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Districts land their ‘super’

Current AGWSR superintendent to take over at New Hampton, Turkey Valley

By Bob Fenske

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Just like the members of the New Hampton and Turkey Valley school boards did, Erik Smith completed his “homework” and when he was done, the veteran educator knew he wanted to be the next shared superintendent at the two school districts. And on Tuesday, when a months-long process came to an end, Smith landed the job. “There was a lot to like,” Smith said during a phone interview, “and I can’t wait to get started.” The current AGWSR superintendent and high school principal will officially take over as the top administrator on July 1, but he said Tuesday that while taking care of his duties at his current district — one that includes the towns of Ackley, Geneva, Wellsburg and Steamboat Rock — he will do his best to familiarize himself with his two new districts. “I’ll do my best to meet with as many people as I can,” he said, “and I know for both myself and my family it’s going to a busy, hectic few months. Obviously, I want to finish strong here at AGWSR, and at the same time, I want to be ready to go on July 1 at New Hampton and Turkey Valley.” Smith will replace Jay Jurrens, who announced in September that he would retire at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Jurrens’ announcement led the two boards to hold a series of meetings this past fall in which they agreed to remain in the sharing agreement New Hampton and Turkey Valley has had since 2017 and also hired a search firm, Grundmeyer Leader Services, to assist in hiring a new superintendent. “During my time interviewing with

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

What is this white stuff falling from the sky?

A group of youth wrestling fans walk through a brief snowfall to get to the New Hampton Lions Club wrestling tournament on Saturday, and by the time this newspaper hits mailboxes today (Thursday), we may actually have “snow cover” for the first time since Christmas Day. As this edition went to press Tuesday night, the area was under a winter weather advisory as forecasters said 2 to 5 inches could fall, and here’s the bad news for those who didn’t have a problem with our “snow-less” winter: More snow may fall on Friday, and once that system moves out, we’re going to get downright cold. See FORECAST, Page 6

County OKs law enforcement contracts with Nashua, Fredericksburg

Action comes a week after two city councils agree to keep hours the same, despite the fact that Sheriff’s Office rates will increase by 4.9%

By Bob Fenske

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For the first time in several years, the county’s second-largest city will not reduce the number of hours that it receives law enforcement services from the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office. In recent years, Nashua has reduced the number of hours it contracts the Sheriff’s Office in an effort to avoid increased costs, but last week, on a 4-1 vote, the City Council voted to accept a 4.9 percent rate hike. On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved that deal, along with a slew of other contracts with area cities that ranged from contracted hours with Fredericksburg to drive-through services for other towns and a new contract for dispatching services for the New Hampton Police Department. Last month, the Board of Supervisors raised the “hourly rate” for Nashua and Fredericksburg from \$71.50 this year to \$75 for the fiscal year

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Pastor finds ‘Iowa Nice’ at Harvest and beyond

Always a pastor at heart, Jacobs appreciates that God led him to New Hampton church

By Bob Fenske

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Josh Jacobs felt God was calling him to the Midwest, and the pastor at Harvest Church couldn’t possibly say no. And five months later, Jacobs couldn’t be happier with his move to New Hampton. “Honestly, the sense of community here in New Hampton reminds me of that same sense of community I found on military bases,” the U.S. Army veteran said, “and you know how people talk about ‘Iowa Nice?’ They should because it’s a very real thing.” He’s found that ‘Iowa Nice’ in a variety of people — from the members of his congregation to his fellow pastors to the folks he’s met in the grocery store to a former Harvest pastor, Doug Harvey, who is serving as his mentor, or as Jacobs puts it, his “Timothy” or “Barnabas.” “I love Doug, and I see him as the Timothy and Barnabas to Paul,” he said. “For me, this is my first church where I’ve been the senior pastor, and you can learn a lot in college, but school can only teach you

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Harvest Church Pastor Josh Jacobs likens the “community” he has found in New Hampton to the one he experienced while a soldier in the Army.

School Board returns to full strength with appointment

Current board members have plenty to choose from, but ultimately unanimously approve Shawver to the board

By Bob Fenske

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New Hampton School Board members had a tough choice to make Monday night as they went to work on filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Bob Ayers last month. Maybe board member Nate Schwickerath said it best at the start of the special meeting — “We have a really good slate of candidates — a lot of them.” After a short discussion, the four board members unanimously approved the appointment of Ryan Shawver as the board’s newest member. Shawver, who serves as Chickasaw County’s sheriff, said he was excited about the opportunity. He’ll serve out the remainder of Ayers’ term, which runs through the school and municipal election that will be held in November. “I’ve been in the public sector for 17 years now,” he said. “I understand county government, and this is along the same lines [although] I know I have a lot to learn. I understand that, but I like to put my input out there and have my voice heard.” Board President Jay Matthews said that the district received eight applications for

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It’s been a busy year for New Hampton, Turkey Valley FFA chapters

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DNR to discuss hunting season, possible changes to rules at upcoming programs

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting a series of town hall-style meetings where local staff provide updates on recently completed hunting seasons, discuss possible changes to hunting rules and regulations, and address other topics as requested.

Locally, the Iowa DNR will be at the The Pub on the Cedar, 101 North Jackson Street in Charles City, on Feb. 18 and at the Waverly Public Library, 1500 W. Bremer Ave., in Waverly, on Feb. 17; both those at 6 p.m. A meeting at the Franklin W. Olin Building, Room 102, Luther College, 700 College Drive, next to the Prues Library, in Decorah, will be held on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

“We want people to come out, listen to the hunting season’s reviews, ask questions and hear directly from our staff,” said Todd Bishop, chief of the Iowa DNR’s Wildlife Bureau. “Part of the meeting will be devoted to discussing potential rule changes and collecting feedback as we work through the rules process.”

The meetings are open to the public. Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting rules and regulations. Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission during a regular public meeting for consideration and additional public comment.



In a photo accompanying a press release announcing the hiring of Erik Smith as the new superintendent at New Hampton and Turkey Valley, the districts’ next top administrator poses for a family picture with his wife Jill and their four children — Trevyn, Rhylan, Chayton and Brynn.

New superintendent looks forward to ‘next chapter’

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the boards and getting to know the district, I was impressed with the amazing dedication of the teachers and staff, as well as the engagement of parents and families,” Smith said in a joint press release issued by the districts Tuesday morning.

“Both communities have great pride in their school district and it shows in everything that is happening. My family and I are looking forward to our next chapter with New Hampton and Turkey Valley.”

In that press release, New Hampton School Board President Jay Matthews expressed his excitement over the hiring of Smith.

“We are excited to welcome Erik, Jill, and their family to the New Hampton and Turkey Valley communities,” Matthews said.

“We look forward to working with Erik to continue our tradition of academic excellence for our students.”

Smith graduated from Sumner High School in 1998 and then attended Wartburg College before pursuing a career in education.

He taught middle school math and science at Don Bosco for five years before taking over as the high school principal at Nashua-Plainfield. Seven years later, he moved to Clarion-Goldfield, where he was also a

THE ERIK SMITH FILE

Current position: Superintendent and high school principal at AGWSR.

Education: 1998 graduate of Sumner-Fredericksburg High School, bachelor’s degree from Wartburg College, master’s degree from the University of Northern Iowa and superintendent certificate from Iowa State University.

Career: Middle school science and math teacher at Don Bosco for five years, high school principal at Nashua-Plainfield for seven years, high school principal at Clarion-Goldfield for two years, superintendent and high school principal at AGWSR for two years, shared superintendent at AGWSR and Gladbrook-Reinbeck for three years and superintendent and high school principal at AGWSR for two years.

Family: Wife Jill; four children — Brynn, a sophomore at Tusculum (Tenn.) University; Trevyn, high school senior; Chayton; high school freshman; and Rhylan, fifth-grader.

high school principal for two years.

In 2018-19, he was named high school principal and superintendent at AGWSR and two years later, he became the shared superintendent between AGWSR and Gladbrook-Reinbeck for three years before returning to his “original” jobs a year ago.

“I do think having that experience has helped me,” he said during Tuesday’s interview. “I learned a lot, and I understand that dynamic. For the last [seven] years, I’ve held two jobs basically and I understand the importance of prioritizing.”

At AGWSR, Smith established a Parent Advisory Committee to facilitate and

improve communication between the district and families, and he led the district through a \$7 million building project using SAVE funding.

Smith said one of the attractions of the job opening he filled on Tuesday was that both New Hampton and Turkey Valley are in excellent shape when it comes to their finances.

“It’s a huge plus,” he said, “because no one wants to start out as a superintendent by having to come in and cut, right? ... When we sat down as a family, we talked about where we wanted to go, what area of the state we wanted to be in, and there weren’t a lot of districts on the list. I’m incredibly grateful for this opportunity.”

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Cancer education meeting Feb. 20

There will be a public health initiative focused on increasing cancer education and community engagement across Iowa’s 99 counties. The online or in-person meeting will be held on Feb. 20 at noon.

Locally, those interested may come to the Chickasaw County Public Health Building or MercyOne Medical Center New Hampton at that time, where both sites will have the meeting up to view and participate.

You may also register for a zoom meeting by going to <https://shorturl.at/MmwFO>.

The meeting is open to any local residents, public health officials, community leaders, and policy makers to attend and participate in the discussion.

LifeServe drive set for Feb. 25

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There will be a LifeServe community blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E. Spring St. New Hampton, from noon until 5:30 p.m.

Appointments are encouraged and may be made by texting LIFESERVE to 999-777, by calling 800-287-4903 or by visiting the website at lifeserve.info/ schedule.

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The Chickasaw County Courthouse and county offices will be closed on Monday in observance of President’s Day.

That means the weekly Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday.

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New Hampton speech team earns three Division I ratings at state contest

By Bob Fenske
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If there's an absolute truth when it comes to the state large-group speech contest, it is this: The emotions will run the entire gamut.

And 2025 was no exception for the New Hampton students who traveled to Decorah on Saturday.

Three of the six New Hampton entries received coveted Division I ratings; three had to settle for Division II ratings.

"We had an exciting day overall with some ups and downs like always," New

Hampton coach Kassie Bercik said. "As far as the varsity groups go, I can confidently say that each of the four groups had their best performances of the season on Saturday."

Ditto for the JV groups.

"I wasn't able to see the JV groups perform, but I know that [assistant coach Maggie] Konecne said they did a good job and have come a long way since the beginning of the season."

Receiving Division I ratings were the following New Hampton groups:

- Varsity group improv: Piper Hackman and Brenna Thronsdon.
- Varsity group improv: Troy Federspiel and Andi Gebel.
- Varsity choral reading: Skyler Bugenhagen, Hackman, Olivia Hoy, Beth Pickar, Karla Pickar and Thronsdon.

Division II ratings went to the JV ensemble acting duo of Addie Hackman and Clair Shackleton, the varsity ensemble acting trio of Aleah Eichenberger, Olivia Hoy and Shelby Springer; and the JV reader's theatre quartet of Addie Hackman, Kaydence Rasing, Wyatt Sabelka and Tristin Slick.

"State feels a lot different than dis-

tricts," Bercik said, "because there are so many people watching. But like I said, they did beautifully."

Bercik added that her varsity "had their best performances of the season on Saturday."

And the New Hampton coach admitted that during her seven years as the large-group speech coach, "I've come to realize that my heart lies with choral reading more than any other event. I was so proud of the girls for the emotion and passion they brought to their performance on Saturday. There weren't many dry eyes in the house, myself included."

She said the Division I ratings in improv were a testament to her students' abilities to adapt on the fly.

"Improv is always up in the air because you just don't know what the kids are going to draw," she said. "Thankfully, both of our improv groups drew situations that fit their style and group dynamics perfectly. Both of their performances were full of laughs and one-liners, and I was so proud of them."

"Two-person improves are no easy task, and both of my groups met the challenge head on, even though their nerves were at an all time high on Saturday."

Nashua councilman lobbies unsuccessfully for sheriff to enforce municipal codes

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that begins on July 1, and both cities agreed to the changes during their respective council meetings last week.

Nashua agreed to contract for 1,750 hours of service while Fredericksburg continued to maintain its 1,020 hours of service.

The current contract, which runs out at the beginning of the new fiscal year, costs Nashua \$125,125, and the city will pay the Sheriff's Office \$131,250 next year.

Fredericksburg will see its law-enforcement bill increase from \$72,930 to \$76,500.

The services contract includes, but not limited to, patrolling, door checks, school patrol, investigations, city council meetings, court time, completing reports relating to city activities, as well as enforcing state statutes and county ordinances.

Nashua Councilman Jake Johnson was the lone nay vote at his council meeting.

"I don't like that we're paying so much for not following the municipal code," said Johnson.

"We need our municipal code enforced. That's why we pass codes for at the city level and nobody enforces them."

The city has done away with its police department and Johnson is concerned that infractions which could be handed out for violations of Nashua code ordinances committed within the city limits are not getting addressed.

"Trust me, I think patrol and presence is a great thing, but what I'd like to see is what we pass here be enforced," said Johnson. "We're one of only

two cities that are paying the hourly rate. The other towns you have an emergency call, you still show up, right? You have a warrant, you still show up. We're paying for you guys to be here in town."

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver had this to say after Johnson stated his case that he would like the county to issue tickets for city codes that are not adhered to.

"I understand 100 percent, but I'm not going to come down and hand you your grass clippings on the street," said Shawver.

"Could you start your own PD (police department) for \$131,000? I don't mean to put you over a barrel like that."

This marked the first time in the past three years that Nashua has not reduced its contracted hours.

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors also gave the final OK to so-called drive-through rates for Bassett, Ionia and North Washington after councils in those cities agreed to increasing the per-capita rate from \$16.50 to \$17, an increase of 3.1 percent.

Shawver said he expected to bring approved contracts from Alta Vista and Lawler to the supervisors in the near future.

And supervisors also OK'd dispatching services for the New Hampton Police Department. The New Hampton City Council last week approved the county's rate hike that will raise the city's dispatching bill by about \$2,400, or 3.9 percent, to \$62,892 during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

— *The Tribune's Kelly Terpstra contributed to this story.*



Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors member Steve Breitbach (right) makes a point during a lengthy discussion on the county's 2025-26 budget during a meeting Tuesday morning.

Supervisors still struggling with GB

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problem is GB right now. That's why we're here today."

Laudner made the same point two hours later when health insurance premiums were again discussed.

"It's not a health insurance problem, so we can afford all of our health insurance without raising one cent of taxes in GS, correct? The problem is GB," he said. "[Cutting health insurance costs] does not help the problem. The problem is GB and we keep going back to these other solutions that aren't going to help GB."

Several proposals were made that would help GB; for example, Chickasaw County Conservation Board Chairman Chad Humpal told board members he could cut \$32,500 from his budget by eliminating a capital project and the purchase of a new mower and that if he absolutely had to, he would also cut his summer part-time help, which would save \$15,000.

Sheriff Ryan Shawver proposed moving 20 percent of the costs for each deputy — minus himself and Chief Deputy Zach Nosbisch — into Rural Services Basic.

"I know it's not a popular thing but the long and short of it is I reduced the GB asking by \$302,606," he said.

Still, there seemed to be little appetite from supervisors to increase the RSB tax levy rate, which would almost have to be a must for Shawver's plan to work.

During Shawver's proposal, Breitbach took time to defend rural property owners from a contention made during last week's department head meeting that rural property owners don't pay their fair share for law enforcement.

"I want everybody to know unincorporated parts of the county pay 72 percent of GB and the unincorporated part is 41 percent of the population," he said, "so I feel the rural people are paying their fair share for their protection."

Still, board members weren't able to come up with GB solutions.

They did reduce the county's commitment to the Emergency Management Commission (EMC) from the \$178,000 EMA Director Jeff Bernatz was requesting to \$130,000, but that funding comes from GS, not GB.

That led to what has almost become an annual squabble between Hackman and Bernatz, with the former referring to one part of state code that says supervisors have the final say on how much funding from GS they will give emergency management while Bernatz countered with another section of code that he says gives the final

authority to the EMC.

Supervisors did reach consensus on cutting some requests for funding from non-county departments, the biggest being that they agreed to reduce the amount the county's libraries will receive from \$139,700 they requested to \$124,338, which would be less than the \$131,798 they received this year.

Hackman said state law requires the county only levy 6.75 cents per \$1,000 valuation for libraries from its RSB, which would work out to \$48,284 that the county must provide libraries.

But even if consensus holds, the \$18,000 or so would not come close, for example, to covering Shawver's proposal to move 20 percent of his deputies' wages to RSB.

The GB riddle still remained, and after Laudner made his comment about health insurance, Hackman wondered aloud if the county would have to seek some kind of staff reductions.

"So I guess the only option is who's going to tell what department head who they're going to lay off on Jan. 1," he said. "If we're going to fix GB, it's staff."

Still, supervisors have time to try to come up with a solution, and they said they will tackle the budget again when they meet again on Tuesday.

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Fish fry set for March 7 in Alta Vista

There is an "All you can eat" Alta Vista Days fish fry fundraiser planned for Friday, March 7 at the Alta Vista hall. It's the 10th year for the annual event, where all proceeds go towards community betterment.

Serving from 5 until 7 p.m. — or until the food runs out — the menu consists of all you can eat fish, with cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and a roll.

The price is \$16 per person and the food is available dine-in or carry out.

Ag pest control and seed treatment class set for next week

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County will host an Ag Pest Control and Seed Treatment Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, Feb. 19. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

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

The course combines Seed Treatment and the program formerly known as Commercial Ag, Weed, Insect and Plant Disease Management, and will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 1A, 1B, 1C, and 4.

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

By CAMI KOONS
Iowa Capital Dispatch

An Iowa House of Representatives subcommittee advanced a bill that would prohibit the Iowa Utilities Commission from considering climate change when issuing a permit for a hazardous liquid pipeline.

House Study Bill 67 was introduced by Rep. Charley Thomson, R-Charles City, who has been an outspoken opponent, and intervenor, of the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline that would transport sequestered carbon dioxide from biofuels facilities to underground storage in North Dakota.

The pipeline would include its main line through Chickasaw



Thomson

County, and the Iowa Utilities Commission approved a permit for the project in June 2024.

Thomson said "climate change is a hypothesis" that is "not strong enough" to support a justification of public necessity for the construction of a pipeline.

He told reporters after the subcommittee meeting he thinks there is a "big question" on how reliable the theories about anthropogenic climate change are, adding "... I think that we as a Legislature need to make a statement that it is not at the level that justifies being taken into account."

Anthropogenic climate change is the theory that human activity has created excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, causing global temperatures to rise.

This is a theory accepted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Thomson said he "it's pretty clear" the IUC "got some things

wrong" when it approved the pipeline permit for the Summit Carbon Solutions.

"I believe very strongly they got the constitutional analysis wrong; I believe they got the insurance analysis wrong, and this is one of the areas where I think they were incorrect, is taking into account the climate change hypothesis, in the way they did," Thomson said.

A representative from the Sierra Club Iowa Chapter spoke in opposition to the bill, saying that commissioners should be able to consider "a whole range of issues" including climate change.

The state chapter of the Sierra Club has been opposed to the carbon pipeline project, but was not supportive of the bill, nor were any of the other lobbyist declarations from Iowa environmental groups.

Rep. Adam Zabner, D-Iowa City, was opposed to the bill and noted the Iowa Department of Natural Resources already

acknowledges the existence of climate change and its impact on Iowa's agriculture, habitat and public health.

"I don't see this as the time for us to pull back on our actions," Zabner said, noting that many climate-related projects are 30 to 50 years in the making.

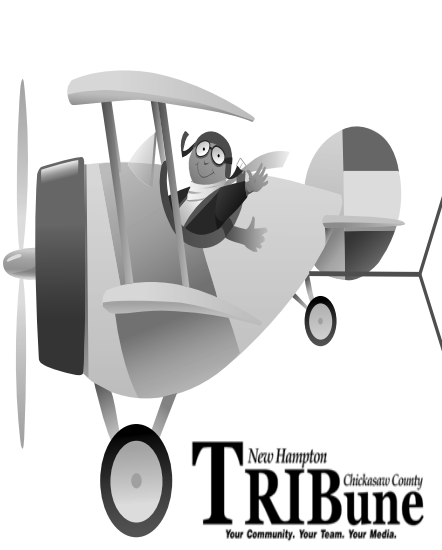
Zabner also disagreed with a portion of the bill that would remove the commission's requirement to support projects that reduce the state's dependency on petroleum products.

Thomson moved the bill forward and said he would like to have "more wholesome" discussion in the full committee. The bill moves next to the House Commerce Committee.

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The essence of this was beautifully captured by Jesus when he exclaimed on the cross, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

This profound moment reveals that true forgiveness is far more than simply letting go of hurt. It provides

insight into what forgiveness means through the lens of our Savior.

Forgiveness is a powerful and essential part of the Gospel message. When we embrace forgiveness, we free ourselves from the heavy burdens of anger and bitterness. It’s like lifting a weight we didn’t realize we were carrying.

Jesus understood this profound truth.

He taught that forgiveness opens the door to inner peace and healing—a pathway that leads us away from resentment and towards a more fulfilling life.

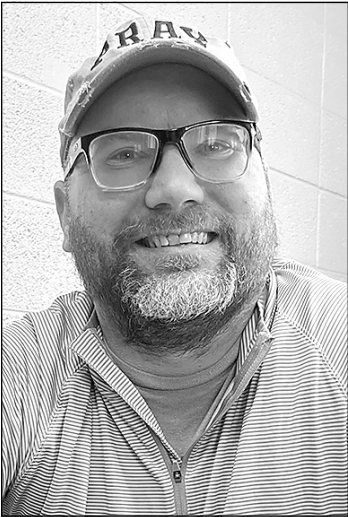
Conflicts are inevitable in our interactions with others; it’s a normal part

of being human. But forgiveness creates an opportunity for growth, understanding, and connections that make us feel more connected and understood.

Imagine how different our relationships could be if we prioritized forgiveness.

When we choose to forgive, we create space for empathy and compassion, allowing us to move forward together. It’s a beautiful process that not only impacts our lives but also enriches the lives of those around us.

In the end, forgiveness isn’t just a gift we give to others; it’s a precious gift to ourselves as we cultivate peace and har-



Josh Jacobs is the pastor at Harvest Church in New Hampton.

mony in our hearts. I encourage you to reflect on a situation in your life where forgiveness could bring healing and growth.

How might embracing forgiveness change your perspective and your relationships?”

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Dividends: Reinvest Or Not?

As you may know, some businesses pass along part of their profits to investors in the form of dividends. If you own shares of these companies, either directly in stocks or more indirectly through mutual funds, you may have a choice:

Should you take the dividends as cash or reinvest them into the stocks or funds?

There’s no one correct answer for everyone. So, let’s look at some reasons for both choices — reinvesting or cashing out.

Reinvesting dividends offers at least two related benefits. First, reinvested dividends make up part of a stock’s total return, along with price appreciation. And second, when you reinvest dividends, you are buying more shares of the investment — and share ownership is a key to building wealth. Keep in mind that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated without notice.

It’s also easy to reinvest dividends. Through a dividend reinvestment plan, or DRIP, your dividends are automatically used to buy more shares of a company. And these new shares will generate more dividends that can be reinvested. Consequently, it’s fair to say that dividend reinvesting is an economical way to grow your portfolio. However, a DRIP does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss, so you’ll need to consider your willingness to keep investing when share prices are declining.

If you’re mainly investing for long-term growth, you may well want to reinvest your dividends. But under what circumstances wouldn’t you want to reinvest them?

For starters, of course, you may simply need the dividends to help support your cash flow. This may be especially true in your retirement years.

But there may be other reasons to cash out dividends, rather than reinvesting them. You might already own a considerable number of shares in a stock or mutual fund and you don’t want to buy more



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of the same. By not reinvesting these dividends, you can use the money to help broaden your investment mix. You also might want to consider taking the cash, rather than reinvesting, if the company that pays the dividends appears to be struggling or has an uncertain future. Again, you could then use the money to fill gaps in your portfolio.

Regardless of whether you reinvest your dividends, you’ll pay taxes on them if your investments are held in a taxable account. Ordinary dividends are taxed at your ordinary income tax rates, while qualified dividends are taxed at the capital gains rate, which is 0%, 18%, or 20%, depending on your income. (A dividend is considered qualified if you’ve held the stock for a certain length of time.)

If your dividend-paying investments are held in a traditional IRA or a 401(k), you won’t have to pay taxes on the dividends until you begin taking withdrawals from these accounts, typically at retirement. And if you have a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k), you may not pay taxes on the dividends at all, provided you’ve had the account at least five years and you don’t take withdrawals until you’re at least 59½.

In any case, you may find that dividends, whether reinvested or taken in cash, can play a role in your overall financial strategy. So, follow your dividend payments carefully — and make the most of them.

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Water leak leads to Nashua issuing 48-hour boil advisory

By Kelly Terpstra
sports@nhtrib.com

The city of Nashua had to deal with yet another water leak last week according to city officials, which discussed the issue during the latest Nashua City Council meeting on Monday.

Nashua implemented a 48-hour boil advisory for drinking water that comes from the city’s system last Monday around 5 p.m. after a water main broke. The boil advisory was lifted Thursday morning after samples submitted to the Iowa DNR came back negative.

City workers, including Nashua Water/Wastewater Superintendent Nick Henningsen, worked Monday morning trying to locate the leak that closed down to one lane Highway 346 from Greeley Street to Main Street.

The leak affected the pressure and quality of water on houses and businesses near Dairy Treat on Sample Street and Chestnut Streets — to name just a few locations in the city

that were without water for a period of time and also saw their water color change.

Rooster’s, a new coffee house opened on Main St. recently, was also affected by the water leak as owner Dennis Scarbrough said his business had to be shut down temporarily early this week because of the water main break.

Scarbrough was in attendance at Monday’s meeting in an attempt to find out the status of the leak and what the city was doing to repair it.

“What caused the boil advisory is the pressure dropped,” said Nashua City Clerk John Ott.

The water pressure must get below a minimum of 20 PSI (pounds per square inch) in order for a city to issue any sort of boil advisory.

Henningsen said a water leak last month that was discovered on Friday, Jan. 3 near the Boy Scout Cabin was fixed. Merrill Street was closed from Lexington to Madison Street to fix that leak.

Briefs

Local artist featured at Mohr Gallery to be honored Sunday

Plum Creek Art in Fredericksburg is hosting a special exhibit of the work of local artist, Teresa Schmitt. Her creations are on display from now until the end of March at Connie Mohr Gallery at 115 W. Main St. in Fredericksburg.

All are welcome to the open house reception honoring Schmitt from 1 to 3 p.m. this Sunday. She will be present to meet you and talk about her passion for art. Refreshments will be served.

Schmitt is a native of the St. Lucas area and now lives in Lawler. A graduate of Turkey Valley High School and Upper Iowa University, her exhibit at Plum Creek Art includes some amazingly finely detailed clay earrings in beautiful colors.

Turkey Valley preschool registration set for Feb. 26

Turkey Valley Preschool new student registration for the 2025-2026 school year is Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 3:45-6 p.m.

Registration will be held in a room located right inside of the elementary entrance doors.

Please bring your child’s birth certificate as proof of birth date and his/her social security number.

If you are unable to attend registration, you may send someone who can register your child on your behalf or call the elementary office 563-776-6011 to make other arrangements to register your child.

Students to get three-day weekend

New Hampton Community Schools and St. Joseph Community School students have a three-day weekend on tap as the schools will hold a professional development day for staff members on Monday.

Shawver to take School Board seat on Monday

SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

the vacancy and Shawver said that was a plus for the district.

“A lot of times, it’s hard to get people involved so that was one reason — I like to be involved — I threw my hat in the ring,” Shawver said. “I’m glad they had a lot of people to choose from, and I’m honored that they think I was the one for the job.”

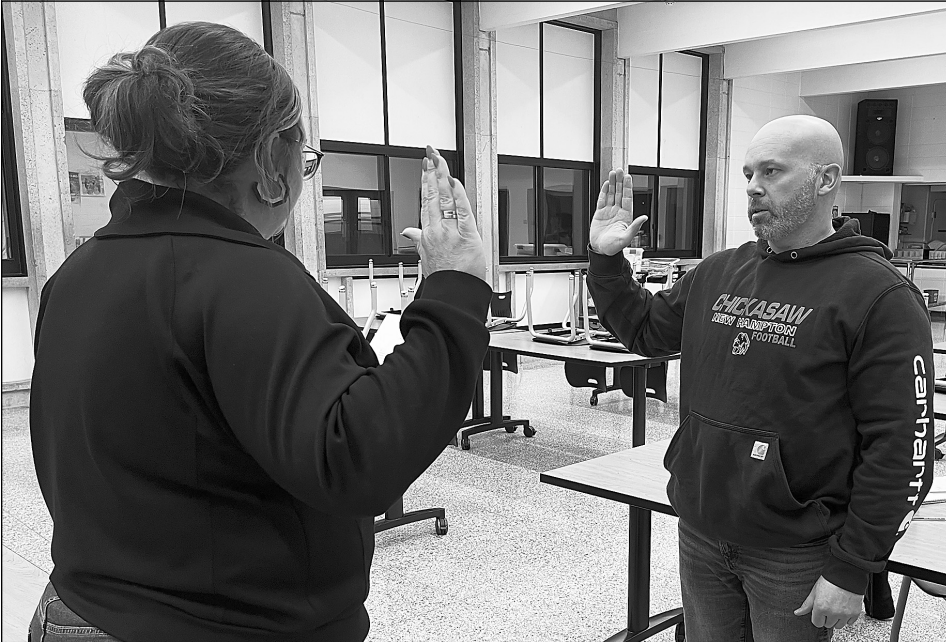
During the short meeting, Schwickerath made a motion to appoint former School Board President Joe Rosonke.

“He would be right up to speed and be able to take over,” Schwickerath said of Rosonke. “I think he would probably — based on what he said — will not run this fall and so all those people will have an open opportunity. ... Joe knows about school finance and would really do a good job in a short amount of time.”

Fellow board member Tim Denner said that he had talked to Rosonke earlier in the day and “he thought if there was a different candidate that would run ... he would bow out because it would give the new candidate nine months of learning and six months of learning before we have a new superintendent.”

He also pointed out that the new board member — along with himself and Adam Schwickerath — will be up for re-election, and he said he was worried that there might be two or three new board members after the November election.

“With Joe, the people of the community



Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton resident Ryan Shawver takes the oath of office from New Hampton School Board Secretary Christy Roethler Monday evening.

have elected him multiple times to this exact roll,” Board President Jay Matthews said. “So to me, I go OK, if we go with someone else, what’s the next logical step, and in my brain, I’d go with Ryan because most of the community has elected him to a position to serve them.”

Denner then moved to appoint Shawver, Schwickerath seconded it and the board

members unanimously approved the appointment.

Shawver was then sworn in and will take his seat at this Monday’s regular monthly board meeting.

“That’s the biggest thing, just be involved,” Shawver said. “I have one kid left [in school], but I’ve got the time now to be here and to commit to it. I’m excited to get going.”

After stint in Army, Jacobs makes decision to go ‘full-time’ as pastor

PASTOR: FROM 1

so much. You need that real-life experience, and Doug has passed on that to me, just like I hope I’m passing on to the youth pastors that I mentor.”

Jacobs, in some ways, has lived a nomadic life; after all, his father worked for the railroad, and the Jacobs family moved often because of dad’s career. At the age of 21, Jacobs enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a military policeman for more than 13 years before health issues forced him to take a medical retirement.

But he said, in his heart, he’s always wanted to be a pastor.

“I’ve been pastoring since I was 16 — helping with the youth and things like that back then,” he said, “and I’ve always felt close to God, always tried to find what His will for me is.”

After receiving his bachelor’s degree in Kansas, he attended Dallas Baptist University and earned a degree in family ministry before entering the ministry full-time if you will — serving as a youth and family pastor at churches in Durant, Oklahoma, and Shreveport, Louisiana, before answering the call from Harvest this past September.

Although he’s spent a good part of his life in the south — he’s a Texan at heart — Jacobs said he was thrilled with the chance to move to the Midwest even if he joked that “Shreveport has more snow this year than we do.”

He turned serious, though, and said that some of his fondest memories as a youth are from the time his family lived in Omaha, just across the Missouri River from Iowa.

“There’s a work ethic here that I find really fascinating,” he

said, “and I think there’s also a hunger for knowing God’s word and doing what He wants us to do.”

As he talked in his office at the church, he pointed out that another plus he’s found at Harvest is the views he gets to take in on an almost daily basis.

“This is such a neat place,” he said, “and I can tell you, there’s nothing quite like looking up from my work and seeing a deer or two walking by.”

And while he has focused much of his energy on the church he leads, Jacobs is also excited about becoming more involved in the community and the local Ministerial Association; in fact, his first column for the Tribune’s “Church Page” is in this week’s edition.

“We do have many churches in New Hampton, and that’s good, because I do believe that

what works for some people isn’t going to work for everyone.”

He took a moment and reached for his Bible and read a passage from 1 Corinthians.

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”

He paused and smiled.

Outside his office, his two boys — Malachi and Samson — were playing as they waited for dad to complete his interview. Jacobs and his wife also have two daughters, Hannah and Eden, and while no deer in the wilderness passed by on this day, Jacobs fervently believes that God has brought him to the right place at the right time.



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Donation to the pantry

New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697, makes a cash donation to the Chickasaw County Food Pantry. Grand Knight Rich Grote presents a check to pantry volunteer Nancy Wegner.

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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny and cold with a high of 7 and a low of 3 below.

Friday: Mostly cloudy and snow likely later in the day with a high of 26 and a low of 16.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and blustery with snow possible; high 23, low 4 below.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and cold with a high of 5 and a low of 14 below.

President's Day forecast: It'll be a cold, albeit sunny holiday, with a high of 9 and a low of 3 below.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton School Board, 6:30 p.m., High School Family and Consumer Science room.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1633, Italian philosopher, astronomer and mathematician Galileo Galilei arrives in Rome to face charges of heresy for advocating Copernican theory, which holds that the Earth revolves around the Sun.
- In 1920, The League of Nations, the international organization formed at the peace conference at Versailles in the wake of World War I, recognizes the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.
- In 1945, a series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the "Florence of the Elbe" to rubble and flames, and killing roughly 25,000 people.
- In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson decides to undertake Operation Rolling Thunder, the sustained bombing of North Vietnam, that he and his advisers have been contemplating for a year.
- In 1984, following the death of Yuri Andropov four days earlier, Konstantin Chernenko takes over power in the Soviet Union.

Birthdays

- First Lady Bess Truman was born in 1885.
- Famed American test pilot Chuck Yeager was born in 1923.
- Television tabloid talk-show host Jerry Springer was born in 1944.
- NFL Hall of Fame wide receiver Randy Moss turns 48.
- English rock vocalist Peter Gabriel turns 75.

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Mary Kay Biwer, 68

Mary Kay Biwer, age 68 of New Hampton, died unexpectedly Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, in Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory with the Rev. Ken Glaser presiding.

Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, at the funeral home. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Mary Kay was born on May 30, 1956, in Sioux City, the youngest of five children of Thomas and Marie (Hubbard) Vint.

Mary Kay grew up in Sioux City and graduated from Bishop Heelan High School with the Class of 1974.

She then attended the University of Iowa, where she met the love of her life, Mike Biwer. The couple was united in marriage on Sept. 18, 1976, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Sioux City. Their beautiful journey together was blessed with three children — Beth, Jessica, and Adam.

Mary Kay and Mike made homes in several places, including New Hampton, Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Burnsville, Minnesota, before ultimately settling back in New Hampton, where they built a life filled with love, laughter and community.

Mary Kay was a dedicated worker, spending time at the New Hampton Newspaper, then many years at MercyOne New Hampton before her retirement in 2020. She took great joy in her work at the hospital and formed cherished friendships with her coworkers.

Beyond her career, Mary Kay was a woman of many passions.



She treasured time with her family, especially playing games and making memories with her two granddaughters. She found joy in traveling, particularly her trips to Florida with Mike. She and Mike also shared a close-knit circle of friends who brought laughter and companionship into their lives.

Mary Kay enjoyed her daily walks, was an avid reader and tended to her plants and flowers with a loving touch. Her kindness, warmth, and unwavering love for her family and friends will forever be remembered.

Mary Kay is survived by her husband of 48 years, Mike of New Hampton; three children, Beth (Curt) Wayne of Parkersburg, Jessica Biwer of Marion, and Adam Biwer of New Hampton; grandchildren, Avery and Briar Wayne of Parkersburg; siblings, Jim Vint of Sioux City, Donna Harper of Columbia, Tennessee; sister-in-law, Loretta Reeves of Punta Gorda, Florida; two brothers-in-law, Tom Biwer of Madrid, and Jim Biwer of Dallas Center; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Barb DeMers; brother, Bob Vint; and two sisters-in-law, Sandy Vint and Cindy Biwer

Michael James Farrington, 89

Michael James Farrington, age 89 of Elma, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, at Colonial Manor of Elma.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church with the Rev. Telesphore Dusbabe officiating.

Interment was held at Elmwood-St. Josephs Cemetery in Mason City.

Friends greeted the family from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma. The Rosary took place at 1:45 p.m. and memory sharing at 4:45 p.m. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass on Monday at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma has been entrusted with arrangements.

Kathleen Thiele, 92

Kathleen Thiele, age 92 of Elma, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025, at Colonial Manor in Elma.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elma with the Rev. Marcus Knecht and the Rev. Telesphore Dusbabe concelebrating the Mass.

Interment will be held at Calvary Cemetery, Elma.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma where there will be a 4 p.m. Rosary and a 7 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church in Elma on Saturday.

John Lentz, 84

John Lentz, age 84 of Elma, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elma with the Rev. Telesphore Dusbabe celebrating the Mass.

Interment was held in Calvary Cemetery, Elma. Elma Legion Post 597 John Frahm conducted military honors at the cemetery.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma where there was a 7 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitation continued one hour prior to the Mass at the church in Elma on Tuesday.

Michael F. Kvernevig, 57

Michael F. Kvernevig, age 57 of Elma and formerly of Webster, South Dakota, died unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at a later date in Webster, South Dakota.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma is assisting the family.

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There are simply no words that can express our gratitude for the love, kindness, support, and generosity that each of you have shown to our family during the difficult time of Cletus Schwickerath's passing. We want to thank everyone for all that was done for us before, during and after the visitation and funeral. He is now gone from our sight, but never from our hearts.

*With appreciation and love,
The family of Cletus Schwickerath*



Anna Marie Borlaug, 103

Anna Marie Borlaug, age 103 of New Hampton, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Peter Faugstad presiding.

Interment will follow at New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family an hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory have been entrusted with Anna's arrangements.



Ann Borlaug

first child, Gary, was born. In 1947, they purchased a home on Washington Street where Ann lived for the rest of her life. Their daughter, Nancy, was born two years later, and Ann remained a hard-working, supportive, encouraging stay-at-home Mom until the kids were grown.

Ann's church was always an extremely important part of her life, and she saw to it that her family attended every Sunday and took part in every church event.

When Gary and Nancy went off to college, Ann found part-time employment outside the home, working for many years at Wessel's Jewelry and continuing when it became Wilshire's Jewelry.

She filled other hours with baking (especially ginger cookies and sour cream raisin pie), coffee with friends, refinishing furniture, needle work, reading, flower gardening, traveling with

Ann (Anna Marie Hereid) Borlaug was born at home on October 17, 1921, in rural Chickasaw County, the first daughter of Ingvald and Clara (Johnson) Hereid. She was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Saude.

For 103 years she lived a vibrant, independent, and giving life dedicated to her family, her church and her community.

Being the eldest daughter, it fell to Ann to help her mother to maintain the house and raise the growing family.

In 1944 Ann married Art Borlaug, a neighbor from up the road, shortly after he enlisted in the Army to fight in World War II. Before Art shipped overseas, Ann was able to join him for several months in New York and Georgia, where the two made lifelong friends.

When Art returned from Germany, the two moved in with Art's family until their

Myles Lawrence Pitzenberger Quinn

Myles Lawrence Pitzenberger Quinn was born on Jan. 28, 2025, in Decorah to Tegan Quinn and Gina Pitzenberger.

After complications from delivery, Myles was transferred to Mayo Clinic NICU in Rochester where he gained his Angel Wings on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025.

In this very short time, Myles blessed his family with the chance to get to know him. From him grasping our fingers, diaper changes, bathing, finding a birthmark, getting peed on, seeing his beautiful eyes, lots of pictures and the chance to hold him and hear his heartbeat one last time, the family will cherish these moments with this blue-eyed, red-haired angel forever!

Myles is survived by his father, Tegan Quinn; mother, Gina Pitzenbergers;



NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Feb. 9
1950 (75 years ago)

- The Fae Stine Post American Legion basketball team lost to the Waucoma All Stars 47-40 on Wednesday evening in Waucoma. Pete Willadsen was high for the Legion team with 13 points.
- On sale at Diamond Bros.: Ring Bologna, 35 cents per Lb.; Granulated Sugar 10 Lbs. for 87 cents; Del Monte Coffee, 69 cents per Lb.; Flour, 50 Lb. bag for \$3.19; Hershey's Chocolate Chips, 8 oz. bag for 19 cents; Golden Bananas, 2 Lbs. for 35 cents; Royal Gelatins or Puddings, 3 Boxes for 19 cents; Duz-Oxydol-Tide- Dreft, 2 boxes for 49 cents.

1975 (50 years ago)

- Dailene Miller, daughter of the Dale Millers, was crowned Little Junior Miss Fredericksburg during a pageant held at Fredericksburg, under the sponsorship of the Jaycees.
- Dailene was selected from a field of 31 contestants between the ages of 5 and 7. Crowned during the halftime of the Super Shooters basketball game, Dailene received a \$50 savings bond and a bouquet of roses.
- First runner-up was Kari Leach, daughter of Jerome Leach and second runner-up was Jill Speicher, daughter of Keith Speicher. Wendy Brandenburg was selected as Miss Congeniality.
- New Hampton High School and Turkey Valley High School competed in the Cadet Freshman Invitational wrestling tournament in Cresco. The Little Chickasaws had two individual champions, Larry Roths at 105 pounds and Bill Denner at 132 pounds.
- Champions for the Littlest Trojans were 90-pounder Ralph Reicks, 98-pounder Mike Dostal and 126-pounder Mark Arjes. New Hampton beefed up its team total by placing Dale Rosonke and Lynn Boeding as runnersup at 112 at 126 in order and Dale Rings as a 138-pound fourth place finisher.
- Turkey Valley's Mike Brummond was third in the heavyweight bracket. The competition in the Cresco classic closed the freshman mat season for both teams.

2000 (25 years ago)

- New Hampton senior wrestling, track and football standout, Jason Reicks has been selected for one of the state's oldest and most respected summer programs.
- Reicks will be a member of the North team for the 2000 Shrine Bowl Iowa All-Star Football Classic, which will be played on July 29, in Jack Trice Stadium at ISU in Ames. This year the North head coach is Mark Guenther of Denver.

Art and shopping for just the right outfit.

Ann and Art celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary in 2016. At the end of that year, Art passed away at the age of 98.

Family remained central to Ann's life as long as she lived. As the family grew with spouses, then grandchildren, then their spouses, then great-grandchildren, Ann continued to be involved with all and remember every birthday with a card.

Ann is survived by her children, Gary (Anne) Borlaug of Indianola and Nancy (Kevin) Clefisch of Garnavillo; her grandchildren, Eric (Kari) Borlaug of Indianola, Sarah Borlaug of Des Moines, James (Lindsey) Borlaug of Ankeny, Ellen (Joel) Zawacki of Indianapolis, John (Amy) Clefisch of Ely and Elizabeth (Jordan) Hanrahan of Iowa City; her great-grandchildren, Katelyn, Andrew, Madison, Nathan, Evelyn, Nolyn, Gracie, Jack, Ethan, Will and Eloise; her sisters, Ada Engstrom of Chaska, Minnesota, Orreann Hereid of Edina, Minnesota; her brother, Paul (Lucy) Hereid of New Hampton; her brother-in-law, Allen (Luann) Borlaug of Saude; her sister-in-law, Carol Bruch of Marion; and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; her parents, Ingvald and Clara Hereid; and her brothers, Carlton Hereid, Oliver (Don) Hereid, Merle Hereid and Lowell (Pete) Hereid.

grandpa, Lawrence (Larry) Pitzenberger; great-grandma, Kris Mincks; great-grandma, Rita Hotvedt; great-grandpa, Carol Mincks Jr.; cousins, Katie Pitzenberger, Madison Pitzenberger and Destinee Mincks and many other great aunts, uncles and cousins.

Myles is preceded in death by great-grandma, Marcia Pitzenberger; great-aunt, Sarah Mincks; great-grandma, Jane Houck; great-great-grandpa, Maynard Hotvedt; great-great-grandparents, Carol Sr. and Doris Mincks; and great uncles, Dennis Panos, Kenny and Gene Thompson.

A Celebration of Life will be held from noon to 5 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025, at the Heritage Events Center in Cresco.

Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home of Cresco is assisting the family.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw Mutual annual meeting extra special this year

Current Chickasaw Mutual Insurance Association Manager Randy Nosbisch (above left) listens as his predecessor, Tom Ryan, talks about the company's history during the 150th annual meeting of the firm that began in 1875 when a group of Chickasaw farmers got together to avoid paying the high rates charged by insurance companies “out east.” During last Wednesday’s meeting, Nosbisch also presented outgoing board chairman Grant Anderson (right) with a plaque thanking him for his 26 years on the board.

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ORDINANCE No. 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTA VISTA, IOWA, 2008, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Alta Vista, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.

Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alta Vista, Iowa, 2008 is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

92.02. RATES FOR SERVICE.

Water service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City:

Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84

Gallons Used Per Month , Rate

Service Charge, \$17.00 (minimum bill)

Per 1,000 gallons, \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.

This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

First Reading passed this 13th day of January, 2025.

Second Reading waived this 13th day of January, 2025.

Third Reading waived this 13th day of January, 2025.

BY: /s/Burt Ostert

MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/Jarrett Holthaus

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILFRED A WALZ, Deceased CASE NO. 0003272 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Wilfred A Walz, Deceased, who died on or about December 5, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 7, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Wilfred A Walz, deceased, bearing date of July 13, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that David Walz, Mary Lou Balk and Jane Einck were appointed Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

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

Dated 7th day of February, 2025.

Mark E Huegel, ICIS#: 0003690

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ORDINANCE No 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTA VISTA, IOWA 2008 BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC RATES

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Alta Vista, Iowa:

Section1. Section 110.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alta Vista, Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

110.05 Rates. The rates for electric service shall be as follows: (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

1. Electric Rates—All customers

2. Base Rate. \$11.00 each meter per month

3. \$.0.125 per kilowatt

Section 2.SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section , provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3.WHEN EFFECTIVE: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

First Reading passed this 13th day of January, 2025.

Second Reading waived this 13th day of January, 2025.

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BY: /s/Burt Ostert

MAYOR

ATTEST: /s/Jarrett Holthaus

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Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in a special joint session with Turkey Valley, Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in High School Media Center. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with Directors A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Denner and Board Secretary Roethler present.

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

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the MOU with Buena Vista University for TRPA 2.0 Apprenticeship. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, N. Schwickerath, Denner and A. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Set the special board meeting for February 10, 2025, at 6:30pm to appoint a School Board Member.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to go into closed session Per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) a school board may enter closed session “To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session.” Director Denner seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: A. Schwickerath – Yes, Denner – Yes, N. Schwickerath – Yes and Director Matthews - Yes. The Board entered the closed session at 3:03pm.

Director Denner moved to come out of closed session at 9:39pm. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: A. Schwickerath – Yes, Denner – Yes, N. Schwickerath – Yes and Director Matthews – Yes.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to make the offer to the preferred candidate. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, N. Schwickerath and Denner. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to adjourn at 9:49pm. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, N. Schwickerath and Denner. Nays: none.

Attest: February 6, 2025

Jay Matthews Board President

Christy Roethler Board Secretary

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES February 4, 2025

The Board convened on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 9:05 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski and Hackman present in the Community Service Building, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, Veterans Affairs Board Member Katy Kuehn, Secondary Roads Engineer Roman Lensing, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Deputy Sheriff Zac Nosbisch, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Recorder Shirley Troyna, EMS/911 Director Jeff Bernatz, Public Health Director Lisa Welter and Tina Britt, Custodian Dave Gorman

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for February 4, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Budget work session:

All budgets were discussed.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLINE R. MCSHANE, Deceased Probate No. ESPR003266 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Caroline R. McShane, Deceased, who died on or about January 19, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of January, 2025, the last will and testament of Caroline R. McShane deceased, bearing the date of the 10th day of November, 1981, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Steven McShane was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this 31st day of January, 2025.

Steven McShane

Executor of estate

424 E. Main St.

New Hampton, IA 50659

Christopher F. O’Donohoe

ELWOOD, O’DONOHOE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP

Attorney for executor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of IONIA				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The City of IONIA will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 3/3/2025 07:05 PM		Contact: Donna Geerts		Phone: (319) 239-0289
Meeting Location: Ionia City Hall, 101 W Iowa St, Ionia IA				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	68,618	0	68,618
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	
Net Current Property Tax	3	68,618	0	68,618
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	
Other City Taxes	6	37,160	0	37,160
Licenses & Permits	7	357	0	357
Use of Money & Property	8	2,000	0	2,000
Intergovernmental	9	191,949	40,000	231,949
Charges for Service	10	131,000	0	131,000
Special Assessments	11	0	0	
Miscellaneous	12	0	50,000	50,000
Other Financing Sources	13	255,000	130,000	385,000
Transfers In	14	21,445	0	21,445
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	707,529	220,000	927,529
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	35,550	0	35,550
Public Works	17	187,300	116,700	304,000
Health and Social Services	18	226	0	226
Culture and Recreation	19	70,000	5,000	75,000
Community and Economic Development	20	6,700	0	6,700
General Government	21	39,800	0	39,800
Debt Service	22	0	0	
Capital Projects	23	0	0	
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	339,576	121,700	461,276
Business Type/Enterprise	25	500,385	64,148	564,533
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	839,961	185,848	1,025,809
Transfers Out	27	21,445	0	21,445
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	861,406	185,848	1,047,254
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-153,877	34,152	-119,725
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	30	540,797	0	540,797
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	31	386,920	34,152	421,072
Explanation of Changes: Revenues: Intergovernmental-CDBG grant, Miscellaneous-donation, Other Financing Sources-State Revolving Fund Loan. Expenses: Public Works-city shed, Culture and Recreation-ball diamond light project, Business Type/Enterprise: Wastewater Treatment Plant project and State Revolving Fund loan payment.				

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Briefs

Pre-school registration tonight at St. Joseph School

There will be a preschool and kindergarten open house night tonight (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Community School.

Parents of 3- and 4-year old students, and incoming kindergarten students will meet teachers, engage in classroom activities and get the answers to questions about enrollment and daycare costs and availability.

Call the school at 641-394-2865 for more information.

Black History Month presentation set for Feb. 23 in Fredericksburg

Everyone is invited to a Black History Month presentation at the Fredericksburg Town Hall, Sunday, Feb. 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Those in attendance will watch and discuss clips from the recent PBS Great Migration Series.

The event will be hosted by Jim Reid, Joe Peraud, Hugh and Carol Mackintosh, Gladys Christoph, Alex Johnson, and Kara Johns.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of Ionia met in regular session Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm in City Hall.

Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Crooks, Day, Geerts, Holthaus, Rausch present. Also present were Library Director India Watson, Library Board Member Laura Wickham, Bob Havner, Ed and Shirley Hoffman, Pat Hoffman, Sara Rethamel, Amy Kilcher, Connie Parson, Tony Schmitz and Clerk Donna Geerts.

Motion by Day, seconded by Geerts, to approve the agenda with the addition of the approval of the January 6, 2025 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Day made a motion, seconded by Holthaus, to set public hearing for FY 24/25 budget amendment on March 3, 2025, at 7:05 pm in Ionia City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Day, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025, meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Geerts, to approve the February claims. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Alliant Energy\$1969.07

Black Hills Energy\$258.31

Library Acct\$1561.91

Payroll\$1697.01

Brian Sigler, mlg\$581.25

941 deposit\$630.02

IPERS\$589.72

Jendro Sanitation, recycling\$616.72

New Hampton Tribune, minutes\$91.37

Microbac Lab, water tests\$42.50

Phillips Plb & Htg, locate sewer srvs.....\$370.00

Hacker, Nelson & Co PC, form filing srvs\$624.00

Iowa One Call, locate srvs\$26.00

NEIRL, annl dues\$10.00

Phillips Refrigeration, batteries/labor\$48.00

ICAP, commercial ins\$8831.00

TOTAL\$17,946.88

Total Revenues \$29,061.91 Check not cleared \$175.41

RECEIVED, FUND DISBURSED bank \$5,623.99, General\$5,074.41

\$1,652.51, Road Use\$1,368.93

\$9,206.97, Water\$6,171.17

\$12,578.24, Sewer.....\$4,900.54

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Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Rausch, to approve the monthly financial report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Taylor reported wastewater and water figures from Sigler’s calculations.

Library Director Watson was present to discuss the library FY 25/26 request and update. The request will be placed on file for consideration with the total context of the FY 2025-26 city budget.

Letter read from County Auditor stating EMS Dedicated Fund had a balance exceeding \$750,000.00 for 2 consecutive quarters calculated on October 15, 2024 and January 15, 2025. Since the amount in the fund exceeded \$750,000.00 for two consecutive quarters, the City’s next quarterly payment due April 5, 2025 will be waived.

Motion by Day, seconded by Geerts to review approve, and authorize Mayor’s signature on Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services beginning July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. All present voted aye. Motion carried

Holthaus made a motion, seconded by Day, to set public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year 25/26 on March 24, 2025, at 6:45 pm in Ionia City Hall. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Tony Schmitz was present to discuss the letter he received from City Attorney and his plan with his property at 203E Prairie Street. Council stated junk vehicles and junk need to be removed from front yard and a fence has to be installed by March 3, 2025, or City will file a violation with the court.

No contact from property owners at 207 E Iowa Street and property is still in violation of Chapter 51-Junk and Junk Vehicles Ordinance, therefore City will have Attorney proceed with filing a violation with the court.

Council directed Clerk to contact Attorney to send letters to other property owners in violation of Chapter 51-Junk and Junk Vehicles Ordinance.

City is working on a grant for a tornado siren with INRCOG.

Discussion on FY 25/26 budget and requests. Chickasaw Township Fire District is requesting \$7000.00 from City. Mayor recommended no wage increase for Clerk and Water/Wastewater Operator. Maintenance hourly rate will be determined when position is filled.

Discussed price of new tractor and trade in price. Consensus of the council not to trade the tractor in and get some quotes on bucket quick attachment.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Day to enter closed session under Section 21.5(1)(J) to discuss the potential sale or purchase of real estate at 7:54 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Day, seconded by Holthaus to exit closed session under Section 21.5(1)(J) to discuss the potential sale or purchase of real estate at 8:07 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Consensus of the council to contact City Attorney to prepare an offer to purchase real estate located at 100 E Union Street, Ionia for \$220,000.00.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Holthaus, to adjourn meeting at 8:22 pm. Randy Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Donna Geerts, City Clerk

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Student Briefs

U of I dean’s list

More than 8,700 students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean’s list for the fall semester.

Local students include:

New Hampton: Alivya Wisner, Natalie Marr, Baylee Rapenske, Carlee Rochford, Molly Wegner.

Waucoma: Marisa Mueterthies.

Ionia: Kelsey Klassen.

Fort Atkinson: Russell Nieman.

Fredericksburg: Zoey Rhea, Kallison Rochford.

Sumner: Mya Seehase, Hilary Trainor, Hayley Vierkant.

Lawler: Halle Weber.

U of I president’s list

More than 1,000 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the president’s list for fall semester.

They included Marisa Mueterthies of Waucoma and Alivya Wisner of New Hampton.

NICC dean’s list

The dean’s list from Northeast Iowa Community College in the fall semester were recently released. Area students include:

Alta Vista: Kimberly Jordan, Ashlyn Laures.

Elma: Marina Burke, Will Ludwig, Annie Schroeder.

Fort Atkinson: Megan Blong, Jordan Buchheit, Ashley Fischer, Kale Kuennen, Brady Lensing, Landon Merrill, Matthew Smith, Josie Tollefsrud.

Fredericksburg: Lanie Morris, Curtis Nelson.

Ionia: Hayden Hackman.

Lawler: Preston McCabe, Carter Reicks.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHERYL J. GERK, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR003267

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Sheryl J. Gerk, Deceased, who died on or about December 1, 2022.

You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of January, 2025, the last will and testament of Sheryl J. Gerk deceased, bearing the date of the 20th day of July, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Dustin Lewis was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this 31st day of January, 2025.

Dustin Lewis
Executor of estate
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New Hampton, IA 50659

Christopher F. O'Donohoe
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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 #: 25-00027
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 OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE WEST 100 FEET OF THE NORTH 60 FEET OF THE EAST ONE ACRE OF THE NORTH QUARTER OF

New Hampton: Yoselin Barrios, Elleri Eike, Kinsley Hackman, Maycen Hackman, Carrie Hanson, Cassidy Jones, Jaegar Kutzbach, Natalie Nosbisch, Carlos Ortiz-Lopez, Beth Pickar, Jackie Pickar, Braelyn Rosonke, Carrie Schwickerath, Taryn Smith, Kelly Thronkson.

Waucoma: Brooklyn Kuennen, Kinsey Reicks, Sofia Rivera, Oliver Schmitt, Ryann Schmitt.

Turkey Valley honor roll

The honor roll at Turkey Valley was recently released. The criteria for a student qualifying for the honor roll is obtaining a quality point average of 3.0 or above based upon the scale below. Students receiving a “D” or “F” grade will not qualify for the honor roll.

3.75-4.0: Lauren Ball, Cooper Dietzenbach, Brody Hayek, Kinzey Rausch, Alexa Mueterthies, Courtney Ball, Honora Chicksen, Jocelynn DeSloover, Cole Fencel, Brynlee Hayek, Mya Ives, Caleb Kriener, Jacob Wurzer, Nicholas Bernhard, Theresa Hanson, Mitchell Kriener, Ava Kuennen, Jadeyn Mueterthies, Hazel Nieman, Anna Reicks, Karsyn Reicks, Isaiah Wheeler, Bree Balk, Hunter Kruse, Karstyn Lukes.

3.50-3.74: Keira Fencel, Mason Gebel, Liam Langreck, Avery Lantow, Ashlyn Murray, Aisha Ouenas, Lauryn Dagit, Annabelle Scheidel, Ellaney Bodensteiner, Treyton Franzen, Jordan Kriener, Cale Langreck, Tucker Tlusty, Annika Bodensteiner, Larry Vrba, Delaney Busta, Calen Franzen, Brooklyn

Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of Warren W. Means Deceased Probate No. ESPR003270

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Warren W. Means, Deceased, who died on or about December 10, 2024:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 29th day of January, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Warren W. Means, deceased, bearing date of December 13, 2017, was admitted to probate in the abovenamed Court and that Patricia Means Neuroth and Rhonda Means Plammann were appointed co-executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this 29th day of January, 2025.

Patricia Means Neuroth
32191 G Avenue
Conrad, IA 50621
Co-executor of estate

Rhonda Means Plammann
9533 Harbor Greens Way
Unit 506
Seminole, FL 33776
Co-executor of estate

Daniel L. Fretheim
ANDERSON, WILMARTH,
VAN DER MAATEN,
FRETHEIM, EVELSIZER OLSON,
NOBLE, LYNCH & ZAHASKY
212 Winnebago P.O. Box 450
Decorah, IA 52101 (563) 382-2959
dan.fretheim@andersonlawdecorah.com
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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 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

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Kuennen, Autumn Maklenburg, Kinsey Reicks, Sofia Rivera, Avery Vsetecka, Morgan Vsetecka.

3.25-3.49: Lydia Chicken, Gracyn Dagit, Serenity Geisler, Morgan Reicks, Kole Adams, Jacob Hanson, Annika Kuennen, Kesley Reicks, Alexis Grunenberg, Elizabeth Hyer, Levi Kruse, Dominick Reicks, Brady Blong, Grace Bouska, Emersyn Hoffert, Raelen Manderfield, Kaden Schmidt, John Kruse, Colton Kurtenbach, Jenna Thronkson, Myah Adamkiewicz, Emma Brincks, Ella Drilling, Alexis Elsbernd, Ethan Orvis, Luella Reicks, Adysen Wurzer.

3.00 – 3.24 - Easton Hackman, Madeline Rausch, Lucy Steinlage, Kole Stika, Cidney Tiedt, Ella Carolan, Callie Busta, Dawson Humpal, Chloe Schmitt, Braxton Steinlage, Madalyn Vsetecka, Kendall Kuennen, Jayden Rausch, Tyler Forbes, Haylee Hanson, Maria Klimesh, Addison Steinlage, Andrew Brown, Jonah Orvis, Annie Raymond, Kinek Reicks, Layni Schuchhardt.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THELMA M. LESTER, Deceased Probate No. ESPR003269

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Thelma M. Lester, Deceased, who died on or about August 22, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of January, 2025, the last will and testament of Thelma M. Lester deceased, bearing the date of the 22nd day of August, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jan Flaherty was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated this 31st day of January, 2025.

Jan Flaherty
Executor of estate
1409 Sheridan Ave.
Montevideo, MN 56265

Christopher F. O'Donohoe
ELWOOD, O'DONOHOE,
BRAUN & WHITE, LLP
Attorney for executor
101 North Locust Avenue,
P.O. Box 310
New Hampton, Iowa 50659
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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 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, February 3, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Geerts at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Porath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal and Larsen. Also in attendance were City Attorney Todd Prichard (on telephone), Conrad Rosendahl, Kerstin Schwickerath, Nate & Julie Schwickerath, Kayla Smith, Matt Kuhn and Bob Fenske.

Mayor Steve Geerts recommended appointing New Hampton resident Kerstin Schwickerath to fill the unexpired term as Councilmember at Large, effective immediately. Moved by Porath, seconded by Larsen; That the Mayor's appointment of Kerstin Schwickerath to the fill the unexpired term as Councilmember At Large, be approved. Ayes- Five. Nays - None. Absent – None. Motion carried. Councilmember Schwickerath took the Oath of Office and took her place at the Council table.

1. Approve meeting agenda

2. Approve City Council Minutes of January 20, 2024.

3. Approve City Claims of \$69,573.86

4. Hotel/Motel Grant Recipients for 2025

5. Agreement Regarding Healthcare Services to Low Income Individuals

6. Library Minutes of January 7, 2025

7. Airport Commission Minutes of January 13, 2025

8. Finance Committee Minutes January 29, 2025

9. FMS Landfill January 2024 Minutes

Moved by Speltz, seconded by Larsen; that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Karen Clemens reported that portion of the roof that supports the new warning/tornado siren is in need of replacement. ARPA funds were used to update the roof in 2022 but this section was not completed in anticipation of the installation of a new siren. Imperial Roof Systems made some repairs in the Fall of 2024 to this section of roof to minimize any additional leaking. Moved by Porath, seconded by Speltz; That Resolution No. 6706 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID OF \$16,500 FROM IMPERIAL ROOF SYSTEMS FOR ROOF REPAIR ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER, be approved. Ayes: Porath, Schwickerath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal, Larsen. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

Public Works Director Casey Mai

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, Secondary Roads Engineer Roman Lensing and Ranae Carey, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Custodian Dave Gorman, Kathy Shekleton, IoT Data David Burry (Zoom)

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for February 3, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the meeting minutes from January 27, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed repair plans for the water damage at the Heritage Center. No public comment.

Opens sealed bids for repair at the Heritage Center for the water damage.

Flooring
Dunsey's Furniture and Flooring

1.) \$9,348.60 Dining Area \$3,157.40 Kitchen \$12,506.00 Total

2.) \$10,796.60 Dining Room \$3,625.40 Kitchen \$14,422.00 Total

Midwest Flooring LLC

\$11,356.06 Dining Area \$4,334.86 Kitchen \$15,690.92 Total

Plumbing
Gage Plumbing and Heating

\$6,450.00 Total

Construction
Knights Construction Company

\$1,1200 Walls \$2,100 Paint \$13,300.00 Total

Reichert's Carpentry

\$4,550.00 Walls \$2,950 Paint \$7,500 Total

Holthaus Construction LLC

\$9,700.00 Walls \$2,000.00 Paint \$11,700.00 Total

Electrical

City of Lawler

The Lawler City Council met in regular session on February 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Mark Mueterthies presided.

Council members present: Scheidel, King, Wilson, Croell and Roberson

Council members absent: None

Others present: Jay Uhlenhake

Motion made by King to approve the agenda with the Fire Department addition. Second by Croell.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to approve the previous minutes and approval of current bills.

Second by Roberson.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

VESTIS, RUGS 276.86

JENDRO, GARBAGE CONTRACT 3,364.68

STANTON ELECTRIC, LIGHTS CITY HALL 995.91

TEST AMERICA, DRINKING WATER 312.85

EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX 1,806.60

IPERS, IPERS 1,360.69

BLACK HILLS ENERGY, GAS UTILITY 450.51

MIENERGY, ELECTRICITY 24,978.72

CASH 729.8

TEAM LAB, SHOP SUPPLIES 221

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE ... 107.72

BANK IOWA 11.22

PATHWAYS 468

IOWA ONE CALL, EMAIL 8/12/2024-8/31/2024 18

DENNIS UNGS 50

ROSENBAUM AUTO, FLUIDS, INTERSTATER BATTERY 686.29

VISA - J UHLENHAKE, CHRISTMAS ROPE LIGHTS 64.52

VISA - S BYRNIE, GOOGLE & ADOBE 36.59

IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, JANU-

ARY 2025 SALES TAX... 1,306.19

DEPOSIT REFUNDS, REFUND DATE 01/22/2025 107.92

PAYROLL CHECKS, TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS 6,810.80

.....REVENUE

CLAIMS TOTAL 44,383.38 65,978.92

GENERAL FUND 6,824.51 7,156.90

SANITATION FUND 3,364.68 3,365.09

ROAD USE TAX FUND 952.58 4,056.46

DEBT SERVICE FUND 11.22 2,118.44

WATER FUND 2,552.72 9,893.39

SEWER FUND 2,609.75 7,863.35

ELECTRIC FUND 20,616.83 31,426.38

DEPOSITS - ELECTRIC FUND 51.09 98.91

IPERS, IPERS 315.88

INGRAM, BOOKS 227.32

WOMAN'S DAY 26.72

BETTER HOMES, 2025 RENEWAL 20 DEMCO 206.69

VISA 154.08

GILMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY, DAMAGED BOOK 9.99

PAYROLL CHECKS, TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS 1,584.09

CLAIMS TOTAL 2,544.77

GENERAL FUND 2,544.77

Suzette presented the Budget FY25-26. The council looked through it No changes made.

Motion made by Croell to approve the GIS Mapping. Second by King.

Ayes: Croell, King, Scheidel, Wilson and Roberson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to accept agreement for Chickasaw County Law

Enforcement Services. Second by Croell.

Ayes: Scheidel, Croell, Wilson, Roberson and King

Nays: None

Motion passed

Mayor Mueterthies updated the council about the nuisance abate at 201 N Benz. Property owners are planning on taking house down and covering hole around the June 1, 2025. The city is waiting for attorney.

The City Hall repairs are tabled for next month.

Motion made by Scheidel to accept Croell, Inc building permit. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, Wilson, Roberson and Croell

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Scheidel and King discussed the fire department financial status. They are requesting the city pay for the department's utility bill. The fire department performs a service to the city. Motion made by Croell to have the city pay for the utilities for the Lawler Fire Department. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: Croell, Roberson, Wilson, Scheidel and King

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Next meeting will be March 3, 2025 at 7:00pm

Motion made by Scheidel to adjourn at 7:40pm. Seconded by Croell.

Ayes: King, Wilson, Scheidel, Croell and Roberson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

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Avenue, adjoining the existing railroad tracks is no longer necessary as New Hampton Cabinetry actually owns the property being requested. The public hearing that was scheduled is cancelled.

Staff has completed all the documentation for the purchase of the property at 341 South Chestnut Avenue except the final deed. Staff is hoping to get the signatures in early February 2025.

Moved by Larsen, seconded by Speltz; that the meeting adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk

STEVE GEERTS, Mayor

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 7:00 P.M.

CITY - WRITTEN SINCE JANUARY 20, 2025

Rapid Printers, Prestamped Envelopes (Clerk Water Sewer St) 422.55

USPS, 16 Violation Letters - Junk, Vehicles, Misc 119.52

John Deere Financial, Space Heater, Hose, Radiator Genie (Street) 106.97

Kylee Smith, Refund Community Center Rental/ Deposit -Canceled 250.00

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills (WA SR) 228.54

Total Written 1,127.58

CITY - TO BE WRITTEN

Calhoun- Burns Associates, 2024 Bridge Rating & Inspection 750.00

Capital Sanitary Supply, Toiletpaper (Custodial) 92.76

Chickasaw County Auditor, Share of Hotel/ Motel Tax Revenue 258.52

Chickasaw County Firefighters Association, Breathing Equip Maint & Dues (Fire) 355.91

City Laundering Co, Uniforms (WA SR ST) Mats (SR St) 489.42

Community Insurance, Add 2025 Chevy Silverado - Fire 270.00

Culligan Water, DI Equipment Rental, Filter (Sewer) 100.76

Douglas, Ken, Janitorial - Reading Meters (98 x 5.7) (WA) 68.60

Eurofins, Testing Fees (Sewer) 4,371.22

Fire Service Training Bureau, FF1 & HMAO for Jayden Jones 100.00

Galls, Uniform Allowance (Police) 96.98

Hawkins, Cylinders, Chlorine, LPC (Water) 6,367.55

Hometown TV & Appliance, Refrigerator (Sewer) 289.00

IA Municipal Solutions LLC, Monthly Wastewater Operator Services (SR) 4,433.00

Iowa One Call, One Calls (Water Sewer) 18.90

Jendro Sanitation, January Garbage & Recycling Service 33,403.81

L & C Builders, Housing Project #4-Doors & Retaining 4,795.00

Stanton Electric
\$2,833.00 Total

Angell Electric
\$3,173.88 Total

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve rate increase for Lindsay Mosher, Dispatcher-Sheriff Department from \$23.05 to \$25.39 per hour for length of service per union contract effective January 22, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for a 12-month term for the New Hampton Golf & Country Club. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve the Kawasaki loaner program through Bodensteiner Motorsports for the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: Ayes: Carter, Breitbach. Nays: Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Motion failed.

9:30 AM Discussed county wide tracking software for all vehicles with David Burry with IoT Data through Zoom.

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors for Secondary Roads to move forward with IoT Data for the tracking software.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION #02-03-25-03 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the Bridge Replacement -CCS Project BROS-C019(117)—8J-19, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as Bridge Replacement Project – CCS on 300 th St. over Spring Creek, S34, T94, R11; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting" and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Chickasaw County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board to accept the bid from K Construction Inc. in the amount of \$462,557.64 and awards to associated contract(s) to

the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Roman Lensing, the County Engineer for Chickasaw County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project through the DOT for this County. Dated at Chickasaw County, Iowa, this 3rd day of February, 2025 PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of February 2025. /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chairman, Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. Abstained: Carter. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Discussed the possible Vacation of County Right-of-Way located in Sections 20 and 29, T95N, R14W.

Secondary Roads update.

Budget work session

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

Supervisor Hackman, Supervisor Cerwinske, Supervisor Breitbach, Supervisor Carter, and Supervisor Suckow, January 30, Statewide Supervisors meeting

Supervisor Breitbach, January 27, NE Iowa Community Action

Supervisor Carter, January 29, Hotel/Motel Committee

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to adjourn at 11:18 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Enforcement Services. Second by Croell.

Ayes: Scheidel, Croell, Wilson, Roberson and King

Nays: None

Motion passed

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The City Hall repairs are tabled for next month.

Motion made by Scheidel to accept Croell, Inc building permit. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, Wilson, Roberson and Croell

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Scheidel and King discussed the fire department financial status. They are requesting the city pay for the department's utility bill. The fire department performs a service to the city. Motion made by Croell to have the city pay for the utilities for the Lawler Fire Department. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: Croell, Roberson, Wilson, Scheidel and King

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Next meeting will be March 3, 2025 at 7:00pm

Motion made by Scheidel to adjourn at 7:40pm. Seconded by Croell.

Ayes: King, Wilson, Scheidel, Croell and Roberson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

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Lexi Holthaus, Cleaning Service 1/3/25-1/30/25 (48 hrs @ \$25) 1,200.00

MacQueen, Pants, Belt, Gloves, Helmet, Hose, Cleaner (Fire) 2,688.06

Mitko, Hose for Maintainer (Street) 122.44

Phillips Plumbing & Heating, Service and Repair Boiler 3,698.73

Prichard, Todd, Regular Salary 3,318.00

Robinson, Tammy, Mileage to INRCOG & NICC Conference (Econ)..... 95.20

Rosendahl, Conrad, Mileage & Meals at Conference 1/26-29 (PD) 395.75

Schwickerath, Toby, Mileage to Fire School (292 @ .70) (Fire) 204.40

State of Iowa Insurance Division, Annual Cemetery Report Fee 51.00

T & K Tractor Repair, Replace Pump & Line on Engine 322 (Fire) 351.23

Verizon, Data Charges (Police) 160.04

Total to be Written 68,446.28

Plus City Written 1,127.58

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED \$69,573.86

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AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance 552.60

EFTPS, FICA Tax, Federal Tax 11,154.20

Empower Retirement, Deferred Comm 875.00

Globe Life Liberty National, Supplemental Insurance 24.60

Iowa Dept of Revenue, State W/H Tax 4,394.67

Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS 26,607.90

..... 43,608.97

PARK & REC - WRITTEN SINCE JANUARY 20, 2025

Petty Cash, Basketball Tourney Start Up Money 300.00

Jess Heying, VRBO for Referee for 2 Nights 225.00

Fenske, Robert, Basketball Referee (13 Games) 390.00

Holtz, Avery, Basketball Referee (26 Games) & Mileage 951.60

Boedeker, Jack, Basketball Referee (11 Games) & Mileage 475.60

Falls, Jameer, Basketball Referee (10 Games) 300.00

Jhebrink, Jason, Basketball Referee (14 Games) 420.00

Fenske, Josh, Basketball Referee (17 Games) & Mileage 608.80

Whitner, Marcelle, Basketball Referee (10 Games) & Mileage 437.80

Schumacher, Travis, Basketball Referee (10 Games) 300.00

Stone, Samantha, Basketball Referee (7.25 Games) 217.50

..... 4,626.30

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HOME buyer GUIDE



Projects to consider before moving into a home

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The day homeowners move into a new home is a unique experience. First-time home buyers may see such a day as the culmination of years of hard work, while those who are not new to the experience may find their new home is where they'll spend the rest of their lives.

Move-in day is indeed a notable milestone, but there's much homeowners can do between closing on a home and backing the moving truck into the driveway. In fact, it may be best for homeowners to complete several home interior projects while the residence is still empty.

Painting

Painting home interiors is among the more logical projects to consider before moving into a home. Simply put, an empty home is far easier to paint than one filled with furniture and other items. Professional painters may even discount a project if they know they won't have to cover and/or move any furniture before and after

applying paint. Painting before anyone has moved in also saves residents the discomfort of living in a home overcome by the lingering aroma of drying paint. Simply open the windows and let the home air out throughout each painting session.

Flooring

Flooring projects are another undertaking to consider before moving in. Whether you're tearing up old carpet and replacing it with new carpet, refinishing wood floors, or installing a wholly new floor, each task is considerably easier if there is nothing on the floor. Flooring projects are best left to the professionals, and labor costs may drop considerably if contractors don't have to pause to move furnishings or work around other items.

Deep cleaning

A professional cleaning service should be among the first calls homeowners make after closing on a new home. A deep cleaning when the home is empty and all lingering dust and debris is visible to the naked eye can

ensure no spots are missed before move-in day. Request that the cleaning service clean the interior of kitchen drawers and cabinets, which have a tendency to accumulate grime over the years.

Electrical work

Modern homes are plugged in, so addressing electrical issues prior to move-in day can ensure there are no interruptions to internet connectivity when everyone begins to settle into the home. This is also a great time to install additional electrical outlets, and homeowners are urged to take the time to draw up plans for how each room will look once all of their furniture is in the house. Doing so can identify where additional outlets should be installed. Homeowners also can visit their new home at night and turn on the lights to see if existing fixtures provide ample illumination. If not, installing new fixtures prior to moving in makes clean-up easier and ensures there are no dark nights once everyone is in the home.



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Ceilings

Replacing ceilings prior to moving in is another savvy move. If the ceilings are dated or unsightly, removing, repainting or replacing them before anything is beneath them is a great

way to protect valuables from damage. And contractors may not need as much time to complete such a project in empty rooms as they would in spaces where they need to negotiate their way around furniture and other valuables.

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The benefits of neutral colors

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Homeowners make many notable decisions when designing their home interiors, with some choices proving more bold than others. The decision to decorate with neutral colors might not be the boldest move homeowners can make, but there are numerous reasons to stay neutral with a color scheme.

- Versatility: Neutral colors afford homeowners endless opportunities to play around with textures, patterns, furnishings, and more. For example, a neutral color on a living room wall can ensure a boldly colored couch or chair won't contrast with its surroundings. In fact, there's no end to the options homeowners have to customize the look of a room with bold features or furnishings when

neutral colors feature prominently in the space.

- Flexibility: Neutral colors are more flexible than bolder alternatives because they likely won't require a complete overhaul of a room when homeowners want to spice things up with new features and furnishings. That flexibility will be appreciated by homeowners who every so often like to experiment with a new vibe or look in their homes.

- Trendy: Neutral colors are not as vulnerable to trends as other design choices. In fact, neutral colors are effectively their own trend and won't get in the way of homeowners who want to change things up. But unlike other trends that must be replaced when homeowners grow tired of them, neutral colors can remain thanks to their compatibility with so many

styles.

- Tranquility: Homes are often characterized as their owners' private sanctuaries from the hustle and bustle that goes on outside those walls, and neutral colors are often lauded for the tranquil vibe they help to create in a space. Neutral colors are soft, and that can lend a serene and calming atmosphere to the interior spaces of a home.

- Brightness: Neutral colors are lighter in tone and thus pair well with natural light. That mixture can amplify brightness within a home and give it an uplifting vibe that residents and guests alike will appreciate.

Neutral colors are not bold, but the benefits they provide open doors to an array of design styles and decor choices that enable homeowners to go in various directions with the interior spaces in their homes.

What to know about mortgage preapproval

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Shopping for and ultimately purchasing a home can feel like a day at an amusement park. Much like a ride on a roller coaster, buying a home can be both exciting and a little scary, and those peaks and valleys have been even more profound in recent years, when the real estate market has been as tough as ever to navigate due to low inventory and high prices.

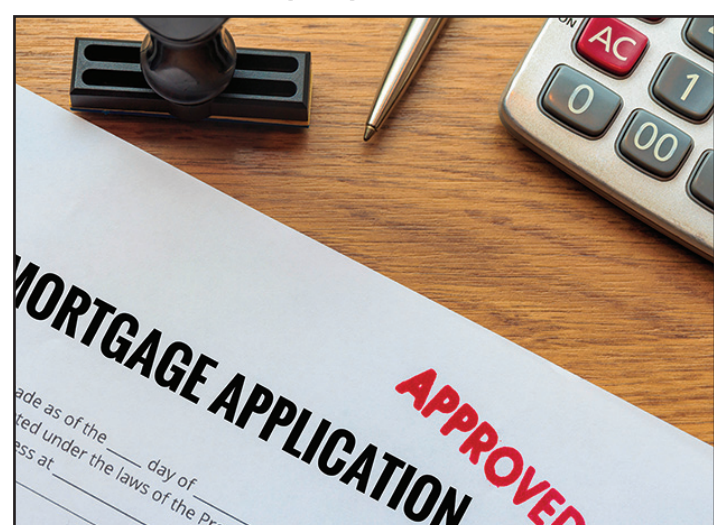
Though the real estate market has changed significantly in recent years, some conventional home buying wisdom still holds true. The importance of mortgage preapproval is one such notion, and it's even likely that being preapproved for a mortgage before making an offer on a home is more significant now than it was as recently as half a decade ago.

What is mortgage preapproval?

Mortgage preapproval essentially confirms to sellers and sellers' agents that a given buyer has qualified for a mortgage they can use to purchase a property. In a competitive real estate market like the current one, mortgage preapproval can set buyers apart from the competition, increasing the likelihood that their offers will be accepted over ones submitted by buyers who have not been preapproved.

What is prequalification?

Some buyers may hear the term "prequalification" and assume it's the same thing as preapproval. However, the lending experts at LendingTree report there is a notable distinction between the two



The importance of mortgage preapproval is significant.

terms. Prequalification is less formal and based on a casual conversation with a lender that may or may not involve details about a buyer's credit history, income, monthly expenditures, and other pertinent financial information. Preapproval is a formal examination of a buyer's finances and financial history that is conducted after documentation such as W-2s and bank statements are provided. A lender also will conduct a credit inquiry through three major credit bureaus during the preapproval process.

How do I get mortgage preapproval?

Mortgage preapproval is a simple process and it's a service offered by most mortgage lenders. A simple phone call or email to a lender can get the process started, and it does not take long for a lender to decide if an applicant qualifies for preapproval. However, insuf-

ficient documentation or misleading information can slow down the preapproval process (and potentially cause a lender to deny an application), so prospective home buyers are encouraged to provide ample and honest documentation of their finances.

Does mortgage preapproval expire?

It can take buyers a long time to buy a home in a competitive market with low inventory. So it's important that prospective buyers recognize mortgage preapproval has a shelf life of around 60 to 90 days. The preapproval letter a lender provides will indicate an expiration date for the preapproval. If that date comes and goes without buyers purchasing a home, they will have to reapply for preapproval.

Must I borrow from the lender who preapproved me?

Buyers also should know that a mortgage preapproval does not bind them to the lender who preapproved them. Buyers can still shop around for a mortgage once they make an offer on a home.

Mortgage preapproval is a vital part of the home buying process and can be especially useful in a competitive real estate market.

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3 tips for first-time home buyers

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The day homeowners move in Real estate has garnered considerable attention since 2020, and for good reason. Though speculators and real estate professionals may point to a number of variables that have affected the market for homes in recent years, the pandemic certainly was among those factors. Real estate prices and mortgage interest rates increased significantly during the pandemic and have remained well above pre-pandemic levels ever since.

The spike in home prices and interest rates has had a significant impact on young home buyers, some of whom feel as though their dream of home ownership may never be realized.

And data from the National Association of Realtors indicates the median age of home buyers is now significantly higher than it was two decades ago. In 2023, the median age of buyers was 49, which marked an increase of 10 years compared to the average buyer age 20 years ago.

First-time home buyers may face a more challenging real estate market than they would have encountered just a half decade ago. The following three tips can help such buyers successfully navigate the market as they look to purchase their first home.

1. Expect to move quickly. Inventory remains very low, which means buyers are in heated competition for the few homes that are on the market. In late 2023, NAR data indicated the rate of home sales were the lowest they had been in 13 years, so buyers will likely need to move quickly and make an offer if they see a home they like, as chances



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are the property won't be on the market too long before it's sold. In fact, the NAR noted that homes spent an average of just 23 days on the market in October 2023.

2. Apply for mortgage pre-approval. The competitive nature of the market for buyers means it's in their best interests to arrange financing prior to beginning their home search.

A mortgage preapproval can be a competitive advantage, as it indicates to sellers that buyers won't be denied a mortgage or lack financing after making an offer. The financial experts at NerdWallet note that buyers will be asked to provide details about their employment, income, debt, and financial accounts when applying for mortgage preapproval. Gather this information and clear up any issues, such as credit disputes or delinquent accounts, prior to applying for preapproval.

3. Set a realistic budget and expect to offer over asking price. A financial planner and/or real estate professional can help first-time buyers determine how much they should be spending on a home. In the current market, buyers should know that they will likely need to pay more than asking price for a home.

For example, the NAR reports that 28 percent of homes sold for above list price in October 2023.

With that in mind, first-time buyers may do well to look for homes that are under budget in anticipation of offering more than list price after seeing a property.

The real estate market remains competitive for buyers. First-time buyers can utilize three strategies to increase their chances of realizing their dream of home ownership.

Renovations that help sell homes

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The adage "there's a lid for every pot" suggests that, even in relation to the real estate market, there's bound to be a buyer for every home on the market. Price is a significant variable in the minds of potential buyers, but there are additional factors that can affect the impression people get of a given home.

Certain home features can tip the scales in favor of sellers. In fact, various renovations can help sell homes more readily. And these renovations need not cost a fortune. Putting a home on the market can be stressful, but these renovations may help it sell fast.

• A fresh coat of paint: Although painting is relatively inexpensive and a job that some do-it-yourselfers can tackle, it's not a task relished by many. Painting is messy, it takes time, and requires moving furniture. In fact, prepping a room for painting often is the toughest component of any painting job. But fresh coats of paint can create a strong first impression. Choose a neutral color and get painting. Jennie Norris, chairwoman for the International Association of Home Staging Professionals, says gray is a "safe" color that has been trending in recent years.

• Minor bathroom remodel: Remove dated wall coverings, replace fixtures, consider re-glazing or replacing an old tub, and swap old shower doors for fast fixes in a bathroom. If there's more room in the budget, replacing a tub, tile surround, floor, toilet, sink, vanity, and fixtures can cost roughly \$10,500, says HGTV. You'll recoup an average of

\$10,700 at resale, making a minor bathroom remodel a potentially worthy investment.

• Redone kitchen: The kitchen tends to be the hub of a home. This room gets the most usage and attention of any space, and it's a great place to focus your remodeling attention. The National Association of the Remodeling Industry estimates that homeowners can recover up to 52 percent of the cost of a kitchen upgrade upon selling a home. Buyers want a functional and updated kitchen. Trending features include drawer-style microwaves and dishwashers, commercial ranges, hidden outlets, and even wine refrigerators.

• Updated heating and cooling system: Better Homes and Gardens reports that homeowners may be able to recoup 85 percent of the cost of new HVAC systems when they sell their homes. Heating, cooling and ventilation components are vital to maintain. You don't want buyers to be taken aback by an older system, and many



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millennial buyers are not willing to overlook old mechanical systems.

• Fresh landscaping: A home's exterior is the first thing buyers will see. If they pull up to a home with eye-catching landscaping and outdoor areas that are attractive yet functional, they're more likely to be intrigued. Often buyers will equate a home that features an impressive exterior with upkeep inside as well. The American Nursery Landscape Association says the average homeowner may spend \$3,500 for landscaping.

Improving a home's chances to sell quickly and at a higher price often comes down to making smart improvements that catch the eyes of buyers.

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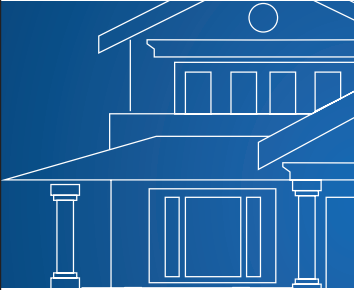
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Message from the president: New Hampton FFA has plenty to celebrate

By **CARRIE SCHWICKERATH**
New Hampton FFA president

Starting with the State FFA Leadership Conference in April 2024, this past year has gone very very quickly. Our chapter did very well for themselves with Brenna Thronson bringing home fourth place and gold rating in FFA Creed speaking and a total of 27 members representing the chapter. Then shortly after came all the Career Development Event's practices and then the competitions all coming way faster than we wanted them to. From vet science and agronomy at Iowa State University to State Floriculture and Horse Evaluation and District Livestock Evaluation at Kirkwood Community College in June all the way to State Livestock and Meat Evaluation at Iowa State University in August, our chapter was busy!

Throughout the summer we also had members working in the high tunnel and greenhouse to grow produce to sell at the local farmers market. Members were also active in the community as they put on eight pedal tractor pulls in the surrounding area and represented the chapter at the Chickasaw County Fair and Iowa State Fair. As the school year rolled around then shortly after came practices to prepare for Spring Leadership Development Events. In the mix of this members have been involved in chapter events and their own Supervised Agricultural Experiences. I will say though hard work pays off. Not only did we go to just about every competition we could this past year, we made it in the top 15 teams for every single one of our State Career Development Events. I believe this is something to be proud of, as I said before though, all of our skills and knowledge came from the practices

that were held and the prior knowledge we have gotten through our SAEs and others teaching us the fundamentals of every CDE and LDE. To me I am so grateful for every supporter we have had throughout this past year and beyond. These supporters have brought our FFA members to a higher level of understanding and a sense of accomplishment when it comes to agriculture. Without them though where would we be? I know that without my supporters I probably wouldn't have been involved in FFA and let alone serve as our chapter's president. Throughout this past year I have learned that you cannot say thank you enough or at all to your biggest supporters at

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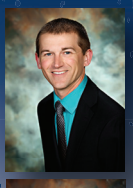
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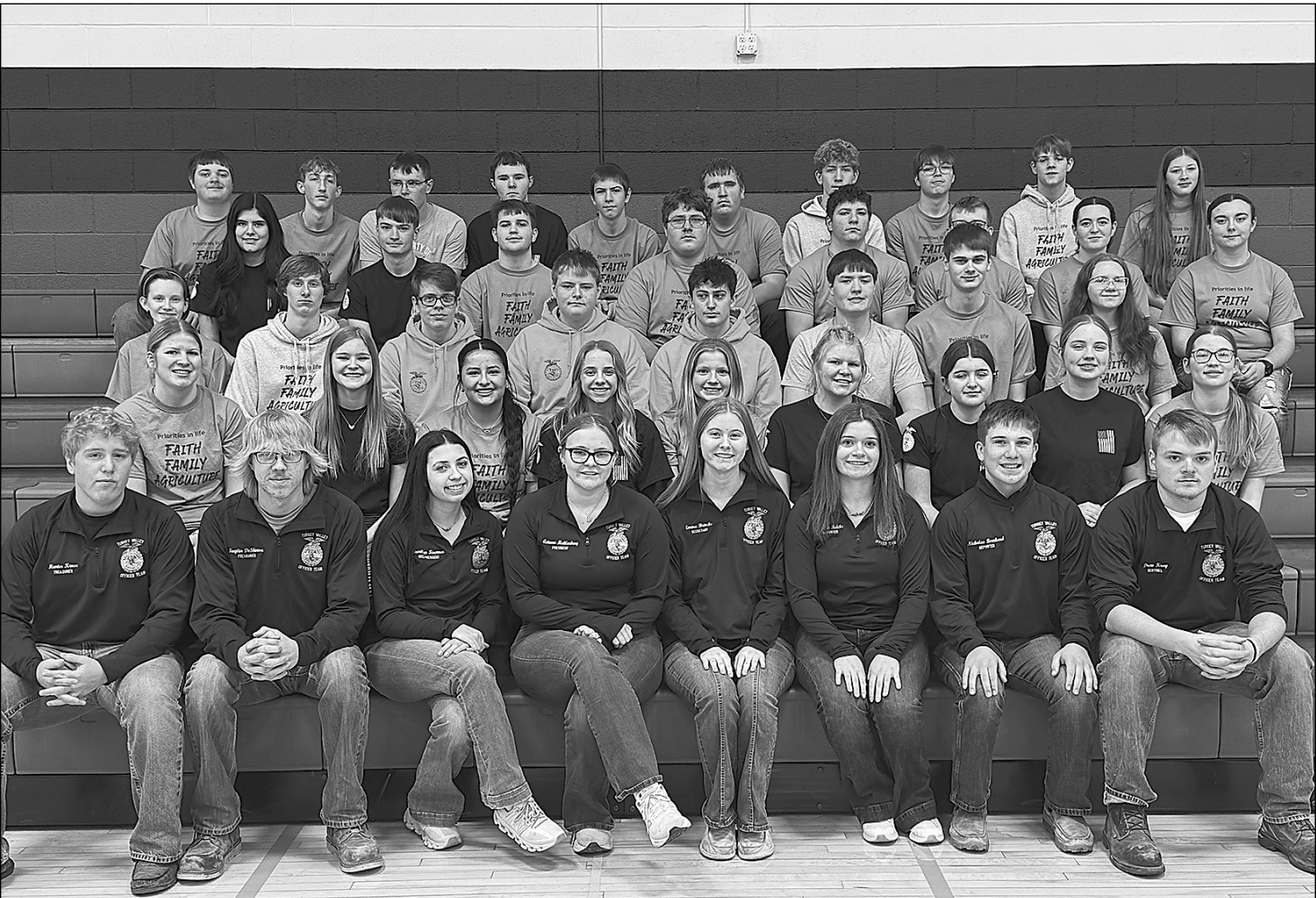


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A busy year for Turkey Valley's FFA

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Turkey Valley students tout importance of FFA

FFA has been one of the most rewarding parts of my high school journey. Over the past four years, it has helped me grow as a leader, introduced me to new opportunities, and given me a strong sense of community.

Serving as reporter last year and now as secretary it has taught me responsibility and teamwork. Whether organizing events or helping when needed, I've gained skills that will benefit me far beyond high school.

FFA has also opened doors I never expected. Participating in committees, attending events, and representing my chapter has deepened my appreciation for agriculture and leadership. But what makes FFA truly special is the friendships and support that come with it.

FFA isn't just an organization, it's a family that encourages me to work hard, dream big, and give back. It has helped shape who I am, and for that, I will always be grateful.

— Senior Emma Brinks

FFA has been a huge part of my life throughout my high school career. It has opened up so many career paths I never thought would be possible just a few short years ago. When I first joined FFA one of the officers told me that you get out of FFA what you put into it. At the time I never realized how true this was. That is the amazing thing about FFA. As long as you put in the time and effort, the sky is the limit.

I was fortunate enough to be elected to serve as the Chapter's Reporter this year. This position has taught me accountability and the value of a smile and a firm handshake. I have really enjoyed helping out the community and meeting new people. The knowledge that I have obtained through FFA is priceless. I have learned so much about agriculture that will benefit me far beyond my high school years.

Serving as greenhouse manager for nine months also allowed me to experience all the different ways and techniques to growing plants. We are always trying to experiment with plants and trying to figure out how to best grow them.

The thing I love most about FFA is being a part of a group of people working together as one trying to achieve a common goal. You are working in unison to benefit the community. FFA has given me a sense of gratification that is unmatched.

— Sophomore Nicholas Bernhard



Turkey Valley FFA members (above) set up for the Flower Fest last spring, and chapter members Parker Reicks and Graham Schmitt (right) were among those who helped area growers this past fall with the FFA's Feed the Farmers program.





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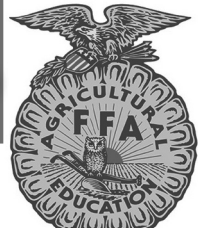
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FFA chapter president passes out thank yous

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thank a few of those people:

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enough but if I can make someone else's heart full for even five seconds I believe it's worth it.

I hope other FFA students can take my advice and thank the ones that are most important to them because without them you would not be the same person. I have enjoyed my term this past year and won't replace it for the world. Thank you!

President Carrie Schwickerath signing off



A prestigious visitor

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig poses for a photo with New Hampton FFA chapter members during his visit to the school in December. Naig's visit allowed chapter members to showcase so much of what students have been working on and towards. Chapter members also had a chance to ask the secretary a variety of questions about his role in the agricultural industry, the impact agriculture and FFA/4-H has had on his life and how the students can continue to be involved in agriculture.

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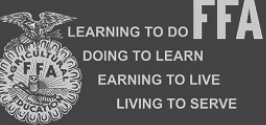
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- Livestock Identification during A/B Lunch

Thursday, 2/20 - Famers Day Off (PJ's)

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Friday, 2/21 - Official Dress/Blue & Gold Day

- Plant Identification during A/B Lunch
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A busy year for two great FFA chapters

Above: Turkey Valley’s agronomy team — Tanner Tilusty, Burke Busta, Hunter Kruse and Mathew Smith — received a gold rating at the state competition and placed runner-up.

Top right: New Hampton’s new FFA members pose for a photo after the annual Blue Jacket Ceremony.

Bottom right: New Hampton FFA members pose for a photo at this fall’s national convention.

Below: New Hampton FFA students discuss issues with Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig.



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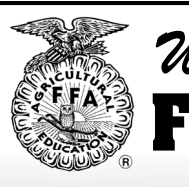
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Chickasaws to return two state placewinners in 2025-26

STATE: FROM 20

shocked the field as she was a six seed headed into the tournament. She pinned Trende in a minute flat.

“I didn’t get really nervous, but it helped to see how she competed. It gave me different ideas for different moves to try,” said Trende about rooting on Glaser in her matches and picking up on things she did successfully out on the mat.

Trende (32-12) followed Glaser’s lead and it also helped that several teammates of the two NH/TV state placewinners made the trip down south to Johnson County to witness state championship trophies raised and gold medals handed out to each of the 14 individual title winners in the state’s new format of two classes instead of one.

“Quite a few girls were able to go down there watching and supporting their teammates. One of the parents was able to get a box seat and take a lot of them,” said Ciavarelli. “They actually spent the night.”

That Chickasaw support sure didn’t hurt as Trende advanced on to the bloodround with a stunning first-period pin in just 1:29 of number-five seed Skylar Wegener (25-4) of Northeast in her last match Thursday evening.

“That was a match. We went back-and-forth. I was on bottom. She was on bottom all in like a minute-and-thirty-seconds,” said Trende, seeded 11th. “I ended up getting her on her back and pinning her.”

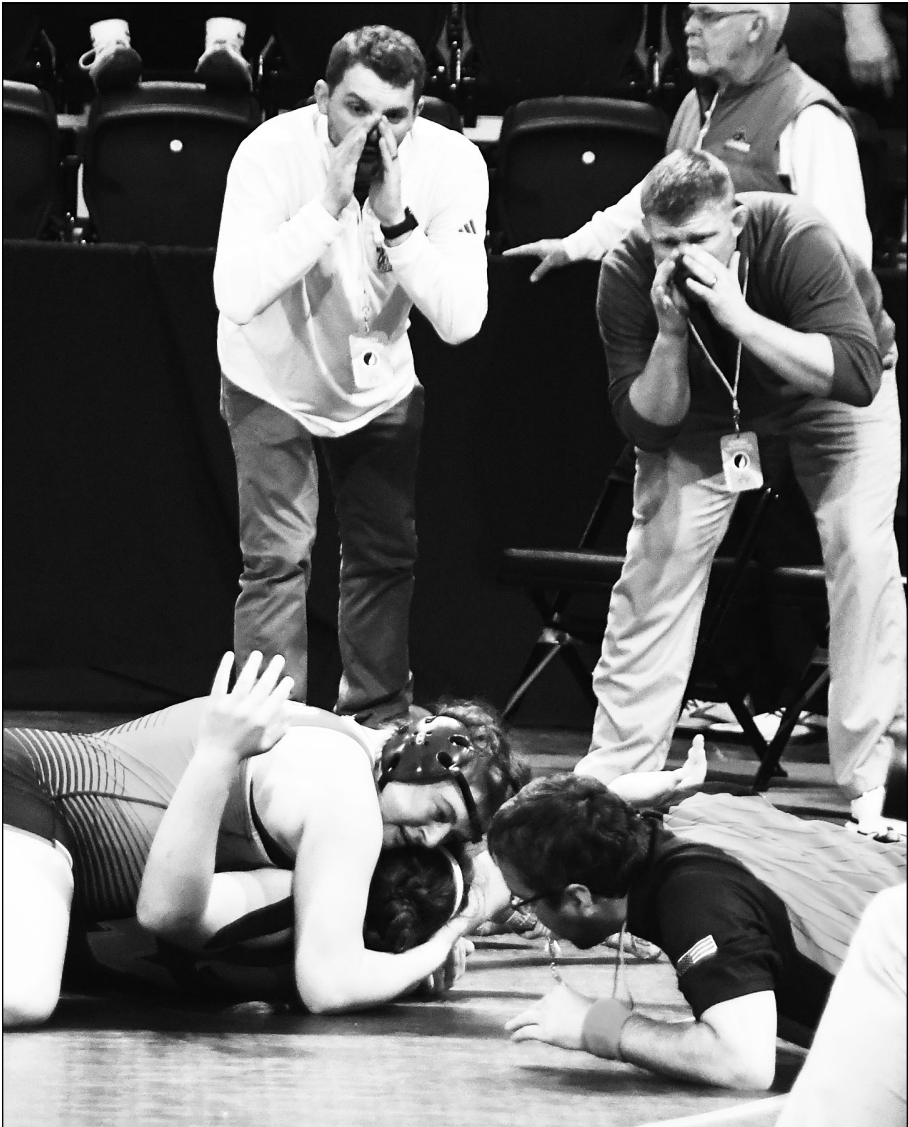
Trende won a title last year at AAU state. Glaser placed second at her weight class at the same tournament three seasons ago as an eighth-grader.

Trende talked about success early on in her career without trying to sound arrogant or cocky, even though she knows she may one day be able to vie for a state title herself if all goes as planned.

“I know I’m good. My dad always told me in eighth grade that I’m going places,” smiled Trende, a bit red-faced after the declarative statement. “Especially winning AAU state – that helped my confidence.”

Trende left little doubt that she belongs on the podium stand with a first-period pin of Ella Ray of Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont in her seventh-place match.

“You gotta do the best you can – that’s all you really can do,” said Trende. You go out and put your heart into it. That’s



Becky Walz/Decorah Leader

NH/TV freshman Ava Trende puts a wrestler on her back at the state tournament in Coralville last week as her coaches yell instructions.

why you do it.”

Glaser, seeded seventh, came up big in her medal match against fifth seed Mayleigh Medberry (48-10) of Central Elkader. Medberry had faced Glaser three times prior to the state meet in 2024-2025 and pinned her in all three occasions.

Glaser wiped out any thought of a season sweep with a dominant 12-2 major decision over Medberry.

“We got one last takedown in the third period that really sealed her and kind of broke her,” said Ciavarelli. “I knew that was one we could win.”

Glaser – as even-keel as they come –

talked about the biggest match of her life against Medberry at this particular point of her career.

“I just went into it just having the same mindset. I’m just going to try my best. I’m going to get to my stuff. I don’t really care what she’s going to do,” said Glaser. “It’s just about what I can do, what I’m capable of. You just find it out.”

Ciavarelli knew if Glaser stuck to their game plan, she’d be the one with her hand raised this time around.

“The match was going the exact same way as the other three,” said Ciavarelli. “We were winning the match and we just knew that we had to stay out of

For this season at least, Trojan boys will take fifth-place finish

TV BOYS: FROM 19

Central Elkader.

“With the teams – the North Fayettes, the MFLs, the Kees, the South Winns – fifth was probably the best we could hope for,” Izer said. “I told you a couple of weeks ago I never coached to finish fifth, but it was realistic. Now, next year, with all these guys coming back, no way we’re going to be happy with that.”

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 89, TURKEY VALLEY 42

TV 12 11 10 9 - 42

SW 28 17 21 23 - 89

Logan Busta 5-14 0-0 12, J.D. Kruse 1-7 0-2 2, Cale Langreck 1-6 0-0 2, Kaden Schmidt 2-2 0-0 4, Jordan Kriener 5-8 2-3 12, Alex Hanson 0-2 0-0 0, Jayden Rausch 0-2 1-2 1, Miguel Diaz 0-1 2-2 2, Treyton Franzen 2-4 0-1 4, Jonah Orvis 1-3 0-0 3, Tucker Reicks 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 17-50 5-10 42.

3-point field goals - Busta 2-7, Orvis 1-2, Reicks 0-1, Rausch 0-1, Hanson 0-1.

Rebounds - Kriener 7, Kruse 6, Langreck 5, Franzen 2, Busta 2,

Schmidt 1, Rausch 1.

Assists - Langreck 4, Busta 3, Kruse 1, Schmidt 1, Kriener 1, Franzen 1.

Steals - Langreck 4, Busta 3, Kruse 1, Kriener 1, Franzen 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 68, WEST CENTRAL 40

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TV 20 25 21 2 - 68

Busta 12-16 0-0 28, Kruse 6-9 3-3 15, Langreck 4-7 0-0 10, Orvis 0-8 0-0 0, J. Kriener 1-9 0-0 2, Hanson 3-3 0-0 7, Rausch 0-3 2-2 2, Ryan Lukes 0-2 0-0 0, Miguel Diaz 0-1 0-0 0, Schmidt 0-2 0-0 0, Franzen 0-2 0-0 0, Caleb Kriener 2-5 0-0 4, Wyatt Maklenburg 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-67 5-5 68.

3-point field goals - Busta 4-6, Langreck 2-4, Hanson 1-1, J. Kriener 0-1, Rausch 0-1, Schmidt 0-1, Reicks 0-2, Orvis 0-8.

Rebounds - Kruse 10, Franzen 5, Reicks 4, Busta 4, Langreck 4, J. Kriener 4, Schmidt 3, Hanson 3, Orvis 2, Rausch 1.

Assists - Kruse 4, Hanson 4, Langreck 3, Busta 2, Rausch 2, J. Kriener 1, Lukes 1, Schmidt 1, Franzen 1.

Steals - J. Kriener 7, Kruse 4, Hanson 4, Busta 3, Langreck 3, Orvis 1, Reicks 1.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s J.D. Kruse heads down the court on a fast break during the Trojans’ win over West Central on Friday.

Conference champs may have to play playoff road game at third-place Kee

TV GIRLS: FROM 19

role. It was a really good night, and I’d say that with or without Kee winning.”

That Kee win left both Turkey Valley and MFL MarMac with 14-2 UIC records while Kee finished third in the standings with a 13-3 mark.

The Trojans, however, will in all likelihood have to go to Lansing for its second play-

off game. Turkey Valley plays host to West Central tonight (Thursday) and a victory sends them to Kee on Tuesday.

TURKEY VALLEY 39, SOUTH WINNESHIEK 36

TV 9 15 8 4 3 - 39

SW 8 8 9 11 0 - 36

Addison Steinlage 3-9 6-10 12, Layni Schuchhardt 0-1 0-0 0, Bella Stika 1-7 8-14 10, Delaney Busta 1-6 0-0 2, Hazel Kriener 3-1 2-3 3, Annika Bodensteiner 2-9 1-2 6, Emersyn Hoffert 2-7 2-6 6, Kendall Kuennen

0-0 0-0 0, Ellaney Bodensteiner 0-7 0-0 0. Totals 10-49 18-34 39.

3-point field goals - A. Bodensteiner 1-7, Schuchhardt 0-1, Busta 0-1, Hoffert 0-3.

Rebounds - Stika 26, Busta 7, Steinlage 4, Hoffert 4, E. Bodensteiner 3, Nieman 1.

Assists - Schuchhardt 2, Steinlage 1, Stika 1, Busta 1.

Steals - Steinlage 3, Stika 3, Schuchhardt 2, A. Bodensteiner 2, Hoffert 1, Nieman 1, Busta 1.

Blocks - Stika 4, E. Bodensteiner 3, A. Bodensteiner 3.

TURKEY VALLEY 68, WEST CENTRAL 13

WC 2 4 5 2 - 13

TV 28 17 15 8 - 68

Nieman 2-6 0-1 5, A. Bodensteiner 2-7 0-0 5, Schuchhardt 0-4 1-2 1, Stika 2-4 6-8 10, Busta 3-5 4-4 10, Makinley Lutgen 1-2 1-2 3, Ashlyn Busta 1-1 0-0 2, Hoffert 7-10 4-6 18, Kuennen 0-1 4-8 4, Brynlee Hayek 0-5 0-2 0, Ella Ives 1-1 0-0 2, Miyah Byrne 0-2 0-0 0, E. Bodensteiner 3-8 2-3 8. Totals 22-56 22-36 68.

3-point field goals - Nieman 1-3, A. Bodensteiner 1-5, Lutgen 0-1, Hoffert

0-1, Schuchhardt 0-2.

Rebounds - Stika 15, D. Busta 7, Nieman 4, Hoffert 4, Schuchhardt 3, Hayek 3, E. Bodensteiner 3, A. Bodensteiner 1, Byrne 1, Ives 1, Kuennen 1, A. Busta 1.

Assists - D. Busta 3, Kuennen 3, A. Bodensteiner 2, Schuchhardt 2, Stika 1, A. Busta 1, Hayek 1, Ives 1, E. Bodensteiner 1.

Steals - Hayek 3, E. Bodensteiner 2, Kuennen 2, D. Busta 2, Stika 2, Nieman 1, A. Bodensteiner 1, Lutgen 1, A. Busta 1, Hoffert 1.

Blocks - E. Bodensteiner 1, Ives 1.

NH/TV boys coach hoping for big home crowd at district tournament

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focus is definitely Saturday’s Class 2A district meet that will be held in New Hampton.

“This is the big one, everyone knows that,” Paulus said. “You’re going out there trying to get to state, to keep your season going. It doesn’t get any more important than this.”

And that Crestwood meet foreshadowed in all likelihood the lineup the Chickasaws will send to the mat this Saturday.

While four Chickasaw wrestlers — Ty Moudry (120), Braiden Schaufenbuel (126), Carter Cajthaml (132) and Jayden Bucknell (138) — had already dropped a weight class, Saturday’s meet saw Jax Shekleton bump down to 144 while Tate Schwickerath moved down to 150.

“There might be some tweaks here and there,” Paulus said, “but for the

most part, I think we’ve got the guys where we want them at for districts.”

That lineup produced a solid win over a Crestwood team that had qualified for the regional duals as NH/TV jumped out to a 16-0 lead when Shekleton received a forfeit and Schwickerath and 157-pound Cade Carpenter each claimed technical falls.

The Cadets reeled off three wins to cut the deficit to 16-13 but sophomore Roy Barron (215) and junior Chase Gebel (285) both recorded pins to give the Chickasaws a 28-13 advantage.

Back came Crestwood as the Cadets received two NH/TV forfeits and wins by the Schmauss brothers to take a 35-28 lead, but the Chickasaws’ got a tech fall from Cajthaml and Bucknell’s pin to end their storied NEIC run with a victory.

“I saw a lot of good things, mostly improvement, which is the big thing

with our guys this year,” Paulus said. “It was solid. That’s probably the best word for it.”

And now it’s “go time” for NH/TV as the Chickasaws host the eight-team district tournament that will send 28 wrestlers to next week’s traditional state tournament.

The field includes West Delaware, which finished second at Saturday’s state duals, as well as a strong North Fayette Valley team that qualified for the regional duals.

“West Delaware is obviously the favorite. I mean they showed their strength this weekend,” Paulus said Sunday, “and NFV’s been coming on strong. The thing for us is to focus on ourselves, put together a good week of practice and leave it all out there on Saturday.”

Wrestling at home, the NH/TV coach said, is an advantage for his Chickasaws.

“I think just sleep wise,” Paulus said,

her good position. She’s really tough on top. That’s where she’s got us a couple of times. One time she threw us in a headlock. Where she was good, we had to fight those positions and get back to where we’re comfortable.”

Glaser explained more about the approach to her convincing win over Medberry, which allowed her to bring back home a medal for NH/TV at a sanctioned state tournament for the first time since 2023 when Ali Russler placed third at 145 pounds.

“I think last year I was putting it on stakes. Oh my gosh, if I don’t win this match the world’s going to end. I didn’t think that way this year,” said Glaser.

Now the goal for these two Chickasaws is to climb another rung in the ladder of success at state – step by step. Oh, and bring some of their friends along with them to really rack up some team points for NH/TV.

“When you see others doing well, it hopefully is going to propel everybody else to want to do well along with them,” said Ciavarelli. “The group that we had this year is a phenomenal group that will hopefully all be returning. There’s a bright future.”

The last time NH/TV has had at least two wrestlers place at state happened in 2021 when the Iowa Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association (IWCOA) ran the tournament. That year three Chickasaws placed in Bailey Cox (132 pounds, fifth place), Claire Quirk (145 pounds, seventh place) and Tierney Perkins (138 pounds, eighth place). Quirk also placed third at 145 pounds in 2020 and Cox was a seventh-place state finisher in 2022 at 125 pounds.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

130 - Sophie Glaser placed seventh. Champ. Round 1 - Glaser pinned Haylee Sherman (Saydel), 5:29. Quarterfinal - Jillian Worthen (Union Community) pinned Glaser, 1:00. Cons. Round 2 - Glaser pinned Cameron Halbur (Boyden Hull-Rock Valley, 2:48. Cons. Round 3 - Jordan Buffum (Logan-Magnolia/Woodbine) tech. fall Glaser, 16-0. 7th Place Match - Glaser maj. dec. Mayleigh Medberry (Central Elkader), 12-2.

235 - Ava Trende placed seventh. Champ. Round 1 - Brooklyn Robinson (Humboldt) pinned Trende, 1:00. Cons. Round 1 - Trende pinned Rylee Frye (Pekin), 0:27. Cons. Round 2 - Trende pinned Skylar Wegener (Northeast), 1:29. Cons. Round 3 - Emma Daniels (Carroll) pinned Trende, 2:30. 7th Place Match - Trende pinned Ella Ray (Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont), 1:43.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

Turkey Valley girls basketball vs. West Central, Class 1A first round regional, 7 p.m.

New Hampton 9th boys basketball vs. Crestwood, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton girls and boys bowling vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys basketball at Oelwein, JV at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

New Hampton/Turkey Valley at Class 2A district wrestling tournament, New Hampton, 10 a.m.

New Hampton girls basketball at Forest City, Class 3A regional quarterfinals, 7 p.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton boys basketball at Waukon, Class 2A district quarterfinal, 7 p.m.

Turkey Valley boys basketball at Kee High, Class 1A district quarterfinal, 7 p.m.

New Hampton girls bowling at Class 1A regional tournament, Comet Bowl, Charles City, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley girls basketball vs. Kee High or Clayton Ridge, Class 1A girls basketball quarterfinal, if qualified, Kee High, 7 p.m.

New Hampton boys bowling at Class 1A district tournament, Locomotion Lanes, Sanborn, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling at Class 2A state tournament, Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, 6 p.m.

New Hampton girls basketball vs. Waukon or Crestwood, Class 3A regional semifinal, if qualified, site to be announced, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB 20

New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling at Class 2A state tournament, Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, 6 p.m.

New Hampton boys basketball at Aplington-Parkersburg, Class 2A district semifinal, if qualified, 7 p.m.

Turkey Valley boys basketball vs. West Central, Clayton Ridge or Don Bosco, Class 1A district semifinal, if qualified, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

Turkey Valley girls basketball vs. team to be determined, Class 1A regional semifinal, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

New Hampton/Turkey Valley boys wrestling at Class 2A state tournament, Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

BOWLING

COFFEE CUP

STANDINGS	W	L
Geerts Plumbing	19	9
Vern Laures Auto	18	10
Dak’s Tap	16	12
Mid-Tech Services	16	12
Hugeback-Johnson	10	18
Rochford Insurance	5	23

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Hugeback-Johnson 2, Geerts Plumbing 2
Mid-Tech Services 4, Rochford Insurance 0
Dak’s Tap 3, Vern Laures Auto 1

LEADERS

High individual games: Diane Nehl 255, Kristy Kirkus 247, Linda Lechtenberg 211.

High individual series: Nehl 660, Kirkus 603, Linda Lechtenberg 557.

High team games: Mid-Tech Services 494, Dak’s Tap 464, Vern Laures Auto 457.

High team series: Mid-Tech services 1,331, Dak’s Tap 1,307, Hugeback-Johnson 1,244.

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)
Luann Lechtenberg 66.

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)
Diane Nehl 87.

Karen Schmitt, Secretary

New Hampton bowlers take third at conference baker tourney

Chickasaws roll home finale on Friday before heading on long western road trip for state qualifying tournament in Sanborn

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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One down, one more to go.

The New Hampton boys bowling team has just a single meet left in its regular season before it travels over to Sanborn to compete in the district state qualifying competition on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Once there at Locomotion Lanes – a district meet hosted by the maroon and gold Hawks – the Chickasaws and head coach Andy Aries will attempt to make history by cracking the state field for the first time ever in just NH’s third year of competition.

Thus begins the process of starting to put a cap on a season that has in one word been magical.

New Hampton – 8-2 in head-to-head competition in 2024-2025 – has been masterful at times out on the lanes this winter by breaking school record after school record.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton bowling coach Andy Aries talks to his varsity squad after a regular season home meet at Bowlaway Lanes earlier this season.

of the league, with the top eight squads advancing on to bracket play to crown an overall champ.

The Chickasaws wound up fifth in the 10-game qualifier to advance on to bracket play. New Hampton took on Grundy Center to start out the quarterfinal bracket round and rolled past the Spartans in two games in the best-of-three series.

Then New Hampton took on Waterloo Columbus, one of two teams that have defeated the Chickasaws this winter in head-to-head competition along with Charles City. The Sailors

advanced to the finals in a three-game victory over NH. Columbus would go on to win the tournament by defeating Decorah.

New Hampton bounced back and topped Denver 2-0 for third place.

“They were pleased with their finish in third place, but at the same time they were a little disappointed that they should have went farther,” said Aries.

New Hampton rolled scores of 226, 162, 214, 217 and 150 in its first five games in the qualifying round of bakers. The Chickasaws finished games

6-10 with tallies of 181, 143, 183 and 254.

“We had quite a few low ones in there – stuff we don’t need to do,” said Aries. “We just kind of gotta pick each other up and get moving a little more now.”

New Hampton’s qualifying baker score was 1,924. Columbus had the top baker tally prior to bracket play with a 2,169, followed by Decorah (2,111), Charles City (2,052) and fourth-place finisher Grundy Center (1,954).

Aries is confident his squad can remain unscathed and rise to the top

Chickasaw girls come up with a miraculous victory

NH GIRLS: FROM 20

promptly fouled.

“I saw Chloe posted up down low and got it right to her,” said Schwickerath.

NH head coach David Leichtman knew his team had to do whatever it took for Central Springs to not run out the clock or add to their point total with such little time left on the scoreboard.

“I don’t care what we gotta do, we gotta get that ball,” said Leichtman. “We weren’t done. There were 3.7 seconds left on the clock. You could just feel in the timeout we weren’t done. We weren’t satisfied with it ending that way.”

Schwickerath – the team’s third-leading scorer at 8.5 points per game – had all the faith in the world that Weigel would continue the game and not have New Hampton’s last home game end with an “L.”

“I had no doubt in my teammates. I knew they were going in,” said Schwickerath about her team’s pressure-packed free throws near the end of regulation. “I wouldn’t have wanted to end our last home game any other way.”

To make matters worse for Central Springs (10-10) – who blew a 19-3 early second-quarter lead – top scorer, 6-2 senior Kaci Crum, was whistled for a technical foul after Weigel’s drive to the rim. That meant after Weigel’s free throws – which she made 1-2 to at least potentially force overtime – New Hampton’s leading scorer, junior Ava Leichtman (16.9 ppg), was granted two free throws as well with 0.9 seconds left on the clock.

Swish and swish.

Weigel, who finished with 12 points on 3-6 shooting, ended up intercepting another Central Springs’ pass on their second-consecutive inbound plays and got a shot off that was converted for a bucket but the officials waved it off as there was no time left on the clock. She talked about her clutch charity-stripe shot that went a long way towards New Hampton being able to lasso a very satisfying victory.

“It was a lot of pressure. I was shaking,” said Weigel about the free throw that tied the game.

Schwickerath – who is the team’s assist leader with a 3.6 average – broke down the first CS inbound play after Leichtman had driven to the hoop prior to the all-important steal. Leichtman was ruled to have turned the ball over on the baseline right near the Chickasaws’ basket with 3.7 seconds left.

“I was just playing tight defense. I saw the girl have her hand up like they were going to go over. I watch eyes on defense and I saw her eyes look up for the ball and I turned around at the right second and got the steal,” said Schwickerath.

David Leichtman had this to say about Schwickerath’s momentum-changing, not to mention game-winning steal that lifted the spirits of each and every Chickasaw.

“That was a steal of a lifetime,” said David Leichtman. “Defense – it became our best offense. It was a feeding frenzy off their defense.”

New Hampton lost Pickar – a two-year starter at her guard position – to an ankle injury with 1:37 left in the third period and she did not return. That made the game all that more important to win, at least in Schwickerath’s mind.

“There’s a lot of nerves and emotions going into the last home game,” said Schwickerath. “Then seeing Jackie get hurt just fired us up more and we really wanted to get the win for her.”

Pickar talked about watching her team from the bench in the final moments of the game and her fellow Chickasaws picking up the slack in her absence.

“It was a really good moment. I know that my girls have my back and I knew that they would get a win for the last home game,” said Pickar.

NH overcame a 13-0 hole that the Chickasaws had dug in the first period and slowly chipped away in a game that shifted in opposite directions, not by the flip of a switch, but through tough, hard-nosed play. That also included slowing down Crum, who towered over every player on the court and finished with 25 points and 17 rebounds.

What was the talk at halftime? Schwickerath explained.

“He just asked us who wants to win and who wants to guard Crum?” said Schwickerath about what Leichtman said in the locker room about the Chickasaws’ first-half deficit.

A Kayme Hackman putback for New Hampton fueled an 8-0 run and New Hampton trailed just 19-11 with 5:07 left before halftime. New Hampton would trail, 28-19, at the break.

“They were bound and determined to win that game,” said David Leichtman.

Weigel scored the first seven points of the second half by either team – her last bucket being a splash-down 3-pointer from the baseline that trimmed the Panthers’ advantage to just 28-26 with 4:02 remaining in the third period.

Leichtman’s free throws gave New Hampton its first lead of the game, now up 32-30 with 1:24 before the final stanza got under way.

New Hampton led 41-39 before Payten Kruger’s long 3-pointer from the wing shocked the partisan Chickasaw crowd as it found the bottom of the next with 13 ticks before the final horn sounded. That gave CS a 42-41 lead.

Schwickerath let it be known what was said in the team huddle before important possessions with the clock winding down.

“He just kept telling us to believe in every huddle. We didn’t even talk about basketball, it was just about believe and you can,” said Schwickerath about David Leichtman’s message to the team.

Leichtman finished with 19 points and junior forward Jordan Thronsdon ripped down 13 rebounds.

Last Friday night New Hampton (5-15, 0-6) traveled to Cresco to take on the Crestwood Cadets, who managed to sweep the season series with a 75-67 victory.

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New Hampton’s Chloe Weigel (above) pressures the basketball and the Chickasaws’ Adam Ewert (below) drives baseline against Central Springs on Thursday night.



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round of Class 3A regional play is at No. 4 Forest City (20-1) this Saturday. The Indians also played New Hampton in the opening game of the postseason last winter and ended the Chickasaws’ season, 70-28.

NEW HAMPTON 44, CENTRAL SPRINGS 42

CS	17	11	5	9	-	42
NH	3	16	13	12	-	44

Jordan Thronsdon 1-5 0-0 2, Cora Schwickerath 0-4 0-0 0, Jackie Picker 1-4 3-4 5, Chloe Weigel 3-6 5-6 12, Ava Leichtman 4-12 10-14 19, Kayme Hackman 1-2 0-2 2, Caycee Crawford 1-3 0-0 2, Aleigha Cahoy 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 12-40 18-26 44.

3-point field goals - Leichtman 1-3, Weigel 1-4, Schwickerath 0-2, Thronsdon 0-1, Pickar 0-1.

Rebounds - Thronsdon 13, Cahoy 5, Leichtman 4, Weigel 3, Hackman 2, Schwickerath 2, Pickar 2.

Assists - Leichtman 2, Schwickerath 2, Pickar 1, Weigel 1, Hackman 1, Cahoy 1.

Steals - Thronsdon 3, Schwickerath 2, Hackman 2, Cahoy 2, Crawford 1.

Blocks - Crawford 1.

CRESTWOOD 75, NEW HAMPTON 67

NH	14	18	12	23	-	67
CR	18	15	18	24	-	75

Leichtman 8-16 7-11 25, Hackman 0-6 0-0 0, Thronsdon 6-12 3-5 16, Schwickerath 2-6 2-2 8, Weigel 2-5 0-0 5, Jersey Pemble 0-0 0-0 0, Crawford 3-3 2-2 9, Cahoy 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 22-52 16-22 67.

3-point field goals - Schwickerath 2-5, Leichtman 2-8, Thronsdon 1-1,

Chickasaws can’t solve riddle of Cadets’ press

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Springs and led Crestwood 15-12 after a quarter of play before it all fell apart as the Cadets’ 1-3-1 zone pressure defense took its toll and Crestwood rolled to a 75-36 victory in the final Northeast Iowa Conference game for both teams.

“It was awful,” New Hampton coach Ryan Rausch said after the Chickasaws fell to 4-16 overall and finished their final NEIC campaign with a 0-8 mark. “Cresco really cranked it up, and we just couldn’t find the gaps, couldn’t solve the riddle. We just couldn’t get to the right spot, and it was just what I would call competitive paralysis.”

It was a disappointing end to the conference season, especially since the Chickasaws found a way to grind out a 54-46 win the previous night against Central Springs.

“It wasn’t always pretty, but I was so proud of the way the guys responded,” Rausch said. “It wasn’t pretty by any means, but they found a way to win the game and for our guys, that was big.”

New Hampton, as it has done often recently, got off to a decent start against Central Springs. Four different Chickasaws – Adam Ewert, Kye Rausch, Braxton Bundy and Ethan Carter – hit 3-point shots as New Hampton jumped out to a 16-8 lead. Midway through the second quarter, Caden Rochford hit a shot beyond the arc that put the Chickasaws up 29-16.

But Central Springs refused to wilt. Late in the third quarter, the Panthers had cut the lead to 39-35, but a Kye Rausch rebound basket gave New Hampton a 41-35 lead heading into the final period.

Two Ewert baskets pushed the advantage to 47-38 with four minutes to go, but Central Springs got the deficit to 50-46 before New Hampton salted the game away at the free-throw line.

Ewert led New Hampton with 15 points while Kye Rausch had 10 and Rochford finished with nine. Freshman Carson Laures finished with seven points, five rebounds, three steals and three blocked shots.

“We had a lot of guys contribute,” Ryan Rausch said, “and that was a positive. Was it our best game? Obviously no, but none of us are going to argue with a W.”

But the momentum lasted just one quarter the following night as Crestwood forced 32 New Hampton turnovers, and the Chickasaws, save for Rochford, were beyond anemic on the offensive end of the floor. Rochford hit 7 of 12 shots and

scored 17 points, but the rest of the Chickasaws were 6-of-25 shooting.

“We got to shoot it better, but it doesn’t matter if you’re going to turn it over a million times,” New Hampton’s coach said. “We need to chew on this a little, look at film and get better.”

The Chickasaws close the regular season on Friday with a game at Oelwein against a 2-18 Huskies’ team.

New Hampton opens the Class 2A district tournament next Monday in Waukon, and the winner will take on top-seed Aplington-Parkersburg a week from tonight (Thursday).

Rausch said if there was a positive that came out of the trip to Cresco last week, it is the fact that the Chickasaws at least experienced a playoff-like atmosphere.

“They had a good crowd, and their guys – I’m telling you, that’s the best defense we’ve seen all year – gave them a reason to be loud,” he said. “So we’ve been through a playoff-like atmosphere, and we’re going to treat [Friday’s game] the same way. We’re going to prepare for it like a playoff game and hopefully that’ll help us on Monday.”

CENTRAL SPRINGS 46

NH	11	12	12	11	-	46
CS	16	13	12	13	-	54

Jake Schwickerath 1-2 0-0 2, Caden Rochford 4-10 0-0 9, Adam Ewert 5-8 3-5 15, Ryan Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Reid Rausch 0-2 4-4 4, Ethan Carter 1-4 1-2 4, Kye Rausch 3-5 2-6 10, Carson Laures 2-5 3-4 7, Braxton Bundy 1-6 0-0 3. Totals 17-42 13-22 54.

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

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

Assists - Ewert 3, Rochford 2, K. Rausch 2, Carter 1, Schwickerath 1.

Steals - Laures 3, K. Rausch 2, Bundy 1, Willadsen 1, Ewert 1.

Blocks - Laures 3, Ewert 2, R. Rausch 1.

CRESTWOOD 75,
NEW HAMPTON 36

NH	15	6	9	6	-	36
Crest	12	24	27	12	-	75

Schwickerath 0-0 0-0 0, Rochford 7-12 0-0 17, Ewert 1-5 0-0 2, Willadsen 0-0 1-2 1, R. Rausch 0-3 0-0 0, Carter 1-4 0-0 2, Kinnick Wisner 0-0 2-2 2, K. Rausch 1-1 0-0 2, Laures 2-5 2-2 6, Trenton Horner 0-0 0-0 0, Dylene Schmitt 0-2 0-0 0, Bundy 1-4 1-2 4, Jacob McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Drew Kipp 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 13-37 6-8 36.

3-point field goals - Rochford 3-7, Bundy 1-4, R. Rausch 0-1, Kipp 0-1, Ewert 0-2, Carter 0-2, Schmitt 0-2.

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

Assists - Bundy 2, K. Rausch 2, Willadsen 2, Ewert 21, Rochford 1, Carter 1.

Steals - Rochford 1, Laures 1, Schmitt 1.

Blocks - Rochford 1, Ewert 1.

Assists - Schwickerath 6,
Leightman 4, Cahoy 3, Hackman 2,
Weigel 1.

Steals - Thronsdon 2, Weigel 2,

Crawford 1-1, Weigel 1-2, Hackman 0-2.

Rebounds - Thronsdon 13, Leichtman 6, Cahoy 6, Hackman 4, Schwickerath 4, Weigel 3, Crawford 1.

Assists - Schwickerath 6, Leichtman 4, Cahoy 3, Hackman 2, Weigel 1.

Steals - Thronsdon 2, Weigel 2, Leichtman 1, Schwickerath 1.

Blocks - Thronsdon 1.



Turkey Valley players (above, from left) Bella Stika, Annika Bodensteiner, Emersyn Hoffert and Hazel Nieman celebrate after the Trojans clinched a share of the Upper Iowa Conference title Friday night before Turkey Valley honored players like Ashlyn and Delaney Busta (below) during its Senior Night program.

Trojans roll, get help to win UIC title

Turkey Valley routs West Central, Kee beats MFL to give Trojans share of conference crown

By BOB FENSKE
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The Turkey Valley girls basketball team had plenty to celebrate last week.

There was the victory Tuesday over their arch-rivals. There was Bella Stika's school-record 26 rebounds in that 39-36 win over South Winneshiek. There was the 68-13 Senior Night victory over West Central on Friday. There was Kee High's 38-28 win over MFL MarMac the same night that gave the Trojans a share of the Upper Iowa Conference title.

And, maybe most importantly, there was the return of a player whose senior year was the victim of a Jet-Ski accident this past summer.

"The biggest celebration tonight belonged to Ashlyn Busta and her family on her return to the court," Turkey Valley coach Steve Hoffert said. "The Busta family has been through so much the past year. To see Ashlyn playing the sport her and her family love was nothing short of remarkable. Ashlyn epitomizes the way her team plays; they play with heart, they are resilient and no matter what situation, they find a way to persevere."

Add it all up and was quite a week for the Trojans, and it wasn't like this week started off on the wrong foot, either, as Turkey Valley beat Class 2A 14th-ranked Jesup 48-46.

In other words, the remarkable turn-around season continues for Hoffert's Trojans.

A year ago, Turkey Valley finished 7-15 overall and sixth in the Upper Iowa standings. On Friday, they celebrated winning a share of the Upper Iowa.

"It's just a testament to the girls ... They've grown up, and they've gotten better," Hoffert said after his team finished with a 14-2 conference record. "They came to practice every day willing to get better. It's just their resiliency and their maturity that has put them over the top."

Never has that resiliency been needed more than last week, starting with the South Winneshiek game.

The Trojans last month rolled past the Warriors 51-27, but the rematch was a far different story.

"They've gotten a lot better," Hoffert said. "It's always tough to win on the road. It doesn't make any difference where you're at, what level. We call them rock fights, and we're in a lot of rock fights. Are we a good



UIC GIRLS BASKETBALL			
	Conf.	All	
Turkey Valley	14-2	16-5	
MFL MarMac	14-2	14-8	
Kee High	13-3	15-6	
North Fayette V	9-7	11-10	
South Winneshiek	8-8	9-12	
Central Elkader	7-9	9-13	
Clayton Ridge	4-12	7-14	
West Central	2-14	3-18	
Postville	1-15	1-18	

basketball team? Yes. Are we a great basketball team? We're getting close, but it's high school girls basketball. You're going to have off-nights. You just have to find a way to persevere."

That the Trojans did.

Up 32-25 heading into the fourth quarter, the Trojans saw South Winn rally to tie the game at 36 and send it into overtime. Not only that, but Turkey Valley's leading scorer Addison Steinlage, who had 12 points, was on the bench with an injury.

But the defense shined in the overtime, holding the Warriors scoreless in the overtime while scratching out three points to gain a must win.

"Last year, we would have crumbled in that situation," Hoffert said, "and that game right there shows how far these girls have come in one season."

Stika had a monster game on the boards, grabbing those 26 rebounds. The sophomore added 10 points and four blocked shots.

"We talked about this before,"

Hoffert said, "but she just has the makeup of a rebounder. She's athletic, she's relentless and if she's close, it's her ball, you know what I mean?"

The win over the Warriors kept the Trojans in the hunt for the conference title, and, for at least a night, turned them into Kee High fans.

And while Kee was winning a defensive showdown with MFL, the Trojans completely dominated West Central - jumping out to a 28-2 first quarter lead and extending the advantage to 35-6 at halftime.

They did so without Steinlage, but got an emotional lift from Ashlyn Busta, who started, scored two points, grabbed a rebound, dished out an assist and made a steal.

"It was just a great, great feeling to see her back on the court," Hoffert said. "She's been through a lot, and I'm glad she got that moment."

Turkey Valley had 11 players break into the scoring column. Emersyn Hoffert led the way with 18 points while Delaney Busta and Stika both added 10 points. Stika again dominated the boards with 15 rebounds.

"Playing without Addie, I don't want to do it obviously," Hoffert said, "but it was good to see other girls step into her

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Trojan boys press way to rout

Turkey Valley puts pedal to the metal in UIC win over West Central

By BOB FENSKE
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The plan was simple for the Turkey Valley boys basketball team on Friday night — the Trojans, as their coach put it, were going to go 100 miles per hour and see what happened.

It worked out quite well as Turkey Valley pressed the dickens out of West Central, building a 66-27 lead on its way to a 68-40 Upper Iowa Conference victory that allowed the Trojans to reach one of the goals they set for themselves this season.

The win over the Blue Devils came after one of those "stool-flusher" games, an 89-42 loss to South Winneshiek last Tuesday — and head coach John Izer and his coaching staff were at their wit's end.

"We can't find a middle this year," Izer said, "and honestly, the press was [assistant coach] Justin [Izer's] idea. The short version is he said, 'What we're doing ain't working, and I have an idea.' And I totally agreed that without a 'big,' the best way for us to play is fast and take advantage of the athletes we have."

It worked wonders against a West Central team that came into the game with just one win this season.

Turkey Valley forced the Blue Devils into 36 turnovers, 23 of which came via Trojan steals, many of which led to easy layups.

And the Turkey Valley head coach says he will remain committed to the press the rest of the season, one he hopes will be extended on Monday night when the Trojans open the Class 1A district tournament with a game at Kee High in Lansing.

"The competition, we know, is going to get better," Izer said, "but the boys liked it, they had fun with it. It will give us, I hope, some momentum going into the offseason, get these guys excited for the offseason because we all know you can't put away your gym shoes until November, right?"

The big win over West Central had plenty of stars as Logan Busta hit 12 of 16 shots from the field, including 4-for-6 from 3-point range, and finished with 28 points. J.D. Kruse added a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds while Cale Langreck had 10 points.

Jordan Kriener led the thievery with seven steals while Kruse and Alex Hanson had four apiece.

"It's high energy and we had some exhausted boys," Izer said, "but, like I said, they had a lot of fun doing it. We missed a few opportunities to trap, but we're just learning this and I think our guys will get better as we do more of it."

The win over West Central came on Senior Night, when the Trojans' lone soon-to-be-graduate, Jonah Orvis, was honored. Izer took a few moments to laud the effort Orvis has given the Turkey Valley program.

"He doesn't see the court a lot, but he's a very good teammate," Izer said. "We were hoping he'd get a couple of shots to fall Friday night, but Jonah's been a great guy to have on our team."

The win over West Central pushed Turkey Valley's record to 9-12, which includes a 6-9 record in the Upper Iowa Conference.

If the Trojans beat Postville on Tuesday, they would have claimed sole possession of fifth place; if not, they may have had to settle for a tie for fifth with

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Turkey Valley's Cale Langreck and Jonah Orvis (24) provide the pressure during the Trojans' game against West Central on Friday night.

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Chickasaws get needed weigh-in, win in final ever NEIC dual meet

NH/TV boys gear up for home district meet with a 39-35 victory over Crestwood

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Soon after Jayden Bucknell's second period pin in the 144-pound bout clinched New Hampton/Turkey Valley's 39-35 victory over Crestwood Saturday, Chickasaw coach Matt Paulus was hit by a wave of nostalgia.

"They announced that it was the last ever Northeast Iowa Conference dual meet," he said, "and it was honestly a little bittersweet but it was nice to have two cornerstone programs — us and Cresco — finish off what has been a really good wrestling conference for a lot of years."

And the win, in a dual that was orig-

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off because of weather, was just as nice for Paulus. So, too, was the chance to have a meet.

"To go two weeks without a weigh-in, that's not a good thing," Paulus said, "and I think just having a chance to get out of the room, compete and all that, it was a positive win or lose."

He paused and laughed.

"But winning makes it better. Seriously, hopefully it gives us a little momentum going into districts."

And after a solid performance against Crestwood that gave NH/TV a 2-2 NEIC dual record in the final season of the conference, the Chickasaws'

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Carter Cajthaml looks to turn an opponent in a dual meet last month.

New Hampton girls rally for improbable win

Chickasaws stun Central Springs, end their regular season with losses to Cadets, Hudson

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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Hashtag (#) — "Saw" magic.

What a night to remember for the New Hampton girls basketball team. In its last home game a week ago Thursday versus Central Springs, the Chickasaws turned the improbable into what was undoubtedly the win of the season.

In what was a perfect home-court sendoff for the Chickasaws' two seniors — Jackie Pickar and Cora Schwickerath. New Hampton pulled a rabbit out of its hat and somehow found a way to win a game that will last in the memory banks of the entire squad for quite some time.

The final score read New Hampton 44, Central Springs 42 — but there was a lot more that transpired to get to that final tally on the scoreboard and

it involved a few white knuckles, some gutsy play late and hugs, handshakes and smiles all around after the thrilling home finale was put in the books.

Schwickerath — who did not score a point in the non-conference tilt with the Panthers — managed the play of the game and one could argue the season after she stole a Central Springs inbound pass underneath four seconds to play and the Chickasaws down a point.

Schwickerath — who drained a half-court shot earlier in the season at Sumner-Fredericksburg — one-upped herself as she came up with the game-changing steal right in front of the mid-court stripe and promptly passed it to junior forward Chloe Weigel, who went straight to the rim in an aggressive manner and was

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Caycee Crawford (14) and Jordan Thronson celebrate after teammate Ava Leichtman hits the game-winning free throw in the final seconds of last week's game with Central Springs.



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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Ava Trende (above) and Sophie Glaser (below) work on finishing off takedowns during the Class 1A state wrestling tournament that was held last week in Coralville.

Chickasaws go 2-for-2 at state meet

NH/TV's Glaser, Trende both climb podium with seventh-place finishes in Coralville

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Sophie Glaser trusted her training and her coaching staff.

Ava Trende did the same.

That Chickasaw pair — a winning mat combo for NH/TV wrestling coach Caleb Ciavarelli — used that hard work and winning attitude to each place seventh at last week's state wrestling meet, held at Xtream Arena in Coralville.

That's never happened before in the history of the Chickasaw girls wrestling program — at least since the sport has been sanctioned and the state required a qualifying round to reach the pinnacle end-of-season meet that has now been sponsored by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) for the past three seasons.

In order to climb the podium stand, Trende (freshman) and Glaser (sophomore) — both stars on the AAU level as middle-schoolers — had to stay alive on Day 1 last Thursday in order to reach Friday's bloodround.

Once there, it's climb the ladder as high as you can go as the NH/TV tandem was guaranteed a medal.

For Glaser (42-12), a state qualifier last year that went 2-1 but did not medal, bounced back after getting stuck by eventual three-time state champ — senior Jillian Worthen (24-0) of Union Community — in the quarterfinal round at 130 pounds. Glaser trains with Worthen at Immortal



Athletics Club in Cedar Falls, so the stand-out grapplers are no stranger to one another.

"Last year I didn't wrestle my best that day. I was just like I think really freaked out to be down there the first time," said Glaser. "This year I just went in with an open mind and I was like I'm going to do the best that I can and that's going to be good enough because I worked all year

for this. It was just going to be what it was going to be."

Trende, who was a bit wide-eyed at the beginning of her first state tournament, got into the groove after she lost to the eventual state champ as well in her first match of the day to Humboldt senior Brooklyn Robinson (43-6) at 235 pounds. Robinson

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Chickasaw boys get much-needed victory but fall flat in final NEIC game

New Hampton holds off Central Springs, but turnovers prove costly in conference blowout loss to Crestwood

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The plan — get a much-needed win against Central Springs Thursday and gain some momentum for Friday's game at Crestwood — seemed sound

for the New Hampton boys basketball team.

It, unfortunately, went terribly awry.

The Chickasaws did get the win over one-win Central

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New Hampton's Jake Schwickerath tries to get a shot off in traffic during last week's game against Central Springs.

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