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Supervisors wrangle with EMS bid

Board wants to make sure that ‘sprinkler-less’ plan will meet state code

By BOB FENSKE
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The “cluster,” if you will, when it comes to remodeling the Chickasaw County EMS building so that it will have living quarters continued Monday during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

First, Design Connections’ Aaron Thompson was a no-show at the meet-

ing, which meant supervisors didn’t have a chance to talk to him about the two bids — one including a sprinkler system and the other including a fire-suppression wall — to make sure they both met state code requirements.

“I don’t think you can do anything until you meet with him and review the bids to talk about the numbers,” County Attorney David Laudner said.

The cost of the project is critical for

the county because if it’s more than \$196,000, then supervisors would have to go through what Laudner called a “full-blown” bidding process. The good news is that one of the two options Thompson gave board members is under that threshold.

If the county uses a fire-suppression wall, Thompson said the cost to the county would be \$183,037, but if it installs a sprinkler system — which

board members believed they had to do all along — the cost would be \$270,702, far above the threshold.

“If we’re over that number, then we need to find out if there are things they can jigger in there to get under that number,” Laudner told board members. “If not, then we’re back to square one. They’re going to have to hire a

licensed architect, an engineer, and go through the entire full bidding process.”

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Board does an about face, hires EMS employees

A week after saying no to part-time paramedic, supervisors vote 4-1 to hire new employees for ambulance service

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors turned on a dime — or shall we say in a week’s time — Monday and hired two new part-time employees to work for Chickasaw County EMS, the county-owned ambulance service that provides service to rural residents and six cities.

A week after rejecting the hiring of Samantha Streeter as a part-time paramedic on a 3-2 vote, board members voted 4-1 to hire Streeter and a part-time EMT, Cally Mueller, for the service.

“I thought about this all week and over the weekend,” Supervisor Travis Suckow said, “and the whole state is having trouble finding people. And we got them coming to us.”

Suckow, along with Scott Cerwinski, had voted against the hiring of Streeter during the board’s Dec. 11 meeting, but both joined Steve Breitbach and Board Chairman Matt Kuhn in voting for hiring the two new part-timers.

“We’re in a very unique position in this county right now. We have people who want to work for us,” Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson said before the votes were cast. “With four of our part-time paramedic employees all working for the same company, if something would happen over there and they had two people get hurt or a massive walk off the job, we could really in reality lose four of our paramedics

SEE EMS HIRES, 5

Sophia Shatek (above) displays plenty of enthusiasm as she talks with the guest of honor while Karen Clemens (below) serves up some eggs during the annual Breakfast with Santa event that was held Saturday at the New Hampton Community Center.

Now, we can have Christmas

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA MAY BE SIMPLE, BUT IT HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES WITH AREA FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

By BOB FENSKE
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Maybe it’s the simplicity of it all that makes Breakfast with Santa conjure up a simpler time or a Norman Rockwell painting.

Families show up, donate to the food pantry and eat breakfast. Kids visit with Santa. They decorate Christmas ornaments. And then they go home, set for the big day.

“I had more than one person that came up to me and said it can’t be Christmas until we have Breakfast with Santa,” New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman said. “It’s just one of those days I think a lot of people look forward to, especially those with kids.”

For 90 minutes on Saturday morning, the New Hampton Community Center was, in a word, hopping.

SEE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, 2

A different way of singing ‘Silent Night’

Members of the New Hampton High School Chamber Choir perform “Silent Night” using American Sign Language during the school’s annual Winter Concert that was held Monday evening.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

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Nothing beats a good letter to Santa

Our annual section featuring Letters to Santa from area children and greetings from our area businesses and organizations!

By BOB FENSKE
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Christmas is one of our favorite times of the year here at the Tribune, and the reason are the countless letters that New Hampton Community Schools and St. Joseph Community School teachers share with us.

Let’s face it, a good Santa letter will lift up even the gloomiest of folks.

There are the fun questions. There are the I’ve-been-good pleas. There are the unique

requests — like asking Santa to bring a dad some deodorant.

So in this week’s paper is our annual “Christmas Greetings” section with letters galore from students ranging from preschoolers to third-graders, and they fit almost perfectly — emphasis on almost.

The little 3-year-olds in Sara Sebastin’s Sunrise Preschool class, though, deserve their letters to be published, too, so today, we kick off our Christmas Greetings not only

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A foul fest

New Hampton girls top Trojans in a game with 58 fouls and 73 free throws attempted

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St. Joe’s, Turkey Valley students liven up the season with concerts

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NH/TV wrestlers wrap up hectic stretch and welcome the break

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Breakfast with Santa is ‘nice way to go into Christmas’

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: FROM 1

Hackman and her assistant, Kayla Flick joined volunteers like Suellen Kolbet, Karen and Rick Clemens, Megan Baltes, Connie Boyd and Tammy Flick to cook the food, bus the tables and prepare for the next wave. New Hampton High School junior Lauren Nuss organized the donations for the food pantry.

And then there was Santa, who was busy. “For a lot of kids, this is their last chance to talk themselves onto the nice list,” he said with a laugh during one of the few breaks he received. And kids didn’t leave empty handed, either, as the New Hampton Education Association and the New Hampton Public Library made sure each left with a book, which was handed out by Little Miss

Heartland Skylar Sternat. Throw in the eggs provided by Deb El, and once again, Breakfast with Santa showed what can happen when a lot of folks come together for a common cause. “It’s a nice way to go into Christmas,” Hackman said, “and Kayla and I are really appreciative of everyone who steps up to make sure Breakfast with Santa is a great event.”



Eden Kramer (above left) talks with Santa but her little brother, Cal, prefers his father, Ryan, during Breakfast with Santa, where young Harlan Abbott (above right) stares down the man who has a busy week ahead.

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St. Joseph Community School students (above) John Knutson, Everly Wegner and Jack Mitchell perform a song while Cora Geerts (right) holds a heart that represents the holiday “love” during their school’s Christmas concert — “Signs and Tradition of Christmas” that was held on Sunday at Holy Family Parish.



Emma Dreckman and Lenyx Fundermann (above) hold hands while signing “Silent Night” while Sunrise School preschoolers get ready to perform during Sunday’s concert.

St. Joe’s presents ‘Signs and Traditions of Christmas’



Wesson Duff (left) wears his “Christmas best as St. Joe’s K-1 students sing “The First Noel” while the school’s junior high students perform “Mary, Did You Know?”





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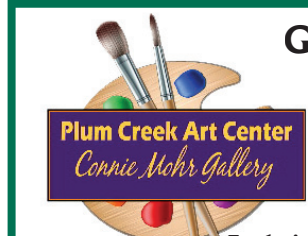
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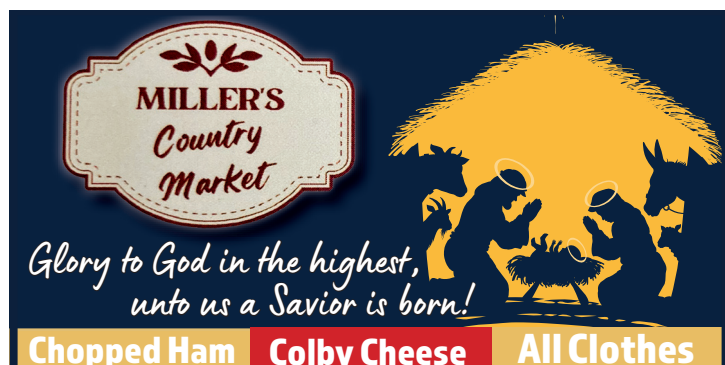


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So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds

living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to

those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

— Luke 2:1-20

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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- **Possible bump into higher tax bracket** – The money you take out from your traditional IRA and 401(k) is taxable in the year of withdrawal. So, if you withdraw a significant amount of money at once from your traditional IRA or 401(k), you could be pushed into a higher tax bracket, at least for one year.

- **Tax penalties** – If you take money out of a 401(k) or traditional IRA before you turn 59½, you could face a 10% tax penalty, although some exceptions exist.

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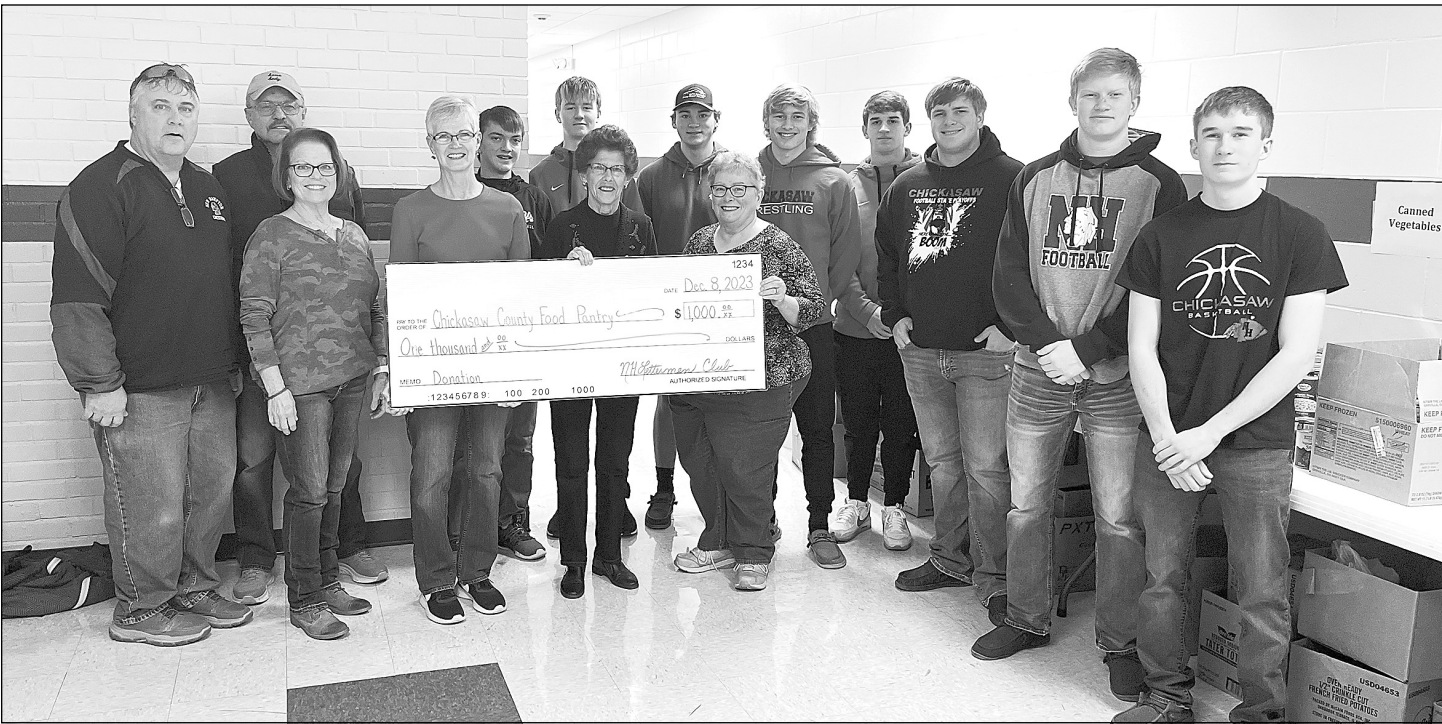
One possibility is to take out a loan from your 401(k). Unlike a 401(k) withdrawal, a loan is neither taxable nor subject to tax penalties. Also, the interest you pay on a 401(k) loan goes back into your account. Still, a 401(k) loan has its drawbacks. If you leave your job, you’ll likely have to repay the loan in a short period of time and if you don’t have all the money to repay it, the loan will be considered in default, so you’ll owe taxes and the 10% penalty if you’re younger than 59½. But even if you don’t leave your job and you do repay the loan, you’ll still have taken away money that could have potentially kept growing within your tax-deferred account. As mentioned above, as your money compounds, you’ll want to minimize disruptions.

Building an emergency fund is another way to gain access to cash. Such a fund should contain at least six months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. It can take time to build a fund of this size, so it’s never too soon to start putting away money for it. To avoid the temptation of dipping into your emergency fund, you’d ideally keep this fund separate from your daily spending accounts.

Explore all your options before tapping into your IRA or 401(k) early. Keeping these accounts intact as long as possible is one of the best moves you can make to help build your future retirement income.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Lettermen come up big for food pantry

New Hampton Lettermen Club Advisor Dennis Pagel and club members pose with volunteers from the Chickasaw Food Pantry after the organization’s annual canned-food drive raised more than 500 pounds of food and paper products. The club also received a monetary donation of \$25 and the Lettermen donated \$1,000 to the food pantry.

Conversation gets lively during EMS hiring discussion

EMS HIRES: FROM 1

overnight. And that would really affect us.”

The conversation about EMS staffing turned lively at times.

Fredericksburg resident Doreen Cook said she was concerned that the ambulance based in Fredericksburg didn’t have the same “response time” required as the two rigs based in New Hampton.

And she added that “I’m already hearing up in New Hampton that they’re talking about leaving.”

That raised the ire of Knutson.

“Well, you’d be the first ... because in my [talks with an] employee and all of my crew, I’ve heard nothing but happy, satisfied employees with the service we’re currently running,” he said, “so please, if you have something otherwise to say, please encourage that employee to see their director or any of the Board of Supervisors.”

Knutson said that the costs of hiring the two part-timers would be negligible.

“The only thing that’s going to cost us more as a county or my department more ... is if we continue to have these overages on the overtime,” Knutson said. “Other than that, we’re talking about a little bit of

training.”

He also pointed out that the hiring of Streeter would give Chickasaw County EMS 12 part-time paramedics, including himself. He pointed out that paramedics are required to work at least one 24-hour shift a month.

“If none of our paramedics are full-time, I think 12 is a pretty manageable number, especially when they’re only working maybe one shift a month.”

Kuhn said he favored the hiring of part-time paramedics in an effort to build the service.

When Supervisor Jake Hackman asked if the six cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — that signed 28E agreements with the county for ambulance service, supported hiring more employees, Kuhn said he felt the cities would be more in favor of hiring staff than using the cities’ money to remodel the department’s ambulance station so that it has living quarters.

“I’m not going to speak for the cities,” Kuhn said. “The city council members I have talked to are in support of trying to build the service.”

Hackman was the lone supervisor to

cast no votes on the two hires, and New Hampton resident Terry Johnson asked Hackman to “explain” himself.

“Your pattern has been no on every vote, not every vote but mostly, on this ambulance,” Johnson said. “Can you explain yourself why you keep voting no all the time?”

Hackman responded with “I see the numbers.”

After the meeting, Knutson said that in both September and October, the service had a positive cash flow and that numbers for November were not yet available.

The EMS director was quick to point out that in the ambulance business, “you’re always going to be three or four months behind, so those numbers in September and October aren’t due to call volume but billings from the spring being paid.”

During Monday’s meeting, Johnson said he understands that a start-up service will experience, if you will, growing pains.

“This thing is not going to do very well in the first year or two,” Johnson said to Hackman, “but you don’t want to seem to support this ambulance ... and it looks like you don’t want it. Do you?”

“I do,” Hackman responded.

How county will pay for EMS building remodel remains up in the air

EMS BUILDING: FROM 1

Stanton said the process has left him and other contractors frustrated.

“The smart way to do it would have been in the very beginning to take electrical bids, plumbing bids, carpentry bids, flooring bids and been done and never involved anyone else,” he said. “That’s the smart way to do it any time. That’s how you’re going to get your best deal.”

But Thompson, who drew up the blueprints for the project, submitted a general contractor bid on Nov. 27, and after a lengthy discussion, he agreed to serve as a “construction manager” and bring back a final bid at the Dec. 18 meeting.

“What we were told at the beginning wasn’t exactly what was going on and then we thought we had it taken care of and things still weren’t matching up,” Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said. “It has been a cluster, and I’ll be the first to admit that.”

Supervisors on Monday said

they wouldn’t take any action on the bids until they could talk directly with the Design Connections president, even though Laudner said that “we operate under the presumption that what he is presenting to us complies with state code. That’s what we hired him for, or you guys hired him for.”

But board members were wary, because they know if the cost of the project comes in higher than \$196,000, they would in effect have to start over and go through the process mandated by state law.

Supervisors also discussed how they would pay for the remodeling, and Supervisor Jake Hackman said he believes that the county can use money it generates through the 28E agreements it has with six county cities — New Hampton,

Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington.

That brought a quick response from Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, who said the money from the cities that receive ambulance service from the county is “just for labor, not equipment.”

“It’s not in the 28E that way,” Hackman said.

The county purchased much of the equipment, including three ambulances, for the service with its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and seemed destined to use those funds to pay for the remodeling of the building the county bought this summer for an ambulance shed.

But supervisors then voted to designate \$600,000 of its ARPA funds to Secondary Roads, leaving just \$71,000 of those funds

remaining.

Supervisor Steve Breitbach said he favored using money from the county’s capital projects fund, while Supervisor Scott Cerwinske said “I think capital projects or/and some of the 28E agreement” should be used.”

Hackman, though, said some of the money in that fund has been generated by general tax revenues and “how is that fair to the two cities [Nashua and Alta Vista] that didn’t sign up” to be part of the county-owned service.

In the end, board members made no decisions on either the bids or how the county will pay for the remodeling; instead, Kuhn will try to set up a meeting with Thompson so supervisors can have their questions answered.



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Briefs

New Hampton Public Library to hold events during break

A variety of events are available to keep young children busy during their time off of school at the New Hampton library.

On Dec. 23 and 27 a 10 a.m. story time will be held, there is also a playdough playtime on the latter date. On Dec. 28 the movie “Beauty and the Beast Enchanted Christmas” will be shown at 1 p.m. and at 2:30 the same day the library will host “Grab Lab, a STEAM Activity,” an RSVP is requested for that event.

New Hampton gives Christmas week trash and recycling update

New Hampton’s Tuesday and Thursday trash and recycling routes will run on a normal schedule next week, but any Monday routes will be moved to Tuesday, Dec. 26 unless otherwise noted.

Residents are also reminded that any excess garbage that doesn’t fit into the new garbage bins may be put in the yellow Jendro bags and be placed on the curb for pickup.

Continuing education for pesticide applicators upcoming

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will be offering three opportunities to attend the Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC), led by Extension Field Agronomist, Terry Basol. The first two sessions are scheduled for Jan. 25, at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

The course will be offered again on March 7, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. Please pre-register by calling Lynn Bruess at 641-394-2174.

All sessions will be held at the Chickasaw County Extension office’s new location at 115 N. Broadway Ave. in New Hampton.

The course will run for approximately 2½ hours, including check-in and breaks.

The registration fee for the course is \$30.

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Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 49 and a low of 42.

Christmas Eve: Mostly cloudy with rain likely later; high 50, low 42.

Christmas Day: It's not going to feel or even look like a typical Christmas as there's a chance of rain with a high of 49 and a low of just 40.

Meetings

TUESDAY

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

History

- In 1891, 30-year-old James Naismith introduces the first game of basketball to 18 students at the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- In 1945, General George S. Patton, commander of the U.S. 3rd Army, dies at the age of 60 from injuries suffered not in battle but in a freak car accident.
- In 1958, three months after a new French constitution was approved, Free France World War II hero Charles de Gaulle is elected the first president of the Fifth Republic by a sweeping majority of French voters.
- In 1968, Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the moon, is successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, with astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell, Jr. and William Anders aboard.
- In 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 from London to New York explodes after a bomb is detonated in midair over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 243 passengers and 16 crew members aboard, as well as 11 Lockerbie residents on the ground.

Birthdays

- Negro League Baseball great and Hall-of-Famer Josh Gibson was born in 1911.
- TV star and comedian Ray Romano turns 66.
- American tennis great and television commentator Chris Evert turns 69.
- American film actor Samuel L. Jackson turns 75.
- American actress Jane Fonda turns 86.

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Ronald Lechtenberg, 82

Ronald Lechtenberg, age 82 of Ionia, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at his home.

Funeral service was held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Darin Cerwinski presiding.

Interment followed at St. Boniface Cemetery in Ionia.

Friends greeted the family from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Born in New Hampton at his family home, Ron was the cherished son of John Herman and Louise Mary (Schwamman) Lechtenberg.

Ron's early years were spent attending St. Boniface schools until the eighth grade, after which he dedicated himself to helping his father on the family farm. His strong work ethic and genuine enjoyment of working alongside his dad were evident from an early age, shaping the foundation of the responsible and diligent man he would become.

Later in life, Ron made a significant impact at HydroTile in Nashua, where he secured a job and worked tirelessly for many years. His commitment to his work was unparalleled, earning him a reputation as a reliable and dedicated employee. Ron was known for his strong work ethic and the consistency with which he showed up each day, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues.

Unfortunately, Ron's career at HydroTile was cut short due to medical reasons, as he had to retire after undergoing knee replacement surgeries. Despite facing health challenges, Ron continued to display resilience and a positive spirit.

In a twist of fate, Ron's life took a beautiful turn when he met his partner, JoAnn, during a chance encounter while buying eggs. Their connection blossomed into a deep and lasting companionship, bringing joy and companionship to Ron's life.

Outside of work, Ron found solace and joy in fishing, a hobby that allowed him to connect with nature and unwind from life's demands. His passion for the outdoors was complemented by his active involvement in his church, where he dedicated his time and energy to the community he held dear.

Ron is survived by his friend, JoAnn Brookins and her son Brad Fencil of Ionia; his children, Ray Steele of Des Moines, and James Bluhm of Charles City; one son, Jim Lechtenberg of Cedar Falls; one daughter, Lois Snell of Cedar Falls; two grandchildren, Dylan and Sydney Snell; two brothers-in-law, Marty Wondershede of Waverly, and Peter Martindale of Oelwein; and one sister, Roseann Smock and her family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Oliver Lechtenberg and Ray (Linda) Lechtenberg; three sisters, Ruth (Ray) McDonald, Rita Wondershede and Regina Martindale; and JoAnn's children, Mylssia Fencil and Bryan Fencil.

Mildred Jean Rinnels, 62

Mildred Jean Rinnels, age 62 of Waucoma, died Monday Dec. 11, 2023, at her son's home in rural Lime Springs.

A Celebration of Life was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at the Heritage Event Center in Cresco. A Prayer Service will follow at 7 p.m.

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

Online condolences for the Rinnels family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Leonard Dunn, 73

Leonard Dunn, age 73 of Alta Vista, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

There will be no formal services at this time.

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

Kristin Clare Blazek, 56

Kristin Clare Blazek, age 56 of Mason City, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton with the Rev. Jim Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday Dec. 26, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Wednesday at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Kristy's arrangements.

Dale Duane Miller, 78

Dale Duane Miller, age 78 of Fredericksburg, died Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare in New Hampton.

Funeral services will be held 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg with Pastor Scott Smith officiating.

Interment will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in Fredericksburg.

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

With Sincere Gratitude

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for all the love and support you have shown us before and after Andrea's passing.

Thank you to Cedar Valley Hospice for your loving care given to Andrea. Many thanks to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home for their assistance and guidance, and help easing the burden of this difficult process.

Thank you so very much to Father Jim Goerend and the Holy Family Staff and Parish for the beautiful service and wonderful music and support given to us. To our family and friends, we can never thank you enough for your unwavering support in our time of loss. The caring thoughts, prayers, cards memorials, food, flowers, kind words and love shown will never be forgotten. God bless you all.

With our love and thanks,
Gerry, Ruby & Isla Burgart, Ed & Sandy Shekleton and families, Stan & Andra Burgart and families

THE TRIBUNE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

Shirley M. Blazek, 88

Shirley M. Blazek, age 88 of Lawler died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at Colonial Manor of Elma.

Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment followed at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery with Scott Anderson, Ron "Gowdy" Leibold, Shane Fountain, Dennis Njus, Mike Kruse and Bill Kout serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Jenna Blazek, Jamee Schmitt, Johanna Blazek, Wyatt Blazek, Jalyssa Blazek, Haley Norcross and Samantha Norcross.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at the church where there was a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass on Tuesday at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Shirley's arrangements. Online condolences for the Blazek family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

She was born on April 20, 1935, in New Hampton, the cherished daughter of Walter and Zelpha Karnatz.

Shirley's early years were filled with joy and laughter on the family farm near Boyd. She attended a one-room country school, where she would playfully recount the "five miles uphill both ways" that she walked daily to attend. She went on to graduate from New Hampton High School in 1953, leaving a legacy as a Spelling Bee champion and an active member of 4-H. Her time in high school was marked by enthusiasm, friendships and a love for learning.

Throughout her life she exemplified a strong work ethic

and commitment to her community. Right after graduating from high school she worked as a nurse's aid at St. Joseph's Hospital. She went on to work as a secretary for Farm Bureau Insurance — where she earned enough money to purchase her first and only sewing machine which served her faithfully throughout her entire life.

On Dec. 28, 1957, Shirley united in marriage with the love of her life, Donald Blazek, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler.

Together, they built a beautiful life and were blessed with four children. Shirley dedicated much of her working life to supporting their family business, Blazek Corporation, where she efficiently managed the books and handled all secretarial responsibilities with unwavering dedication.

In her leisure time, Shirley found joy in music, showcasing her talent on the piano. She was an accomplished seamstress and proudly crafted a great deal of her own clothing. Shirley loved to cook and was a hospitable hostess.

Her home had an open door policy. Friends and strangers alike were greeted with the best home cooked meals. She was well known for her potato soup, potato salad, and pumpkin bars. You always left her home

Blake Alan Bast, 31

Blake Alan Bast, age 31 of New Hampton, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City, surrounded by his family.

A celebration of life will be held in Blake's honor at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Blake's arrangements. Online condolences for the Bast family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Blake's journey began on June 25, 1992, in New Hampton, where he was joyfully welcomed into the world by his parents, Gary and Shelly (Lampson) Bast.

Blake's early education was at St. Joseph's Catholic School, and he continued his academic pursuits at New Hampton High School, graduating with the Class of 2011.

After completing high school, Blake remained in the New Hampton area, exploring various opportunities and discovering his passion for serving others.

Throughout his journey, Blake held diverse jobs, including roles at McDonald's, Featherlite and Fareway. However, it was in the kitchen

at The Pub where he found his calling. A true jack of all trades, Blake embraced every task with dedication and enthusiasm. His commitment to customer service and his ability to adapt to any challenge made him an invaluable member of The Pub family.

Beyond his work, Blake's generosity and selflessness were truly remarkable. Always ready to lend a helping hand, he prioritized the needs of others over his own. Blake's kindness knew no bounds, and he would give his last dollar to someone in need.

In his cherished moments of leisure, Blake found solace

Michael Jackson, 74

Michael Jackson, age 74, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023.

He was born on Dec. 13, 1948, in Estherville, but grew up in New Hampton, and many of his best and most vivid memories were from those early years.

As kids we played Annie-I-Over and entertained ourselves on the football practice field across the street. He liked to hang out at the Sweet Shop and drive around in his Austin Healey Sprite. To us siblings he was James Dean. He taught us how to dance rock & roll to "Who Put the Bomp."

Mike was diagnosed with mental health issues in his late teens and the disease continued to have an impact throughout his life. He refused to let it define who he was.

Michael traveled from coast to coast and lived in Colorado Springs much of his life. He

lived as a minimalist and was more than happy to give the little he had away.

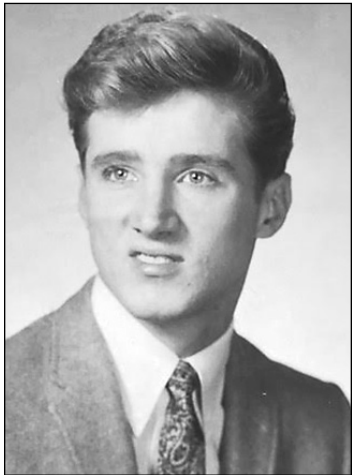
He lived on the street for many years of his life but his family was always his touchstone. Thanks to the kindness and compassion of many individuals, Michael had housing



Shirley Blazek



Blake Bast



Michael Jackson

well-fed.

She and Don embraced a vibrant social life. Shirley was an active member of Mt Carmel church, often lending her time to lector and assist wherever needed.

Walking, golfing, traveling and needlepointing were among Shirley's favorite hobbies. She and Don spent countless winters in Orange Beach, Alabama.

However, her true passion was being a grandmother. Shirley excelled at showering her grandchildren with love and attending their events, creating cherished memories that will be forever treasured.

Shirley Mae Blazek leaves behind a legacy of love, warmth and generosity. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 66 years Donald Blazek of Lawler; four children, Donald P. (Kim) Blazek of Lawler, Eugene L. (Janet) Blazek of Fredericksburg, Thomas E. Blazek of Cedar Rapids, and Laura L. (Jeff) Norcross of Mason City; seven grandchildren, Jenna Blazek, Jamee (Brandon) Schmitt, Johanna Blazek, Wyatt Blazek, Jalyssa Blazek, Haley Norcross and Samantha Norcross; five step-grandchildren, Keri (Shane) Fountain, Shelley (Paul) Carter, Kimberly (Daniel) Beineke, Laura (Cody) Clausing, Daniel (Stacy) McFarland; one sister, Charlotte (Ross) Braland; and one brother, Ronnie (Lynn) Karnatz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Margaret (Harley) Wendt; and in-laws, Margaret and James Blazek.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to her caregivers from Colonial Manor of Elma, the Patty Elwood Center of Cresco, and Howard County Hospice for the love, care, and support shown to Shirley and her family over the last couple of years.

In the tranquility of fishing. Whether casting his line into the waters of Nashua Lake or enjoying the warmth of a bonfire during camping trips with friends, he reveled in the simple pleasures of life. Blake's zest for life was infectious, and he made the most of every moment, leaving a permanent mark on those fortunate enough to share in his joy.

Although Blake's time on earth was tragically short, his life was lived to the fullest. He will be remembered for his empathetic nature, caring spirit, and unwavering politeness. His love for family was evident, and he expressed deep gratitude for the love and support they provided throughout the years.

Blake is survived by his mother, Shelly Bast of New Hampton; one brother, Adam Bast of Alta Vista; maternal grandmother, Lillian "Susie" Lampson of Ionia; paternal grandmother, Laura Henkle of New Hampton; and many close friends and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Bast on Aug. 31, 2023; paternal grandfather Lawrence Bast; and maternal grandfather Wendell Lampson.

stability the later years of his life.

Michael broadened our capacity to love and allowed us to view the world through a broader lens.

Michael was proceeded in death by his parents, Walter and Fern Jackson, and brother, Steven.

He is survived by his son, Beaux Jackson of Austin, Texas; his daughter, Mishca Eveland of Nashua; his grandchildren, Phoenix, Garret, Elijah, and Ashton; his great-grandson, Aiden; his brother, Terry Jackson and wife Patti; sister, Lou Ann Toland and husband David; sister-in-law, Cathy Jackson; and his former wife, Kathie Jackson, who was an enduring source of love and support throughout his life.

"It's okay to not be okay, and it's okay to talk about it." — Naomi Osaka

Property Transfers

Paul C. Stover and Ruth Stover to UNDIVIDED S1/2 EX E1-1/2R NE 19-94-13 NW 21-94-13. ONE HALF INTEREST, Terry Bailey, Cynthia James Eggerichs and Susan Eggerichs to Bailey, UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST, Joshua A. Martin and Eva W. Martin ; L1 EX Kaytie Bailey: BEG SW COR SW 23-94-14. N197.3' W685.9' OF L1 & EX PARCEL D OF L1. Suzette E. Kies and Philip Kies to G1G LLC; NW 32-97-13.

Rosemary Carpenter, 68



Rosemary Carpenter

During Dennis' time in the service the adventurous young couple embarked on a journey that took them from the cobblestone streets of Germany to the majestic Rockies of Fort Carson, Colorado.

Upon returning to North Washington in the early 1980s, they welcomed their two daughters — Heather and Alicia. Rosemary embraced motherhood with open arms, dedicating herself to her children until they reached school age.

She then reentered the workforce, applying the same passion and dedication she had shown at home to her professional endeavors.

Weekends for the Carpenter family were idyllic, featuring camping trips and days spent lakeside or cheering on local sports teams. Rosemary was the heart of these activities, always ensuring that each moment was filled with joy and laughter.

Rosemary's life was further enriched by the arrival of her four grandchildren, who became the shining lights of her world. Her playful spirit shone brightest around them, whether she was sneaking them ding dongs for breakfast or sharing snuggles whenever possible. Her love for her grandchildren

was boundless, and their memories of her will be cherished forever.

While Rosemary was a devoted family woman, she also found time to indulge in her personal passions. She loved a good campfire, finding solace in the outdoors among flowers and the songs of birds.

Her competitive spirit came alive in games of golf and Sudoku, and she was equally content casting a line into a quiet lake.

Rosemary's quick wit, her knowing side-eye, and her sharp comebacks became legendary among those who knew her, always delivered with a twinkle in her eye and a smile on her lips.

Rosemary is lovingly remembered by her husband of 50 years, Dennis Carpenter of North Washington; her daughters, Heather (Darren) Pecinovsky of Protivin, and Alicia (Brock) Biggerstaff of Bettendorf; her beloved grandchildren, Brenna and Emmitt Pecinovsky and Brayden, and Connor Biggerstaff; her brothers, Steve (Shirley) Babcock of New Hampton, and Mike (Kathy) Babcock of New Hampton; her sister, Kate Schmidtko of Independence, Missouri; and sister-in-law, Nancy Babcock of Lawler.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Phil and Claude Babcock III; and her step-father, Duane Leichtman.

Her legacy is one of unconditional love, kindness, and a sense of humor that lifted the spirits of all who were fortunate enough to be in her presence.

Rosemary Carpenter's life was a testament to the power of joy and the enduring strength of family bonds. She will be deeply missed and forever treasured in the hearts of those who loved her.

Beverly Shinstine, 62

Beverly Shinstine, age 62 of Iowa, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Iowa with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, prior to the Mass at the church in Iowa.

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

Born on March 27, 1961, in Waterloo, Beverly was the cherished daughter of William and Stella (Timmer) Bravener.

Beverly, affectionately known as Bev to her friends and family, was a lifelong resident of Iowa. She was a proud alumni of Tripoli Community School, where she formed lasting friendships and laid the foundations for her future endeavors.

On Aug. 16, 1980, Beverly married the love of her life, Everett Shinstine, in a beautiful ceremony at St. Mary's in New Hampton. Their union was one of true partnership and devotion. Together, they welcomed two wonderful children into the world, Scott Shinstine and Christine Bonfig, both born in New Hampton. Beverly was a dedicated mother who instilled in her children the values of

love, kindness, and creativity. Beverly's work ethic was unparalleled. For 43 years, she worked tirelessly alongside Everett on their farm, embracing the rural lifestyle she adored. Her role at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab for 17 years was a testament to her caring nature, as she supported and uplifted those around her.

An avid gardener, Beverly found joy in raising calves, tending to her beautiful flower gardens, and canning the bounty from her vegetable plots. Her home was a reflection of her love for nature and her creative spirit.

Beverly's passion for collecting cow memorabilia brought whimsy to her life, and her fondness for thrift store treasures showcased her knack for finding beauty in the simple things.

Travel was a source of delight for Beverly. She cherished the memories made on family trips to Wisconsin Dells, Hawaii, Branson and Colorado. Each adventure was an opportunity to explore, learn, and grow closer to her loved ones.

Above all, Beverly relished her role as a grandmother. Her grandchildren were the light of her life, and she poured her love into every moment spent with them. Her kind and loving nature made her a grandmother beyond compare, and her creative activities and stories will be treasured by her grandchildren forever.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Everett Donald Shinstine of Iowa; son, Scott Charles Shinstine of Iowa; daughter, Christine (Christopher) Marie Bonfig of Coralville; siblings, Jo (Lloyd) Selck of Sumner, Sheryl (Steve) Bruch of New Hampton, William (Pauline) Bravener of Sumner, and Susan (Kevin) Graeser of Nashua; granddaughters, Finnley Jean Bonfig and Maya Elizabeth Bonfig of Coralville; her mother-in-law; 14 brothers- and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents William and Stella (Timmer) Bravener and her father-in-law.

high school.

Ron is survived by his children, Nicholena Gilson, Jeremy Kuennen and Brittany Kuennen; his grandchildren, Myalee, Carter, Aubree and Kyryn Kuennen, all of Wisconsin; his sister, Linda Burgart of Garner; two brothers, Dennis (Tammy) of Denver and Tim Kuennen of Waucoma; nephews, Eric Burgart and son Damon of Iowa and Chad (Sarah) Burgart and their children Mya, Macy and Myles of Cedar Falls; and nieces, Kathryn (Adam) Erwood and their children Juliette and Clark of Georgia and Kelly Kuennen of Denver.

Ron was preceded in death by his mother and father, Irma and Neil Kuennen; grandparents, Frank and Elizabeth Kuennen and Ed and Clara Tupy; several aunts and uncles; and close family friends, Starr and Jerry Holder; and special friend Marsha Hyman.

A celebration of life will be held at Waucoma Event Center Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at 1 p.m.

Alum-Line Inc.

On June 6, 1992 Ron married Dawn Gilson. Ron adopted her daughter Nicci as his own and together he and Dawn had two more children, Jeremya (1990) and Brittany (1993).

Ron was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers, Iowa Hawkeyes and the Chicago Cubs, enjoyed cooking and working in the garden. He also enjoyed his muscle cars especially his 'Cuda and Chevelle in

After high school Ron worked construction in Houston, Texas for a short time.

He then went into long haul trucking, working for Becker Hi-Way Freight and then Asche Trucking. Ron enjoyed his work driving semi. As a transcontinental driver he was recognized in the Million Mile Club with no accidents. After trucking he worked as a welder for Featherlight and later with

Courthouse, City Hall to be closed for Christmas

The Chickasaw County Courthouse and New Hampton City Hall will both be closed for two days in observance of the Christmas holiday.

The courthouse will be closed on Friday and Monday, and the weekly Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, beginning at 9 a.m.

New Hampton city offices, meanwhile, will be open on Friday but will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Both county and city offices will also be closed on Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

City of New Hampton plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under an NPDES General Permit

General Permit No. 1 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity.

The storm water discharge will be from (description of industrial activity): New Hampton Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) located in S18-T95N-R12W, Chickasaw County Storm water will be discharged from one (1) point source(s) and will be discharged to the following streams: Spring Branch Creek

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines IA 50319. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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No. 23500
12/21/23

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

December 11, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Jeremy McGrath, Engineer Roman Lensing

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for December 11, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from December 4, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to approve the part-time hire Samantha Streeter as a paramedic for the EMS at the wage of \$22.99 starting December 11, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Kuhn. Nays: Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion failed.

Public comment: Jeremy McGrath was wondering about the financials for the EMS after eleven months.

Secondary Roads Engineer Roman Lensing gave department updates.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to hire Simmering-Cory from Storm Lake to conduct a Blight Assessment for jail, Secondary Road main garage, Courthouse, and Landfill building not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be paid for out of fund 0001 (General Basic), department 99 (Non departmental) for TIF process. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-23-84

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Code §433.9, §434.22, §437.10 and §438.15, that it is hereby ordered that the lengths of the mileage of the several railroads, telephone, telegraph, electric and gas companies in Bremer County, Iowa and the assessed value and taxable value thereof, be fixed according to the following schedule and the County Auditor is hereby ordered to spread the same upon the tax books of said County for the year 2023, payable in the fiscal year 2024/2025.

Utility Company, Miles, Assessed, Valuations, Taxable, Valuations Allamakee-Clayton Electric COOP, 18,518, 3,574 Butler County REC, 6,001,576, 1,023,804 City of Fredericksburg - Transmissi

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE INTEREST OF JUVENILE NOS. JVVJ000904 JVVJ000905 A.H. and N.H., Children.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO: Cesar Herrera

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition in the above-entitled actions, which prays the children in interest, be found to be children in need of assistance. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is Charles Crain and whose address is 516 South Linn Avenue, PO Box 189, New Hampton, IA 50659.

You are further notified that an adjudicatory hearing to determine whether the children in interest are children in need of assistance as alleged in the Petition pursuant to Iowa Code 232.96 shall be held before the Juvenile Court on the 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 8th day of January 2024 in the Courtroom of the Chickasaw County Courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a parent, guardian or custodian in a child in need of assistance proceeding has the right to be represented by counsel at all hearings subsequent to the filing of a Petition. If you wish to privately retain counsel, you should immediately notify the attorney of these proceedings. If you desire representation but you cannot afford to hire an attorney, you should immediately contact the Clerk of the abovenamed Court and request from and file with the Clerk an Application for Appointment of Counsel and Financial Statement. If you are determined to be indigent, the Court may appoint counsel for you at minimal or no cost to you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that upon your request, the Clerk shall issue subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers at the adjudicatory hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the adjudicatory hearing may take

place without your presence if you fail to appear after reasonable notification. If you wish to state your views to the Court, you must appear in person or by attorney or the Court may rule against you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in the event the Court places a child in foster care, the child's parent or guardian may be liable for all or a portion of the cost of foster care. Foster care includes all outofhome placements except the State Training School at Eldora, the State Juvenile Home at Toledo, or the Mental Health Institute at Independence. The Iowa Department of Human Services will notify you of the amount of any recommended parental liability for the cost of foster care and there exists an administrative procedure if you object.

Note: The attorney who is expected to represent the child's parent should be promptly advised by the parent of service of this notice.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (319) 833-3332. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942). Disability Coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

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For court rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16.

If you are unable to proceed electronically, you must receive permission

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF

Margaret M. Shekleton, Deceased

CASE NO. ESPR003172, NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS,

AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Margaret M. Shekleton, Deceased, who died on or about November 28, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on December 6, 2023 the Last Will and Testament of Margaret M. Shekleton, deceased, bearing date of November 8, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Mary Beth Kamrath-Ovel and Patrice Shekleton Ross have been appointed 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 above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated December 8, 2023.

Executors of the Estate:

Mary Beth Kamrath-Ovel, 14 S. Locust Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659

Patrice Shekleton Ross, 1916 Con-tralto Ct., Vienna, VA 22182

Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004198

Attorney for Executors Kennedy & Kennedy 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406 New Hampton, IA50659

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF

CLETUS LEO LAURES, Deceased.

CASE NO. ESPR003176, NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR

AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Cletus Leo Laures, Deceased, who died on or about November 17, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on December 12, 2023, the last will and testament of Cletus Leo Laures, deceased, bearing date of March 19, 2007, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Tracy Geerts and Thomas Laures appointed 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.

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Dated December 12, 2023.

Tracy Geerts, Executor of estate Address: 603 E. Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659

Thomas Laures, Executor of estate Address: 4828 West 4th Street, Waterloo, Iowa 50701

Nathaniel W. Schwickerath, ICIS#: AT0007110 Attorney for executor Schwickerath P.C. 2069 170th Street New Hampton, Iowa 50659

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from the court to file in paper. Contact the clerk of court in the county where the petition was filed for more information on being excused from electronic filing.

Iowa Judicial Branch Case No. JVVJ000905 County Chickasaw Case Title Multi Case

You must file your Appearance and Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch eFile System, unless the attached Petition and Original Notice contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless the court has excused you from filing electronically (see Iowa Court Rule 16.302).

Register for the eFile System at www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile to file and view documents in your case and to receive notices from the court.

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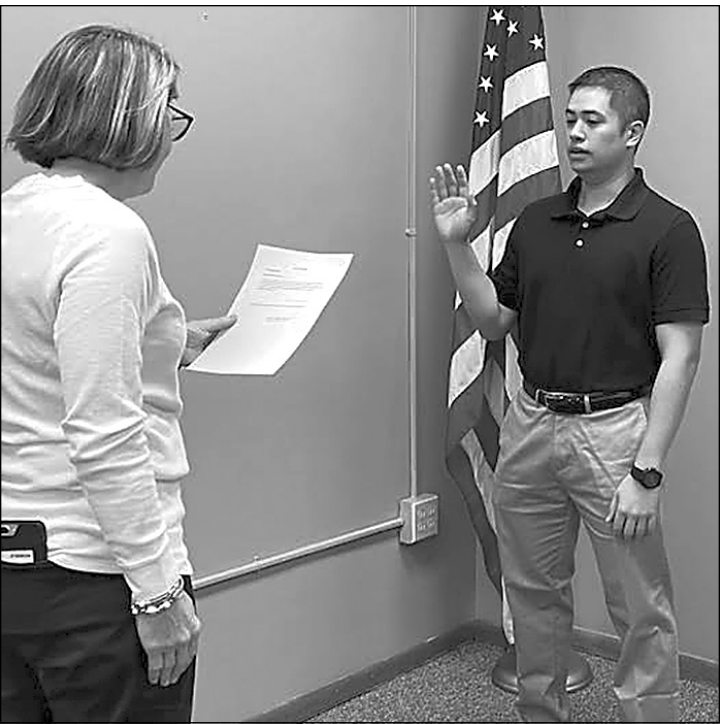


Photo courtesy of Karen Clemens

New police officer

New Hampton’s newest police officer, Cory Frank, takes the oath of office from City Clerk Karen Clemens recently. The City Council approved Frank’s hiring earlier this month, and he began work with the city this week. Frank will attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, starting Jan. 2.

Happy 90th Birthday JoAnn



Please help us celebrate JoAnn Paulus’ very special day with a birthday card shower. She will enjoy hearing from her friends and neighbors.

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Preschool class give Santa some good reading material

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in the B Section but on Page 1 — well, technically Page 8!

And when you’re done with these, check out the rest of the letters and our great advertisers who join us in wishing all of you a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa;

Hello my name is Leo Cook. I would like some hot wheels. I would like a remote control monster truck. I would like a toy train table with toy trains. I would like to give Ivy a barbie doll. I want to give Mommy a new watch. I want to give Dad a new watch. I will leave out some cookies and milk.

Thanks, Leo Cook

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, how are you? I would like a zombie truck, a toy zombie snake, and a toy baby yoda. For my mom I want a hair tie and earrings, pliers for my dad, a monster truck and dinosaur for my brother, a barbie doll for my sister, and a teether for my other sister. Bye Santa, I hope your reindeer are doing well.

Your friend, Kashton

Dear santa,

I will eat all of your cookies. I want a Buggy, a motorcycle and a motor control car for christmas. Santa, I want a go-cart for my mom and dad. Also I want a buggy for my sisters. I will leave milk and cookies.

Donny

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! I would like a mermaid, a barbie, and a pretty dollhouse. I would like a rattle for when my baby sister comes, a toy ambulance for my brother, and baby food for my cousin. Merry Christmas Santa!

Have a good christmas! Harper

Hello Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like a toy fish, toy dinosaurs, and a train set. For my family I would like a tree for my dad and for my mom an even bigger tree. Sissy wants fruit. I will leave you water for those cookies.

Huggy, Lenyx

Dear, Santa

Hello my name is Callan Shekleton. I would like a Grinch Funko Pop. I would like an alligator monster truck. I would like a Funko Pop Case. I want to give Abel a pokemon pack. I want to give Clara a new shirt. I want to give Mom a cool bracelet. I want to give Dad a white toy truck like his old one.

Santa does Rudolph like lettuce?

I will leave out some cookies and milk for you,

Thanks. Callan Shekleton

Dear Santa,

I would like to have your sleigh, I would also like a reindeer, one more thing I would like is a tank tractor. And I would like you to get a race car for my mom, and one thing I would like for my dad to get is a vanilla cake, and could my brother get a race car too. Can you bring me lots of presents from the North Pole and another race car for me please?

Thank you so much, Harrison

Dear Santa,

How is your day? I would like a Barbie



house, a baby doll, a daddy doll. My mom would like pajamas, my daddy would like clothing, my brother would like monster trucks, and my baby sister wants more clothing. I would like to ask if you can bring me your reindeers to my house?

Your friend, Ivy

Dear Santa,

Hey Santa, how are you! This is my Christmas list for this year! I would like to get for Christmas, juice, fuzzy socks, a Barbie doll, Cocomelon set, pink fake stars, new clothes, new shoes, nail set, slime kit, a new ipad, doctor kit. For my mom I would like you to get her a pink car, and for dad a black car. I would like for you to get my little brother a farm set. For me I want pink hearts, milk, doll house, lollipops, three unicorn toys, a small pink ball and that’s it. Santa, can you get me these gifts please? I’ve been a nice little girl this year and I feel like I did a good job in school.

Love, Jeslyn

Dear Santa,

I would like a pair of flip flops, a beach-ball, a toy computer, sun glasses, pink shoes, a toy kitchen, barbie phone, pants, elsa books, shirts, 10 pack of slime, sweater, stickers, rainbow skirt, a tv, a big chair, telephone, train table, water balloons, drawings, ten dresses, blocks, elsa sleeping bag, ten cups, a rainbow sleeping slide.

Your friend, Landrie

How are you doing santa,

I would like a karaoke machine and I would also like a toy chainsaw. I would also like a present for my little sister. I would like to get her a stuffed animal. I would like to get my parents a glass ball antique. Santa I have been wondering how you give all the kids presents? I would also like to say I hope you, and your reindeer, and the elves are doing great.

Love, Mason

Dear Santa,

I would like everything for christmas. Especially corn, toy cars, and numbers. For my mom I want a purple water bottle, a blue one for my dad, and everyone gets hot wheels. I also want a unicorn

for everyone. Santa, do you like my hot wheels? Thank you for giving me presents Santa.

Your friend, Jack

Dear Santa;

My name is Conrad! Hi, how are you doing? I hope you are doing well. For Christmas I would like a monster truck, dumptrucks, and an electric remote control car. For each of my family I would like my sisters to have some dolls and cars for the dolls. For my parents to have reading papers.

I hope I can get some of the presents I am asking for. I will leave some milk and cookies for you and some carrots for the reindeers.

By: Conrad

To: Santa

Dear Santa Clause,

I would like a St. Joseph shirt, a new bed, and a volleyball. I would like flowers for my mom, a motorcycle for my dad, a volleyball for Sophia, and a new rattle for Noah. What does your cup look like that you use at the North Pole? Thank you for giving us presents every year!! I’m gonna catch you!

From, Benjamin Shatek

Dear Santa,

What is your favorite kind of dog? I like purple dogs.

1) I want a purple dog.
2) I want puppy toys
3) I would like a puppies bed

Will you give my mom a puppy? Can you give dad a puppy?

Can you give my brother Ethan a puppy? Will you give my brother Coda a puppy? Can you give Ezra a puppy? Will you bring my puppies some toys?

How are your puppies doing?

Safe trip!

Love, Eliza

Dear Santa,

I would like a Santa Toy, a Remote Control Car, and a Mario Kart Car. My mom would like cars, my dad would like cars too! My brother would also like cars. Santa, do you have cars? Have a safe trip!

Jaxon

School Board OKs bus, dryer purchases

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

The New Hampton School Board agreed to spend \$123,400 on a new 65-seat bus during a relatively short meeting Monday evening.

Board members had discussed purchasing a bus during its November meeting, but they wanted more information and give a chance for others companies to submit bids.

But on Monday, board members agreed to purchase a 65-passenger diesel bus from School Bus Sales, which has sold New Hampton all of its buses in the past 12 years.

Superintendent Jay Jurrens told the board that “our bus mechanic feels strongly we stay

with our current bus company,” citing issues that ranged from software, spare parts and knowledge of Bluebird buses, and board members agreed, approving the motion unanimously.

Also on Monday, board members approved purchasing a new dryer for the high school. “Our old one is not repairable,” Jurrens said, “and the dryer here gets extensive use with athletic towels, middle school P.E. towels but is also used for kitchen and other related areas.”

The superintendent told board members that the district did reach out to local businesses, but they didn’t have a commercial dryers available so the School Board

agreed to purchase a new dryer for \$6,145 from RJ Kool Company of North Kansas City, Missouri.

Among the other items covered during the 35-minute meeting were:

- Board members agreed with a plan to have longtime New Hampton girls golf coach Eric Olson and Ryan Anderson to split the boys and girls golf coaching duties.

- The School Board gave its final OK to the combination welding registered apprenticeship program that members endorsed during its November meetings.

- Board members agreed to conduct Jurrens’ yearly evaluation at the end of its Jan. 15 meeting.

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Kelly Thronndson locks up with North Fayette Valley’s Alexis Oakland during a dual meet held last week in the old high school gymnasium.

NH/TV girls coach says break will be used to ‘sharpen skills’

NH/TV GIRLS: FROM 13

that qualified for the state meet last year, won by fall over Kierra Alexander of NFV in 1:24 at 190 pounds.

Raelen Manderfield, now 14-10, pinned N-P’s Emerson Franzen in just 35 seconds in the lone match versus the Huskies at 170.

Other records of Chickasaw wrestlers are as follows: Ella Knutson (130 pounds, 12-9), Brooklyn McShane (135 pounds, 8-9), Sophie Glaser (135 pounds, 17-9), Olivia Hoy (140 pounds, 5-12) and Keira Myers (140 pounds, 2-1).

The home triangular was the last match before winter break starts. That means the Chickasaws will have ample time to work on technique and build up conditioning in what Ciavarelli said will be tougher training sessions before NH/TV hits the mat again on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the Osage Invite.

“We just look at these next two weeks as a chance to get bodies healthy and kind of sharpen skills before we get back into competition,” said Ciavarelli. “After

that January rolls around it’s all looking forward to that regional tournament, just taking one tournament at a time until we get there.”

The state will release super regional site pairings this Friday. The regional state qualifying meets will take place on Friday, Jan. 26. The state tournament is held in Coralville on Feb. 1-2.

“We’re looking forward to finding out that information, then you can really kind of start diving in a little bit more of who you’re gonna have and things like that,” said Ciavarelli. “It’s pretty exciting.”

In the meantime, the Chickasaws will get back in the room and set their sights on a strong finish to the year when the calendar flips over to 2024.

“We’ll take advantage of these two weeks just to get a lot better at wrestling. It’s really a great time for that sort of stuff,” said Ciavarelli.

There will be two more opportunities for Chickasaw grappling fans to follow NH/TV girls wrestling action at home this win-

ter. NH/TV hosts a double dual versus Aplington-Parkersburg, Central Elkader, North Butler/Clarksville and Oelwein on Tuesday, Jan. 9. The Chickasaws also compete at home in an NEIC dual versus Waukon that week on Thursday.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 42, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 12

100 - Taelynn Bass (NHTV) pinned Macy Rose, 5:18. 110 - Brielle Starkweather (NFV) won by forfeit. 115 - Kiah Schultz (NFV) pinned Zoey Dreckman, 0:38. 130 - Ella Knutson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 135 - Sophie Glaser (NHTV) won by forfeit. 140 - Olivia Hoy (NHTV) won by forfeit. 155 - Kelly Thronndson (NHTV) pinned Alexis Oakland, 3:33.

170 - Raelen Manderfield (NHTV) won by forfeit. 190 - Aleah Eichenberger (NHTV) pinned Kierra Alexander, 1:24.

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 48, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 6

100 - Bass (NHTV) won by forfeit. 115 - Dreckman (NHTV) won by forfeit. 130 - Knutson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 135 - Glaser (NHTV) won by forfeit. 140 - Hoy (NHTV) won by forfeit. 155 - Thronndson (NHTV) won by forfeit. 170 - Manderfield (NHTV) pinned Emerson Franzen, 0:35.

190 - Eichenberger (NHTV) won by forfeit. 235 - Lamborn (NP) won by forfeit.

Trojans close 2023 with a key game at Postville

TV BOYS: FROM 13

That’s why it’s important to get a win over the Pirates (7-2, 4-2) so the Trojans can stay in the league race and gain momentum for next year.

Kee High (8-0) sits atop the UIC standings with perfect mark of 6-0. Then it’s North Fayette Valley (7-1, 5-1) in second and Postville in third. South Winneshiek (5-2, 3-2) is currently in fourth place and TV is tied with MFL-Mar-Mac (4-3, 2-3) for fifth place. Every one of those teams has defeated TV except Kee, whom the Trojans play for the first time this season on Friday, Jan. 5.

“Normally, there’s two or three teams fighting and then there’s a few more in the middle,” said Izer. “Kee has established themselves. I knew if somebody went undefeated this last week, whether it was South Winn, Kee, MFL, or anybody – they would step out. They looked the machine.”

Braylen Byrne, a 6-3 senior forward, scored a career-high 12 points against the Blue Devils. He hit two of TV’s 3-pointers and was 5-12 from the floor. He also snared six rebounds.

“Braylen had a nice game. He moved well,” said Izer. “It has to do more with the little things rather than just the points. I told him going into the week, hey, we need to get some things right here. We kind of got him right and got a smile on his face. We’ve got some confidence going and now we’ll see if we can do it two in a row.”

Oliver Schmitt, another

senior for Izer’s squad, led the Trojans in scoring (15 points).

TV led 21-9 after one quarter of play and 40-17 at intermission. The Trojans held the Blue Devils to just 12 second-half points and forced 24 turnovers.

“They’re really young. He’s playing a lot of freshmen,” said Izer. “We did what we had to do. I kind of told the boys, here’s what I think should happen and anything short of this is not good. We went out and did what I thought should happen.”

Trojan sophomore Logan Busta had a productive night with 10 points, six rebounds and six assists. J.D. Kruse scored nine points and ripped down nine rebounds. Caleb Kurtenbach mustered up eight points and came up with five steals.

TURKEY VALLEY 60, WEST CENTRAL 29

WC 9 8 6 6 - 29
TV 21 19 13 7 - 60

Caleb Kurtenbach 3-13 0-0 8, Russell Nieman 1-4 0-0 2, Logan Busta 5-9 0-0 10, Oliver Schmitt 6-15 3-5 15, Braylen Byrne 5-12 0-0 12, J.D. Kruse 4-9 1-2 9, Calen Franzen 0-0 0-0 0, Ethan Orvis 0-3 0-0 0, Caleb Langreck 0-1 0-0 0, Mitchell Kriener 1-2 0-1 2, Jonah Orvis 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Kriener 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 26-72 4-8 60.

3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 2-7, Nieman 0-2, Busta 0-1, Schmitt 0-3, Byrne 2-5, E. Orvis 0-1, J. Orvis 0-1.

Rebounds - Kruse 8, Byrne 6, Busta 6, Schmitt 5, Nieman 3, M. Kriener 3, Kurtenbach 1, E. Orvis 1, Langreck 1, J. Kriener 1.

Assists - Busta 6, Nieman 3, Kurtenbach 2, Schmitt 2, Langreck 1, J. Orvis 1.

Steals - Kurtenbach 5, Schmitt 3, Byrne 3, Kruse 2, Nieman 1.

Blocks - Byrne 1, Kruse 1.

After two games this week, Trojan girls will get a break

TV GIRLS: FROM 13

Turkey Valley is tied in the conference standings for fifth place with two other teams – Clayton Ridge (3-5, 2-4) and South Winneshiek (2-6, 2-4). Postville is 1-8 overall and a game ahead of cellar-dweller West Central.

The Trojans played at home versus Central Elkader (4-2, 4-2) on Tuesday and finish off the 2023 portion of the regular season schedule at Postville on Friday.

TV’s first game back after Christmas break is at No. 5 Riceville on Thursday, Jan. 4.

TURKEY VALLEY 55, WEST CENTRAL 15

WC 6 6 3 0 - 15
TV 14 12 20 9 - 55

Addison Steinlage 4-7 3-4 11,

Annika Bodensteiner 4-10 0-0 9, Layni Schuchhardt 3-11 0-2 6, Mariah Thronndson 3-13 2-6 9, Delaney Busta 5-8 3-6 13, Hazel Nieman 1-3 0-0 2, Jenna Thronndson 0-1 0-0 0, Ashlyn Busta 0-2 1-2 1, Emersyn Hoffer 1-1 0-0 2, Alexis Elsbernd 0-2 0-2 0, Isabella Stika 0-0 0-0 0, Haylee Hanson 1-8 0-2 2, Ellaney Bodensteiner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-66 9-24 55.

3-point field goals - Steinlage 0-1, A. Bodensteiner 1-5, M. Thronndson 1-6, J. Thronndson 0-1, Elsbernd 0-1.

Rebounds - Hanson 9, Schuchhardt 7, D. Busta 7, Steinlage 5, A. Bodensteiner 5, M. Thronndson 5, Hoffer 2, E. Bodensteiner 2, Elsbernd 1.

Assists - M. Thronndson 4, Steinlage 3, Hanson 3, A. Bodensteiner 2, Schuchhardt 1, Nieman 1, A. Busta 1.

Steals - Steinlage 4, Schuchhardt 3, M. Thronndson 2, A. Bodensteiner 1, D. Busta 1, Elsbernd 1, Hanson 1.

Blocks - Hanson 1, J. Thronndson 1.

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City of Alta Vista Council Meeting Monday, December 11, 2023

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Dean White, Rick Heying, Adam Roethler, and Amy Laures in the Alta Vista City Hall. Samantha Slick was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Crooks.

Agenda was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by White to approve the agenda. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

November 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Roethler made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the November 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

Visitor concerns were discussed. Barb McAvoy was present to explain why she campaigned for Burt Ostert to be Mayor as he doesn’t know many people in town and would be unbiased. Barb also feels there needs to be a change in the City. Burt Ostert was present and stated he was not satisfied with the ruling of the vicious dog. Burt read off the police report that the Council never saw or heard. The report stated that Officer Blaess responded to the call and spoke with both Burt Ostert and the Heying’s. The report stated that the Heying’s agreed to do the 10-day quarantine of their dog as the rabies shots were not current. Heying’s were also fined for not having current shots at the time. Burt questioned why the Council rescinded the letter to remove Heying’s dog from City limits when the police report stated it was Heying’s dog. Council stated they made the decision after Heying’s had images of other black dogs in the yard and hearing from neighbors of the Heying’s at the last meeting. Chris and Larina were present also and provided more images of other dogs in their yard since the November meeting. Mayor Crooks stated that we have to move on as this was decided on the last meeting and no voting can be done as it was not on the agenda.

Fire Department was discussed. Library was discussed.

Municipal infractions were discussed. Council discussed registering dogs in town and that any dogs that are loose in town, the owners would be subject to a fine. Clerk will contact Waverly for a dog registry ordinance. Council also discussed fines for vehicles on street during snow removal. Clerk will contact other cities for similar ordinances.

Ordinance book codification was discussed. For 10 updated binders of the Ordinances, it will cost \$3,700.00. Council

Week of Dec. 17 1948 (75 years ago)

- Kiddies-Don’t forget the free show at Firemen’s Theater in New Hampton on Monday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. Free candy will be handed out after the show. Santa Claus will also be on the streets on the nights of Dec. 20, 21, 22 and 23rd to interview the children.
- The stores will remain open until 9 p.m., for the convenience of shoppers.
- The new lighting system for night baseball and football at East Park has been completed. Nine seventy-five foot poles have been erected and each is equipped with 1500 watt bulbs. The poles were dug down nine feet.
- This will make the entire playing field as light as day. The entire cost of the project was \$10,000. Earl Lampson said a good baseball season is being looked forward to and several night games will be played each week.
- 1973 (50 years ago)**
- It was a jubilant New Hampton basketball team that whooped it up in the locker room following Friday nite activities in the Tribe gym. The Chickasaws had just defeated a team they weren’t suppose to beat, Charles City, and they did it by coming from behind.
- The Chickasaws were down by as much as 10 points early in the action and by 9 well in to the third stanza, they went in front for the first time on the last basket of the same period and then tucked the win away in the fourth.
- The defeat brought a piece of first place in the loop standings for the Big Red, the won 2, lost one mark being the same as that of Decorah and Waverly. Keith Weigel’s 20 points, 14 in the second half, were good for the game high.
- Donna Schindelar of rural Waucoma will begin her work as secretary in the office of the Chickasaw County Superintendent of Schools on Dec. 27. She will replace Mrs. Calvin Harris, who has been employed there for five years. Miss Schindelar has been employed by the New Hampton Newspapers for the past several months.
- 1998 (25 years ago)**
- Farmers Coop has purchased land for the future building of a new, modern Cenex Convenience store. Plans at this time are to have the store operational by the fall of 1999.
- The store will be for local customers and for customers who get off the new Highway 63 bypass, Highway 18 and Highway 24 intersection. The store will have Cenex Fuel pumps for car and truck traffic. A car and possibly a truck wash will be built at the same time.
- Nancy Wegner will be honored on Monday, Dec. 21, at First National Bank. She will be retiring after 34 years with the bank where she is currently cashier. Nancy began working at the bank on Nov. 12, 1957. Francis Kennedy was president. She left the bank in 1961 to raise her family and returned in 1968.
- During the years she worked for two other presidents, Merrill Shaw and Ron Diddy. Her career was most noteworthy as she was on duty the day the bank was robbed. Nancy has seen many changes over the years. Retirement will mean visiting her four children and their families with her husband, Leon, working in her church, St. Mary’s and golfing.
- 2013 (10 years ago)**
- The Carnegie Cultural Center will be hosting an author event for Courtney McDermott on Sunday, Dec. 22. After graduating from New Hampton in 2002, Courtney earned a degree in English from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She then went on to earn a master’s degree in creative writing from Notre Dame. After returning from the southern Africa country of Lesotho, where she served in the Peace Corps, McDermott taught English at Tufts University.
- Currently she is working at Harvard in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Her book, “How They Spend Their Sundays,” a collection of short stories, was inspired by Courtney’s experience in Lesotho.
- The New Hampton wrestling team had a hectic weekend with eight meets in less than 24 hours. The Chickasaws started the weekend at Oelwein, where they defeated the Huskies 44-27, but lost close meets to Decorah, 37-36 and North Fayette, 36-30. On Saturday, the Chickasaws headed to Dubuque, a predominately

3A tournament. New Hampton won over Maquoketa Valley, 55-24, but lost to Epworth Western Dubuque, Williamsburg, Cedar Falls and Sioux City East.

This weekend the Chickasaws will be on the road again at the Battle of Waterloo.

2018 (5 years ago)

- John Bear handed his paper in at the end of last month when he retired from the New Hampton Fire Department after more than 30 years of service. Bear, a longtime New Hampton Community Schools’ custodian, joined the department in 1989 and has gone on more than 1,200 calls.
- While Bear won’t miss being awakened in the middle of the night, he will miss his fellow firefighters.
- A Cedar Rapids man has joined the Carnegie Cultural Center as a model train and electronics consultant for a year, thanks to a gift from the United Way.
- Darren Ferreter, owner of a company called Model Railroad Dreams, will work on maintaining several permanent displays and other electronic displays at the center.

will go through Ordinance book to see what ordinance need to be amended before codifying the Ordinance book.

S White Avenue and W Weber Street project was discussed.

Resolution 2023-12-11 to transfer \$5,184.00 from the LOST account to the Road Use fund in the General Account for the preliminary design plan performed by Erdman Engineering for the S White Avenue and W Weber Street project was read. Laures made the motion, seconded by White to approve Resolution 2023-12-11. Roll call vote. Ayes: Laures, White, Heying, Roethler. Nays: None. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

Open sealed bids for pickup bed/box was discussed. No bids were submitted. Bids will now be due by 4:00 pm on January 8, 2024 to City Hall. Bids will be opened at the January 8, 2024 council meeting at 6:00 pm.

Nuisance properties were discussed. Council would like the owners at 302 S White Ave to be present at the January meeting.

Potential property sale was discussed. Attorney Nate Schwickerath stated he needs more time to get everything ready for the public notice to sell the property. Council would like lot to be listed and bids returned by 4:00 pm on January 8, 2024 to City Hall with the \$3,500.00 minimum reserve and buyer paying for half of the survey, and also allowing all parties to increase their bids at the January Council meeting. Bids will be opened at the January 8, 2024 council meeting at 6:00 pm.

Grants were discussed. Budget was discussed. Delinquents were discussed. Water was discussed. Sewer was discussed. Streets were discussed. Sanitation was discussed. Parks were discussed. Municipal Hall was discussed.

Electric was discussed. Financial reports were not present due to ClerkBooks not being fully setup. No new applications for the Treasurer position since November’s meeting. City will continue to advertise for a treasurer.

Disbursements were discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the disbursements. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Roethler. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

November Disbursements

Check, To Whom.....	Amt, Purpose
3859, Amy Laures.....	\$19.13, Mileage
3860, AV Express.....	\$434.44, Fuel
3861, AV Shopper.....	\$112.50, Advertisements
3862, Bruening Rock Products	\$129.23, Road Rock
3863, Iowa Rural Water Association.....	\$305.00, Membership Dues

3864, Iowa Utilities Board.....	\$54.00, Assessment
3865, Jendro Sanitation.....	\$1,464.46, Garbage Pick Up
3866, John Deere Financial.....	\$6.58, Electrical Tape
3867, Leisure Time .	\$30.77, Shipments
3868, New Hampton Tribune .	\$290.49, Publications
3869, O’Brien Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling.....	\$191.25, Labor for Water Heater
3870, Postmaster.....	\$285.00, Postage
3871, Schwickerath PC.....	\$21.00, Legal Services
3872, Stanton Electric LLC	\$392.60, Outage
3873, 24/ Homes LLC	\$240.00, Library Window- Board Up
3874, Microbac .	\$36.25, CBOD, Solids
ACH1101, Wellmark ...	\$713.30, Health Insurance Premium- November
ACH1102, Buchholtz, Dale W\$1,153.36	10/15-10/28
ACH1102, Holthaus, Jarrett....	\$486.00, 10/15-10/28
ACH1106, Windstream.....	\$212.59, Telephone/Internet
ACH1107, Alliant Energy .	\$11,182.07, Electric Purchase
ACH1113, City of Alta Vista..	\$170.89, Utilities
ACH1113, Holthaus, Jarrett.....	\$4.35, Certified Mail
ACH1109, IPERS	\$1,039.87, Withholdings
ACH1109, US Treasury	\$1,696.54, Withholdings
ACH1113, State of IA.....	\$175.81, WET Tax
ACH1113, State of IA.....	\$281.80, Sales Tax
ACH1116, Buchholtz, Dale W	\$1,153.36, 10/29-11/11
ACH1116, Holthaus, Jarrett....	\$486.00, 10/29-11/11
ACH1130, Buchholtz, Dale W	\$1,153.36, 11/12-11/25
ACH1130, Holthaus, Jarrett....	\$564.99, 11/12-11/25
ACH1130, Kevin Crooks....	\$92.35, 10/9 Meeting
ACH1130, Rick Heying....	\$46.17, 10/9 Meeting
ACH1130, Amy Laures	\$46.12, 10/9 Meeting
ACH1130, Adam Roethler	\$43.02, 10/9 Meeting
ACH1130, Dean White.....	\$46.17, 10/9 Meeting
ACH1130, Samantha Slick	\$46.17, 10/9 Meeting
.....	\$24,806.99
Library Account	
ACH1102, Flatjord, Christina .	\$341.58, 10/15-10/28
ACH1102, Taylor-Griffen, Crystal.....	\$146.75, 10/15-10/28
ACH1102, Patricia Halvorson	\$6.00, Wages

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Chickasaw girls drop pair in NEIC

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Late in the second quarter of Friday's game with Decorah, New Hampton girls basketball coach David Leichtman looked up at the scoreboard and liked what he saw.

Sure, the Vikings were up by eight points, but then again, Decorah is ranked in Class 4A while the Class 3A Chickasaws have been trying to find footing with a relatively young and inexperienced team.

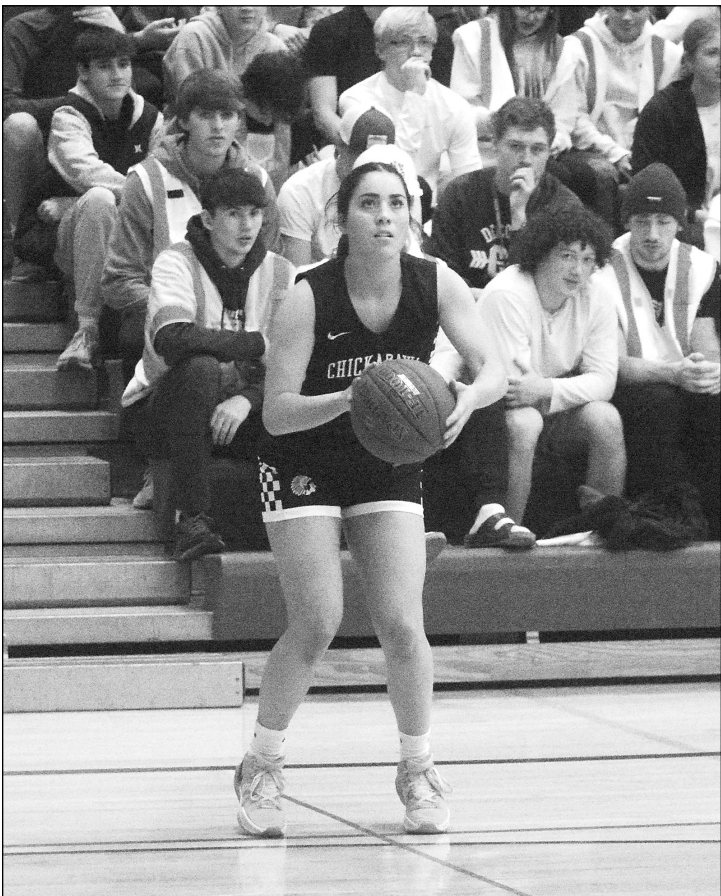
"I think both games last week, we saw the potential this team has," Leichtman said. "Obviously, we want to win, but everyone is bought in and honestly, our focus is on knocking down shots. If we do that, I think we're going to be pretty solid."

But cold shooting again hampered the Chickasaws in two Northeast Iowa Conference games last week. New Hampton hit just 12 of 59 shots (20.3 percent) in a 59-35 loss to Waukon last Tuesday and just 14 of 48 shots (29.2 percent) in an 80-39 loss to Decorah.

New Hampton's coach, though, said for the most part the Chickasaws got the shots they wanted.

"No team is perfect, but we are taking good shots," he said. "We just can't get them to fall right now."

The two losses dropped New Hampton to 0-3 in Northeast Iowa Conference play, but New Hampton will look to break



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Taylor Ries spots up before taking a 3-point shot in Friday's game at Decorah.

into the league win column on Friday when it hosts 1-7 Charles City in its final game before the Christmas break.

Against Waukon last week, New Hampton hung relatively close with the Indians, but Waukon pulled away with an 18-5 spurt in the fourth quarter. Ava Leithman had 11 points

while Molly Wegner chipped in with 10.

Three nights later, New Hampton ran into a deep and talented Decorah team but trailed just 27-19 late in the second quarter before the Vikings closed the half with a 12-0 run.

"They're a really good team, but we didn't back down,"

Free throws prove critical in Turkey Valley-New Hampton rivalry game

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that every year, where you have officials from different areas who call things differently than you're used to," Leichtman said. "This was a good gut check for us. We pulled [freshman] Sydney Laures into the game, and she grabbed two big rebounds, two important rebounds, for us. That's what you have to have in a game like that."

Ava Leichtman led the Chickasaws with 17 points while Ries and Molly Wegner added 13 apiece, and Megan Pickar finished with eight points.

"Megan's just one of those players who you know is going to work hard and end up in the right place at the right time," Leichtman said. "She gave us a real shot in the arm."

Turkey Valley, meanwhile, had just one player in double

figure as Mariah Thronkson finished with 13 points, but both Addison Steinlage and Annika Bodensteiner finished with nine points.

But while New Hampton was 21-for-33 at the charity stripe, the Trojans made just half of their free throws.

"We need to take advantage of our opportunities at the free-throw line," Hoffert said after his team fell to 2-5.

New Hampton also pulled off what has been a rarity this year as the Chickasaws outbounded Turkey Valley 36-30. Jordan Thronkson led New Hampton with seven rebounds while Jackie Pickar grabbed six boards.

"I think both defense and rebounding were key," Leichtman said. "That and getting to the free-throw line — we emphasize that has to be a big part of our game — helped us

get this win."

If there was any bad news for the Chickasaws, it was this: New Hampton's schedule doesn't include any more Saturday games.

"If we get snowed out, though," Leichtman said with a laugh, "I'll suggest we make it up on a Saturday."

NEW HAMPTON 64, TURKEY VALLEY 56				
NH	21	18	9	16 - 64
TV	17	13	13	13 - 56
NEW HAMPTON STATS				
Megan Pickar 2-3 4-4 8, Taylor Ries 4-7 5-7 13, Molly Wegner 4-10 3-6 13, Jackie Pickar 1-4 0-0 2, Cora Schwickerath 2-3 1-2 6, Ava Leichtman 4-17 8-14 17, Sydney Laures 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Thronkson 0-0 0-0 0, Chloe Weigel 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 19-46 21-33 64.				
3-point field goals - Wegner 2-5, Weigel 1-1, Schwickerath 1-2, Leichtman 1-5, Ries 0-2.				
Rebounds - Thronkson 7, J. Pickar 6, Leichtman 5, Weigel 4, Schwickerath 4, M. Pickar 4, Ries 2, Wegner 2, Laures 2.				



Landon Marr follows through on his shot during a meet earlier this season. Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton bowlers enjoy record day at Grundy Center

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But Macon's 247 was just one of the marquee highlights of the trip over to Grundy Center. Macon rolled a 417 series, but he would be outdone by junior Jamison Porath. The left-hander was the top Chickasaw scorer with a high series of 438 — which included a high game of 228. That high game total was tied by NH junior Landon Marr. Marr's high game of 228 went a long way towards his series total of 413.

"I think as far as score-wise, it was a very good bounce back," said Aries. "They picked up more spares and threw some more strikes, so that did help considerably."

The previous record for high series at NH was held by Marr, who rolled a 423.

The other records broken by the Chickasaws on Thursday were final team score (2,895), team score before baker round (1,957) and baker round total (938). The Chickasaws tied the all-time high baker game against Grundy Center with a 216.

Kody Kleen, another junior for New Hampton, tallied a 371 series and sophomore Chase Gebel finished with a 318. Jaxson Porath, a sophomore, racked up a total of 290.

"I'm happy about how they bowled. They bowled very well. The score reflected it," said

Aries. "They had one down game in bakers that I was a little disappointed on that one, just for the simple fact all the spares we missed."

The Chickasaws trailed Grundy Center by 27 pins — 1,984 to 1,957 — headed into the final baker round. There, the Spartans came up with a remarkable tally of 269 in one baker game.

"I can't really complain too much because the other team shot 269 in that game," said Aries. "It did make it a little difficult to try to make up in two games about 150 pins or so."

Grundy Center also defeated New Hampton in the season opener two week ago at Bowlaway lanes by just eight pins - 2,626 to 2,618.

The girls meet was cancelled at Grundy Center. Tuesday's home meet on the girls side was also cancelled. The boys rolled against North Fayette Valley at home on Tuesday.

Tuesday night's meet versus the TigerHawks was the last meet for the Chickasaws before winter break. The first meet in 2024 will be at Oelwein on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Viper Lanes.

GRUNDY CENTER 2,959, NEW HAMPTON BOYS 2,895	
Medalist - Michael Lang, Grundy Center 447.	
New Hampton scores - Jamison Porath 438, Gabe Macon 417, Landon Marr 413, Kody Kleen 371, Chase Gebel 318, Jaxson Porath 290.	

Leichtman said. "Look, I can't argue with the effort our girls have given us. They play hard, no matter what the score is."

Cora Schwickerath led the Chickasaws with 12 points and four rebounds while Taylor Ries added 10 points and Wegner grabbed six rebounds.

WAUKON 59, NEW HAMPTON 35				
Waukon	13	17	11	18 - 59
NH	11	9	10	5 - 35
Megan Pickar 1-4 0-0 2, Taylor Ries 2-10 4-5 8, Molly Wegner 4-11 0-0 10, Jackie Pickar 1-3 0-0 2, Cora Schwickerath 1-5 0-0 2, Tegan Dungey 0-0 0-0 0, Ava Leichtman 3-20 4-4 11, Kayme Hackman 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Thronkson 0-1 0-0 0, Chloe Weigel 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 12-59 8-9 35.				
3-point field goals - Wegner 2-7, Leichtman 1-9, M. Pickar 0-1, Hackman 0-1, Ries 0-2, Weigel 0-2.				
Rebounds - Ries 4, J. Pickar 4, Schwickerath 4, Thronkson 4, Leichtman 2, Wegner 1, M. Pickar 1.				
Assists - Ries 2, Wegner 2, Schwickerath 1.				
Steals - Wegner 4, Leichtman 2, Ries 2, M. Pickar 1, J. Pickar 1, Schwickerath 1.				
Blocks - Ries 1, Schwickerath 1.				
DECORAH 80, NEW HAMPTON 39				
NH	6	13	12	8 - 39
Dec	14	25	22	19 - 80
M. Pickar 0-1 0-0 0, Ries 4-9 1-2 10, Wegner 2-10 2-2 6, J. Pickar 0-3 0-0 0, Schwickerath 5-9 0-0 12, Leichtman 2-12 3-6 9, Thronkson 0-1 0-0 0, Weigel 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 14-48 6-10 39.				
3-point field goals - Schwickerath 2-3, Leichtman 2-6, Ries 1-2, Thronkson 0-1, J. Pickar 0-2, Weigel 0-2.				
Rebounds - Wegner 6, Leichtman 5, Schwickerath 4, Weigel 3, Ries 2, J. Pickar 2, M. Pickar 1, J. Pickar 1, Weigel 1.				
Steals - Ries 2, Leichtman 1.				
Blocks - Leichtman 1.				

Assists - Ries 2, Wegner 1, J. Pickar 1, Schwickerath 1, Leichtman 1, Thronkson 1.

Steals - Ries 5, Wegner 2, Leichtman 2, Schwickerath 1, Laures 1, Thronkson 1.

Blocks - Leichtman 1.

Addison	Steinlage	2-12	5-9
9, Annika Bodensteiner	3-8	2-4	9,
Layni Schuchhardt	1-3	2-4	4, Mariah
Thronkson	5-13	2-3	13, Delaney
Busta	0-3	0-0	0, Hazel Nieman
0-0	1-2	1, Jenna Thronkson	0-0
0-0	0, Ashlyn Busta	0-1	0-0
0, Alexis	Elsbernd	1-2	0-0
2, Isabella Stika	2-8	1-4	5,
Haylee Hanson	3-5	7-14	13.
Totals 17-55 20-40 56.			

3-point field goals - Bodensteiner 1-5, M. Thronkson 1-6, Stika 0-2, Schuchhardt 0-2, Steinlage 0-3.

Rebounds - Steinlage 7, Bodensteiner 5, Stika 4, Hanson 4, Schuchhardt 3, Busta 3, Elsbernd 2, J. Thronkson 1, M. Thronkson 1.

Assists - M. Thronkson 4, Steinlage 3, Schuchhardt 2, Bodensteiner 1, Busta 1, Stika 1.

Steals - Steinlage 2, Schuchhardt 1, M. Thronkson 1, Elsbernd 1.

Blocks - Bodensteiner 3.



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New Hampton's Ben Gilbert (2) and Caden Rochford work to put the clamps on Decorah's Zach Driscoll during Friday's Northeast Iowa Conference game.

Effort is there but wins are not for New Hampton boys

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When the season started, New Hampton boys basketball coach Ryan Rausch knew navigating the Northeast Iowa Conference portion of the schedule was not going to be easy.

He wasn't wrong.

The Chickasaws endured a tough week in the NEIC as Waukon used the "even quarters" to blow out New Hampton 64-43 on Tuesday and Decorah, ranked No. 1 in Class 3A, rolled to a 109-44 victory on Friday.

"The effort is there, the work ethic is there, but right now, we need two things — to get healthy and to find some confidence," Rausch said after his team fell to 0-3 in league play. "It's been two weeks since we've had everyone at practice. We've got strep throat, viruses, you name it, we have it."

Against Waukon, the Chickasaws trailed just 16-15 after a quarter, but the Indians used a 22-4 second frame to take a 38-19 lead. New Hampton responded, outscoring the Indians 20-8 to pull within 46-39.

"Give our guys credit, they clawed back into the game," Rausch said, "and the way we played that quarter, I felt like we had a decent shot of getting a W. But right now, we're not confident enough."

"We've got to find guys who can make shots. They do it every day in practice but when it comes to games, it's been tough."

And the fourth quarter belonged to Waukon as the Indians closed the game with an 18-4 run, meaning in the second and fourth frames, Waukon outscored New Hampton 40-8.

Cael Laures led the Chickasaws with 11 points and eight rebounds while Ben Gilbert had 10 points and Adam Ewert finished with eight points, six rebounds and three assists.

Three nights later, the Chickasaws traveled to Decorah and ran into a proverbial buzzsaw, a Vikings' team that came into the game with a 6-0 record.

Decorah couldn't miss, and New Hampton couldn't make as the Vikings finished the game with a shooting percentage of 72.6 percent. The Vikings made 45 of 62 shots from the field and went 15-for-21 from 3-point

range, while New Hampton made just 14 of 48 shots (29.2 percent).

Rausch was not pleased with the fact that Decorah's starters played into the fourth quarter and that Trey McCain, who had 18 points and 15 assists, went back into the contest in the final minutes.

But he found some positives as Nick Brincks finished with 13 points while Laures and Caden Rochford scored nine points apiece.

"Nick was sicker than a dog, but he played and he played well — really well," Rausch said. "Caden stepped up and hit some nice 3s and again, I won't fault our effort. The kids are working hard, but obviously, we just need a win to get going. This team, I still think, can be really solid, but we have to make shots, we have to have confidence."

WAUKON 64, NEW HAMPTON 43				
Waukon	16	22	8	18 - 64
NH	15	4	20	4 - 43
Ben Gilbert 3-8 4-6 10, Adam Ewert 2-7 3-5 8, Nick Brincks 2-2 0-0 5, Cael Laures 5-12 1-1 11, Reid Rausch 1-6 0-0 2, Jake Schwickerath 0-0 0-0 0, Carter Newbrough 0-1 0-0 0, Caden Rochford 2-5 1-1 7, Ryan Willadsen 0-1 0-0 0, Dylon Schmitt 0-1 0-0 0, Jacob McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Braxton Bundy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-43 9-13 43.				
3-point field goals - Rochford 2-3, Brincks 1-1, Ewert 1-4, Gilbert 0-1, Newbrough 0-1, Schmitt 0-1, Laures 0-2, Rausch 0-3.				
Rebounds - Laures 8, Ewert 6, Gilbert 2, Brincks 2, Rausch 2, Newbrough 1, Rochford 1, Willadsen 1.				
Assists - Ewert 3, Gilbert 2, Rausch 2, Brincks 1, Laures 1, Rochford 1.				
Blocks - Brincks 1, Laures 1, Willadsen 1.				

DECORAH 109, NEW HAMPTON 44				
NH	8	7	21	8 - 44
Dec	29	31	22	27 - 109
Gilbert 2-3 1-1 6, Ewert 0-3 0-0 0, Brincks 4-8 4-4 13, Laures 3-16 1-2 9, Rausch 0-3 0-0 0, Schwickerath 1-5 0-1 2, Newbrough 1-3 0-0 3, Rochford 3-7 0-0 9, Ramon Conde 0-0 0-0 0, Willadsen 0-0 0-0 0, Schmitt 0-0 0-0 0, McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Bundy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 14-48 8-14 44.				
3-point field goals - Rochford 3-7, Laures 2-6, Gilbert 1-1, Newbrough 1-2, Brincks 1-3, Rausch 0-2, Ewert 0-3, Schwickerath 0-3.				
Rebounds - Gilbert 3, Schmitt 2, Ewert 2, Brincks 2, Laures 1, Rochford 1.				
Assists - Ewert 5, Rausch 2, Gilbert 1, Laures 1, Schwickerath 1, Rochford 1.				
Steals - Gilbert 1, Ewert 1.				
Blocks - Laures 3.				

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 10 Dec. 11

	W	L
HereZ 2 U	54	36
Brite Spot	51	39
Bowlaway Lanes	49	41
Big Willie's	49	41
Rascals	48	42
Dak's Tap 1	45	45
Butch's 1	45	45
Butch's 2	45	45
VFW	43	47
Dak's Tap 2	43	47
Hide-A-Way	36	54
The Office	32	58

RESULTS

Big Willie's 6, Dak's Tap 1 3	
Brite Spot 5, Rascals 4	
HereZ 2 U 6, Dak's Tap 2 3	
Butch's 2 5, Butch's 1 4	
Hide-A-Way 5, The Office 4	
Bowlaway Lanes 6, VFW 3	
THREE-GAME WINNERS	
Bowlaway Lanes: Mitch & Jeremy	
Big Willie's: Les & Danny	
Hide-A-Way: Tim & Jim L.	
TABLE RUN	
VFW: Brad	

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 8 Dec. 13

	W	L	GB
Butch's II	36	27	0
Butch's I	35	37	1
Bowlaway	33	30	3
Dak's Tap I	33	30	3
Dak's Tap II	33	30	3
Hide A Way	32	31	4
Schucky's	31	32	5
Big Willie's	28	35	8
The Office	27	36	9

RESULTS

Hide A Way 7, Butch's I 2	
Dak's Tap II 5, Big Willie's 4	
Dak's Tap I 8, Bowlaway Lanes 1	
Butch's II 9, The Office 0	
Schucky's - Bye Week	
THREE-GAME WINNERS	
Hide A Way - Candy	
Schoba & Helen Geerts	
Dak's Tap II - Leslie Noehl & Cathy Knutson	
Dak's Tap I - Irene	
Frantzen & Jean Wiemann	
Dak's Tap I - Sheila	
Schwickerath & Pat Halvorson	

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THURSDAY

New Hampton basketball at Kee High, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 4:45, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Turkey Valley basketball at Postville, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.
New Hampton basketball vs. Charles City, girls JV at 4:15 p.m., boys JV at 5,

varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2

NH/TV girls wrestling at Osage tournament, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

Turkey Valley boys basketball at Riceville, JV at 6 p.m., varsity to follow
New Hampton girls basketball vs. Clarksville, JV at 6:15, varsity at 7 p.m.

NH/TV girls, JV and varsity boys wrestling at Crestwood, 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

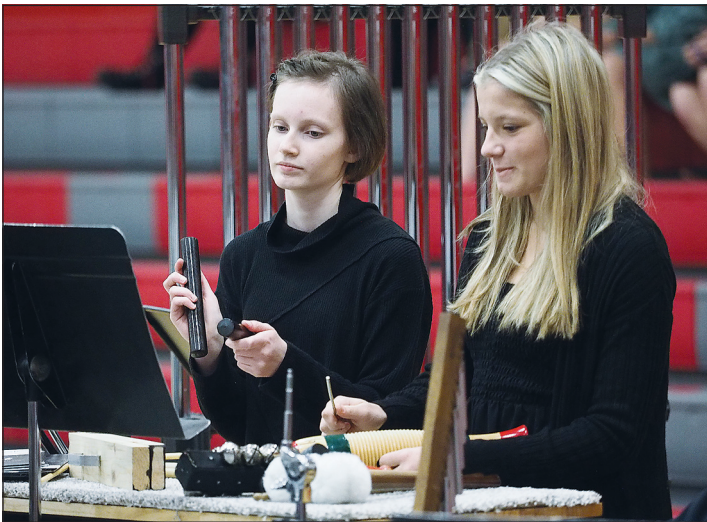
Turkey Valley basketball at Kee High, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.
New Hampton basketball at Crestwood, girls JV at 4:15 p.m., boys JV at 5:30, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.



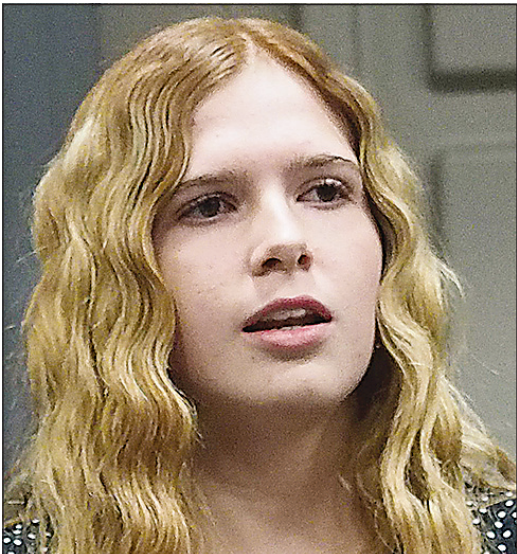
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Turkey Valley Junior High Choir members (left) Eder Hernandez, Jacob Hanson and Brady Gruenberg perform at the school's Winter Music Concert that was held last week and ended with audience members (above) joining the choir for the singing of "Hallelujah Chorus."

Turkey Valley celebrates its musicians



Percussionists Bree Balk and Hazel Nieman (left) play with the High School Band, the Junior High Band (above) performs a song and Choir Director Alex Gisleson (right) shares a light moment with Emma Brincks before choir members take to the risers.



Alexis Gruenberg (left) sings with the Junior High Choir, Kanin Drilling (above left) plays the flute and Raelen Manderfield plays the saxophone with the High School Band and Bode Balk (right) performs a solo with the Jazz Band.



Chickasaws end gauntlet with second-place bracket finish at the Battle of Waterloo

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nights later, the Chickasaws jumped out to a 30-0 lead and cruised past Charles City 62-12. "We had a lot of good matches Tuesday, and I liked the way we took care of business against Charles City," Paulus said, "and we asked our guys to give us two more days at the Battle and they did that."

NH/TV roared out of the gate Friday as the Chickasaws — with pins from Burke Busta, Karson Kolbet, Leander Reicks and Ethan Swehla — jumped out to a 30-6 lead on their way to a 45-30 victory over Cedar Falls.

That set up a bracket semi-final dual with Class 3A dual with Cedar Rapids, and once again, NH/TV built an early advantage as Kolbet, Reicks, Swehla, Braden McShane and heavyweight Gatlin McCumber recorded pins to give the Chickasaws a 30-6 lead. After Prairie cut the lead to 30-18, Landon Bruess picked up a major decision at 120 and Braiden Schaufenbuel came up with a third-period pin at 126 to push the Chickasaws' advantage to 40-18. The Hawks, though, recorded three pins and a technical fall in the final four matches to escape with a one-point victory and knock NH/TV into the opening-day bracket's third-place dual.

"We had a long talk about bonus points and how some-times, even if we know it's going to be tough to get a win," Paulus said, "we need to find ways to fight and stay off our backs. It was a good lesson for our guys." A 40-31 loss to Ankeny in Friday's final dual sent NH/TV to Saturday's "fourth-place bracket" and Paulus liked what he saw in the final 2023 action for his Chickasaws.

NH/TV got a pin from Kolbet at 165 to seal a 36-29 victory over Norwalk and then got key victories from Bruess, Schaufenbuel and Jayden Bucknell to beat Wapsie Valley 40-33. In that dual, the Chickasaws trailed 33-31 heading into the two final matches but Kolbet came up with a 5-2



John Burbridge/Charles City Press

New Hampton/Turkey Valley 175-pounder Leander Reicks works to control Charles City's Austin Painter. Reicks pinned Painter midway through the second period during the Chickasaws' win over the Comets last week.

decision while Leander Reicks clinched the win with a second-period pin.

"Those are two ranked teams, and I think those were two big, key, wins for us," Paulus said. "I'll tell you this much, wins like that are going to help us — or at least I'd really like to believe it — when it comes time for regional duals."

But the run at a bracket title ended when Independence used a run in which it won eight of nine matches to top NH/TV 38-25.

Paulus, though, was still pleased with his team.

"We got a lot of matches the last couple of weeks, and we got a lot better, too," he said. "That's what December is supposed to be about. We know we don't want to be at our best at this time of the year. Instead, you want to see improvement, you want to see hard work, you want to see them grind. And they did all three."

Once again, NH/TV was led by its upper weights, with one exception. From 165 to 285, the Chickasaws are fearsome as Kolbet, Reicks, Swehla, McShane and McCumber combined to go 27-3. Throw in Bruess, who went 5-1, and the six seniors combined to pick

up 32 of NH/TV's 42 wins in Waterloo.

"Obviously, the strength of this team is our big guys," Paulus said, "and Landon had a nice tournament, too. But our other guys are coming. I'm excited for 2024."

NH/TV 52,

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 24

132: Jaxson Lundgren (NFV) pinned Braiden Schaufenbuel, 3:53. 138: Tate Germann (NFV) pinned Mason Nelson, 3:13. 144: Jayden Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Logan Boehm, 7:14. 150: Ethan Praska (NHTV) pinned Ryan Griffith, 0:24. 157: Burke Busta (NHTV) pinned Isaac Hernandez, 1:06. 165: Karson Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Emmanuel Hernandez, 0:50. 175: Leander Reicks (NHTV) maj. dec. Kenny Kerr, 10-0.

190: Ethan Swehla (NHTV) dec. Malachi Rothlisberger, 3-0. 215: Olandreon Saunders (NHTV) pinned Alex Wolfs, 0:37. 285: Braden McShane (NHTV) pinned Layne Kleppe, 0:18. 106: Henry Bechthold (NFV) pinned Quinlan Mahoney, 0:18. 113: Ty Moudry (NHTV) won by forfeit. 120: Landon Bruess (NHTV) dec. Kyson Moss, 5-2. 126: Blake Sparrgrove (NFV) pinned Cargin Robinson, 0:47.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 39, NH/TV 34

144 - Devon Griffin (NP) pinned Tate Schwickerath, 5:40. 150 - Devon Blanchard (NP) dec. Praska, 6-4. 157 - Aiden Gelnor (NP) dec. Busta, 9-3. 165 - Kolbet (NHTV) pinned Dylan Blanchard, 2:28. 175 - Reicks (NHTV) pinned Jackson Carey, 3:00.

190 - Tate White (NP) dec. Swehla, 3-1. 215 - McShane (NHTV) maj. dec. Aiden Sullivan, 12-4.

285 - Gatlin McCumber (NHTV) pinned Jones, 1:58. 106 - Conner Sullivan (NP) pinned Mahoney, 0:32. 113 - Brase (NP) pinned Ty Moudry, 1:01. 120 - Landon Bruess (NHTV) pinned Munn, 4:56. 126 - Kolbie Vance (NP) pinned Robinson, 3:44. 132 - Jayden Rinken (NP) pinned Schaufenbuel, 1:35. 138 - Bucknell (NHTV) pinned Tyler Zimmer, 5:06.

NH/TV 62,

CHARLES CITY 12

215: McShane (NHTV) won by forfeit. 285: McCumber (NHTV) won by forfeit. 106: Mahoney (NHTV) won by forfeit. 113: Moudry (NHTV) pinned Patrick Holzer, 0:56. 120: Bruess (NHTV) won by forfeit. 126: Jordan Young (CC) dec. Schaufenbuel, 3-1. 132: Carter Cajthaml (CC) pinned Bucknell, 3:58. 3:58.

138: Schwickerath (NHTV) pinned Jenkins, 0:31. 0:31. 144: Praska (NHTV) maj. dec. Jacob Vance, 12-0. 150: Talan Weber (CHCI) dec. Busta, 10-4. 157: Jax Shekleton (NHTV) pinned Carter Burkhardt, 3:30. 165: Kolbet (NHTV) maj. dec. Colton Anderegg, 10-1. 175: Reicks (NHTV) pinned Austin Painter, 3:30. 190: Swehla (NHTV) won by falls.

NH/TV 45, CEDAR FALLS 30

150 - Busta (NH/TV) pinned Levi Mayfield, 2:50. 157 - Ben Backes (CF) pinned Shekleton, 3:08. 165 - Kolbet (NH/TV) pinned Kael Moore, 1:02. 175 - Reicks (NH/TV) pinned Ambrose Hansen, 2:39. 190 - Swehla (NH/TV) pinned Kaleb Larson, 2:48. 215 - McShane (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 285 - Drew Campbell (CF) maj.

dec. McCumber, 61-5.

106 - Landon Wallace (CF) pinned Mahoney, 0:14. 113 - Moudry (NH/TV) pinned Keegan Schmitt, 0:53. 120 - Evan Simpson (CF) tech fall Bruess, 17-1. 126 - Micah Wilson (CF) dec. Schaufenbuel, 8-3. 132 - Bucknell (NH/TV) pinned Keller Wilson, 1:33. 138 - Schwickerath (NH/TV) dec. Jack Carter, 11-4. 144 - Brayden Wiles (CF) pinned Praska, 3:30.

CEDAR RAPIDS PRAIRIE 41, NH/TV 40

157 - Wyatt Vasek (CRP) pinned Shekleton, 2:34. 165 - Kolbet (NH/TV) pinned Rigley Koch, 5:57. 175 - Reicks (NH/TV) pinned Elijah Kent, 2:56. 190 - Swehla (NH/TV) pinned Collin Velky, 2:27. 215 - McShane (NH/TV) pinned Conner Bistricky, 0:24. 285 - McCumber (NH/TV) pinned Romeo Klein, 0:26. 106 - Chase Watkinson (CRP) pinned Mahoney, 0:10.

113 - Dylan Munson (CRP) pinned Moudry, 0:59. 120 - Bruess (NH/TV) maj. dec. Ethan McManus, 10-2. 126 - Schaufenbuel (NH/TV) pinned Teagan Kendall, 5:06. 132 - Aiden Kirk (CRP) pinned Bucknell, 1:19. 138 - Tyler Lee (CRP) pinned Nelson, 1:40. 144 - Alex Bumba (CRP) tech fall Praska, 23-8. 150 - Casey Kelley (CRP) over Busta (NH/TV) Fall 3:45.

ANKENY 40, NH/TV 31

165 - Kolbet (NH/TV) pinned Jacob Schlee, 5:27. 175 - Reicks (NH/TV) maj. dec. Ryleigh Egeberg, 11-0. 190 - Swehla (NH/TV) pinned Karsten Bernholtz, 3:30. 215 - McShane (NH/TV) pinned Andrew Haase, 0:43. 285 - McCumber (NH/TV) pinned Jack Dorfier, 5:09. 106 - Hayden Fontana (A) pinned Mahoney, 0:10. 113 - Benjamin Walsh (A) pinned

Moudry, 5:28.

120 - Bruess (NH/TV) dec. Aiden Winkie, 2-1. 126 - Truman Folkers (A) pinned Schaufenbuel, 1:10. 132 - Perez Perez (A) maj. dec. Bucknell, 16-3. 138 - Harrison Folkers (A) dec. Schwickerath, 5-2. 144 - Ben Hansen (A) pinned Praska, 0:54. 150 - Kash Johnson (A) dec. Busta, 6-3. 157 - Teagen Peiffer (A) pinned Shekleton, 3:00.

NH/TV 36, NORWALK 29

175 - Reicks (NH/TV) pinned Tyler Stanford, 5:26. 190 - Swehla (NH/TV) pinned Victor Esparza, 1:36. 215 - McShane (NH/TV) pinned Harrison Tripp, 1:24. 285 - Kolton Borcharding-Johnson (N) dec. McCumber, 3-2. 106 - Mahoney (NH/TV) won by forfeit. 113 - Tyler Harper (N) over Ty Moudry (NH/TV) Fall 1:5. 120 - Bruess (NH/TV) dec. Asaiah Martinez, 5-3.

126 - Aiden Moret (N) dec. Schaufenbuel, 6-2. 132 - Bucknell (NH/TV) dec. Blake Lee, 4-2. 138 - Kale Wadle (N) maj. dec. Nelson, 10-1. 144 - Tate Turner (N) maj. dec. Praska, 12-2. 150 - Liam McLaughlin (N) dec. Busta, 7-2. 157 - Dominic Tigner (N) pinned Shekleton, 2:16. 165 - Kolbet (NH/TV) pinned Kadan Borcharding-Johnson, 2:55.

NH/TV 40, WAPSIE VALLEY 33

190 - Swehla (NH/TV) maj. dec. Jake Schoer (WV), 13-4. 215 - McShane (NH/TV) pinned Hayden Ryherd, 0:26. 285 - Derek Hilsenbeck (WV) pinned McCumber, 5:23. 106 - Kaiden Belinsky (WV) pinned Mahoney, 0:30. 113 - Sawyer Krall (WV) pinned Moudry, 3:27. 120 - Bruess (NH/TV) dec. Landon Frost, 9-6. 126 - Schaufenbuel (NH/TV) pinned Wally Kaufman, 5:24. 132 - Bucknell (NH/TV) pinned Reece Hagenow, 0:51. 138 - Krayton Zimmerman (WV) pinned Nelson, 5:40. 144 - Praska (NH/TV) pinned Cadyn Dana, 2:27. 150 - Easton Krall (WV) dec. Busta, 5-0. 157 - Kanan Decker (WV) pinned Hunter Humpal, 3:50. 165 - Kolbet (NH/TV) dec. Garrett Miller, 5-2. 175 - Reicks (NH/TV) pinned Brock Kleitsch, 3:00.

INDEPENDENCE 38, NH/TV 25

215 - McShane (NH/TV) pinned Gable Eddy, 0:13. 285 - McCumber (NH/TV) pinned Brady McDonald, 1:33. 106 - Zach Homan (I) pinned Mahoney, 0:12. 113 - Adam Fish (I) dec. Moudry, 8-1. 120 - Bruess (NH/TV) dec. Logan Bevans, 5-1. 126 - Tanner Wilson (I) pinned Schaufenbuel, 1:03. 132 - Kameron Kremer (I) dec. Bucknell, 7-6.

138 - Remy Ressler (I) pinned Schwickerath, 0:22. 144 - Kaden Kremer (I) pinned Nelson, 1:03. 150 - Tyler Wieland (I) tech. fall Praska, 18-3. 157 - Christopher Meyer (I) dec. Busta, 7-0. 165 - Kolbet (NH/TV) dec. Luke Johnson, 10-6. 175 - Reicks (NH/TV) dec. Braylen Bieber, 7-0. 190 - Swehla (NH/TV) maj. dec. Landon Duffy, 11-3.



NH/TV's Aleah Eichenberger works to turn North Fayette Valley's Kierra Alexander during a dual meet last week.

NH/TV girls pick up two dual wins

Chickasaws top North Fayette Valley, Nashua-Plainfield in first home meet of season

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The hometown fans got their first chance to check out Caleb Ciavarelli's New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling squad on Tuesday versus North Fayette Valley and Nashua-Plainfield.

It was a busy evening for Chickasaw athletics as both New Hampton hoops squads took on Waukon in a girl/boy doubleheader at the competition gym and the wrestling triangular versus the TigerHawks and Huskies took place in the old gymnasium.

While this was NH/TV's home opener out on the mat, Chickasaw grappling fans only got to see a glimpse of Ciavarelli's wrestlers as NH/TV wasn't

able to showcase its full lineup due to open weights and forfeits.

Such is the nature of a sport that is still trying to attract participants in its second year of sanctioned competition, but the sport of girls prep wrestling in the state of Iowa has come a long way in a short amount of time.

NH/TV (3-2, 0-1) earned its first two dual wins of the year as it downed NFV, 42-12, to start the night's festivities. The Chickasaws ended the evening on another positive night with a 48-6 triumph over the Huskies.

NH/TV competed in four matches against the TigerHawks and just one bout against N-P. The rest of the matches were either forfeits or double forfeits (open weights).

"It's still new and I get it. These

coaches – we talk – and they’re having issues just like every other girls program. It’s still brand new,” said Ciavarelli. “In front of the home crowd you obviously want to get as much matches as you can, but the ones we had – our girls went out and performed. That’s all I can ask of ‘em – go out there and wrestle hard.”

Chickasaw freshman Taelynn Bass improved to 13-11 on the season at 100 pounds. She pinned NFV's Macy Rose in 5:18.

Kelly Thronsdon, a sophomore 155-pounder, also stuck the TigerHawks' Alexis Oakland in 3:33. Thronsdon is now 12-10 on the year. Aleah Eichenberger (16-7), a junior

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Trojan boys get to .500 with 60-29 league win

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John Izer knows all too well that winning the games you're supposed to in the Upper Iowa Conference can set you up for bigger and better things on down the road.

That's what he's hoping takes place in Postville on Friday night.

Izer and his Turkey Valley Trojan boys basketball team had little trouble in downing winless West Central (0-7, 0-5) on Friday night at home by a score of 60-29.

TV, now 3-3 on the year and 2-3 in a much-improved league this winter, was a heavy favorite in another league clash on Tuesday against Central Elkader (2-5, 2-3) at home. Then it's off to take on the Pirates and the last contest of 2023 before the calendar jumps a year.

“We went through that tough, tough schedule and injuries. I said here’s the deal, we need to win out the year. The one on Friday will be the tough one and that will be a win we can actually talk about or people will recognize it,” said Izer.

TV's three wins this year have come against New Hampton (0-6), Clayton Ridge (1-6) and West Central. Those teams sport a combined record of 1-19.

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Mariah Thronsdon (below) drives past a Blue Devil defender during Friday night's game.

Trojan girls snap skid, trounce UIC foe West Central

Turkey Valley gets career-high from Busta, holds Blue Devils to just three second half points to pick up 55-15 victory

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The Turkey Valley girls hoops squad locked down West Central at home on Friday night.

TV limited the Blue Devils to just three second-half points, forced 30 West Central turnovers and raced to a convincing 55-15 blowout victory.

The win halted a three-game losing streak for the Trojans – which had to replace four starters from a squad that went 17-6

a year ago and placed second in the Upper Iowa Conference with a 14-2 league mark.

Hoffert's squad is young this year and has encountered some bumps in the road early, but not on Friday night in Jackson Junction against the over-matched Blue Devils.

TV (2-5, 2-4) shut out WC in the final period by a score of 9-0. The Trojans led 26-12 at the break and outscored the Blue Devils 20-3 in the third period.

“We did an outstanding

job defensively tonight," said Hoffert, in his second year as TV head coach. "I liked the way we attacked the basket as well. We will continue to do that going forward."

Delaney Busta, a 5-10 junior forward, notched a career-high 13 points on the evening against West Central (1-7, 0-6). Busta was 5-8 from the field and grabbed seven rebounds.

Trojan sophomore Addison Steinlage also hit for double-figures with 11 points. TV senior Mariah Thronsdon collected

nine points, as did sophomore Annika Bodensteiner. Haylee Hanson, a sophomore, led TV with nine rebounds.



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Chickasaw girls overcome fouls to top Turkey Valley

Despite having four players foul out, New Hampton holds off Trojans, 64-56, for second straight Saturday victory

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By the time the final horn sounded Saturday, New Hampton and Turkey Valley had combined to commit 58 fouls and shot 73 free throws. It was, as Trojan coach Steve Hoeffert put it, “a physical game.” And New Hampton, despite having four players foul out, hung on for a

CHICKASAWS DROP PAIR OF NEIC TILTS.
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64-56 victory to give the Chickasaws a second-straight Saturday victory. “I think what I was most impressed with is this was the second straight Saturday where we came off a Friday

game against a ranked team and found a way to get a W,” New Hampton coach David Leichtman said after his team improved to 2-6. “I think it says a lot about our strength and conditioning. Our girls really battled, so did Turkey Valley’s.” New Hampton jumped out to a 21-17 first quarter lead and upped the margin to nine, 39-30, at the break, but Turkey Valley didn’t fold.

TURKEY VALLEY ROLLS TO 40-POINT UIC WIN.
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“We got a great effort from the girls this afternoon,” Hoeffert said. “I liked that we didn’t back down from it.” Instead, the Trojans cut the lead to 48-43 heading into the final quarter,

one in which the Chickasaws had to play without Taylor Ries and Cora Schwickerath, both of whom had fouled out. And New Hampton wasn’t done having players sent to the bench as both Jordan Thronson and Jackie Pickar both were victims of fifth fouls in the final frame. “You’re going to have a game like

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New Hampton’s Cael Laures (above) puts up a shot in the lane while teammate Reid Rausch (below) makes his way down the court during Tuesday’s game.

Cougars keep Chickasaws winless

New Hampton starts strong but turnovers and missed shots lead to loss vs. Sumner-Fred

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Ryan Rausch put his head in his hands after Tuesday night’s loss to Sumner-Fredericksburg. The frustration was evident – the pain of losing readily apparent. He felt for his Chickasaw basketball squad, but there’s only so much the New Hampton coach can do. The New Hampton boys basketball team was searching for its first win of the season against the Cougars – which had just won a basketball game over winless Tripoli the night before by hitting triple-digit scoring in a 100-27 rout. New Hampton by know means was over taken by that sort of margin by the Cougars, but it was still a loss nonetheless.

New Hampton fell to 0-7 after Sumner-Fred stormed back from an early deficit to take a 66-53 road win. “The guys gotta be confident,” said Rausch. “The guys talked after the game. Seniors stood up and said what they needed to say. I feel bad for them when they’re together and they care about each other. They’re not in there pointing fingers – at all. They just know that they’re turning it over too much.” Nashua-Plainfield kept the Panthers without a victory as N-P moved Tripoli’s record to 0-8 overall on Tuesday after a 76-39 thrashing. Unlike Tripoli, the Chickasaws have been in games – several of them. They just haven’t been able to put a full contest together to register a



“W” – not yet, at least. “These guys want to do well. They want each other to do well,” said Rausch. “They want to do the right thing.” What doomed New Hampton in this non-conference area tussle? Turnovers – and a lot of them. New Hampton committed 29 turnovers – 15 in the first half – and squandered an early eight-point lead in the first quarter that saw the Chickasaws play some of their best basketball of the season. Then an errant pass missed its mark or a traveling call halted NH’s momentum. “I’ve got to be honest. I’ve never seen anything like it,” said Rausch. “I’ve never seen a team just give it away. They’re playing hard. I don’t know what to do to get these guys to stop

throwing the ball away. I know that they don’t want to. I mean sometimes we’re not even sped up...we’re just turning it over, turning it over.” NH rocketed out of the gates and took a 10-2 lead after two buckets down low by senior Nick Brincks and a driving layup on a runout by fellow senior Ben Gilbert gave the Chickasaws an eight-point cushion midway through the opening stanza. Adam Ewert’s putback right before the halftime buzzer sounded made it 26-24, Cougars, at intermission. Once again, Cael Laures led the Chickasaws in scoring with 16 points. Gilbert added 14 points and Brincks finished with nine points. New Hampton made just one 3-pointer on the evening. That trey was made good on by sophomore Caden Rochford.

New Hampton bowlers have record day but fall

Chickasaws come up with best meet in short history, but Grundy Center holds on for the win

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Chickasaw junior Gabe Macon was feeling it on Thursday night in Grundy Center. So was his New Hampton bowling team as the Chickasaws broke five school records against the host Spartans at Crystal Bowl last week. Sure, New Hampton lost the meet by just 64 pins – 2,959 to 2,895 – but the Chickasaws gained so much more in confidence by knocking down pin after pin to set a standard that could well be eclipsed yet again this winter.



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The Chickasaws bowled that well in the loss. Macon, a junior, was on fire as he sported a career high game and school record of 247. “He blew that one completely out of the water,” said New Hampton head coach Andy Aries about the old record being shattered. That 247 tied Macon for high game on the night with the overall meet medalist, Grundy Center junior Michael Lang. Lang rolled a 447 series to go along with his high game of 247.



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NH/TV ready to embrace break

Chickasaws pick up first NEIC win, battle way to 3-3 mark at Battle

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When Ethan Swehla put the finishing touches on an 11-3 major decision Saturday night at the Battle of Waterloo, New Hampton/Turkey Valley had accomplished navigating a grueling gauntlet – 13 dual meets and an individual tournament in a span of 12 days. In other words, the Chickasaws had earned a well-deserved break, one that they will get as they head into a

Christmas break that won’t end until Jan. 4, when they travel to Cresco for a Northeast Iowa Conference dual against Crestwood. “We need it right now, no question about it,” NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said. “You ask guys to weigh-in seven times in 12 days and compete night in and night out, it’s tough. ... When we talked to the team Saturday night, they looked like they had been through the real Battle of Waterloo. I’m proud of them. It was a tough couple

of weeks on the schedule, and they showed up and gave a lot of great efforts.” Paulus spoke after his team went 3-3 at the Battle of Waterloo, a two-day, 32-team dual tournament that wrapped up a hectic week for the Chickasaws. On Tuesday, they beat North Fayette Valley before losing a hard-fought 39-34 dual against Class 1A power Nashua-Plainfield in a meet that provided plenty of fireworks. Two

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley’s Jax Shekleton picks up back points against Charles City’s Carter Burkhart during a Northeast Iowa Conference meet last week.

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