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Was that cold enough for you?

Kids finally get a ‘snow day,’ sans snow, of course, but good news is temps are moderating

By **BOB FENSKE**
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It took a while, but New Hampton schoolchildren finally got their first “snow day,” albeit without any snow, of the 2024-25 school year.

But when it’s 20-below and the wind chill is approaching 40-below, one need not have snow on the ground for one to get a day off of school.

“Traditionally, we call off school when it’s a warning,” said New Hampton High School Principal Matt Manson, who, with Superintendent Jay Jurrens out of the district, made the “call” Tuesday morning, “and it’s why we had a two-hour late start last night. But with the [cold weather] warning until noon, we were going to err on the side of caution and decided to call it for the whole day.”

And trust us — or your car battery — it was freaking arctic out there Tuesday morning.

It wasn’t like we were warm on Monday afternoon, but temperatures began plummeting as evening approached and bottomed out at 20-below. The good news, the cold blast didn’t last all that long.

After falling below zero for three straight nights, temperatures mod-

erated and were forecast to be in 30s by Wednesday afternoon and

although today and tonight will be frigid, an overnight low of 1 below will feel downright balmy in comparison to what we experienced Tuesday morning.

The best news of all is temperatures will rebound this weekend, and

there is little snow, if any, snow in the forecast for the next week, which means our strange winter is continuing. How strange has it

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County, cities get another quarter with no EMS bill

Latest waiver of quarterly payment means cities, county will go entire fiscal year without making payment but balance is slowly falling

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Chickasaw County and the six cities that contract with the county’s ambulance service will go an entire fiscal year without having to pay its “ambulance bill.”

That fact became official on Monday when the Board of Supervisors acknowledged the waving of quarterly payments that would have been due on April 5, but supervisors and County Auditor Sheila Shekleton were quick to point out that it doesn’t mean Chickasaw County EMS is running at a profit.

And they also said that the county and the cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — shouldn’t put their checkbooks away because there’s a chance they may have to make at least some of the quarterly payments in the 2025-26 fiscal year that begins July 1.

Under the 28E agreements the county has with the six cities, quarterly payments are waived if the EMS fund balance is above \$750,000 for two consecutive “reporting dates.” The fund is checked on Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15 each year, and quarterly payments are due on Jan. 5, April 5, July 5 and Oct. 5.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY EMS CHECKBOOK SNAPSHOTS

Here is the amount of funds that have been in the Chickasaw County EMS fund on the last five “reporting” dates:

Jan. 15, 2024.....	\$954,670.29
April 15, 2024	\$1,001,392.83
July 15, 2024	\$1,003,589.59
Oct. 15, 2024	\$921,886.52
Jan. 15, 2025.....	\$858,221.04

SOURCE: Chickasaw County Auditor’s Office

Meeting is a busy one for City Council that is losing member

Fisher resigns seat; replacement will be appointed during Feb. 3 meeting

By **BOB FENSKE**
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From receiving its 2023-24 audit to moving ahead with a storm water analysis for the city’s west-side industrial park to purchasing new filters for the New Hampton Municipal Pool, there was a lot going on at Monday’s City Council meeting.

And when it was over, the council bade farewell to one of its own as At-Large Councilwoman Katie Fisher attended her last meeting.

Earlier this month, Fisher turned in her letter of resignation after serving on the

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MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center athletic trainer Nicole Weber grabs some supplies before helping a Clarion-Goldfield-Dows wrestler with an injury during Saturday’s Doc Carr Duals wrestling tournament at New Hampton High School.

INJURY LEADS TO A CAREER

MERCYONE ATHLETIC TRAINER SAYS SHE FOUND HER CALLING WHEN SHE WAS HURT DURING SENIOR YEAR OF CROSS COUNTRY

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It was the fall of 2017, and all Nicole Weber wanted to do was make sure she could finish her high school cross country career on the course.

Little did she know she’d also find a career path, one that has her

working as an athletic trainer at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, which contracts with New Hampton Community School for training services.

So was it her lifelong dream to do the job she was doing on Saturday as she took care of injured athletes at the Doc Carr Duals? Well, not exactly, but that injury eight years

ago turned out to be a fortuitous one.

“All I wanted to do was be able to run my last two races of my senior year,” Weber said when asked what led her to the career path she is on today, “and I was so lucky to have a great athletic trainer working with me. It really kind of inspired me. I mean I knew I was probably going

to do something medical when I went to college, but I liked the fact that I could help kids do the things they love to do.”

It also means that she’s, in a word, busy. She’s at the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays working with injured athletes, spends three

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Her fellow City Council members and other city leaders give Katie Fisher a “round of applause” Monday at the end of her final meeting on the council meeting.

Districts remain on track with superintendent search

New Hampton, Turkey Valley board members still looking to interview finalists in February

By **BOB FENSKE**
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New Hampton and Turkey Valley school board members continue to make progress on finding a new superintendent and New Hampton Board President Jay Matthews said Tuesday that the districts remain on track with the timeline they established this fall when it comes to replacing the retiring Jay Jurrens.

The two boards held a joint meeting Monday night, much of which was spent in closed session to screen candidates for the superintendent’s position.

Matthews said that the two

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districts had 12 candidates apply for the position, but he offered little information from the closed session.

He did, however, say that both boards were pleased with the number of people who applied for the position.

“I think it says a lot about our communities and where our school districts are at,”

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Turkey Valley preparing to host large-group district speech competition
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Record night
It may not have been a win but Chickasaws have big night on the lanes
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District speech contest returns to Turkey Valley Saturday



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Students mingle in the Turkey Valley gymnasium during the 2023 large-group speech contest, which is returning to the Jackson Junction school this weekend.

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Not that she hasn't been busy getting ready for Saturday's Iowa High School Speech Association's large-group district contest, but the second time around is a lot easier for Turkey Valley speech coach Michelle Nystel.

Or as she puts it, "much more smooth sailing."

Turkey Valley played host to the 2023 district contest and will do so again this weekend when the school will welcome more than 200 students from two dozen schools.

"In 2023, I was starting out with a blank slate and no experience," she said earlier this week. "Now many of the signs and paperwork are already printed and ready to go from the last time. I've made a schedule before so it was much easier."

And while she has been working on signing up an army of volunteers, she also has a speech team to coach.

"We have early morning practic-

es," she said, "and that's time that I wouldn't be working on planning so it hasn't diverted my attention from preparing my students."

Nystel said those volunteers are critical to a successful district contest, and she made one last shout out to those who are on the proverbial fence when it comes to helping at Saturday's competition.

Volunteers, she said, serve as timers and room chairs and help direct students, coaches and, yes, "speech fans" so they get to their rooms.

"We would still love to have some more volunteers, especially for afternoon shifts on Saturday. If people are interested please reach out to me ASAP," said Nystel, who can be reached by email at mnystel@turkey-v.k12.ia.us.

Saturday's contest begins at 8 a.m., and Nystel said competition will continue through about 4:30 p.m.

Students who receive a Division I rating will move on to the state contest that is set for Feb. 8 in Decorah.

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While New Hampton girls basketball player Chloe Weigel "mugs" for the camera, MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center athletic trainer Nicole Weber works with Weigel's teammate, Cora Schwickerath, before a recent Chickasaws' girls basketball game.

Athletic trainer appreciates variety of sports she covers

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days a week at the hospital's Physical Therapy Department and attends virtually all of the Chickasaws' home sporting events.

"The hospital has been great," she said Saturday afternoon as she watched five teams duke it out at New Hampton's annual home wrestling tournament. "They've been really flexible so like with today, being out here all day, I had yesterday off."

When it was pointed out that she worked Friday night at the New Hampton-Waukon basketball games, Weber laughed.

"That's right, but you know what I mean," she said with a smile. "The flexibility has been really nice and not every place has it, that I do know."

After graduating from Western Dubuque High School in 2018, Weber attended the University of Northern Iowa, where she received both her bachelor's and masters degrees. The medical field wasn't new to her; after all, her mother is a nurse.

Still, she laughed again when asked if taping an ankle the first time was akin to a nursing student giving that first shot.

"Yes, it is, because I remember being

really nervous," she said, "and honestly, it was not a good taping job. Now, I feel like I can tape in my sleep, but that first time, trust me, it wasn't pretty."

Her job is to help injured student-athletes return to the playing field, be it a gridiron, a court, a mat or a diamond, and she said since beginning work at MercyOne on June 10, she has been impressed both with New Hampton coaches and athletes.

"They've been really welcoming," she said, "and that's made a big difference for me. Our goals are the same — help injured athletes get back to the sports that mean so much to them."

Weber said that Chickasaw coaches have been understanding that her job is to make sure that an athlete can safely return to a sport.

"We're all competitive, right? So I get it, a coach wants this player or that player back as soon as possible," she said, "but they've been great to work with. A lot of times, it's the kids who are really pushing themselves and saying 'I'm ready' when I know they're not quite there yet."

Her advice to student-athletes — to all of us, really — is to listen to their bodies.

"I'd much rather they come to me right

away," she said, "and not wait until something small becomes really big. That's the No. 1 thing, let's listen to our bodies. I get it, they 100 percent want to compete so we work together to make sure they can."

And although she's obviously working with a plethora of younger people at the high school, she said those who want to embark on a workout program need to do the same thing.

"If something's hurting, let's find a different activity, a different machine, that will still let you do a workout without aggravating something," she said.

And if there's one more plus to her job, it is this: She gets to work with a lot of different sports and athletes.

"I love that variety," she said, "and before I got here, I was lucky enough at UNI to get that opportunity."

As she talked, a pair of wrestlers came flying off the mat and she smiled.

"I hadn't done a lot of wrestling before here," she said, "but I'm learning."

She paused and laughed.

"Like being alert when they're on the edge of the mat, that's a good thing, but seriously, I'm really enjoying what I do at MercyOne and out here."

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Learning Connection class at New Hampton Public Library

The Learning Connection and the New Hampton Public Library are collaborating to provide a morning Learning Connection class. All families with children ages 0-5 are welcome to join this free family class which will meet for ten weeks on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the New Hampton Public Library.

Children and parents will participate in age-appropriate activities covering literacy, music, math, science, and social and emotional development of children. Parents will also meet separately during

the hour and a half class for guided discussions on a variety of topics parents deem helpful.

There is no preregistration necessary. The morning classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

The second term of evening Learning Connection classes will also begin that same week on Tuesday evening, Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. This class meets in the Sunshine Preschool Classroom at St. Joseph's School.

For more information on the Learning Connection classes, contact Sue Loken, Program Coordinator at learningconnect@outlook.com or follow us on Facebook: Learning Connection-New Hampton.

Chickasaw County Fair royalty coordinator seeking applications

The Chickasaw County Royalty coordinator is getting an early start searching for candidates to enter the competition for the Chickasaw County Fair Queen, Little Miss and Little Mister titles.

"Our applications are currently open and will close April 30," said Trinity Brincks, who is the county coordinator. "We offer prizes for our littles and scholarships for our queens."

All candidates must reside in Chickasaw County. Queen candidates must be between the ages of 16-21 and little candidates must be between the ages of 5-10 (boys and girls).

Contact Trinity Brincks with questions at diamondrabbity@gmail.com or call 563-237-5122.

Town meeting with area legislators to be held in March

Residents are encouraged to attend an upcoming town hall meeting with area legislators to discuss important issues and engage in meaningful dialogue.

On Saturday, March 1 at 9 a.m. the New Hampton Community Center at 112 E Spring Street will host the meeting, which is open to the public and provides a valuable opportunity to connect with lawmakers and share your perspectives.

The forum is being sponsored by the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau.

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School Board is seeking candidates for open seat

By BOB FENSKE
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The New Hampton School Board will be "understaffed" for a bit after a board member turned in his resignation earlier this month.

Bob Ayers, who was the school district's business manager and board secretary for a number of years, resigned his seat on Jan. 13, and the four current board members learned during Monday afternoon's meeting that they have 30 days to replace the position.

Ayers was a District 2 representative, which means his replacement must come within the city limits of New Hampton.

Current Board Secretary Christy Roether said that state law requires that an appointment be made within 30 days of a resignation, which means the School Board will have to hold a special meeting sometime before Feb. 13 because the next regular board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17.

Board members directed Roethler to put out a notice looking for candidates, and on Tuesday, the district posted a form on its Facebook page. Roethler said the form will also be available on the school's website at new-hampton.k12.ia.us.

Ayers was up for re-election this November, and whoever is appointed would also be up for election when voters head to the polls on Nov. 4.

In other news from Monday's board meeting, which started earlier than normal so that the School Board could hold a joint meeting with its Turkey Valley counterpart to screen superintendent candidates:

- Board members learned

that five employees met the early-notification incentive by submitting their resignations before the Dec. 31 deadline. Those who submitted resignations, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year, included Joyce Muetherties (Title I), Scott Frerichs (high school math), Dennis Pagel (fourth grade), John Bear (maintenance director) and Sue Bouska (district office).

Earlier this school year, board members approved offering teachers and some staff members \$50 per unused sick day if they notified the district by Dec. 31 that they will not be returning for the 2025-26 school year.

It marked the third consecutive year that the district has offered the incentive, and district leaders say having the early notification of departures makes it easier to attract a pool of good candidates to fill positions.

- The School Board also began work on the 2025-26 school calendar and learned that the earliest New Hampton can begin classes next year is Monday, Aug. 25. That's because state law does not allow districts to begin classes until at least Aug. 23, which this year falls on a Saturday.

- Board members also approved the transfer of Jamie Wickham to a Title I/reading instructor position, the hiring of Summer Knight for an eighth-grade ELA position and the resignation, effective at the end of the school year, of Nikki Vossberg as a preschool teacher. The board also approved the hiring of Cari Laures as the assistant/JV softball coach and as volunteer boys track coach, pending licensure.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It's a night of presentation at the New Hampton City Council as SEH engineer Becky Schwab (above) discusses a storm water analysis study and Amanda Webb (below) of Hacker, Nelson & Co., presents the 2023-24 fiscal year audit during Monday night's meeting.

City to move ahead on water analysis study

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council for the past four years.

"Since starting a new job this fall, I have been working to maintain balance in my life," she wrote in the letter to Mayor Steve Geerts and her fellow council members. "I strive to give 100 percent in everything I do, but recently, I've found myself torn between my career, families and my duties on the City Council. While I am saddened to step down, I am confident that New Hampton is in excellent hands."

Fisher was appointed to the at-large seat in January 2021 after then-Councilman Matt Kuhn was elected to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors. She won a full term on the council in the November 2021 election and would have been up for re-election this November.

She began working as the director of special education at the New Hampton and Turkey Valley school districts at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year and said Monday night the decision to resign was not taken lightly.

"It's hard, but I think it's the best thing for me," she said, "but I will miss working alongside a great group of people."

Her resignation was effective on Tuesday, and when it comes to her replacement, city leaders published a "notice of intent to fill by appointment" that appears in this week's Tribune. The notice says the appointment will be made at the council's Feb. 3 meeting.

Fisher and her fellow council members did have a relatively busy agenda on Monday.

Highlights of the meeting included:



- After receiving a summary of the 2023-24 fiscal year audit from Amanda Webb of Hacker, Nelson and Co., they voted to accept the audit.

- SEH Inc. engineer Becky Schwab discussed her firm's proposal to do a water study for the potential rerouting of storm water in the westside industrial park to the south, one that could cost the city up to \$31,300.

Schwab said her firm would study the ramifications of rerouting the existing storm sewer north of the railroad along Bailey Avenue, but council members said they want to make sure that by doing so, they will not create flooding issues in other parts of the city.

Schwab said that the study will not only answer that question but will also come up with design alternatives if that is indeed

the case.

- Council members also approved the purchase of two filters for the New Hampton Municipal Pool, although they will still need to come up with where the \$105,000 will come from to purchase them. Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman has said repeatedly in recent months that the filters are a must because of the antiquated nature of the current filters.

The council agreed and unanimously approved the purchase.

- And the City Council also approved an agreement with Chickasaw County that will have the city pay the Sheriff's Office \$62,892 for dispatching services in the fiscal year that begins on July 1. That represents an increase of 3.7 percent from the \$60,551 that the Police Department is paying the county this year.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Jan. 19

1950 (75 years ago)

- High speed typing tests have been given students at the American Institute of Business in Des Moines and among these placing in the 63 word a minute group is Joanne McDonald of New Hampton. Maintaining that speed for 20 minutes, Miss McDonald is eligible now for membership in the International Honor Society. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McDonald from New Hampton and a graduate of New Hampton High School.

- The New Hampton Fresh-Soph. basketball team racked up its third victory in a row against a scrappy Nashua team, 29-24, in a game played in New Hampton.

The Little Chicks survived a last quarter onslaught by the Bulldogs to wrap up the game. Both teams scored nine goals but the Little Chicks had a big edge in free throws to win. They hit eleven of fourteen at the free throw line while Nashua made only six of 18.

1975 (50 years ago)

- Chickasaw County Auditor Luella Lentz said the new electronic computer and key punch recorder and sorter were recently installed in the auditor's office. The cost of the system totaled \$35,862.52 and will be used primarily in the auditor's office for county payroll, writing county warrants, preparing budgets, compiling monthly state reports and eventually for computing taxes.

The key punch recorder and sorter will be used by the auditor's office for setting up voter registration, but will also be used by other offices.

- A former New Hampton High wrestling standout, who is establishing himself as one

of Iowa's most successful prep mat coaches, Larry Straw, presently head mat coach at Mt. Vernon High School, piloted his Mustangs to the championship of the prestigious Linn-Mar Invitational at Marion.

Straw's team battled a field of eight teams to cop the tourney title. Straw starred in wrestling and football at New Hampton High School and continued his mat career at the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Straw of New Hampton and is married to the former Lois Hill, also of New Hampton.

2000 (25 years ago)

- The New Hampton Chickasaws Athletes of the Week. Boys basketball, Chris Winter, senior guard, vs. Waukon, 11 points, five rebounds, three assists and one steal and vs. Decorah, 12 points, three rebounds and three assists.

Girls basketball, Lindsey Smith, senior forward, her average for last week's three games was 15 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Wrestling, Josh Pesek, Junior, 189 lb., Weekend record, 4-0, finished first at Hudson and pinned his guy in championship round.

- Tony Rajer, Art Conservator and Art instructor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, cleans the mural, "Breaking The Colt," which is displayed in the lobby of the New Hampton Post Office. The work was painted by Tom Savage and glued to the wall in 1939.

According to Rajer, there are 38,000 post offices in the country and 2,000 of them have murals with 39 of them located

in Iowa.

2015 (10 years ago)

- Forget about the two convincing victories the New Hampton wrestling team posted Thursday night at a triangular in Nashua. This was Javy's night. Javy is Javier Pinero, a 16-year-old foreign-exchange student from Spain who, until November had never wrestled.

On Thursday night he recorded his first career pin in the Chickasaws' win over Nashua-Plainfield. It was a moment that Javy or the New Hampton fans who made the trek to Nashua will never forget. Pinero came into the Nashua-Plainfield match with a varsity record of 3-13, but all three of those wins came via forfeit.

- William Clark not only had to beat one of his friends but he also had to do the same with his older brother to win the championship of the New Hampton Geography Bee.

Thomas Clark, William's older brother, had to settle for fourth place in the bee that included students from grades 4-8, while William Clark bested fellow six-grader, Conner Rochford in the finals to claim the title.

William's reward is he gets

to take a test, one that if he scores in the top 100 in the state will earn him a trip to the Iowa Geography Bee later this spring.

2020 (5 years ago)

- St. Joseph Community School students made cards and treats for officers of both the New Hampton Police Department and the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office. The students welcomed New Hampton Police Chief Zach Nosbisch, who picked up the treats and cards for his department at the school's gathering office.

The students dropped off the treats and cards with Marty Hemann at the Sheriff's Office.

- Iowa long-term and post-acute care providers earn a national recognition for meeting quality goals. Approximately 395 Iowa long-term providers were recognized by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living, Dec. 16, for the quality care they provide.

Among the numbers are New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center, Linn Haven Rehab and Healthcare and Kensington Place, all of New Hampton.

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State senator to hold town hall meetings over next several weeks

State. Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, has announced a schedule of town hall meetings she will hold in coming week. Salmon will meet with constituents, discuss the 2025 Iowa Legislature session that kicked off this week and take questions and comments during the meetings.

Salmon represents District 29, which includes all of Chickasaw, Butler and Bremer counties and most of Floyd County.

Among her town hall meetings scheduled are:

- Saturday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m. to noon at the New Hampton Public Library.
- Saturday, Feb. 8, 11 a.m. to noon at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center in Nashua.
- Saturday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to noon at the Upham Memorial Library in Fredericksburg.

For more information on this program and how you can help, please contact Lynn Bruess at lbruess@iastate.edu.

Kettering dean's list

Isaiah Eike of New Hampton was named to Kettering University's fall dean's list. Eike is majoring in electrical engineering.

The dean's list recognizes overall academic performance based on the student's term grade point average (GPA). To be eligible for the dean's list, students be seeking a degree with a minimum term grade point average of 3.5, no grades below a B, and a minimum of 16 earned credits for the term.

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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday, 6
p.m.

ELMA

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CATHOLIC

Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass: Sunday, Feb. 2,
7:15 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sunday.

ELMA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Paula Hemann
207 Plum Street Elma
Service time: 10:30
a.m. Sunday.

NORTH WASHINGTON

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CONCEPTION

Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, Feb. 1,
6 p.m.

Using the right key

When reading the Old Testament, remember it's a book about Jesus

How do you read the Old Testament of the Bible? Is it primarily a guide for how to live? A collection of stories that may or may not be true? A bunch of prophecies and teachings that are impossible to understand or not applicable today?

Jesus teaches us to look at the Old Testament differently. He told the religious experts of His day, “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me” (John 5:39).

In other words, Jesus was telling these religious leaders that they

were using the wrong key. They were trying to unlock the Old Testament Scriptures by focusing on what they were doing for God.

But the key was what God was planning to do for them and for all who fall short of His commands. God the Father promised to send His Son to save sinners.

Moses told the Israelites to look for a Prophet like him to whom they should listen (Deuteronomy 18:15).

Isaiah told them to look for a suffering Servant, who would carry every grief and sorrow and be wounded for all transgressions (Isaiah

53).

Zechariah told them to look for a righteous and humble Savior-King (Zechariah 9:9).

These prophecies and many others were fulfilled when God the Son took on flesh and carried out His public work.

In all His interactions with the people around Him, He never broke the holy Law of God. He perfectly fulfilled it for all of us who have broken it again and again.

And then He went forward to the cross “like a lamb that is led to the slaughter” (Isaiah 53:7). He poured out His holy blood to wash away all

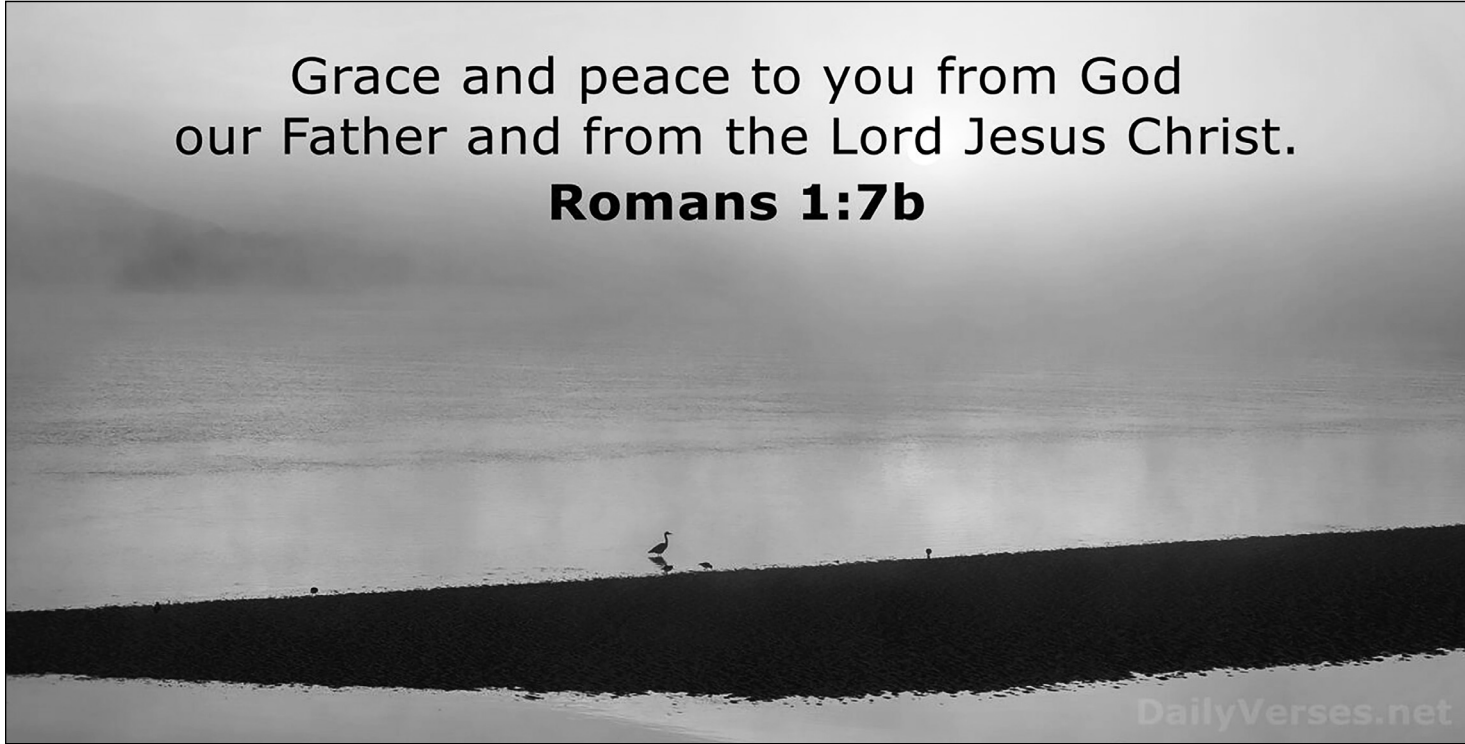


Pastor Peter Faugstad serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton and the Jerico and Saude congregations northeast of town (<https://saudejerico.com/>).

our sins.

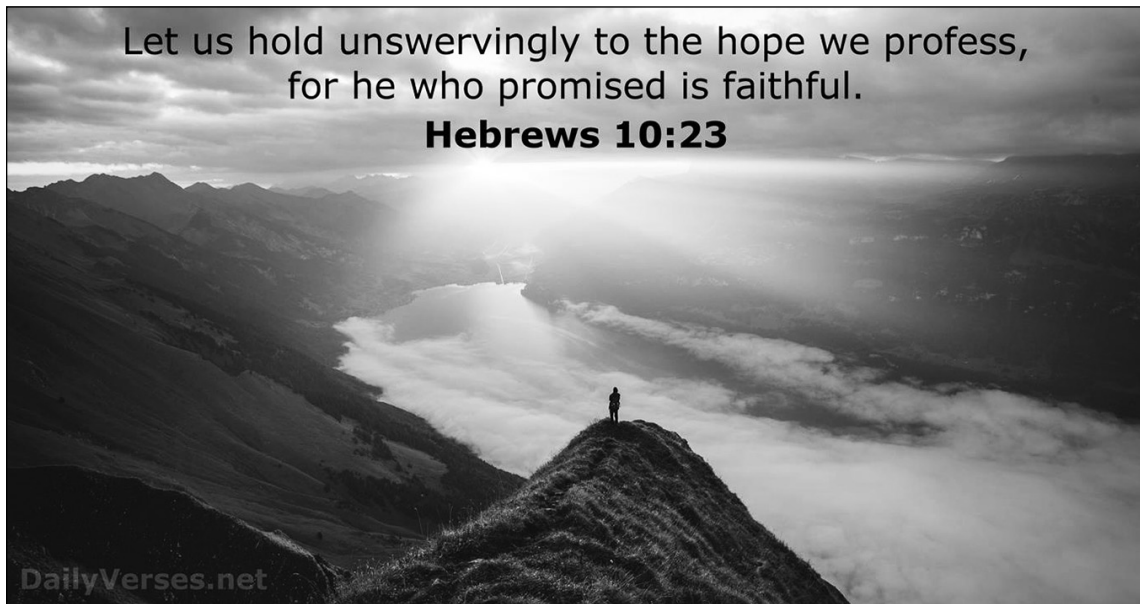
The next time you dig into the Old Testament, use the key that Jesus provides. Read it as a book about Him!

Grace and peace to you from God
our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 1:7b



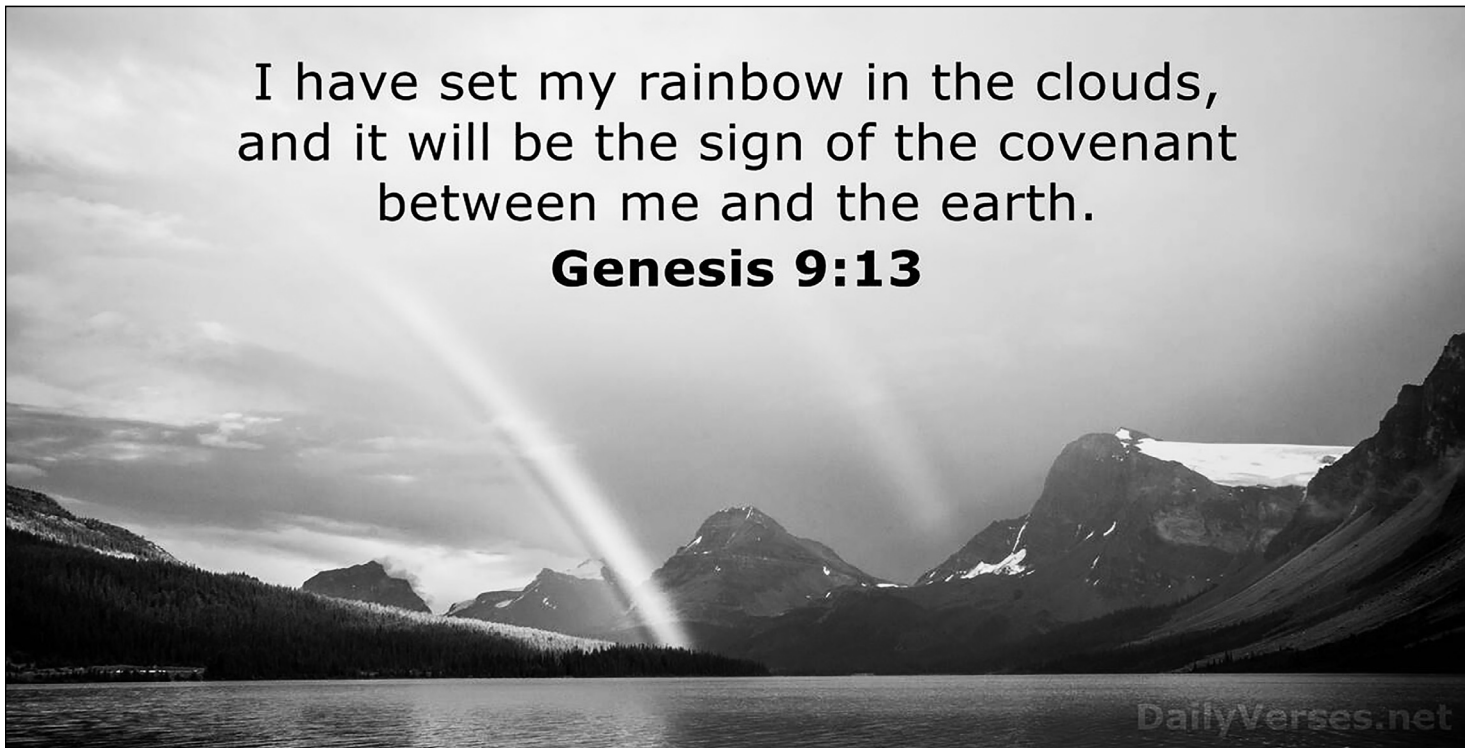
Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess,
for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23



I have set my rainbow in the clouds,
and it will be the sign of the covenant
between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13



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300 Merrill St.
Pastor Todd Burrichter
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sundays.

CEDAR POINT CHURCH

310 Main Street
Pastor Darin Cerwinski
Service time: 6:30
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Father Tom Heathershaw
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Mass: Saturday, 4 p.m.

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Pastor Sue Cira
Service time: 9:30
a.m., Sunday.

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Pastor Scott Smith
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ST. MARY CATHOLIC

218 3rd St. NW
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 8:30
a.m.

ST. LUCAS

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC

215 East Main
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, Feb. 2,
10:30 a.m.

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124 N. Main St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, Feb. 2,
8:30 a.m.

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3303 160th St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 10:30
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31015 150th Street
Rev. Peter Wenzel
Service time: 10 a.m.,
Sundays.

Financial Considerations
When Changing Jobs

Are you changing jobs soon? If so, you'll obviously be interested in your new salary — but you'll also want to look at other financial considerations.

Here are some of the most important ones:

• 401(k) — If you had a 401(k) plan with your previous employer, you'll need to decide what to do with it once you've joined a new employer. You could just cash it out, but you'd pay taxes and possible penalties. You could leave your 401(k) with your previous employer, if allowed, and if you have been happy with your plan's performance. Or you could move your 401(k) into your new employer's plan, which might be a good choice if the new plan has lower fees and attractive investment options. You'd also want to ask whether the new employer offers matching contributions. Finally, you could roll over your old 401(k) into a traditional IRA, which would give you more investment choices.

• HSA/FSA — If your new employer offers a health savings account (HSA) as part of a high-deductible health plan, you may want to take advantage of it. Your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, your earnings generally grow tax-deferred and your withdrawals are tax free, as long as they're used for qualified medical expenses. Plus, you can carry unused funds through retirement, when you can still use them for qualified medical expenses. Your employer might also offer a flexible spending account (FSA), which can pay for a variety of health care costs, such as deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance. Generally, if you're contributing to an HSA, you can't fund an FSA in the same year, except for a limited purpose FSA.

• Waiting period for health benefits — You'll want to ask your new employer if there's an eligibility waiting period to enroll in its benefits plan — health insurance, dental, vision, and so on. If so, you may need to get COBRA coverage for a few months to stay in your old plan, unless you can be added to a spouse's plan. When you go on your new employer's health care plan, make sure you know what it covers.

Depending on your situation, you might want to add



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• Life insurance — When you leave a job, your employer-sponsored life insurance will end, unless you have the option to convert your group term life policy into an individual permanent cash value policy. So, you'll want to be sure your new employer offers at least the same insurance coverage as your old one. But you should also determine whether the group policy offered by your employer is sufficient for your needs. Depending on several factors, such as your income, spouse's income and family size, you may need to supplement your employer's policy with an individual term life insurance policy.

• Other benefits — Review your new employer's benefits package carefully to see what's available. Many employers offer tuition reimbursement for their employees, and some even provide college planning assistance for employees' children. For example, your employer might offer matching contributions to a tax-advantaged 529 education saving plan, which can be used for college, some K-12 expenses and some trade/vocational school programs.

Changing jobs can provide you with an opportunity to expand your career, learn new skills and broaden your social network. And it can certainly be financially rewarding, too — so make sure you know all the benefits involved.

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This has been a rare sight this winter — an empty parking lot at New Hampton High School — as Tuesday's school cancellation was the first of the school year for the area's largest school district.

Schools enjoy quiet weather winter ... so far

WEATHER: FROM 1

been? As we froze earlier this week, Houston, deep in the heart of Texas, was getting four inches of snow.

The lack of snowfall meant that before Tuesday, New Hampton Community Schools hadn't had a single late start, early out or day off due to the weather; in fact, save for an early out Turkey Valley had on Dec. 19 because of snow, area students had

been "shut out" ... until Tuesday.

That's when all four area school districts — New Hampton, Turkey Valley, Sumner-Fredericksburg and Nashua-Plainfield — pulled the plug on classes.

"We still have quite a few kids who walk to school, and not only that, but if you have a bus problem," Manson said, "do you want them sitting out there when it's that cold, that dangerous?"

But most area schools, including New

Hampton, went ahead with scheduled activities later in the day and into the evening.

"The warning's over and we work with other schools to see what they're thinking," Manson said. "I feel comfortable with what we're doing. Our No. 1 goal is always the safety of our students and our staff."

He paused and couldn't help but laugh. "But I'm ready for the heat wave tomorrow, I can tell you that."

Auditor says plenty of factors go into county EMS fund balance

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

Because the EMS fund balance on Jan. 15 was \$858,221.04 and the fund balance on Oct. 15 was \$921,886.52, that meant supervisors had no choice but to waive the payments due in April.

"This number presents like looking at your checkbook," Shekleton said. "I'm looking at the checkbook balance and there's \$858,000. It has nothing to do with whether EMS is making money or not making money."

Later in the meeting, she did a rough estimate on expenditures and revenues received by the ambulance service and found that during the year, the ambulance service spent a little less than \$390,000 more than it

received in revenues.

"Last year, they did the remodel job on their building," she said. "They were paying rent for a place [for living quarters], utilities ... there are a lot of things that factor into that number."

Shekleton also pointed out that revenues are affected by how fast insurance companies make payments.

"We all know how that works," she said on Tuesday. "Like I said yesterday, there are a lot of moving parts with this."

Still, the news that quarterly payments will be waived was welcomed, not just by the cities but also supervisors.

When they certified the county's budget and tax levy last spring, they did so with the county making just two pay-

ments for the ambulance service.

Because the county won't make a payment this year, that means the county didn't spend local-option sales tax or Rural Services Basic (RSB) funds that were earmarked for Chickasaw County EMS. Board Chairman Jake Hackman said on Monday that means the county will have about \$110,000 that will be added to the RSB ending fund balance.

County Attorney David Laudner pointed out that the quarterly "snapshots" of the EMS fund have slowly been going down since reaching a high of \$1,003,589.59 on July 15, 2024.

If that number dips below \$750,000 on one of the "snapshot days," that means the

county and the city would have to make at least two consecutive quarterly payments because of the language in the 28E agreement that states the fund must have more than \$750,000 in it for two consecutive quarters.

Shekleton said that the main point she wanted to make was that it was the cities and counties — along with the revenue that the service has received — that led to a fiscal year without ambulance payments.

"When I send out my letters on what the fund balance is saying then they're thinking that there's all this money being made right now," she said during Monday's meeting. "But if it wasn't with the help of all the cities, we wouldn't be where we are today. And the county, too."

Districts staying on superintendent search timeline

SUPERINTENDENT: FROM 1

Matthews said. "Twelve, in this day and age, is a good number that gives us options to make, and it speaks volumes to what kind of school districts we have."

Jurens, who has been New Hampton's top administrator since 2012 and has been a shared superintendent with Turkey Valley since 2017, announced in September that the 2024-25 school year would be his last

before he headed into retirement.

Over a series of meetings held this past fall, both school boards reiterated their commitments to continue sharing the position, hire a search firm — eventually selecting Grundmeyer Leader Services — and take applications through Jan. 5.

During those autumn meetings, both Matthews and Turkey Valley School Board President Don Blazek Jr. said the goal was to bring finalists in for interviews in

February, and Matthews said Tuesday that timeline hasn't changed.

Once the two boards decide on the finalists, their names will be released to the public.

"I know I'm not saying a lot, but we are on a good track right now," Matthews said. "I think every board member from both boards is looking forward to having the finalists here so that we can make a good decision for both of our districts."

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES January 14, 2025

The Board convened on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cervinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, Summit Carbon Solutions Kaylee Langrell and Joseph Crosgrove, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Public Health Board Joan Knoll and Jeremy McGrath, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Custodian Dave Gorman and Treasurer Matt Ysbrand

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for January 14, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed repairs for the water damage at the Heritage Center. Public comment: Terry Johnson addressed the Board of Supervisors. Discussed Treasurer Matt Ysbrand's FY 25-26 budget

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve semiannual reports for period ending December 31, 2024 for the Treasurer. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Public Health Director Lisa Welter FY 25-26 budgets. Summit Carbon Solutions Stakeholder Relations Manager Project Kaylee Langrell discussed updates.

Discussed EMS Director Joel Knutson FY 25-26 budget.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to approve quarterly reports for period ending December 31, 2024 for the EMS. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve quote submitted by Northeast Iowa Spray Foam, LLC in the amount of \$33,528.28 for Chickasaw County Secondary Roads Alta Vista Maintenance Shop Project per purchase policy. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the hiring of Benjamin Schmitt, Engineering Technician, starting on January 22, 2025 at \$31.00 per hour. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Secondary Roads updates. Recessed: 11:15 AM Resumed: 11:20 AM Discussed Secondary Roads Engineer Roman Lensing FY 25-26 budget. Budget Session

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 12:46 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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20/20 FX LLC, COMP HARDARE-P. HLTH/SHERIFF/BOS/911 4,180.85	FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, F'BURG SHOP UTLS-SEC RDS ...	MAIL SERVICES LLC, PRINT/POST-AGE-TREAS.....	1,251.49
AG VANTAGE FS INC, DIESEL NASHUA SHOP-SEC RDS1,598.55	GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC, POLICE SPPLS/UNIFORMS-SHERIFF.....	460.31	RAY ARMBRECHT, MTG MLG-CONSV.....
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELEC-CONSV/SEC RDS.....	GLAXO SMITH KLINE, BOOSTRIX FOR TB TESTING-PUB HLTH.....	237.00	116.58
ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTLS-SEC RDS.....	HEALTHCARE FIRST, CLIENT SURVEYS-PUB HLTH.....	119.25	RAY O'HERRON CO INC, UNIFORM PATCHES-SHERIFF.....
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, MED SPPLS-PUB HLTH.....	HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, DATA PROC SOFTWARE/EDU TRAINING-PUB HLTH.....	28.60	454.18
ANDREA KIME, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....	HIGH SPEED GEAR, VEST POUCHES FOR EQUIP-SHERIFF.....	563.47	RILEY'S INC, TONER/COPY FEES/ OFFICE SPPLS-DATA PROC/ SHERIFF/BOS/AUD/TREAS/P. HLTH/ASSR.....
1.34	HOLLY BAILEY, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....	2440.56	978.99
ANN KNUTSON, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....	HOMETOWN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL-HERITAGE.....	709.60	S & T COLLISION CENTER AND AUTO LLC, 19-8 MV REPAIR-SHERIFF.....
19.43	105.88	740.97	2,440.56
AT&T MOBILITY, PH SVC-EMS44.96	INOVALON PROVIDER INC, ANNUAL MEDICARE BILLING/ SOFTWARE-PUB HLTH.....	38.00	SADLER POWER TRAIN INC, PARTS-SEC RDS.....
BERNARD EICHENBERGER, ROW PURCHASE B EICHENBERGER-SEC RDS.....	IONIA, CITY OF, IONIA SHOP WATER & SEWER-SEC RDS.....	801.65	709.60
6,339.16	200.00	131.46	SAVE RITE MEDICAL, WOUND CARE SPPLS-PUB HLTH.....
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT GAS-LEMC/CSB/CRTHS/JAIL/RECY BLDG/SEC RD SHOPS.....	IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, PHONES-911.....	801.65	SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, CUST SPPLS/EQUIP/PARTS/BLDG MAINT-GEN SVCS/CONSV/EMS/SEC RDS.....
7,318.82	226.00	710.96	740.97
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MED SPPLS-EMS.....	IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WELL WATER PERMITS-ENVIRO HLTH.....	91.98	SEDIVY, CARLY, C.SEDIVY UNIFORM REIMB-EMS.....
439.34	75.00	91.98	91.98
BUTLER CO REC, ELEC-CONSV/SEC RDS/OLD LANDFILL/ANCHOR TOWER.....	IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE, PROSAUER NOTARY-TREAS.....	443.54	SHELLY LAMPSON-BAST, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....
1,076.05	30.00	443.54	443.54
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., PHONE/INTERNET-MULT CO DEPTS/POWER @ LAWLER/NASHUA TOWER.....	IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES, MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-SHERIFF.....	435.55	STAPLES INC, OFFICE SPPLS-PUB HLTH.....
1,298.60	25.00	3,820.00	43.55
C. H. MCGUINNESS CO. INC., ANGLE TRAP-GEN SVCS.....	ISAC, I.CARTER EDU-BOS.....	1,000.00	STATE FOREST NURSERY, TREES-CONSV.....
147.19	125.00	1,000.00	3,820.00
CARD SERVICES, AED/MED SPPLS-EMA.....	JAMES ALLISON, MTG MLG-CONSV.....	400.00	STERNAT TREE SERVICE LLC, TREES-CONSV.....
4,712.29	13.40	400.00	1,100.00
CENTURY LINK, PH SVC-911.....	JANE COLLINS, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....	11.30	STEVE FOX, GRANT/WELL SHOCK-ENVIRO HLTH.....
33.95	257.28	11.30	400.00
CHICKASAW COUNTY POSTAGE METER, MV/TAX POSTAGE-TREAS.....	JENDRO INC, GARBAGE PICKUP-MULT CO DEPTS/RURAL RECY.....	11.30	SUPERIOR LUMBER INC, LUMBER-GEN SVCS.....
7,500.00	3,127.07	830.53	11.30
CINTAS CORPORATION #762, UNIFORMS/CUST SPPLS-SEC RDS.....	JERICO CEMETERY FUND, VET GRAVE CARE.....	830.53	TAMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COURT RELATED SVCS-CLERK OF COURT.....
3,043.25	420.00	29.65	51.50
CINTAS CORPORATION NO 2, MED CABINET SPPLS-CRTHS.....	JOANNE MYRSIADES, MTG MLG-CONSV.....	905.98	51.50
166.78	168.84	905.98	TAMMY FLICK, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER, COURT RELATED SVCS.....	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARTS/MATERIALS/FUEL/SPPLS-CONSV/SEC RDS.....	1,191.50	194.30
41.08	558.57	1,191.50	TREWIN PUMPING SERVICE, DEC LEACHATE HAUL-LANDFILL CONTRACT.....
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, DIESEL IONIA/AV SHOPS-SEC RDS.....	JUDY PAULUS GEBEL, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....	1,000.00	185.00
2,322.90	198.32	1,000.00	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, PARTS/OUTSIDE REPAIRS-SEC RDS.....
CRANE CREEK CEMETERY, VET GRAVE CARE.....	L & R MANUFACTURING LLC, PARTS-SEC RDS.....	1,000.00	12,317.73
232.50	18.88	1,000.00	TYLER BUSINESS FORMS, 1095 C FORMS-COUNTY.....
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, WATER/COOLER RENTAL-CO ATTY/AUDITOR.....	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC, GRANT/INTERPRETER SVCS-PUB HLTH.....	1,000.00	93.92
48.89	15.75	1,000.00	93.92
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115.00	3,181.03	1,000.00	1,191.50
DUANE NIE, D.NIE UNIFORM REIMB-EMS.....	LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASE-SEC RDS.....	1,000.00	1,191.50
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EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC, WATER TESTING-CONSV.....	LISA WELTER, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....	1,000.00	753.14
50.00	99.83	1,000.00	1,000.00
FAREWAY STORES INC, FOOD/ SPPLS/POP MACHINE-SHERIFF/ CRTHS.....	LORI CAREY, MTG MLG-CONSV.....	1,000.00	VISA, DUES/POSTAGE/SPPLS/ MEALS/LODGING/PARTS/ EQUIP-ATTY/VA/EMS/S/RDS/ ASSR.....
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FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, FUEL-CONSV/SHERIFF.....	LS SUPPLY & RENTAL INC, PARK	1,000.00	1,547.88
1,310.17		1,000.00	WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP & PART INC, MV MAINT-EMS.....
FASSTENAL COMPANY, HARDWARE-SEC RDS.....		1,000.00	100.00
84.00		1,000.00	WENDY PETERS, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH.....
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, FUEL/ GEN SPPLS-SHERIFF/GEN SVCS/ SEC RDS/EMS.....		1,000.00	420.09
10,929.15		1,000.00	WEX, FUEL-ASSR.....
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, INMATE BOARDING (2)-SHERIFF.....		1,000.00	108.19
1,495.00		1,000.00	WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC, PH SVC-911.....
FOX REHABILITATION SERVICES PC, PT/OT/ST THERAPY-PUB HLTH.....		1,000.00	199.88
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Almanac

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Wednesday	28	6	--
Thursday	37	21	--
Friday	45	8	--
Saturday	16	-12	--
Sunday	-2	-12	--
Monday	-2	-20	--
Tuesday	8	-10	--

Forecast

Thursday: Sunny and cold with a high of 15 and a low of 1 below.

Friday: Partly sunny with a high of 28 and a low dropping to 13.

Saturday: Partly sunny with a high near 35 and a low of 9.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 29 and a low of 11.

Extended forecast: We'll start the work week off on the calm side as no storms are on the horizon, highs will be in the 30s and lows in the teens.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.

History

- In 1556, an earthquake strikes Shaanxi, China, and kills more than 830,000 people, making it the deadliest quake in recorded history.
- In 1849, a graduation ceremony at a church in Geneva, New York, Geneva Medical College bestows a medical degree upon Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman in the United States to receive one.
- In 1957, machines at the Wham-O toy company roll out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs — now known to millions of fans all over the world as Frisbees.
- In 1968, the USS Pueblo, a Navy intelligence vessel engaged in a routine surveillance of the North Korean coast, is boarded and taken over by members of the North Korean armed forces.
- In 1977, "Roots," the eight-episode miniseries, premieres on ABC and the story that follows a family from its origins in West Africa through generations of slavery and the end of the Civil War generates huge ratings and numerous rave reviews.

Birthdays

- John Hancock, the famed signatory of the Declaration of America, was born in 1737.
- Longtime "Law & Order SVU" Mariska Hargitay turns 61.
- Chesley Sullenberger, the famed pilot known as "Sully" who made a miraculous landing on the Hudson River in 2009, turns 74.
- Richard Dean Anderson, who starred on TV's "MacGyver," turns 75.

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- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.
- If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenske at 641-394-2111.

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Leona Agnes Herold, 92

Leona Agnes Herold, age 92 of Cresco, passed away peacefully at Accura Healthcare of Cresco on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025.

Leona was born on Feb. 6, 1932, to Bernard and Clara (Schwickerath) Rosonke in New Hampton. She grew up on a farm and worked hard alongside her parents and siblings to keep the family together. Some of her favorite activities were wading and swimming in the nearby river, playing in the hay-mow, playing cards and going to any dances in the area.

Leona graduated from New Hampton High School, class of 1950. She worked as a mother's helper for two years before marrying the love of her life, George Herold, on Sept. 30, 1952.

They soon settled in Cresco and together, they welcomed eight children into their family. While her main focus was raising their children, Leona also cleaned offices, mowed lawns, worked at the local hardware store, and did other odd jobs to help support her family.

After George passed away unexpectedly in 1977, shortly after their 25th anniversary, Leona went to work as a book-keeper at the Cresco Veterinary Clinic.

After retirement, Leona contributed to her family and community in many ways. She was a member of the VFW, the Hospital Auxiliary and her parish Altar Society. She also volunteered for many years at Accura Healthcare, helping out with various activities for the residents.

Leona loved to crochet and knit, making afghans for each of her children and grandchildren. Leona was well known for her baking and cake decorating skills. Her "grandma rolls" were a must at all family gatherings, as was her tapioca orange salad.

Leona also loved to play cards and played with different card clubs throughout the years. She was a wonderful wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and neighbor, and will be sadly missed by all.

Leona is survived by six



Leona Herold

children, Al (Mary) Herold of Windsor, Colorado, Bonnie (Forrest) Blaylock of De Pere, Wisconsin, Janice (Dave) Moehn of Fort Madison, Mary (Russ) Martin of Ithaca, New York, Larry (Evelyn) Herold of Golden Colorado, and Joe (Cindy) Herold of Foxfield, Colorado; and son-in-law, Jeff Irvine of Easton, Kansas. She also leaves behind 20 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren; one sister Mildred Brus of Alta Vista; one brother, Jerry (Malee) Rosonke of Mansfield, South Dakota; and many, many nieces and nephews.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George; her daughter, Sharon Herold, her daughter, Linda Irvine; grandson, Justin Irvine; granddaughter, Tamara Sharma; brother, Harold (Myrtle) Rosonke; brother, Donald (Eleanor) Rosonke; brother, Glen (Mary) Rosonke; sister, Lorna (Donald) Gorman; brother-in-law, Quentin Brus; and brother-in-law, Edmund (Marie) Herold.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Cresco with Father Dan Knipper officiating.

Recitation of the Rosary was held at 9:15 a.m., followed by visitation from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the church on Monday prior to the start of the service.

Burial was at Calvary Cemetery.

Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Scott Curtis Johnson, 65

Scott Curtis Johnson, age 65 of Nora Springs and formerly of Nashua, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Memory sharing at remembrance will take place at 6:30 p.m.

A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Property Transfers

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Lyle W. Usher to Matthew J. Goddard and Jada J. Goddard; PARCEL D NW 31-95-14.

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Paul C. Chambers and Heather R. Chambers to Regean M. Tobin; EX E22' NASHUA ORIGINAL PLAT NASHUA Lot: 2 Block: 3.

Margaret M. Shekleton EST, Mary Beth Kamrath Ovel EX, Mary Beth Kamrath Ovel EX and Patrice Shekleton Ross EX to Mary Beth Kamrath Ovel, Mary Beth Kamrath Ovel: NEW HAMPTON DAN HARTSONS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 2 SW SW 16-95-12.

Harold D. Lantow and Karen V. Lantow to B & G Pork LLC; PARCEL 2024-59 NE NE 12-94-12.

Patricia Bielema and Patricia A. Bielema to Delores J. Cunz and Gerald L. Cunz: NASHUA NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION LOT: 14 BLOCK: 1 NASHUA NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION LOT: 15 BLOCK: 1

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Thank You

The family of Curtis Schwickerath would like to extend our gratitude to everyone for your kindness and support shown towards our family during this difficult time of Curtis's sudden death and funeral. We appreciate all the visits, phone calls, text messages, Facebook messages, cards, and food. A special thank you to Fr. Jim Goerend, Deacon Vic DeSloover, and all who made the funeral mass special. Thank you to McCallister Catering for the delicious meal and the Rosary Society Circle who helped serve the funeral dinner. We'd also like to thank Hugeback & Johnson Funeral Home staff for your assistance and guidance through this difficult time.

Lynette Schwickerath;

Emily (Zach) Wemark

Max Schwickerath

Caroline McShane, 88



Caroline McShane

Caroline McShane, age 88 of New Hampton, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare in New Hampton.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Dan Christensen officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Memorial Service at the church on Saturday.

Caroline Ruth McShane — a beacon of generosity and love — passed away peacefully on Jan. 19, 2025, in New Hampton. Born on May 3, 1936, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of James and Opal (Treptow) Clark, Caroline's life was a testament to her selfless nature and the joy she brought to all who knew her.

After graduating from Springfield High School in 1954, Caroline embraced life with a spirit of adventure and commitment.

Her journey of love began when she married Richard McShane at the Little Brown Church in Nashua on July 2, 1955. Together, they built a life filled with laughter, travel and shared passions.

Caroline's work ethic was admirable, and her career was as varied as it was fulfilling. She spent several years working at Deco in Decorah, where she honed her skills and made lifelong friends. After moving to New Hampton with her hus-

band, she served the community as a dedicated meter maid and dispatcher for the New Hampton Police Department. Caroline's professional journey also included stints at Sara Lee and Beatrice, where she worked until her well-deserved retirement.

However, Caroline's life was not solely defined by her work; she was a woman of many interests and unending generosity. She could often be found square dancing with Richard, tending to her beautiful flower garden, or embarking on travels and trips that brought her immense joy. Bingo nights at the church were always brighter with Caroline's presence, and she never missed an opportunity to engage in a friendly game of cards.

Her involvement with her grandchildren's events showcased her unwavering support and pride. Caroline's cheers could be heard from the sidelines, encouraging and celebrating every milestone.

Kenneth 'Ken' Franzen, 72



Ken Franzen

Kenneth "Ken" Franzen, age 72 of New Hampton, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be at a later date in Calvary Cemetery, New Hampton.

Friends will greet the family an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025.

Kenneth "Ken" Clarence Franzen was born June 14, 1952, near Waucoma, the oldest child of Clarence and Valeria (Berst) Franzen.

Ken's formative years were spent at St. Joseph School in New Hampton, where he completed his elementary education through the eighth grade. He then went on to graduate from New Hampton Community High School in 1971.

An avid lover of the outdoors,

Briefs

Cowboy Poetry takes the stage this weekend

Tickets still remain for the annual Cowboy Poetry shows that are being sponsored by the Lawler Lions Club and will take to the stage Friday and Saturday nights at the Starlite Ballroom.

Three performers — R.P. Smith, Bonnie Krogman and Brooke Turneer — will put on the show.

It's the 19th year for the event that has raised thousands of dollars for local organizations and causes, 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.

Ag pest control registration due by Feb. 5

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County will host an Ag Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, Feb. 12. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 115 N. Broadway Ave, New Hampton. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before Feb. 5 and \$60 after Feb. 5. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

Her participation in the Red Hat Lady Group and volunteer work at the Little House of Bargains and the Meals on Wheels program were further reflections of her caring and community-oriented spirit.

Caroline Ruth McShane's life was a beautiful tapestry of service, love and devotion. Her memory will be treasured by all who were fortunate to know her. She has left an indelible mark on the hearts of her family, friends, and community, and her spirit will continue to inspire kindness and joy in the lives of those she touched.

Caroline leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

She is survived by her children, Steve (Shelley) McShane and Gary McShane, both of New Hampton, and Christine (Dale) McBurney of Cedar Rapids; her sister, Sharon Crawford of Dubuque; and sister-in-law, Sharon Clark of Missouri. Her joy will live on through her six grandchildren, Anthony (Paula Nicolaisen) McShane, Nicole (Justin) Klunder, Rebecca (Trent) Zabel, Andrea (Roberto) Barron, Lindsay (Tyler Moyer) McShane and Nathan McBurney; 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson, who will miss her dearly.

Preceding Caroline in death were her beloved parents; her husband, Richard; her brothers, Gene (Virginia) Clark and Paul Clark; and her sisters, Shirley Snyder and Lois Port.

Each of them had a special place in her heart, and she is now reunited with them in eternal peace.

role in his life, and he was a devoted attendee of Mass at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton.

His spiritual devotion was a source of strength and comfort, not only to him but also to those who knew him.

Horror movies were among Ken's favorite cinematic escapes, and he reveled in the thrill and suspense that they brought.

His loyalty as a sports fan was evident in his unwavering support for the Colts and the Orioles, but it was the time spent with his family that Ken cherished the most. The shared moments, the laughter, and the love were the highlights of his life.

Survivors include two sisters, Kathy Franzen and Becky Franzen, both of New Hampton; one brother, Steve (Jo) Franzen of New Hampton; and one niece, Amanda of New Hampton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Alan.

The course, formerly known as Commercial Ag, Weed, Insect and Plant Disease Management, will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 1A, 1B, and 1C.

Topics covered will include pesticide use and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehension and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

SDSU dean's list

More than 3,900 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the fall semester at South Dakota State University by being named to the dean's list.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Area students included on the list are:
Nashua: Emma O'Neill, in SDSU's College of Natural Sciences.

New Hampton: Tori Bearman, in SDSU's College of Nursing.

SNHU president's list

Samantha Dowd of New Hampton has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) fall president's list. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the president's list. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Wedding Guide

A new, but oh so exciting, endeavor

New Hampton florist is the new event coordinator at The Cottage at Woodland Farm

By BOB FENSKE
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To say Kayla Smith is excited about her latest endeavor is a lot like saying the sun rises in the east.

Both are absolute facts.

The owner of Pocketful of Posies, a flower shop located in downtown New Hampton, recently was named the new event coordinator at The Cottage at Woodland Farm, the old bed-and-breakfast and winery that is located near Fredericksburg.

"I've been one of those behind-the-scenes people at a lot of weddings with my flowers," she said, "so for me, this goes hand-in-hand with what I'm already doing and hopefully helps me excel at both."

In a press release announcing Smith's hiring, the farm's new owner, Katie Maynes, said Smith brings a "wealth of experience in the event and hospitality industry, making her an incredible addition to our team."

Maynes bills herself as a "creative wedding photographer who has been documenting unforgettable love stories for 10 years and counting," and she and her husband recently purchased the farm that includes a cottage, a picturesque garden, a reception hall and a barn made for "dancing the night away."

And when Smith was approached about becoming a part of The Cottage at Woodland Farm family, as busy as she is as a business owner, mom and community volunteer, she just couldn't say no.

"I've always been the flower person, right? But I'm the kind of person who likes to plan, who likes to make sure everything comes together," she said, "and this is such a perfect opportunity for me. It's making sure everything's just right for that magical day. It's a chance to expand my horizons, if you will, and to be able to work with Katie and her husband, I



Photo courtesy of Kayla Smith

Kayla Smith and her husband, Logan, pose for a photo with their three children — Breena, Camden and Owen.

just can't wait to get started."

And it's not like she's giving up her other roles, although she said she has cut back her hours a bit at Pocketful of Posies, the flower shop she has owned since 2018.

As of now, the business is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, but she's also looking into ways to be able to have a "self-serve" option available for those who need flowers when she's not open.

The Maynes, meanwhile, are working on remodeling the property on the farm, but they

are taking bookings for weddings and other events like bridal showers. They say they will host anything from intimate half-day events to all-inclusive wedding weekends.

So in a sense, Smith is adding things like catering and photography to her love for flowers.

"It's still trying to give them that experience that they will never forget," she said. "It's still working behind the scenes, but I'm adding the caterer, for example, and other things to the plate. An event coordinator really is there to make sure everything goes off seamlessly."

And her experience as a florist, she believes, will help her in the new endeavor.

She gets weddings. She's been there. She's done that. She's dealt with the emotions that come from brides, mothers and other family members that come to the forefront during wedding planning.

"It's still about watching two families merge together to celebrate love, share laughter, happy tears and unforgettable memories," she said, "and I think as a florist who has worked a lot of

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Wedding Guide

What to know before a wedding gown shopping trip



METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Weddings mark a turning point from one stage in life to another. The significance of that transition is perhaps one reason why couples and their guests dress so nicely for a wedding ceremony and reception. Formal garb is a wedding tradition, and guests anxiously await seeing which type of gown a bride will wear. In western cultures, white wedding gowns have been the standard since the nineteenth century and are believed to symbolize purity and grace. In eastern cultures, wedding gowns often have been elaborate, colorful creations that have their own symbolic meanings unique to various areas of the world.

Shopping for a wedding gown can spark mixed emotions. While it is exciting to try on some remarkable garments, there also is the pressure of knowing all eyes will be on you while wearing this couture creation. Narrowing down wedding gown prospects can take vision, time and patience. The following pointers can help when it comes time to visit bridal shops.

Make an appointment

Many bridal shops operate by appointment only. That's because the staff wants to devote complete attention to a client, and having people simply walk in from the street can draw their attention away and/or lead to long wait times. Identify the stores you want to visit, and then call to secure your time slot.

Narrow down styles

Think about what your personal style might be and how

you want to look on your wedding day. If you're not sure about the vocabulary surrounding dress silhouettes, visit Pinterest or Instagram and save images of dresses that you love. Then you can show the sales staff what you are thinking instead of going in empty-handed.

Keep an open mind

Try on a few different styles even if you have a particular dress in mind. You never know if something might be a better fit for your body type or the scope and style of your wedding unless you give it a go.

Start the process early

Unlike off-the-rack clothing, most wedding shops will have to order your dress and have it shipped. Then comes a few weeks for alterations. KWH Bridal notes eight to 12 months before a wedding is a good time to choose and order a dress. Brides magazine says most made-to-order wedding gowns take about six to nine months to create. There also are three separate fittings to ensure the gown will fit like a glove.

Invite a handful of confidantes

It's best not to arrive at the shopping appointment with an entire entourage. Pick, at the most, four people whose opinions you trust; otherwise, it could be a case of too many cooks in the kitchen. As a bride-to-be you'll already be anxious, and you'll want soothing, supportive people with you.

Plan your budget

Know well in advance what you can afford to spend. According to data from The Knot, wedding attire accounts for 7 percent of the average couple's budget. Most wedding gowns are in the range of \$2,000. Don't forget about additional costs, such as veil, shoes, alterations, undergarments, and any add-ons.

In addition to these tips, arrive to an appointment well-rested, fed and comfortable.

Variables to consider before picking a wedding date

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

After announcing their engagement, couples may need to get used to being asked if they have chosen a date to tie the knot. Friends and family members who are thrilled for the happy couple may want to know when the partnership will become official, but choosing a date is not always so simple.

A host of variables must be considered before couples pick a wedding date. Though the choice of date is ultimately a couple's decision to make, consideration of the following variables can help engaged individuals make the most informed choice.

• Season: Time of year is an important consideration when picking a wedding date. Summer was once the season-of-choice when tying the knot, but data from the online wedding resource The Knot indicates that has changed a little in recent years. The most popular day to get married in 2024 was Saturday, Sept. 21, which the experts at The Knot note reflects a notable shift in couples' preferences that began in 2015. Since then, fall has been the most popular season to tie the knot. Moderate temperatures and less rainfall likely contribute to that popularity. Before picking a date, couples can consider which time of year they prefer to get married.

• Convenience: The convenience of a particular date won't be the same for everyone, but couples may want to consider a date or season that is amenable to as many bridal party members and guests as possible. Couples planning to invite children to the wedding may learn from parents that fall, winter and spring are tough times of year due to youngsters' hectic school and activities schedules. Summer may be more convenient, but

it's also likely that some guests with preexisting vacation plans may not make it if the date chosen coincides with their trips. There's no way to accommodate everyone, and couples should make their own preferences their top priority. But those with no such preference may want to look for a time of year when traveling to and from the wedding is convenient for as many guests as possible.

• Holidays: Holidays are another variable to consider. Travel and accommodations tend to be more expensive on holiday weekends, and roadways also can be crowded during three-day weekends. In addition, many people look forward to their own traditions during the holiday season and other notable events, such as July Fourth and Labor Day. Before choosing a wedding date that coincides with a holiday, it might be a good idea to get some feedback from bridal party members and other trusted confidantes.

• Local event schedule: It's common for couples to inquire about other events a wedding venue may be hosting when shopping for ceremony and reception sites. But it can be equally important to consider events in the area where you plan to get married on and around the days you're considering. For example, tying the knot on the same weekend as the Super Bowl in the city where the event is taking place may not be wise, as hotel availability will likely be limited and room rates may be much higher than normal. Even more localized events like harvest festivals may affect the availability of accommodations, so this important variable merits consideration.

These are just a handful of variables couples should consider before choosing a date to tie the knot.

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MFL 12 22 13 21 - 68
TV 11 5 21 10 - 47
Logan Busta 4-16 3-4 13, J.D. Kruse 3-13 5-7 12, Jayden Rausch 1-5 0-0 3, Cale Langreck 0-9 0-0 0, Jordan Kriener 5-13 5-5 15, Alex Hanson 0-0 0-0 0, Miguel Diaz 2-3 0-0 4, Kaden Schmidt 0-0 0-0 0, Jonah Orvis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 15-60 13-16 47.

3-point field goals - Busta 2-4, Kruse 1-2, Rausch 1-4, Langreck 0-3, Orvis 0-1.

Rebounds - Busta 7, Kruse 6, Kriener 6, Langreck 3, Rausch 2, Diaz 2, Hanson 1.

Assists - Busta 5, Kruse 2, Langreck 2, Rausch 1, Kriener 1.

Steals - Busta 5, Kruse 2, Rausch 1, Langreck 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 64, TRIPOLI 46
TRI 20 9 12 5 - 46
TV 15 13 19 17 - 64
Busta 10-20 5-6 27, Kruse 3-11 2-4 8, Rausch 3-13 2-5 11, Langreck 4-8 0-1 8, Kriener 5-11 0-3 10, Schmidt 0-2 0-0 0, Treyton Franzen 0-1 0-0 0, Orvis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-66 9-19 64.

3-point field goals - Rausch 3-8, Busta 2-10, Langreck 0-4.

Rebounds - Busta 10, Kriener 8, Kruse 4, Rausch 4, Langreck 4, Franzen 2, Schmidt 1.

Assists - Busta 5, Langreck 2, Kriener 2, Schmidt 1, Kruse 1.

Steals - Busta 8, Kriener 5, Kruse 4, Rausch 2, Langreck 2.

KEE HIGH 61, TURKEY VALLEY 28
KEE 19 21 12 9 - 61
TV 6 12 3 7 - 28
Busta 2-6 0-0 6, Kruse 1-10 4-8 6, Rausch 2-7 4-4 9, Langreck 0-6 0-0 0, Kriener 2-5 0-0 4, Hanson 0-2 0-0 0, Schmidt 0-1 0-0 0, Franzen 0-5 1-4 1, Orvis 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 8-43 9-16 28.

3-point field goals - Busta 2-4, Rausch 1-4, Kruse 0-2, Langreck 0-2, Hanson 0-4, Orvis 0-1.

Rebounds - Kruse 5, Busta 4, Franzen 4, Rausch 3, Kriener 3, Orvis 2, Hanson 1, Schmidt 1.

Assists - Busta 3, Kruse 1, Rausch 1, Hanson 1, Franzen 1, Orvis 1.

Steals - Franzen 4, Busta 1, Kruse 1, Kriener 1, Schmidt 1.

WAPSIE VALLEY 93, TURKEY VALLEY 26

TV 8 7 6 5 - 26
WV 18 37 20 18 - 93
Busta 2-11 1-2 6, Kruse 1-7 2-2 4, Hanson 1-2 0-0 2, Rausch 1-4 0-0 3, Diaz 1-3 0-0 2, Langreck 0-2 0-0 0, Schmidt 0-2 1-4 1, Franzen 0-3 0-0 0, Caleb Kriener 0-1 0-0 0, Orvis 0-3 0-0 0, J. Kriener 2-6 1-2 5, Wyatt

Maklenburg 0-0 0-0 0, Ryan Lukes 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 9-45 5-10 26.

3-point field goals - Busta 1-5, Kruse 0-1, Hanson 0-1, Rausch 1-2, Langreck 0-1, Orvis 0-1, Lukes 1-1.

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New Hampton Schools
Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.6, the New Hampton Community School Board publishes this notice of its intent to appoint a person to fill a vacancy on the Board. Eligible electors of the New Hampton Community School District have the right to file a petition requiring that this vacancy be filled by special election. Petitions must be received by the board secretary within 14 days after the publication of this notice. For details and signatory requirements, contact the board secretary.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL BY APPOINTMENT

To the Electors of the City of New Hampton, Iowa:
You are hereby notified that the City Council of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, has a vacancy of an At Large seat. The office of this council seat will expire December 31, 2025, is vacant as of January 22, 2025 pursuant to Section 69.2, Code of Iowa.

You are further notified pursuant to section 372.13(2) of the Code of Iowa, the Council has elected to fill the vacancy by appointment, but the electors of the City have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election.

The appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election, as defined by Section 69.12, Code of Iowa.

The Council will make the appointment to fill the vacancy at its regular meeting on February 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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Rebounds - Kruse 6, Diaz 4, Franzen 4, Hanson 2, Langreck 2, Schmidt 2, Orvis 2., J. Kriener 2, C. Kriener 1, Busta 1.

Assists - Langreck 1, Orvis 1, J. Kriener 1, Maklenburg 1.

Steals - Busta 2, Langreck 1, Schmidt 1.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA J. NOLTING, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003219 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Norma J. Nolting, Deceased, who died on or about December 11, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on May 20th, 2024 the Last Will and Testament of Norma J. Nolting deceased, bearing date of May 8th, 2020 was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Nancy Franzen was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated January 7, 2025.
Lana L. Lühring, AT#0004830
Attorney for Executor
Laird and Lühring Law Firm
PO Box 177
Waverly, IA 50677

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Authorized persons have the right to review education records of the student, have those records explained, obtain copies of the records, and write a response to materials in the records. They also have the right to challenge the content of the records they believe are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The Agency's policy on student records can be secured upon request by contacting Keystone AEA, 1400 2nd St. NW, Elkader IA 52043, or phone 1-800-632-5918.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY Probate No. ESPR003262 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. RANDOLPH, Deceased. NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of William L. Randolph, Deceased, who died on or about December 11, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of December, 2024, the last will and testament of William L. Randolph deceased, bearing the date of the 9th day of November, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Mark Schmitt was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this 17th day of January, 2025.

Mark Schmitt
Executor of estate
1195 McCloud Ave.
New Hampton, IA 50659

Christopher F. O'Donohoe
ELWOOD, O'DONOHOE,
BRAUN & WHITE, LLP
Attorney for executor
101 North Locust Avenue,
P.O. Box 310
New Hampton, Iowa 50659
ICIS Pin #: AT0005848

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Board Proceedings
The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in a special joint session with Turkey Valley, Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Turkey Valley High School Library. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Directors A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Denner and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director Ayers was absent.

Director Denner moved to approve the agenda. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, N. Schwickerath, Denner and A. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to go into closed session Per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i)(1) a school board may enter closed session "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Director Denner seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Matthews – Yes, N. Schwickerath – Yes, Denner – Yes and Director A. Schwickerath – Yes. The Board entered the closed session at 6:04pm.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to come out of closed session at 7:48pm. Director Denner seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Denner-Yes, A. Schwickerath – Yes, Matthews – Yes and N. Schwickerath – Yes.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to adjourn at 7:48pm. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, N. Schwickerath and Denner. Nays: none.

Attest: January 13, 2025
Jay Matthews, Board President
Christy Roethler, Board Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE PHASE 2 STOLZ PARK SUBSTATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA.

Notice is hereby given that the Electric Utility Board of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant, New Hampton, Iowa will meet at the Downtown Utilities Office, 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659 on February 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM, at which time and place the Electric Utility Board will consider the adoption of plans and specifications, and proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the above referenced improvement, which are now on file in the Downtown Utilities Office. At said meeting the Electric Utility Board will receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost made by any interested party.

The proposed construction is described in general as follows:

The project includes furnishing and installing concrete foundations, steel, conduit, power cable, control cable. Project also includes grounding, bus work, assisting in the installation of an Owner-furnished power transformer, circuit interrupter, and lightning arresters. Project includes modifications to the existing switchgear lineup, deadend, and the removal of existing substation equipment no longer needed at the New Hampton Stolz Park Substation.

The work is part of a substation public improvement project which will be located at the Stolz Park Substation in the City of New Hampton, Iowa.

Publication upon order of the Electric Utility Board of New Hampton Municipal Light Plant, New Hampton, Iowa.

Dated this 23rd day of January 2025.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT
NEW HAMPTON, IOWA
By /s/ Brian Quirk
General Manager
ATTEST: /s/ Becky Babcock
Office Manager

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MidAmerican Energy, WS4 Payment..... \$35,000.00
NAPA Auto Parts, Oil & Fuel Filter \$102.70
New Hampton Tribune, Minutes & Claims \$181.61
New Hampton Municipal Utility, Phone \$137.18
New Hampton Municipal Utility, Joint Expense Reimbursement. \$7,247.53
New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill \$68.29
NIMECA, NAR Transfer Fee.. \$214.55
NIMECA, Disability Insurance \$276.90
On Track Doors, LLC, Insulation & Overhead Doors- New Bldg..... \$38,237.52
Rapid Printers / Office World, Postage, Office Supplies..... \$150.88
Schueth Ace Hardware, Bulbs, Batteries, Adapters, Hardware \$202.36
Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$207.69
Skarshaug Testing Laboratory, Inc., Clean & Test Equipment..... \$182.42
Stanton Electric, New Bldg Electric Supplies, Shop Supplies \$3,862.51
Stuart C Irby, Co., Rubber Sleeve \$660.24
Visa, Gauge, Cleaning Machine, Valves, Glasses \$2,439.99
Total..... \$450,475.40
Less Transfers..... \$93,000.00
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED..... \$357,475.40
PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE DECEMBER 9, 2024
AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance \$131.62
Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$837.12
Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$855.27
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$5,344.81
EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$5,863.91
Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withholding Tax \$1,902.31
Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS \$8,153.13
Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance..... \$9,839.20
Total Payroll..... \$32,927.37

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES January 13, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cervinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Skeleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Homeland Energy Beth Eiler, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Custodian Dave Gorman and Treasurer Matt Ysbrand

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for January 13, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve the meeting minutes from January 6, 2025 and January 7, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to approve quarterly reports for period ending December 31, 2024 for the Auditor, Recorder and Veterans' Affairs. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Employee Benefit Systems (EBS) for Chickasaw County Flex Plan and no action taken.

Public comment: Terry Johnson addressed the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to enter closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(k) ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at county owned property at 9:06 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Carter, Cervinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to exit closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(k) ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at county owned property at 9:18 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Carter, Cervinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

No action taken out of close session.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Breitbach to wave the third reading and adopt Ordinance No XI-1. An Ordinance providing that general property taxes levied and collected each year on all property located within the CWEC Urban Renewal Area, in Chickasaw County, state of Iowa, by and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, Chickasaw County, Charles City Community School District, Nashua Plainfield Community

School District, New Hampton Community School District, Sumner Fredericksburg Community School District, Turkey Valley Community School District, and other taxing districts, be paid to a special fund for payment of principal and interest on loans, monies advanced to and indebtedness, including bonds issued or to be issued, incurred by the county in connection with the CWEC Urban Renewal Area (THE CWEC URBAN RENEWAL PLAN) This description of the ordinance is a summary only. A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for inspection at the Chickasaw County Auditor's office in the Chickasaw County Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa, during regular business hours, and also online at www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov . The ordinance effective upon publication on January 16, 2025 and January 17, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes-Cervinske, Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed Sheriff Ryan Shawver's FY 25-26 budgets

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa code 21.5 (g) (To avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection.) at 9:33 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cervinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to exit closed session pursuant to Iowa code 21.5 (g) (To avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection.) at 9:49 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Carter, Cervinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

No action taken out of close sessions.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve quarterly reports for period ending December 31, 2024 for the Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Recorder Shirley Troyna's FY 25-26 budgets.

Discussed Attorney David Laudner's FY 25-26 budget.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve contract with US Cellular for Northeast Iowa Community Action tenant at the Heritage Center and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call:

All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to approve Chickasaw County Publication Report for 2024 payroll and direct the auditor to publish in the official county newspapers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Number of yearly Subscribers
Vanguard Publishing Co NA
New Hampton Tribune 1070
Nashua Reporter 278

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to designate the New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter as the official county newspapers for 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed applicant and appoint member to fill a vacancy to Magistrate

Appointing Commission term expires December 31, 2026. Tabled for a later date.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve the estimate from Mailing Services Inc for \$6,930.38 for cost to send out the proposed property tax notice hearing information. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed repairs for the water damage at the Heritage Center.

Discussed credit cards claim.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll check date of January 10, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$97,724.41. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Session

Board of Supervisors FY25-26 budget

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

Supervisor Cervinske, January

9-Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County

Landfill

Supervisor Breitbach, January 7-

Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed

Project

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by

Suckow to adjourn at 11:31 AM. Roll

Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Skeleton,

Secretary to the Board

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton. Board members present were Berns, Cantu, Anderson, Babcock. Dahl was absent. General Manager Brian Quirk Attorney Christopher O'Donohoe and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:20 p.m.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Berns; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Berns; that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 11, 2024, be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Babcock; that claims in the amount of \$105,440.73 be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Berns, seconded by Cantu; that the Finance Reports for November 2024 be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

General Manager Report:

1. Signups are continuing, despite the cold weather

2. In discussions regarding connecting rural residents to the NHMU system

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the meeting adjourn at 5:33 p.m. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS,

City Clerk

GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

JANUARY 13, 2025 5:15 P.M.

Iowa Department of Revenue, Sales Tax November..... \$1,587.86
Butler Bremer Communications, Wholesale Voice..... \$8,729.24
Fiserv CardConnect, Monthly Fees \$1,306.74
USA Television, Video Programming..... \$1,237.50
Visa, Photo Backdrop Stand, Clothing \$265.80
Waverly Utilities, Transport Service \$899.95
New Hampton, City of, Utilities \$360.88
Aureon, Ethernet Transport Service \$2,685.00
US Cellular, iPad Service & Device Payment..... \$65.57
Black Hills Energy, Gas Service \$200.01
Cedar Falls Utilities, Wholesale Bandwidth, Communications Agreement \$5,810.00
Calix Inc, Cloud Support, Annual AXOS License \$22,624.25
Madison National Life, Term Life, AD&D, Supplemental..... \$62.35
Payroll Account, December Salaries \$21,512.79
Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$2,660.75
BIG Network, Digital Base, Total Base, BTN \$366.03
Butler Bremer Communications, Wholesale Voice..... \$9,072.81
Butler Bremer Communications, Voice & Internet..... \$624.00
Cedar Falls Utilities, 28E Agreement December Costs \$1,223.45
Eide Bailly, Microsoft 365 \$79.72
FanDuel Sports Network, Video Programming \$506.80
Five Star Coop, Gas \$85.16
Graybar, Fiber Pigtaills, Battery, Splitter EZ Bend Meters \$6,853.06
Iowa One Call, One Calls \$15.30
Jendro, Refuse Pickup..... \$90.00
M.T.S., Inc., Window Washing. \$68.48
NCTC, Video Programming. \$8,178.84
New Hampton Tribune, Legal Publication \$100.96
New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill

..... \$668.57
NIMECA, Disability Insurance. \$86.59
Patriot Communications, LLC, Outside Plant Installations..... \$4,694.00
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Coach says New Hampton boys show potential in loss to Waukon

NH Boys: FROM 16

said and he said ‘that was all ball,’ and that, I’m sorry, is not a technical,” Rausch said. “Put it this way, if I’m not upset with a player getting a technical foul — my guys know I don’t stand for that — then it sure as hell should not have been a technical foul.”

And just like that, the game turned on a proverbial dime.

Waukon hit 3-of-4 free throws to start a 14-0 Waukon run that essentially put the game away for the Indians as New Hampton dropped to 2-10 overall and 0-5 in the Northeast Iowa Conference.

“Adam’s our best free throw shooter, and it really, really changed the game. My thought was we’d have the lead, we’d be shooting free throws and Adam was going to be our guy,” Rausch said. “I mean I can go on and on, but that was a really tough stretch where we just couldn’t get a call.”

And it meant that New Hampton’s valiant effort didn’t result in a much-needed conference win.

Waukon raced out to a 10-2 lead in the first three minutes of the game, but the Chickasaws fought back, and when Ewert hit a 3-pointer late in the frame, New Hampton trailed just 20-19.

New Hampton took its first lead of the night on a Jake Schwickerath 3-pointer midway through the second quarter and then closed the period with a 7-2 run thanks to a mid-range jumper by Caden Rochford, a 3-pointer from Braxton Bundy, who had 12 first-half points, and a rebound basket by Reid Rausch to take a 33-29 halftime advantage.

“We didn’t come out quite the way we wanted to obviously,” Rausch said, “but I was impressed with our resilience. ... We started rolling and we did so many good things.”



Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton freshman Kye Rausch heads to the basket during the first half of Friday’s game against Waukon.

Chief among them were rebounding and taking care of the basketball as New Hampton fought the Indians to a draw on the board and had just 10 turnovers.

“If we can rebound the basketball and if we can keep it to 10 turnovers, we’ve got potential,” Rausch said. “It’s not rocket science, that’s how you win basketball games.”

The Chickasaws were led by Caden Rochford, who returned from an illness that knocked him out of Monday’s game against Kee and scored 20 points, including 16 in the second half, on 8-for-14 shooting from the field. The junior also grabbed five rebounds.

“It was great having Cade back, and not only did he have a really nice offensive game,” Rausch said, “but it also helps us on the defensive end and with rebounding. But really I was really pleased with how everyone played. ... Our fight and our intensity, they wanted that game so bad. With the great crowd, with a great student section, with the pep band, it was a great night. It’s just a shame that it ended the way it did.”

WAUKON 66, NEW HAMPTON 59										
Waukon	20	9	12	25	-	66				
NH	19	14	9	17	-	59				
Caden Rochford	8	-	14	3	-	4				
20, Adam Ewert	3	-	4	0	-	0	8, Ryan Willadsen	0	-	1
0-1 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy	5	-	8	0	-	0	12, Reid Rausch	2	-	7
0-0 4, Jake Schwickerath	3	-	7	0	-	0	7, Ethan Carter	1	-	6
2-2 4, Kye Rausch	1	-	1	0	-	0	2, Carson Laues	0	-	1
0-0 0, Jacob McDonald	0	-	0	1-2	1	1. Totals	23	-	49	6
8	-	5	9							

3-point field goals - Ewert 2-3, Bundy 2-5, Schwickerath 1-1, Rochford 1-6, Carter 0-1, Laues 0-1, R. Rausch 0-4.

Rebounds - Rochford 5, Willadsen 5, Bundy 4, R. Rausch 4, Laues 3, Carter 3, K. Rausch 2, Ewert 2, McDonald 2.

Assists - Ewert 3, R. Rausch 3, Bundy 2, Rochford 2, Laues 1, McDonald 1.

Steals - Rochford 2, Laues 2, R. Rausch 1, Willadsen 1, Ewert 1, K. Rausch 1.

Blocks - Laues 1, R. Rausch 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley’s Ellaney Bodensteiner puts up a shot near the rim versus MFL MarMac.

Trojans avenge loss at Kee High

TV remains in sole possession of second place in UIC with big win

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley Trojans weren’t going to let a lead slip away this time in a key conference clash.

After last week Tuesday’s heartbreaking loss at home versus MFL MarMac – TV made sure to start quickly and finish strong at home versus conference contender Kee High in another league battle that will decide who will be crowned UIC champs this winter.

The Trojans passed that test with flying colors as Turkey Valley stayed a single game behind league leader MFL with an outstanding defensive effort to lock down the visiting Hawks by a score of 59-42 on Friday.

This was a much-anticipated rematch game as the Hawks had stopped TV, 39-30, in the first week of December.

“This group of girls are resilient. No matter the situation they are up for the challenge,” said TV head coach Steve Hoffert.

The tandem of Trojan senior Layni Schuchhardt and sophomore Hazel Nieman limited the conference’s leading scorer – sophomore guard Rylee Mudderman – to just eight points on 2-9 shooting. Mudderman averages over 15 points a game and scored 18 points in the first meeting between the two schools.

“Layni and Hazel did an outstanding job denying Mudderman touches,” said Hoffert.

TV led 28-16 at intermission and took a 43-25 advantage into the final period of play. Hoffert said his girls were very patient with Kee’s zone defense and worked to get open shots.

As far as big games go, Trojan sophomore forward Bella Stika came up large with a monster night. She ripped down 21 rebounds and scored 16 points. Stika snared 11 offensive rebounds.

“Bella is a tough matchup for most teams. She is very athletic and relentless on the boards,” said Hoffert.

Stika leads the conference in rebounding with an average of 13 a game.

TV senior forward Delaney Busta notched a double-double for the Trojans with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Busta was 3-6 shooting and 4-6 from the charity stripe, where TV sank 16-28 shots as a team.

“Delaney has grown into one of our team leaders. She also is relentless on the boards,” said the TV head coach.

TV outrebounded Kee 50 to 21.

TV junior guard Addison Steinlage notched 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Ellaney Bodenstiner, TV’s sophomore center, matched that 14-point total on 4-9 shooting.

Bodensteiner started out on the junior varsity squad at the beginning of the year, but has risen the ranks on Hoffert’s roster to become a key performer down low in just her first varsity season.

“She’s really improved in the post. We’ve been working with her on her drop steps – keeping the ball high,” said Hoffert about Bodensteiner.

TV raced to a 68-20 home win over Tripoli the night before on Thursday of last week.

Stika once again came up aces for the Trojans with 17 points and 10 rebounds on 8-9 shooting. Steinlage and junior forward Annika Bodensteiner each tallied 12 points apiece.

The Trojans forced 30 Tripoli turnovers. The visiting Panthers are now 3-9 on the year.

Turkey Valley is 10-4 overall and 9-2 in the league. MFL (10-6) sits in first place in the conference with a 10-1 mark with five league games left to play. Kee High (8-5) is currently the third place team in the UIC with a 7-3 league record.

TURKEY VALLEY 68, TRIPOLI 20										
TRI	8	5	5	2	-	20				
TV	18	28	13	9	-	68				

Addison Steinlage 4-11 2-2 12, Annika Bodensteiner 3-7 3-4 12, Layni Schuchhardt 1-3 0-0 3, Bella Stika 8-9 1-6 17, Delaney Busta 0-5 1-2 1, Ellaney Bodensteiner 3-3 2-2 8, Hazel Nieman 1-3 0-2 2, Emersyn Hoffert 2-7 2-2 7, Kendall Kuennen 0-1 1-2 1, Brynlee Hayek 2-2 0-0 4, Ella Ives 0-6 0-0 0, Miyah Byrne 0-3 1-4 1. Totals 24-60 13-26 68.

3-point field goals - A. Bodensteiner 3-6, Steinlage 2-6, Schuchhardt 1-3, Hoffert 1-2, Byrne 0-3.

Rebounds - Stika 10, Ives 7, A. Bodensteiner 4, E. Bodensteiner 4, Hayek 4, Busta 3, Nieman 2, Kuennen 2, Steinlage 1, Hoffert 1.

Assists - Stika 4, Steinlage 3, Schuchhardt 3, A. Bodensteiner 1, Nieman 1, Hoffert 1, Kuennen 1.

Steals - Steinlage 3, Schuchhardt 3, Hayek 3, Stika 2, Kuennen 2, E. Bodensteiner 1, Nieman 1, Hoffert 1, Byrne 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 59, KEE HIGH 42										
KEE	9	7	9	15	-	42				
TV	15	13	15	16	-	59				
Steinlage	5	-	18	2	-	14				
A. Bodensteiner	1	-	10	0	-	2				
0-2 0-0 0, Stika	6	-	13	4	-	16				
Busta	3	-	6	4	-	10				
Nieman	0	-	3	0	-	4				
Hoffert	1	-	3	0	-	0				
E. Bodensteiner	4	-	9	6	-	7				
14. Totals	20	-	64	16	-	28				

3-point field goals - Steinlage 2-3, Hoffert 1-3, A. Bodensteiner 0-7, Schuchhardt 0-2, Nieman 0-1.

Rebounds - Stika 21, Busta 10, Steinlage 9, E. Bodensteiner 6, A. Bodensteiner 2, Schuchhardt 1, Nieman 1.

Assists - Steinlage 3, Schuchhardt 1, Stika 1, Busta 1, Nieman 1.

Steals - Stika 3, Steinlage 2, A. Bodensteiner 2, Schuchhardt 2, Busta 2.

Blocks - Stika 1, E. Bodensteiner 1.

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TV plays well in loss vs. MFL

Busta’s career-high 27 lifts Trojans to non-conference victory; comes close to triple-double

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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John Izer tells it like it is. You’ll rarely hear the Turkey Valley head boys basketball coach sugar coat anything.

So obviously one of Izer’s winning attributes is his honesty, so if his young squad doesn’t come to play on a given night, he’ll let them know about it straight and to the point.

That didn’t happen at home versus MFL MarMac last week Tuesday in Jackson Junction.

Why, you might ask? Because for the first time in Izer’s four seasons at the helm, his Trojans had put a scare into the favored Bulldogs and played one of their better games of the year – even in loss.

MFL is that good. “The motto was compete. We were sick and tired of getting beat 82-21. I know their coach has never wasted a timeout in a game because it was close. When he called a timeout in the third, he was wondering what was up,” said Izer.

MFL (12-2, 9-1) ended up holding off TV’s inspired charge to pull off the upset as the second-place team in the Upper Iowa Conference distanced itself late for a 68-47 triumph, but Izer liked what he saw out of his ever-improving bunch.

TV cut MFL’s lead to just seven points in the third quarter.

“That’s the deepest we have went with them in my four years – plain and simple,” said Izer. “For what it’s worth, out of eight games it’s the first time there wasn’t a continuous clock.”

TV, now 6-9 on the year and 3-7 in the UIC, kept the momentum rolling at one-win Tripoli (1-12) two days later on Thursday with a 64-46 win.

“They played their tails off and competed,” said Izer.

Izer just wished his squad would have put this game out of reach a tad bit sooner with another key tilt at home versus Kee High the following night on Friday.

“Our goal was to get in and out quickly. That did not happen,” said Izer. “We had to fight and scrap a lot longer. We wanted to be in a lot better shape with our legs going into Kee.” That meant the Hawks, now 7-6 overall and 6-3 in the league, put a whipping on the host Trojans by a margin of 61-28.

“They got off to a good start and we just didn’t have anything left,” said Izer.

TV has taken its lumps this season in certain games, just like this past Monday on the road at Wapsie Valley (8-5). The Warriors throttled TV, 93-26.

“They just did not miss,” said Izer.

TV junior forward Logan Busta racked up a career-high 27 points in the win over the Panthers. In fact, Busta was just two steals shy of a triple double. He finished with 10 rebounds, eight steals and five assists. He was 10-20 from the field and buried two 3-pointers.

Busta and fellow junior forward J.D. Kruse hit for 13 and 12 points, respectively, against MFL. Jordan Kriener, a sophomore forward for TV, scored 15 points against MFL and 11 versus Tripoli.

“He has absolutely showed out. He’s gotten people’s attention,” said Izer. “He’s doing about everything you want as a sophomore.”

Another sophomore for Izer, guard Jayden Rausch, is also coming along strong in the learning process for a TV team

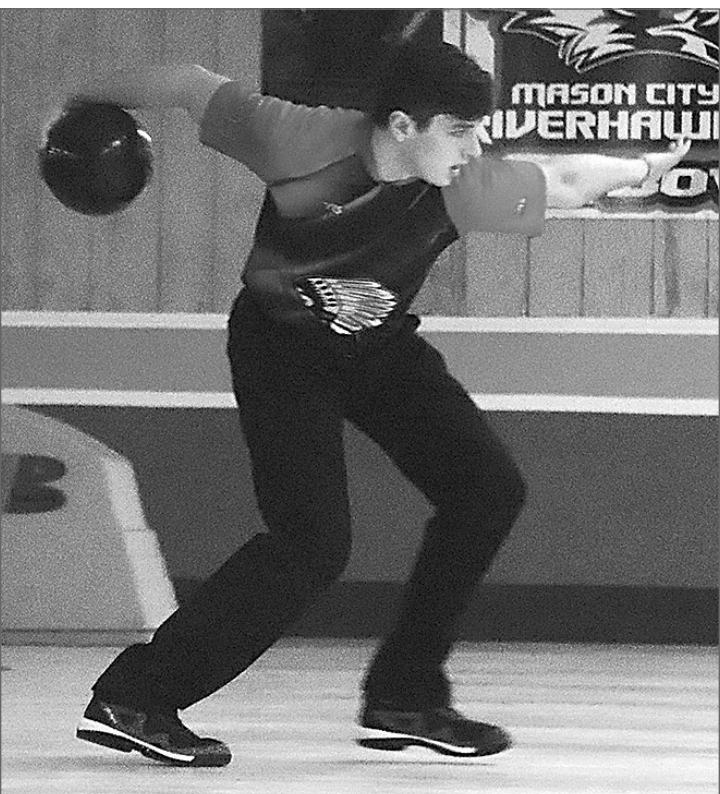
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City of Alta Vista Council Meeting Monday, January 13, 2025
The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Adam Roethler, Kayla Pride, Rick Heying, Samantha Slick, and Amy Laues in the Alta Vista City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burt Ostert. Agenda was discussed. Slick made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.
December 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Samantha Slick would like to add that the council did not see or approve the letter sent to Fire Chief Laues by Mayor Ostert. Roethler made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the December 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes with the corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.
Citizen Forum was discussed. Barb McAvoy voiced her concerns. She was wondering how the council picks and chooses which ordinances to enforce and fine for. Pride informed her that the council enforces the ordinances when there are complaints. Barb mentioned that she saw a firefighter with a revoked license driving a firetruck. Chief Laues said it was not who she thought she saw. Barb also questioned why the tornado siren would have to be potentially moved. Laues mentioned at the Emergency Management wants tornado sirens to be centrally located. Barb mentioned that Amy should abstain from voting about fire department as it is a conflict of interest. Barb feels there is tension between some on the city and fire department and wants everyone to work together.
Library was discussed. Director Crystal Taylor-Griffen was present and went over upcoming programs including a women’s self-defense class. Pat Halvorson presented the proposed library budget. The library is requesting \$15,000.00, up from \$12,776.66 from last year. Resolution 2025-1-1 to transfer \$2,325.00 from the Library Savings Account to the Library Account for the 3 cabinet was read. Slick made the motion, seconded by Laues to approve Resolution 2025-1-1. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried. Library needs a handicapped spot. Clerk will look to get proper signage.
Fire Department was discussed. Chief Laues presented the budget. The Fire Department is requesting \$234,800.00. The City’s portion would be \$78,666.00. One item on the list, a replacement engine truck, is a 3-5 year plan and would cost up to \$200,000.00. 28 E Agreement for Mutual Aid was discussed. Roethler made the motion, seconded to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the removal of EMS. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Generator was discussed. Clerk received a grant for \$5,000.00 for the generator. Clerk is still waiting to hear back from Pembina for another grant. Mayor Ostert and Council discussed budget issues.
Budget was discussed.
Budget amendment was discussed. Ordinance 2025-1 was discussed. Ordinance 2025-1 increasing the electric base rate from \$10.00 to \$11.00 was read. Laues made the motion, seconded by Roethler to approve Ordinance 2025-1. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried. Roethler made the motion, seconded by Pride to waive the second reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried. Slick made the motion, seconded by Pride to waive the third reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried.
Ordinance 2025-2 was discussed. Ordinance 2025-2 increasing the water base rate from \$15.00 to \$17.00 was read. Pride made the motion, seconded by Roethler to approve Ordinance 2025-1. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried. Heying made the motion, seconded by Slick to waive the second reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried. Pride made the motion, seconded by Laues to waive the third reading. Roll call vote. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Motion carried.
VFW liquor license was discussed. Laues made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the VFW liquor license. All ayes. Motion carried.
Adam Roethler leaves meeting at 8:03 pm.
Snow removal was discussed.
Attorney was discussed. Slick was concerned as the city already went over the budget amount for attorney. Consensus of council is to see if Tori Beyer would be interested in being the City attorney.
Grants were discussed.
Insurance claim was discussed.
Nuisance property was discussed. Council had a concern about the neighbor’s fence being over the property line. Clerk will contact HRS to see if a survey was ever done.
Delinquents were discussed.
Water was discussed.
Sewer was discussed.
Streets were discussed.
Sanitation was discussed.
Parks were discussed.
Municipal Hall was discussed.
Electric was discussed.
September, October, and November financial reports were present. Heying made the motion, seconded by Slick to approve the financial reports. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Roethler. Motion carried.

Pride made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the disbursements. Ayes: Slick, Pride, Heying, Laues, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Roethler. Motion carried.
December Disbursements
To Whom Amt, Purpose
US Treasury \$1,676.86 , Withholdings
State of IA \$182.74, Sales
State of IA \$149.53, WET
IPERS..... \$1,048.11, Withholdings
Wellmark..... \$778.67, Health Insurance Premium
Alliant Energy \$9,930.02, Electric Purchase
City of Alta Vista \$222.42 , Utilities
Windstream \$212.85, Telephone/Internet
AV Express \$216.59 , Fuel
Holiday Outdoor Decor..... \$285.00 , Bulbs- Christmas lights
Iowa Rural Water Association Void Renewal Fee
Jendro Sanitation..... \$1,474.86, Garbage
John Deere Financial.. \$55.96 , Cleaner, Bait, Filter, Batteries
Leisure Time \$15.94 , Shipment
Lynch Dallas, PC \$475.00, Legal Fees
New Hampton Tribune \$344.19 , Publications
Postmaster \$84.00 , Box Fee
Speicher Excavating Inc \$5,750.00, Hydrant
Stanton Electric LLC \$150.00, Outage
USA Blue Book \$151.74, Hach and Nipples
Macqueen \$1,418.19 , Hose Reel
Croell..... \$32.50 , Concrete
Reliant Fire Apparatus \$4,129.68, Service Pumps
Buchholtz, Dale W \$1,194.66 , 11/24-12/7
Holthaus, Jarrett \$567.99 , 11/24-12/7
Buchholtz, Dale W \$1,194.66, 12/8-12/21
Holthaus, Jarrett \$557.36 , 12/8-12/21
Kayla Pride..... \$46.12, Council Pay
Amy Laues..... \$46.12, Council Pay
Adam Roethler..... \$46.12 , Council Pay
Rick Heying \$46.17, Council Pay
Samantha Slick..... \$46.17, Council Pay
Burt Ostert..... \$92.35 , Mayor Pay
Library Account \$32,622.57

City of Alta Vista \$39.65 Utilities
City of Alta Vista \$547.16 Payroll Liability
VISA \$566.91 Supplies
Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$314.65 11/24-12/7
Flatjard, Christina \$271.76 11/24-12/7
Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$336.36 12/8-12/21
Flatjard, Christina \$249.32 12/8-12/21
Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$41.54 Mileage
Windstream \$132.50 Internet/Telephone
AV Express \$15.00 Coupons
AV Shopper \$199.50 Advertising
Center Point Large Print \$24.00 Books
..... \$2,738.35
..... \$35,360.92
December Disbursements
General \$13,044.70
Road Use Taxes \$530.94
Snow Removal \$191.14
Water \$1,022.73
Water Control..... \$5,917.68
Sewer..... \$965.19
Electric \$10,950.19
Library \$2,738.35
Economic Development \$ -
Debt Services \$ -
Total \$35,360.92
December Receipts
General \$20,717.88
Option Tax \$5,079.05
Road Use Tax..... \$9,527.75
Water \$2,675.95
Sewer..... \$1,973.75
Electric \$10,912.23
Utility Deposits \$ -
Debt Service \$ -
Economic Development \$0.24
Library- Account..... \$39.97
Library- County \$ -
Library- City \$ -
Library- State \$419.19
Library Donations \$ -
Library Sales \$10.50
Sales \$ -
Transfers In \$ -
TOTAL \$51,356.51
Council and Mayor concerns were discussed.
Laues made the motion, seconded by Pride to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Ayes: Pride, Slick, Heying, Laues. Nays: none. Absent: Roethler. Motion carried.
The next council meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Alta Vista City Hall.
Burt Ostert, Mayor
Attest:
Jarrett Holthaus, City Clerk



John Burbridge/Charles City Press
New Hampton's Jaxon Porath (above) and McKenzie Herzberg (below) compete on the lanes at Comet Bowl in Charles City this past Friday.

Chickasaw boys not only ones to break school bowling marks

NH BOWLING: FROM 16

magical win for CC. White threw a strike in his first roll in the 10th and left the seven pin standing in his second throw, which he knocked down for the win in his last toss.

“The total meet score between the two teams added together was remarkable,” said Aries.

“To be honest... having both teams be able to shoot 3,400. That I don’t know if you’ll ever see that again.”

White finished with a high series of 496 and notched the high game of the evening with a 278. White was a key component in CC’s fourth baker game – which was also perfect through nine frames. The Comets finished with a 266.

Porath was the overall meet medalist with a 511 series. He knocked down pins for a 235 in his first game and finished with a 268 game – New Hampton’s highest total of the night. His series total was eight pins away from Chickasaw senior Landon Marr’s school record series of 511, set at Crystal Bowl in Grundy Center right before Christmas.

New Hampton’s new school record overall team total of 3,406 was 54 pins better than the old mark of 3,352, which came at Grundy Center on Dec. 19.

Aries talked about New Hampton’s last baker game – which set the new school record as well. NH’s baker game total of 1,180 was another all-time best mark set at New Hampton.

“I’ve seen the boys plenty of times before run a string of strikes for a while. After five, I was like, ‘okay, I’ve seen this before,’” said Aries. “Jamison stepped up in the 10th and threw two really good shots. The last ball he just kind of let it get away from him just a little bit.”

Charles City tallied a final baker game of 212. Even with a perfect baker game, New Hampton still would have lost by two pins after White knocked down his spare in the final roll of the evening.

“To shoot 298 and still lose by four – that shows a lot of heart right there,” said Aries.

Aries said the atmosphere was electric during the two teams duking it – pin by pin. Each roll took on added significance as the pressure mounted during the baker round and fans in attendance knew they were potentially watching history in the making.

“Kids anywhere from 16 to 18 bowling in a really good environment – it was amazing,” said Aries.

“The crowd was amazing for the whole thing. Both Charles City’s fans and ours were both really rooting for Jamison to get that. When Charles City was stringing them, we were like that too and in that same boat.”

New Hampton’s school record baker round consisted of an opening round score of 256, followed by a 179, 256, 191 and final 298.

CC led the Chickasaws – 2,251 to 2,226 – headed into the baker round.

Marr was on fire out on the lanes as well with a 488 series. He started out with a 230 and finished with a 258 game.



Chickasaw senior Kody Kleen recorded a 464 series and junior Jaxson Porath rolled a 424. NH sophomore Charlie Kriener’s 347 was the fifth and final individual score that counted for NH’s team total prior to the start of bakers.

Charles City – who competes alongside New Hampton in the West division of the North Central Conference – improved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in league play.

Not to be outdone, the New Hampton girls team (1-7, 0-3) also broke two school records. New Hampton senior Zoey Dreckman broke the school record with a 179 high game at home in a loss to Sumner-Fredericksburg last week Tuesday.

Chickasaw junior McKenzie Herzberg went on to nail down another school record on Friday in a loss to the Comets with a 288 series.

Dreckman held the previous high series record with a 275, which she set versus Sumner-Fredericksburg just a few days prior. Herzberg threw a 139 and finished with a 149 game at Charles City. Sophia Rivera’s series total was 250. Dreckman accumulated a series of 216 and sophomore Kassidy Meyerhoff racked up a 208 series. Meyerhoff had a 126 game.

“They fought really well,” said Aries. “They keep impressing me all the way through.”

SUMNER-FRED 1,905,
NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 1,364
Medalist - Zoey Dreckman, New Hampton 275.

New Hampton scores - Dreckman 275, McKenzie Herzberg 263, Kassidy Meyerhoff 207, Sophia Rivera 197.

NEW HAMPTON BOYS 3,155,
SUMNER-FRED 2,574
Medalist - Jamison Porath, New Hampton 480.

New Hampton scores - Porath 480, Kody Kleen 423, Landon Marr 411, Charlie Kriener 406, Jaxson Porath 370, Connor Stumme 318.

CHARLES CITY 2,487,
NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 1,412
Medalist - Isabel Crawford, Charles City 224-215-439.

New Hampton scores - Herzberg 139-149-288, Rivera 92-158-250, Dreckman 95-121-216, Meyerhoff 82-126-208.

CHARLES CITY 3,410,
NEW HAMPTON BOYS 3,406
Medalist - Jam. Porath, New Hampton 235-268-503.

New Hampton scores - Jam. Porath 235-268-503, Marr 230-258-488, Kleen 211-253-464, Jax. Porath 219-205-424, Kriener 156-191-347, Stumme 171-153-324.



Photo courtesy of Beth Holthaus

New Hampton Activities Director Cory McDonald presents the New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling team a plaque after the Chickasaws claimed the team title at its home dual tournament last week.

NH/TV girls dominate home dual tourney

Chickasaw girls shine with four convincing victories on a historic night for wrestling program

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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It was a night to remember for the New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling program.

The bright lights shone down on the Chickasaws in the first ever exclusive girls home dual tournament that saw NH/TV rise to the occasion by winning all four duals they competed in.

The Chickasaws (6-3, 0-2) dominated their four opponents – Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center (48-24), North Butler/Clarksville (48-12), Central Elkader (48-6) and Oelwein (42-24) – last week Tuesday at home. The center-stage mat action that saw NH/TV wrestle skillfully was a definite highlight of an already successful season in just the third sanctioned year of the program where the 2024-2025 campaign just keeps getting better.

NH/TV head coach Caleb Ciavarelli talked about the satisfying sweep in front of the hometown fans.

“With the teams that we had coming we knew we had a good chance at potentially winning the tournament, but we also talked about doing our job and putting on a show for our fans,” said Ciavarelli. “The girls answered that call and we had a very dominant night overall.”

Last year was supposed to be the first time NH/TV hosted its “girls only” home dual tournament, but inclement weather had other plans as the home get-together was cancelled. NH/TV hit a home run – so to speak – the second time around.

“It was a very fun night to say the least, but how the girls stepped up for each other made the night even better,” said the NH/TV head coach.

NH/TV won all of its 12 matches but one where there wasn’t a forfeit or an open weight class. All those victories by the Chickasaws were via pin.

NH sophomore Sophie Glaser ran her record to 33-9 overall with three pins at 130 pounds. Chickasaw junior Kelly Thronsdon also worked three falls at 145 and 155 pounds. She is now 15-3 on the season.

“I just like how our girls were on the attack all night. We were always looking to score points and looking for pins,” said Ciavarelli.

Chickasaw freshman Harper Humpal (21-10) and sophomore Taelynn Bass (22-15) each earned two wins by fall at 125 pounds and 105 pounds, respectively.

Drey O’Brien (25-17), an NH/TV freshman 110-pounder, pinned NBC’s Savannah Price in 1:04.

“A lot of the girls were using techniques we have been learning in practice and applying those skills in their live matches, which is great to see that growth,” Ciavarelli added.

The Chickasaws took on Charles City on the road last Thursday in an NEIC dual and the Comets prevailed, 47-22.

“Thursday against Charles City was one of those nights that we would have had to be perfect in order to win that dual. It is a hard thing to do, but the girls did well,” said Ciavarelli.

Glaser won by major decision (12-1) over CC’s Sophia Stevens at 130 and Humpal pinned Lillie Caster in 2:39 at 125.

Chickasaws’ hoops team endure a tough road trip

It was a long, cold night – both inside and outside – for the New Hampton basketball teams on Monday, and the Chickasaws came home from a trip to Waterloo Columbus empty handed.

The Sailor girls rallied from an 18-1 first quarter deficit to beat New Hampton 50-48 for their second win of the season while the Chickasaw boys never really found their footing and fell to the Sailors 57-39.

The losses dropped both New Hampton teams to 2-11 as they prepare for road games at Decorah on Friday.

For the girls, it was a matter of playing brilliantly for a quarter and then seeing the proverbial bottom fall out. New Hampton led 18-3 after the first quarter against a Columbus team that came into the contest just 1-11.

But the Sailors kept chipping away and came away with the win despite a double-double from Jordan Thronsdon, who finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds. Ava Leichtman finished with 11 points and nine rebounds, but the Chickasaws from long range were as frigid

as the temperatures outside as New Hampton hit just 1 of 21 shots from 3-point range.

The Columbus boys used a 21-8 run in the final 12 minutes of the first half to build a 29-16 lead and then opened the second half with a 7-1 run to put the game out of reach.

New Hampton was led by junior Caden Rochford, who finished with 18 points and five rebounds.

Both Chickasaw squads will step back into Northeast Iowa Conference play when New Hampton travels to Decorah Friday. And both will be looking to gain that elusive first conference win of the season.

Decorah’s girls have a 3-1 record and are tied with Waukon atop the four-team NEIC while the Viking boys, who are ranked third in Class 3A, are 11-1 overall and lead the conference with a 5-0 mark.

WATERLOO COLUMBUS 50,
NEW HAMPTON GIRLS 48
NH 18 11 13 6 - 48
WC 3 19 15 13 - 50

Ava Leichtman 4-17 2-2 11, Jordan Thronsdon 5-8 1-2 11, Cora Schwickerath 3-6 1-1 7, Jackie Pickar 1-10 1-2 5, Chloe Weigel 1-12 3-4 5, Tegan Dungey 0-0 0-0 0, Kayme

Hackman 1-2 0-0 2, Caycee Crawford 1-2 1-2 3, Aleigha Cahoy 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 19-64 9-13 48.

3-point field goals - Leichtman 1-6, Hackman 0-1, Cahoy 0-1, Schwickerath 0-2, Pickar 0-2, Weigel 0-9.

Rebounds - Thronsdon 12, Leichtman 9, Schwickerath 5, Cahoy 5, Pickar 3, Weigel 3, Hackman 3, Crawford 2.

Assists - Schwickerath 5, Cahoy 2, Hackman 2, Weigel 2, Pickar 1, Thronsdon 1.

Steals - Leichtman 5, Schwickerath 3, Cahoy 2, Thronsdon 2, Crawford 1, Pickar 1.

Blocks - Schwickerath 2, Weigel 1.
WATERLOO COLUMBUS 57,
NEW HAMPTON 43

NH 10 6 14 9 - 39
WC 15 14 16 12 - 57

Caden Rochford 6 2-6 18, Adam Ewert 3 2-4 8, Ryan Willadsen 0 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 2 0-0 5, Reid Rausch 0 0-0 0, Jake Schwickerath 0 2-3 2, Ethan Carter 0 2-2 2, Kinnick Wisner 0 0-0 0, Kye Rausch 2 0-0 6, Carson Laures 0 0-2 0. Totals 13 8-17 39.

3-point field goals - Rochford 4, K. Rausch 2, Bundy 1.

Rebounds - Rochford 5, Carter 4, Laures 3, Willadsen 3, R. Rausch 3, Bundy 2, K. Rausch 1, Wisner 1, Ewert 1, Schwickerath 1.

Assists - K. Rasuch 3, Laures 2, Schwickerath 1, Carter 1, Ewert 1, R. Rausch 1.

Blocks - Laures 2, K. Rausch 1, Willadsen 1.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls and boys wrestling vs. Decorah, Senior Parent Night) 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling at Central Elkader tournament, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball vs. North Fayette Valley, JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 6:15 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys JV wrestling at Marshalltown tournament, 9 a.m.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys varsity wrestling at Alburnett tournament, 9:30 a.m.

New Hampton varsity girls basketball vs. Spring Grove at Luther College, 6 p.m.

MONDAY

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

New Hampton/Turkey Valley JV boys wrestling at New Hampton tournament, 5 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls basketball vs. Crestwood, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley boys basketball at Crestwood, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton bowling vs. North Fayette Valley, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN 30

New Hampton basketball at North Fayette Valley, JV girls at 4:15 p.m., JV boys at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:45 and varsity boys at 8 p.m.

New Hampton 9th boys basketball at Decorah, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN 31

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling, regional tournament at Osage, 10 a.m.

New Hampton girls and boys bowling vs. Forest City (Senior Parent Night) 4 p.m.

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

New Hampton basketball vs. Charles City, 9th boys at 4:15 p.m., JV boys at 5:15, JV girls at 6:45 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB 1

New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling at NEIC tournament, Charles City, 10 a.m.

CHICKASAW WOMEN’S POOL

Week 13 Jan. 15

Kenny’s Tavern I	66	51	0
Dak’s Tap I	65	52	1
Kenny’s Tavern II	64	53	2
Bowlaway Lanes	63	54	3
Hide A Way	61	56	5
NH Country Club	60	57	6
Dak’s Tap II	48	69	18
The Office	41	76	25

RESULTS

Kenny’s Tavern I - 5, Hide A Way - 4

Dak’s Tap I - 6, Kenny’s Tavern II - 3

NH Country Club - 5, Bowlaway Lanes - 4

Dak’s Tap II - 8, The Office - 1

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Dak’s Tap I - Sue Bouska & Dee Brannon

NH Country Club - Jess McCabe & Staci Vrzak

Dak’s Tap II - Chelsea Sweetzer & Jasmin Hillegas, Faith Tank & Steph Tonjes

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Dominick Reicks (above) picks up back points in a match against Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center’s Brayden Jara while the Chickasaws’ Roy Barron (below) looks to return Waterloo West’s Melakhi Hickey to the mat during’s Saturday’s Doc Carr Duals.

Chickasaw coach says ‘guys are getting better’

NH/TV BOYS: FROM 16

ready because when you get mentally ready, you get good.”

And Tank has been good so far in 2025, and he credited NH/TV’s coaching staff with refining him into a wrestler who now has a 23-9 record as the postseason creeps ever closer.

“Lots and lots of work on shots and lots and lots of work on bottom, and I think that’s a lot of credit to coach [Matt] Paulus ... and coach [Cale] Krueger, too,” he said.

Paulus lauded the effort Tank has put into his sophomore season following Saturday’s tournament.

“Tank is just getting better and better,” the NH/TV head coach said. “He works hard and he listens. That’s a big thing, listening. He gets it, that the only way you get better is to keep working, to keep fighting even when things aren’t going your way.”

He’s certainly not the only Chickasaw who has shone on the mat this year, but the issue, Paulus said is that more NH/TV wrestlers need to step up and give the effort that guys like Tank, Carter Cajthaml, Jayden Bucknell and Jax Shekleton — NH/TV’s “Big Four,” if you will — are giving the Chickasaws.

Two days after rolling by an undermanned Charles City team, NH/TV knew Saturday’s Doc Carr Duals presented some challenges. Clarion-Goldfield-Dows came into the tournament ranked fourth in Class 2A while Denver stood at No. 8 in Class 1A.

The Chickasaws opened the tournament with a 54-22 loss to Denver and then fell to Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 57-23. Still, Paulus’ hope was that NH/TV would close the tournament with a flourish, and when the Chickasaws got pins from Cajthaml (132), Braiden Schaufenbuel (138), Bucknell (145), Shekleton (150), Chase Humpal (165), Tank (170) and Ty Moudry (120) in a 48-30 win over Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center, NH/TV looked like they would do just that.

But it wasn’t to be as Waterloo West overcame an early 16-0 lead to roar back and pick up a 41-37 victory.

Paulus didn’t mince words when the tournament concluded.

“The effort is what’s really frustrating right now,” he said. “There are guys just OK with laying down and getting pinned in close matches or back-and-forth matches. You can’t win duals that way. I told our team that I feel bad for the guys right now who are scrapping hard and doing everything they can to get points on the board. We claw ourselves in a dual and then we get pinned.”

When asked if his young team had taken a “step back,” however, Paulus quickly replied.

“I don’t think so,” he said. “A lot of our guys are getting better. I can’t let the negativity take away from that.”

He pointed out that Cajthaml dropped down to 132 and gave three-time state champion Gavin Landers all he could handle before dropping an 8-6 decision Saturday.



“There’s a handful, a small one at that, who have taken that kid down in his career,” Paulus said, “and Carter lost in a one-score match. He’s a scramble away from taking that to overtime and seeing what happens.”

Cajthaml is 33-6 while Bucknell improved to 31-8 despite fighting an illness on Saturday and Shekleton is 24-4, and along with Tank, those four combined to go 14-1 at the Doc Carr Duals.

“We’re putting up points, but we’re giving up way too many,” said Paulus, whose team will host Decorah tonight (Thursday) on Senior Parent Night. “It’s youth, it’s inexperience, it’s growing pains, but at some point, they have to understand that some of that stuff is in your control — like fighting off your back is mostly in your control. It’s disappointing today, but if we learn from it and keep getting better, that’s what counts.”

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 59, CHARLES CITY 18

106: Double Forfeit 113: Dominick Reicks (NHTV) won by forfeit. 120: Carter Haberkorn (CC) pinned Ty Moudry, 5:15. 126: Colin Shatek (NHTV) won by forfeit. 132: Braiden Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Peyton Sargent, 0:51. 138: Carter Cajthaml (NHTV) tech fall Connor Jenkins, 18-3. 144: Jayden Bucknell (NHTV) won by forfeit.

150: Jax Shekleton (NHTV) pinned Peyton O’Dell, 1:29. 157: Tate Schwickerath (NHTV) won by forfeit. 165: Chase Humpal (NHTV) won by forfeit. 175: Lohen Tank (NHTV) won by forfeit. 190: Micah Thompson (CC) pinned Jackson Kellogg, 4:48. 215: Roy Barron (NHTV) pinned Carson Linde, 1:36. 285: Jackson Warnke (CC) pinned Chase Gebel, 2:50.

DENVER 54, NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 22

120 - Jeb Ebaugh (D) pinned Moudry, 1:45. 126 - Cannen Beaumont (D) pinned Shatek, Fall 1:53. 132 - Gavin Landers (D) dec. Cajthaml, 8-6. 138 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Jericho Grimmatt, 1:44. 144 - Bucknell (NHTV) maj. de. Gavin McLaughlin, 12-3. 150 - Shekleton (NHTV) pinned Xander Peterson, 2:35. 157 - Boden White (D) over Schwickerath, 1:24.

165 - Braven Beaumont (D) pinned Humpal, 0:52. 175 - Tank (NHTV) won by forfeit. 190 - David Warrior (D) pinned Kellogg, 3:03. 215 - Corbin Hill (D) pinned Barron, 2:19. 285 - Cody Koepke (D)

over Gebel (NHTV) Fall 0:59, 106 - Tyson Primus (D) won by forfeit. 113 - Kayden Landers (D) dec. Reicks, 8-6.

CLARION-GOLDFIELD-DOWS 57, NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 23

126 - Ryan Hartwig (CGD) tech fall Shatek, 18-0. 132 - Cajthaml (NHTV) tech fall Damon Fouts, 18-3. 138 - Adrian Phetxoumphone (CGD) tech fall Schaufenbuel, 19-4. 144 - Colin Sesker (CGD) pinned Israel Ortiz, 1:56. 150 - Shekleton (NHTV) pinned Mason Warnke, 2:51. 157 - Caleb Seaba (CGD) tech fall Schwickerath, 15-0. 165 - Ryland Morgan (CGD) pinned Humpal, 1:55.

175 - Tank (NHTV) pinned Daven Duncalf, 1:12. 190 - Charlie Campbell (CGD) pinned Kellogg, 2:54. 215 - Barron (NHTV) pinned Traesyn Cope, 1:10. 285 - JT Kelso (CGD) pinned Gebel, 0:17. 106 - Cole Wibholm (CGD) won by forfeit. 113 - Paxton Redenius (CGD) pinned Reicks, 5:57. 120 - Linden Phetxoumphone (CGD) pinned Moudry, 1:24.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 48, A-PARKERSBURG/GRUNDY CENTER 30

132 - Cajthaml (NHTV) pinned Josh Elsberry, 1:49. 138 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Emerick Nolte, 1:40. 144 - Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Devan Eberhart, 2:58. 150 - Shekleton (NHTV) pinned Kellen Reints, 0:36. 157 - Parker Mulder (APGC) dec. Schwickerath, 13-9. 165 - Humpal (NHTV) pinned Creyton Eberhart, 1:40. 175 - Tank (NHTV) pinned Mason Praisner, 1:36.

190 - Maison Copp (APGC) pinned Kellogg, 1:09. 215 - Jesse Brouwer (APGC) pinned Barron, 5:10. 285 - Gebel (NHTV) won by forfeit. 106 - Johnny Moen (APGC) won by forfeit. 113 - Brayden Jara (APGC) dec. Reicks, 14-10. 120 - Moudry (NHTV) pinned Kael Edwards, 1:05. 126 - Carter Liston (APGC) pinned Shatek, 0:39.

WATERLOO WEST 41, NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 37

138 - Cajthaml (NHTV) tech fall Luke Lindaman, 21-5. 144 - Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Payton Kacher, 3:42. 150 - Shekleton (NHTV) tech fall Ryan Lindaman, 23-4. 157 - Brady Dean (WW) pinned Schwickerath, 3:39. 165 - Isaiah Shepard (WW) pinned Humpal, 1:14. 175 - Tank (NHTV) pinned Johnson Paye, 4:52. 190 - Perignon Holmes (WW) pinned Kellogg, 4:21.

215 - Melakhi Hickey (WW) pinned Barron, 2:21. 285 - Patrick Johnson (WW) pinned Gebel, 0:18. 106 - Cooper Dean (WW) won by forfeit. 113 - Reicks (NHTV) pinned James Knight, 0:47. 120 - Sylvester Kotoe (WW) tech fall Moudry, 22-7. 126 - Shatek (NHTV) dec. Dane Hertel, 5-4. 132 - Schaufenbuel (NHTV) pinned Cole Dean, 5:44.

First quarter a winner, rest isn’t for the Chickasaw girls

New Hampton takes an early 19-10 lead, but Waukon moves into share of Northeast Iowa Conference lead with 58-36 win

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It was the same story, different night for the New Hampton girls basketball team on Friday. The Chickasaws played what may have been their best quarter of the year and raced out to a 19-10 lead over Waukon. And then, the proverbial roof did its “caving” thing as the Chickasaws scored just one point in the second quarter, the visiting Indians got untracked and the result was a 58-36 Northeast Iowa Conference loss.

“I think what you saw in that first quarter is what kind of team we’re capable of being,” New Hampton coach David Leichtman said, “and the reason we got off to such a great start, I think, is we played loose, we played with confidence. That’s the riddle right now, how do we sustain that for four quarters because if we do, look out.”

Senior Jackie Pickar’s seven points sparked the strong first eight minutes of basketball, but just like that, the switch got turned off as Waukon began pounding the ball inside to 6-foot-3 Keira McCormick and New Hampton’s offense sputtered.

Yet Leichtman still felt like his team was in decent position when it came out of the locker room for the second half, and when his daughter, Ava, hit a 3-pointer early in the frame, New Hampton had a 23-22 lead.

“We were right there against a decent team, and I wish I could just wave the magic wand and give them the confidence they needed to finish a game like that,” he said. “I mean

they play hard, but sometimes, we have to know we can do things, not just hope we can do things. And I think that’s how we played the second half.”

Waukon took advantage of the Chickasaws’ confidence lapse and closed the third quarter on an 18-3 run that pretty much salted the game away for the Indians, who improved to 8-5 overall and 3-1 in the NEIC, good for a tie with Decorah atop the four-team conference standings.

Pickar led the Chickasaws with 10 points while Chloe Weigel finished with eight points.

“It’s tough because we give up so much height, especially against a team like Waukon with two 6-footers,” Leichtman said, “but we’ve just got to find a way, like I told the girls just now, to play four quarters like we did that first one. I know we keep saying it, but we have stretches, we just need to find a way to put it all together for a full game.”

WAUKON 58, NEW HAMPTON 36

Waukon	10	11	20	17	-	58
NH	19	1	6	10	-	36

Ava Leichtman 2-11 0-0 4, Jordan Thronson 0-3 0-0 0, Cora Schwickeerath 0-1 0-0 0, Jackie Pickar 4-9 0-0 10, Chloe Weigel 3-12 1-2 8, Jersey Pemble 0-0 0-0 0, Kayme Hackman 2-2 0-0 5, Caycee Crawford 1-1 1-2 3, Aleigha Cahoy 1-2 3-6 6. Totals 13-41 5-10 36.

3-point field goals - Pickar 2-2, Hackman 1-1, Cahoy 1-2, Weigel 1-7, Thronson 0-1, Leichtman 0-5.

Rebounds - Leichtman 4, Thronson 4, Cahoy 4, Crawford 4, Schwickerath 3, Pickar 3, Hackman 3.

Assists - Schwickerath 4, Leichtman 3, Cahoy 3, Thronson 1.

Steals - Schwickerath 2, Thronson 1, Pickar 1, Weigel 1, Cahoy 1.

Blocks - Cahoy 2, Schwickerath 2, Leichtman 1, Weigel 1.



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New Hampton’s Chloe Weigel looks for an opening in the Waukon defense during Friday night’s game.

Lions Club still taking registrations for rescheduled Feb. 8 mat tourney

The New Hampton Lions Club is gearing up for its 46th annual youth wrestling tournament that will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, at New Hampton High School.

The tournament was originally scheduled for Dec. 14 but was postponed due to an ice storm, and the Lions are continuing to take registrations for the tournament.

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

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

The entry fee is \$20, and walk-ins will be accepted the day of the tournament.

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

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New Hampton's Caden Rochford puts up a shot during Friday's game against Waukon.

Chickasaw coach sees red after technical

Rausch frustrated after New Hampton boys fall to Waukon

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Ask New Hampton boys basketball coach Ryan Rausch, and he'll tell you Friday's game had just about everything a home team needs.

And it's why two days after seeing his team fall to Waukon 66-59, he was still frustrated by one call in particular — a technical foul called midway through the fourth quarter on Chickasaw senior Adam Ewert. "I was really disappointed in that call, I'm not going to beat around the bush," Rausch said. "It was a big game, it was a great crowd, it was a tough, physical game, it was an emotional game, and one small reaction — a kid saying he got all ball — gets that? It was really sad ... and it started a series of things where we didn't get calls for a stretch. ... I'm really disappointed in the whistle."

Save for the four minutes at the start of the contest, the Chickasaws played quite possibly their best basketball of the season and when Ewert scored with 4 1/2 minutes left, New Hampton had a 51-47 lead.

And then all you-know-what broke loose. Ewert was called for a foul — his fourth of the game — on Waukon's subsequent possession and then whistled for the technical that fouled him out of the game.

"I asked the official what he

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Lohen Tank (above) works to turn Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Daven Duncalf while the Chickasaws' Chase Humpal (below) puts the finishing touches on a pin over AP/GC's Creyton Eberhart at Saturday's Doc Carr Duals.

NH/TV's Tank continues 2025 run

Sophomore keys solid day for 'Big Four,' but Chickasaws finish just 1-3 at Doc Carr Duals

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It wasn't like Lohen Tank was awful on the wrestling mat before the Christmas break; after all, the New Hampton/Turkey Valley sophomore compiled an 11-8 record wrestling at 175 pounds.

Still, Tank wasn't happy. "It's like a big jump wrestling a bigger weight as a sophomore," he said, "and it's a lot to get used to, I'm not going to lie. Some of the guys might not be the greatest wrestlers, but they're seniors and they've been around for a while."

So he turned to his coaches and his father, and the advice they gave them is paying big

dividends in 2025 as Tank has gone 12-1 during the new year, including a perfect 4-0 at Saturday's Doc Carr Duals.

"The main difference is my mindset," Tank said Saturday after picking up three pins at New Hampton/Turkey Valley's annual home tournament as the Chickasaws went 1-3. "I was really nervous. I guess the nerves really got to me, the lights and all that, when it came to varsity wrestling."

His father's advice was simple.

"I was sitting there and going what's going on? I talked to my dad," Tank said, "and he just told me, 'You're wrestling too nervous, you're wrestling, he calls it like a penguin ... where

you get scared. You need to do something to get yourself fired up and get yourself mentally

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Record night not enough for New Hampton bowlers

Chickasaw boys rally with 298 baker game but come up four pins short at Charles City

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Epic. There was no other way to describe the bowling match that went down Friday night at Comet Bowl between Charles City and New Hampton.

Chickasaw bowling coach Andy Aries had never seen anything like it.

In what came down to the final throw on the 10th frame with each anchor bowler firing away — Charles City held on for a four-pin win — 3,410 to 3,406 — as both teams shattered the school record in a thrilling head-to-head matchup with lofty scores that will be tough to replicate, if ever.

"It was breathtaking. It was an amazing meet," said Aries, leader of his New Hampton bowling program that is in just its third year of existence and sports the fourth-best baker round average (210) in the entire state (all three classes).

New Hampton (6-2, 1-2) trailed by 90 pins headed in the final baker game — which ended with a near perfect game (298, new school record) as NH senior Jamison Porath and his Chickasaws almost pulled off a stunning comeback.

"The boys didn't give up at

all. They gave it everything they had and left it all out on the lanes," said Aries. "They forced the team to make the spare in the 10th to win it. It came down to basically the 10th frame. You really couldn't ask for a better meet."

Aries reiterated the fact that in decades of competing in leagues and coaching his Chickasaws, he can't ever remember being a part of a meet so close and razor-thin — not to mention as memorable.

"I don't think I've ever seen two teams shoot 3,400 at each other in the state, personally," said Aries. "It's a heartbreaking loss, but at the same time, though, I personally couldn't ask for anything better out of my kids and what they did."

New Hampton recorded a perfect front nine in the final baker game and then Porath nailed a strike in the first roll of the 10th and final frame.

He left a 6-10 split in his second-to-last roll, but cleaned it up to notch a spare. With New Hampton finished, Comet sophomore Noah White and anchor on his team, came up with a huge spare in his final roll to hold off the Chickasaw charge and preserve the

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