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Hackman reclaims chair seat

Cerwinske one of two to nominate former chair, who wins position on 3-2 vote

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors elected a new chairman during its first meeting of 2025 this past Thursday morning, but he's not new to the job.

Board members voted 3-2 to have Jake Hackman lead them for the next calendar year, and he will replace Scott

Cerwinske, who represents the Nashua area, as the head of the board in what, for some courthouse observers, was a surprise.

Supervisor Steve Breitbach opened the nominations for chairman by nominating Cerwinske while board members Travis Suckow nominated Hackman. Cerwinske, though, showed his proverbial hand by also nominating Hackman.

Hackman, Suckow and Cerwinske all voted for Hackman while Breitbach and new District 4 Supervisor Issac Carter voted for Cerwinske.

Hackman is the longest tenured supervisor and won a third term to represent District 3 in this past November's election. He served as board chairman from 2018 to 2020. In 2021, the late Rick Holthaus won the chairmanship by a 3-2 vote over Hackman. A year

later, following Holthaus' death, Hackman withdrew from the chair- man race after the remaining four supervisors deadlocked between him and Matt Kuhn 2-2. In 2023, Kuhn was re-elected to the chairman's seat on a 4-1 vote over Hackman, and a year ago, Cerwinske won the chair- man's position with three votes while

Breitbach and Travis Suckow each received one. Hackman took over as chairman immediately after the vote Thursday.

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All good things must come to an end

New Hampton High School English teacher Rick Meisner (above) talks with his English 10 students during class while middle school students begin to fill up the lunch room on Monday morning.

While teachers and staff members headed back to work a week ago today (Thursday), students began the "second half" of the school year on Friday.

But here's a comforting thought for the kids who liked that almost two-week break from classes and homework: One hundred-thirty-four days from today, you'll be wrapping up the 2024-25 academic year.

Hey, we at least tried, right?

Bob Fenske/Tribune



Board agrees on raises for county's elected officials

Supervisors reach a consensus for wage increases ranging from 2.5 to 8 percent

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Chickasaw County's elected officials will receive pay increases ranging from 2.5% to 8% in fiscal year 2025-26, if a consensus reached by the Board of Supervisors Monday remains in place.

Supervisors also agreed to recommend to its four autonomous boards that they limit pay raises to its employees to 3%.

The consensus reached came after a discussion that was lively at times, especially when it came to increasing the salaries of the five supervisors.

The subject came up when New Hampton resident Terry Johnson, who frequently attends board meetings, wanted to know how the supervisor were going to "justify" pay increases, which they are required to do under a new law that allowed the county to disband its Compensation Board and have supervisors do that board's work.

That's when Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal went to bat for the Board of Supervisors.

"I don't think it's fair that we sit here year after year, and we push 0 percent increases on this board," Humpal said. "I mean this is the most important board we have in the county, and we have people sitting every year saying they should take no raise? That is not normal, nor is that realistic. I mean I don't understand that theory. You put these guys in uncomfortable situations and it isn't right."

Johnson, though, pressed his point about supervisors justifying their work, if you will, and County Attorney David Laudner said he believed that Monday's discussion that lasted for more than an hour was doing just that.

"There's nothing in the code that says that they have to give a written report and cite 18 things or anything," he said. "It's wide open. There's no precedent whatsoever on what they have to do. ... I think they're doing what they're supposed to be doing right now, during this discussion."

In past years, the county attorney, auditor, recorder, sheriff and treasurer each had one "representative" on the Compensation Board while the Board of Supervisors had two. The Comp Board would then make recommendations to supervisors, who could accept the wage increases recommended by the Comp Board

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City Council takes initial step on capital projects

After months of discussion, council members unanimously vote to take step to 'issue debt'

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The New Hampton City Council on Monday night took the first step in borrowing millions of dollars to fund future capital projects, but when — or even if — those projects will become a reality remain unanswered.

Council members unanimously approved a resolution "to direct city staff to initiate the proceedings with financial and

legal council to issue debt for a municipal corporate purpose."

For the past several months, city leaders have held numerous "committee as a whole meetings" — essentially work sessions — to discuss a number of capital improvement projects, but a decision on proceeding with the projects eluded them until Monday night.

Those projects range from street and utility improvements

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Two pretty good days!

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling coaches Josh Holthaus and Caleb Ciavarelli watch the action on the mat last Thursday at the Osage Invitational, and when the week was over, the coaches had plenty to celebrate.

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County moves forward on TIF with approval of two resolutions

After Bassett approves joint agreement, supervisors OK urban-renewal area, ability to capture increased tax revenue

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Chickasaw County leaders on Tuesday took the first step in capturing millions of dollars of tax-increment financing (TIF) that they would use for a variety of projects — ranging from road work to updating the Secondary Roads shop to constructing a new storage building for the Conservation Board to remodeling the current Sheriff's Office building and constructing a new

24-hour facility.

The two resolutions approved by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors — one designating an urban-renewal area and one allowing the county to capture increased tax collections from the Chickasaw Wind Farm — do not necessarily mean that all, or any, of the projects will become a reality.

They do, however, give supervisors the option to

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Reduced levy rate

Chickasaw County's General Basic tax levy rate will drop during 2025-26 fiscal year

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Another record

New Hampton's Kleen rolls a 288 as the Chickasaws pick up another win

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Trojan wins

Turkey Valley basketball teams pick up wins, albeit on different nights

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Photo courtesy of Noah Fenske
A fallen tree and power line block the road to the Illinois home of the author's son on Monday afternoon.

Lost notebook and an Illinois storm conjures up memories of '19

It was fortuitous to say the least that I found the old notebook on Monday afternoon.

It was also a reminder that one can have 29 notebooks on one's desk, which I do at my little home office, yet not a single one of them is the one I'm needing at that time.

With covering a Board of Supervisors meeting in the morning, a reffing gig early in the evening and covering a City Council meeting after running up and down the court and blowing a whistle, I decided Monday would be a good day working from home.

But for some reason, I couldn't find the notebook from Friday night's Turkey Valley basketball games.

Wait a minute, I thought to myself, didn't I put a couple of notebooks in the filing cabinet on Saturday?

I did, but not the one I needed. That, however, is not the point.

Back when I was semi-organized — emphasis on semi — I used to jot down events and meetings on the cover of my notebooks. As I searched in vain for the notes I took Friday when I covered a Turkey Valley-South Winneshiek double-header, I ran across notebooks from 2013, 2015, 2018 and 2019.

One caught my eye. Right there, on the cover, was jotted "Snow - 2019."

You remember that year, correct? We didn't get hardly a drop of snow until mid-January and then Old Man Winter came a calling and wouldn't leave. From Jan 19 to Feb. 27, New Hampton recorded 64.5 inches of snow. Throw in the polar vortex that hit us at the end of January and early in February and for a six-week period, our kids had more late starts and snow days than they had regular days.

I remember Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Keith Turner telling me, with tongue firmly planted in cheek, that "this is our 5,222nd day we've canceled."

But seriously, it felt like it; you know it's bad when my son Noah, who was a high school senior that crazy winter, woke up one day, was told "no school again" and with puppy-dog eyes, he replied, "I just want to go to school."

Trust me, those were seven words I never ever expected to hear from my youngest son.

Anyway, back to that notebook, one with "Snow - 2019" on the cover.

I opened it up and on the top of the page was written "Jay Jurens."

And the first words underneath the New Hampton and Turkey Valley superintendent's name were these: "This is all your fault."

As I looked at the notebook, it all came back to me.

You see, right before that first storm hit, I had written a story in the Tribune about the lack of snow days and late starts for area school districts.

Jurens pleaded with me not to tempt fate, but seriously, I thought, if I have that kind of power, why the heck am I still just a small-town newspaper editor? I needed a story, and as newspaper folks often do, we turn to the weather when we need to fill space.

One measly late start in the middle of January, at least back then, qualified as a story.

So a month or so later, when I called Jay for the ump-teenth time to ask him about all those missed days, he gave me a piece of his mind and I wrote it down.

"I told you not to write that story, and you see what you did to us? I may never talk to you again," he said with a laugh.

If I remember correctly — it was six years ago and my memory isn't what it used to be — I apologized profusely and we had a good laugh over my so-called weather powers.

As snowy and cold and windy as that six-week period was, those were good times. I especially enjoyed the part that came after the six-week Winter from Hell. That's when Jurens and school leaders extended the school day to make up for all that lost time. Noah, as a senior, decried the injustice of it all. He had to make up the snow days when Josh was a senior, so why shouldn't the younger students have to do the same during his senior year?

He lived. Or shall, I say he survived.

Fifteen minutes after I had put that "Snow - 2019" notebook away, my phone rang.

It was Noah, digging out — or maybe chipping out is a better way to put it — from the storm that battered much of Kansas and Missouri over the weekend.

Cambria, Illinois, where he and his fiancé live, only got 4 or 5 inches of snow, but it fell on top of a half of inch of ice that coated much of southern Illinois.

"We have no power, we can't drive to our house and we don't have heat," he said when I asked him for an update.

"Other than that, it's all good."

So I shared with him what I had just found in that notebook.

"I'm with Mr. Jurens; you sucked that year," he said.

Unlike Jay, I don't think he was joking.

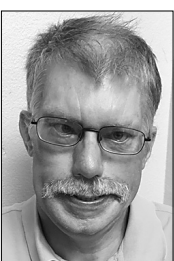
We talked for a little longer and finally he asked me if I had found the notebook I needed.

"Yep, it was in the back pocket of the pants I wore that night," I replied.

The good news is that the power is restored to the home Noah shares with Taylor. The bad news is that the school district Taylor works for has yet to return from the holiday break.

On Tuesday, she called me to tell me that there's a good chance the Red Devils won't be heading back to class until Friday. I asked her how she felt about that.

"I just want to go to school."



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New Hampton FFA chapter has strong start to year

We saw much growth and community involvement this past fall for our chapter. One of our favorite ways to get out in the community is our pedal pulls.

We had many successful ones this year all over Chickasaw County and wrapped up with a great turnout at St. Joe's fall festival.

It is always a thrill for us to see the enjoyment these kids have doing our pedal pulls.

Another successful event this year was our farmers markets. We had a few members work hard over the summer in the greenhouse learning how to manage and take care of the produce.

A new thing we tried this year was to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. During homecoming week, we raised money at our athletic events. We were able to raise a total of \$3,000. The proceeds were given to MercyOne and the Beyond Pink Team in Waterloo. We thank the community for the wonderful support we had.

We also spent a lot of time working for competitions. A team of Ben Douglas, Beth Pickar, William Klassen and Kelly Thronson placed second at districts for soil evaluation and were able to go onto state.

We also had a few teams compete at district dairy and use what they were learning in the classroom. Practices for our spring com-



Jake McDonald serves as the reporter of the New Hampton FFA chapter and he will share more updates on the chapter throughout the school year.

petitions have started and we can't wait to compete again.

At the end of October, we sent a group down to Indianapolis and take part in the 97th FFA National Convention. On the way down, they got to stop at many neat places such as the John Deere Pavilion in Moline, Illinois, and a dairy operation in Fair Oaks, Indiana.

While at the convention, our chapter members got to hear from speakers and take part in activities to help build leadership skills.

Our FFA Chapter had a very busy and exciting fall. We had a lot of fun in getting out into the community and supporting our town. We are truly grateful for the support we get.

This upcoming spring we will have many great things going on and it will be exciting to share that with you all!



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Where there's a will, there's also a way

New Hampton resident Danny Dietz won't let the fact that we've had little snow this winter stop him from building his giant snowmen. The man known for the giant snowmen that have inhabited his yard in the 100 block of North Walnut Avenue recently completed one that salutes the area's veterans, and he said he was able to build his latest creation thanks to a local business that allowed him to haul away much of the snowpile created when New Hampton received its only measurable snowfall of the season before Christmas.

Nashua Park Board to give Winterfest another go

By BOB FENSKE
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If you're not a fan of snow, forgive Nashua Park Board members like Nate Sinnwell because they're hoping to see some winter descend upon the area in the next two weeks.

The reason? The Park Board is going to give Winterfest another try in 2025 and announced this week that the annual event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Cedar View Park.

"Yes, we are praying for some snow," Sinnwell said last week, "but at the very least, we're going to be making a lot of ice in the next few days."

That is true.

Temperatures haven't been near the freezing mark since New Year's Day, when the high

temperature in Chickasaw County's second-largest city reached 32.

Snow, on the other hand, doesn't look too promising as there is little, if any, of the white stuff in the forecast for the next week or so.

But Park Board members are hopeful to get some kind of Winterfest celebration in after the 2024 event was canceled because warm temperatures made the ice on Cedar Lake iffy at best.

Sinnwell said a schedule for this year's event will be released later this week.

"After last year, we're hopeful Old Man Winter will help us out," he said, "but it's an event people have really liked in the past so we're going to give it a try."

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Jan. 5 1950 (75 years ago)

- Prices being paid for eggs at produce houses in New Hampton took a climb from a low of 23 cents to 27 cents on Tuesday but on Wednesday they dropped a cent to 26 cents.
- Prices on other grades were 21 and 19 cents. The market is far below what it was one year ago and much lower than it was three months ago.
- Total marriage licenses issued in Chickasaw County in 1949 ran 234 behind 1948 for a total of 1,165.
- This is due, no doubt, largely to the decrease in marriages at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, the famous marriage shrine.
- On the other hand, divorces in the county raised from eight in 1948 to 11 in 1949.

1975 (50 years ago)

- Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Idler of Ionia are the parents of the first baby of 1975 to be born at St. Joseph Community Hospital, they were presented \$200 in First Baby Bucks by the New Hampton Chamber of Commerce.
- Weighing eight pounds, four ounces and measuring 21 inches long, Todd Loyal is the Idler's first child, he arrived at 8:24 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2.
- A group of New Hampton grade school and junior high wrestlers, products of the combined New Hampton Community and New Hampton St. Joseph's mat program, were entrants in the Second Annual West High Pow-Wow Club Junior Wrestling Tournament held at Waterloo recently and five of the future Chickasaws came home with medals.
- Medalists from New Hampton were, Mike Diesburg, third; John Attleson, second; Ron Frantzen, fourth; Darrell Tank, second; and Lewis Hill, fourth. The competition attracted well over 300 entrants from Northeast Iowa in the classic.

2000 (25 years ago)

- The New Hampton Elementary School K-3 Music Program was the recipient of a Governor's Volunteer Award for 1999. The award was presented to Jean Swenson, K-3 music instructor, during a recognition ceremony held in Cedar Rapids.
- The program was nominated by the Department of Elder Affairs. Students from the elementary school have presented "sharing programs" at the New Hampton Senior Citizen Meal Site for the past several years. The senior citizens actively participate in several music activities with the children. Seniors also had come to the school to participate in the "World's Largest Concert" with students.
- Ross Marketing, a telemarketing firm, is opening a new facility in New Hampton in February. The president and CEO of the company is Brian Bunting who founded the company in 1996 with three workers.
- The company has rapidly expanded to 100 employees in Marion and a facility at Cedar Falls with 150 presently employed and soon to be expanded to 200. The company expects to open the New Hampton operation in February with about 65 employees and grow to 100 within two years. The facility operational manager will be Troy Sauter of Cedar Rapids, he will be moving to New Hampton.

2015 (10 years ago)

- A trio of former Chickasaws were welcomed home to the New Hampton gym by a packed house as they gave the home fans plenty to cheer about as all three won their matches in Upper Iowa's 40-9 victory over Wisconsin-La Crosse.
- Matt Paulus scored a first period pin at 133 that ignited the large New Hampton crowd, and Jordan Roths followed up with a 5-2 victory at 141 to push the Upper Iowa lead to 13-0. By the time Logan Hopp took the mat, Upper Iowa had the dual meet victory wrapped up, but Hopp came up with a 7-2 win.
- The trio of the former New Hampton wrestlers may be joined by a fourth as Matt Paulus' older brother, Chris, will in all likelihood take the mat for the Peacocks soon.
- After years of hard work the county is now the owner of property previously owned by Louie and Linda Hugh, which they bought from proceeds from the sale of the Price Wildlife Habitat. Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Brian Moore said the Price Wildlife Habitat was sold because the cost to maintain the land was going to be too much for the county.
- The Louie Hugh property, which will serve as the replacement property for the Price Wildlife Habitat land, was bought in three parcels and the final paperwork was signed on Jan. 2.

2020 (5 years ago)

- Alvin (Avey) Johnson is 91 years old and can still remember in detail the memories of his baseball career. Johnson is believed to be one of three New Hampton High School alumni to play organized professional baseball. The others are Duane Josephson, who played in the majors from 1965 to 1972 and was an all-star in 1968. Cole McDonald is the 2015 New Hampton graduate who pitched at Iowa and was drafted by the Houston Astros this past summer.
- Johnson's love of baseball started in middle school. At 15, he went with his older brother, Don, to a Cincinnati Reds tryout camp, he participated in a tryout, but after finding out he was underage at 15, Johnson was sent home.
- At 17, he started high school as a freshman, his sophomore year he started to grab people's attention as a pitcher. The New York Yankees signed him to play for their Class D team. Johnson was still underage and the Yankees were fined for signing him and sent him home.
- In 1948, the Chicago White Sox signed him up and Johnson played for the "South Siders" system affiliates between 1948-1952.
- He received a \$700 sign up bonus and \$150 per month. During the 1950 season the White Sox sold him to a minor league team in Canada as part of their pitching staff. At just 21 years old Johnson seemed poised for a professional baseball career, possibly the MLB, but his life took an unexpected return.
- After the 1950 season, Johnson was called to serve in the Army. As a tank driver during the Korean conflict, Johnson hurt his shoulder and ended his baseball career. Johnson took on a new role as a high school official in various sports. This past October, the New Hampton baseball program added his picture on the back of the press box at the park along with the pictures of Josephson and McDonald.

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It all adds up to baptism

Gospels are proof that we all see things from different persepctives

Last month I wit-
nessed a car accident.
No one got hurt, but
the vehicles did. I was
amazed that even driv-
ing slow can cause such
damage.

One of the drivers
called the police and
both drivers got out to
take photos for their
insurance while I sat in
my vehicle and waited
for the police to come.

I was able to give the
officer my version of the
accident, left my infor-
mation, and went on to
get my errands done.
The drivers and the offi-
cer thanked me for tell-
ing what I saw. I'm not

sure whether the driv-
ers had the same story
or not as I didn't stick
around to find out.

Have you noticed that
the four gospels have
different versions of the
same stories?

I'm guessing you have
or someone has told you
of this before. Isn't it
strange how a group of
people can see the same
incident from different
perspectives?

Is it what we focus on
... whatever catches our
eye? Perhaps.

That seems to be hap-
pening in the gospel this

week. Luke's version is
different than that of
Matthew and Mark –
Jesus is not baptized by
John in Luke because
John is in prison.

Jesus still gets bap-
tized, the heavens are
opened and the Holy
Spirit descended on
him in bodily form
like a dove, plus God's
voice proclaimed Jesus
beloved Son.

All the same results.

How good it is that we
can have different per-
spectives on the same
stories with mostly the
same outcomes – even
now in our time of



Pastor Sue Cira serves
Immanuel Crane Creek
Lutheran Church in rural
Lawler and is also a tran-
sitional pastor at Trinity
Lutheran in New Hampton.

beginning this new year
of 2025. I hope you all
have plenty of great sto-
ries to tell!

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your children, how much more will
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Luke 11:13

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Time for New Year’s Financial Resolutions

Now that the calendar has flipped, it’s time for some New Year’s resolutions. You could decide you’re going to exercise more, lose weight, learn a new skill, reconnect with old friends — the possibilities are almost limitless. This year, why not add a few financial resolutions to your list?

- Here are a few to consider:
- Reduce your debts. It may be easier said than done, but if you can cut down on your debt load, you’ll increase your cash flow and have more money available to invest for your future. So, look for ways to lower your expenses and spending. You might find it useful to use one of the budgeting apps available online.
 - Boost your retirement savings. Try to put in as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If your salary goes up this year, you’ve got a good opportunity to increase your contributions to these retirement accounts. And once you turn 50, you can make pre-tax catch-up contributions for your 401(k) and traditional IRA. You might also want to review the investment mix within your 401(k) or similar plan to determine whether it’s still providing the growth potential you need, given your risk tolerance and time horizon.
 - Build an emergency fund. It’s generally a good idea to maintain an emergency fund containing up to six months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as an expensive auto or home repair.
 - Keep funding your non-retirement goals. Your traditional IRA and 401(k) are good ways to save for retirement — but you likely have other goals, too, and you’ll need to save and invest for them. So, for example, if you want your children



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to go to college or receive some other type of post-secondary training, you might want to invest in a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan. And if you have short-term goals, such as saving for a wedding or taking an overseas vacation, you might want to put some money away in a liquid account. For a short-term goal, you don’t necessarily need to invest aggressively for growth — you just want the money to be there for you when you need it.

• Review your estate plans. If you haven’t already created your estate plans, you may want to do so in 2025. Of course, if you’re relatively young, you might not think you need to have estate plans in place just yet, but life is unpredictable, and the future is not ours to see. If you have already drawn up estate plans, you may want to review them, especially if you’ve recently experienced changes in your life and family situation, such as marriage, remarriage or the addition of a new child. Because estate planning can be complex, you’ll want to work with a qualified legal professional. You may not be able to tackle all these resolutions in 2025. But by addressing as many of them as you can, you may find that, by the end of the year, you have made progress toward your goals and set yourself on a positive course for all the years to come.

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County General Basic levy rate will drop in 2025-26

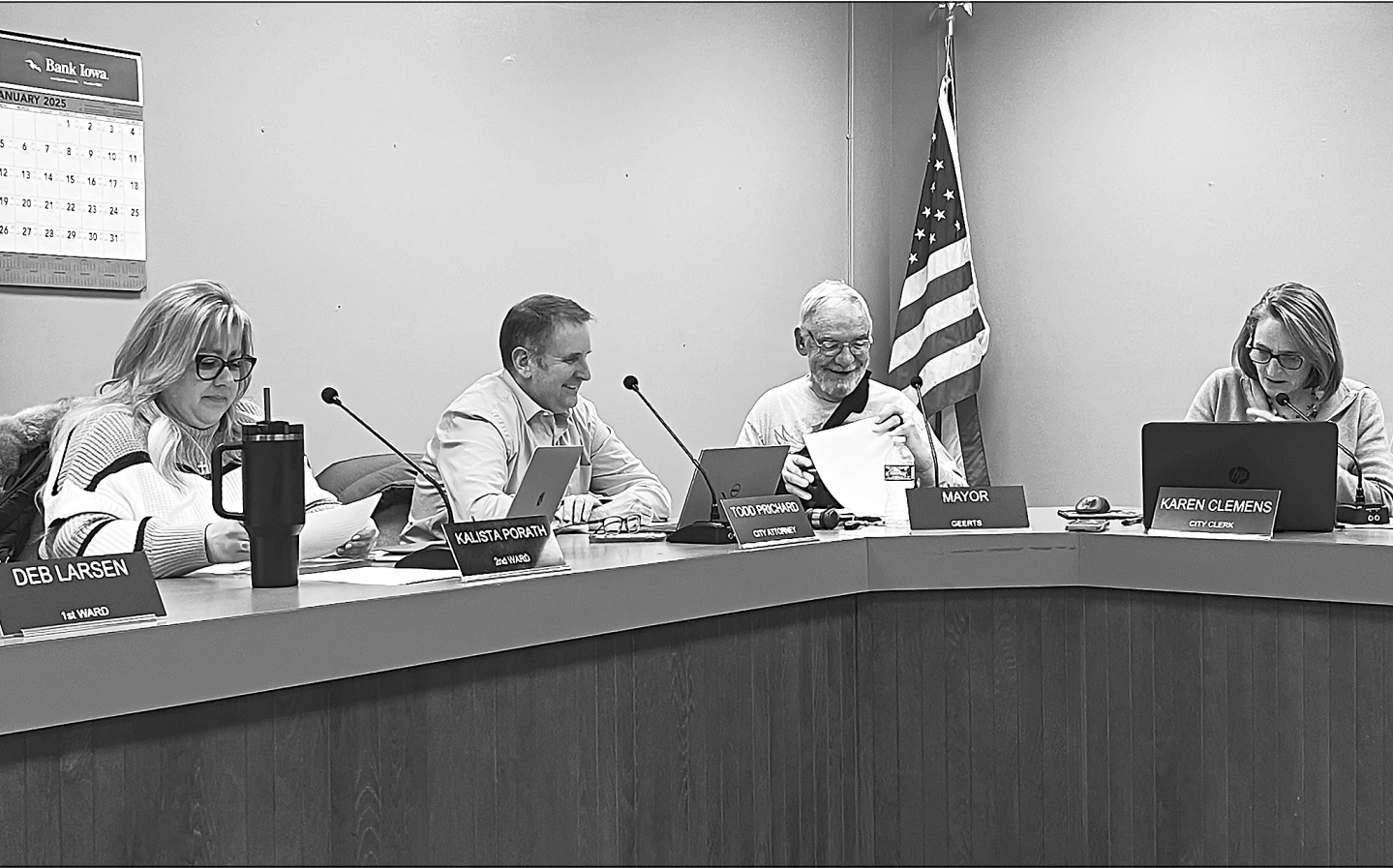
Because valuation increase by more than 3 percent, supervisors required under state law to cut GB rate by 2 percent

By BOB FENSKE
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Budget season began on Monday for the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, and although county leaders are months away from certifying its 2025-26 budget and tax levy, they know one thing for sure. The tax-levy rate for General Basic, one of three levy rates the board controls, will definitely drop in the fiscal year that begins July 1. Board Chairman Jake Hackman on Monday said that county officials have confirmed that valuations in the county increased by more than 3 percent, and that means a relatively new state law will come into play for the county. Basically, the law states that if valuations

increase by more than 3 percent, the levy rate, if at the maximum allowed by state law, must drop by 2 percent. Chickasaw County levied the maximum \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation for the 2024-25 fiscal year, which means the county must drop that rate by 2 percent in 2025-26. The good news is that the county, if it implements the maximum levy allowed by the law, will still receive more than \$68,600 in so-called “new money,” but Hackman also sounded a warning when it came to Rural Services Basic (RSB), saying that valuations in that levy had slightly declined. That means if the supervisors keep the same levy rate — \$3.52073 per \$1,000 valuation — that it had for this fiscal year in 2025-26, the county will collect about \$26,000 less in RSB property tax revenue.

“My goal is to keep the levy rate the same,” said Hackman, who took over as the supervisors’ chairman last week, “so if we’re going to do that, we’ve got our work cut out for us.” He pointed out that General Supplemental (GS) is not affected by the state law. A year ago, it was GS that was the main driver that saw the tax-asking for the three levies controlled by the supervisors increase by 14 percent. GS’s tax-asking went from \$1.08 million in 2023-24 to almost \$1.8 million in 2024-25, a jump of 66 percent. While the new state laws don’t have mandates for the GS levy rate, Hackman pointed out that GS funds can only be spent on certain items — ranging from employee benefits to elections to tort liability and property insurance.



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New Hampton City Attorney Todd Prichard and Mayor Steve Geerts (center) share a light moment during Monday’s meeting, the first of the year for city leaders.

Council takes the first step on capital projects

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

on four city streets to the extension of Garfield Street so that it connects with Western Avenue to the purchase of two new fire trucks to the purchase of new filters for the New Hampton Municipal Pool. “This is really just the first step of many,” City Clerk Karen Clemens said after Monday night’s meeting. “This gets the ball rolling a little.” During an hour-long committee as a whole meeting before Monday’s regular council meeting, city leaders looked over three financing scenarios to fund the projects, which would cost about \$12.53 million. City leaders discussed bonding for the entire amount; bonding for all the capital projects, save for one fire truck; and bonding for the projects without either of the two fire trucks.

In recent months, the council has also discussed the need to replace the city’s wastewater treatment plant — a \$28.5 million project that city leaders have said will be funded by revenue bonds — and the need to build more roads in the city’s south-side industrial park that would be funded by tax-increment financing. On the table Monday, though, were the following projects:

- The reconstruction of the city-owned Mikkelson Parking Lot, which is located just off the intersection of South Locust Avenue and East Spring Street and sits across the street from the New Hampton Police Department. That project, Public Works Director Casey Mai estimates, will cost around \$500,000.
- Street and utility improvements to stretches of Logan Street (\$2.12 million), East

Cleveland Street (\$1.24 million), South Broadway Avenue (\$2.63 million) and North Maple Avenue (just under \$680,000).

- The extension of Garfield from Croell Drive to Western Avenue, which would provide what Mai calls “adequate ingress and egress” if more housing is developed in the area, that would cost about \$1 million.
- The purchase of a new engine truck and a new tanker for the New Hampton Fire Department, which would total about \$1.96 million, which the city would be responsible for 59 percent and New Hampton and Dayton townships would pay the remainder.
- And the pool filters, which will cost a little more than \$100,000, that are vital to ensure that the pool can reopen. Parks and Recreation

Director Tara Hackman has told council members that the old filters were installed in 1999 and replacement parts are not available. She has also pointed out that the concern with the current filters “is not if they fail but when they fail.” Left unsaid on Monday night is just how much the City Council is willing to borrow and what projects will receive priority. Before they discussed the capital projects, council members took care of a number of organizational items during their first meeting of 2025. Among those included approving Mayor Steve Geerts’ appointments of Deb Larsen as mayor pro tem, Clemens as city clerk, Conrad Rosendahl as chief of police, Mai as public works director and Mai and Clemens as the city’s zoning administrators.

Supervisors still have plenty to say when it comes to using, or not using, TIF funds

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

proceed with the recommendations made by the county’s TIF Committee that were presented to the board earlier this year. Those recommendations called on the county to use the additional taxes for the following projects:

- Almost \$9.59 million for road projects for work on V18 from the south city limits of Alta Vista to the Chickasaw County line, reconstruction of North Linn and South Linn and two bridge replacements — one on 170th Street and one on B57.
- Up to \$750,000 for the replacement of the Conservation Board’s storage building located at 2456 Hickory Avenue.
- Up to \$1.6 million to undertake improvements and/or construct replacement buildings at the Roads Shop that is located at 1990 Mission Ave.

- And up to \$20 million for the renovation of the current Sheriff’s Office building and the construction of an adjacent new 24-hour holding facility. After the TIF Committee made its findings, Homeland Energy Solutions asked supervisors to include the ethanol plant located between Lawler and New Hampton in the urban-renewal plan so that it could receive almost \$1.18 million in TIF funding over a 10-year period for a \$40 million plant expansion. Supervisors did so and were expected to act on the two resolutions during a Dec. 9 meeting; however, that plan hit a snag because the city of Bassett had not held what is called a “consultation” meeting and had yet to approve a joint agreement that would allow the supervisors to move forward with the TIF plan.

Any cities within two miles of the proposed urban renewal area had to sign off on the plan, and that meant county leaders had to wait until Monday night’s Bassett City Council meeting to proceed. The morning after Bassett approved the joint agreement, supervisors moved ahead and approved the urban renewal area and the ability to use those TIF funds to finance projects. Board Chairman Jake Hackman reminded his fellow supervisors that Monday’s votes did not approve any projects and that the county now has until Dec. 1 to decide if it will use all of the TIF funds, some of the TIF funds or none of the TIF funds. Essentially, the county can capture the additional tax revenue from the 86 parcels of land affected by the Chickasaw Wind Farm, although there are

exceptions for items like taxing bodies’ debt service. Hackman was echoing the words of the county’s bond attorney, Jason Comiskey, who told supervisors during a September meeting that even after approving the resolutions they did on Monday that it didn’t mean the supervisors couldn’t opt out of using the TIF funds or that the projects within the area considered blighted or in need of economic development couldn’t change. “This is a planning document,” Comiskey said during that meeting. “It says we may use tax increment in the future so we’re authorizing it as an urban-renewal project. “It doesn’t mean you absolutely have to do the project. It doesn’t mean that you have to issue debt for it. It just means that you now have the general authority to do that in the future.”

Briefs

Conservation Board to hold ‘Full Moon Hike’ Monday

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will be hosting a Full Moon Snowshoe Hike at Twin Ponds this coming Monday, Jan. 13. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be held on the grounds of the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Conservation Board staff will fit those attending for snowshoes before heading out into the moonlit woods. “We’ll keep an eye out for tracks and other signs of animals,” said the press release by Naturalist Matt Crayne. “If there isn’t enough snow, we’ll just head out on foot. Make sure to dress for the weather.” This is a free event and no registration is required. Questions may be answered by calling 641-394-4714.

‘Lessons of the Holocaust’ set for Jan. 22 at New Hampton Library

Historian and former teacher Brad Wilkening will present the program “Lessons of the Holocaust” at the New Hampton Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. Wilkening took a continuing education class on the topic and it changed his life. He now speaks to schools and libraries reminding people of all ages to Never Stop Asking Why.

Lawler man faces criminal mischief charges in Fayette County

The Fayette County Sheriff’s Department last week announced that it had arrested a Lawler man after an investigation into multiple reports of property damage that were made in the Waucoma area during October and November.



Langreck

Luke Langreck, 19, was arrested on Saturday, Dec. 28, by Fayette County sheriff’s deputies and charged with criminal mischief in the second degree, which is classified as a D felony. According to a press release issued on Dec. 31, Langreck’s arrest came after the Sheriff’s Office had received reports of property damage ranging from multiple road signs to mailboxes to trash bins to Waucoma City Park property being destroyed. According to the criminal complaint, “it was determined that the defendant and an accomplice committed the acts and used a Red 2001 Ford F150 truck to commit the acts and that the damages to property totaled more than \$1,500. Langreck was transported to the Fayette County Jail, where he posted a \$500 bond and was released. His initial appearance in court was scheduled for Wednesday.



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Saturday	17	3	--
Sunday	15	6	--
Monday	22	5	--
Tuesday	21	4	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with slight chance of evening snow; high 26, low 17.
Friday: Partly sunny with a high of 27 and a low of 12.
Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 25 and a low of 18.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow; high 24, low 8.
Extended forecast: We'll start the work week off on the cold side as highs will be in the teens and lows will dip down to near 0.

Meetings

- MONDAY**
 - Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
 - New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunication Boards, 5 p.m., New Hampton Municipal Utilities.

History

- In 1768, Englishman Philip Astley stages the first modern circus in London.
- In 1972, the longest winning streak in major professional sports is snapped at 33 games when the Milwaukee Bucks, led by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 39 points, beat the Los Angeles Lakers, 120-104.
- In 1976, filming begins on the movie "Rocky," which becomes the first big hit for Sylvester Stallone.
- In 2001, Apple launches iTunes, a media player that revolutionized the way people consumed digital media.
- In 2007, Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs unveils the iPhone — a touchscreen mobile phone with an iPod, camera and Web-browsing capabilities, among other features — at the Macworld convention in San Francisco.

Birthdays

- Famed women's suffrage proponent Carrie Chapman Catt, who grew up in Charles City, was born in 1859.
- Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in 1913.
- Bob Denver, who played Gilligan on TV's "Gilligan's Island," was born in 1935.
- Princess of Wales Kate Middleton turns 43.
- American singer and songwriter Dave Matthews turns 58.
- Country singer Crystal Gayle turns 74.
- Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page turns 81.
- American folk singer Joan Baez turns 84.

Corrections

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

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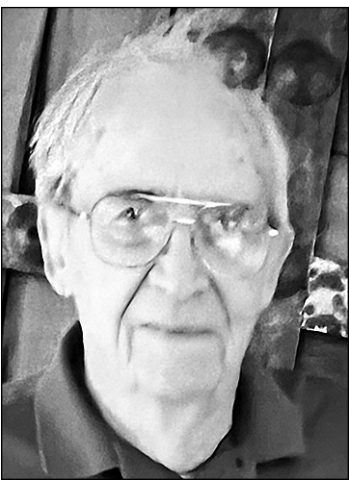
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Russell Duane Crandall, 96

Russell Duane Crandall, age 96, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025.
Visitation was from 1 to 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 7 at Iles Norwalk Chapel, with his memorial service at 2 p.m.
Russ was born April 10, 1928, in Freeport, Illinois, the son of Orla and Margaret (Penticoff) Crandall.
Following high school, he served in the U.S. Navy.
Russ was united in marriage with Bernette Darlene "Jackie" Armstrong on Feb. 10, 1951, in New Hampton. The couple moved to Norwalk in 1958.
Russ retired from Northwestern Bell in 1980. He enjoyed golfing, riding his motorcycle and traveling with Jackie.
Russ was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James; and sisters, Dorothy, Velda, Patricia, Genevieve and Phyllis.
He is lovingly remembered



Russ Crandall

by his wife, Jackie; children of his heart, Tim and Donna Ballard; grandchildren, Dillon (Ellaine) Ballard and Dallas (Tyler) Braughton; sister, Nancy Koenigsfeld; as well as friends and other relatives.
Online condolences are welcome at www.IlesCares.com.

William Dooly, 45

William Dooly, age 45 of Nashua, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at his home in Nashua, surrounded by family.
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.
Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Keith Speicher, 74

Keith Speicher, age 74 of Fredericksburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, at Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.
Arrangements are pending at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg.

Joanne Julia Winter, 88

Joanne Julia Winter, age 88 of New Hampton, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center surrounded by her family.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.
Interment will follow in the church cemetery.
Friends may greet the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a 6 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Monday at the church.

Deborah 'Deb' Koester, 65

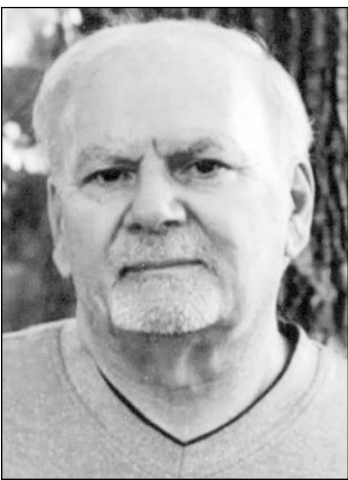
Deborah "Deb" Koester, age 65 of Alta Vista, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.
Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with arrangements.

Property Transfers

Jennifer Gilbert, Jennifer N. Gates, Anthony E. Gates and Anthony Gates to Jennifer N. Gates and Anthony E. Gates; NEW HAMPTON CAREFREE FIRST ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 2.
WJ3 Unlimited LLC to Gary J. Gorman TR, Gary J. Gorman LIV TR, Julianne M. Gorman TR and Julianne M. Gorman LIV TR; PARCEL C EX PARCEL E IN PARCEL C N1/2 SW 29-96-12 PARCEL E IN PARCEL C N1/2 SW 29-96-12 PARCEL B EX PARCEL 2020-14 IN PARCEL B S1/2 NW 29-96-12.
Isaac B. Chambers and Isaac Chambers to Mason W. Hyde and Madalyn P. DeBoer; NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION Lot: 3 Block: B.
Richard P. Shindelar and Darlene M. Shindelar to Richard P. Shindelar TR, Darlene M. Shindelar TR, Richard P. Shindelar TRUST AGMT and Darlene M. Shindelar TRUST AGMT; N1/2 NW 36-97-11.
Richard P. Shindelar and Darlene M. Shindelar to Allan R. Shindelar and Kathryn K. Shindelar; S1/2 SE 28-97-11.
Alex R. Lukes to Dustin T. Kroening; N4R L5 E1/2 SW 07-97-12.
Mark J. Andera and Calee E. Andrea to Alex R. Lukes and Madison S. Stoffregen; PT NE 27-96-12 PT SE 27-96-12
Bobbie Jo Marie Powers to Paul Michael Powers; PARCEL 2022-59 SW SW 07-95-12.
Leann M. Reusch Prock TR, Leann M. Reusch Prock TR and Evelyn E. Reusch Trust to Walter W. Wendland and Janet A. Wendland; EX N520' W400' NW 24-94-14.
William Joseph Sinnwell Sr.. William J. Sinnwell Sr. and William J. Sinnwell to Kent Ackerson, Eva Ackerson and William Joseph Sinnwell Sr. LE; PARCEL L OF N1/2 INCLUDING N33' PARCEL M IN NESENW 16-94-14 PARCEL H OF N1/2 16-94-14.
Daniel B. Merkel and Colleen Merkel to Reece Ray Knoploh and Emma Lu Knoploh; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST E1/2 SE 25-94-11.
Amy E. Merkel and J. Michael Merkel to Reece Ray Knoploh and Emma Lu Knoploh; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST E1/2 SE 25-94-11.
Bobbie Jo Marie Powers to Paul Michael Powers; PARCEL 2022-59 SE SW 07-95-12.
Dennis Westervelt CO TR, Ricky Westervelt CO TR, Buddy Westervelt IRREV TR and Lois Westervelt IRREV TR to Gary J. Gorman TR, Gary J. Gorman LIV TR, Julianne M. Gorman TR and Julianne M. Gorman LIV TR; S1/2 EX PARCEL B NW 29-96-12 N1/2 EX PARCEL C 29-96-12.
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The family of Wilfred Walz would like to extend our gratitude to all of you for your kindness and support for our family after his passing. We are grateful to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home for their expertise, kindness, and compassion during this time. A special thanks to Fr. Goerend, Decon Vic, and all who made the service special. Thanks to the ladies for the wonderful lunch. Thanks to New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation for the kindness, care, and compassion they provided. Thanks to Cedar Valley Hospice for all their care and compassion. Thanks to all the family of Wilfred Walz.

Michael 'Mike' Troyna, 71



Mike Troyna

Michael "Mike" Troyna, age 71 of New Hampton, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2024, at his home of natural causes.
A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.
Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there was a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Friday.
Michael Francis Troyna, affectionately known to all as Mike, departed this world on Dec. 27, 2024, at the age of 71. Born in New Hampton on July 17, 1953, the son of Edward and Naomi (Williams) Troyna, he was a lifelong resident of the town that he loved and where he passed away surrounded by the warmth of family and memories.

Mike was the quintessential hometown boy, Mike excelled in his favorite sport, football, graduating from New Hampton High School in the class of 1971.
His life took a serendipitous turn while working at Fleet Farm, where he met his future wife, Shirley Ingalls, as she sought assistance one fateful day. Their love blossomed, leading them to exchange vows at The Little Brown Church in Nashua on Nov. 3, 1973. Together, they set down roots in New Hampton and started a family.
Professionally, Mike was a highly respected mechanic, dedicating 45 years of service to Gilbert Oil – Duane's Service and Repair and Stone Ford in New Hampton. His expertise as an ASE-certified mechanic was legendary and was a Ford Master Mechanic, with an uncanny ability to diagnose car troubles with a mere listen.
His talents were not limit-

ed to the garage; Mike, alongside his family, embarked on an entrepreneurial journey with the acquisition of Poor Richard's Restaurant. There, he was the jack-of-all-trades, from repairing equipment to crafting pizzas to handling deliveries. He was the business's bedrock until the family sold it in 2019.
Mike's zest for life was evident in his passions. Anything with a motor and the potential for speed captured his heart. He thrived on the thrill of riding snowmobiles and motorcycles, and the adrenaline rush of drag racing. His love for speed was more than just a hobby, it was a way of life.
Away from the roar of engines, Mike found serenity in fishing, particularly during the annual family excursion to Leech Lake in Minnesota. He had an uncanny knack for finding "the same old spot" that never failed to yield a bountiful catch, much to the delight and sometimes amazement of his family.
A man of simple pleasures, Mike enjoyed the camaraderie of playing cards, the excitement of watching football and the joy of engaging with his grandchildren, cherishing every moment spent with them. His interest in their lives was genuine and unwavering, and his presence at their activities was a source of encouragement and pride.

Marlene C. May, 84



Marlene May

Marlene C. May, age 84 of Charles City and formerly of New Hampton, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.
Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with her brother, the Rev. Larry Chapin, presiding.
Interment will be in the Fremont Cemetery, Tripoli.
Friends may greet the family from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.
Marlene was born Sept. 10, 1940, the second child of Lynn and Rosemary (Glasgow) Chapin. Marlene was delivered by a midwife in the home of her grandparents, William Densmore and Rosetta (Bennett) Chapin, in rural Bremer County. Marlene was one of nine children and was a mother figure to her seven younger siblings.
During high school, she also worked at Holley's as a waitress. After she graduated from the New Hampton High School in 1959, she went to work at Shield Bantam in Waverly for four years.
Marlene met Allyn Buenger at a dance in Janesville. They were married on June 25, 1961, at the Congregational Church in New Hampton.
Allyn and Marlene farmed on the Buenger family farm in rural Tripoli, raising chickens, goats and milking cows. Marlene and Allyn had struggles in being able to have a baby. They were delighted when she became pregnant in 1966. But unfortunately, she miscarried when she fell on ice. Allyn and Marlene were able to have a son, Brent Allyn Buenger, born Aug. 3, 1967.
Marlene sewed their own clothes and even made a matching outfit for Brent and herself.
Later Allyn got his pilot license and began running the Oelwein airport, from which the family moved to the airport apartment. Marlene and Allyn separated, and Marlene was left with no car, no job and raising

Brent.
Marlene walked to Luigi's Restaurant and Lounge and got a waitress job earning \$1 an hour. This barely covered a babysitter for Brent. Marlene's father did get Marlene an old green Ford car to drive.
Marlene applied at the new Sara Lee plant and was one of the first nine hired at the New Hampton plant. Marlene and Brent moved to New Hampton in 1972. Marlene worked at Sara Lee for 28 years until they closed the New Hampton plant in 2000 and moved it to Tarboro, North Carolina.
Marlene met Russell May at church, where they both attended the Methodist Church in New Hampton. Marlene said Russ was an usher at church and when he passed the offertory plate, Marlene was checking him out and ended up placing her entire wallet in the plate. Their relationship grew from there. Marlene and Russell May were married on Oct. 8, 1977, at the Methodist Church in New Hampton. Russell and Marlene did not have any children together, but Russell was a good step-father to Brent.
Marlene was so happy when Brent and Jennifer (Wheeler) were married on Aug. 5, 2001, in Colorado. Marlene always dreamed of being a grandmother and her wish was granted with the birth of Bode Allyn Buenger on Sept. 8, 2010.
Brent, Jen and Bode are the joy of Marlene's life. She always looked forward to their talks on

the phone, and visits, whether it was Marlene flying to Arizona to visit, or in the later years, of them coming to Iowa to visit.
Marlene had exquisite taste, the more bling the better. She did not look her age, and she always dressed well when going out. She always needed to have her lipstick. Marlene did not know the meaning of casual attire.
Marlene baked wonderful desserts, prepared beautiful flower arrangements and was a friend to many.
Marlene loved to send Bode, Brent and Jen monster cookies, many times shipping them as she knew how much Bode loved her cookies. Many times, with the help of Rosalyn.
She was very much a cat person, and she was lost after her cat Mitzu passed. But with her lung cancer and COPD, it was best that she didn't have a pet in the house.
Marlene was a member of the Red Hat Society, along with many of her sisters. It was appropriate as Marlene's favorite color was Purple and she loved fancy hats.
Marlene made many trips to Mason City for doctor's appointments after her cancer diagnosis and was always dressed to the max. All the staff loved seeing Marlene as she was cheerful and witty, sometimes she even liked to flirt.
Marlene is survived by her son, Brent (Jennifer) Buenger, and her grandson, Bode Buenger of Vail, Arizona. She is also survived by her siblings. Carol (Tom) Bruch, Marion, Esther (Cy) Burlage, Cedar Falls, Rosalyn (Melvin) Miller, Ionia, AJ (Kelly) Meyer, Decorah, Steve (Virjean) Chapin, New Hampton, Cindy Helle, Cedar Rapids, and Larry (Mary) Chapin, Nebraska City, Nebraska; and several nieces and nephews.
Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, Lynn and Rosemary Chapin; her sister, Mary Rowley; brothers-in-law, Kenny Rowley, Bob Helle and Dale Borlaug; and her first husband, Allyn William Buenger.

Cowboy Poetry gearing up for a big weekend later this month in Lawler

The Lawler Lions Club will hold its annual Cowboy Music, Humor & Storytelling event — better known as Cowboy Poetry — on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25.
It's the 19th year for the event, with this year's funds to benefit the Chickasaw County Firefighters' Association Honor Guard.
Organizers are asking for a \$30 donation for the bash, which includes a Swiss steak dinner.

Only advance tickets are sold, they are available at Bank Iowa, Fidelity Bank & Trust, Luana Savings Bank, First Citizens Bank and Security State Bank.
Shows each day are at 7:15 p.m., with the meal at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.
For more information call Carla Dreckman at 563-238-3861 or email carla.dreckman@yahoo.com.

Iowa’s income tax drops to single 3.8% rate this year

BY ROBIN OPSAHL
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa’s latest reduction of income tax rates has gone into effect for 2025.

The law, signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds in May 2024, lowers individual income tax rates from 5.7% in 2024 to a single 3.8% rate. It will give Iowa the sixth-lowest income tax rates among the 41 states that have the tax, according to the Tax Foundation. The measure built on a 2022 law that moved the state’s individual income tax to a 3.9% single rate by 2026.

However, the change in taxation will have a significant impact on the state’s budget. The Iowa Revenue Estimating Conference projected in December that the state will collect an estimated \$600 million less in revenue this fiscal year compared to last year.

Republicans, who hold a trifecta of control at the Iowa State Capitol with supermajorities incoming for both chambers, have said they do not think the loss of revenue will impact the Legislature’s ability to fund vital services.

House Speaker Pat Grassley said in a December interview with the Iowa Capital Dispatch that Republican leaders set mechanisms in place to draw

on existing state funds to make up for potential shortfalls while adjusting to the new tax system. Those funds include \$3.75 billion now in the Taxpayer Relief Fund, as well as the state’s \$2 billion budget surplus and \$961 million in reserve accounts.

Though Democrats have criticized the use of one-time funds to make up for permanent changes to the state’s taxing system, Grassley said the Taxpayer Relief Fund was created to help “equalize revenue” while lowering taxes – and this use of funds does not signify the state spending beyond its means.

“We have a very sustainable path to be able to withstand any of those unforeseen things due to our tax policy that we’ve had,” Grassley said. “... But I think the one thing we have to be smart about is not utilizing those just to fund new growth within state spending on ongoing programs.”

Senate Minority Leader Janice Weiner said using these funds to finance tax cuts could put the state in a bad position if an economic downturn like the 2008 financial crisis were to occur.

“That’s not the way to run a responsible budget,” Weiner said. “If I’m personally not bringing enough in in my salary

to pay my bills one month and I have to dig into my savings, that money is not there anymore when I really have an emergency. And (that’s) going to be the same thing for the state.”

Though most laws passed in 2024 took effect in July, several measures went into effect Jan. 1.

Here are a few of the other changes to Iowa law that begin in 2025:

- Postpartum Medicaid coverage: Beginning this year, new Iowa mothers will be able to stay on Medicaid coverage for a year – a significant increase from the 60 days previously offered under Iowa law. However, fewer mothers will be eligible for the coverage under the new state law.
- The state measure extended postpartum Medicaid coverage through provision allowed under a 2021 coronavirus pandemic emergency plan signed by President Joe Biden.
- However, the Iowa Legislature added an income limit, restricting the coverage to families with incomes at or below 215% of the federal poverty line – a more restrictive cap than required under the federal funding plan.
- While Democrats argued that the law should keep coverage available at 375% of

the federal poverty line limit, as was previously allowed for postpartum Medicaid coverage, Republicans said the higher income limit would come at a cost of \$6.2 million.

The nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency estimated in March the income limit changes would disqualify 1,300 mothers and 400 babies each month who were previously eligible for postpartum Medicaid coverage through the program.

- Vehicle registration, title fees: Iowa drivers seeking to

register and title their vehicles will see higher costs compared to previous years under House File 674, a law signed in May 2024.

The law includes a \$10 increase to the fees for new vehicle registrations, issuing certificates of title for vehicles and for replacement copies of vehicle titles.

The law also includes higher fees for those applying for a new title while transferring a vehicle or applying for certificates of title for foreign registered vehi-

cles from a dealer.

Many of these higher fees will be retained for deposit by local county treasurers for the county’s general fund.

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Iowa PBS to air documentary on Antiques Roadshow’s visit to Iowa

The national PBS series Antiques Roadshow chose Living History Farms in Urbandale as one of their places to visit in 2024.

“Behind the Scenes at Antiques Roadshow Iowa,” a special program from Iowa PBS, takes viewers behind the scenes to discover how the hit show comes to life by meeting the producers, appraisers, volunteers and most importantly the guests that make the show possible.

This 30-minute documentary will premiere Monday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. and be rebroadcast on Monday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. It will also be available to stream on iowapbs.org and on the PBS app.

“It was amazing to see how excited people were to share their most treasured items,” said Iowa PBS Senior Producer and Director Theresa Knight. “Their stories were fascinating and our team felt honored to share in the

experience.”

After months of reviewing the footage, Antiques Roadshow has created three episodes from the thousands of appraisals completed that day.

Iowa PBS will host a premiere screening of “Behind the Scenes at Antiques Roadshow Iowa” and sneak peek clips of the national Antiques Roadshow episodes filmed at Iowa PBS on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.

Special guests include senior producer for Antiques Roadshow, Sam Farrell and appraisers Lark Mason Jr. and Lark Mason III. Following the screenings and discussion, a reception with special antiques, artifacts and items from Iowans will be on display and light refreshments will be served.

Registration is free but required by going online to iowapbs.org/events.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE INTEREST OF
A.L.,
A Child.
JUVENILE NO. JVJV000923
ORIGINAL NOTICE
TO: Augustine Lopez
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition in the above-entitled action, which prays the child in interest, be found to be a child in need of assistance. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is David Laudner and whose address is 5116 South Linn Avenue, PO Box 189, New Hampton, IA 50659.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that an adjudicatory hearing to determine whether the child in interest is a child in need of assistance as alleged in the Petition pursuant to Iowa Code 232.96 shall be held before the Juvenile Court on the 6th day of January, 2025 at 1:30 o'clock P.M. in the Courtroom of the Chickasaw County Courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a parent, guardian or custodian in a child in need of assistance proceeding has the right to be represented by counsel at all hearings subsequent to the filing of a Petition. If you wish to privately retain counsel, you should immediately notify the attorney of these proceedings. If you desire representation but you cannot afford to hire and attorney, you should immediately contact the Clerk of the above-named Court and request from and file with the Clerk an Application for Appointment of Counsel and Financial Statement. If you are determined to be indigent, the Court may appoint counsel for you at minimal or no cost to you.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that upon your request, the Clerk shall issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers at the adjudicatory hearing.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the adjudicatory hearing may take

place without your presence if you fail to appear after reasonable notification. If you wish to state your views to the Court, you must appear in person or by attorney or the Court may rule against you.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in the event the Court places a child in foster care, the child’s parent or guardian may be liable for all or a portion of the cost of foster care. Foster care includes all out-of-home placements except the State Training School at Eldora or the Mental Health Institute at Independence. The Iowa Department of Human Services will notify you of the amount of any recommended parental liability for the cost of foster care and there exists an administrative procedure if you object.
Note: The attorney who is expected to represent the child’s parent should be promptly advised by the parent of service of this notice.
If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (319) 833-3332. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942). Disability Coordinators cannot provide legal advice.
THIS CASE HAS BEEN FILED IN A COUNTY THAT USES ELECTRONIC FILING.
You must register to eFile through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at <https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile> and obtain a log in and password for filing and viewing documents in your case and for receiving service and notices from the court.
• For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 Pertaining to the Use of the Electronic Document Management System, available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.
• For court rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16.
• If you are unable to proceed electronically, you must receive permission from the court to file in paper. Contact the clerk of court in the county where the

petition was filed for more information on being excused from electronic filing.
Iowa Judicial Branch
Case Title A.L.
Case No. JVJV000923
County Chickasaw
You must file your Appearance and Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch eFile System, unless the attached Petition and Original Notice contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless the court has excused you from filing electronically (see Iowa Court Rule 16.302).
Register for the eFile System at www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile to file and view documents in your case and to receive notices from the court.
For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules at www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/CourtRulesChapter/16.pdf.
Court filings are public documents and may contain personal information that should always be kept confidential. For the rules on protecting personal information, refer to Division VI of chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules and to the Iowa Judicial Branch website at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/representing-yourself/protect-personal-information/.
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20/20 FX LLC, DATA PROC SVCS/ EQUIP/SVC BLOCK FEES-DATA PROC/EMS/911/ASSR..... 8,408.75
ACES, DATA SVCS-SHERIFF. 189.00
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. WIND FARM URP/NOV’24 HR SVCS-ADMIN SVCS/CRTHS..... 5,133.22
AIRGAS, INC., OXY CYL RENTAL-EMS..... 167.62
ALLIANT ENERGY, INTERSECTION LIGHTING-SEC RDS 37.44
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, UNIFORMS/OFFICE EQUIP-SHERIFF 390.45
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ATCO INTERNATIONAL, CUST SPLS-GEN SVCS 280.85
BLACK HAWK MITIGATION LLC, MITIGATION CREDITS/LAND IMPROVEMENTS-SEC RDS..... 14,160.00
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CENTURY LINK, PH SVC-911 33.95
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CHICKASAW CO FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, MEMBERSHIP DUES-EMA 100.00
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IMB-EMS 26.99
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HENRY ADKINS & SON INC, ANNL LICENSE FEES FVS/FVT/OVCS/ OCS-ELECTIONS 10,515.00
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HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF, SERVICE FEE-CLERK OF COURT 33.00
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LAWSON PRODUCTS INC., ELEC PARTS/SPLS-SEC RDS 279.25
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STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER, AUTOPSY FEE-MEDICAL EXAMINER 2,810.24
TRAVIS SUCKOW, MTG MLG REIMB-BOS..... 188.94
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WINDSTREAM CORPORATION, PHONES-911..... 278.48
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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES January 2, 2025

The Board convened on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 9:03 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski and Hackman 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 Board Secretary Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, and Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Cerwinski requested nominations for Chairperson for calendar year 2025. Breitbach nominates Cerwinski for Chair.

Suckow nominates Hackman for Chair.

Cerwinski nominates Hackman for Chair.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to cease nominations for Chairperson.

Roll Call: Breitbach voted Cerwinski. Carter voted Cerwinski. Suckow voted Hackman. Hackman voted Hackman. Cerwinski voted Hackman.

Motion carried. Jacob Hackman will be Chairperson for calendar year 2025.

Hackman requested nominations for Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2025.

Suckow nominates Cerwinski for Vice-Chair.

Breitbach nominates Breitbach for Vice-Chair.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to cease nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Roll Call: Breitbach voted Breitbach. Carter voted Breitbach. Cerwinski voted Cerwinski. Suckow voted Cerwinski. Hackman voted Cerwinski.

Motion carried. Scott Cerwinski will be Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2025.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for January 2, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from December 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve Chickasaw County Sheriff’s mileage rate (\$.70) and civil fees notice for services. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve and authorize the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors

Chairperson Jacob Hackman to sign and represent the Chickasaw Board of Supervisors with the Farm Service Agency. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to appoint the custodians of the following buildings in compliance with the Code of Iowa: Courthouse: Auditor under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. Community Services Building: Board of Supervisors and Auditor. Law Enforcement Building: Board of Supervisors and Sheriff. Heritage Center: Board of Supervisors. LEMC (Law Emergency Management Commission) Building: Board of Supervisors. Twin Ponds Nature Center: Chickasaw County Conservation Director, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Building: Board of Supervisors. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hackman, per policy, made the following 2025 committee appointments: COMMITTEE, APPOINTED, ALTERNATE

911 Service Board, Issac Carter, Scott Cerwinski

Emergency Management Commission, Jacob Hackman, Issac Carter

Eastern Iowa Tourism Association, Liz Zweibohmer, Steve Breitbach

First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services, Steve Breitbach, Travis Suckow

Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Decartorization Board, Steve Breitbach, Jacob Hackman

Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County Landfill, Scott Cerwinski, Steve Breitbach

F-M-C Community Empowerment Board/ F-M-C Early Child of Iowa, Issac Carter, Travis Suckow

County Social Services, Jacob Hackman, Travis Suckow

Heartland Insurance Risk Pool 28-E Agreement Representative, Scott Cerwinski, Auditor

Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan Board (IGHCP) Representative, Travis Suckow, Issac Carter

INRCOG Regional Transit, Scott Cerwinski, Travis Suckow

INRCOG TEA 23, Scott Cerwinski

Travis Suckow, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, Scott Cerwinski, Travis Suckow

Iowa Northland Regional Housing Council, Scott Cerwinski, Travis Suckow

Iowa Northland Regional Housing Authority, Scott Cerwinski, Travis Suckow

Juvenile Detention First and Second Judicial District 28-E Agreement, Travis Suckow, Jacob Hackman

Northeast Iowa Community Action Program, Steve Breitbach, Issac Carter

Pathways & Cedar Valley Mental Health, Issac Carter, Travis Suckow

Resource Enhancement and Protection, Steve Breitbach, Scott Cerwinski

Turkey River Watershed Project, Travis Suckow, Steve Breitbach

Cedar River Watershed Project, Scott Cerwinski, Issac Carter

Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Project, Steve Breitbach, Jacob Hackman

Northeast Iowa Resource, Conservation & Development, Travis Suckow, Issac Carter

Cedar Valley Resource, Conservation & Development, Issac Carter, Steve Breitbach

Northeast Iowa Response Group, Scott Cerwinski, Jeff Bernatz

Workforce Development, Travis Suckow, Steve Breitbach

Courthouse Security Committee, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson

Hotel-Motel Committee, Issac Carter

Jacob Hackman,

Emergency Food & Shelter, Jacob Hackman, Scott Cerwinski

Cedar Lake Improvement Council, Scott Cerwinski & Travis Suckow

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION NO. 01-02-25-01 PRIOR PAYMENT OF BILLS, WHEREAS, at certain times it is necessary to pay bills prior to an official Board of Supervisors meeting in order to allow for the efficient operation of county government. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, that the County Auditor is authorized to issue warrants when said Board is not in session for the following purposes provided for in Iowa Code Section 331.506(3) and that all bills paid pursuant to this resolution shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at the first meeting following such payments. 1. For the fixed charges including, but not limited to, freight, express, postage, utilities, telephone service or contractual services previously approved by the Board of Supervisors, after a bill is filed with the Auditor. 2. For salaries, payrolls and payroll taxes if the compensation has been fixed or approved by the Board of Supervisors, under whose direction or supervision the compensation is earned. PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of January 2025. /s/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski. /s/Attest: Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to temporarily designate the New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter as the official county newspapers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. After discussion, motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach, to direct Audi-

tor to send a letter to the newspapers, who desired to be selected as an official county newspaper, requesting additional information of yearly subscribers living within Chickasaw County. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to set regular Board of Supervisors’ meetings every Monday to convene at 9:00 AM in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Courthouse. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to set the mileage reimbursement at 70 cents/mile (\$.70) and to set per diem meal reimbursements not to exceed the \$50.00 per day for outside Chickasaw County limits with the procurement of a detailed receipt. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to set the Precinct Election Official (PEO) wage at \$15.00/hr and mileage rate at 70 cents/mile (\$.70). Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Roman Lensing as County Engineer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to appoint Keith Elenz as Veterans Affairs Administrator. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to place the Eminent Domain Compensation Commission list on file at the Chickasaw County Auditor’s Office and letters will be sent to appointed residents. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to appoint Chad Humpal as Weed Commissioner. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to appoint Chad Humpal as Landfill Manager. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to designate Karen Henry with Northeast Iowa Community Action as General Relief Director per 28-E Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Hackman-CSS email

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to adjourn at 9:50 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Donna Geerts, Secretary to the Board

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES DECEMBER 30, 2024
The Board convened on Monday, December 30, 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 Board Secretary Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Terry Johnson, Issac Carter, Custodian Dave Gorman, and EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for December 30, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for December 23, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed openings on the Magistrate Appointing Committee (1) and Civil Service Commission (2). No applications were received. Magistrate Skilton’s term’s is up July 2025, so a person should be appointed soon to the Magistrate Appointing Committee.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to appoint Todd Warnke to the Benefited Fire District (Stapleton Township) (three-year term) starting January 1, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

No applications received for the Planning and Zoning Commission (City of New Hampton). Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to appoint Jacob Hackman to the Planning and Zoning Commission (City of New Hampton) five-year term expiring June 30, 2028. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Terry Johnson asked if Supervisor Cerwinski was going to pay the money back from the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Landfill stipend. Cerwinski stated he was not going to pay it back until after the first meeting of next year. Supervisor Kuhn thanked all who supported him in the last four years. Kuhn was thanked for his service and leadership.

Discussed water damage from December 5th water pipe break at the Heritage Center. Servpro will start the demo on January 2, 2025 and it will take

about two weeks. Blackhawk Automatic Sprinklers will have to do some additional work to temporarily remove and reinstall some sprinkler heads.

Two proposals were opened for removal of the walk-in cooler at the Heritage Center. Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating Inc- \$2,700.00 and Stanton Electric - \$2,743.00. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to hire Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating Inc at \$2,700.00 to remove and dispose of walk-in cooler. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried. Work will be started December 31, 2024.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$76,705.99. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior bills in the amount of \$837.56. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve payroll check date December 27, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments: Supervisor Breitbach followed up on how much the cities contribute to Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation.

No budget discussion.

Recessed: 9:24 AM. Resumed 9:30 AM

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve the position change for Samantha Cannegieter from AEMT to Paramedic and a rate increase from \$17.84/hr to \$22.00/hr effective January 1, 2025. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve hiring of Ella Knutson, part time EMT, at a rate of \$15.00/hr effective January 1, 2025. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Department update from EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Motion by Kuhn seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 9:45 AM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Donna Geerts, Secretary to the Board

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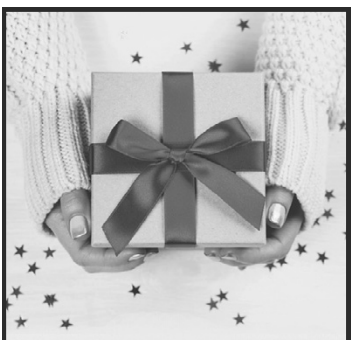
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New Hampton’s Connor Stumme (above) releases his shot while Kody Kleen (below) tries to knock down another strike at the Chickasaws’ home meet against West Delaware on Tuesday. Kleen broke the school record with a 288.

Chickasaw boys find more success on lanes

Led by Kleen, New Hampton opens 2025 portion of its schedule with win over West Delaware

By Kelly Terpstra
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The New Hampton bowling team continues to roll – no pun intended.

The Chickasaws and head coach Andy Aries racked up win No. 5 on the season in six tries with a home victory over West Delaware at Bowlway Lanes on Tuesday evening.

Had it not been for two sub-par baker rounds to finish off the evening – New Hampton’s final margin of victory would have been wider than the 3,084 to 3,015 total that the Chickasaws won by.

New Hampton (5-1) will take it, though, especially coming off the holiday break.

“I would say coming off Christmas break, we didn’t have a team practice during that time frame just because I wanted to give kids time to relax – rest, recuperate, stuff like that,” said Aries. “I think they still did very well.”

The Chickasaws average score per match – ranked second in Class 1A to defending state champ Maquoketa – is 3,048. So NH’s overall tally was right around its season average.

“We gotta treat each meet like the state meet and bowl that way,” said Aries. “Our biggest thing that I want them to understand – never give up. It doesn’t matter if you’re up by 100 pins or down by 100 pins. It’s not over until the meet’s all the way over.”

New Hampton senior Kody Kleen continues to amaze out on the lanes as he recovered from a less-than-spectacular first game (157) to re-break his own school record with a sizzling 288. That was 10 pins better than his old school record, which was set at home versus Waukon last December.

“We did a ball change from game one to game two. The ball reaction that he got from game two was a lot better,” said Aries.



“He had a little more room to play with, compared to having to be so perfect and split hairs in the first game with that ball. It makes a huge difference.”

Kleen led the way again for New Hampton with a 445 series – followed by fellow seniors Jamison Porath (419) and Landon Marr (416).

Porath played the game of his life in a youth league tournament at Bowlway Lanes back on Dec. 20 as he was perfect – tallying a 300. Him and Marr headed into the final 10th frame with their perfect games still intact.

“Ten rows is the furthest I’ve ever gotten. I didn’t think I was going to get it until my last throw – till I saw it,” said Porath.

Marr said he knocked down all his pins one other time before the 10th frame went down prior to his near perfect game. He finished with a 288.

“I was cheering him on and me on. Then when he got the

300, then I felt pressure,” said Marr. “I did not shoot the 300. I’ve been there before and can never get to 300.”

Marr talked about sealing the deal against opponents and leaving no doubt as to who the clear victor is the rest of the regular season – something the Chickasaws failed to do in the latter stages of the baker rounds. New Hampton tallied 245, 210 and 246, respectively, in the first three rounds of bakers. NH finished the night with a 160 and 162.

“I think tonight it was good to see that we’re not invincible. A close meet like this is good for us. It will get us in the right mindset,” said Marr. “We just got off that Grundy meet. This is a closer meet. I want our team to go far. I want us to win state. We have the six guys to do it.”

New Hampton broke the school record at that Grundy Center meet at Crystal Bowl on Dec. 19. That team total rolled was 3,352.

“So far I think we’ve got our individual games on lock down, but I think we need to come together more as a team for the baker. That’s where we need more work,” said Porath.

The New Hampton girls team fell to 1-4 overall as West Delaware defeated the Chickasaws, 2,377 to 1,333.

The Chickasaws were led by senior Zoey Dreckman (136-113-249).

NEW HAMPTON BOYS 3,084, WEST DELAWARE 3,105
Medalist - Kody Kleen, New Hampton 157-288-445.

New Hampton scores - Kleen 157-288-445, Jamison Porath 224-195-419, Landon Marr 214-202-416, Charlie Kriener 198-198-396, Jaxson Porath 189-196-385, Connor Stumme 195-170-365.

WEST DELAWARE 2,377, NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 1,333
Medalist - Anna Sickels, West Delaware 203-153-356.

New Hampton scores - Zoey Dreckman 136-113-249, Kassidy Meyerhoff 110-124-234, Sophie Rivera 73-129-202, McKenzie Herzberg 98-85-183.

Despite loss, New Hampton coach ‘proud’ of effort given by Chickasaws

NH GIRLS: FROM 12

Chickasaws persevered and kept plugging away in a hope to reel in a win.

But the 29 turnovers New Hampton committed were too much to overcome on an evening that saw S-F make just enough plays to squeak out a victory and close out the Chickasaws.

“When you have mistakes, they can steamroll and it can get negative on you quick. These girls – I asked them to respond at halftime, as a person, as a team,” said David Leichtman. “They did that and if you look at the second half, what a huge positive run.”

In a back-and-forth game that saw seven ties take place, New Hampton (1-7) took its first lead of the game (34-32) since the early stages of the contest on Schwickerath’s jumper near the free-throw line. She was fouled on the play with 4:10 remaining in the third quarter and later went to the bench to get her injured ankle taped up.

Then, like her teammates, they played their hearts out.

“When this boat, when it gets

sailing – there’s a huge ceiling,” said David Leichtman.

Caycee Crawford’s bucket down low gave New Hampton its last lead of the evening, up 44-43 with 6:49 left in the contest. Crawford would fill in nicely in the starting rotation with the void of Weigel. The sophomore forward finished with nine points on 3-for-6 shooting.

“Caycee stepped up into the starting role and did a really nice job,” said David Leichtman.

S-F, now 3-5 on the season, built its lead back up to as much as seven (51-44) with just over five minutes remaining.

But NH sophomore guard Kayme Hackman’s coast-to-coast layup would trim Sumner-Fred’s advantage to just 53-50 with 1:35 left on the scoreboard clock. The wild layup in traffic somehow found the bottom of the net.

But it was Hackman’s miss on an uncontested layup after a steal near mid-court that would prove fateful as that conversion would have cut S-F’s lead down to just a single digit with 1:15 to go.

Instead, S-F closed the game out on a 5-0 run after two made buckets and a free-throw were

Chickasaw boys hope for a ‘healer’ against Clarksville

NH Boys: FROM 12

12 there, we’re gonna be okay and be able to overcome it,” said Ryan Rausch.

That momentum was short-lived for New Hampton as the host Cougars promptly drained three consecutive 3-pointers in a row to highlight a 13-0 run and essentially crack the game wide open.

New Hampton never recovered in what amounted to a blowout as S-F rolled to double-up the Chickasaws in impressive fashion, 82-41.

The numbers tell a tale of dominance on the glass, which afforded S-F the opportunity to fire away from long range and pepper the paint with easy buckets down low against the porous New Hampton defense.

Ryan Rausch was left scratching his head after the disappointing loss, which was the sixth defeat in a row for his NEIC squad.

“They shoot 28 percent from three on the year. They made nine in the first half,” said a frustrated Ryan Rausch. “We had eight defensive rebounds for the game. I’ve never seen that before.”

S-F (5-3) outrebounded New Hampton, 43-16. The Cougars mustered up 20 offensive rebounds.

The Chickasaws didn’t shoot especially poor – 41 percent on 16-39 shooting from the field – and only committed 11 turnovers.

But it was New Hampton’s inability to corral the basketball after misses off the rim that made it extremely difficult to slow down S-F’s offensive juggernaut – at least on this night. Sumner-Fred shot 51 percent from the field (31-60) and led 10-0 right off the bat.

S-F senior guard Tatum Nuss led all scorers with 26 points on 8-12 shooting and all of the Cougars’ starting five hit for double-figure scoring. That amounted to 76 of S-F’s 82 points.

“All of us coaches talked, we just absolutely couldn’t believe that that was us out there,” said Ryan Rausch. “We just told them we’ve got to become a player-led team if we’re going to do the things we said we’re going to do. Your coaches can’t

play for you.”

New Hampton (1-8) saw Ewert score 10 points. He was 4-8 shooting and connected on one of three shots from 3-point land.

Braxton Bundy – a junior left-hand shooting guard – drilled two 3-pointers en route to eight points.

Ryan Rausch was perplexed as to why his team fell flat when all signs pointed to his squad improving and getting better – at least from all outward appearances during practice over the holidays.

“We practiced so well over the break. Guys played really hard and we’ve done a lot of good things over the break. I’m just completely miffed by that,” said Ryan Rausch, about his team’s forgettable outcome at S-F. “I just don’t know – on a Friday night, in a nice full gym like that and you play like that?”

While the effort is there according to the NH coach – it’s the results in the form of victories that he’s hoping will soon follow.

“Even though we haven’t been on the proper side of the win column, we play really hard. I constantly have people talk about how hard we play,” said the NH coach.

New Hampton plays at Clarksville (1-7) tonight (Thursday).

“We need to get a healer. We need to get down there and we need to go play well,” said Ryan Rausch.

SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG 82, NEW HAMPTON 41

NH 12 12 10 7 - 41
SF 27 20 22 13 - 82

Jake Schwickerath 2-3 0-0 4, Caden Rochford 1-5 0-2 2, Adam Ewert 4-8 1-2 10, Carson Laures 1-5 1-2 4, Reid Rausch 2-4 0-0 4, Ethan Carter 2-3 0-0 4, Kinnick Wisner 0-0 0-0 0, Kye Rausch 0-1 2-3 2, Trenton Horner 1-1 0-0 3, Ryan Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Dylon Schmitt 0-1 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 3-6 0-0 8, Jacob McDonald 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 16-39 4-9 41.

3-point field goals - Bundy 2-4, Horner 1-1, Laures 1-3, Ewert 1-3, Schwickerath 0-1, Rochford 0-3, R. Rausch 0-2, Carter 0-1, K. Rausch 0-1, Schmitt 0-1.

Rebounds - Carter 6, Laures 3, K. Rausch 2, Rochford 2, Schwickerath 1, R. Rausch 1, McDonald 1.

Assists - Rochford 2, Ewert 1, Laures 1, Carter 1.

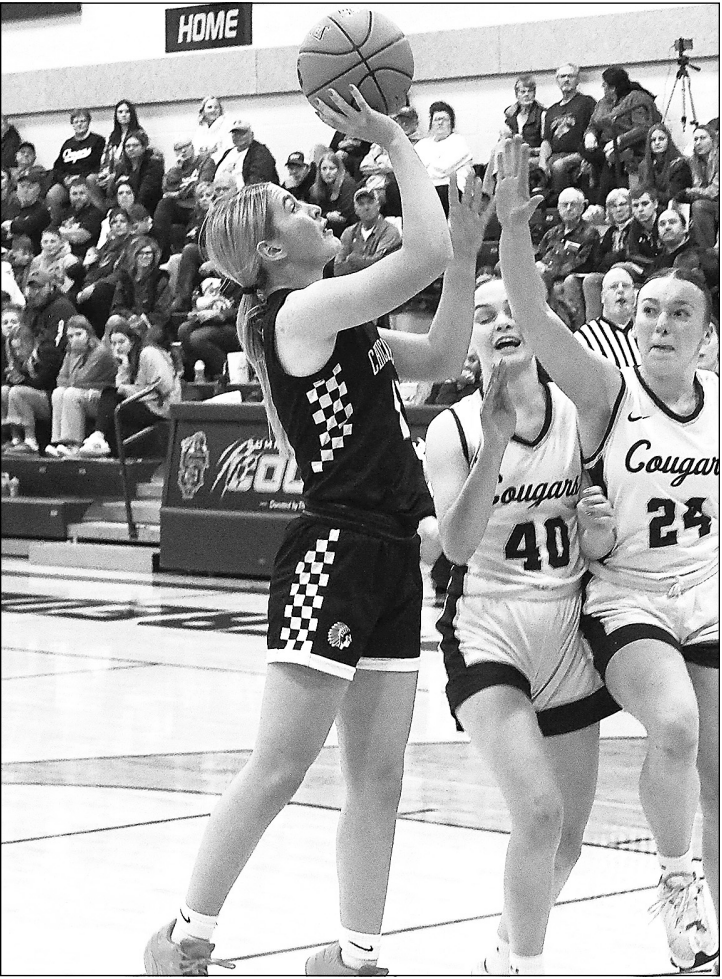
Steals - Rochford 3, Ewert 1, Carter 1.

Blocks - Ewert 1, Laures 1.



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New Hampton’s Adam Ewert gets to the rim and scores on a layup in Friday’s game against Sumner-Fredericksburg.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Caycee Crawford puts up a shot in Friday’s road game against Sumner-Fredericksburg.



Photo courtesy of Beth Holthaus

New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Kelly Thronndson finishes off a pin of Waterloo West's Peyton Burt to claim the 145-pound title at Saturday's Denver Girls Invitational.

Chickasaw girls enjoy historic day on the mat

Glaser, Thronndson and Trende claim individual titles to lead New Hampton/Turkey Valley to third-place finish at Denver

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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As far as weekend wrestling tournaments go, last Saturday's Denver Invite was a success on many levels for the New Hampton/Turkey Valley Chickasaws.

"We had a great day," said NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli.

The Chickasaws placed third overall in the 17-team tournament with 149 points – just seven points back of runner-up Vinton-Shellsburg (156) in the team standings. Waverly-Shell Rock, ranked right near the top of Class 2A teams, won the invite with 198.5 points.

Three NH/TV wrestlers – Sophie Glaser (130), Kelly Thronndson (145) and Ava Trende (235) – all manufactured blue-ribbon performances on a notable day for Ciavarelli's program.

Trende (20-7) won the first tournament of her mat career with a first-place finish at 235 pounds – where she defeated two other Chickasaw grapplers in her weight class, sophomore Marjorie Reicks (7-7) and freshman Kaidance Hall (13-8).

Thronndson (7-2) was back in action for the first time since late November. She last competed at the Independence Invite on Nov. 23. She was dealing with a knee injury, but was healthy enough to take down the field at 145 pounds. While she wrestled just two matches, she won them both by pin over Kiana Hilsenbeck of Sumner-Fredericksburg and shot past Peyton Burt of Waterloo West in the finals with another second-period fall.

Thronndson won her first tournament since taking home a blue ribbon at last year's Go-Hawk Invite at Waverly in the 155-pound B division clear back in early December of 2023.

Glaser (24-8) – a state participant along with Thronndson last year – continues to roll. She has now won back-to-back tournaments at 130 pounds. Her first career tournament victory came last Thursday at Osage and she repeated that performance by earning a hard-fought 8-3 decision over Camden Erhardt (26-9) of Vinton-Shellsburg in the pair's gold medal match. Erhardt was a state qualifier a season ago as a freshman.

"It's another step for Sophie in her wrestling career. Winning tournaments is hard and it was awesome to see her achieve that goal," said Ciavarelli. "I think the most important attribute to Sophie's success is that she is always looking at the areas she can get better at."

Ciavarelli's freshman class continues to make strides and make it's presence known with win after win that keeps piling up.

NH/TV freshman Harper Humpal has also hit another gear in her career as she placed runner-up at 125 pounds. She advanced to the finals as she slipped past Sadie Clarahan (17-7) of Sigourney-Keota



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

NH/TV's Harper Humpal works to turn an opponent at the Osage Invitational.

by a 5-3 decision. Humpal then took on the state's best in No. 1 ranked Camille Schult of W-SR, who ran her sterling mark to 27-2 overall with a 19-3 technical fall over the Chickasaw rising star. Schult is the defending state champ at 120 pounds.

Ciavarelli said Humpal – even though she's a freshman – probably has the most experience in the room amongst all his wrestlers. Humpal is Glaser's training partner.

"I knew that once she got into competition she was going to struggle at first, but be able to be very competitive as the season went on. She is proving that and more in my opinion," said the NH/TV head coach. "She wrestles hard for the entire six minutes and finds ways to win."

NH freshman Drey O'Brien (17-15) went 3-2 on the day and won her seventh-place medal match by fall over Kaylee Cantrell of Vinton-Shellsburg in 3:22. O'Brien pinned Cantrell in her first match of the day via a second-period pin as well.

"Drey is starting to find her style of wrestling and getting better at hand fighting. She has a lot of length that she is learning to use as well," said Ciavarelli. "Her biggest thing is her confidence, as well as all our athletes. She is getting more confident in her skills and put together a great day."

NH/TV almost placed every wrestler at Denver as freshman Addison Neville (9-15) came up fifth at 100 pounds, sophomore Taelynn Bass (15-13) finished sixth at 105, Hall was third and Reicks fourth.

Chickasaw freshman Vanessa Salas (10-12) did not place in two matches wrestled at 115.

"I am excited to keep watching all our athletes grow in this sport and make a run at regionals," said Ciavarelli.

DENVER GIRLS INVITE TEAM SCORES
Waverly-Shell Rock 198.5, Vinton-Shellsburg 156, New Hampton/Turkey Valley 149, Charles City 125.5, Denver 115.5, Waterloo West 109, Alburnett 99, Sumner-Fredericksburg 82, Sigourney-Keota 78, Benton Community 75, North Fayette Valley 62,

Janesville 56.5, Oelwein 29, Waterloo Columbus 19, Tripoli 17, Meskwaki Settlement 15.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 - Addison Neville placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Kaylin Kibbee (JANE) dec. Neville, 15-8. Cons. Round 2 - Neville pinned Hannah Weets (WSR), 1:52. Cons. Round 3 - Amri Schwartz (WSR) pinned Neville, 3:28. 5th Place Match - Neville pinned Kaylin Kibbee (JANE), 1:15.

105 - Taelyn Bass placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Bass dec. Devin Meyer (OEL), 7-6. Semifinal - Abby Doyle (WSR) pinned Bass, 1:34. Cons. Round 3 - Olivia Port (VS) pinned Bass, 4:50. 5th Place Match - Kylie Belinsky (SF) pinned Bass, 1:16.

110 - Drey O'Brien placed seventh. Champ. Round 1 - O'Brien pinned Kaylee Cantrell (VS), 4:35. Quarterfinal - Violet Diaz (DEN) pinned O'Brien, 1:20. Cons. Round 2 - Kaelynn Roster (VS) pinned O'Brien, 2:59. Cons. Round 3 - O'Brien pinned AdAson Hovey (AGWSR), 0:33. 7th Place Match - O'Brien pinned Cantrell (VS), 3:22.

115 - Vanessa Salas did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Kaitlyn Bonewitz (BC) pinned Salas, 1:46. Cons. Round 3 - Addison Buseman (JANE) pinned Salas, 1:56.

125 - Harper Humpal placed second. Quarterfinal - Humpal pinned Natalie Krohse (ALB), 3:44. Semifinal - Humpal dec. Sadie Clarahan, 5-3. 1st Place Match - Camille Schult (WSR) tech. fall Humpal, 19-3.

130 - Sophie Glaser placed first. Quarterfinal - Glaser pinned Sophie Schuman (WC), 1:54. Semifinal - Glaser pinned Willow Sexton (BC), 1:06. 1st Place Match - Glaser dec. Camden Erhardt (VS), 8-3.

145 - Kelly Thronndson placed first. Semifinal - Thronndson pinned Kiana Hilsenbeck (SF), 2:19. 1st Place Match - Thronndson pinned Peyton Burt (WW), 4:47.

235 - Kaidance Hall placed third. Quarterfinal - Hall dec. Marjorie Reicks (NHTV), 5-0. Semifinal - Ava Trende (NHTV) pinned Hall, 3:15. Cons. Round 3 - Hall pinned Vivian Soifer (CC), 0:20. 3rd Place Match - Hall pinned Reicks (NHTV), 3:08.

235 - Ava Trende (NHTV) placed first. Quarterfinal - Trende pinned Brooklyn Warnke (CC), 1:37. Semifinal - Trende pinned Hall (NHTV), 3:15. 1st Place Match - Trende pinned Averie Gale (BC), 0:24.

235 - Reicks placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Hall dec. Reicks, 5-0. Cons. Round 2 - Reicks pinned Warnke (CC), 1:09. Cons. Round 3 - Reicks pinned Reagan Westphal (WW), 1:25. 3rd Place Match - Hall pinned Reicks, 3:08.

Older brother helps NH/TV's Glaser 'fine-tune' on the mat

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two-minute period was completed. Trailing by just a point, down 6-5, headed into the last period Glaser worked a take-down nine seconds into the final stanza and followed that with near-fall points with 1:12 left in the match to hold on for a thrilling 12-9 decision.

"I was just ready for today. I was just ready to get back into it," said Glaser. "It's harder practicing two times a day. It's the preparation that you need, but it's more fun to go out and compete because basically it's a fun break."

Glaser had never taken on Lester (21-3), a junior ranked eighth in Class 2A that suffered just her third loss of the winter after her setback in the finals.

Glaser is ranked eighth in 1A at 135 pounds according to the first set of rankings released by IAwrestle. Glaser said she doubts she'll wrestle at that weight again this year and may even give the 125-pound bracket a go.

What was the key in coming from behind against Lester?

"I just always tell myself I'm in better shape than them," said Glaser. "I can go longer. I can go harder and maybe it's not always the truth, but that's what you gotta tell yourself."

Lester, like Glaser, competed at state in 2024, but did not place.

Another reason Glaser thinks the difference in her coming out on top versus the Lions grappler was she was loose, relaxed and focused – even when trailing early on in the six-minute match.

"I was just gonna tell myself I was going to have fun," said Glaser.

Glaser also had a key ally in her corner on Thursday as her older brother – Noah Glaser – helped out the NH/TV coaching staff, which includes Ciavarelli and Josh Holthaus.

"He comes home whenever he can. He's in grad school, so he's like really busy," said Sophie.

Noah Glaser – a 2018 New Hampton grad that placed third at 170 pounds at state as a senior – is working on his master's degree in physical therapy at the University of Iowa. Sophie said during the Thanksgiving and Christmas break he helped out both Chickasaw wrestling programs in the room during his free time. As far as how he helped his little sister out in practice, that was more fine-tuning certain aspects of her overall game.

"We don't really scrap. We just work on minor details and every time we do – I can just see it in my matches, every time, I'm just a little bit better," said Glaser.

Sophie won her first two matches on Thursday by pin and earned a 10-0 major decision over Osage's Melanie Bruesewitz to advance to the first-place medal match.

Sophie Glaser and the Chickasaws have to be excited as three freshmen – Drey O'Brien (110), Harper Humpal (125) and Ave Trende (235) – all managed respectable finishes at the difficult tourney.

Humpal had the best day of her burgeoning career after going 5-1. Her only loss came against seventh-ranked Emerson Gregg of Lewis Central in the quarters – which ended

by pin in 57 seconds. Outside of that match Humpal, now 12-7 on the year, racked up four pins and a 9-3 decision over Kaitlyn Krum of East Buchanan to register a third-place finish in her bracket.

Trende (17-7) placed third at 235 pounds as she pinned Chickasaw teammate Kaidance Hall in 1:22 in her medal match. It was the second time that day that Trende had turned back Hall as she won by fall with just one second remaining in the pair's first match in the quarter-final round.

O'Brien (14-13) placed fifth at her weight class and came up with four pins – the last one coming in her medal match fall over Hallie Portwood of Alburnett in 5:33. O'Brien's losses came to No. 2 Gable Hemann (29-1) of Osage and 11th-rated Valeria Torres (27-8) of East Buchanan.

"Our freshmen – they're doing exactly what they need to do," said Glaser. "I think they're starting better than I did for sure. I feel like they're more ready for the competition than they were at the start of the year, which is really good."

OSAGE GIRLS TOURNAMENT TEAM SCORES

Cedar Falls 273.5, Osage 253.5, East Buchanan 180, Lewis Central 144.5, Mason City 141, Lake Mills 103, Clear Lake 99.5, Alburnett 94, New Hampton/Turkey Valley 90, Nevada 72, Crestwood 71.5, Dubuque Senior 66, St. Ansgar 57, Waukon 43, Don Bosco 24, South Winneshiek 24, Nashua-Plainfield 20, Northwood-Kensett 11, Eagle Grove 8.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 - Addison Neville did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Tess Darrow (OS) pinned Neville, 3:06. Cons. Round 1 - Lyla Stiefel (EB) pinned Neville, 1:59.

105 - Taelynn Bass did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Bass pinned Isabella Schlatter (CR), 4:44. Quarterfinal - Alexis Kolbet (OS) pinned Bass, 0:20. Cons. Round 2 - Natalie Krum (EB) pinned Bass, 3:27.

110 - Drey O'Brien placed fifth. Champ. Round 1 - O'Brien pinned Addison Donahue (WAU), 3:15. Quarterfinal - Gable Hemann (OS) pinned O'Brien, 1:22. Cons. Round 2 - O'Brien pinned Lydia Bollman (CR), 1:10. Cons. Round 3 - O'Brien pinned Alissa Charlton (CF), 1:04. Cons. Semi - Valeria Torres (EB) pinned O'Brien, 2:22. 5th Place Match - O'Brien pinned Hallie Portwood (ALB), 5:33.

125 - Harper Humpal placed third. Champ. Round 1 - Humpal pinned Alexa Gansen (CL), 2:24. Quarterfinal - Emerson Gregg (LC) pinned Humpal, 0:57. Cons. Round 2 - Humpal pinned Alysia Dundee (WAU), 2:25. Cons. Round 3 - Humpal pinned Mia Ahrendsen (CF), 3:49. Cons. Semi - Humpal pinned Carleigh Arjes (MC), 5:18. 3rd Place Match - Humpal dec. Kaitlyn Krum (EB), 9-3.

130 - Sophie Glaser placed first. Champ. Round 1 - Glaser pinned Chelsea Brumm (SA), 1:32. Quarterfinal - Glaser pinned Mya Peterson (LM), 2:20. Semifinal - Glaser maj. dec. Melanie Bruesewitz (OS), 10-0. 1st Place Match - Glaser dec. Pieper Lester (CL), 12-9.

235 - Ava Trende placed third. Quarterfinal - Trende pinned Kaidance Hall (NHTV), 5:59. Semifinal - Emma Schipper (OS) pinned Trende, 0:24. Cons. Semi - Trende pinned Madilyn Metz (CF), 0:48. 3rd Place Match - Trende pinned Hall (NHTV), 1:22.

235 - Hall placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Trende (NHTV) pinned Hall, 5:59. Cons. Round 3 - Hall pinned Marjorie Reicks (NHTV), 1:44. Cons. Semi - Hall pinned Elizabeth Mills (CF), 3:26. 3rd Place Match - Trende (NHTV) pinned Hall, 1:22.

235 - Reicks placed eighth. Quarterfinal - Schipper (OS) pinned Reicks, 1:27. Cons. Round 2 - Reicks pinned Megan Textley (CF), 1:14. Cons. Round 3 - Hall (NHTV) pinned Reicks, 1:44. 7th Place Match - Grayce Coree (NEV) pinned Reicks, 1:04.

Chickasaw boys coach likes the progress he sees in team at Solon tourney

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Chickasaws will get plenty of time in the practice room for a while as they will have a week free of competition before heading to the Maquoketa Valley Invitational on Saturday.

"I think for this group, December was really, really tough," Paulus said. "It was a real grind, and with as young and raw as we are, practice is good, time in the room to work on things is really vital."

So, too, is getting a couple of wins after a rough start in Solon.

The Chickasaws took advantage of six forfeits, got pins from Jayden Bucknell (144) and Lohen Tank and added a technical fall from Carter Cajthaml (138) to get its first W of the new year against Cascade.

In its finale in Solon, NH/TV's Dominick Reicks, who bumped down to 113 after the break, picked up a first period pin to give the Chickasaws a lead it would never relinquish against Albia.

Ty Moudry followed with a second-period fall at 120 and a Braiden Schaufenbuel pin at 132 and a Cajthaml technical fall at 138 put the

Chickasaws up 35-9.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley also got a decision from Chase Humpal (165) and first-period pins from Tank and Jackson Kellogg to wrap up the win over the Blue Demons.

Tank joined Cajthaml as the lone Chickasaws to go unbeaten at the dual tournament.

Cajthaml, who is ranked eighth by IAwrestle at 138, ran his record to 27-3. Jayden Bucknell, who is ranked 12th at 144, went 4-1 and now has a 25-6 record.

Tank, meanwhile, improved to 16-8, and Paulus was asked about both him and Kellogg, two sophomores battling at upper weights.

"It is a lot different than being a sophomore at the lower weights," he said, "and that's why we talk so much about development. When you're at 175, 190 and up there, most of the guys you're seeing are juniors and seniors so it's tough. It's different being a sophomore, a young guy, at 175 or 190 than it is being a young guy at the lower weights."

Paulus, though, was quick to add that he doesn't want his young wrestlers to use youth as an excuse.

"You can't sit back and say, 'Oh, I'll be good next year,'" he said. "You have to keep working hard, you have to keep improving, you have to keep developing."

"Nothing's promised to you, and I think our sophomores get that."

And he also appreciated the fact that two wrestlers – Reicks and Moudry – bumped down a weight to start the new year, although just as it did before Christmas, NH/TV did have to forfeit two weights at Solon because it was without a 215-pounder.

"It was nice to see Dominick get that win [against Albia]," Paulus said. "He's so raw, but to see that he gets how important it is for us as a team, that's a huge positive."

CENTRAL DEWITT 41, NH/TV 34

165 - Callan Hursey (CD) pinned Chase Humpal, 0:22. 175 - Lohen Tank (NH/TV) pinned Brody Grell, 1:23. 190 - Kazmir Senneff (CD) pinned Jackson Kellogg, 3:45. 215 - Chris Wrage (CD) won by forfeit. 285 - Grayson Chrones (CD) pinned Chase Gebel, 1:34. 106 - Zion Rooks (CD) won by forfeit. 113 - Cale Johnson (CD) tech fall Dominick Reicks, 17-1.

120 - Eli Edfors (CD) pinned Ty Moudry, 0:39. 126 - Xander Meyerhoff (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 132 - Braiden Schaufenbuel (NH/TV) dec. Blake Kent, 8-7. 138 - Carter Cajthaml

(NH/TV) tech fall Dolan Theisen, 21-3. 144 - Jayden Bucknell (NH/TV) pinned Mason Bock, 0:54. 150 - Jax Shekleton (NH/TV) tech fall Abe Vickers, 20-2. 157 - Tate Schwickerath (NH/TV) dec. Colton Penniston, 6-5.

WILTON 49, NH/TV 30

175 - Tank (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 190 - Gatlin Rogers (W) pinned Kellogg, 3:33. 215 - Aiden Underwood (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 285 - Gebel (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 106 - Romann Derksen (W) won by forfeit. 113 - Austin Etzel (W) pinned Reicks, 1:13. 120 - Liam Adlfinger (W) tech fall Moudry, (NH/TV) TF 17-2

126 - Mason Shirk (W) pinned Meyerhoff, 1:33. 132 - Owen Adlfinger (W) tech fall Schaufenbuel, 20-5. 138 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) pinned Gabriel Brisker, 3:54. 144 - Bucknell (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 150 - Jensen Boorn (W) pinned Shekleton, 2:46. 157 - Corban Burford (W) maj. dec. Schwickerath, 9-1. 165 - Owen Milder (W) tech fall Humpal, 17-1.

SOLO 41, NH/TV 30

190 - Kyler Jensen (S) pinned Kellogg, 1:06. 215 - Lucas Feuerbach (S) won by forfeit. 285 - Grant Wilson (S) pinned Gebel, 1:47. 106 - Anderson Osgood (S) won by forfeit. 113 - Reicks (NH/TV) pinned Quinten Henning, 2:34. 120 - Jayden Steapp (S) pinned Moudry, 0:54. 126 - Meyerhoff (NH/TV) dec. Justin Moore, 15-14.

132 - Schaufenbuel (NH/TV) pinned Wyatt Cronan, 0:45. 138 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) pinned Charlie Karam, 1:41. 144 - Jordan Schmidt (S) dec. Bucknell, 4-2. 150 - Shekleton (NH/TV) pinned Evan Burg, 1:43. 157 - Carson

Kidwell (S) tech fall Schwickerath, 16-0. 165 - Teague Williams (S) dec. Humpal, 11-10. 175 - Tank (NH/TV) dec. Jackson Feuerbach, 5-4.

NH/TV 53, CASCADE 17

215 - Double forfeit. 285 - Gebel (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 106 - Double forfeit. 113 - Reicks (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 120 - Moudry (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 126 - Meyerhoff (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 132 - Brock Morris (C) tech fall Schaufenbuel, 20-3.

138 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) tech fall Bryce Carroll, 18-2. 144 - Bucknell (NH/TV) pinned Charlie Simon, 2:45. 150 - Shekleton (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 157 - Kalvin Manternach (C) pinned Schwickerath, 1:41. 165 - Humpal (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 175 - Tank (NH/TV) pinned Carter Conrad, 0:57. 190 - Cason Rausch (C) pinned Kellogg, 0:52.

NH/TV 50, ALBIA 27

285 - Gebel (NH/TV) won by forfeit.. 106 - Brenden Lahart (A) won by forfeit. 113 - Reicks (NH/TV) pinned Josiah Kaster, 0:47. 120 - Moudry (NH/TV) pinned Wyatt Yule, 3:20. 126 - Carson Sohn (A) dec. Meyerhoff, 4-2. 132 - Schaufenbuel (NH/TV) pinned Kayden Henderson, 2:46. 138 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) tech fall Ty Pickerell, 17-2.

144 - Bucknell (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 150 - Carter Folkerts (A) pinned Shekleton, 1:24. 157 - Kael Hutchinson (A) pinned Schwickerath, 3:56. 165 - Humpal (NH/TV) dec. Parker Hemann, 4:0. 175 - Tank (NH/TV) pinned Fletcher Mick, 0:46. 190 - Kellogg (NH/TV) pinned Gray Beckwith, 1:22. 215 - Nate Ballard (A) won by forfeit.

Trojans get win, but momentum doesn't carry over

Turkey Valley boys get non-league win against Clarksville but played 'scared' in loss to rivals

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Turkey Valley boys basketball coach John Izer knew the level of competition was going to be different — vastly so — when the Trojans took the court for a home game against South Winneshiek on Friday.

But fresh off a 62-47 win over Clarksville the preceding night, Izer was hoping for more from Turkey Valley.

Instead, South Winneshiek blew open a relatively close game in the final three minutes of the first half on its way to a 69-35 Upper Iowa Conference victory.

"We played a good game against Clarksville, no doubt about it," Izer said after his team fell to 3-5 overall and 2-4 in UIC play. "I mean, if we'd have played as good tonight as we did against Clarksville, it would have been tighter. Maybe we wouldn't have won, but we could have given a really good team a game at least."

The Trojans never really solved the Warriors' trapping defense, but hung around for a while with scrappy defense, aided by South Winn's penchant for missing layups. When J.D. Kruse powered his way to an inside bucket more than halfway through the second quarter, the Trojans trailed just 17-12.

The Warriors, who improved to 6-2, turned on the switch, outscoring Turkey Valley 15-1 to take a 32-13 lead into the break.

"We played scared," Izer said, "and you can't do that against a team like South Winn. They jump trapped the crap out of us or we'd get the ball inside and we thought they were going to block every shot."

Logan Busta led the Trojans with 16 points and three steals

while Kruse finished with eight points and seven rebounds.

Izer, as he did often in December, pointed out that youth and inexperience is an issue the Trojans are dealing with this season, and he's not wrong. Turkey Valley has just one senior on the roster and a host of sophomores get plenty of meaningful minutes each night.

"I told them tonight we know where we stand," he said. "South Winn was in the district final last year, and it's not hard to believe they won't be back again in the same position. I told our guys they're better than us right now, but the season isn't over, either. ... You gotta start throwing that youth out the window too. You know, we need to be making strides. Last night, we looked good; tonight, not so good."

Against Clarksville, the Trojans used a 20-10 third quarter to break open what had been a close game at halftime.

Busta and Kruse led the way with 19 points apiece, and Kruse and Jordan Kriener both recorded double-doubles as Kruse hauled down 10 boards while Kriener scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

The key for his team, Izer said, is to find more ballhandlers.

"We're killing Logan Busta right now," he said. "We can't take the load night in and night out. I mean, he put us over the top last night [against Clarksville], and we've got to get him some help when it comes to ball handling."

That makes this week a key one for the Trojans. After playing at West Central on Tuesday, the Trojans step out of UIC play with a home game against Riceville before traveling to Postville on Friday.

"I think this next week is



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Turkey Valley's Jordan Kriener (above) gets loose and scores an inside basket while teammate Logan Busta (below) passes the ball to a teammate during Friday's game against South Winneshiek.

a big one for us, because you know, all three games, you should be competitive in," he said. "Anything less than 2-1, we're in trouble. I'm going to have a hard time keeping their attitudes, so, you bet, it's a big week for our boys."

TURKEY VALLEY 62, CLARKSVILLE 47											
Clark	16	10	10	11	-	47					
TV	14	14	20	14	-	62					
Logan Busta 7-18 3-4 19, J.D. Kruse 6-18 6-9 19, Cale Langreck 1-4 0-0 2, Treyton Franzen 4-9 0-0 8, Jordan Kriener 6-12 0-1 12, Jayden Rausch 0-0 0-0 0, Kaden Schmidt 0-0 0-0 0, Jonah Orvis 0-1 0-0 0, Tucker Reicks 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 24-65 10-16 62.											
3-point field goals - Busta 2-6, Langreck 1-2, Kruse 1-5, Orvis 0-1, Reicks 0-2, Kriener 0-3, Franzen 0-4.											
Rebounds - Kriener 12, Kruse 10, Busta 6, Langreck 1, Franzen 1, Rausch 1, Reicks 1.											
Assists - Langreck 5, Busta 3, Reicks 1, Franzen 1.											
Steals - Busta 3, Langreck 2, Franzen 2, Kriener 2, Schmitt 1.											
SOUTH WINNESHIEK 69, TURKEY VALLEY 35											
SW	12	20	22	15	-	69					
TV	7	6	11	11	-	35					



Busta 6-13 2-2 16, Kruse 4-8 0-2 8, Langreck 0-5 0-0 0, Franzen 1-4 0-0 3, Kriener 2-8 1-2 5, Rausch 0-0 0-2 0, Schmidt 0-0 0-0 0, Orvis 0-2 0-0 0, Reicks 1-4 0-0 0. Totals 14-44 3-8 35.											
3-point field goals - Busta 2-4, Franzen 1-1, Reicks 1-3, Orvis 0-1, Langreck 0-2, Kruse 0-3.											
Rebounds - Kruse 7, Langreck 5, Kriener 3, Reicks 2, Busta 1, Franzen 1, Rausch 1, Orvis 1.											
Assists - Langreck 2, Busta 1, Kruse 1, Schmidt 1, Reicks 1.											
Steals - Busta 3, Reicks 2, Kruse 1, Langreck 1.											

Defense leads balanced Trojan girls to big win over UIC rival

Turkey Valley picks up dominating victory to remain atop Upper Iowa

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It was the first game coming out of the Christmas break. It was a rivalry game. Those two facts alone were enough to concern Turkey Valley girls basketball coach Steve Hoffert.

No need to fret coach; your girls had this one from the very start.

Using a defense that was suffocating at times and mixing in a balanced scoring attack, Turkey Valley remained in a three-way tie atop the Upper Iowa Conference with a dominating 51-27 win over South Winneshiek on Friday.

"South Winn is rebuilding, we know that, but this is a rivalry game. Turkey Valley-South Winn anything goes," Hoffert said after his team improved to 6-2 overall and 6-1 in UIC play. "It doesn't make any difference so it was nice to stick together and grind this one out. And that's what we did, we ground it out."

It started with a defense that limited the Warriors to just 8-for-46 shooting from the field, and anytime a team holds an opponent to 17.4 percent field-goal shooting, it's on the path to victory.

"We really put a premium on defense in practice," Hoffert said. "We spent a lot of time with help-and-recover defense, hedging defense, communication on defense, cutter defense. A couple of times we got kind of lost on things, but for the most part, we played pretty good fundamental, solid defense."

And the offense wasn't bad, either.

The Trojans got 10 points from Addison Steinlage in the opening quarter as they raced out to a 14-7 lead, and then Annika Bodensteiner hit a pair of 3-pointers early in the sec-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Hazel Nieman (above) and Addison Steinlage (above) drive past South Winneshiek defenders during Friday's Upper Iowa Conference game.

Busta finished with 11.

"That's the way you grind out wins in games like this," Hoffert said. "You go to the boards and you battle. We did that tonight; I thought we did that very well. ... First game back with the holidays, and having those holidays on a Wednesday and kids being gone, which is fine, for family things, it always makes you nervous, [but] a lot of things we emphasized during the break, we put to work tonight — maintain our ground in the post, rebounding, those type of things — were all good."

Turkey Valley is tied for the UIC lead with Kee High and MFL MarMac, but the Trojans

are in the midst of the busiest part of their schedule — playing six games in 11 days.

The Trojans played at West Central Tuesday, host fourth-ranked Riceville in a non-conference game tonight [Thursday] and travel to Postville on Friday. And it remains hectic next week with three more games — including home tilts with Kee on Tuesday and MFL MarMac on Friday.

"We've got to keep playing strong, keep improving and stay healthy," Hoffert said. "We've got to keep grinding."

TURKEY VALLEY 51, SOUTH WINNESHIEK 27											
SW	7	7	6	7	-	27					
TV	14	14	8	15	-	51					

Addison Steinlage 5-10 5-10 13, Annika Bodensteiner 2-7 2-4 8, Layni Schuchhardt 1-1 0-0 2, Bella Stika 1-3 1-7 3, Delaney Busta 2-4 2-2 6, Hazel Nieman 0-2 3-6 3, Ella Ives 0-0 0-0 0, Emersyn Hoffert 2-4 0-0 4, Kendall Kuennen 0-1 0-0 0, Brynlee Hayek 0-0 0-0 0, Ellaney Bodensteiner 6-14 0-0 12, Ashlyn Busta 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-46 13-29 51.

3-point field goals - A. Bodensteiner 2-6, Steinlage 0-3, Stika 0-1.

Rebounds - E. Bodensteiner 14, Stika 13, Busta 11, Nieman 4, Hoffert 3, Steinlage 3, A. Bodensteiner 2.

Assists - A. Bodensteiner 3, Stika 3, E. Bodensteiner 1, Hayek 1, Kuennen 1, Nieman 1, Busta 1, Schuchhardt 1, Steinlage 1.

Steals - Steinlage 4, E. Bodensteiner 2, Busta 2, A. Bodensteiner 1, Stika 1, Kuennen 1.

Blocks - E. Bodensteiner 2, Hoffert 1, Busta 1, A. Bodensteiner 1.

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NH/TV's Glaser nabs her first gold medal

Several Chickasaws make their mark on the mat at the first tournament back from holiday break

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It really was just a matter of time before New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Sophie Glaser rose to the top step of the podium stand.

She's that good, so it was a tad surprising that Glaser hadn't already claimed a tournament title in her impressive mat career thus far. Glaser did just that as she was able to reel in her first gold medal at the Osage Invite this past Thursday in the first mat action back from the holiday winter break.

What a difference a year makes at Osage, where the NH state qualifier last year as a freshman went 2-3 for a sixth-place finish and thought she might have been shown the door with an early exit after her second loss.

"Last year I'm pretty sure I came here and got beat three times and I didn't get kicked out the first two times," said Glaser about not getting eliminated as a freshman at the Osage Invite.

The sophomore standout wrestler for Caleb Ciavarelli's Chickasaws didn't mess around at the loaded tournament that featured a slew of ranked wrestlers – including Glaser's 130-pound finals' match against Pieper Lester of Clear Lake.

Glaser (21-8) trailed 6-0 right



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Sophie Glaser (above) continues a tough ride on Clear Lake's Pieper Lester while teammate Ava Trende (below) finishes off a pin of NH/TV's Kaidance Hall during the Osage Invitational last week.

CHICKASAWS CROWN THREE CHAMPS AT DENVER TOURNEY.
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from the get-go, but scored an escape and reversal to close the deficit to 6-3 after the first

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Cora Schwickerath puts up a half-court shot — one that she drained — at the end of the first half during Friday's game at Sumner-Fredricksburg.

Chickasaw girls battle but fall to Sumner-Fred

New Hampton falls 58-50 in non-league tilt

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Down a key Chickasaw starter — the New Hampton girls basketball squad continued to fight on Friday night at Sumner-Fredricksburg.

In the end the Cougars would prevail, but David Leichtman's collective bunch was able to produce many highlights in a 58-50 loss that saw New Hampton take the lead early in the fourth quarter despite missing junior starter Chloe Weigel due to sickness.

There was junior forward Jordan Thronsdon's career-high 14 points — the best performance of her career thus far that included double-digit rebounds (12).

"She was all-out — every second, every minute," said Leichtman. "Jordan is starting to win those small battles and the confidence just gets huge throughout the game."

Then there was Cora Schwickerath — one of two seniors on the team. She drained a half-court shot right as the first-quarter horn sounded. She would later roll an ankle in the second half after a made bucket, but toughed it out and returned to the game, which was still in doubt late into the non-conference fray.

Despite its leading scorer, junior guard Ava Leichtman, having somewhat of an off night with 12 points, these

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New Hampton boys struggle in first game of '25

Sumner-Fred doubles up on Chickasaws in 82-41 victory

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With just under six minutes left before halftime in New Hampton's first game back from holiday break on the road Friday night at Sumner-Fredricksburg, Ryan Rausch's Chickasaw bench sprang to their feet and roared in unison after a game-changing play went the way of the black and red.

Reid Rausch had just come up with a pivotal charge call that looked to have swung momentum back in New Hampton's favor in the non-conference tussle between Chickasaw County squads.

Adam Ewert, one of four seniors on NH's roster alongside Rausch, promptly went down the other end on the next possession and splashed down a 3-point shot from deep.

While those plays might have not seemed like a lot — when you're 1-7 coming into the first game of 2025, you'll take what you can get.

That Ewert shot from beyond the arc cut S-F's lead to 34-22.

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New Hampton post player Jacob McDonald puts up an inside shot during Friday's game.

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NH/TV's Jackson Kellogg (right) battles for position during a home triangular that was held last month.

Chickasaw boys show growth

NH/TV coach sees 'development' in team at Solon tournament

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The buzzword in the New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling room these days is "development," and as much as coach Matt Paulus wants to see wins, he's reminding his wrestlers — and himself at times — that growth is the ultimate goal.

It's why Paulus will take what he saw from his Chickasaws on Saturday, when they traveled out of the "bubble" if you will to the Solon Duals, where New Hampton/Turkey Valley came away with a 2-3 record.

"It was good in that we saw some really good signs of growth," Paulus said, "and it was

nice to see some different competition and see where we're at. We definitely saw some improvements up and down the lineup so it was a good start to 2025 for our guys."

NH/TV dropped its first three duals — 41-34 to Central DeWitt, 49-30 to eventual tournament champion Wilton and 41-30 to Solon — but finished the tournament with a 53-17 victory over Cascade and a 50-27 victory over Albion.

And maybe the best news of all is this: After a grinding December in which New Hampton/Turkey Valley varsity competed in tournaments or duals nine times in 19 days, the

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