kevin Geerts; PART L1 NE COMM NE COR SW 13-95-14 PARCEL B EX W132’ SW SW 13-95-14.

Patty Lou Voy to Jackie Lynn Edgar; PARCEL N NE NW 29-97-13.

Haverkamp Farms LLC to Mervin Nolt and Darla Nolt; PARCEL 2024-56 N1/2 31-97-13.

Sheila Mracek to Kevin Mracek and Cheryl L. Mracek; PARCEL 2020-3 SW NW 21-97-11.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Trinity Lutheran Church’s Fellowship Hall (above) is filled with area residents and families taking part in another successful Community Thanksgiving Dinner while Dennis Strum (below) adds to the ambiance with his piano playing.

It’s a ‘really really busy’ community meal

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quantities of food needed, the plan to cook the food and the recruitment of volunteers. "We have it down to kind of a system," Beckman said, "and that certainly helps. We've done this before so we're not starting from scratch."

It helps that folks like Brian Laures, the longtime owner of Big Ed's Firehouse Restaurant, and the Pub at the Pinicon folks are on board; in fact, much of the food is cooked at the Pub and then brought to the church on Thursday morning.

And then at 11 on Thanksgiving morning, the doors are opened and folks flood into Fellowship Hall.

By the time this year's event ended two hours later, 375 meals — some "takeout" but most "dine-in" — had been served.

But 2024 seemed busier. Just ask volunteer LeNae Schwickerath.

"This has been, by far, the biggest crowd I've ever seen here," she said. "From the start, it's been busy — really really busy."

Busy enough that the ham was gone an hour into the din-

ner, but the turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans and corn — the latter is an annual donation from Grant and Krissy Anderson — held out to the end.

Leftovers, though, were a scarce commodity.

The food was great, but the ambiance was even better. Families may have come to the event together, but they spread out throughout the dinner — seeking out old friends and even making a few new ones along the way.

"I love seeing all the people," said Dennis Strum, the Trinity organist who played the piano during the dinner, "and I just think it's great to see so many people mixing together."

And it also goes for a great cause.

While there is no charge for the event, a freewill donation is taken and proceeds from the event are given to the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Beckman said she wasn't sure what that donation will be — "we still have a few bills we need to pay" — but she is positive about one thing and that is the fact that there will be a Community Thanksgiving Dinner in 2025.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

All is quiet at the Nashua dam site on the day before Thanksgiving, but that will change next week when the city closes Veterans Park (background) and work begins on repairing the structure.

Work begins on fixing Nashua dam

City clerk says \$763,000 repair job timetable dependent on weather

By Bob Fenske
editor@nhtrib.com

Nashua City Clerk John Ott knows one thing for sure — Veterans Park was closed to the public on Monday.

What he and other city officials don't know yet is how long the popular park will remain off limits to the public.

Monday was the day that workers from Boomerang Corporation, a civil contracting firm based in Anamosa, began working on fixing a "scour" on the Nashua dam, and Veterans Park is serving as a staging area for the project.

When that project will be completed, though, is up in the air. The completion date is largely dependent on Mother Nature and her old pal, Old Man Winter.

"It all depends on the weather," Ott said. "If it's good, they could finish by January."

He paused and laughed.

"But it's Iowa and it's winter. And, as we all know, that sometimes isn't the greatest combination."

The Nashua City Council awarded a \$763,000 contract

to Boomerang in August after it submitted the low bid — by far — to place concrete blocks in the dam's void that officials from Shuck-Britson, the city's engineering firm, called a "self-healing process."

The work that will start next week makes up the majority of the \$1.3 million project to fix Nashua's century-old dam, which creates Cedar Lake.

The city received two other bids — one for \$940,000 and the other for \$1.5 million — for the work, and Shuck-Britson officials told council members in August that they saw "no reason" not to accept the bid.

Ott said city leaders understand that Veterans Park is a popular destination for city residents, especially anglers who like to fish near the dam, but that closing the park is a must.

"It's as much for the safety of people as it is for the people who are going to work on the repairs," he said. "We'll definitely let people know when it's reopened but we're asking people to respect the barricades and stay out of the area until they're done."

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Bernard W Mathews, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003259 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bernard W Mathews, Deceased, who died on or about on June 30, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on December 3, 2024, the last will and testament of Bernard W Mathews, deceased, bearing date of April 18, 1997, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on December 3, 2024.

Sandra K Mathews, Proponent

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE M. FOSTER, Deceased. Ancillary Administration CASE NO. ESPR003105 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of DARLENE M. FOSTER, Deceased, who died on or about June 18, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on March 31, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of DARLENE M. FOSTER, deceased, bearing date of December 2, 1998, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Cherie Lee Fiddler, Robert S. Foster and Mark S. Foster have been appointed Personal Representatives of said estate in ancillary proceedings in the State of Iowa. 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 April 3, 2023.

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Plum Creek to hold gingerbread house vote this Saturday

Viewing and voting for the best gingerbread artists will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Plum Creek Art in Fredericksburg.

The Gingerbread House Contest will have entries in four categories and will be judged by the public. The winners in each category (12 and under, 13 to 18, Adult, Businesses and Organizations) will receive a \$50 prize.

Plum Creek Art is located at 115 W. Main St., Fredericksburg.

Deadline is Dec. 13 for ISU Extension pesticide applicators’ course

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will require all applicators that still need a Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators to call for a reshew date as soon as possible.

Reshows will not be offered after Friday, Dec. 13 for this calendar year.

To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC's, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

Additional information and registration forms for all courses offered through PSEP can be accessed at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep/>.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Chickasaw County Road Department plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities."

The storm water discharge will be from a bridge construction project located in Section 34, Township 94N, Range 11W, along 300th Street in Chickasaw County. Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source and will be discharged to the following stream: Spring Creek.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Environmental Protection Division, Henry A. Wallace Building, 502 E 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #68 Located at: C Storage 625 S Linn Ave New Hampton, IA 50659 And rented in the name of: Kate Smith (Gamblin) Will be sold at public auction sale on: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 1:30PM

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES NOVEMBER 25, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, EMS Director Joel Knutson, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for November 25, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve minutes for November 18, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the rate increase from \$25.75 to \$26.00 for Derek Lechtenberg, Environmental Health Specialist – Board of Health, effective November 28, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Annual Fire Sprinkler and Backflow Inspection Report for the Heritage Center conducted by Blackhawk Automatic Sprinklers.

Public comment: County Attorney David Laudner asked about the December 3, 2024 Board of Supervisors

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Beverly A Barnes, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003257 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Beverly A Barnes, Deceased, who died on or about on July 12, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on November 20, 2024, the last will and testament of Beverly A Barnes, deceased, bearing date of December 26, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on November 20, 2024.

Lawrence J. Barnes, Proponent
Attorney for estate:
Tori Beyer, ICIS#: AT0015570
12 E Main Street
New Hampton, IA 50659

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SONDRAS S. ELLIOTT, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003258 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sondra S. Elliott, Deceased, who died on or about August 17, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on November 26, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Sondra S. Elliott, deceased, bearing date of June 17, 2014, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that William C. Elliott 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 December 2, 2024.

William C. Elliott
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Fredericksburg, Iowa 50630

Brian R. McPhail, ICIS#: AT0005344
Attorney for Executor
McPhail Law Firm PLC
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Osage, IA 50461

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compensation meeting for the elected officials.

Discussed the draft for the building lease and agreement for cellular repeater at Northeast Iowa Community Action office at the Heritage Center and Attorney David Laudner updated the Board of Supervisors on the progress.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to appoint the Auditor's office as the Safety Coordinator for Chickasaw County. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

EMS Director Joel Knutson gave department updates.

Discussion on the Medical Examiner Department with EMA Director Jeff Bernatz and EMS Director Joel Knutson and a consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have EMS Director Joel Knutson oversee the Medical Examiner financial expenditures.

Budget work session.

No committee assignment updates

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Kuhn to adjourn at 10:21 AM Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Grant applications can now be submitted to the following foundations for the 2025 grant cycle in Chickasaw County, with a submission deadline of Jan. 15 at 5 p.m.

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

The online grant application can be

found on the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa's website at www.cfneia.org/grants/grant-opportunities. Technical support will be available to applicants until 5 p.m. on Jan. 15. Grant recipients will be announced in March.

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and government entities. Tax-exempt organizations classified as other than 501(c)(3) are also eligible, if and only if, the proj-

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The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA), is also

seeking new volunteers to serve on their impact committees beginning in March 2025.

The impact committee position description and volunteer interest form can be found at www.cfneia.org/volunteer. Individuals may complete a volunteer self-interest form or may nominate someone else, such as a colleague, community leader or friend, to connect the Community Foundation with to explore their interest in serving

as a volunteer. The deadline to submit a volunteer interest form for initial consideration is Jan. 15.

The impact committee seeks to understand the needs of their county to ensure alignment between those needs and Foundation grants. The primary function and responsibility of the committee is to invest in nonprofits through the discretionary grant process, which distributes over \$100,000 annually in each county.

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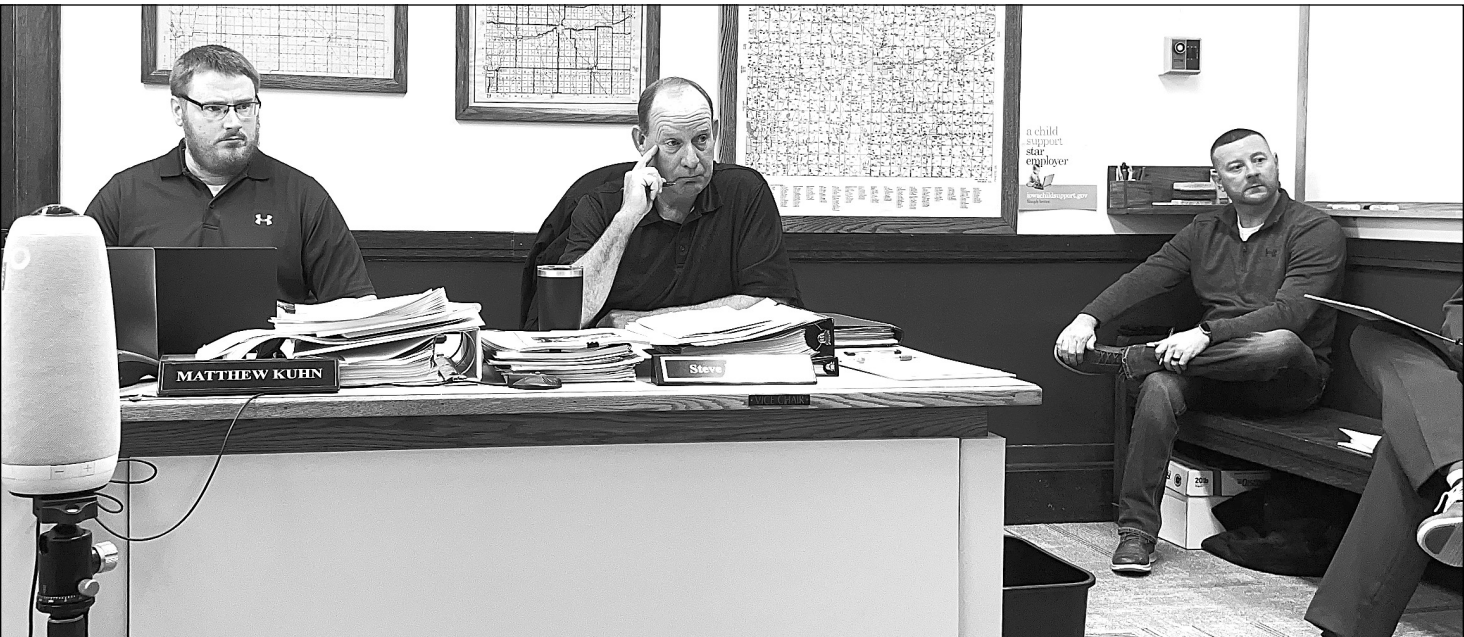
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Soon-to-be District 4 Supervisor Issac Carter (right) listens, along with current Supervisors Matt Kuhn and Steve Breitbach to Recorder Shirley Troyna during Tuesday’s board meeting in which elected officials discussed potential pay raises for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Elected officials make cases for raises next year

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

Tuesday’s meeting was the first he had attended in person since winning election on Nov. 5.

By the time supervisors decide what kind of raises they will grant to elected officials, which includes themselves, Carter will be on the board, and Tuesday’s meeting could best be summed up as “informational.”

Troyna led off, and concluded by telling board members that she was “hoping that everyone takes into consideration the work that we do and values that and shows that with some type of raise.”

Pressed by Kuhn, she said she felt her office should receive a pay hike of between 4 and 4.5 percent.

Ysbrand said he was hoping for a raise between 3.75 and 4.5 percent that would allow his office to “keep up with where they’re at,” referring to treasurers in similar sized counties.

Shekleton said that she was hoping for a 3 to 4 percent increase.

Shawver’s salary is supposed to follow Iowa’s Back the Blue law, and he shared salaries for similar-sized cities and counties, along with the Iowa State Patrol Post 8 lieutenant and sergeant and among eight positions he used as a comparison, his salary ranked last.

But he requested a 4 percent increase. That would take his salary to \$106,709, which in all likelihood would keep him as the lowest paid among the Iowa State

Patrol lieutenant and sergeant, the police chiefs from Boone, Spencer and Oskaloosa and the sheriffs from Shelby, Hancock and Winnebago counties.

“I’m going to recommend for myself — which will be 85 percent of my salary, which is paid to my chief deputy — just to go off our union contract,” he said, referring to the fact that employees represented by two unions will receive 4 percent raises next year. “Is it close to comparison to Back the Blue? It’s not. I don’t know if we’ll ever going to get there, but it’s all I’m asking for. I’m just asking it to be consistent based on what both unions got.”

Laudner’s office, though, probably was the most difficult to gauge because it’s hard to necessarily find “apples-to-apples” comparisons with other counties. The reason? Some counties have full-time attorneys while others have part-time attorneys. Some county attorneys have assistants, some hire out work to other lawyers and some, like Chickasaw County, have neither.

Laudner pointed out that among counties with populations from 10,000 to 15,000 — Chickasaw County’s is right around 12,000 — the “per capita” cost of attorneys ranks fourth from last among 23 counties.

He said that since the 28E agreement with Winneshiek County to provide magistrate and juvenile court services ended in August, he is handling all criminal, juvenile and magistrate cases.

After presenting the supervisors with a number of data sheets, Laudner said he

was requesting an 8 percent increase, one that would take his salary to \$135,315, but he pointed out that the county is saving about \$45,000 a year because it no longer has an assistant in the form of the Winneshiek County 28E agreement.

He added that he appreciated the fact that board members gave his assistant a \$1 per hour raise when that agreement expired. That will add up to \$2,000 a year, and if his request is granted, that would be an additional \$10,000, still far less than the \$45,000 it was paying Winneshiek County.

“I think the taxpayers are getting a pretty good bang for their buck,” he said and after going through the current salaries of county attorneys who do not have an assistant, he added that “I think it’s pretty clear the market rate is about \$135,000 for this fiscal year.”

Finally, it was the supervisors’ turn.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said he was thinking about a 4 percent raise, but “we’ll have to see where the budget process works this year, the [property valuations] end up and the unspent funding balance. Some of you brought it up — the two unions we have will get 4 percent per contract. I’m somewhere there, somewhere in that area.”

“My thought is the money we spend up here, we’ve got to think how that’s going to benefit a resident of Chickasaw County,” said Supervisor Steve Breitbach, while fellow board member Travis Suckow said he was “in the same boat as Steve and Jake. We’ll have to see where it takes us.”

Lions youth wrestling tourney set for Dec. 14; early entry deadline is Tuesday

The 46th Annual Lions Individual Wrestling Tournament in New Hampton will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14, and the deadline for “early entry” — i.e., a lower fee — is this coming Tuesday.

There will be five divisions from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade — including a girls only division — that will compete at New Hampton High School.

A four-person round-robin style format will award a trophy to first place and medals for second, third and fourth place in each weight class.

Weigh-ins for 5th/6th grade (boys junior division) and 3rd/4th graders (boys pee-wee division) go from 7:45 until 8:30 a.m. The boys midget division (1st/2nd graders) and the boys tots division (pre-kindergarten, kindergarten) will weigh in from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The girls division (pre-kindergarten to 6th grade) will weigh in from 9:30 until 10:15 a.m. as well.

Weight classes will be decided after weigh-ins with the girls division being bracketed by age and grade.

The early entry fee’s cost is \$15 and the late entry fee (after Dec. 10), as well as walk-ins, will cost \$20 to enter the tourney. Walk-ins will be accepted during the day of the tournament.

One can register online at www.teamsideline.com/newhamptonia. Then scroll down to the 46th Annual New Hampton Lions Club Wrestling Tournament.

Make checks payable to New Hampton Lions Club, 4 N. Sheakley Avenue, New Hampton, IA 50659.

Tournament directors are Dennis Pagel (641-330-9090) and Dustin Lewis (319-240-6390). The email address is nhlionswrestling@gmail.com.

Admission for spectators is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

Briefs

LifeServe Blood Center to hold monthly drive on Christmas Eve

New Hampton’s monthly blood drive is almost always held on the fourth Tuesday of a month, and December is no exception even though Christmas Eve falls on that day.

LifeServe Blood Center officials announced this week that it will hold a blood drive in December at the New Hampton Community Center, but instead of the usual hours of noon to 5:30 p.m., the Christmas Eve drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Appointments can be made by texting “LIFESERVE” to 999-777, calling 800-287-4903 or visiting lifeservebloodcenter.org.

LifeServe provides blood to hospitals in three states — Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska — and is the sole blood provider to MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

Palmer College dean’s list

Karissa Schmidt of Waucoma has been named to the 2024 summer trimester dean’s list at Palmer College of Chiropractic’s Florida Campus in Port Orange, Florida.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, San Jose, California and Port Orange, Florida.

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New Hampton Calendar of Events

December 2024

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- State Dance
- 7:15am Choir
- 9:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Iowa City High @ Iowa City Area Sports Commission, Coralville
- 2:00pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Independence @ Independence High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Double Header vs. Turkey Valley @ Turkey Valley High School
- 5:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Turkey Valley @ Turkey Valley High School

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- Band NEIBA Honor Band @ Oelwein
- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Independence @ Independence High School
- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Wapsie Valley @ Wapsie Valley High School
- 1:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Turkey Valley @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 2:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. Turkey Valley @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 3:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Turkey Valley @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 5:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Turkey Valley @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- Santa Saturday, 11:30-1:30 pm Cornegie Cultural Center
- Christmas Movie Saturday, 10-11:30 am Upham Memorial Library, Fredericksburg
- Christmas in Nashua 8am-7pm
- 9-10 am Chickasaw County Clover Kids, Chickasaw Co. Extension

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 7:45am Choir Area Churches

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 7:15am Choir
- 7:00pm Music High School Gym 5-8 Winter Band/ Choir Concert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 Center Point - Urbana
- 4:00pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 4:15pm Wrestling: 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 6:00pm
- Basketball: Girls JJV Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High

School Gym

- 6:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV Double Dual vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 6:00pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Double Dual vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 7:15am Choir
- 5:30pm FFA Chapter Meeting
- Family Story time, New Hampton Public Library

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
- 4:15pm Wrestling: 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Decorah High School
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual vs. Waukon @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game (Location Changed) vs. Decorah @ New Hampton Middle School
- Holiday Hustle for Him - 4:30-6:30pm, New Hampton

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 7:15am Choir
- 7:30am Interact Club
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ Bowlaway Lanes
- 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: Boys 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 Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School High School Gym This game will involve playing 2 quarters.
- 4:15pm Wrestling: 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ MFL MarMac High School
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School

High School Gym

- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 7:30am Lion’s Club - Wrestling Tournament High School Gym
- Breakfast with Santa-New Hampton Community Center 8:30-10 am
- Christmas Movie Saturday, 10-11:30 am Upham Memorial Library, Fredericksburg
- Santa Claus in North Washington Fire Department 1 pm
- 8-10 am Beef Weigh-in Charles City/ Chickasaw Co. Extension

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 7:45am Choir Area Churches

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 7:15am Choir
- 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 Freshman Only Freshman Only
- 7:00pm Music High School Gym Winter Music Festival

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 vs. Dike-New Hartford
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Crestwood @ Cresco Middle School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood Middle School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School Comet Gym
- 4:15pm Wrestling: 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton Middle School
- 5:15pmBasketball: Boys JV Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School Comet Gym
- 5:30pm Wrestling: Boys JV Double Dual vs. Nashua-Plainfield @ Nashua - Plainfield Middle School
- 5:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Match vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua-

Plainfield

- 6:00pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Match vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Grundy Center @ Grundy Center High School
- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School Comet Gym
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City Middle School Comet Gym Pack the Gym Night
- 7:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Grundy Center @ Grundy Center High School
- 6-8pm Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Co. Extension

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 7:15am Choir
- 5:00pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting Middle/ High School Cafeteria
- Veteran’s Coffee 9 am Heritage Residence, New Hampton
- Family Story time, New Hampton Public Library

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Grundy Center @ Grundy Center Crystal Bowling
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Grundy Center @ Grundy Center Crystal Bowling
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League vs. Central Decatur
- 5:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 5:00pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 2 Hour Early Out Academic Calendar End 1st Semester
- 7:15am Choir
- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Young Arena
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Prairie @ Prairie High School
- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Young Arena
- 12:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Independence @ Upper Iowa University
- Christmas Movie Saturday, 10-11:30 am Upham Memorial Library, Fredericksburg

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

- No School Winter Break
- 7:15am Choir
- 1 pm Movie Monday Polar Express Party at New Hampton Public Library
- Chickasaw Co Extension Office closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- No School Winter Break
- Chickasaw Co Extension Office closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- No School Winter Break
- 7:15am Choir
- Chickasaw Co Extension Office closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

- Chickasaw Co Extension Office closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

- Chickasaw Co Extension Office closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

- Christmas Movie Saturday, 10-11:30 am Upham Memorial Library, Fredericksburg

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

- No School Winter Break
- 7:15am Choir
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. Hudson - Iowa @ Hudson High School
- Chickasaw Co Extension Office closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- Chickasaw Co Extension Office closed

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Despite blowout, New Hampton coach sees ‘good things in there’

NH Boys: FROM 19

of play and shoot a free throw because we attacked. We’ve got to find some ways.”

Newman – who went 14-10 a year ago – rained down four 3-pointers in five possessions when it took control of the contest midway through the second stanza. That five-point lead ballooned to 36-15 with 5:20 to go before the break.

Newman closed the half on a 7-0 run to lead 45-18 at intermission.

“We can’t give up 82 points,” said Ryan Rausch.

The Knights strung together a 13-0 run to never trail again after that 5-4 deficit and staked claim to 17-5 lead with 46 seconds left in the first period. New Hampton junior left-hander Braxton Bundy helped lead the Chickasaw charge back with back-to-back 3-pointers to cut that lead to 17-12 with 13 seconds before the second period rolled around. Thomas McGuire’s 3-pointer from the top of the key, which hit the front iron and then gently rolled in with one tick remaining before the start of the second quarter bumped up the Newman lead to 20-12.

Rausch played three freshmen versus the Knights and several of his players that stepped on the floor for the 2024-2025 opener have little to zero varsity experience.

“We’re playing a lot of young

guys and inexperienced guys. We’re gonna see that,” said Ryan Rausch about struggles encountered during stretches of games. “I’ve made a promise to myself to not to get upset with these young guys when they make a mistake because we need them to learn. You learn from mistakes.”

New Hampton committed 19 turnovers and shot just 27 percent from the floor as it couldn’t really get in any rhythm all night from the perimeter or down on the blocks due to Newman’s aggressive, in-your-face style of play that gave the Chickasaws fits.

“Against pressure – you can’t do what they want you to do. You can’t dribble it just across halfcourt and pick it up. You need to get the ball to the middle,” said Ryan Rausch.

Bundy buried three 3-pointers in four attempts to lead New Hampton in scoring with nine.

New Hampton freshman forward Carson Laures scored seven points – including an excuse-me 3-pointer that banked in from the top of the key in the final period of play.

Chickasaw junior forward Caden Rochford connected on two 3-pointers and came up with eight points. He also dished out three assists and racked up three steals – which led New Hampton in each of those statistical categories.

“There’s some good things in there. Nobody realizes that



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton senior Jake Schwickerath goes up for a layup in the season opener at Mason City Newman on Monday evening.

there’s good things in some of those tough losses,” said Ryan Rausch. “We’ve got plenty that we can go look at and say that we did well. We gotta build on that and we’ve gotta get some stops.”

Newman was led by McGuire, a sophomore who pumped in a game high 19 points and drilled five out of his six 3-point shots. Westley Cole finished with 17 points and buried three 3-pointers. Colin Bleile netted 16 points on 7-10 shooting.

Newman outrebounded New Hampton, 38-22.

“That’s a good ball club,” said

Ryan Rausch. “They’re going to be a good team.”

New Hampton – who went 2-19 a season ago – will look to get its first victory dialed up at Osage tonight (Thursday). Then NH takes on Turkey Valley late Saturday afternoon with a boys game tip-off slated for 4:45 p.m.

MASON CITY NEWMAN 82, NEW HAMPTON 38										
NH	12	6	9	11	-	38				
MCN	20	25	23	14	-	82				
Jake Schwickerath 0-9 0-0 0, Caden Rochford 3-11 0-0 8, Adam Ewert 2-6 2-3 6, Ryan Willadsen 0-2 1-4 1, Reid Rausch 1-2 0-0 3, Ethan Carter 0-1 1-2 1, Kinnick Wisner 0-0 0-0 0, Kyle Rausch 1-5 0-0 3, Carson										

Laures 3-5 0-0 7, Trenton Horner 0-0 0-0 0, Dylen Schmitt 0-1 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 3-5 0-0 9, Jacob McDonald 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 13-48 4-9 38.

3-point goals - Bundy 3-4, Rochford 2-8, R. Rausch 1-2, K. Rausch 1-4, Laures 1-2, Ewert 0-2, Schwickerath 0-4.

Rebounds - Willadsen 7, Ewert 2, R. Rausch 2, K. Rausch 2, Bundy 2, Laures 1, Wisner 1, Schwickerath 1, Rochford 1.

Assists - Rochford 3, Ewert 1, Willadsen 1, R. Rausch 1, Schmitt 1, Bundy 1.

Steals - Rochford 3, Schwickerath 2, Ewert 2, Laures 2, Willadsen 1, R. Rausch 1, Bundy 1.

Blocks - Laures 2, Willadsen 1.

Chickasaw boys head to Indee Friday

NH/TV Boys: FROM 19

Carter Cajthaml, a sophomore at 138 pounds, was also impressive with a pin over CC’s Nolan Gaul in 1:28. The Chickasaw up-and-comer also earned a win by fall over South Winn’s Steven Andera.

Jax Shekelton – another state qualifier last year at 150 pounds – demonstrated his mat prowess with a first-period pin and a technical fall.

“We were excited to get three wins. We had a couple duals that weren’t easy wins. We had to kind of find a way,” said Paulus. “We found out a lot about our guys, too. We have a bunch of young guys and there’s some inexperience there, but I was just really proud of their effort.”

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 43, CLEAR LAKE 42

106 - John Amos (CL) won by forfeit. 113 - Hayden Shear (CL) won by forfeit. 120 - Dominck Reicks (NHTV) pinned John Hamilton, 2:52. 126 - Ty Moudry (NHTV) won by forfeit. 132 - Braiden Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Jeseb Prestholt, 2:16. 138 - Carter Cajthaml (NHTV) won by forfeit. 144 - Jayden Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Cayden Vanvochris, 0:53.

150 - Jax Shekelton (NHTV) won by forfeit. 157 - Aiden Hippen (CL) pinned Tate Schwickerath, 2:23. 165 - Cade Carpenter (NHTV) pinned Cayden Campbell, 0:10. 175 - Christian Dunning (CL) pinned Lohen Tank, 3:09. 190 - Jack Hackman (CL) pinned Jackson Kellogg, 0:57. 215 - Max Orchard (CL) pinned Roy Barron, 2:29. 285 - Aaron Richtsmeier (CL) pinned Kyson Kielman, 1:42.

JV RESULTS

132 - Colin Shatek (NHTV) pinned Reece Perry, 2:26. 165 - Aidan Eichenberger (NHTV) pinned Kinnick Campbell, 4:59. 175 - Jarrin Robinson (NHTV) pinned Davidae Coleman, 1:21. 175 - Dylan Maloy (NHTV) pinned K. Campbell, 0:44. 175 - Raif Baack (CL) pinned Caleb Utley, 4:52.

Chickasaws face first big test on the lanes this week

NH BOWLING: FROM 19

meet,” said Aries. “It’s a good way to start out the season with a win. Our first big test will be this week when we bowl Waterloo Columbus. We’ll definitely see how that goes.”

Chickasaw senior Jamison Porath – New Hampton’s first ever individual state qualifier in school history – earned meet medalist honors with a 400. He rolled a high game of 239. Charlie Kriener, a sophomore, was next in line with a 360, followed by senior Kody Kleen (337). Chickasaw senior Gabe Macon and junior Jaxson Porath each rolled 336s. NH senior Landon Marr finished with a 306.

New Hampton’s baker total amounted to 935.

“We’ve still got a lot of work to do. Our spare percentage for this meet was actually pretty low for what I wanted it,”

said Aries. “That’s kind of what this next upcoming week is all going to be about is working on spares.”

NH bowls at Columbus tonight (Thursday) and kicks off the home portion of its season in the home opener versus Waukon on Friday, Dec. 13 at Bowlaway Lanes in New Hampton.

NEW HAMPTON BOYS 2,704, OELWEIN 1,898

Medalist - Jamison Porath, New Hampton 161-239-400.

New Hampton scores - Porath 161-239-400, Charlie Kriener 177-183-360, Kody Kleen 160-177-337, Gabe Macon 162-174-336, Jaxson Porath 153-183-336, Landon Marr 126-180-306.

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 1,461, OELWEIN 828

Medalist - Sophia Rivera, New Hampton 74-139-213.

New Hampton scores - Rivera 74-139-213, Vanessa Snyder 104-102-206, Kassidy Meyerhoff 94-106-200, Zoey Dreckman 99-95-194, McKenzie Herzberg 96-86-182.



Becky Walz/Decorah Leader

Chickasaw 165-pounder Aidan Eichenberger picks up Clear Lake’s Kinnick Campbell in the pair’s JV match on Tuesday over in Calmar during NH/TV’s season opener.

175 - Utley (NHTV) pinned Coleman, 3:01. 190 - Aiden Underwood (NHTV) pinned Dillan Haugen, 0:41. 190 - Dillan Haugen (CL) pinned Francisco Valdez, 4:34. 285 - Chase Gebel (NHTV) pinned Cylas Owen, 3:34.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 63, CENTRAL COMMUNITY 5

113 - Double forfeit. 120 - Reicks (NHTV) dec. Adam Kloser, 5-0. 126 - Moudry (NHTV) pinned Zane Embretson, 0:40. 132 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Collin Jaster, 1:27. 138 - Cajthaml (NHTV) pinned Nolan Gaul, 1:28. 144 - Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Braxton Bormann, 3:55. 150 - Shekelton (NHTV) pinned Mack Perrinjaquet, 0:43.

157 - Schwickerath (NHTV) pinned Preston Kulper, 3:28. 165 - Colton Hoisington (CC) tech. fall Carpenter, 24-4. 175 - Tank (NHTV) won by forfeit. 190 - Kellogg (NHTV) won by forfeit. 215 - Barron (NHTV) won by forfeit. 285 - Gebel (NHTV) won by forfeit. 106 - Double forfeit.

132 - Kinnick Robbins (CC) dec. Colin Shatek, 14-12. 132 - Xander Meyerhoff (NHTV) pinned Cooper Brown, 1:02. 132 - Meyerhoff (NHTV) pinned Robbins, 0:14. 144 - Derek Deitchler (CC) pinned Israel Ortiz, 3:56. 150 - Braden Manson (NHTV) pinned Parker Funke, 3:00.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 44, SOUTH WINNESHIEK 23

120 - Reicks (NHTV) dec. Clayton Kuboushek, 15-11. 126 - Moudry (NHTV) won by forfeit. 132 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Matthew Donovan, 0:31. 138 - Cajthaml (NHTV) pinned Steven Andera, (NT). 144 - Bucknell (NHTV)

pinned Lukas Weiss, 3:37. 150 - Shekleton (NHTV) tech. fall Eric Greve, 19-4. 157 - Landen Schnuelle (SW) pinned Schwickerath, 0:51.

165 - Kyle Kuboushek (SW) tech. fall Carpenter, 18-1. 175 - Tank (NHTV) won by forfeit. 190 - Kellogg (NHTV) pinned Matthew Horstman, 1:04. 215 - Ray Lienau (SW) dec. Barron, 7-0. 285 - Kolton Brummond

(SW) dec. Kielman, 3-1. 106 - Double forfeit. 113 - Gavin Thuente (SW) won by forfeit.

JV RESULTS

132 - Meyerhoff (NHTV) pinned Paxton Brincks, 3:55. 144 - Reid Bramow (NHTV) pinned Cooper Huinker, 0:49. 144 - Brayden Opperman (NHTV) pinned Huinker, 0:34.



Turkey Valley Area Calendar of Events

October 2024

Friday, October 4, 2024

Homecoming

7:00 PM Football: Varsity Varsity vs Waterloo Christian (Home)

Saturday, October 5, 2024

9:00 AM Volleyball: Girls High School Varsity Tournament vs Oelwein Community Schools vs. (Away)

10:00 AM Cross Country: High School Invitational vs Multiple Schools vs. Crestwood (Away)

Monday, October 7, 2024

4:15 PM Football: MS 7th/8th vs Kee High (Away)

4:15 PM Volleyball: Girls JH 7th/8th vs Central Elkader IA (Away)

6:00 PM Football: JV J.V. vs South Winneshiek (Home)

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

4:15 PM Volleyball: Girls JH 7th/8th vs Riceville (Home)

5:00 PM Cross Country: High School Invitational vs Multiple Schools vs. South Winneshiek (Away)

5:00 PM Volleyball: High School 9th/JV/Varsity Girls vs West Central (Away)

5:00 PM Volleyball: High School vs. West Central (Away)

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:00 PM IHSSA Judges Certification Class

Thursday, October 10, 2024

4:15 PM Volleyball: Girls JH 7th/8th vs North Fayette Valley (Home)

5:00 PM Volleyball: High School 9th/JV/Varsity Girls vs MFL MarMac (Away)

5:00 PM Volleyball: High School vs. MFL MarMac (Away)

Friday, October 11, 2024

7:00 PM Football: Varsity Varsity vs Don Bosco Catholic (Away)

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9:00 AM Volleyball: Girls High School Varsity Tournament vs Riceville vs. TBA (Away)

Monday, October 14, 2024

No School

4:15 PM Football: MS 7th/8th vs Tripoli (Away)

6:00 PM Football: JV J.V. vs Tripoli (Away)

7:00 PM School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Picture Retake Day

4:15 PM Volleyball: Girls JH 7th/8th vs West Central (Away)

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:00 PM IHSSA Judges Certification Class

Thursday, October 17, 2024

4:00 PM Cross Country: High School Conference Meet vs Multiple Schools vs. Central Elkader IA (Away)

4:00 PM Cross Country: High School vs. Clayton Ridge Kee High MFL MarMac North Fayette Valley Postville West Central">Multiple Schools (Away)

Friday, October 18, 2024

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7:00 PM Football: Varsity Varsity vs Riceville (Home)

Monday, October 21, 2024

Missoula Theater

7:00 PM Volleyball: High School Regionals vs TBA vs. TBA (Away)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

FFA - National Convention @ Indianapolis Missoula Theater

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

FFA - National Convention @ Indianapolis Missoula Theater

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Cross Country: High School State Qualifying Meet vs TBA vs. TBA (Away)

Friday, October 25, 2024

FFA - National Convention @ Indianapolis Missoula Theater

7:00 PM Football: Varsity Playoffs vs TBA vs. TBA (Away)

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Missoula Theater

Monday, October 28, 2024

7:00 PM Volleyball: High School Regionals vs TBA vs. TBA (Away)

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

7:00 PM Volleyball: High School Regionals vs TBA vs. TBA (Away)

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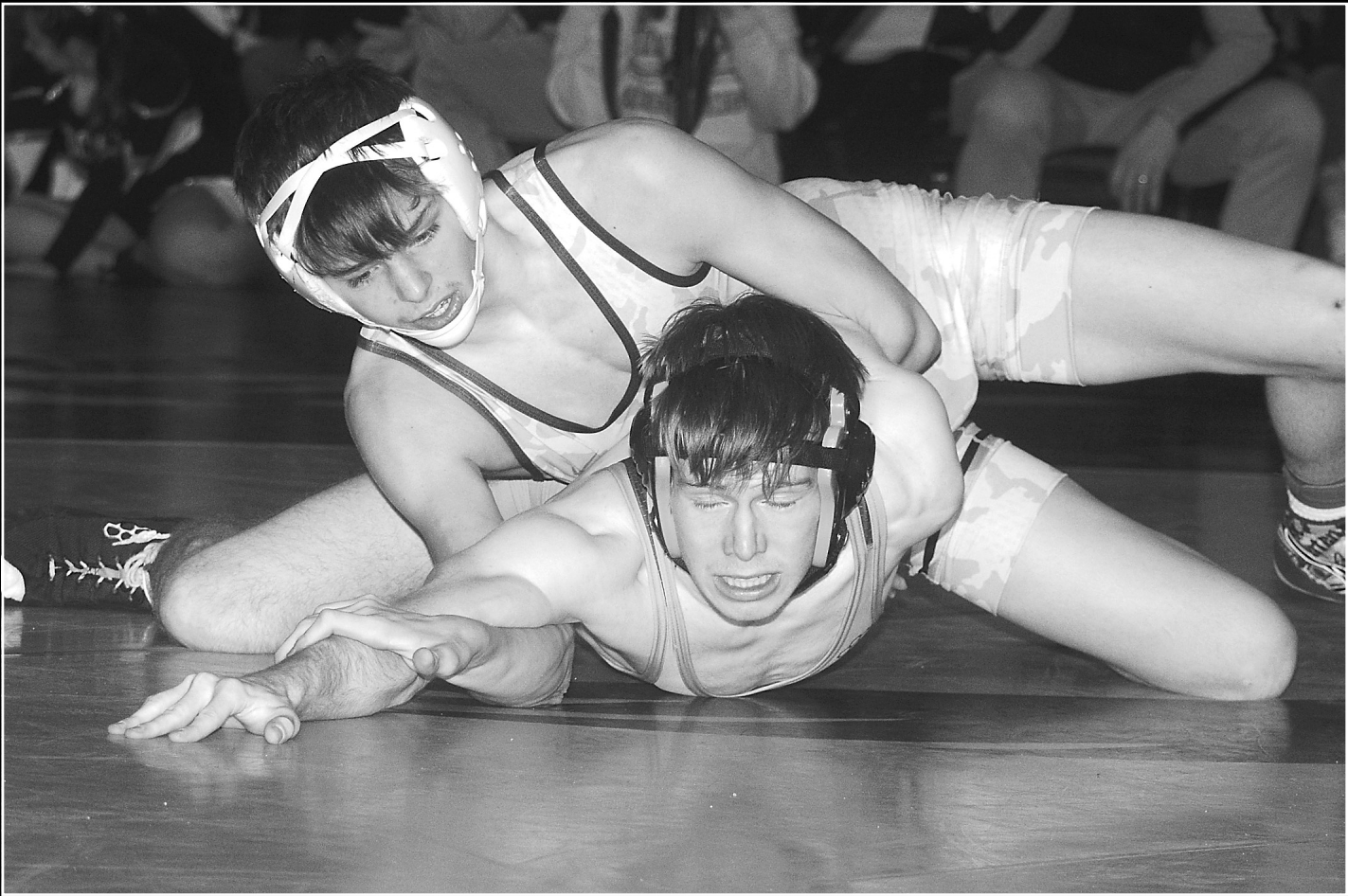


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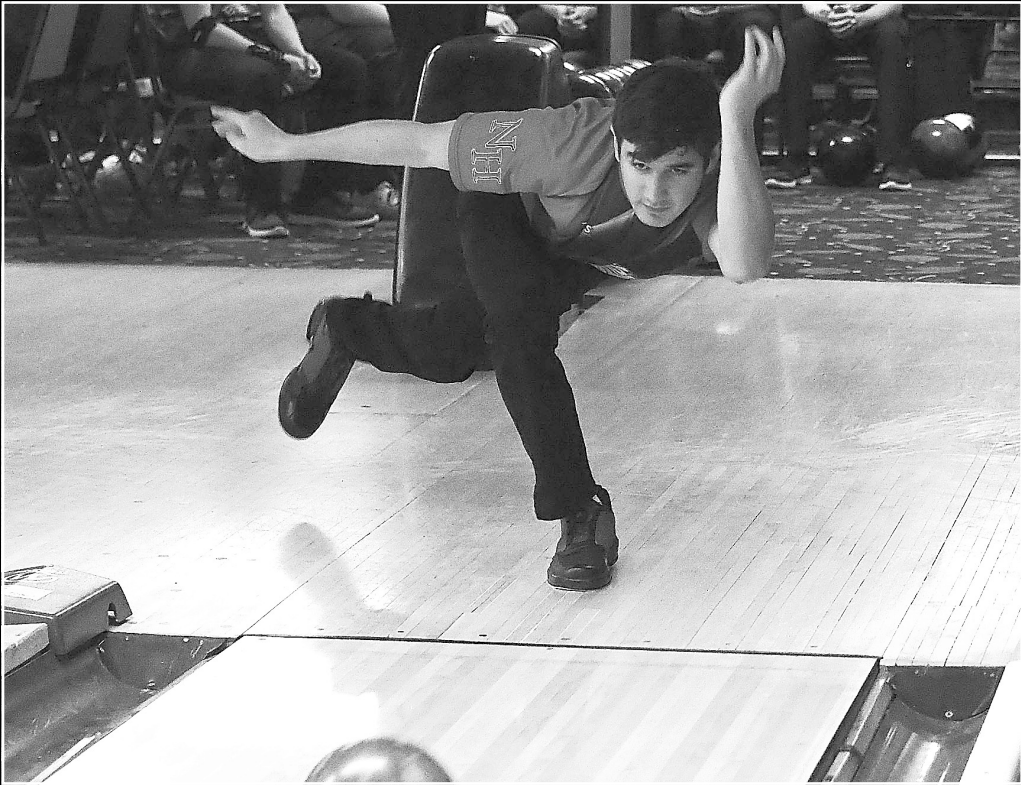
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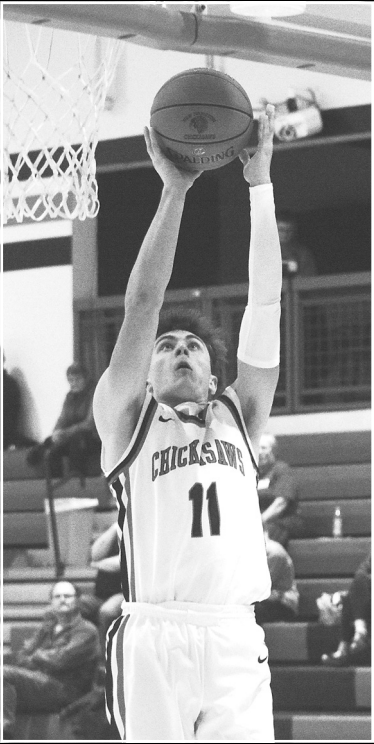
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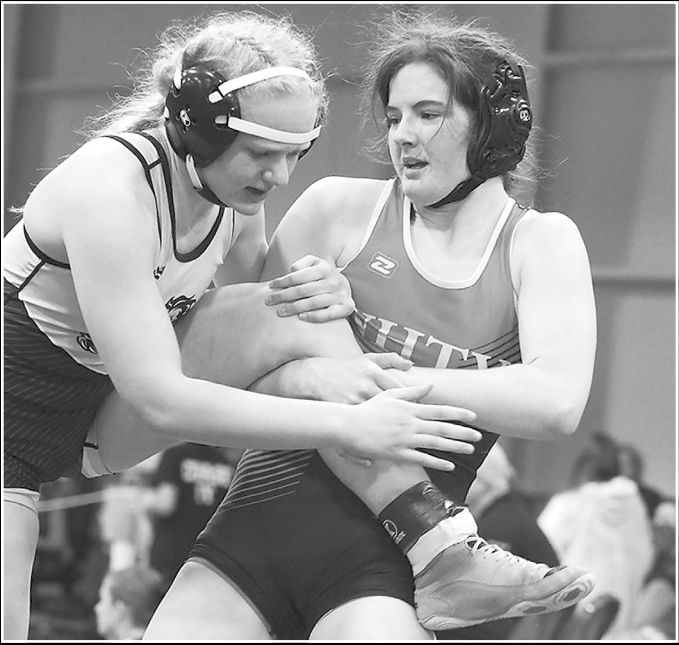
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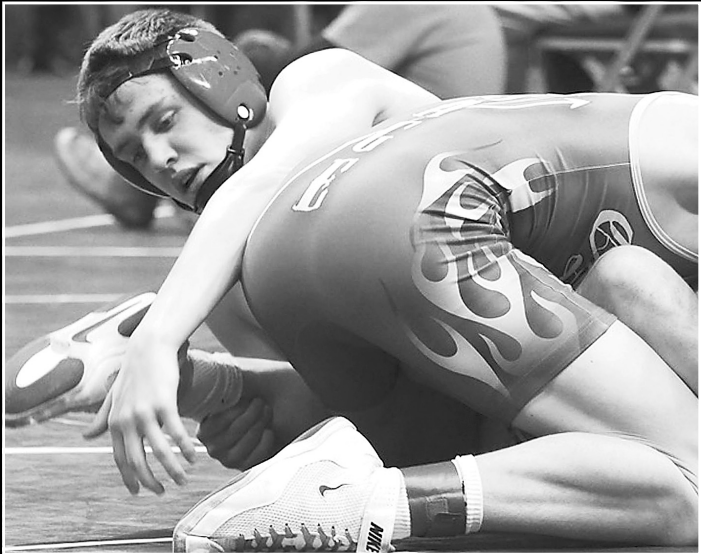
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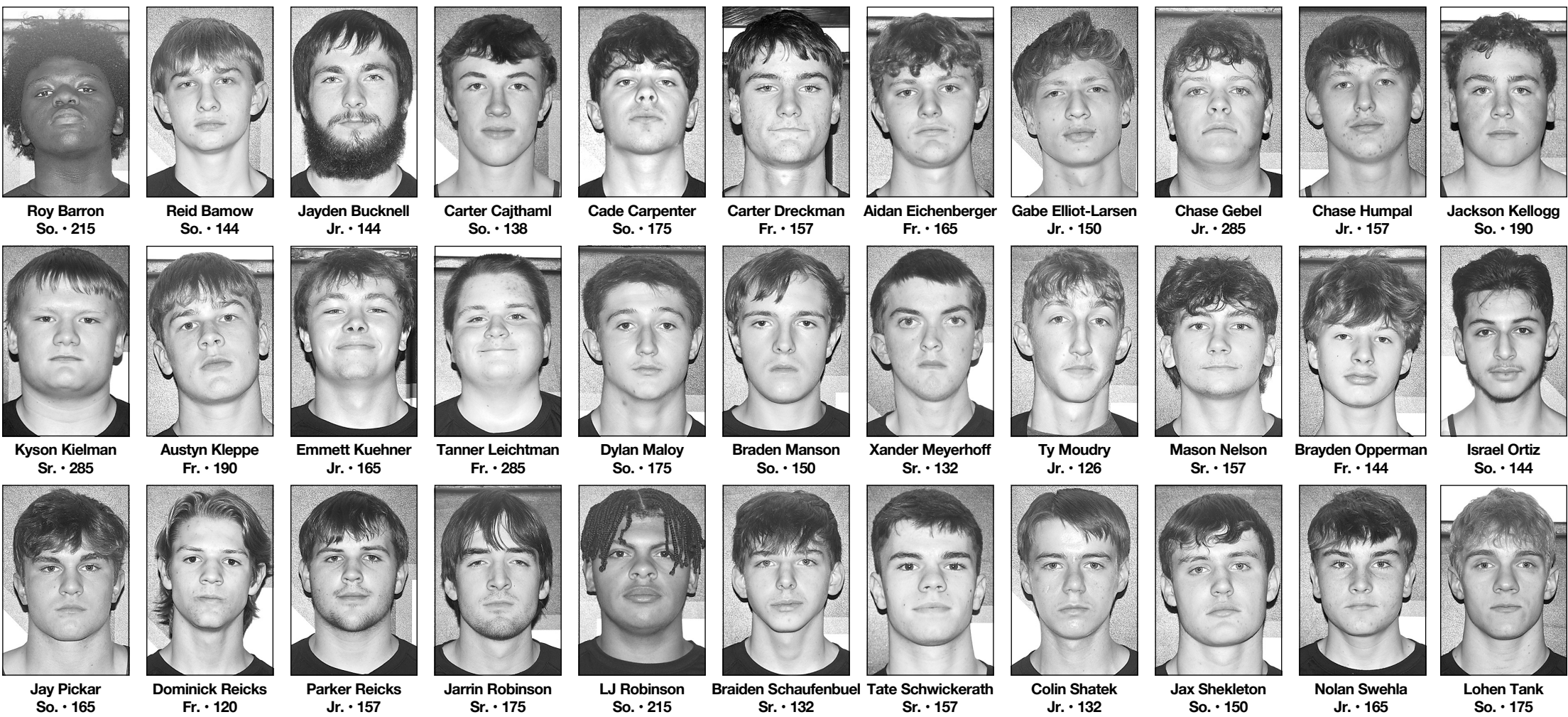
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RAW AND PROMISING

IT'S A TWO-WAY STREET WHEN IT COMES TO DEPTH FOR CHICKASAW BOYS

BY BOB FENSKE
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If the first criteria for a deadlocked dual was number of 157 pounders, New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling team could play for a tie every single meet and finish the season undefeated.

"It's crazy, because we had seven guys try out at '57 this morning," said NH/TV coach Matt Paulus, who is entering his fifth full season at the helm of the Chickasaws. "We have some weights where we have a lot of guys and then we're still trying to find a '6 and a '13. We have really good numbers, makes for good practice partners, especially in the middle

weights, and then we have others we can't fill. It's a little nuts."

But two weeks of preseason workouts has Paulus and his coaching staff excited about the 2024-25 season, which began on Tuesday night when the Chickasaws took part in a quadrangular at South Winneshiek.

"It's been kind of fun. They're raw — very raw — but they're very hard workers," he said. "We talk about it, even if you don't know what you're doing, as long as you put the effort into it, we can teach you what you need to know. ... I'm really proud of their efforts."

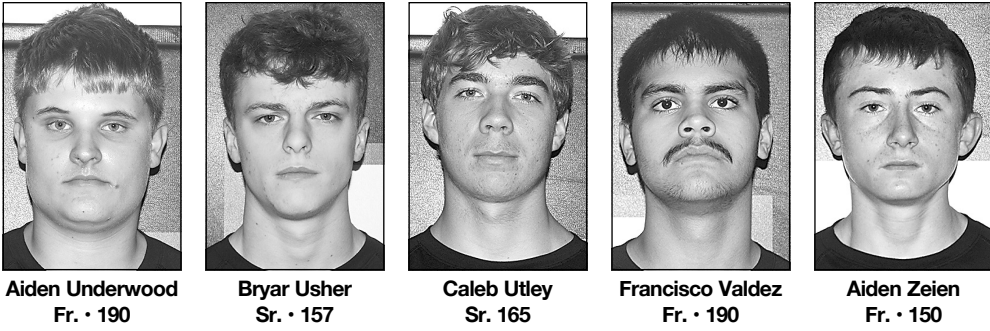
He pointed to Saturday's tryouts and the level of competition he saw in the room throughout the day.

"Everyone was wrestling hard at the

end of matches," he said, "and we were impressed with that."

It's not that NH/TV doesn't have veterans in the lineup; in fact, four of this season's Chickasaws ended their 2023-24 seasons at the Class 2A state tournament.

Jayden Bucknell, a junior who will move up to 144 this year, capped a 30-23 sophomore season by going 3-2 at 132 and was just one win away from making his way on to the medal stand. Jax Shekleton closed out his freshman season at 150 with a 20-15 record that included a first-round win at state, and the sophomore will stay at the same weight this winter. And Braiden Schaufenbuel, who is bump-



ing up to 132 this year, made the state meet at 126.

A fourth Chickasaw, Carter Cajthaml, went 37-8 for Charles City at 132 last winter, winning a couple of matches at state, and will wrestle at 138 this winter for NH/TV.

"We've got guys who know what it takes to get there," Paulus said, "and you always want guys like that in your room."

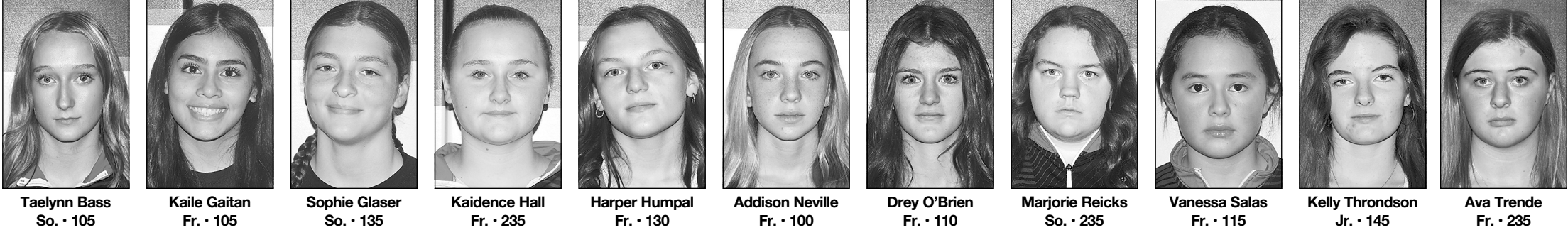
But NH/TV must replace a class of 12 seniors that led the Chickasaws to the finals of the regional duals and included four state qualifiers,

including 215-pound state champion Braden McShane and 157-pound fifth-place finisher Karson Kolbet.

So when Paulus was asked if he would like another week without competition, his answer was relatively quick.

"We could have used it," he said. "It depends on the year. Like last year, we had 12 seniors so it's not as big of a deal, 'let's go compete.' We could probably use another week, but you don't get it, so here we go."

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Young Chickasaws look to build on 'rather well' start

Returning state qualifiers Thronson and Glaser lead New Hampton/Turkey Valley roster dominated by freshmen

BY BOB FENSKE
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As young and inexperienced as this New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling team is, Caleb Ciavarelli certainly liked the way the Chickasaws got out of the gate.

"I think we started off rather well," the Chickasaw coach said, referring to NH/TV picking up a dual win and having five girls place in the top-eight at the always tough Independence tournament during the season's opening week last month.

"With it being such a young squad, I think we showed we are

definitely on the right track."

The Chickasaws roster numbers 11 and is led by two returning state qualifiers — junior Kelly Thronson and sophomore Sophie Glaser — but youth will have to be served this year as seven of the 11 Chickasaws are freshmen.

"We're kind of hopefully going to continue that," Ciavarelli said. "If we can keep getting kids from our middle school program — it's half stay with basketball and half stay with wrestling — we'll start seeing our numbers grow. ... We're always starting over, it feels like, so it's nice to have a group of girls who have wrestled at least in mid-

dle school and come in with some knowledge."

The two state qualifiers are definitely the leaders of the team, the NH/TV coach said.

Glaser went 30-19 as a freshman and went 1-2 when the best wrestlers in the state of Iowa gathered in Coralville last winter for the state tournament. Thronson, meanwhile, came on strong late in the season, finishing 23-16 and qualifying for her first state tournament.

"Kelly's the more vocal one, no doubt about that," he said, "and she's a great leader for our young girls. Sophie may not be as loud,

she's not the talker Kelly is, but just by example, she's a great leader. They have two different styles but they both work on our team. ... Having two girls in the room who have had the success they've had, been to state and all that, it's huge. They can tell the girls, 'Here's how it's done, here's where you go.'"

The Chickasaws also welcome back one other wrestler who competed at the regional meet last fall as Taelynn Bass, who went 23-20 in 2023-24, is moving up from 100 to 105 this year.

And then there are the freshmen — girls like Addison Neville (100), Kaile Gaitan (105), Drey

O'Brien (110), Vanessa Salas (115), Harper Humpal (130), Kaidence Hall (235) and Ava Trende (235) — who went a combined 17-16 during the opening week of the season.

The issue for the Chickasaws is that they will have to forfeit at least three weights — 155, 170 and 190 — in dual meets.

"I think we have a strong nucleus this year," Ciavarelli said, "and we don't have a senior out so if we can keep these girls together, add some more kids from the middle school program next year and

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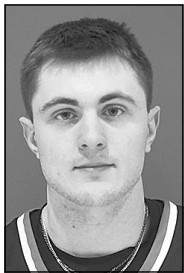
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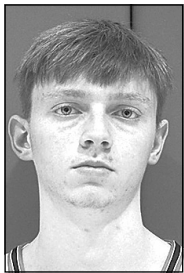
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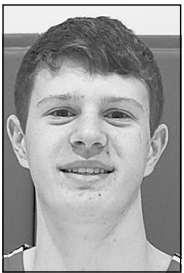
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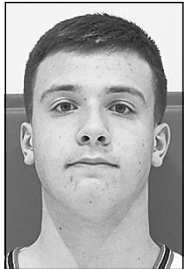
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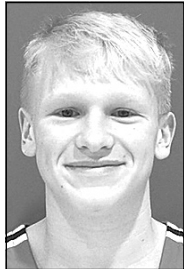
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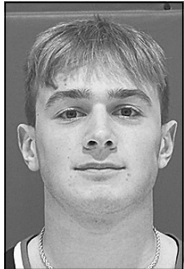
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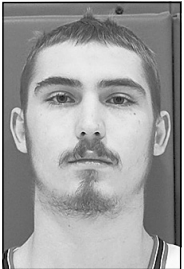
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Looking to move up

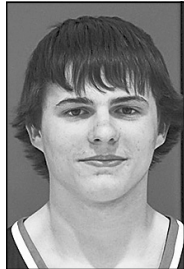
Chickasaws ready to put two-win season behind them

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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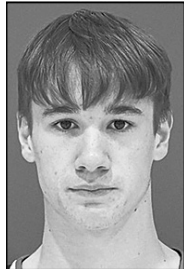
Nineteen losses versus just two wins. There's no easy way to put it – the 2023-2024 New Hampton boys hoops season last winter was a difficult sled. NH head coach Ryan Rausch is hoping those hard lessons learned from more setbacks than not will be pivotal in transforming a team and program that is excited to get back to its winning ways. “There are no two ways around the fact that last year was tough and frustrating for all of us, but our guys stayed together and always played hard,” said Rausch, now in his seventh year as Chickasaw head coach. “I think those struggles have made them all better players and teammates. As much as you would like to never have to go through that, it makes you better as a player and person.” Rausch said effort, leadership, as well as taking care of the basketball and being better shot makers should help the Chickasaws find the fuel to energize themselves in order to pull out victories.

“As much as we always want to win, sometimes there are more lessons for us when we lose or when things are not going so well. These guys are motivated to get that season off their backs and show people what they are capable of individually and as a group,” Rausch said. “Our offense seems to generate a really good amount of open looks and the guys just need to make more shots – plain and simple.” New Hampton graduated a key starter last season in the form of leading scorer Cael Laures, an all-conference NEIC second-team pick as a forward who averaged 13 points and over seven rebounds a tilt. Two other NH starters have also graduated in guard Ben Kramer and forward Nick Brincks. New Hampton's Carter Newbrough (guard) started two games as a senior last year and also graduated. Back this year for Rausch are starters Adam Ewert (senior guard), Reid Rausch (senior guard/forward) and junior guard Caden Rochford, who started eight games last year as a sophomore. Ewert averaged just over eight points a game and pulled down 3.6 rebounds per contest. He came up with 21 steals and knocked down 14 three-pointers. He was the team's assist leader

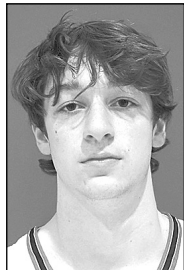
with 48. Ewert stands 5-11, but can play much bigger than that as his athletic ability allows him to come up with many clutch shots down low. Rausch, listed at 6-2 on New Hampton's roster, averaged just over three points a game and drilled 10 three-pointers. He's looking for a breakout year on the hardwood and will aim to bump those numbers up big time in this his final year as a Chickasaw. He missed some time last year out on the court as he played in 17 out of New Hampton's 21 games. When healthy, he'll be a steady presence on the court and like Ewert – has been on the varsity roster since his freshman season. Rochford, also 6-2, has tremendous upside in this his third year on the varsity squad. He gained valuable experience last year stepping into an increased workload and netted 4.7 points per game to go along with 22 made 3-pointers – which was second to Laures' team-leading 25 on the team. Ryan Rausch is super pumped about each of his three returning starter's ceilings – which are awfully high and easy to see if you pay attention to New Hampton basketball – even in the slightest. The biggest goal for this trio – especially early on – will be remaining positive and battling obstacles that will be set forth upon the team by challenging opponents. “Reid, Adam and Caden have played a lot of basketball for us and have seen a lot. We are looking forward to them setting the tone for us as far as leadership, how we play, and handling situations as they come,” said the NH head coach. In addition to those three aforementioned starters, returning senior letterwinners Jake Schwickerath (guard) and Ryan Willadsen (forward) will also be penciled into Rausch's starting five. Rausch's projected starters have helped show the ropes – so to speak – to newcomers and underclassmen. “They have done a nice job of helping our more inexperienced guys feel confident and comfortable,” said Ryan Rausch.



Jake Schwickerath
Sr. • 5-10 • G



Ryan Willadsen
Sr. 5-11 • F



Kinnick Wisner
So. • 5-10 • G

Chickasaw girls focusing on positives

New Hampton welcomes back three starters as it embarks on schedule with new foes

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Pessimism, gloom or doom. David Leichtman wants no part of it. The fourth-year head coach of his Chickasaw girls basketball team point blank said that in as many words at New Hampton's “Meet the Team Night” scrimmage a few weeks ago. There the public was first introduced to Leichtman's 2024-2025 NH roster and got to see their first glimpse of a squad that is looking to accentuate its strengths and knock out the negativity. “I don't want negativity to exist in my gym,” said Leichtman. “There's only one way – positivity. It's transformational.” That's a bold statement that many hoops coaches live by and one that New Hampton is hoping to ride all the way to the top of the NEIC with an undersized squad that returns several key leaders. “The two big things that are correlating around this group are “all in” and “Saw Nation,” said Leichtman. “We're having fun. We're enjoying it. We don't worry about numbers. We worry about ourselves. We worry about things that we need to do a lot better. Defense is at the top of that list.” Numbers have continued to be an issue across the state this season in prep girls basketball as evident by fellow league foe Charles City cancelling their varsity hoops season. Another area squad – Rockford – will not play a varsity campaign for

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE		
Dec. 5	at Osage JV/V	4:15/6:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	Turkey Valley JV/V	1/3:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Waukon JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Dec. 13	Decorah JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Dec. 14	Spring Grove (Minn.) at Luther V	7 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Grundy Center JV/V	6:15/7:45 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Charles City JV	6:45 p.m.
Dec. 20	Crestwood JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Sumner-Fredericksburg JV/V	4/6:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Clarksville JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Jan. 11	Aplington-Parkersburg JV/V	2/3:30 p.m.
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Jan. 20	at Waterloo Columbus JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
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Jan. 27	at North Butler JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Jan. 30	at North Fayette Valley JV/V	4:15/6:45 p.m.
Jan. 31	Charles City JV	6:45 p.m.
Feb. 3	South Winneshiek JV/V	4/6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Central Springs JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Crestwood JV/V	4:15/6:15 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Hudson JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Class 3A regional tournament begins	

the second consecutive season. Northern Iowa schools such as Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, West Sioux and Sibley Ocheyedan have followed suit because of lack of participation in the sport and also cancelled their varsity seasons. That means many teams – including New Hampton – will focus on quality, not quantity. New Hampton has enough numbers to field a junior varsity team, but there will be roster crossover amongst JV and varsity units. Back this season from a 6-16 squad from last winter – 3-7 in the NEIC (fifth place) – are three returning starters in junior all-conference guard Ava Leichtman, in addition to senior guards Cora Schwickerath and Jackie Pickar. That experienced trio – Leichtman has started and excelled since her freshman season – will be crucial and doubly so for the Chickasaws as all-league guard Taylor Ries (12.8 ppg) decided not to go out for basketball her senior season. All three starters back have been in Leichtman's system for quite a while now. That goes an awfully long way towards development, as well as molding team chemistry. “Every year we start further along. This year we were able to start on day one with

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Dec. 10	at Waukon JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.
Dec. 10	Waukon 9	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	Decorah 9	7 p.m.
Dec. 13	Decorah JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Charles City 9/JV/V	4:15/5:15/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	Crestwood JV/V	5:30/8 p.m.
Dec. 21	Indee at Upper Iowa Holiday Classic V	Noon
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Feb. 6	Central Springs JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Crestwood JV/V	5:30/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	Crestwood 9	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Oelwein JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.
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Chickasaw girls will have to be versatile

NH GIRLS: FROM 15

scrimmaging – which is a huge, huge factor when you talk about girls basketball and where we’re at fundamentally and where we can go once we tie some game-like reps into working on a day-by-day basis,” said Leichtman.

Ava Leichtman is one of the conference’s best ball handlers out on the perimeter and is deadly from beyond the arc. The junior point guard is also one of the premier back-court stars in the NEIC at slicing and dicing defenses, drawing contact and heading to the charity stripe. She averaged just over 12 points a game and was fifth-best in the NEIC in made treys with 34. Leichtman averaged four rebounds a game and right at two steals.

“Ava looks to continue to improve her game in all aspects on the court,” said David Leichtman.

Schwickerath netted over six points of offense a contest and tallied well over four rebounds a tilt. She tied with Ries for the team lead in assists (47).

Pickar – along with Schwickerath – is an adept defender and tallied 2.5 points per game. Pickar also averaged 3.5 rebounds a game.

“Cora and Jackie are primed for great seasons,” said David Leichtman. “They’re definitely our leaders. They’ve been through the program. They know the system.”

NH junior forward Jordan Thronson – who scored 19 points in 21 games as sophomore – came up with 4.3 rebounds per game and will be one of Leichtman’s key starters down low. Thronson – at 5-8 – is the tallest player on the roster along with junior Chloe Weigel, sophomore

Caycee Crawford and freshman Ainslea Pint (all listed at 5-8).

That means New Hampton will once again want to push tempo with a fast-paced style of play that can force turnovers and get easy fast-break points to compensate for its lack of height in the half-court set.

“With our size, everybody has to play at a 1-5 position,” said David Leichtman. “We’ve had to pretty well come with a positionless basketball concept.”

Weigel will start at forward and racked up 2.2 points of scoring last year and 2.1 rebounds a tilt.

“Chloe and Jordan – as juniors – have really stepped up. They’re part of our strength,” said Leichtman. “They’re two very tough kids who go out and give it their all.”

Players off the bench for New Hampton will be Crawford (forward), junior guard Tegan Dungey and sophomore guard Kayme Hackman. Aleigha Cahoy – a freshman standout volleyball player last fall – is also in Leichtman’s rotation.

There are just five teams in the NEIC now after Waverly-Shell Rock’s departure at the start of the 2024-2025 school year, but with Charles City not having a varsity team, New Hampton has just six conference games this winter. New Hampton added several new teams to its schedule in the form of Grundy Center (away), Aplington-Parkersburg (home), Sumner-Fredericksburg (away), Hudson (away) and at North Butler. Leichtman also said NH could take on Riceville in the regular season, but that game has not been officially added to the schedule as of this week.

New Hampton boys coach wants to play a lot of guys early in year

NH BOYS: FROM 15

New Hampton will bring a lot of bodies out onto the court – at least early on – according to Ryan Rausch. That means several new faces will have ample opportunity to have an impact and make their presence known.

“Especially early on, we are going to play a lot of guys,” said New Hampton’s seventh-year coach.

Those up-and-coming players that will log minutes are juniors Braxton Bundy (5-9 guard), Dylen Schmitt (6-2 forward) and Jacob McDonald (center). McDonald is New Hampton’s tallest player at 6-5, but has limited varsity experience, as do Bundy and Schmitt. Trenton Horner, a junior guard, will also vie for playing time as this is the first year he’s been on the varsity roster.

“Braxton, Dylen and ‘Big Jake’ all need to step up and have good minutes. Trenton is a good shooter who just needs to get more comfortable and physical,” said Ryan Rausch.

Ryan Rausch said he’s also expecting big things out of his three freshmen – 5-11 guard Kyle Rausch (Reid’s little brother), Carson Laures (6-3, guard/forward) and six-foot guard Ethan Carter. The NH head coach said all three have played a lot of competitive basketball and encountered a fair amount of success along the way.

“Obviously you would rather give freshmen more time, but we just don’t have that luxury anymore. It will also pay nice

dividends for them as the years go on to have them gain experience,” said Ryan.

As with a lot of incoming freshmen that will be new to the fast-paced and physical play of varsity prep basketball – compared to middle school or JV competition – there will be some growing pains.

“They all have a lot of basketball in front of them that we are excited about. When you play young guys you have to understand that mistakes are going to happen and you just have to constantly be learning from everything that happens. I’m confident they will do that,” Ryan added.

New Hampton started out the season 0-9 last year and getting off on the right foot before the Christmas break may prove beneficial to help build confidence – which is also key in knocking down shots.

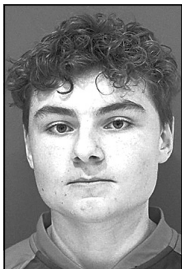
New Hampton shot just 26 percent from beyond the arc last year and averaged over 16 turnovers a game. Those critical stats will have to improve if New Hampton’s wants to up its win total from a year ago.

With two weeks of practice underneath its belt – New Hampton is ready to test the waters and see what this winter hoops campaign brings.

“I have really liked several things about this group. First... our leadership,” coach Rausch said. “Our older guys want to build this thing the right way. Our guys are motivated to win. We practice at a very high intensity level.”



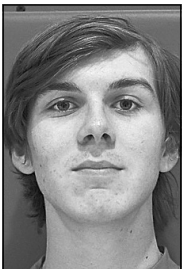
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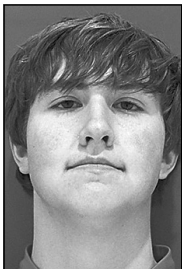
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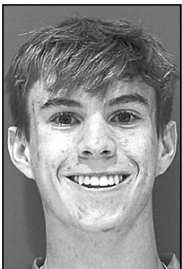
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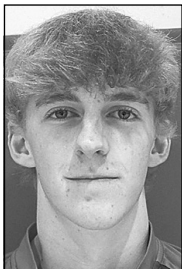
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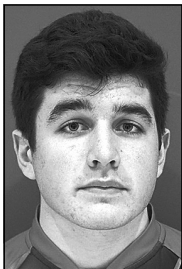
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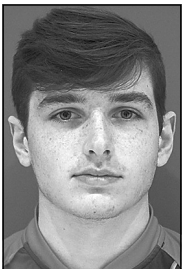
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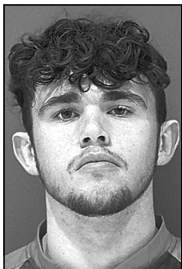
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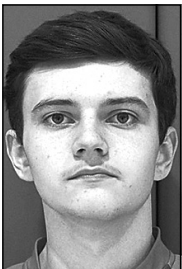
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High expectations for Chickasaws on lanes

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Andy Aries has high goals for his New Hampton Chickasaws – more so than most for a squad that will be competing in just its third year of existence.

His program has come that far in a relative short amount of time.

What exactly will enable these Chickasaws to reach those lofty expectations?

As corny as it sounds – play like a team in what most people consider an individual sport.

“What it’s going to take for that, though, is everybody’s going to have to be clicking almost all the time. When somebody’s not, we’re going to have to pick ‘em up and be able to do it,” said Aries.

NH made history last year by sending its first individual ever to the state tournament in Jamison Porath. The left-hander finished off a fine junior campaign by placing 28th with a three-game series of 540 in the 32-man state bracket in Class 1A at Cadillac XBC (Xtreme Bowling Center) in Waterloo.

In fact, two Chickasaws came awfully close to making it a trio competing down in Black Hawk County at the state meet.

That productive pairing – Charlie Kriener and Gabe Macon – were new to the varsity program last winter but still managed to place sixth and seventh respectively at the state qualifier.

“To be able to announce three kids in the top eight – it’s remarkable for our second year,” said Aries. “The feedback that you get from that, that’s the biggest thing. If the leadoff people can give you that type of feedback, it works wonders to go down the rest of the line.”

NEW HAMPTON BOWLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 5	at Waterloo Columbus	4 p.m.
Dec. 13	Waukon	4 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Grundy Center	4 p.m.
Jan. 7	West Delaware	4 p.m.
Jan. 10	Tripoli	4 p.m.
Jan. 14	Sumner-Fredericksburg	4 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Charles City	4 p.m.
Jan. 28	North Fayette Valley	4 p.m.
Jan. 31	Forest City	4 p.m.
Feb. 5	Conference Baker Tourney at Waterloo	9 a.m.
Feb 14	Waverly-Shell Rock	4 p.m.
Feb. 17	Girls regional tournament	10 a.m.
Feb. 18	Boys regional tournament	10 a.m.
Feb 24-26	State Tournament at Waterloo	TBD

The overall top goal for his Chickasaws is to “max out” at state with four individual qualifiers and send the team to state – which play on different days at state in Waterloo in February.

Each of the three classes in Iowa accepts eight teams to the co-ed state meet on the girls and boys side. The Class 1A team state tourney begins at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20 and the small-school class individual state tournament gets underway at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Those are important dates that are probably circled on the calendars of Aries’ rollers – they’re that important to these Chickasaws.

“This year it’s very good the fact that we got essentially our whole varsity team back from last year,” said Aries. “I have very, very high expectations for this year. I know the boys do, too. It’s definitely going to be a ride this year.”

New Hampton competes in the East Division of the North Central Conference – which Aries said is technically the first “official” year that his squad will be competing in the league. The Chickasaws won three meets and went 1-1 in

the league last year.

The conference crown is something the Chickasaws have their eye on as well.

“My hopes are higher than what the kids are, honestly,” said Aries. “My goal for this year is to actually win the conference this year. It’s not a pipe dream. It’s very attainable. It is a goal that can be reached.”

New Hampton has almost its entire roster back on both the boys and girls side – sans the graduation of Tucker Terrell and Madison Dreckman.

New Hampton senior Landon Marr led the Chickasaws in total pins (3,582) in 18 games last year. Marr also notched a 426 series – which was second on the team. Porath was second with 2,695 pins knocked down in 14

games and produced the team’s high series during the regular season with a 429.

Macon (senior) and Kriener (sophomore) will obviously be two of New Hampton’s top bowlers in Aries’ senior-laden lineup. Jamison’s younger brother – Jaxson Porath – is also slated to go in NH’s six-man varsity lineup. Chickasaw senior Kody Kleen is another New Hampton bowler to look out for in 2024-2025.

Kriener and Jaxson Porath are New Hampton’s leadoff bowlers – two very crucial roles that will be counted on this year to get the Chickasaws started out on the right foot with positive energy.

“The key is to get everybody started. I’ve got two very capable leadoff bowlers this year,” said Aries.

The rest of Aries’ lineup consists of juniors Kaden Garrison, William Klassen, Weston

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Vanessa Snyder
Freshman



Connor Stumme
Sophomore



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Veterans to lead Turkey Valley girls

Hoffert welcomes back nine Trojan letterwinners to court this winter

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Nine returning letterwinners is a lot for any hoops squad – let alone a small-school class girls hoops squad in the state of Iowa.

That's how many key returnees Steve Hoffert brings back for his Turkey Valley Trojans, who are looking to make some noise this year – the kind that brings home banners in 2024-2025.

Can the Trojans be that good this winter after playing to a 7-15 mark and sixth place finish (6-10) in the Upper Iowa Conference a season ago?

The veteran bunch – which sports four starters back – is willing to find out.

While a conference championship and a state tournament berth is high on the to-do list for TV, the Trojans will take it one game at a time this year in order to pick up some speed and build some confidence early on.

Turkey Valley got that in a season-opening rout over Postville last Tuesday in the form of a 75-13 destruction of the Pirates.

“We are excited about this group of girls. We have a great nucleus of returning letterwinners. We will have a good mix of height and quickness. We will have a lot of depth that we will use to our advantage. We will need to come to every practice and game with a positive attitude and willingness to put team goals before personal goals,” said Hoffert, in his third year at TV as head coach after taking over for Carla Nymeyer. Those starters penciled in the lineup against

Postville were senior returnees Delaney Busta (forward), Layni Schuchhardt (guard), Annika Bodensteiner (forward) and junior guard Addison Steinlage. Those four combined to start 86 games a year ago.

“I’ve got nine returning letterwinners. One, I played a lot of kids last year, but the purpose was for the next year – for this year,” said Hoffert.

Bella Stika, a sophomore forward who was the only starter on the floor not back from a year ago against Postville – scored eight points on 4-4 shooting against the Pirates. She came close to a triple double with 11 steals and nine rebounds.

“I really have four post players. We will work more on a four-out, one-in offense as the season progresses,” said Hoffert. “Most nights we will have a height advantage. We have to fight through the contact, get the ball up on the backboard and put it in.”

That's something that TV struggled with on occasion in 2023-2024. The Trojans just 29 percent as a team last year and 19 percent from beyond the arc. Mid-range jumpers aren't exactly TV's bread and butter – but it still doesn't hurt for the squad that could play for a league title this year to knock down a few more of them this winter. TV must also improve its free-throw percentage – which was below 50 percent (49.5).

Hoffert talked about his team's circle-motion offense.

“We call it a “butt cut” and we have the long cut,” said Hoffert. “The long cut's that girl from the corner all the way up because all that action is going towards the basket. I'll have a girl standing about 15 to 18 feet away and she's just gotta knock down that shot and we have that capability.”

TV's main goal is to force turnovers off its full-court trapping press and get easy layups underneath the hoop in its half-court set. Outside shots made are an added bonus. If the perimeter shooting game



Bella Stika
So. • F



Madalyn Vsetecka
Fr. • G

‘Let’s go’ mantra for Trojans

Turkey Valley boys have mix of veterans, newcomers on the roster

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Trust the process. Those are John Izer's words about his Turkey Valley boys hoops squad.

He's ready to get the season started.

“Let's go,” said the fourth-year Trojan head coach.

Turkey Valley lost four starters from a squad last winter that went 12-11 overall and 7-9 in the UIC (sixth place). TV's lone starter back is junior forward Logan Busta – an honorable mention UIC pick last year.

“We're an easy scout right now. Nobody knows the names of seven out of our 10 guys – unless you're talking football,” said Izer. “J.D. (Kruse) and Logan – we'll be asking a ton out of them.”

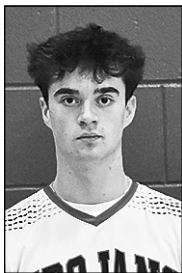
Kruse did start three games last year, but was more or less a key reserve on Izer's squad – who like to push the ball up the floor in a fast-paced, high-energy style of hoops play.

What's another reason TV will focus on getting up and down the floor quickly at a break-neck pace and make games – as Izer puts – ugly?

No one on Izer's roster is taller than 6-2.

“Like Justin (Izer) said, we're going to have periods where we're going to have a hard time scoring,” said Izer. “We need to generate some stuff. We're going to have to generate some turnovers. We're going to have to find some fast breaks and Logan can lead all of that. He's one of the best at leading all that.”

Justin Izer – John's son – was the head girls hoops coach at South Winneshiek last year, but will be his father's top assistant this winter. Also



Logan Busta
Jr. • 6-0



Treyton Franzen
So. • 5-11

on John Izer's coaching staff are Steve Busta and Adam Hanson. Those four coaches will attempt to mold a team that is brimming with potential and talent – but is relatively untested.

“We're going to have some new wrinkles. I don't know how it will look for a while because it's going to take some time to get it down,” said John Izer. “I think we're going to have to do some things different beings we are so inexperienced. We're going to have to get some easy buckets.”

Izer wasn't trying to be critical of his team – but he calls it like he sees it – at least early on in practice after trying to get his young squad all on the same page. He's a

TURKEY VALLEY BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 6	at Kee High JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	at New Hampton JV/V	1/4:45 p.m.
Dec. 10	Central Elkader JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	at North Fayette Valley JV/V	4:30/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Jesup JV/V	3/6 p.m.
Dec. 19	Clarksville JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	Clayton Ridge JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	South Winneshiek JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	at West Central JV/V	4:30/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Riceville JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Wapsie Valley JV/V	6/7:45 p.m.
Jan. 14	MFL MarMac JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Tripoli JV/V	5/7:45 p.m.
Jan. 17	Kee High JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
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Jan. 27	at Crestwood JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Clayton Ridge JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at South Winneshiek JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	West Central JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Postville JV/V	6:15/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Class 1A District tourney begins	TBD

straight-shooter through and through.

“We're going to have to speed the game up, get some turnovers. We're going to have to get some bunnies. We're not an extremely good shooting team either – right now we're not,” said John Izer. “We're going to have to ugly up the game early until these guys get confident and get more comfortable.”

Izer is still awfully excited about a new bunch that will take center stage in Jackson Junction and help turn over a new leaf – hopefully the winning variety for all the red, black and white-clad Trojan fans that will cheer on TV hoops this winter.

“They're going to be thrown in,” said John Izer. “They're hungry in practice. They're wanting to work. They've been real easy to work with so far.”

Izer's projected lineup – at least the one that recently played North Fayette Valley in a jamboree scrimmage in Monona – will be Busta, Kruse, as well as sophomores Cale Langreck, Jordan Kriener and Kaden Schmidt.

“That sophomore class – I've got a great lockdown man-to-man defender in there. I've got a guy who's full of energy and just won't stop,” John added.

The starters TV lost due to graduation from a year ago are seniors Oliver Schmitt (first team all-conference), Caleb Kurtenbach (honorable All-UIC), Russell Nieman and Braylen Byrne.

TV's newcomers will help fill the void. John Izer said he'll play eight or nine deep on his roster – at least that's the plan before the Christmas break rolls around.

“They're working hard. They want to be challenged. They're not whiny about what we're doing. They're asking for it,” said Izer. “We've got a good group.”

Trojan juniors Tucker Reicks and Alex

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Jan. 10	at Postville JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
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Jan. 31	at Clayton Ridge JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Feb. 4	at South Winneshiek JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Feb. 7	West Central JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.
Feb. 13	Class 1A Regional tourney begins	TBD

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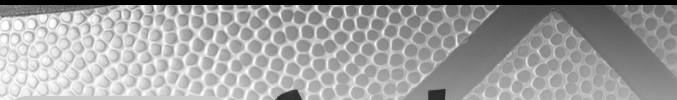


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Chickasaws open bowling season with sweep of Oelwein

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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With an extra bowler compared to the four they had last year, the Chickasaw girls bowling team broke a school record in the season opener at Viper Lanes in Oelwein last week Tuesday.

The New Hampton contingent of Sophia Rivera, Vanessa Snyder, Kassidy Meyerhoff, Zoey Dreckman and McKenzie Herzberg etched their names in the record books in the first meet of the season with a team total of 1,461 to the Huskies' 828. Don't be surprised if they re-break that team scoring record relatively soon.

"This year we actually have five girls now. It does make a huge difference," said New Hampton head coach Andy Aries. "Being able to bowl with five and not having to take a zero because of missing somebody is outstanding." Rivera, a junior, was meet medalist with a 213, followed by first-year roller

– freshman Vanessa Snyder (206). NH sophomore Kassidy Meyerhoff notched a 200 series and another first-year bowler in senior Zoey Dreckman came up with a 194. McKenzie Herzberg, a junior, tallied a 182. New Hampton's baker round produced a score of 466. "Two of my girls that just started

this year bowled very, very well for their first meet," said Aries. The NH boys, which return all their starters from a season ago, topped Oelwein 2,704 to 1,898. "Obviously, it could have been better but it was still a very good first

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NH/TV's Tate Schwickerath (above) competes against Clear Lake's Aiden Hippen at 157 pounds in a season-opening double dual at Calmar on Tuesday evening and the Chickasaw coaching staff (below) surveys the mat action.



Chickasaw wrestlers start season with quad sweep

NH/TV gets wins over Clear Lake, South Winn and Central, head to always-tough Independence tourney this weekend

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When you start to break down Matt Paulus' New Hampton/Turkey Valley lineup, you'll find plenty of bright spots that are waiting to bust out this winter and take their talent to another level. They've also got grit. The Chickasaws showcased some of that heart and determination in the season opener at Calmar on Tuesday – a quad versus the host South Winneshiek Warriors, Clear Lake and Central Community that NH/TV swept. Barely. NH/TV – with a horde of new faces out on the mat for 2024-2025 – slipped past Clear Lake, 43-42, by criteria (less forfeits). Then Paulus' perennial-power squad proceeded to shred Central Community (63-5), followed by a nice win over the host Warriors, 44-23. Obviously – especially early

on – the Chickasaws have plenty of room for improvement, but Paulus is eager to see his youthful squad mature and get better as the season starts to pick up steam. "Collectively, overall our guys were hungry to get some competition in. We talked about it afterwards, we're just a planted seed right now on how good we can get this season with these young guys," said Paulus. "I'm happy to see these guys grow and throughout the season I think they're going to really surprise people." Paulus' lower to middle-weights flexed their muscles as state qualifiers from a year ago – senior Braiden Schaufenbuel (132) and junior Jayden "Bucky" Bucknell (144) – each powered their way to three pins apiece to shine amidst the four-team fray. "We have a solid lineup with five or six guys in a row that really push each other in the room, so that helps a lot," said Paulus. "There's some serious talent there. They're a big spark plug for us for duals, especially giving up two weight classes. You've got to make up some hay somewhere." A newcomer to the lineup – freshman 120-pounder Dominick Reicks – worked his way to victory by two decisions and stuck Clear Lake's John Hamilton in 2:52.

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Hot Knights run past Chickasaws

Top of Iowa East power Mason City Newman pulls away for 82-38 win over New Hampton

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For those that didn't notice – the New Hampton Chickasaws led the Mason City Newman Knights at one point in each team's season opener on Monday night. Granted, that advantage Ryan Rausch's NEIC squad held was 5-4 roughly two minutes into the fray, but the point is his Chickasaws did some good things in Game No. 1 of the season – even in an 82-38 blowout loss. New Hampton could not survive an onslaught of points that erased its one and only lead in the first quarter and a devastating string of 15-consecutive points in the second period that took all of two minutes for the victorious Knights to accomplish. The Chickasaws never recovered after Reid Rausch's splash down from beyond the arc that trimmed Newman's lead to 20-15 with 7:22 to go before half. Then the Knights ratcheted up the pressure, turned the non-conference tussle into a track meet and shot 56 percent from the floor to make it a long evening for the Chickasaws – even with the 35-point continuous clock rolling. "I feel bad for our guys because they feel like they're snake-bitten a little," said Ryan Rausch, in his seventh year as



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune New Hampton's Caden Rochford (above) puts up a reverse layup while teammate Ethan Carter (below) drives the baseline during the Chickasaws' season opener Monday night.

Chickasaw head coach. "We'll have periods where we'll play real good and then it's just like this 16-0 run. We give up runs and we've got to try to find ways to stem that. We've gotta get a bucket. We gotta stop the pace

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supporting our businesses.”
The chamber director couldn’t help but laugh about her so-called curse.
“I’m serious, the Curse of Liz — our Christmas events always seem cold — was alive and well,” she said about a morning in which temperatures struggled to climb into double digits. “I don’t know what it is, but since I started, it’s cold. I swear I’m not doing it on purpose.”
The curse appears likely to extend through tonight’s (Thursday) Live Windows and Light Parade. The forecast is, in a word, blustery with temperatures in the teens.
“We have a lot of warming stations,” Zweibohmer said of the event that runs from 5 to 7 p.m. and includes the Light Parade at 5:30. “I can’t stress

that enough, and luckily, it’s been frigid the last two years and it didn’t seem to matter. People love this event.”
One highlight of Small Business Saturday was the official unveiling of the Festival of Trees, a contest in which 17 area non-profits decorated trees and residents can cast votes in the form of donations to the organizations.

Zweibohmer said the turnout Saturday at the New Hampton Municipal Utilities building was strong.

“It was really steady, and I don’t think we had any time when there wasn’t somebody in the building,” she said. “We got a lot of great comments on the contest and especially the trees. They’re just beautiful, and what was really nice about it is that we saw a lot of out-of-town people who were either



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Small Business Saturday participants check out the Festival of Trees at the NHMU building.

home for the holidays or here just to check out what we have to offer.”

The NHMU building will also be open tonight for voting, and the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 will be serving pork loin sandwiches

during Live Windows.

Zweibohmer said the post first thought about taking a freewill donation but instead is asking those who visit the NHMU to check out the trees — or just warm up — to donate to the

non-profit organizations.

“That’s so cool and we appreciate our veterans doing this,” she said, “and with the soup contest at [First Citizens Bank], you can fill up and warm up on both sides of downtown, right?”

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