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Superintendent search down to three

New Hampton, Turkey Valley school boards, community members to interview finalists next Thursday

By **BOB FENSKE**
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The New Hampton and Turkey Valley school boards last week announced the three finalists for the two districts' shared superintendent position, and all three have ties to Northeast Iowa.

According to a press release issued by both school boards, Michelle

Havenstrite, Josh Johnson and Erik Smith have been selected as the finalists and will take part in interviews with the school boards and stakeholders that are scheduled to be held a week from today (Thursday).

The two boards met with its search firm, Grundmeyer Leader Services, on Monday, Jan. 20, to review the 12 candidates who applied for the position that became available this past

year when current Superintendent Jay Jurrens announced his intention to retire at the end of the current school year.

HAVENSTRITE MOST recently served as superintendent and director of special education for the PCM Community School District. In this role, she partnered with the community to develop and implement a five-

year strategic plan aligned with the district's vision and values.

She left the district last spring when she accepted a "settlement agreement" with PCM after serving as its top administrator for four years.

At PCM, Havenstrite also oversaw a comprehensive data collection process using surveys, focus groups, and

interviews to foster a culture of excellence and innovation. During her four-year tenure, Havenstrite successfully led two bond referendums.

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A group of students (right) are on the run as they head to their center to compete at the Iowa High School Speech Association's large-group speech contest that was held at Turkey Valley on Saturday.

County leaders say they want to hold the line on RSB tax levy rate

Supervisors begin to get to work on 2025-26 budget and tax levy

By **BOB FENSKE**
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After several weeks of hearing budget presentations from department heads and receiving funding requests from various non-profit organizations, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday rolled up their proverbial sleeves and began working on crafting a budget and tax levy for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

And while weeks of work remain, board members indicated Monday that they had no desire to raise the tax levy rate on one of three main funds it controls.

To a man, the five supervisors said they want to hold the line on the tax levy rate for Rural Services Basic (RSB) at \$3.52703 per \$1,000 valuation that they had for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

After receiving funding requests from Pathways, the Chickasaw Soil and Water Conservation District, the county's youth coordinator who oversees the 4-H program and the Big 4 Fair Board of Directors and the budget proposal from Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Administrator Keith Elenz, they went to work on RSB.

"We raised it last year," Supervisor Steve Breitbach said of the RSB tax-levy rate, "and I'd have a hard time raising it again."

It was a common theme from the rest of the board members — Chairman Jake Hackman, Scott Cerwinske, Travis Suckow and Issac Carter — expressed similar sentiments throughout the discussion that lasted for more than an hour.

County leaders earlier this month expressed concern that RSB valuations in the county would slightly decrease this year, but on Monday,

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BUILDING A LIFELONG SKILL

LARGE-GROUP SPEECH CONTEST NOT JUST ABOUT THE RATING BUT ALSO HELPS STUDENTS HONE COMMUNICATION SKILLS

By **BOB FENSKE**
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In the Turkey Valley High School gymnasium, they were dancing. In the school lobby, the Turkey Valley Robotics Club was serving up some tasty walking tacos. In the hallways,

parents and competitors mingled.

And oh yeah, in "centers" around the Jackson Junction school, scores of students from 20 or so schools competed in categories like improvisation, choral theater, news broadcast, musical theater, ensemble acting and more.

Their goals were all the same — get that

coveted Division I rating at the district large-group speech contest that would send them to the state contest that will be held in Decorah on Feb. 8.

Some did; some didn't, yet in a way, the

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At 150, 'mutual' is doing just fine

Chickasaw Mutual Insurance Association is set to celebrate milestone at annual meeting

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CHICKASAW MUTUAL
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 — SINCE 1875 —

When the Chickasaw Mutual Insurance Association policy holders gather for their annual meeting next Wednesday, it's going to be kind of a big deal.

After all, the local insurance company is celebrating its 150th year in business, so the mutual's manager, Randy Nosbisch, is thinking about going all out.

"We may have to get a little better cookies," Nosbisch said with a laugh, "but we don't want to spend our surplus, too."

His predecessor, Tom Ryan, couldn't help but chuckle.

"Come on, Randy, I used to do donuts."

But in all seriousness, this is a pretty cool story about a

really neat insurance company that traces its roots back to Jan. 5, 1875, when a group of Chickasaw County farmers, frustrated by the cost of insurance policies, gathered together and created the Farmers Mutual Fire and Lighting Association of Chickasaw County, Iowa.

"All the big companies out east were gouging everybody,"

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

A well-deserved honor for Archie

Longtime wrestling fan Archie Trower accepts the Straw Family Fan of the Year Award last Thursday evening when the New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling teams celebrated Senior Parent Night.

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ISU agronomist not overly concerned by snow-less winter

By **BOB FENSKE**
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When it comes to area farm fields, ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol isn't even close to pushing the panic button when it comes to the lack of snow this winter.

"I'm not real concerned, just because a lot of [snow] will run off and we don't get a lot of benefit for soil moisture profiles," said Basol, who is based at the Northeast Iowa Research Farm that is located just outside of Nashua. "I'm not saying it's not dry out there, but what we really need is some decent spring rains once the frost is out of the ground."

New Hampton, according to the National Weather Service, has received just 3.6 inches of snow this winter, and the city

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New Hampton speech students shine at district contest, qualify six for state contest

By BOB FENSKE
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Six of New Hampton's eight large-group speech entries that competed at Saturday's district contest saw their seasons extended as they earned Division I ratings at the competition that was held at Turkey Valley High School.

But while New Hampton coach Kassie Bercik was in a celebratory mood after what she called a "great day," her heart ached for the two teams that didn't earn a trip to the Feb. 8 state contest in Decorah.

"Every time a group performs the best and doesn't move on," she said, "it's a tough pill to swallow."

Still hitting .750 at a district contest is an accomplishment and Bercik said she was impressed with how all of her students performed.

The six groups that earned Division I ratings included:

- The JV ensemble acting duo of Addie Hackman and Claire Shackleton.
- The JV reader's theater group of Addie Hackman, Kaydence Rasing, Wyatt Sabelka and Tristin Slick.
- The varsity ensemble acting trio of Aleah Eichenberger, Olivia Hoy and Shelby Springer.



New Hampton speech students (from left) Jacob McDonald, Sydney Laures, Kennadee Anderson, Josie Singewald, Gretta Kuehner and AnnaRose Pauley receive feedback from their judge after performing their choral reading piece, "Hard Candy," during Saturday's district contest.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

- Two varsity group improv teams — Troy Federspiel and Andi Gebel and Piper Hackman and Brenna Thronsdon.
- The varsity choral reading team of Skyler Bugenhagen, Piper Hackman, Olivia Hoy, Beth Pickar, Karla Pickar and Brenna Thronsdon.

"We continue to see success in improv, and both of the groups moving on this year are two-person groups," Bercik said. "It can be a unique challenge to only have two people in that room, but I've also seen them grow in their improv skills because of it. I'm excited to see what they can do at state."

And the New Hampton coach said the fact that both JV teams advanced showed that the "future is as bright as ever" for our large-group speech program.

She also said she was impressed with the choral reading group that includes three choral reading veterans

— the Pickar sisters and Thronsdon — as well as three "newbies" when it comes to choral reading.

"They've come together and learned about the event and each other beautifully this season," Bercik said. "I definitely teared up during their district performance and will probably cry outright when they perform at state. Their piece is must-watch speech content."

Meanwhile two groups — a varsity reader's theater group that included Kennadee Anderson, Gretta Kuehner, Sydney Laures, Jacob McDonald, AnnaRose Pauley and Josie Singewald, as well as varsity group improv team of Elleri Eike, Elliott Eiler and Ben Schuchhardt — brought home Division II ratings.

"I was so incredibly proud of our varsity reader's theatre group because four of the six members were brand new to speech," Bercik said. "They worked so hard throughout the season, and even from our last practice to their performance on Saturday, they grew so much."

"Unfortunately, although everyone in the room was entertained, the judge didn't agree that the performance was enough to move on. Those things are just part of speech, but it doesn't make it sting any less for the student performers or for their coach."

Two school boards hope to make decision 'soon' after interviews

FINALISTS: FROM 1

Havenstrite holds a doctorate in education from South Dakota State University and a master's degree in special education from Morningside University.

She has more than 30 years of experience in K-12 and post-secondary leadership and instruction and before taking over at PCM served as the elementary school principal for Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools before taking the superintendent's position in Monroe.

JOHNSON, WHO resides in Charles City, serves as the director of secondary education for Waterloo CSD. He has collaborated with the Waterloo leadership team to oversee a district of 10,000 students, 19 buildings and approximately 1,700 employees.

Johnson also played a key role in developing a two-year budget reduction plan to reduce \$16 million in general fund expenditures. Prior to his current roles, Johnson served as a Region 8 administrator for Central Rivers Area Education Agency.

Johnson holds a master's degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa and anticipates completing his advanced superintendent certificate in 2026. He has nearly 20 years of experience serving in K-12 leadership and instruction.

SMITH, WHO served as the high school principal at Nashua-Plainfield High School in the 2010s, currently serves as the superintendent at AGWSR but has experience as a shared superintendent as he also served as the top administrator at Gladbrook-Reinbeck.

Under his leadership, both districts have maintained a steady unspent authorized budget while increasing staffing to expand programming for students.

Smith also works closely with the school boards to review the unspent budgets annually and make informed staffing and financial decisions. Prior to serving as superintendent, he spent 12 years as a principal in three different school districts.

Smith holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Northern Iowa and a certificate of advanced study from Iowa State University. He has nearly 20 years of experience serving in various K-12 leadership and instruction roles.

IN THE PRESS release issued last Thursday, the two districts said following the Feb. 6 interviews, "the boards then plan to discuss the candidates and reach a final decision soon after the interviews."

The next superintendent will begin leading the New Hampton and Turkey Valley school districts on July 1.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Members of the Turkey Valley robotics team (above) wait on customers at their walking taco stand while some competitors (below) pass the time by dancing in the gym during Saturday's large-group speech contest.

Turkey Valley has a 'great day' hosting contest

SPEECH: FROM 1

rating isn't the most important thing that kids get from competing in speech. Just ask Turkey Valley coach Michelle Nystel and her New Hampton counterpart, Kassie Bercik.

"I stress that in today's world there is a very slim chance that you will not have to communicate with others," Nystel said. "I explain that many interviews now require you to talk with a panel of people. Being able to speak and be able to communicate effectively is a skill every one needs."

Bercik couldn't agree more. "If you can perform an acting piece, or get up and do choral reading, or improv a scenario, that means you can communicate effectively," she said. "If you can get people to laugh at a funny line or be moved by the tone of your voice, you can communicate effectively. I think, especially now, people need to be able to communicate with each other."

And for 8 1/2 hours on Saturday, students communicated — both while competing in the various centers and while just hanging out in that gym and the lobby, where yes, if you had walked through the former at the right time, you would have seen students dancing.

"I think a very unique part of speech is that students from all different groups do it," Bercik said. "It's fun to see people work together who maybe only know of each other but aren't close friends. The bonds that they form by doing something hard like public speaking together is truly remarkable and will serve them in the



future, too. You can build trust and rapport with anyone — you just have to give them a chance."

For Nystel, it was an especially busy day. With Turkey Valley serving as the district contest home, she not only was coaching her team but making sure the entire contest went off smoothly.

Ditto for her students, who not only competed but also served as volunteers.

"Volunteers are everything when it comes to running an event like this," said

Nystel, whose school also hosted the 2023 district contest. "This year the number of volunteers I had was down from two years ago ... [so] my team of 15 students helped out tremendously, especially in the afternoon after their performances."

Still Nystel felt that the day was a success, even if she joked that she had to guard from "overconfidence" because she had hosted a contest in the past.

"We had a great crowd, great performances and overall a great day," she said.

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Current Chickasaw Mutual Insurance Association Manager Randy Nobsch (right) listens as his predecessor, Tom Ryan, talks about the history of the 150-year-old insurance company.

Chickasaw Mutual has a 'neat story'

ANNIVERSARY: FROM 1

Ryan said. "Premiums were high, sky high, and stuff so it was pretty common for farmers to join up and start these county mutuals."

Fast forward a century and a half, and the Chickasaw Mutual Insurance Association is still going strong.

Nobsch explained that the Chickasaw Mutual, which is a separate entity from the Nobsch Insurance Agency that he bought from Ryan back in 2019, is owned by the almost 1,300 policy holders.

"So it's an insurance company that is local, and when I say local, it can only insure in Chickasaw and the 'touching' counties. We can't insure any houses for farms that are outside that area."

Much has obviously changed in the 150 years when the founders of Chickasaw Mutual gathered in New Hampton to consider — as the minutes from that Jan. 5, 1875 meeting report — "the advisability of organizing a county farmers mutual insurance company."

The minutes go on to report

that after "a full discussion, it was decided in the affirmative."

Back then, the company could only insure against fire or lightning. Any other insurance needs had to be purchased elsewhere.

During the early years of the mutual, the owners would be billed each December for the losses association members had suffered during the previous year. That meant "premiums" could vary a great deal from year to year, but it still was a way better deal than paying those insurance premiums to companies back east.

"Each year, the mutual would assess the losses," Nobsch said. "They'd say, 'We paid out x amount of dollars, so everyone gets to pay their share.' So if Tom here had a barn fire that cost \$1,000 and we had 100 members, everyone had to pay \$10 to help Tom out because he was part of the group."

Nobsch laughed and added, "Now it's way more complicated than that."

Like all insurance companies, big and small, Chickasaw Mutual has to carry "re-insurance," which the association's

vice president and secretary, Connie Boyd, pointed out is a lot like a personal policy's deductible.

Grinnell Mutual holds the re-insurance policy for Chickasaw Mutual, and Nobsch explained that "when we have a bad year and a tornado or a wind storm comes through, we may hit our deductible and then Grinnell steps in. That's how re-insurance works, and all companies have to have it."

Today, Chickasaw Mutual insures all kind of properties — from houses to farm buildings to farm machinery to household personal property to livestock to farm products — and unlike 150 years ago, it provides policies to both farmers and city dwellers.

The number of mutuals has shrunk in recent years as they have merged. Boyd put it best when she said it's similar to the wave of school consolidations that have taken place in the last 60 years, but Chickasaw Mutual remains vibrant and on its own.

"Chickasaw Mutual has been very fortunate to build a good,

solid reserve," Ryan said, "but yeah, there's definitely been bad years with tornadoes and fires."

Nobsch added that those tough years, though, are why the mutual exists.

"That's when we want to step in and take care of our policy holders," Nobsch said. "When they have a loss and they need the financial support that's what we're there for."

It has helped that Chickasaw Mutual has had just four managers since 1935. Frank "Tank" Leach served from 1935 to 1960, when Ben Ryan became the manager. Thirty-two years later, his son took over the managerial duties and held them until 2019 when Nobsch came on board.

"I'm just a young pup when it comes to longevity compared to those guys," Nobsch said, "but I think we're all pretty proud of the role our little mutual has played over the last 150 years. It's a neat story, and I think the goal we've had is the same one they had 150 years ago — make sure we're there for our policy holders when they need us."

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST

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Week of January 26 1950 (75 years ago)

• Both the girls and boys basketball championship of Chickasaw County for 1949-50 went to Lawler High School teams in the finals held at the New Hampton High School gym. In the first game the Lawler girls took a hard-fighting Ionia sextet to the tune of 43 to 29. The Lawler boys came through in the same flying form and took the Nashua Bulldogs by a 45 to 35 margin.

• An ordinance providing for the registration of bicycles in New Hampton was passed by the city council at a recent meeting. All bicycles in the city are to be licensed and the cost of a license shall be 35 cents in advance and a fee of 10 cents shall be paid for the registrations of transfers.

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1975 (50 years ago)

• The Minnesota Vikings professional football team will meet a club composed of New Hampton area basketball stars in a cage clash at New Hampton on Feb. 27.

Players from this year's NFL representative in the Super Bowl grid classic and an area all-star team led by New Hampton's Duane Josephson, a former basketball All-American at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, will clash in a 7:30 contest slated for the New Hampton High School gym.

The cage spectacular is being sponsored by the New Hampton Independent Baseball team. Proceeds will go toward expenses of reorganizing amateur-semipro, "town team" baseball in New Hampton.

• Members of the New Hampton Community High School Jazz Band and the Scarleteers will be in Rochester, Minn. on Sunday, Feb. 2, where they will appear with the annual KROC-TV Cancelethon.

The schedule calls for the New Hampton group to appear at 1:30.

This is the Jazz Band's fifth appearance in the Telethon and the first for the Scarleteers. Robert Utterback is director for the Jazz Band and Mrs. Gladys Antle is director of the Scarleteers.

2000 (25 years ago)

• Second-ranked Crestwood's undefeated season ended at New Hampton Friday night when the Chickasaws varsity girls basketball team pinned a 63-49 loss on the conference leader. The Chickasaws played well defensively, the Cadets only shot 35 percent from the field.

New Hampton was led by Lindsey Smith with twenty-one points, seven rebounds, three assists and a steal. Trista Humpal had seventeen points, thirteen rebounds, an assist, two steals and a blocked shot.

• The Little Brown Church, Nashua, was one of 16 projects awarded funding from the State Historical Society of Iowa, Historic Site Preservation Grant Program. The Little Brown Church received \$60,967 toward the renovation of the 135 year old foundation of the church. The project will also include making the bathrooms handicap accessible and enlarging the dining room.

2015 (10 years ago)

• Volunteers of The Chickasaw Pioneer Chapter Pheasants Forever, a non-profit organization, held its sixth annual Ice Fishery Contest at Twin Ponds.

The event attracted nearly 80 people on an almost perfect day for ice fishing. Cash prizes went out to the largest fish of these species, Bluegill, Crappie and Perch. Ten dollars was given for first prize for each species and five dollars was given to second place.

There were door prizes for the kids and raffle tickets were available to purchase.

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God's love

His love for His people comes with no strings attached

In the Bible, Isaac and Rebekah were blessed with twin boys, Jacob and Esau. Sadly this family was less than ideal.

In Genesis 25:28 it is noted, "Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob." History shows how this competing favoritism led to bad results for generations.

Notice how Isaac's love for Esau was conditional. He really liked the food Esau brought him. Whereas Rebekah simply loved Jacob, no strings attached.

Although this disordered family dynamic

isn't a model to follow, there's a lesson in love here. If love wants and expects some personal pleasure in return, it's not complete love.

Parents, love your children unconditionally. Friends, don't let disappointing behaviors or harsh words end relationships. Love with a love that's higher and willing to overlook troubling quirks. Be willing to forgive offenses and move on.

This unconditional love we exhibit in our lives can illustrate and teach God's love for us people. God doesn't wait for us to prove ourselves loveable, "but God

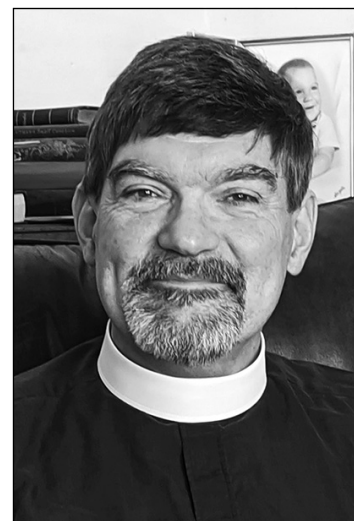
shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Be careful about how you consider God's attitude toward you. There's a universal tendency to wish that our efforts will sway Him to do us a favor. You might think something like, "I'm so likeable, God's gotta favor me."

That's not how God works.

Rather His essence is love. True to His character, Jesus Christ His Son died to save you, before you were even born.

You've got some work



The Rev. Ronnie Koch is the pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, where worship services are held at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday.

to do here below to love your neighbor. But God promises His love to you is steady – no strings attached.

God bless you.



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Kicking off National Catholic Schools Week

St. Joseph Community School kicked off National Catholic Schools Week Monday with "Cocoa with the Community," an event that was held at the New Hampton Municipal Utilities building.

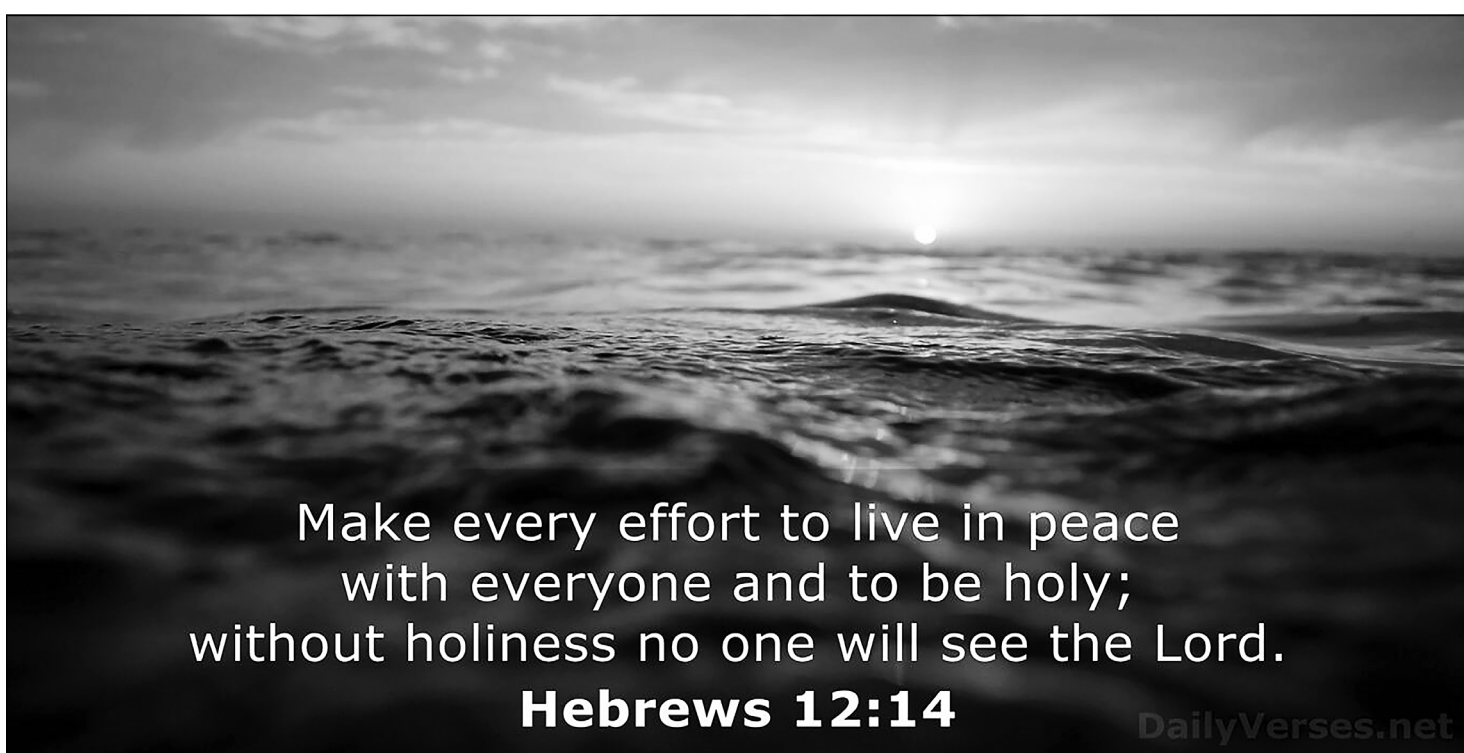
Students in all grade levels took turns handing out cocoa and popcorn to community members as St. Joe's began a celebration that will run through Friday.

On Tuesday, both students and teachers at the PreK-8 school held their annual Bubble Gum Contest and on Wednesday, the students celebrated an "All-School Fitness Day" with relay races at the school gym before holding a family potluck night and bingo in the gym.

Today, students are enjoying "Fun Day" at the Waterloo Sportsplex while Friday is set as VIP Day with home-room activities starting at noon and a Mass being celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Zinkula set for 1 p.m.



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simple, there's a major caveat: taxes. You'll be taxed on the amount in pre-tax dollars you contributed to a traditional IRA and then converted to a Roth IRA. (If you have both pre- and after-tax dollars in your traditional IRA, the taxable amount is based on the percentage of pre-tax dollars.)

If you have large amounts in a traditional IRA, the tax bill on conversion can be significant. The key to potentially lowering this tax bill is timing. Generally speaking, the lower your income in a given year, the more favorable it is for you to convert to a Roth IRA. So, for example, if you have already retired, but have not started collecting RMDs, your income may be down.

Timing also comes into play with the financial markets. When the market is going through a decline, and the value of your traditional IRA drops, you could convert the same number of shares of the underlying investments and receive a lower tax bill or convert more shares of these investments for what would have been the same tax bill.

Finally, you could lower your tax bill in any given year by stretching out your Roth IRA conversions over several years, rather than doing it all at once. You'll want to consult with your tax advisor before embarking on this conversion — but if it's appropriate for your situation, you could find that owning a Roth IRA can benefit you and your family for years to come.

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

Nashua church partners with non-profit to take on suicide

St. John Lutheran and Everybody Hurts will put on two suicide prevention, mental health awareness programs

By **BOB FENSKE**
editor@nhtrib.com

The idea germinated while St. John Lutheran Church Deacon Jackie Schilling attended an Empowering Women seminar in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this past fall.

It was there that Schilling took part in a worship on suicide prevention awareness, and her first thought was this was something she wanted to bring back to Nashua and the surrounding area.

"It's near and dear to my heart," she said. "I'm passionate about mental health awareness, about suicide prevention and addiction, and just want to make sure that all of us are equipped to help those who are at risk when it comes to suicide."

Board toying with waiving EMS payment even if fund drops below \$750,000

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

Hackman and Auditor Sheila Shekleton said that they understood that RSB valuations had risen by a modest 2.42 percent.

The challenge for board members is that they had \$2,693,305.04 in 2025-26 RSB expenditures, while keeping the levy rate the same would bring in \$2,517,955.52 in property tax revenue.

On the other hand, the county expects to have a carryover of \$706,860.09, and board members spent considerable time discussing how much of a "reserve fund" they wanted to have for the fund.

Hackman said the "rule-of-thumb" when it comes to reserve funds is to have it be around 25 percent of expected

expense, but he asked his fellow board members "are you happy with a 17, 20 percent [reserve] or shooting more for more of a 30 percent or 25 percent?"

"I'm OK with the 17 or 19 because I really feel like we are not going to have the EMS payment," Breitbach said, "so that will come back to the ending fund balance."

"I just think the feeling I get with this board is we don't need that much money in the ambulance fund."

"That's where I'm at," Hackman said. Supervisors earlier in the meeting had discussed the possibility that the board may waive a quarterly payment for both the county and the six cities that have 28E agreements for Chickasaw County EMS to provide ambulance service to

them even if the department's fund slips under \$750,000.

The reason, Hackman said, is that by not waiving the quarterly payment that would automatically trigger two consecutive payments and Hackman pointed out that two consecutive payments would drive the fund balance to \$1.3 million to \$1.4 million.

"And I don't think we need to have that kind of balance," he said.

Currently, the supervisors have agreed to budget for two quarterly payments — with about \$108,500 from RSB and \$160,000 from the county's local-option sales tax fund.

Board members have also indicated that they support giving 100 percent of the first \$3.0375 per \$1,000 valuation to the Secondary Roads

Department, up from the 95 percent the department received this year, but they indicated they may cut the road clearing funding from \$110,000 to \$55,000.

They also reached a consensus on giving the county's libraries a 6 percent increase in their funding as Breitbach, Cervinske and Carter all expressed support for the increase.

Cervinske, though, said he'd feel more comfortable with a 25 percent reserve fund. Ditto for Suckow, though he quickly added that "I don't want to raise the levy rate, either."

In the end, board members said they would consider studying the numbers, but one thing remained fairly certain — board members have no appetite to raise the RSB tax-levy rate.

Lack of snow may lead to lower river levels this spring

WEATHER: FROM 1

hasn't received a single measurable snowfall this month and it appears we will end the month without snow, too.

Basol said he's more worried about the lack of snow when it comes to area rivers.

"A lot of snow run-off goes to the rivers," he said, "and all the rivers around here, they obviously make their way to the Mississippi in some way or another. The concern to me is how lower river levels, especially on the Mississippi, will affect barge traffic."

But, he emphasized that despite a less-than-ideal drought picture, there's still plenty of time for both Old Man Winter to come to his senses and for area farm fields to replenish their moisture profiles.

"First off, it's just Jan. 23," he said last Thursday morning, "and we've lived here long enough to know that we can get a lot of snow in February and March. And if we get some timely rains in the spring, we

can still start off the growing season in good condition."

In its weekly report issued on Thursday, the U.S. Drought Monitor reported that a good chunk of Chickasaw County and all of Floyd, Butler and Bremer counties were experiencing moderate drought conditions. The northeast third of Chickasaw County is designated as "abnormally dry."

But the overall drought picture in Iowa has actually improved since late October, when 83.3 percent of the state was experiencing drought conditions. The latest report showed that 57.1 percent of the state is still in drought but almost all of those affected areas are experiencing what the U.S. Drought Monitor calls "moderate" conditions.

"We are in a better situation today than we were a year ago at this time," Basol said. "We're not obviously planting tomorrow so we just need to be patient and hope for the best this spring. That's when it's really going to matter."

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free"
John 8:32

To Our Dear Virginia Kraft,

As God as our witness, we the following, unitedly declare and testify that not one among us is after your farm, home, money or belongings.

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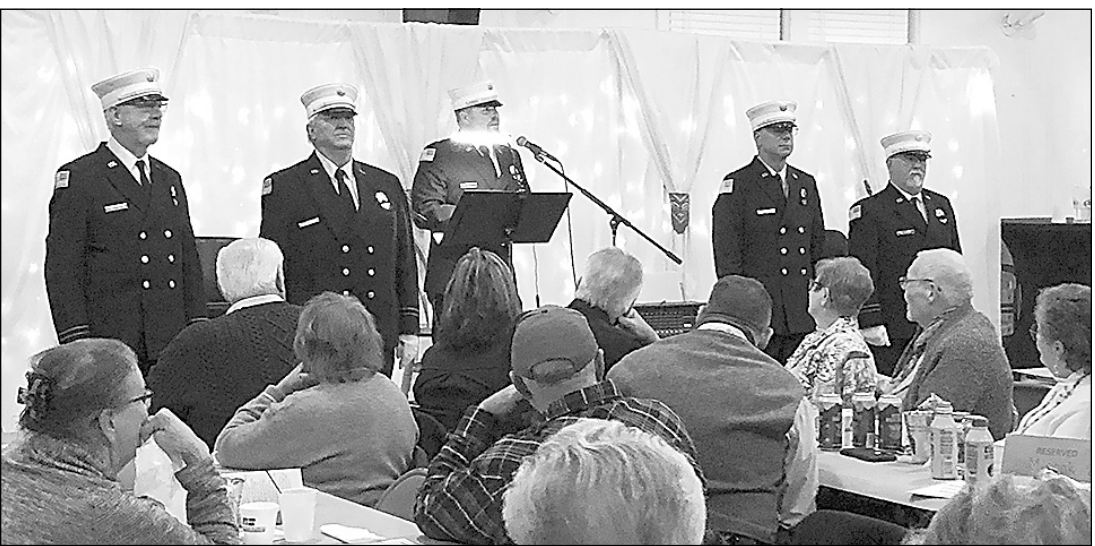
"Let the lying lips be put to silence, which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous"

Psalm 31:18

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Members of the Chickasaw County Firefighters Association Honor Guard share the story of their organization with those attending the annual Cowboy Poetry show this past Friday at the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler. Proceeds from the event that was sponsored by the Lions Lawler Club are going to the Honor Guard, and for more on the event held at the Starlite Ballroom, see next week's Tribune.

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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 48 and a low of 27.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 39 and a low of 21.

Saturday: Partly sunny with chance of a snow shower; high 37, low 29.

Sunday: Sunny and windy with a high of 44 and a low of 12.

Extended forecast: It's back to reality as we start the work week as highs will be in the 20s and lows in the teens but little snow is in the short-term forecast.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1933, President Paul von Hindenburg names Adolf Hitler, leader the Nazi Party the chancellor of Germany.

- In 1948, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the political and spiritual leader of the Indian independence movement, is assassinated in New Delhi by a Hindu extremist.

- In 1956, an unidentified suspected white supremacist terrorist bombed the Montgomery home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- In 1968, in coordinated attacks all across South Vietnam, communist forces launch their largest operation, the Tet Offensive, of the Vietnam War against South Vietnamese and U.S. troops.

- In 1972, in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, 13 unarmed civil rights demonstrators are shot dead by British Army paratroopers in an event that becomes known as "Bloody Sunday."

Birthdays

- Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd president of the United States, was born in 1882.

- British film star Christian Bale turns 51.

- Michigan "Fab Five" member and former NBA star Jalen Rose turns 52.

- American golfer Curtis Strange turns 70.

- Pop singer Phil Collins turns 74.

- Dick Cheney, who served as George W. Bush's vice president from 2001 to 2009, turns 84.

- American film star Gene Hackman turns 95.

Corrections

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

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

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Martie Mele Diddy, 80

Martie Mele Diddy, age 80 of Des Moines, peacefully passed away at her home in Des Moines surrounded by family on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025.

Martie was born Nov. 9, 1944, in Des Moines to Phillip and Ruth Cless.

She graduated from Roosevelt High School and then from Drake University with a degree in education. After teaching primary education in the Des Moines School District, Martie enrolled in DMACC obtaining a surgical nursing degree followed by several years working at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

In 1984, Martie married Ronald Dean Diddy of New Hampton, where they lived until 2008 before relocating to Des Moines and spending their winters in Palm Springs, California.

She was an avid reader and world traveler.

Martie was the proud mother of sons, John Mele of Atlanta, Thomas Mele of Eugene, Oregon, and Steve (Tomoko) Mele of Singapore; daughter, Aksana (Carlos) Vaquerano of Johnston; step-sons Eric Diddy (deceased) and Matthew



Martie Diddy

(Kristin) Diddy of Denver, Colorado; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and stepson Eric.

Viewing was held on Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Westover Iles Funeral Home in Des Moines.

Funeral and burial services are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Animal Rescue League. Online condolences are welcome at www.ilesfuneralhomes.com.

Property Transfers

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Dorothy Kriener EST, Allan Kriener EX and Mary Nachreiner EX to Mark Kriener; N1/2 SW 10-94-12.

Toni M. Franzen and Toni M. Kroenecke to Shain W. Kroenecke; FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 4 Block: 34 FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 5 Block: 34

Toni M. Franzen and Toni M. Kroenecke to Shain W. Kroenecke to Shain W. Kroenecke; E22' OF W24' FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 9 Block: 10.

Steven K. Rogers and Pamela J. Rogers to Fine Point Property; N1/2 FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 34 N1/2 FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 34.

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Thomas J. Johnson and Thomas Johnson, Michelle L. Johnson and Michelle Johnson to Ian Johnson and Aliyah Johnson; E1/2 NASHUA SMITHS ADDITION Lot: 16 E1/2 EX S73.5' & W161' NASHUA SMITHS ADDITION Lot: 17 PART L2 LYING E & ADJ TO LOTS 16 & 17 NASHUA SMITHS ADDITION Lot: 2.

Gary A. Carlson and Gary Alexander Carlson to Dannielle Marie Carlson, Dannielle M. Carlson and Dannielle M. Knecht; W1/2 NASHUA SMITHS ADDITION Lot: 16 Parcel: 191317276012.

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Betty Sternat to Joe Sternat; PARCEL C IN W1/2 SW 14-94-12 PARCEL F NE SE 15-94-12 SW SW 36-95-12.

Dr. Jerome R. Rosonke, 84

Dr. Jerome R. Rosonke, age 84 of Aberdeen, South Dakota, passed away Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aberdeen, with Father Mitchell McLaughlin officiating.

There will be a time for fellowship and luncheon to follow the service in the parish hall.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at Schriver's Memorial Chapel on Thursday, Jan. 30, with a liturgical wake service to begin at 7 p.m.

Jerry will be buried in New Hampton at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

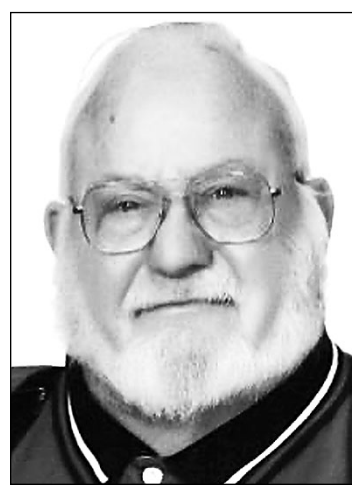
Schrivers' Memorial Mortuary and Crematory in Aberdeen is in charge of arrangements. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.schrivers-memorial.com. Services will be recorded and uploaded to the site following the service.

Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Rosonke was born on September 21, 1940, to Ben and Clara (Schwickerath) Rosonke in New Hampton, where he attended parochial elementary and graduated from public high school.

Jerry's passion for learning led him on an extraordinary academic journey. He earned his undergraduate degree in social sciences from the University of Northern Iowa, then went on to pursue advanced degrees in sociology and guidance and counseling. Jerry's commitment to education led him to earn two master's degrees, one from the University of Iowa and another from South Dakota State University, followed by a PhD in sociology from South Dakota State.

Outside of education, Jerry's early work experience included farm labor, carpentry, various jobs in steel construction, lumber yards, and gravel trucking. His hands-on experience shaped his strong work ethic. Jerry later combined his love for education and athletics in teaching and coaching roles across several communities.

He taught and served as assistant wrestling coach in Reinbeck, then went on to teach and become head wrestling and cross country coach in Chetek, Wisconsin. He continued his coaching career as a professor



Jerry Rosonke

and head wrestling coach at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and as a graduate assistant at South Dakota State University.

His journey is best described in his own words: "The most important and best decision in my life was, after dating a few other girls, to ask Malee Shaw for a date. From that first date in 1958, we went steady through my college years, and later, in 1963, she became my wife. We created and raised four great children — LaCinda, Lisa, Brad, and Kimberly. That was the greatest thing I did in my life."

The family eventually moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, when Jerry accepted a position with Northern State University. In 28 years at Northern State, Jerry made a lasting impact as a professor, sharing his passion for sociology with students and mentoring many through their academic journeys. Jerry also said, "I enjoy learning, especially about society and history. As a teacher, I had a good excuse to continue learning — so I could pass it on to the next generation."

He enjoyed both hunting and fishing as his main recreational activities in his free time. However, his most enjoyable times were when going camping with the whole family. Camping with the kids provided some of his best memories.

Throughout his career, Jerry received numerous accolades, including the 1968 National Science Foundation Award for his master's degree at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He was recognized with the South Dakota Gerontology Association Merit Award (1980), the Teacher of the Year Award at Northern State University (1982) and the South Dakota Corrections Association

Outstanding Service Award (1988). Jerry also received the Community Services Award (1994) and the Outstanding Services Award for his leadership in the Social Sciences and History Department (1996) from Northern State University. Other notable honors include the National Achievement Honor Roll (1980), the Great Plains Sociological Association Service Award (2000) and the Volunteers of America Award (2018).

Jerry dedicated much of his life to serving his community through numerous organizations. He was the founder and served on the Board of Directors for the Juvenile Treatment, New Beginnings Center (13 years) and North Plains Hospice (35 years). He also played a key role in the Great Plains Sociological Association, founding the organization and serving in several leadership positions, including president and chair of the Student Paper Competition.

Jerry's commitment to service extended to various boards, including Safe Harbor (Domestic Violence Shelter), the Rape Task Force, and the Kids Connection Child Abuse Programs, where he served two four-year terms. He also coached for nine years with the Warner Little League, including T-Ball, boys baseball and girls softball.

In addition, Jerry contributed to many research projects, publications, and presentations throughout his career, continuing his passion for education and community impact.

Jerry's life was marked by a deep commitment to education, service and community. His legacy of mentorship, compassion and dedication will continue to inspire all who knew him. He will be dearly missed but forever remembered for the positive impact he had on so many lives.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 61 years, Malee; children, LaCinda (Howard) Tilton, Dr. Brad Rosonke and Kimberly (Alan) Rausch; one sister, Mildred Brus; son-in-law, Brent Olson; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Clara; one daughter, Lisa Olson; two sisters; and three brothers.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen for all of the great nursing care they gave him.

Richard Allen Zeien, 62

Richard Allan Zeien, age 62 of New Hampton, passed away surrounded by his family on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, from complications of PSC (Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis) Liver Disease from ulcerative colitis.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, at Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. James Goerend presiding.

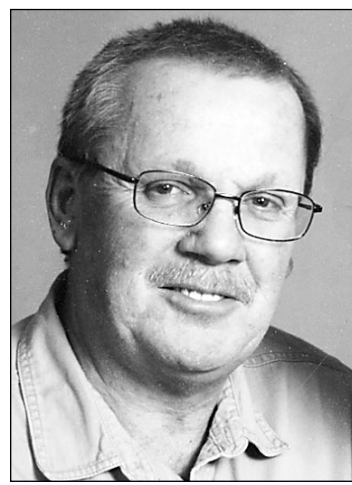
Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, at the funeral home. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Friday.

Richard Allan Zeien, born on June 21, 1962, in New Hampton, passed away surrounded by love and family. The son of Francis and Rita (Reichert) Zeien, Richard's life was a testament to the values of hard work, devotion and love for family and friends.

Richard grew up on the family farm, where he developed his strong work ethic and love for the outdoors. He graduated from New Hampton High School in 1981, where he was active in FFA and built the foundation for his lifelong dedication to his family.

In October 1981, Richard married Renae Anderson, and together they welcomed three sons — Bobby, Chad, and Jeremy. Though their marriage later ended, Richard found love again with Sharon Dreckman, whom he married in April 2004. Sharon's son, Michael, became one of Richard's own, and together they added two more sons, Marshall and Logan,



Richard Zeien

to their blended family.

Richard worked many jobs over the years, each showcasing his determination and adaptability. He ran the Ionia Locker for a time, worked at Great Plains, and eventually found his long-term career with Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating. What started as a temporary job turned into a 34-year commitment, during which Richard often joked with Mick that he was still "trying it out" even after decades of dedicated service.

Outside of work, Richard cherished life's simple joys. He loved fishing trips and camping in Minnesota, spending peaceful moments outdoors with his family. Whether working on cars, woodworking or just enjoying time in the garage, Richard found joy in hands-on projects. He also treasured quiet evenings by an open fire, finding relaxation in the warmth and stillness.

One of Richard's greatest joys was becoming "Papa." His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he cherished

every moment spent with them — camping, fishing, sharing stories and teaching them the tricks he had learned over the years. Their hugs, laughter, and "Hello, Papa!" greetings brought him immense happiness, as did the affection from the many daycare children who grew to adore him.

Richard's legacy is one of love, resilience and a steadfast dedication to those he held dear. He will be remembered for his kind heart, infectious humor, and unwavering commitment to his family and community.

Richard is survived by his wife, Sharon Zeien of New Hampton; six sons, Bobby (Abby) Zeien of Manchester, Chad (Joelle) Zeien of Jerico, Jeremy (Marva) Zeien of Waverly, Michael (Nikki) Dreckman of New Hampton, Marshall Zeien of New Hampton, and Logan Zeien of New Hampton; 11 grandchildren, Mackenzie, Abigail, Parker, Calyb, Charleigh, Milo, Tyson, Kamryn, Emma, Braxton and Adaline; mother, Rita Mae Zeien of Elma; three brothers, Leon (Linda) Zeien, Lenny Zeien and Randy (Vickie) Zeien; two sisters, Luann Heying and Sandy (Joe) Attelson; in-laws, Robert Dreckman Jr., Roger (Carla) Dreckman, Rich (Mary) Dreckman, Susan (Henry) Straight, Russel (Pat) Dreckman, Raymond Dreckman, Shirley (Chris) Brinkman, Ron (Rhonda) Dreckman, Sara (Chris) Onken and Stacie Dreckman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Dreckman; brother-in-law, Ken Heying; two nephews, Jeffrey Dreckman and Austin Onken; and in-laws, Robert and Mary Dreckman.

PBS to present 'Dogs of Service' documentary

Explore the process and time it takes to become a service dog and the people they work with in Iowa PBS's upcoming documentary, "Dogs of Service."

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on iowapbs.org and the PBS app.

This documentary shares the stories of how animals help their handlers and follows the two-year process to train dogs from being 8-week old puppies to fully vested and evaluated service dogs. Service dogs are incredibly useful medical tools elevating the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Thank You!

The family of Keith Speicher would like to take this time to Thank You for all your support, caring thoughts, and prayers through this most difficult and emotional time. Memorials may be given in honor of Keith to "FCCC" Friends of Chickasaw County Conservation, C and W Rustic Hollow Shelter, Spay and Neuter All Pets of Floyd County, and SNAP of Chickasaw County, AmVets Post 90 Memorial Fund Fredericksburg.

Barb Speicher, Jill Connell, and Karen (Bill) Pitz.

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Christ Our Hope mission to be held in Fort Atkinson Feb. 10-12

Christ Our Hope Mission: Thy Kingdom Come - The Christ Our Hope Cluster Mission will host a presentation by Father Jewel Aytona, CPM. The mission will be held Monday, Feb. 10, through Wednesday, Feb. 12, at St. John Nepomucene Church in Ft. Atkinson...

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO GRANT A PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF WATER FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES IN CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 455B, there is now on file with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources...

increase in the authorized annual maximum quantity from 16.0 million gallons of water per year to 18.0 million gallons per year, and the increase in instantaneous pumping capacity from 350 gallons per minute to 400 gallons per minute. A new Cambrian Ordovician (Jordan Sandstone) well is also being added, as described above.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES January 20, 2025. The Board convened on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa.

carried. Discussed FY 25-26 budget request with Helping Services for Youth & Families, Executive Director Carson Eggland and Trish Johnson. Discussed repair plans for water damage at the Heritage Center. The clean up is completed. Next step is to get bids for the damage done to the Heritage by the water main break.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR 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.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MONSIGNOR CARL LAMBERT SCHMITT, Deceased. CASE No. ESPR003264 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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New Hampton School Board Proceedings. The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, January 20, 2025, in the High School Media Center. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 4:00pm with Directors Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, High School Principal Matthew Manson, and Board Secretary Roethler present.

Discussion was brought up on the request to change the Senior Citizen Activity Pass Procedure. No action was taken. Director N. Schwickerath moved to appoint Director Denner to the Chickasaw County Conference Board. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Inc. 8,160.00
Dollar Ball Roller Rink..... 1,015.00
Crystal General Charged Sales..... 61.30
Doors Inc..... 132.00
E Group, Inc. The..... 103.00
EMS Detergent Services..... 582.02
Foreway..... 965.96
Five Star Cooperative..... 3,128.98
FM Controls, Inc..... 67.50
Frisey, Angela..... 837.00
Fritcher, Katie..... 1,064.00
Glenn, Jill..... 124.00
Grafton School, Incorporated... 1,192.34
Grainger..... 1,028.64
Hanson Tire Service..... 3,530.75
Hartman Publishing..... 373.72
Haywake Alarm & Signal Co. 1,671.30
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Iowa Assoc. of School Boards, 1,335.00
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Jendro Sanitation Services Inc. 1,641.00
Jerry Tank Masonry..... 1,870.00
John Deere Financial..... 49.39
Keystone AEA Dubuque..... 170.00
Keystone Area Education..... 2,828.00
Kwik Star..... 642.22
L & R Manufacturing, LLC..... 109.43
Laures, June..... 16.00
LS Supply & Rental..... 273.80
Madison National Life Insurance..... 2,296.38
Marco, Inc..... 190.82
Medical Enterprises Inc..... 1,036.00
Mercy Medical Center-New Hampton..... 166.00
Mick Gage Plumbing..... 400.00
Midwest Group Benefits, Inc..... 412.00
MITKO Specialty Sales & Service..... 1,770.13
New Hampton Auto Body..... 1,335.20
New Hampton Electric..... 2,341.38
New Hampton Tribune..... 198.53
New Horizons-Chamber-Commerce..... 200.00
NHMU Fiber..... 310.00
Northeast Iowa Community College Business and Community Solutions..... 27,187.78
Office World..... 1,557.38
Orkin..... 80.00
Pitney Bowes Inc..... 422.58
Polk's Lock Service..... 363.20
Postmaster..... 350.00

Principal Life Insurance Company 784.34
Quadient Inc..... 203.82
Rienville Community Schools 41,812.60
Rieman Music, Inc..... 809.91
Riley's Inc..... 229.90
Schueth Ace Hardware..... 904.05
Scott, Tanya..... 1,280.00
Scrubber City Inc..... 255.60
South Winneshiek Comm. School..... 4,181.26
St. Joseph's School..... 30,826.31
Staples..... 3,039.20
Summer-Fredericksburg Community School District..... 25,087.56
Superior Welding Supply..... 506.30
Teacher Innovations..... 54.00
Telecom Services of Iowa..... 300.00
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation..... 181.05
Timberline Billing Service LLC 3,062.60
Tripoli Community School District..... 8,362.52
United Parcel Service..... 24.57
Vern Laures Chev-Buick..... 2,871.37
VISA..... (1,185.57)
Wagoner Bros. Repair..... 5,643.87
Walmart.com..... 87.96
Washington National Ins. Co..... 800.10
Weber Paper Company - Division of Capital Sanitary..... 948.31
WEX BANK..... 457.87
Windstream..... 1,889.51
Fund Total:..... \$ 266,371.38
Capital Projects (33)
Chickasaw Wellness Complex. 1,000.00
Geerts Plumbing & Heating..... 693.00
Northern Cedar Service..... 686.50
Plunkert Raysich Architects, LLP..... 8,505.00
Premier Furniture & Equipment 7,860.20
Fund Total:..... \$ 18,744.70
Physical Plant & Equipment (36)
Interstate Power Systems..... 1,274.38
Marco, Inc..... 1,939.05
Premier Furniture & Equipment 6,382.75
Wagoner Bros. Repair..... 3,081.94
Fund Total:..... \$ 12,678.12
Debt Service..... (40)
UMB Bank N.A..... 600.00
Fund Total:..... \$600.00
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Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR 19-CHICKASAW COUNTY STATE OF IOWA 19-CHICKASAW COUNTY Iowa District Court Case #: EQCV004557 19-Chickasaw County Civil #: 25-000027 FREEDOM MORTGAGE VS CLARENCE HAYEN ET AL Special Execution As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) Real Estate Described Below To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is THE NORTH 75 FEET OF LOT 50 OF THE IRREGULAR SURVEY OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTH 15 FEET OF THE SOUTH 105 FEET OF THE WEST 70 FEET OF THE EAST ONE ACRE OF THE NORTH QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE WEST 100 FEET OF THE NORTH 60 FEET OF THE EAST ONE ACRE OF THE NORTH QUARTER OF

THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M. IN NEW HAMPTON, CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA Property Address: 515 N HARTWELL AVE NEW HAMPTON, IA 50659 The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows: Sale Date 02/27/2025 Sale Time 13:00 Place of Sale CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOBBY, 116 N CHESTNUT, NEW HAMPTON, IA 50659 This sale not subject to Redemption Judgment Amount \$81,190.49 Costs \$5,295.79 Accruing Costs PLUS Interest \$2,838.47 Sheriff's Fees Pending Date 01/17/2025 RYAN SHAWVER CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF Attorney BENJAMIN HOPKINS 1350 NW 138TH ST STE 100 CLIVE, IA 503258308 (515)222-9400 No. 24585 1/30/25 New Hampton Tribune 2/13/25 New Hampton Tribune www.iowapublicnotices.com

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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY JANUARY 20, 2025 7:00 P.M. The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Geerts at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner and Fisher. Humpal was absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney Todd Prichard, Conrad Rosendahl, Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, Tara Hackman, Amanda Webb with Hacker Nelson & Co CPA's, Becky Schwab with SEH Inc., Kerstin Schwickerath and Bob Fenske. 1. Approve meeting agenda 2. Approve City Council Minutes of January 6, 2024. 3. Approve City Claims of \$98,016.69 4. Committee as a Whole Minutes January 6, 2025 5. Department Head Minutes January 7, 2025 6. Fire Department Minutes January 6, 2025 7. Tobacco Device Retailer Permit: New Hampton Mart, 17 West Main, NH 8. Finance Reports

\$7,128.90\$5.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS
\$111,393.02\$207,162.24
WATER UTILITY
\$89,809.86\$217,541.79
SEWER UTILITY
\$96,452.37\$77,212.37
SOLID WASTE
\$41,661.36\$34,564.99
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WATER
\$186,079.24\$5.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SEWER
\$6,029.05\$5.00
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS
\$632.00\$1,944.67
TOTAL
\$793,965.31\$992,416.45
Moved by Larsen, seconded by Fisher; that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Motion carried. Amanda Webb, from Hacker Nelson & Co CPA's presented the City of New Hampton's FY2024 final audit report. Moved by Denner, seconded by Speltz; That the FY2023/2024 audit for the City of New Hampton be approved and filed with the Iowa State Auditor's office. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Motion carried. WEST INDUSTRIAL PARK STORM WATER ANALYSIS Becky Schwab with SEH, Inc., was in attendance to present a cost proposal to reroute the storm sewer near the properties of 425 & 515 Bailey Avenue. Schwab explained that they have a couple options for the storm water runoff and that the engineering study should assist in determining the most advantageous route. The estimate for their engineering services is \$31,300. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Porath, seconded by Fisher; That Resolution No. 6701 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH SEH INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A STORM WATER CAPACITY ANALYSIS, be approved. Ayes- Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher, Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Resolution approved. As a result of the additional Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds being distributed to the City of New Hampton in fiscal year 2025, the City Council needs to pass a resolution certifying these additional funds necessary from the Chickasaw County Auditor. Moved by Speltz, seconded by Larsen; That Resolution No. 6702 Resolution Directing THE City

Clerk to Certify Tax Increment Financing Debt to the Chickasaw County Auditor, be approved. Ayes- Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Resolution approved. Park & Recreation Director, Tara Hackman, presented a quote from Carico Aquatic Resources Inc. to replace the two filters at the swimming pool. Hackman has requested financial support from the Council for this purchase but needs Council approval to place the order for the filters so installation can occur before the pool opens this summer. Moved by Larsen, seconded by Speltz; That Resolution No. 6703 Resolution APPROVING THE QUOTE OF CARICO AQUATIC RESOURCES INC. FOR THE SWIMMING POOL FILTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,000, be approved. Ayes- Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Resolution approved. The Chickasaw County Sheriff's department is requesting approval for dispatching services agreement between the Chickasaw County and the City of New Hampton for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. The dispatching services fee was increased from \$60,551 to \$62,892, a 3.72% increase. Chief Conrad Rosendahl commented that he appreciates the cooperation between the police department and the sheriff's department and is supportive of paying the fee for the dispatching agreement. Moved by Speltz, seconded by Porath; That Resolution No. 6704 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR DISPATCHING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026, be approved. Ayes- Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Resolution approved. Public Works Director Casey Mai received a request from New Hampton Cabinetry owner, Adam Underwood, to purchase city right of way. The area being requested is a vacated area of North Broadway Avenue, adjoining the existing railroad tracks. Mai explained that a portion adjacent to this area was vacated several years ago and that he is in favor of vacating this portion. Mai's only concern is that the needed easements are established. Underwood will be responsible for all associated fees for the transfer of property. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Porath; That Resolution No. 6705 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR

FEBRUARY 17, 2025 FOR THE VACATING OF CITY RIGHT OF WAY, be approved. Ayes- Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Resolution approved. City Clerk Karen Clemens shared that the fiscal year audit for the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw County Landfill is complete and a copy is on file at City Hall. Clemens also reported that a New Hampton fireman was responding to a fire call on January 20, 2025 and was injured on city property. Fire Chief Toby Schwickerath will file an incident report. City Attorney Todd Prichard requested a status update on the storm water runoff problem in Mikkelson Park including adjoining property owners. Staff is working on getting easements developed and signed. Kalista Porath shared her appreciation for Katie Fisher and her commitment to her Council At Large position. Fisher has resigned her council seat effective January 21, 2025. The Mayor has been in contact with residents who are interested in the position. Moved by Fisher, seconded by Porath; that the meeting adjourn at 8:25 pm. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Motion carried. ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk STEVE GEERTS, Mayor COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025 7:00 PM CITY - WRITTEN SINCE JANUARY 6, 2025 Iowa Department of Revenue, Sales Tax 20/20 FX, Laptop, Monitors, and Supplies (Sewer)..... 1,530.00 Five Star Coop, Gas, Diesel (Fire WA SR ST) Supplies (SR ST)..... 1,724.84 USPS, Postage for Utility Bills..... 197.50 USPS, Stamps (Clerk Econ)..... 219.00 TOTAL WRITTEN..... 7,690.99 CITY - TO BE WRITTEN- 20/20 FX, Mount Body Cam & Taser Chargers, Surge Protector (PD)..... 524.40 Auto Value, Headlight (PD) Wipers, Lighting, Fuse (ST)..... 174.22 Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas (PD WA Clerk Carn Cust ST Fire SR)..... 5,856.79 Blazek Corp. Repair Water Break on W Hamilton (Water)..... 1,667.50 Galls, Uniform Allowance (Police)..... 36.55 HRS, Easement Index & Mapping Proj-

ect..... 5,975.00 Iowa D.A.R.E. Association, Membership Dues 2025 (Police)..... 100.00 Kwik Star, Gas, Diesel (Police Street)..... 1,371.08 LeisureTime Golf Cars, UPS Shipping (Water)..... 32.74 Microbac, Testing Fees (Water)..... 70.00 MiEnergy, Electric Service (Sewer)..... 76.49 New Hampton, City of, Utilities (Clerk PD St Fire Carn WA SR), 13,723.42 Petty Cash, Postage (Clerk PD) Paper Towels (Custodial)..... 45.39 Reliant Fire Apparatus, Pump Testing-Tankers, Engines, Ladder Trucks (Fire)..... 6,488.58 Schueth Ace Hardware, Plugs (Sewer) Hose (Street) Cleaner (Fire)..... 17.95 Strand Associates, Wastewater Treatment Plant Project (Sewer) 51,822.20 US Cellular, Phone & Data Charges (Street Sewer Fire WA Zoning PD)..... 473.26 Visa, Monthly Gsuite Fee (PD) Monthly Zoom Fee, 1099 Envelopes (Clerk) AED Battery & Pads (Custodial) Gas Monitor, Microsoft Fees, Carbonite Backup (Sewer)..... 1,870.13 Total to be Written..... 90,325.70 Plus City Written..... 7,629.99 TOTAL TO BE APPROVED 98,016.69 PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE JANUARY 6, 2025 EFTPS, Federal and FICA Tax 11,316.03 EFTPS, Federal and FICA Tax..... 889.83 Employee Benefit Systems, Administration Fees..... 264.00 Empower Retirement, Deferred Comp..... 875.00 New Hampton, City of, Self Funding Fees..... 8,421.00 Wellmark, Health Insurance..... 27,367.92 AIRPORT - TO BE WRITTEN MiEnergy, Electric Service..... 155.57 CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN New Hampton, City of, Utilities..... 71.14 PARK & REC - TO BE WRITTEN New Hampton, City of, Utilities 1,109.56 US Cellular, Cell Phone Service..... 64.09 Visa, Aquatic CEU Workshop, Bball Tourney Awards, Microsoft Fee, PDF Suite Fee..... 790.25 LIBRARY - TO BE WRITTEN Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas..... 173.75 New Hampton, City of, Utilities..... 173.35 Schueth Ace Hardware, Cable Ties 13.49 Visa, Books, Pizza, Monthly Microsoft Fees, Envelopes, Markers, Program Supplies..... 663.04

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Senior wrestlers, managers and cheerleaders, along with their parents, are honored last Thursday night when both New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling teams performed in front of the home crowd for the final time during the regular season.

Chickasaw boys make gold bracket at Alburnett

Cajthaml's win in ranked battle highlights New Hampton/Turkey Valley's day; Chickasaws head to NEIC this Saturday

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The dilemma was this for the New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling team on Friday.

Win a couple of pool meets at the Alburnett Duals and face a "murderer's row" in the gold bracket. Don't win a couple of those duals and have a much easier afternoon at the tournament.

The Chickasaws went with option one, and while the gold bracket results were predictable, NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said wrestling teams like Alburnett and Burlington Notre Dame are just what his squad needs as the postseason nears.

"It was a weird feeling in a way, because if we're in the silver bracket, we probably get more dual wins on the day," he said, "but for our guys, wrestling good kids, that's what we need right now, especially for our top guys."

NH/TV opened the tournament by rallying from an 18-0 early deficit and rolling to a 47-32 victory over Dike-New Hartford as Ty Moudry (120), Carter Cajthaml (132), Braiden Schaufenbuel (138), Jayden Bucknell (144) and Chase Humpal (165) all picked up pins.

After falling to Wisconsin power Fennimore 55-10, the Chickasaws got pins from Moudry, Schaufenbuel, Cajthaml, Lohen Tank (190) to post a 48-25 win over South Winneshiek and punch a ticket into the top bracket.

And that's where it got tough. Alburnett is ranked first in the Class 1A traditional rankings put out by IAwestle and is also top-ranked in the Iowa High School Athletic Association dual rankings. Burlington Notre Dame has the IAwestle's top-ranking in 2A in the traditional tournament rankings.

And the two teams lived up to their rankings as the host Pirates blitzed NH/TV 73-5 while Burlington Notre Dame came away with a 57-22 victory over the Chickasaws.

Still, Paulus found silver linings when it came to the gold bracket results. The shiniest had to be Carter Cajthaml's dominating 14-5 win over Burlington Notre Dame's CJ Davis, who is ranked third by IAwestle at 132.

"That's a really good win for Carter obvi-

ously, and he came out and wrestled with a lot of confidence," Paulus said of his sophomore who is ranked seventh at 138 but will in all likelihood stay at 132 when the postseason begins.

Cajthaml got the Chickasaws' only win against Alburnett and joined Bucknell, Tank and Roy Barron as winners against Burlington Notre Dame.

And now the Chickasaws are preparing for a somewhat uncertain future. They do know they will be in Charles City Saturday for the final Northeast Iowa Conference tournament, which will include four rounds in what Paulus called a "scramble" format.

"Basically, when you put all the names into Trackwrestling, it usually comes out with the top two guys in the last round," he said, "but there will be good matches all day I think. I told our guys what I want is to see us compete in every single round."

Then the near-future schedule gets a little murky.

Paulus said that he still think his team has an outside shot of qualifying for next week's regional duals, but if the Chickasaws are uninvited, they will look to pick up a meet so that they won't go two full weeks without a competition before the Feb. 15 district tournament that will be held in New Hampton.

"The state's done a pretty decent job in saying if you don't qualify [for regional duals], they grant you an extra date," Paulus said. "I think [Crestwood] is a lot like us, we're in that 22 to 28 range, and if neither one of us makes it, that's a possibility. We'll try to find something to keep our guys sharp."

NH/TV 47, DIKE-NEW HARTFORD 32

285 - Tate DeBuhr (DNH) pinned Roy Barron, 5:38. 106 - Sully O'Neil (DNH) won by forfeit. 113 - Colt Roger (DNH) won by forfeit. 120 - Ty Moudry (NH/TV) pinned Conner Weedman (DNH) Fall 0:58. 126 - James Wingert (DNH) dec. Colin Shatek, 7-5. 132 - Carter Cajthaml (NH/TV) pinned Karson VanHeiden, 1:34. 138 - Braiden Schaufenbuel (NH/TV) pinned Kaizin Eberhart, 1:20.

144 - Jayden Bucknell (NH/TV) pinned Dax Weedman (DNH), 1:38. 150 - Jax Shekleton (NH/TV) tech fall Kael Jones, 21-1. 157 - Gavin Gerbracht (DNH) tech fall Tate Schwickerath, 16-1. 165 - Chase Humpal (NH/TV) pinned Logan Hayes, 3:38. 175 - Lohen Tank (NH/TV) pinned Bryce Bass, 3:25. 190 - Jackson Kellogg (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 215 - Lew Textor (DNH) won by forfeit.

FENNIMORE 55, NH/TV 10

106 - Double Forfeit. 113 - Double Forfeit. 120 - Cade Birchman (F) tech fall Moudry, 17-1. 126 - Jerrin Glasbrenner (F) pinned Shatek, 1:27. 132 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) tech fall Taron Crowley, 18-3. 138 - Bucknell (NH/TV) tech fall Sawyer Swatek, 16-0. 144 - Colton Tollefson (F) pinned Israel Ortiz, 1:47.

150 - Syler Zdanczewicz (F) pinned Shekleton, 4:38. 157 - Ryder Zdanczewicz (F) pinned Schwickerath, 4:33. 165 - Tristan Steldt (F) tech fall Humpal, 15-0. 175 - Nathan Blaschke (F) maj. dec. Tank, 16-3. 190 - Drew Crubel (F) tech fall Austyn Kleppe, 19-4. 215 - Jayden Kopp (F) pinned Barron, 5:02. 285 - Dalton Wolf (F) pinned Gebel, 0:24.

NH/TV 48, SOUTH WINNESHIK 25

120 - Moudry (NH/TV) pinned Gavin Thuente, 3:14. 126 - Shatek (NH/TV) pinned Matthew Donovan, 3:58. 132 - Schaufenbuel (NH/TV) pinned Steven Andera, 1:39. 138 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) pinned Cooper Huinker, 0:30. 144 - Bucknell (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 150 - Shekleton (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 157 - Schwickerath (NH/TV) won by forfeit.

165 - Kyle Kuboushek (SW) tech fall Humpal, 15-0. 175 - Landen Schnuelle (SW) tech fall Caleb Utley, 15-0. 190 - Tank (NH/TV) pinned Gavin Feickert, 3:06. 215 - Ray Lienau (SW) dec. Barron, 9-4. 285 - Kolton Brummond (SW) pinned Gebel, 0:32. 106 - Double Forfeit. 113 - Clayton Kuboushek (SW) won by forfeit.

ALBURNETT 73, NH/TV 5

120 - Owen Henriksen (A) pinned Moudry, 0:50. 126 - Rowdy Neighbor (A) pinned Shatek, 0:42. 132 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) tech fall JJ Callahan, 19-4. 138 - Preston Klostermann (A) tech fall Bucknell, 22-6. 144 - Cooper Franklin (A) pinned Ortiz, 1:08. 150 - Reece Klostermann (A) pinned Shekleton, 5:04. 157 - Dawson Becker (A) pinned Schwickerath, 0:54.

165 - Hunter Sauer (A) pinned Humpal, 2:49. 175 - Shayden Washburn (A) maj dec. Tank, 12-1. 190 - River Williams (A) maj dec. Kellogg, 9-0. 215 - Eaghan Fleshman (A) pinned Barron, 1:37. 285 - Sevy Redel (A) pinned Gebel, 0:38. 106 - Jaxson Port (A) won by forfeit. 113 - Atlee Dewitt (A) won by forfeit.

BURLINGTON NOTRE DAME 57, NH/TV 22

126 - Jared Glendening (BND) pinned Shatek, 1:44. 132 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) maj. dec. C.J. Davis, 14-5. 138 - Kaiden Dietzenbach (BND) pinned Ortiz, 1:06. 144 - Bucknell (NH/TV) pinned Tate Sherwood, 4:16. 150 - Kael Cook (BND) maj. dec. Shekleton, 13-4. 157 - Dirk Boyles (BND) tech fall Schwickerath, 22-2. 165 - Blake Wilson (BND) pinned Humpal, 0:57.

175 - Tank (NH/TV) pinned Joey Gloendening, 3:12. 190 - Bridge Anderson (BND) pinned Kleppe, 2:52. 215 - Barron (NH/TV) pinned Nick Parker, 0:34. 285 - Isaac Davis (BND) pinned Gebel, 5:16. 106 - Kohlen Dietzenbach (BND) won by forfeit. 113 - Rowan Berndt (BND) won by forfeit. 120 - Colt Boyles (BND) pinned Moudry, 3:23.

NH/TV coach proud of seniors' dedication

NH/TV Boys: FROM 12

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and wrestling in a competitive setback to Decorah last week Thursday on Senior Night. The Chickasaws also went 2-3 at the Alburnett Duals on Saturday.

"I thought we came out and got on the offense right away. Our guys were excited to wrestle at home and put on a show for the fans," said Paulus about Senior Night.

The Chickasaws worked past GHV by a score of 51-26 and raced out to an early lead versus the Vikings, but eventually fell, 44-32.

NH/TV's star power was on display and several of Paulus' up-and-coming wrestlers also got a taste of what it's like to get your hand raised after claiming a winning triumph over your opponent.

A few of NH/TV's horses - specifically seventh-ranked 138-pound junior Carter Cajthaml (40-5) and No. 9 150-pound sophomore Jax Shekleton (28-7) - each won both of their matches.

Shekleton dominated both of his opponents - one by technical fall and the other coming via a quick 20 second pin over GHV's Zander Rosaur.

Cajthaml, on the other hand, had his hands full in a showdown versus 10th-rated Will Larson of Decorah. Cajthaml - a state qualifier last year for Charles City - engineered a workmanlike 4-2 victory.

"Carter wrestled well and got a good win over a tough opponent. He still needs to work on keeping his foot on the throttle and scoring more points," said Paulus. "When he stays on his offense, he is one of the best in the state."

NH/TV junior 144-pounder Jayden Bucknell - another state qualifier for the Chickasaws last season along with Shekleton - split his two bouts. He started out the night's festivities with an opening-match pin over Dennis Beery of GHV in 48 seconds. Then he got caught in a back-and-forth match with Decorah's Kasen Tyler to end the evening. That matchup went the way of the Viking by a tally of 16-9.

Bucknell, now 35-9 this winter, is still working on maintaining a consistent and even-keel mindset according to Paulus, especially when his opponent scores on his shots.

"Bucky" needs to work on keeping his composure in tough matches. He has to roll with the waves of the match and not lose focus if he is scored on. When he stays focused for six minutes, he can wrestle with the best," said Paulus.

NH/TV sophomore Lohen Tank (26-12) faced off against eighth-rated Parker Moritz (27-4) of GHV at 190 pounds. Moritz won via decision in a tight 4-1 battle.

"He needed to get to the legs and finish a takedown. Lohen is a grinder and can keep matches close with anyone. If he can score more takedowns he will

be hard to beat," said Paulus.

Tank bounced back with a first-period pin over Decorah's Bradan Darling in just 1:38 in the 175-pound weight class.

NH/TV senior Braiden Schaufenbuel (22-16) - who competed at state last year for the Chickasaws as well - racked up a pin over GHV's Keith Johnson in 1:42 at 138 pounds. Chickasaw senior Tate Schwickerath (13-29) did the same at 157 pounds over Decorah's Steven Munoz in 5:25.

"Tate and Braiden went out and performed well on Senior Night. They have both put in a lot of time for this program and I am proud of their dedication," said Paulus.

Chickasaw junior Colin Shatek (126) hit a reversal late in his match to pull off a 5-4 win over GHV's Samuel Katter. Shatek improved to 14-22 with the victory, which got a big round of applause from the Chickasaws' bench.

"Colin has taken this opportunity at varsity and ran with it. He is a hard worker and it shows in his grittiness on the mat. He is gaining a ton of experience for the future," said the NH/TV head coach.

NH/TV 51, GHV 26

144 - Jayden Bucknell (NH/TV) pinned Dennis Beery, 0:48. 150 - Jax Shekleton (NH/TV) pinned Zander Rosaur, 0:20. 157 - Lucas Kral (GHTV) tech. fall Tate Schwickerath, 19-3. 165 - Chase Humpal (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 175 - Caleb Utley (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 190 - Parker Moritz (GHV) dec. Lohen Tank, 4-1. 215 - Roy Barron (NH/TV) pinned Nathan Mass, 0:27.

285 - Dominic Holder (GHV) pinned Chase Gebel, 1:19. 106 - Gunner Fry (GHV) won by forfeit. 113 - Kaleb Feld (GHV) pinned Dominick Reicks, 0:39. 120 - Ty Moudry (NH/TV) pinned Brayden Lunning, 0:20. 126 - Colin Shatek (NH/TV) dec. Samuel Katter, 5-4. 132 - Braiden Schaufenbuel (NH/TV) pinned Keith Johnson, 1:42. 138 - Carter Cajthaml (NH/TV) pinned Aiden Schulze, 0:59.

JV results - 285 - Tanner Leichtman (NH/TV) pinned Efrain Mendez, 0:43. 285 - L.J. Robinson (NH/TV) injury default over Efrain Mendez.

DECORAH 44, NH/TV 32

150 - Shekleton (NH/TV) tech. fall Justin Fortman, 19-2. 157 - Schwickerath (NH/TV) pinned Steven Munoz, 5:25. 165 - William Fullhart (DEC) pinned Humpal, 2:00. 175 - Tank (NH/TV) pinned Bradan Darling, 1:38. 190 - Thomas Sexton (DEC) pinned Jackson Kellogg, 1:40. 215 - Ethan Kuennen (DEC) pinned Barron, 2:47. 285 - Gebel (NH/TV) won by forfeit.

106 - Meison Tollefson (DEC) won by forfeit. 113 - Lucas Wymer (DEC) tech. fall Reicks, 18-2. 120 - Moudry (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 126 - Gavin Knutson (DEC) pinned Shatek, 0:22. 132 - Michael Clement (DEC) pinned Schaufenbuel, 1:13. 138 - Cajthaml (NH/TV) dec. Will Larson, 4-2. 144 - Kasen Tyler (DEC) dec. Bucknell, 16-9.

JV results - 138 - Gavin Carolan (DEC) tech. fall Israel Ortiz, 19-2. 138 - Aiden Whalen (DEC) pinned Ortiz, 2:42. 150 - Braden Manson (NH/TV) pinned Jacob Kulish, 3:14. 150 - Hunter Jirak-Selden (DEC) pinned Aiden Zeien, 3:15. 150 - Manson (NH/TV) pinned Logan Fortman, 3:47. 150 - Kash Turner (DEC) pinned Zeien, 1:30. 165 - Cade Carpenter (NH/TV) pinned Owen Larson, 1:20. 165 - Utley (NH/TV) pinned Larson, 3:55.

Turkey Valley girls keep fighting, pick up two wins to stay in UIC title hunt

TV GIRLS: FROM 12

automatic so we've got to remember that we have to work for things," Steinlage said Friday night after she scored 15 points, made five steals and dished out four assists in the win over the TigerHawks. "So we went into practice with a new mindset that we have to reset and work even harder."

The two wins kept the Trojans' dream of winning an Upper Iowa Conference title intact as they ended last week with an 11-2 record to trail MFL by just one-half game in the standings.

"First off, we don't back down from anybody," Turkey Valley coach Steve Hoffer said. "Whoever it is, we're going to go toe-to-toe with them. They've faced a lot of adversity. They just keep fighting. They're not going to give up."

Take Friday night's home game, for example.

It wasn't like Turkey Valley played a poor first half against North Fayette Valley; after all, the Trojans led 29-21 at the break.

But that was just a warm-up before Turkey Valley put together one of its best halves of the season to run away from a TigerHawk team that came into the game with a 10-6 record.

With Layni Schuchhardt hitting a 3-pointer, Bella Stika scoring on an offensive rebound and Schuchhardt draining two

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West Central	2-10	3-13
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free throws, the Trojans scored the first seven points of the third quarter and then ended the frame with steals from Steinlage and Stika that led to buckets, a Stika put back and a Steinlage layup off a pretty assist from Stika.

Up 44-30, Turkey Valley opened the fourth quarter with a 14-2 run that was sparked by three 3-pointers from Annika Bodensteiner and cruised to the win.

As good as the offense was, it was the defense that set the tone against North Fayette Valley.

"Sometimes when your shots aren't going, the best thing we can do is 'd-up,'" Steinlage said, "and we know we have a lot of girls who can come off the bench with a lot of energy."

Hoffer agreed.

"We put a premium on defense in practice. We do our drills - pressuring the ball, helping on defense, switching on screens, talking on screens,



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Turkey Valley's Miyah Byrne drives to the basket late in Friday's game against North Fayette Valley.

picking crossovers," he said. "You saw a lot of that tonight. It wasn't perfect, but it was really good defense."

The win over the TigerHawks came three nights after the Trojans survived a relatively slow start and used a 16-4 third quarter to pick up that 10-point win in Elkader.

Steinlage had 14 points on 7-for-10 shooting from the floor while Stika had a double-double with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Against North Fayette Valley, Stika had another double-double, scoring 17 points and grabbing 17 rebounds while Steinlage finished with 15 points and Bodensteiner had

12. Stika is averaging 10.4 points and 13.4 rebounds a game, and it is that second stat that her coach may appreciate the most.

"She's got a nose for the ball," Hoffer said. "That's one of the things she's good at. When I talked to the girls, I talk about working to your strengths. One of Bella's strengths is her athleticism ... she's long, she can jump, she can get those arms up, and anything that's close, she's going to get."

And now the Trojans are hoping for some help when it comes to chasing down a UIC title. MFL is 11-1 in league games, and its toughest test looks to be a game against Kee, which is 9-3 in conference play on Feb. 7.

With or without a conference championship, though, Hoffer is impressed with how far his team has come.

"They're just a resilient bunch of kids, and they've gained a lot of maturity," he said. "We've talked about it with them where last year, in a game like this, a team would make a run and we'd just crumble. But we've had that growth, and even from the beginning of the year to now has been a huge step."

TURKEY VALLEY 44, CENTRAL ELKADER 34

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Addison Schuchhardt 7-10 0-0 14, Annika Bodensteiner 1-5 1-4 3, Layni Schuchhardt 1-3 0-0 2, Bella Stika 5-11 0-3 10, Delaney Busta

0-1 0-0 0, Hazel Nieman 1-4 1-4 3, Emersyn Hoffer 2-4 2-3 6, Ellayne Bodensteiner 2-5 2-2 6. Totals 19-43 6-16 44.

3-point field goals - Schuchhardt 0-1, Nieman 0-1, Hoffer 0-1, A. Bodensteiner 0-3.

Rebounds - Stika 13, E. Bodensteiner 4, Nieman 3, Busta 3, Schuchhardt 1, A. Bodensteiner 1, Steinlage 1.

Assists - Steinlage 2, E. Bodensteiner 2, Hoffer 2, A. Bodensteiner 1, Schuchhardt 1, Stika 1, Busta 1.

Steals - Stika 5, Steinlage 2, A. Bodensteiner 1, Busta 1. Blocks - Hoffer 2, E. Bodensteiner 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 65, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 36

NFV 11 10 9 6 - 36
TV 18 11 15 21 - 65

Steinlage 5-12 3-4 15, A. Bodensteiner 4-8 0-0 12, Schuchhardt 1-2 2-2 5, Stika 8-12 1-4 17, Busta 1-1 0-2 2, Nieman 2-7 0-0 4, Makinley Lutgen 0-0 0-0 0, Hoffer 3-5 0-0 6, Kendall Kuennen 0-1 0-0 0, Brynlee Hayek 0-0 0-0 0, Ella Ives 0-1 0-0 0, Miyah Byrne 1-1 0-0 2, E. Bodensteiner 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 25-53 8-14 65.

3-point field goals - A. Bodensteiner 4-8, Steinlage 2-4, Schuchhardt 1-2, Stika 0-1, Nieman 0-1, Hoffer 0-1.

Rebounds - Stika 17, E. Bodensteiner 4, Kuennen 3, Steinlage 2, Busta 2, Nieman 2, Ives 2, Schuchhardt 1, A. Bodensteiner 1.

Assists - Steinlage 4, A. Bodensteiner 3, Schuchhardt 2, Stika 2, Busta 1, Nieman 1, Hoffer 1, Hayek 1.

Steals - Steinlage 5, Stika 3, Nieman 2, A. Bodensteiner 1, Schuchhardt 1, Hoffer 1, Hayek 1, E. Bodensteiner 1.

Blocks - Hoffer 2, A. Bodensteiner 2, Stika 1.

Trojan boys get one real victory and one moral win

Turkey Valley storms back to get overtime win over Central Elkader, gives UIC leader North Fayette Valley tenacious fight

BY BOB FENSKE
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Moral victories aren't exactly Turkey Valley coach John Izer's cup of tea, but he'll take them this season.

Next season, not so much. The Trojans found a way to bounce back from a disastrous 93-26 loss to Wapsie Valley and come up with two inspired performances in Upper Iowa Conference games last week as they rallied from a double-digit deficit to beat Central Elkader 66-61 Tuesday night and then gave UIC leader North Fayette Valley a real tussle for three quarters before falling 73-52.

"They're playing hard, and they're playing with heart," Izer said Friday night after the Trojans played North Fayette Valley to a near standstill for the first three quarters. "NFV has more horsepower than we do, but our horsepower is getting bigger, it's growing up. We're very proud of them, and we told that to them in [the locker room]."

He paused and smiled. "And I also told them in another year, we're not going to be satisfied with losses. Right now, these are moral wins, but this won't cut it where we're going."

In short, on a team loaded with underclassmen, Izer may not love his team's 7-10 overall record and 4-8 UIC mark, but he'll take it because he sees the potential.

Start with that game in Elkader last Tuesday.

The Trojans came out, in a word, sluggish and found themselves down 47-34 heading into the fourth quarter.

"We challenged them, and oh boy, they responded," Izer said. Turkey Valley mounted a furious comeback, outscoring the host Warriors 24-11 and then winning the overtime period 8-3.

Logan Busta had a huge game offensively as the junior hit 11-of-22 shots from the field and scored 30 points while teammate J.D. Kruse had a double-double with 13 points and season-high 17 rebounds. Sophomore Jordan Kriener added 16 points.

But it might have been Friday's game that showed just how much potential the Trojans do have. North Fayette Valley, led by 6-foot-8 Upper Iowa University commit Cale Reichter, came into the contest with a perfect 15-0 record yet found themselves in a proverbial dogfight.

A TigerHawk half-court shot gave them a 21-14 lead after the first quarter, but the Trojans battled. A Kriener bucket off

a pretty assist from Kruse capped an 11-5 run that pulled the Trojans to within 26-25 with 3:45 left in the half, and three more times in the period Turkey Valley cut the deficit to one, but another buzzer-beating 3-pointer gave the TigerHawks a 37-33 halftime lead.

"If we can start every game like we started this game," Busta said, "we can beat a lot of teams and we can compete with any team. We showed that tonight. We just have to get more consistent."

A Busta jumper tied the game at 37 early in the third quarter, and North Fayette Valley led only 51-45 heading into the fourth quarter before the Trojans finally ran out of gas.

In the end, they had no answer for Reichter, who finished with 31 points and 16 rebounds, but Izer said the growth he saw on Friday was enough.

"It's a process, and it's what I talked about in our first meeting way back," he said after Busta led the Trojans with 22 points while Kriener battled his way to 13. "We're doing the steps. We've had a couple of stool flushers ... but these boys, they keep bouncing back."

And the goal might be a modest one, but it's reachable. Izer said he knows the UIC's "Big Four" — NFV, MFL MarMac, Kee High and South Winneshiek — may be uncatchable, but Turkey Valley entered this week just one game out of fifth place in the UIC.

"We want to get that fifth place," he said. "I have never coached and said I want to get fifth, but with this process we're going through ... let's go get it."

TURKEY VALLEY 66, CENTRAL ELKADER 61

TV 10 12 12 24 8 - 66
CE 12 13 22 11 3 - 61
Logan Busta 11-22 6-7 30, J.D. Kruse 4-11 5-9 13, Jayden Rausch 0-2 0-0 0, Cale Langreck 2-8 1-2 5, Jordan Kriener 7-14 2-3 16, Kalen Schmidt 0-2 0-0 0, Treyton Franzen 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 25-61 14-21 66.

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

Rebounds - Kruse 17, Busta 3, Rausch 3, Schmidt 3, Franzen 3, Langreck 2.

Assists - Busta 4, Kruse 4, Langreck 4, Rausch 3, Franzen 1.

Steals - Kruse 3, Busta 2, Rausch 2, Langreck 1, Schmidt 1, Franzen 1.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 73, TURKEY VALLEY 52

NFV 21 16 14 22 - 73
TV 14 19 12 7 - 52
Busta 8-19 2-2 22, Kruse 3-6 3-6 9, Langreck 1-5 3-5 5, Schmidt 0-0 0-0 0, Kriener 6-13 1-4 13, Franzen 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 19-46 10-19 52.

3-point field goals - Busta 4-8, Langreck 0-1.

Rebounds - Busta 4, Franzen 3, Schmidt 2.

Assists - Schmidt 3, Busta 2, Franzen 1.

Steals - Busta 4, Franzen 2.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton senior Reid Rausch (above) fires up a 3-point shot while classmate Adam Ewert (below) drives to the basket during the Chickasaws' road win over North Butler Monday night.

Chickasaw boys hold off North Butler

New Hampton bounces back from blowout NEIC loss to pick up non-conference win

BY KELLY TEPSTRA
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The bus ride back to home base from Greene on Monday night was smooth sailin' for these Chickasaws.

It may sound cliché — but it took an inspired rally and a total team effort to make that happy transport possible in the return trip to New Hampton.

The Chickasaws (3-12) got their backs pressed against the wall versus the host North Butler Bearcats — but few claw marks were left evident on New Hampton's black and red jerseys after getting the job done with a satisfying 48-43 road triumph.

"The feeling of being down kind of fired us up," said Chickasaw junior guard Caden Rochford. "We're like, we don't want to do this again, especially not to a team we shouldn't be down to. We're like, let's go. Let's not be going on a bus quiet because we lost another game. Let's go beat somebody and go beat a beatable team."

It was win No. 3 on the season for Ryan Rausch's Chickasaws and it couldn't have come at a better time with just six games left on the regular season slate, including tonight's (Thursday) fray against undefeated North Fayette Valley (16-0) in West



Union. As far as how the non-conference tilt with the Bearcats (6-11) went down — well, it didn't start well for NH in the first half as NB went on a 14-0 run to stake claim to a 22-11 lead in the second period with

4:44 left before intermission. "We just talked about locking in defensively and clearing the rebound — just being solid on the offensive end. Then we kind of got going and hit some shots," said Rausch.

New Hampton stood tall,

kicked off the dirt that had accumulated on their shoulders after the hole was dug and came out smelling like a rose on the other side.

"When we kind of dug ourselves into that hole, we knew that is what has been really screwing us over as of late. We dug ourselves into holes and we can't get back out of them so we knew we had to kind of get out of that as fast as possible," said Chickasaw senior forward Reid Rausch. "Once we got out of that it took a lot of pressure off ourselves. We started playing and having fun."

Rausch's 3-pointer started New Hampton's rally. Rochford responded with a dagger from deep 30 seconds later and then a driving layup was converted by Rochford to cap an 8-0 run. Suddenly, that North Butler lead had been whittled down to just three at 22-19. Kye Rausch — Reid's little brother and freshman guard — connected on one of NH's eight treys made on the evening to solidify an 11-2 run to close the half. North Butler led 24-22 at intermission.

The second half saw the game remain a back-and-forth affair until senior guard Adam Ewert's conventional three-point play broke the game open

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After making a steal, Turkey Valley's Treyton Franzen scores on a layup during Friday's game against North Fayette Valley.

New Hampton girls put up valiant effort but fall to Decorah

Chickasaws give league leaders tussle, fall to Minnesota team in Border Battle

BY KELLY TEPSTRA
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The clock keeps ticking and eventually it will halt New Hampton's season — preferably deep into the postseason.

In the meantime, it's a make the most with what you have left mantra for the Chickasaws. That's what the New Hampton girls hoops squad will attempt to do the rest of the way here this winter.

Barring a rescheduled date with North Butler, New Hampton has just five games remaining in the regular season.

The Chickasaws and head coach David Leichtman are looking to finish the season strong after encountering several near misses this winter — including an upset bid that came up just short at Decorah on Friday — out on the hardwood.

"The girls have been really positive and they know they have to fight some uphill battles some nights," said Leichtman. "They're working hard. They

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New Hampton's Jackie Pickar (24) and Chloe Weigel provide the defensive pressure during the first half of Friday's game at Decorah.

ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS AND TROJANS

THURSDAY

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

New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling, regional tournament at Osage, 4 p.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, JV boys at 5:15, JV girls at 6:45 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

New Hampton basketball vs. South Winneshiek, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:30 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m. (senior parent night)

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball at South Winneshiek, JV starts a 4 p.m., varsity at 6:15 p.m.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling at Class 2A regional duals, if qualified, TBA.

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New Hampton girls and boys bowling at Cadillac Lanes tournament, Waterloo, 9 a.m.



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Chickasaw girls claim conference title

Salas, Thronson and Trende win brackets as NH/TV wins team championship at Upper Iowa

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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When Kelly Thronson speaks for any amount of time about the sport of wrestling, you'll hear an unwavering resolve and fortitude to want to get better and prove her worth to the state.

It's clearly evident that drive to succeed is what fuels her — perhaps even more so after a tough loss.

On to the next bout. The New Hampton/Turkey Valley junior wrestler — in just her second year of organized competition out on the mat — is emblematic of her burgeoning program.

Thronson will hold a lifetime bond with many that have come before her or that will follow in her footsteps as prep pioneers in a sport where

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NH/TV	3	151
Waukon	1	127.5
North Fayette Valley	2	125
Postville	2	101.5
Janesville	1	98.5
MFL MarMac	1	92
South Winneshiek	1	72
Central Elkader	2	59
Riceville	0	54
Tripoli	1	37

grapplers just want a chance to see what they can do. The Chickasaws' incredible season — one in which they claimed the Upper Iowa Conference

tournament title this past Friday — has come down to its last two weeks and now the task at hand is to see who will survive, advance and still stand.

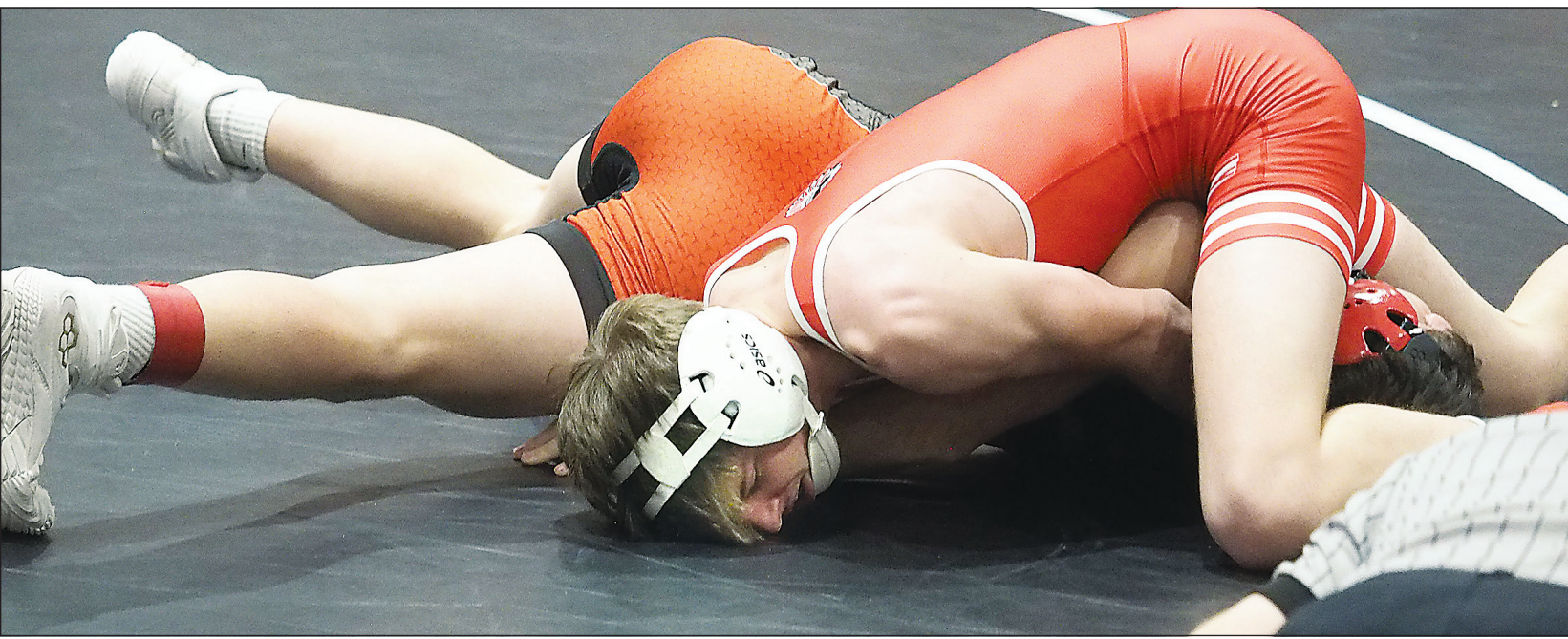
Thronson, ranked ninth in Class 1A at 145 pounds according to IAwrestle, will be one of several Chickasaw standouts that will look to remain alive in a grueling regional meet at Osage on Friday that will transfer just two wrestlers from each weight class on to state.

This is the first year Iowa has broken its state tournament — which will take place on Thursday and Friday of next week at Xtream Arena in Coralville — into two classes in the third year of the sport being sanctioned by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU). That means the number

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NH/TV's Ava Trende works hard on trying to turn Decorah's Madysen Lippe during a dual meet last week in New Hampton.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

NH/TV senior Braiden Schaufenbuel gets close to completing a pin of Garner-Hayfield-Ventura's Keith Johnson during a Senior Night triangular last Thursday.

Chickasaws get a split on Senior Night

NH/TV boys top GHV, scrap with Vikings before falling in final regular season home meet

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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On the hunt and looking for take-downs.

In other words, the New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling

team continues to pop the throttle and dive into attack mode.

The Chickasaws don't have much time left this winter to prove their worth — at least out on the mat when the scores count and the difference between winning and losing

can be one false move or a critical throw when the chips are down.

Matt Paulus' NEIC squad has experienced ups and downs this season — but with little time remaining before the district meet rolls around, his group of quality grap-

plers is also looking to right what might have gone wrong prior to this stretch run.

NH/TV is now 14-18 on the year in duals after taking down

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Turkey Valley girls show off 'D' in two wins

Trojans top Central Elkader, NFV to remain in the hunt for UIC title

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Addison Steinlage and her Turkey Valley girls basketball teammates don't like losing, and falling on a late 3-point shot like the Trojans did to MFL MarMac earlier this month was doubly tough.

But the Trojans showed last week that they turned that heartbreaking defeat into a positive as they rolled to two Upper Iowa Conference wins — picking up a 44-34 road win at Central Elkader Tuesday and then

Turkey Valley's Bella Stika leads a fast break during Friday's game.

playing in almost flawless second half to beat North Fayette Valley 65-36 at home

on Friday.

"It kind of reset us ... that not everything is

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