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Trump crushes GOP field near and far

Chickasaw County Republicans help former president to dominating win in the Iowa caucuses



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Residents of New Hampton's Ward 3 conduct Republican Party business during their precinct caucus on Monday night.

BY BOB FENSKE

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The script was followed to a T by Iowa Republicans both near and far Monday night as they handed former President Donald Trump a resounding win during the "first-in-the-nation" Iowa caucuses.

Trump, in short, demolished the field as he claimed 51 percent of the vote while runner-up Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis polled 21.2 percent of the vote from state GOP members who braved the coldest weather of the season to attend their precinct caucuses.

In Chickasaw County, Trump claimed 58.4 percent of the vote while DeSantis garnered 17.3 percent support, which meant the majority of Republicans who attended the pre-

Chickasaw County GOP Caucus Results

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Trump	253	58.4%
DeSantis	75	17.3%
Haley	60	13.9%
Ramaswamy	41	9.5%
Binkley	4	0.9%
<i>Presidential preference votes</i>		

caucus at the cinct Pub at the PInicon in New Hampton went home agreeing with Brian Laures, the New Hampton man who spoke on behalf of the former president.

"It's time to make America great again," Brian Laures said after going through a list of what he called Trump's accomplishments while he was president from 2017 to 2021.

Evidently, a lot of Iowa Republicans agreed with Laures as the former president won 98 of Iowa's 99 counties and came within one vote of sweeping them all. Former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, who finished a disappointing third in the overall voting, won Johnson County with 1,271 votes while Trump garnered 1,270 votes in the county that includes Iowa City.

SEE CAUCUSES, 3

NEIC talk heats up once again

Future of conference in doubt as Crestwood seeks to move to UIC, but New Hampton superintendent says process far from over

BY BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton, for now, remains a member of the Northeast Iowa Conference, but the question is how long will that league exist?

Even though the Howard-Winneshiek School Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday night to consider directing Crestwood High School's activities director to apply for membership in the Upper Iowa Conference, New Hampton's top school administrator said Monday that he believes the demise of the NEIC is far from a certainty.

"We've been in a waiting period, I guess that's the best way to put it, on the conference situation," Superintendent Jay Jurrens said, "and there are a lot of things that have to play out before we're going to have all the answers in place."

The NEIC, the state's oldest athletic conference, has been teetering in recent years. Oewein departed the conference and became a member of the North Iowa Cedar League, beginning with



SEE NEIC, 5

New Hampton City Council cancels Monday meeting

With a light agenda on tap and the Iowa caucuses scheduled for the same night, the New Hampton City Council decided to cancel its meeting that was scheduled for Monday night.

City Clerk Karen Clemens said council members agreed to forego the meeting so that its members, if they wanted to, could attend Iowa's precinct caucuses.

The council's Finance Committee meeting, though, did hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday to continue work on the city's 2024-25 budget.

The next City Council meeting is set for Monday, Feb. 5, and as usual, it will begin at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Community Center.

— Bob Fenske



Bob Fenske/Tribune

This picture may sum up the winter weather we experienced over the weekend as flags on the courthouse square are briskly flying while a Chickasaw County employee clears snow from the Locust Avenue sidewalk on Saturday morning.

Area deals with whole lot of winter

Chickasaw County deals first with a blizzard and then a blast of bone-chilling cold



The recent snowfall, combined with the cold, made for a stark yet pretty landscape that could be seen just west of New Hampton late Sunday afternoon.

BY BOB FENSKE
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Maybe we didn't get as much snow as they predicted and maybe it didn't get quite as cold as originally forecast, but make no mistake about it, winter walloped us.

For the record, the good folks at the National Weather Service in La Crosse, Wisconsin, said New Hampton officially recorded 6.5 inches of snowfall, but truth be told, who could be absolutely certain how much snow we got last weekend because of wind gusts that blew at more than 40 miles per hour made this an almost "unmeasurable" snowstorm.

Just ask the folks who manned snowplows throughout last week.

"Basically for our maintenance crews, it was winter operations throughout the week,"

SEE WEATHER, 2

New Hampton schools hoping bill passes so school year doesn't start on a Friday

BY BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens isn't a big fan of starting the school year on a Friday, but unless a state law changes, that may be exactly what his district will have to do when it

kicks off the 2024-25 school year.

"If we want to be done by Memorial Day," Jurrens said Monday afternoon, "we may not have a choice."

A few hours later, the district's top administrator kicked off "calendar season" with the School Board by beginning discussions on the 2024-

25 schedule. Board members won't approve the final calendar until its April meeting, but Jurrens has said in the past that by discussing it during four meetings, board members have the opportunity to get a wealth of input from teachers, students and community members.

The tricky part of next year's calendar is that Aug. 23, the first date that Iowa law allows schools to start an academic year, falls on a Friday, but both in an interview on Monday afternoon and during the board meeting, Jurrens said the "word" from Des Moines is that a bipartisan bill will be brought

up in the Iowa Legislature this session that could change the law.

A bill has been introduced that will allow districts to hold their first day of classes on the Tuesday after the Iowa State Fair concludes.

SEE START DAY, 3

Library tech series

The New Hampton Public Library will offer a series to help parents keep their kids tech safe

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New soccer team

For the first time in school history, Chickasaws will field both boys, girls soccer teams

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Star seniors

NH/TV seniors honored before leading Chickasaws to NEIC win on the mat

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Despite drought, Iowa farmers bring in 'top-five' corn, soybean yields in '23

BY JARED STRONG
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa averaged about 201 bushels of corn per acre last year, an estimate that eclipsed the previous year's yields and ranks fourth-highest in the state's history, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

That figure is an increase of one bushel per acre from previous USDA estimates during the recent harvest and is just three bushels shy of the 2021 record. And that is despite drought conditions that have lingered in the state for more than three years.

"Even with all the weather challenges last year, Iowa remained a production powerhouse," said Mike Naig, the state's agriculture secretary, "and that's a testament to the assistance of timely rains, the resiliency of Iowa farmers, and continuous improvements in genetics, traits, equipment, technology, production methods and many other innovations."

The state produced about 2.52 billion bushels of corn for grain in 2023, its fifth-highest total for a single year.

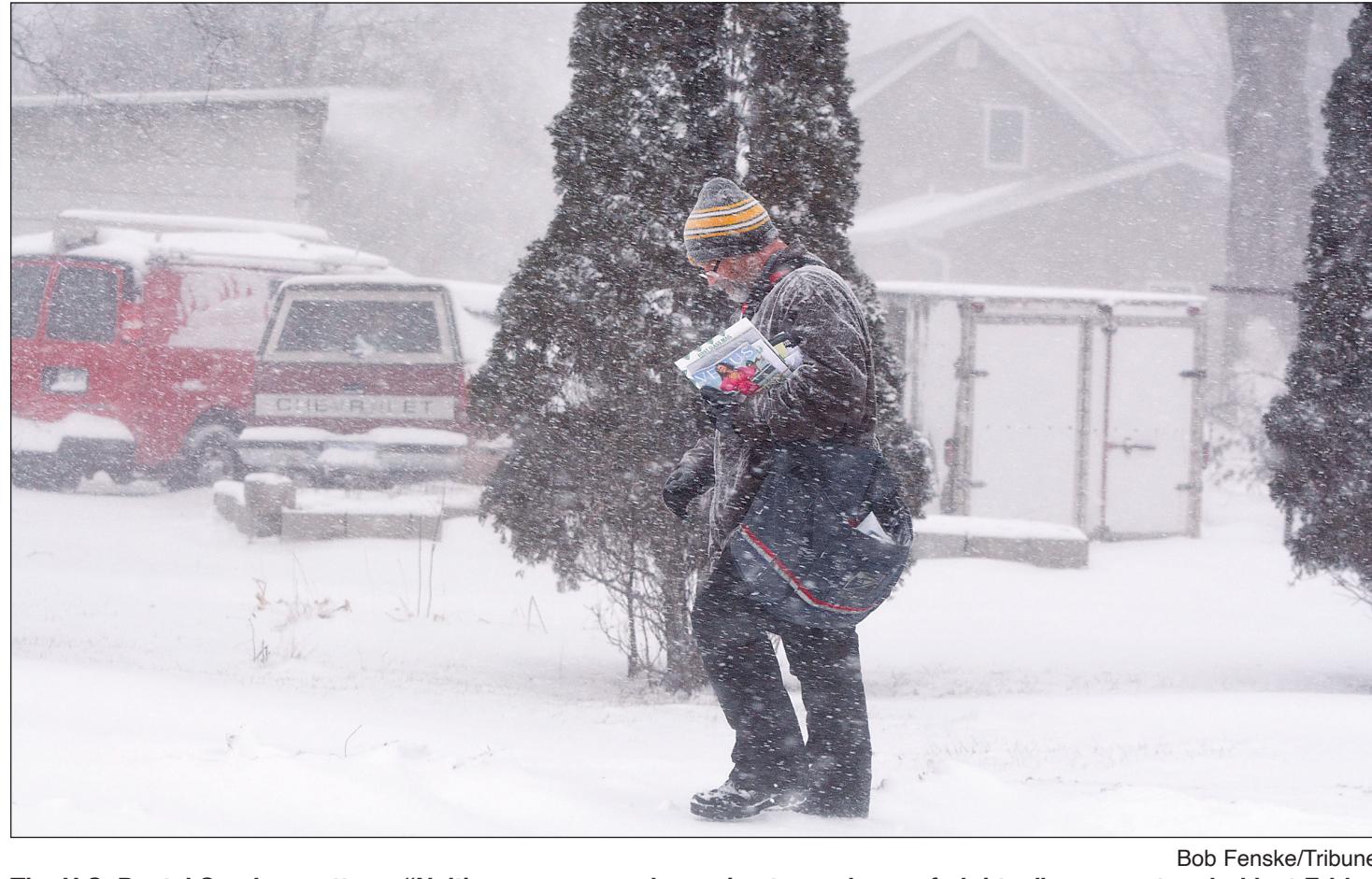
Illinois, which was less affected by drought in the recent growing season, had a higher yield average of 206 bushels per acre but planted about 15% fewer acres of corn.

The USDA also estimates that national corn yields and total production set new records. Those yields averaged about 177.3 bushels per acre, and total production was about 15.3 billion bushels.

Iowa's soybean production in 2023 was also robust, with average yields of 58 bushels per acre — the state's fourth-highest yield — and total production of about 573 million bushels — the state's third-highest.

Drought conditions are expected to persist in much of Iowa through at least the end of March, according to the federal Climate Prediction Center. About 83% of the state is suffering from some measure of drought, and about a third of Iowa has extreme drought.

That is considerably worse than a year ago, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, when just over half of the state had drought.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The U.S. Postal Service motto — "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night ..." — came to mind last Friday morning as a mail carrier makes his way up North Linn Avenue to make his "appointed rounds."

'Heat wave' set to begin on Sunday

WEATHER : FROM 1

Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing told the Board of Supervisors during his update of the Secondary Roads Department. "We were battling drifting pretty much the whole weekend. ... So basically all week we were fighting snow. I think the guys did a really good job as far as getting stuff cleared considering the conditions we had. It was a never-ending battle."

It was the same story for those attending to state highways and city streets, and by the time clean up ended, we were in the midst of an arctic blast that sent temperatures into the double digits below zero.

In New Hampton, the temperature fell below zero early Saturday afternoon and didn't return to the plus side until Tuesday afternoon, when the high temperature was a balmy 2 degrees.

But it could have been worse. The weekend snow was less than the almost foot of snow that forecasters said might fall on Chickasaw County, and as cold as it was early in the week,



Friday's snowfall (above) made it a tough day to be a pedestrian while many area residents (below) spent Saturday morning clearing snow.

they were a tad warmer than originally forecasted.

The snowstorm led area school districts to call off classes on Friday, and those that were scheduled to have students return on Monday had another day off because of the cold.

Friday's cancellation marked the second time in four days that New Hampton didn't have classes, meaning the district used its two "built-in snow days" in less than a week.

"Everything from here, we make up," New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens said, "but honestly, [Friday] was an easy decision. If we're in a warning, it's almost a given that we're going to call off. People see the main roads, but what they don't see are the gravel roads, and we're not going to put buses and kids in that kind of danger."

The consolation is this: There's little snow in this week's forecast, but it's going to remain



cold into at least the start of the weekend as highs will be in the single digits through Saturday and overnight lows will drop far below zero.

But there's hope on the horizon.

The high on Sunday is forecast to be 20 and by the time the work week begins, we might get to the 30s.

Let's face it: Forget the 30s, 20 is going to feel real good.

Music set for Saturday, youth art event Sunday at Plum Creek

The winter weather that hit Chickasaw County over the weekend led Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery officials to postpone an open house until this coming Sunday.

"ArtsCool" is a weekly free art class for interested youth who are taught by volunteer staff at Plum Creek, and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, area art lovers can check out their work and talk with the artists.

Admission to the open house is free and refreshments will be served.

The open house is part of a big weekend at the Fredericksburg art gallery because on Saturday, the musicians from the Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School Band will perform at the center from 9 a.m. to noon.

The band students, who are directed by Abigail Krutz, will be performing solos and in small groups throughout the morning.

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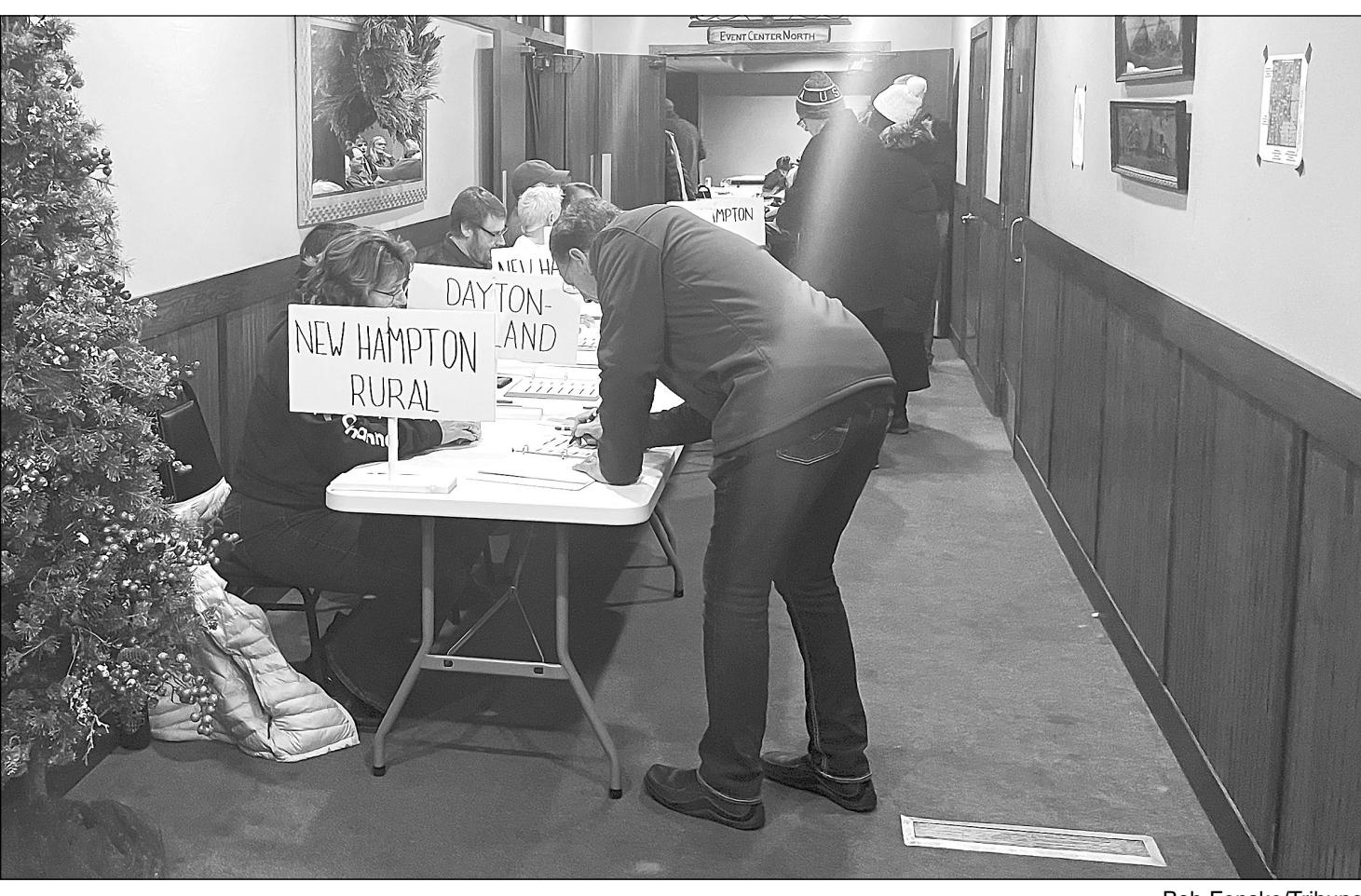
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New Hampton area Republicans (above) sign in with their respective precincts on Monday night while, as expected, the crowd (below) at the Democratic caucuses, which did not include a vote for the party's presidential nominee, was light.

GOP county chair pleased with caucus turnout

CAUCUSES: FROM 1

Laures and several other speakers spoke before a room full of Republicans "split up" and headed to their precinct caucuses that were held throughout the New Hampton restaurant. County Republicans also met in Fredericksburg, Nashua and Alta Vista for precinct caucuses.

They conducted their business — electing members to the party's county Central Committee and selecting delegates and alternates to next month's county convention — and then cast their presidential preference votes.

Although turnout wasn't anywhere near what it was in 2016, the last presidential election with a contested race for the presidential nomination, Central Committee Chairman John Hammel marveled at the number of Republicans at the Pub Monday night.

"We've got a really nice turnout, especially when you consider it's 10 below out there," he said. "People are energized and ready to go."

While Republicans were kicking off the presidential nomination season at the Pub, Democrats met up the road in



the New Hampton Elementary School cafeteria. Their turnout, not surprisingly, didn't come close to the GOP's.

After a snafu reporting result that led to the caucus winner not known for days in 2020, Iowa lost its "first-in-the-nation" status with the national party; instead, Democrats will vote for their presidential nomi-

née through a mail-in process that began this past Friday and runs through Tuesday, March 12.

But even without the rule changes, there was little chance that Democrats would match Republican turnout because President Joe Biden has little opposition in his renomination bid.

Still, Democrat diehards met in New Hampton, Nashua and Fredericksburg to conduct party business that ranged from discussing and adopting proposed resolutions to the county platforms to electing delegates to the county convention and electing precinct committee members to serve on the county's Central Committee.

Nashua to go ahead with Winterfest celebration

**BY BOB FENSKE
AND KELLY TERPSTRA
*Of the Tribune***

Don't blame Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell for the recent spate of winter weather.

And don't get mad at Sinnwell and his fellow board members if they seemed a little giddy over the recent rash of winter that afflicted the area.

The reason? That snow and that cold means that after some serious doubts if it could be held, the Park Board's annual Winterfest celebration is a go on Saturday, Jan. 27.

"The weather's not cooperating with us. It didn't cooperate with us real well last year until the very last minute," Park Board President Nate Sinnwell told the Nashua City Council on Jan. 5. "It was kind of stressful last year trying to figuring out what we were going to do if we didn't have it."

But with the 10 or so inches of snow that fell on Nashua last week and the below-zero days and nights that followed solved Winterfest organizers' two biggest concerns.

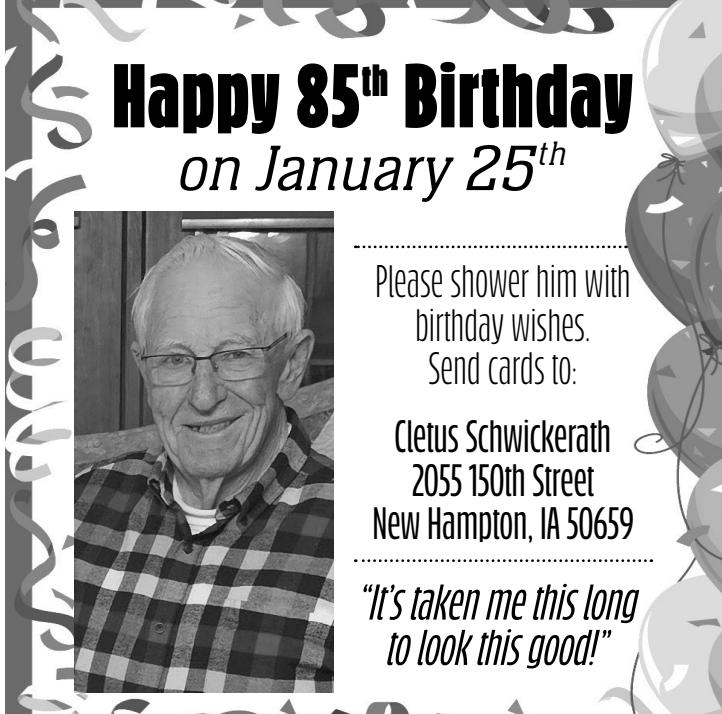
They'll have enough snow, and the ice on Cedar Lake will be safe when Jan. 27 rolls around.

"We're definitely a go," Sinnwell said on Monday, "and



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Park Board members need to decide if they have enough time to prepare for Winterfest, which is scheduled to be held Jan. 27.



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"It's taken me this long to look this good!"

Community blood drive set for New Hampton on Tuesday

Recent winter weather caused blood drive cancellations impacting the community blood supply. LifeServe Blood Center is urging community members to roll up a sleeve and give blood donation a try as soon as possible.

One blood donation has a huge local impact. In one hour, a single blood donor will help save or enhance the lives of up to three hospital patients in local medical centers!

A LifeServe blood drive will be held at the New Hampton Community Center on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from noon to 5:30 p.m.

To sign up to donate blood, please arrange for an appointment by calling 800-287-4903, texting LIFESERVE to 999-777 or by visiting the website at lifeserve.info/schedule.

Library tech series open to more than just parents

Three-week series to begin this Monday in New Hampton

**BY BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker says the idea for a three-part series the library will be hosting in coming weeks is to assist parents who want their children to be safe as they navigate through the world of technology.

So beginning Monday, the library will welcome Christy Teslow, the founder of Cresco-based Mobile Mamma, for three informational sessions designed to not only help parents make sure their children are safely using technology but also help themselves with things like technology jargon and the like.

"There really is so much to navigate," Becker said, "and at times, we as adults who didn't have all this at our fingertips, don't know where to start. Christy's great with this stuff and I'm really excited that we can bring her here to share her ideas and thoughts with our community."

The programs will be held at 6 p.m. for the next three Mondays, and each session will be geared toward different age groups.

On Monday, Teslow will discuss things like "screen

time" and "parental controls" for those who have children in grades K-5. The following Monday, Teslow will gear her talk to those who have middle school students. And the series will conclude on Feb. 5 for high school students and even adults themselves.

"We'll talk a lot about what apps kids are using, which ones are safe, which ones need monitoring and things like that," Becker said, "and one of the things I'll stress is that this is open to everyone — not just parents. Grandparents, for example, can get a lot out of Christy's talks."

And Becker said Teslow will also be able to help adults with their own technology usage.

"You think of all the abbreviations, all the acronyms, and for some of us, we have no idea what they mean. It's like learning a new language," Becker said, "and Christy's going to be our tutor."

The sessions will last about an hour, and there is no cost to attend.

"People can come to one, they can come to all three," Becker said, "but no matter how many they go to, we think this is going to be really helpful to people in our community."

Bill in Legislature could save a 'lot of problems' for school districts when it comes to starting date

START DAY: FROM 1

The 2024 fair will wrap up its run on Sunday, Aug. 18, which means if the bill is passed by legislators and signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds, districts could begin the 2024-25 school year on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

The Aug. 23 start date was adopted by the 2016 Legislature and signed into law by then-Gov. Terry Branstad, and that bill all but ended the common practice of school districts receiving waivers to start the school year early.

"I don't think anyone really wants to start on a Friday," Jurrens said, "and if this bill passes, it will make it a moot point. It would really solve a lot of problems we have with the Aug.

23 date. I think all of us think starting the school year with a four-day week is a good thing; now, we just have to hope the legislators in Des Moines agree."



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Let's answer God's call

We are called through baptism to share the love of Jesus

When we go on vacation, some of my husband's family spend time in a boat on the lake with a fishing pole. Actually to be more accurate, they use a rod, reel, and lure.

I went along for a few years, but have decided it's a waste of my money to purchase a license because I can't seem to figure out how to get the fish to bite; plus, I'd rather spend my time taking a walk or reading a book.

Those who go out to fish are dedicated as they go at least a couple times a day. For them, fishing is better described as catching because they do.

They don't depend on catching fish for their living like the disciples did but they sure have a lot

of fun.

Remembering the first people Jesus called as disciples were fishermen and brothers, we can realize that Jesus chose plain ordinary people to help do his work.

I've always been surprised with the response those guys gave Jesus. When Jesus said to Simon and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Those two guys immediately left their nets and followed Jesus. As did James and John just a short time later. Isn't that amazing?

I am pretty sure that most people would react differently today. God's call is often surprising

and frequently comes when we least expect it. Plus, we aren't very good at listening for God's voice.

In this busy and noisy world, it is difficult to hear God's call, especially when it comes as a soft whisper. With all this, we respond much like many of the great prophets with "Really? You want me?"

Depending on what God's call is, some of us run the other way or ignore the call for a while.

Since we are all called through our baptism to share the love of Jesus with all the people in the world, we can feel inadequate and without the necessary abilities. The great thing is that



Pastor Sue Cira serves Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church in rural Lawler and Zion Lutheran Church in Alta Vista.

when God calls, God supplies us with all we need to accomplish what we are called to do. Our gifts, given to us through the Holy Spirit, can be used to achieve God's call, whether fishing (or catching) for people to share with them the love of Jesus.

God is with us for all seasons, including winter

I've always considered myself to be a one-season girl. I only enjoyed summer with its hot sun, warm breezes, and cold popsicles. Summer is for swimming and vacationing, it's for listening to the cicadas, sipping ice teas, and smelling the blossoms of the lilac trees. What is not to love about summer? Summer is when praising God for the weather is easy and heartfelt, at least for me.

But then come the other seasons; spring and fall with their rains and winds, and winter, where everything is cold, hard, and seemingly dead. Sure, winter in the Alps is breathtaking, but winter in the Midwest is brutal.

It gets so cold here that even the weatherman tells you, on bad days, to just stay inside. This is when praising God for the weather stops and complaining abounds.

But I need change my thinking and consider God's work of providence. God is the God of all weather. He didn't create the seasons to ruin themselves, but carefully ordains every ray of sunshine, drop of rain, bolt of lightning, and falling snowflake. If we look carefully at the weather we can see the awesomeness of God.

Here is a quick look at God's mighty hand at work in all weather.

The God of Rain

How many times have I complained about the rain—especially when I had plans? Rainy days can turn us into whiny adults who throw a little fit because we don't get what we want. And yet the Bible is clear that "this is the day that the Lord has made."

"He gives rain on the earth and sends water on the fields," Job 5:10

"They do not say in their heart, 'Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain in its season, Both the autumn rain

and the spring rain, Who keeps for us The appointed weeks of the harvest." Jeremiah 5:24

Vapors go up, rains come down, air is condensed into water, water rarefied into air; but the great God keeps an exact account of all the stock with which this trade is carried on for the public benefit and sees that none of it be lost. —Matthew Henry

The God of Storms

There are many people who are afraid of storms. They can seem loud and wild and even appear to be out of control. We certainly recognize just how little control we have in such situations.

While storms seem unpredictable and uncontrollable, they always remain under the control of our great God. His finger draws the path for the wind and it can't stray from it. He fixes the exact volume of thunder and the intensity of the rain.

"He set a limit for the rain and a course for the thunderbolt," Job 28:26

"He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses." Psalm 135:7

God of Snow and Ice

Winter is the hardest season for me. I do not like being cold and the grey skies can really mess with my mood.

But there is good and beauty to be found in all seasons and in all weather. I am determined to find it this year.

Snowflakes are delicate, if you try to catch one it immediately melts on your hand. But God can create and mold each snow flake into a uniquely beautiful creation, directing where it should land and how long it should last.

"He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty

downpour.'" Job 37:6

"The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen." Job 37:10

"He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes." Psalms 147:16

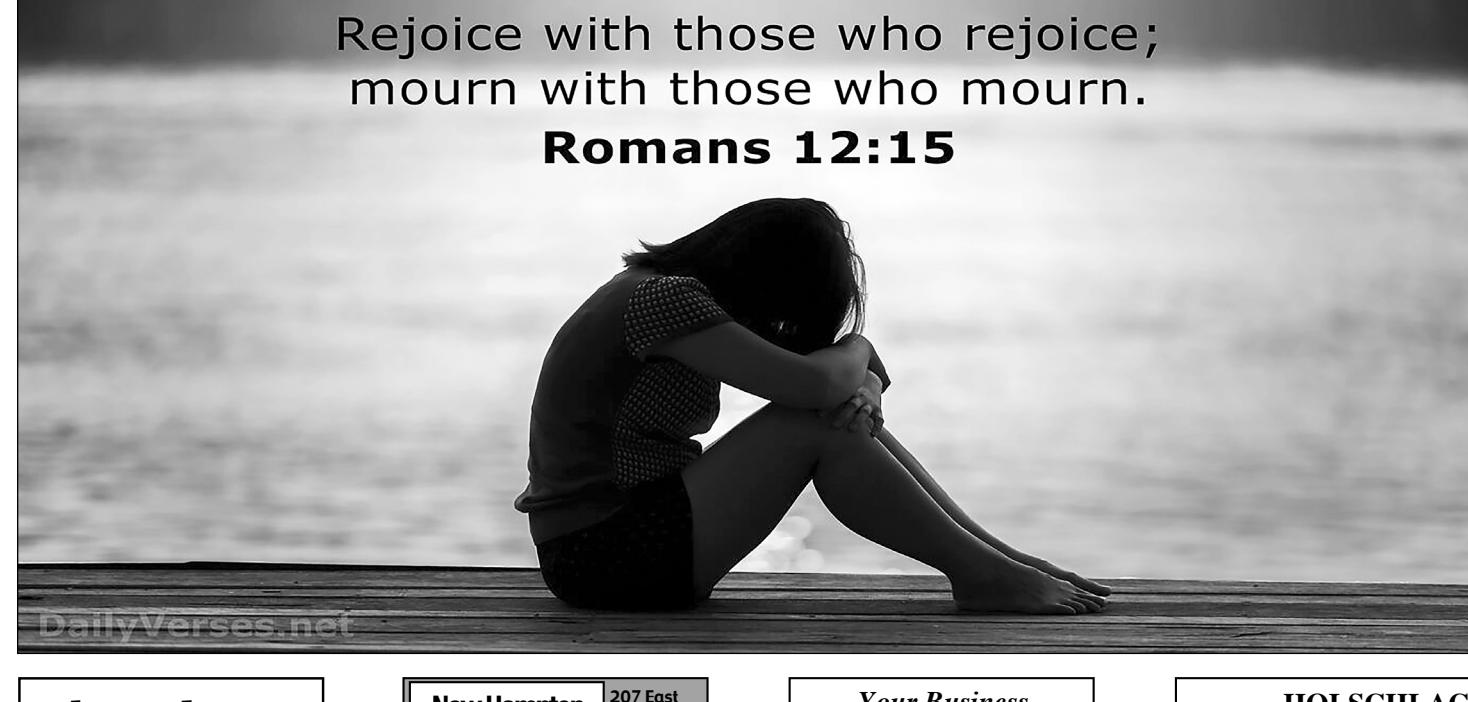
The truth that God creates, ordains, and controls all weather is really important to understand because, as William Law said, "He who complains of the weather—complains of the God who ordains the weather!" Basically we are raising our fists against God, against his wisdom, and his goodness.

I wonder how much complaining would be eliminated from our lives if we could truly be thankful for the weather we experience each day. Can we agree with the Psalmist that this is the day that the Lord has made, and can we rejoice and be glad in it? My goal for this coming year is that I would learn to enjoy the rainy days as much as the sunny ones, and the cold days as much as the warm ones.

But how do we do that when the weather sometimes hurts? When a tornado takes our home, or when so much snow falls that people have a difficulty getting food and supplies? We can rejoice that it is not happening without purpose, and that our affliction will work for our good. We can praise God who is presently involved and will use both pleasant and painful weather for his glory and our sanctification.

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Consider Family Meeting To Discuss Estate Plans

At some point, you'll want to share your estate plans with your loved ones — and the first step in this process may be to hold a family meeting.

The best time to hold this meeting is when you're still in good mental and physical shape, and the enactment of your estate plans may well be years away. But what topics should you cover?

Consider these main areas:

- Your wishes — and those of your family. Use this meeting to introduce your estate plans and, in a basic sense, what you hope to accomplish with them — leave money to your family, support charitable groups and so on. You'll want to emphasize that you want to be equitable in what you leave behind, but there may be issues that affect this decision, such as disparities in income between grown children or an allowance for a special-needs child. But you'll also want to listen to what your family members want — and you might be surprised at what they tell you. Consider this: More than 80% of the millennial generation would rather know their parents are financially secure throughout their retirement, even if this means that their parents will pass on less money to them, according to an Edward Jones/Age Wave study.

- Estate planning documents — At the time of your family meeting, you may or may not have already created your estate planning documents, but in either case, this would be a good time to discuss them. These documents may include a will, a living trust, financial power of attorney, health care power of attorney and possibly other arrangements. At a minimum, you'd like to give a general overview of what these documents mean, but at an initial family meeting, you don't necessarily have to get too detailed. For example, you might not want to talk about specific inheritances. This is also an opportunity to inform your loved ones of the professionals involved in your estate plans, such as your attorney and your tax advisor.



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- Roles of everyone involved — Not only does a comprehensive estate plan involve moving parts, such as the necessary documents, but it also includes actual human beings who may need to take on different roles. You will need an executor for your will and, if you have a living trust, you'll need a trustee. Even if you choose to serve as the initial trustee, you'll still need to identify one or more successor trustees to take your place if you become incapacitated, or upon your death. Plus, you'll need to name people to act as your power of attorney for health care and finances. Choosing the right people for these roles involves thought and sensitivity. Obviously, you want individuals who are competent and reliable, but you also need to be aware that some family members could feel slighted if others are assigned roles they feel they could do. By being aware of these possible conflicts, you can be better prepared to address them.

- Here's one more suggestion: Let your family know that this initial meeting doesn't mean the end of communications about your estate plans. Encourage your loved ones to contact you with questions whenever they want. You may need to hold additional family meetings in the future, but by laying the initial groundwork, you will have taken a big first step in establishing the legacy you'd like to leave.

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Community Thanksgiving Dinner boosts Food Pantry

Proceeds from the 2023 Community Thanksgiving Dinner that was held at Trinity Lutheran Church were given to the Chickasaw Food Pantry recently.

The donation, which was more than \$4,200, came from the freewill donations during the Nov. 23 event in which more than 80 volunteers served 389 meals.

Presenting the donation are Kathy Beckman (left) and Susanne Hauge (right) and receiving the check is food pantry representative Jennifer Riley.

School Board will ultimately make decision on New Hampton conference affiliation

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the 2021-22 school year.

The remaining six schools — Charles City, Crestwood, Decorah, New Hampton, Waukon and Waverly-Shell Rock — voted 5-1 to remove Waverly-Shell Rock, the conference's largest school, from the league, effective with this school year.

But last year, after going through a mediation process, the remaining schools agreed to allow Waverly-Shell Rock to remain in the NEIC this year, with the understanding that it would not try to remain in the conference in 2024-25.

When the schools voted the Go-Hawks out of the league, the thought was that the NEIC would be more attractive to potential new members. Osage, North Fayette Valley, Sumner-Fredericksburg and even Oelwein were thought to be potential schools for conference expansion.

"We've sent out invitations, and they've all been rejected," Jurrens said Monday, "and so we're at a point where I think our membership is worried about the future."

... Things can change, but we also know that a five-team conference, I've said this in the past, is difficult to maintain in the long term."

Crestwood's interest in the UIC comes three years after that conference extended invitations to a number of school districts in Northeast Iowa, including the NEIC's Waukon, Crestwood and New Hampton, but none of those schools took the Upper Iowa up on its offer.

But if Crestwood does apply and is accepted for membership in the UIC, the NEIC would be down to four teams, and state rules do not allow for conferences to have memberships less than five.

The news that Howard-Winneshiek was considering leaving the NEIC led to a lively discussion on social media sites and also was the reason that New Hampton coaches were scheduled to meet Wednesday morning. The goal was to "reach a consensus regarding New Hampton's next step regarding conference membership that will be shared with Mr. Jurrens."

Among the options the coaches said they

might consider were having New Hampton, along with Crestwood and Waukon, petition the UIC, which could possibly be divided into "large school" and "small school divisions" and petition the NICL, which is losing one of its members, East Marshall.

Jurrens said he would not hazard a guess at what the UIC would do if the Howard-Winneshiek board moves ahead with trying to get Crestwood into the league. As the superintendent at Turkey Valley, he would have a vote on any possible expansion of the league that, in addition, to Turkey Valley, includes Central Elkader, Clayton Ridge, Kee High, MFL MarMac, North Fayette Valley, Postville, South Winneshiek and West Central.

"I know it's a hot topic of conversation," Jurrens said, "but before we do anything here [at New Hampton], I want to talk to our coaches, our community members, and then come to our board. Ultimately, it's up to them. I do know our board members want to do what's best for our students."

Briefs

Supervisors discuss budgets, approve EMS compensation policy

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approved a compensation structure policy for the county-owned ambulance service and spent a couple of hours discussing budget issues during its weekly meeting on Monday morning.

Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson had given the policy to supervisors during a meeting on Jan. 8, when board members approved granting paramedics, EMTs and drivers who had been with the service since July 1, 2023, 6 percent raises.

But they passed on voting for the policy because it was not on that meeting's agenda.

On Monday, after a short discussion, board members unanimously approved the policy that on July 1, employees "shall receive the COLA [cost-of-living adjustment] as approved by the Board of Supervisors" as long as they have had "continuous employment" with Chickasaw County EMS for "six continuous months." The policy also calls for the Board of Supervisors, on a five-year basis, to "conduct a market evaluation and readjustment of starting base wages."

But the majority of Monday's meeting was spent on the 2024-25

budget that must be certified by April 15.

Three more departments — Chickasaw County EMS, EMA/911 and Veterans Affairs — presented their budgets to the board, and while there was little discussion on the EMS and Veterans Affairs budgets, board members spent considerable time talking with Emergency Management Agency Director Jeff Bernatz about his budget, especially the fact that the EMA budget does not receive funds from the county's cities. Instead, almost the entire budget is covered by the county's General Services (GS) fund.

Board members also spent about 25 minutes to discuss county wages — including the Compensation Board's recommendation to give the sheriff, recorder, auditor, treasurer and attorney 9 percent pay raises and the supervisors 3.2 percent hikes. Board members did not act on the Compensation Board's recommendations or make any decisions about possible pay raises for other county employees who are not represented by a union.

Owl prowls at Twin Ponds

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will host an owl prowls and make your own owl call on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

At 6 p.m. there will be a discussion on some of the adaptations that help owls thrive. Attendees will be shown how to make and

use their own owl call.

There is no cost for the program, but pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

Iowa State graduates

More than 1,700 graduates received degrees from Iowa State University this fall. Graduate and undergraduate ceremonies were held Dec. 15-16 at Hilton Coliseum.

Among the graduates from the area were:

Lawler: Kylie Rosonke, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Studies.

New Hampton: Brendan Erdahl, Bachelor of Science, Journalism and Mass Communication; Cassidy Grove, Bachelor of Science, Human Development and Family Studies; Christina Speicher, Bachelor of Science, Animal Science, Magna Cum Laude, Honors Program Member.

Mobile Food Bank in town today

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly stop in New Hampton this afternoon (Thursday) at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Food will be distributed from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and those who want to volunteer should be at the center by 3:45 p.m.

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City of Alta Vista Council Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Kayla Pride, Adam Roethler, and Amy Laures in the Alta Vista City Hall. Rick Heying was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burt Ostert.

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

Rick Heying arrives at 6:01 pm.

December 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Mayor Ostert wanted to clarify that the Council never request a copy or requested to see the police report regarding the dog bite incident that Ostert read to the council at the December meeting. Ostert informed council that it should not have been his responsibility to provide the police report and that if another incident like this happens again, the council should try and gather all information possible first.

Roethler made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the December 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitor concerns were discussed. Barb McAvoy was present and wanted to welcome new council members, Burt Ostert and Kayla Pride and wish them the best.

Fire Department was discussed. Ashlyn Laures presented the Fire Departments budget. Ashlynn provided an update on the utility truck, stating that it is taking some time to get it done as the Fire Department is doing all the work themselves. Ostert wants to recognize Norb Geerts, Jimmy Geerts, Larry Laures, and any other volunteers working on the utility truck.

Library was discussed. Clerk is working with the library to finalize the grant for the siding of the library. Library will like to put the grant money into a separate account or a money market account. The Library will also host a meet and greet with the new Mayor Burt Ostert on February 17th.

S White Ave and W Weber Street project was discussed. Unfortunately the

County did not receive the IIJA grant. Roman provided another grant option for the City to apply for that would cover up to \$500,000.00 through INRCOG. Roethler or Ostert will meet with Roman to discuss further.

Municipal infractions were discussed. Clerk provide an ordinance from the City of New Hampton regarding Municipal Infractions rates and snow removal rates. Sheriff Ryan Shawver was present to discuss what the County will enforce. The County will only enforce State Codes, not Ordinances. The County will still come out and investigate if someone contacts the county about an Ordinance.

Sheriff Shawver stated the Council needs to enforce their Ordinances and to be consistent. Sheriff's office will also hand deliver letters to residents regarding Ordinance violations if asked.

After discussion, Pride made the motion, seconded by Roethler to set the fines with vehicles on streets to be \$25.00 if the fine is paid within 5 days of the notice, \$30.00 if the fine is paid within 30 days of the notice, and \$40.00 if the fine is paid after 30 days; the fines with snow removal on sidewalks will be \$25.00 for the 1st offense, \$50.00 for the 2nd offense, and \$100.00 for 3 or more offense. There will be a warning given before the 1st offense. All ayes Motion carried.

Dog registration was discussed.

Budget was discussed. Clerk provided budget documents for Council to review. Will discuss more at February meeting.

ClerkBooks was discussed. Clerk needs more support hours for ClerkBooks. It would cost \$900.00 for 10 hours of support. Heying made the motion, seconded by Roethler to approve the 10 hours of support. All ayes. Motion carried.

VFW liquor license was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Slick to approve the VFW liquor license. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trees removal was discussed. Pat Halvorson was present on behalf of the St. Bernards Church. The Church removed a dying tree in between the curb and sidewalk and wanted to ask the council if they would help pay for the expense. It cost the Church \$592.00. After discus-

sion, it was decided by the council that they would not help pay for this tree as they were not part of the removal process, as the City has received bids for tree removal in the past. The council informed Pat to have the City contacted prior to removal of other trees and the city will help with the removal process in the future.

Council duties were discussed. Laures and Ostert will be assigned to electric; Roethler and Heying will be assigned to water; Roethler and Heying will be assigned to sewer; Slick and Heying will be assigned to streets; Pride will be assigned to parks; Laures will be assigned to library; Laures will be assigned Mayor Pro Tem; Heying and Roethler will be assigned to buildings; Slick and Ostert will be assigned to public safety; Ostert will be assigned to landfill; Ostert and Roethler will be assigned to insurance; Ostert will be assigned to inspect the Municipal Hall; Laures and Slick will be assigned Ambulance, 911, EMS. Slick made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the council duties. All ayes. Motion carried.

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 December's meeting. City will continue to advertise for a treasurer.

Disbursements were discussed. Heying made the motion, seconded by Roethler to approve the disbursements. All ayes. Motion carried.

December Disbursements

IPERS Withholdings.....\$1,408.05

U.S. Treasury Withholdings....\$2,378.62

State of IA WET Tax.....\$166.45

State of IA Sales Tax.....\$291.62

Wellmark Health Insurance- Dec.....\$713.30

Alliant Energy Electric Purchase.....\$10,611.49

City of Alta Vista Utilities.....\$201.23

Holthaus; Jarrett Office Chair, Mat, Fold-

.....\$356.70

AV Firefighters Association Truck Box Work, Books.....\$509.05

AV Shopper Ads.....\$98.55

Chickasaw County Auditor Elections.....\$261.47

Cooley Pumping Toilet Rental....\$95.00

Erdman Engineering, P.C. Preliminary Design Plan.....\$5,184.00

Fire Service Training Bureau HMAO-Training.....\$50.00

Heiman Round Pike Pole.....\$107.00

IMWCA Audit Premium Adjustment.....\$416.00

Jendro Sanitation Garbage \$1,468.46

John Deere Financial DEF, Toilet Paper, Air Filter, Couplings.....\$83.40

Almanac

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Tuesday	2	-13	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 7 and a low of 8 below.

Friday: Partly sunny and cold with a high of 1 and a low of 17 below.

Saturday: Sunny and still cold with a high of 1 and a low of 11 below.

Sunday: Partly sunny and warmer with a high of 20 and a low of 14.

Extended forecast: Break out the shorts as we're going to start the work week with highs in the lower 30s and lows dropping to near 20.

Meetings**MONDAY**

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

History

• In 1778, the English explorer Captain James Cook becomes the first European to travel to the Hawaiian Islands when he sails past the island of Oahu.

• In 1919, the leaders of the victorious Allies — the United States, France, Great Britain and Italy — arrive in Paris to begin the long, complicated negotiations that would officially mark the end of the First World War.

• In 1958, hockey player Willie O'Ree of the Boston Bruins takes to the ice for a game against the Montreal Canadiens, becoming the first black player to play in the National Hockey League.

• In 1975, Barry Manilow's scores his first No. 1 single of his career with "Mandy."

• In 1990, Washington D.C. Mayor Marion Barry is arrested on drug charges.

• In 1996, Major League Baseball owners unanimously approve interleague play for the 1997 season.

Birthdays

• American film star Cary Grant was born in 1904.

• Curt Flood, whose challenge of baseball's reserve clause led to free agency, was born in 1938.

• Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins turns 25.

• Actor Jason Segel, who starred on TV's "How I Met Your Mother," turns 44.

• Actor Jesse L. Martin, who starred on TV's original "Law & Order," turns 55.

• Hockey great Mark Messier turns 63.

• American movie star and Academy Award winner Kevin Costner turns 69.

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Leslie Schilling, 60

Leslie Schilling, age 60 of Nashua, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, at Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2024, at St. John Lutheran Church, Nashua, with the Rev. Todd Burrichter presiding.

Interment will be held in Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua at a later date.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church on Monday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Property Transfers

Marie Jean Funk, Marie Jean Rosonke and Joshua C. Funk to Brian E. Rosonke; PARCEL E NW SE 16-95-13.

Brian E. Rosonke to Jarel A. Murillo, Buddy J. McCarthy and Aellen E. McCarthy; PARCEL E NW SE 16-95-13.

James Shatek and Kristy Shatek to James Shatek REV LIV TR, Kristy Shatek REV LIV TR, James Shatek TR and Kristy Shatek TR; SE 12-95-13 N20AC NW NE 08-96-12 E1/2 NW 08-96-12 E1/4 W1/2 NW 08-96-12 N1/2 SE 30-97-12 NE SW 30-97-12 EX PARCEL A SW NW 11-96-13 N1/2 SW 11-96-13 SW SW 11-96-13.

Hillerest Baptist & Brethren Church to Curtis J. Gruenberg and Kathleen A. Gruenberg; PARCEL 2023-47 NE NW 18-94-11.

Christy D. Boehmer to Lamar N. Burkholder and Elaine M. Burkholder; SW SE 22-97-14.

Galen L. Tolliver TR, Galen Tolliver TR, Therese R. Tolliver TR, Therese Tolliver TR, Galen Tolliver REV TR and Therese Tolliver REV TR to JAGR LLC; PARCEL 2019-55 SW 05-96-13.

Agventure Leasing LLC to L & P Rentals LLC; PARCEL A NE SE 13-95-13.

Darin King, Dawn King and D & M Trucking to King Livestock LLC; PARCEL C SE NW 04-95-11.

Stith Family Farms LLC to Michael A. Johnson and Renae O. Johnson; PARCEL 2023-38 SE SE 27-94-14.

Betty Louise Gorman EST, Karen Gorman Clemens COEX, Karen Gorman Clemens COEX and Beverly Coody COEX to William D. Stonecypher and Gerogia R. Stonecypher; EX N1R NEW HAMPTON RAILROAD ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 22 NEW HAMPTON RAILROAD ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 22 EX S16-1/2' NEW HAMPTON RAILROAD ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 22.

Karen E. Orvis EST and Karla Gilbert EX to Tim Orvis; UNDIVIDED 25% INTEREST PT LYING E CNTY RD SW SW 08-96-11 SE SE 07-96-11 W1/2 SW 08-96-11NE SW 08-96-11SE NW 08-96-11E5/8 NW NW 08-96-11 W17.6AC SE SW 08-96-11ALL SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS.

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Francesca C. Burgart EST, Larry Burgart EX and David Burgart EX to Sandra Burgart; NEW HAMPTON GILBERTS ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 1.

Ronald S. Kingsbury to Roger A. Pleggenkuhle and Margo A. Pleggenkuhle; FREDERICKSBURG MATTKES SECOND ADDITION Lot: 8.

Barbara A. Havlik to Daniel L. Wiltse and Amanda C. Wiltse; E342' S449' NE SW 15-95-12 W276' E618' S398' NE SW 15-95-12.

Precision of New Hampton Inc. to John Swinehart and Kimberly Swinehart; PT S12R N20R W16R LYING W OF LINE 181'E HWY EX N35' NW NW 18-95-12.

Harlan J. Taylor and Avis A. Taylor to Harlan J. Taylor TR, Avis A. Taylor TR and Taylor Living Trust; SW 28-94-12 E1/2 EX SE 29-94-12.

Lowell H. Benning EST and Joann D. Benning EX to Joann D. Benning; UNDIVIDED TWO THIRDS INTEREST NASHUA COLERS SECOND ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 4 NASHUA COLERS SECOND ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 4 N5-1/2' NASHUA COLERS SECOND ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 4 N5-1/2' NASHUA COLERS SECOND ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 4.

Gary D. Klobassa REV TR, Marilyn C. Klobassa REV TR, Gary D. Klobassa TR and Marilyn C. Klobassa TR to Ryan Klobassa and Michelle Klobassa; N1/2 SE NE 23-97-14.

Ethan J. Novotny, Emily J. Novotny, Emily Novotny, Emily A. Hauber, Emily A. Novotny, Michael G. Hauber, Mitchell L. Novotny and Mitchell Novotny to Duane D. Novotny and Jackie L. Novotny; NE SE 26-97-11.

Dennis J. Meirick and Paula L. Meirick to Paula L. Meirick TR and Paula L. Meirick REV TR; BEG N1/4 COR 24-97-11 CHYLES SUBDIV L4 NE NW 24-97-11.

Joel P. Meirick, Julie L. Meirick and Julie Lynn Meirick to Julie L. Meirick TR and Julie L. Meirick REV TR; COMM NE COR OF N1/2 SE 24-97-11.

Kara Wedemeier TR and John D. Schultz Trust to Kara Wedemeier; E1/2 NE 24-97-13.

Andrew Zweibohmer, Elizabeth Zweibohmer and Elizabeth Laures to Taylor A. Moser and Bennett Moser; NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 2 Block: 48.

Patricia Leichtman to Peter L. Zeien and Dixie S. Zeien; N1/2 E1/2 E1AC W3-1/4AC N1/4 NE SE 07-95-12.

Randy P. Burgart and Linda R. Burgart to Dale Kleiss and Judith A. Kleiss; W1/2 EX SE 07-94-12.

Student Achievement**Loras College dean's list**

Loras College has announced the names of students who achieved Dean's List status for the 2023 fall semester. A student must earn a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours to be recognized.

Among the students that earned the honor is New Hampton's Emily Jackson.

NICC graduates

Northeast Iowa Community College, which has campuses in Calmar and Peosta, released a list of fall 2023 graduates.

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Kenneth 'Kenny' Eldon Maupin, 93

Kenneth "Kenny" Eldon Maupin, age 93 of New Hampton, died peacefully on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, at Kensington Nursing Center in New Hampton.

Kenny was born on May 27, 1930, in Plymouth, the fifth of six children born to David and Gladys Maupin.

He was a proud graduate of Rockford High School where he was very active in athletics (football, basketball and baseball) earning 11 of a possible 12 letters. His passion for sports continued his entire life whether he was participating or supporting his kids and grandkids in their athletics. Kenny also coached junior high sports for 10 years and officiated football games for 33 years.

In 1953 he met the love of his life, Phyllis Ewald. They were united in marriage on June 6, 1954.

Kenny attended the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls and graduated in 1956 with a bachelor of arts degree in education.

The young couple moved to New Hampton where they would become lifelong residents and raise their family. Kenny was a well-respected teacher of industrial arts and drafting at the high school. He is remembered as being a patient teacher who taught practical skills to his students and was quick to remember his former students by name.

Mary earned a bachelor's degree at Wheaton College and a master's degree at Northern Michigan University. She began her career in 1962 teaching home economics and English for two years at Caro, Michigan before accepting a similar assignment at Marquette High School in 1964. She was known and respected for being a creative and pragmatic teacher who found ways to involve all her students in learning lifelong skills. Mary was selected to serve as an exchange teacher at Westcliff by The Sea in England during the 1965 school year and returned to teach at Marquette High School in 1966 for two more years.

Mary and John Argeropoulos were married on Friday, February 16, 1968 at the United Methodist Church in Marquette. It was a short honeymoon since they were both employed and were only able to take one business day and had to return to work on Monday. They went on a shopping spree from the Tiroler Hof Motel all the way to Heath's Hardware in Skandia to purchase a new coffeepot. However, those who knew the couple well would report that the honeymoon never ended. In 1969, Mary chose to be a full-time mother and when the children were older began teaching part-time for Marquette Public Schools and NMU. Mary then pursued coursework in library science at the University of

Kenny Maupin

Kenny also enjoyed serving his community. He was a past president of the Lion's Club, chairman of Education Association, Area One, and a delegate to the Iowa Education State Convention.

Kenny was a long time member of the United Methodist Church, serving on many boards and committees and putting his handyman skills to work on projects.

He enjoyed volunteering at the Mercy Medical Hospital. In his summers, Kenny did carpentry work, repair work at Dungey's Furniture Store and beautiful framework for the Frame Shop. Kenny possessed a strong work ethic and was a humble man with a quiet spirit and a big heart for helping others.

After teaching 36 years at

Mary Argeropoulos, 82

MARQUETTE, MI - Mary Argeropoulos died at home on December 26, surrounded by her family and under the care of Lake Superior Hospice. Mary was born in 1941, in New Hampton, Iowa the oldest daughter of Paul and Lucille Hassman.

Mary was a strong, vibrant woman who was blessed with a wholesome set of core values that included unconditional love of family and friends, kindness, generosity, and the ability to see the best in everyone. She always enjoyed meeting and working with a wide diversity of people and organizations. Some of Mary's favorite activities were hiking, biking, stitchery club, investment club, international foods club, music, gardening, reading, traveling, working with Methodist women programs, volunteering, and the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, Paul and Lucille Hassman of New Hampton, Iowa; her older brother, Dean Hassman of Denver, Colorado; and sister-in-law Thelma Hassman of Hudson, Wisconsin. Survivors include her husband, John Argeropoulos, son James (Jennifer) Argeropoulos of Marquette and grandchildren (Micah, Kayla, Breanna, Grace, Monet, and

dean's list included:

Alta Vista: Kimberly Jordan.

Elma: Ryder-Maloy Fair, Samantha Wilberding.

Legal Notice - Legal Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY (JUVENILE DIVISION) IN THE INTEREST OF M.B. and A.B., Child. Juvenile Nos. JJV000907 and JVV000908

ORIGINAL NOTICE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (IOWA CODE CHAPTER 232)

TO: Cory Lee Bane

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above court, a petition in the above-entitled action, which prays for termination of the parent-child relationship between the parents and the above-named child pursuant to Division IV of Iowa Code Chapter 232. The Petitioner is the State of Iowa whose attorney is Charles Crain whose address is 516 South Linn Avenue, New Hampton, Iowa 50659.

You are further notified that a hearing to determine whether parental rights should be terminated to the child in interest pursuant to Iowa Code Section 232.117 shall be held before the Juvenile Court on the **4th day of March, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock A.M.**, in the Courtroom of the Chickasaw County Courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa. If you fail to appear and defend at said time and place, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in

the petition.

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 above-named court and request from and file with the Clerk an Application for Appointment of Counsel and Financial Statement. If you are determined to be indigent, the Court may appoint counsel for you. The child's parent is notified that the child's parent may be required to reimburse the state for all of the legal fees and costs attributed to the appointment of counsel for the child's parent.

Note: The attorney who is expected to represent the child's parent should be promptly advised by the parent of the 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 (563) 589-4448. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.)

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Briefs**New Hampton's McShane, Nashua-Plainfield's Rinken in the running for Mr. Wrestler of the Year**

Fareway Stores, Inc., IAwrestle, Iowa Corn present the Dan Gable Ms. and Mr. Wrestler of the Year Awards in coordination with

Legal Notice - Legal Notice**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY**

In the Matter of the Estate of Shirley M. Blazek, Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR003184

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Shirley M. Blazek, Deceased, who died on or about December 13, 2023:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 8th day of January, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Shirley M. Blazek, deceased, bearing date of April 9, 2007, was admitted to probate in the abovenamed Court and that Donald R. Blazek and Eugene L. Blazek were appointed co-executors of the estate.

Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 10th day of January, 2024.

Donald R. Blazek, 2904 Ridgeway Lane, Lawler, IA 52171, Co-executor of estate

Eugene L. Blazek, 2436 Pembroke Ave, Fredericksburg, IA 50630, Co-executor of estate

Jana Evelsizer Olson

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

Date of second publication:

January 25, 2024.

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Notice is further given that all per-

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

Fans have the ability to vote once per day at IAwrestle.com for their top wrestler in each category until Jan. 19th at noon, when it will be narrowed down to the top 7. Please note, the fan vote winners will count as ONE vote towards the IWCOA's committee votes in EACH round. (For example: Wrestler A received enough fan votes to place second in the poll but that does not guarantee them to move on to the next round.)

IWCOA has selected 12 coaches and officials to serve on the committee. The fan vote is the 13th vote.)

Another round of committee and fan voting will take place from Jan. 22 to Feb. 5 determine the three finalists.

Then we will repeat with another round of voting for the winner to be announced at the luncheon awards banquet which will take place at the Fareway Conference Center in Boone, Iowa on Feb. 28th at noon.

Upper Iowa dean's list

Upper Iowa University has announced the dean's list for the 2023 Fall Semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Students from the area include:

Lawler: Avery Reicks.

Sumner: Elizabeth Diers, Sarah Gunn, Joy Meyer, Klay See-

hase.

Nashua: Jennifer Hovey.

Waucoma: Christian Cutsforth.

New Hampton: Carli Gebel.

Elma: William Kopp, Ashton Pankow.

Fort Atkinson: Luke Mueller.

Farm couple getaway to be held in Decorah Feb. 16-17

To help farm families build relationships and set family goals,

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Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Meeting Date/Time: 2/1/2024 09:10 AM	Contact: SHEILA SHEKLETON	Phone: (641) 394-2100
Meeting Location: Boardroom 2nd floor of the Courthouse, 8 E Prospect, New Hampton, IA 50659		

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals>.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1 6,985,185	0	6,985,185
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2 6,014	0	6,014
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3 233,850	0	233,850
Net Current Property Tax	4 6,745,321	0	6,745,321
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5 135	0	135
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6 15,000	0	15,000
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7 944,392	0	944,392
Intergovernmental	8 8,012,221	0	8,012,221
Licenses & Permits	9 25,300	0	25,300
Charges for Service	10 1,626,188	0	1,626,188
Use of Money & Property	11 145,852	0	145,852
Miscellaneous	12 227,100	22,459	249,559
Subtotal Revenue	13 17,741,509	22,459	17,763,968
Other Financing Sources:			
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14 0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15 2,778,470	0	2,778,470
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16 0	12,702	12,702
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17 20,519,979	35,161	20,555,140
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Operating:			
Public Safety and Legal Services	18 4,208,981	117,018	4,325,999
Physical Health and Social Services	19 1,780,749	80,100	1,860,849
Mental Health, ID & DD	20 0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21 882,214	106,170	988,384
Roads & Transportation	22 7,577,918	0	7,577,918
Government Services to Residents	23 661,806	21,095	682,901
Administration	24 2,199,577	680,672	2,880,249
Nonprogram Current	25 0	0	0
Debt Service	26 476,473	0	476,473
Capital Projects	27 4,330,198	191,000	4,521,198
Subtotal Expenditures	28 22,117,916	1,196,055	23,313,971
Other Financing Uses:			
Operating Transfers Out	29 2,778,470	0	2,778,470
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30 0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31 24,896,386	1,196,055	26,092,441
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32 -4,376,407	-1,160,894	-5,537,301
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2023	33 8,788,413	0	8,788,413
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34 0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35 0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36 2,432,035	0	2,432,035
Fund Balance - Committed	37 0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38 0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39 1,979,971	-1,160,894	819,077
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2024	40 4,412,006	-1,160,894	3,251,112

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Explanation of Changes: Line 12 is an increase in grants for the sheriff's department along with line 16 which is the proceeds from the sale of a sheriff car and truck. Line 18 is an increase in healthcare \$33,584.00 for departments Attorney, Sheriff, and EMS, the Co Attorney Forfeiture Fund of \$100.00, Sheriff overtime \$11,166 (which is reimbursed by grants), \$8,200.00 for jail cameras, \$14,770.00 for lodging of prisoners, \$5,000.00 education(which is reimbursed by grants), \$9,000.00 police supplies (which is reimbursed by grants)\$12,700.00 for vehicle maintenance(which is reimbursed by sale of vehicles) and \$9,000.00 for Jail feasibility study. \$13,500 EMS equipment. Line 19 is increased in healthcare \$350.00 for Veterans Affairs, \$65,300.00 for Public & Environmental Health , \$2,450.00 for custodian at Community Services Building (CSB). \$12,000.00 for repairs at CBS. Line 21 \$8,300.00 is increase in healthcare for Conservation, \$2,870 for Extension Office , the county returned the money they gave us for their farm safety day and moving expenses, \$85,000.00 is if we need it with the closure of the landfill. \$10,000.00 for Co Economic Development. Line 23 is an increase in healthcare \$9,466.00 along with \$7,000.00 Increase for new deputy wages, FICA, and IPERS. \$3,845.00 for a printer for Treasurer. \$784.00 increase in healthcare for Recorder. Line 24 is \$600,000.00 for Secondary Roads, increase in healthcare \$1,100.00 for BOS, \$14,000.00 for Auditor, \$21,877.00 for Treasurer, \$350 for General Services. \$10,000.00 for BOS mailings for the budget, Auditor \$240.00 for publications and \$791.00 for lodging, Heritage Center \$1,914.00 for property taxes, \$30,000.00 for organizing TIF , \$400.00 property tax for Gilmore Property. Line 27 \$186,000.00 renovation of the EMS Building and Heritage architectural services of \$5,000.00

No. 20592

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Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice**TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM**

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton. Board members present were, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Dahl, Hendricks. General Manager Brian Quirk, Attorney Kit O'Donohoe and City Clerk Karen Clemens and were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:37 p.m.

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Babcock; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Dahl; that the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 11, 2023, be approved as amended. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

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Chickasaw girls to compete at super regional in Mason City

The format will remain the same but the venue is brand-spanking new when it comes to the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union's super regional wrestling tournament that will be held a week from Friday on Jan. 26 in Mason City.

A year ago, during the first sanctioned season for girls wrestling, the super regional was held at Luther College, but the Girls Union has moved the "northern Iowa" regional to Mason City High School's new fieldhouse, a \$24 million facility that includes a 200-meter indoor track, swimming pool and other amenities.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley will be one of the 24 teams competing in Region 7 while there will be 25 squads wrestling in Region 8.

Other teams in NH/TV's regional include AGWSR, Coralville.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

New Hampton 9th boys basketball vs. Waukon, 6 p.m.
NH/TV girls, JV and varsity boys wrestling at Waverly-Shell Rock, 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

Turkey Valley basketball vs. MFL MarMac, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton basketball at Waukon, boys JV at 4:45 p.m., girls JV at 6, varsity boys also at 6 and varsity girls at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

NH/TV varsity boys wrestling at Alburnett Duals, 9:30 a.m.

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



MONDAY

New Hampton basketball at South Winneshiek, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 4:45, varsity girls at 6 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton bowling at Independence, 4 p.m.

NH/TV JV boys wrestling at New Hampton tournament, 5 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley basketball at West Central, girls JV at 4:30 p.m., boys JV at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

New Hampton bowling at Sumner-Fredericksburg tournament, Cadillac Lanes, Waterloo, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

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

NH/TV boys JV conference tournament at Charles City, 4:30 p.m.

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

New Hampton 9th boys basketball at Decorah, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

NH/TV girls varsity at Iowa Girls Union super regional wrestling tournament at Mason City Fieldhouse, 10 a.m.

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

NH/TV boys wrestling conference tournament at Waverly-Shell Rock, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley boys basketball at Clarksville, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 6:15 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

New Hampton basketball vs. Waterloo Columbus, JV girls at 4:15 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 12 Jan. 10

	W	L	GB
Butch's II	54	45	0
Butch's I	52	47	2
Hide A Way	52	38	2
Big Willie's	48	51	6
Dak's Tap II	47	52	7
Schucky's	47	52	7
Bowlaway	44	46	10
Dak's Tap I	44	46	10
The Office	44	55	10

RESULTS

Dak's Tap I 5, Butch's II 4

Bowlaway Lanes 5, Big

Willie's 4

Butch's I 8, The Office 1

Dak's Tap II 5 Schucky's 4

Hide A Way - Bye Week

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Bowlaway Lanes - Christine Venem & Carrie Barloon

Butch's I - Missy Hackman & Kristy Kirkus, Kandy Fox & Michelle Pearson

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 12 Jan. 8

	W	L
HereZ 2 U	62	46
Brite Spot	62	46
Bowlaway Lanes	58	50
Big Willie's	57	51
Dak's Tap 1	57	51
Butch's 2	56	52
Butch's 1	54	54
VFW	54	54
Rascals	53	55
Dak's Tap 2	50	58
Hide-A-Way	48	60
The Office	37	71

RESULTS

Dak's Tap 1 5, Dak's Tap

2 4

Bowlaway Lanes 6,

Rascals 3

Hide-A-Way 7, Big Wil-

lie's 2

Brite Spot 5, Butch's 1

4

Butch's 2 5, HereZ 2 U

4

VFW 7, The Office 2

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Hide-A-Way: Bill & Jim L.

Jim C. & Jason

Bowlaway Lanes: Mitch

& Jamey

VFW: Darin & Will

Butch's 2: Derek & Nick

TABLE RUN

Brite Spot: Justin



New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Kelly Thronson (above) ties up with Waukon's Ava Bossom early in their 145-pound match while teammate Brooklyn McShane works to return the Indians' Jada Bushaw to the mat during the 125-pound match in last Thursday's Northeast Iowa Conference dual meet.

Chickasaws will get look at regional site during Saturday tourney

NH/TV GIRLS: FROM 12

They're learning, and they're learning fast."

NH/TV, though, had to forfeit six of the next seven weights, which gave Waukon a 36-24 lead, and the Indians put the match away when Jada Bushaw caught Chickasaw freshman Brooklyn McShane for a pin to end what was a close match at 125 and Jaelyn Johannningmeier won a tight 3-2 decision over Ella Knutson, a first-year wrestler for the Chickasaws, at 130.

NH/TV would win the final two matches as Sophie Glaser picked up a fall in 66 seconds at 135 while Olivia Hoy received a forfeit at 140, but it was too little, too late.

Still, Ciavarelli was nothing but positive following the meet.

"We won four of the six matches, and the two we lost, we showed a lot of fight," he said. "Brooklyn and Ella, they're getting better, and that's all I can ask from our girls. We're young, we haven't wrestled a lot this year, but they're really starting to get our sport and I'm excited to see that improvement."

After wrestling just once last week, NH/TV is in the midst of a hectic week. The Chickasaws played host to Charles City on Tuesday and travel to Waverly tonight (Thursday) for their final dual meet of the season.

NH/TV will wrap up its regular season with a Saturday tournament at Mason City, where the Chickasaws are scheduled to compete in the regional tournament on Friday, Jan. 26.

With all the 'hammers' back in the lineup, NH/TV boys rout Indians

NH/TV Boys: From 12

"but this was their night and it was nice to wrestle the way we did."

Almost from the start, it was NH/TV's night as six Chickasaw seniors — Kolbet, Saunders, Reicks, Svehla, McShane and McCumber — staked their team to a 33-0 lead.

Kolbet opened the meet by giving up a takedown to Waukon's Holten Palmer but dominated the next three minutes before recording a second-period pin to improve to 27-5, and if there is a Chickasaw wrestler who can overcome giving up the first takedown, it's Kolbet.

"He does it all the time," Paulus said, "but you know, he's a great example to our younger guys. The match isn't over if you go down 2-0. Karson proves it a lot."

After the Christmas break, Kolbet dropped down from 165 to 157, a decision he has no regrets about.

"I really wasn't cutting at all at 165. Actually, I was having a hard time keeping the weight on," said the senior who went to state a year ago as a 160-pounder. "At '57, I feel bigger, I feel faster, I feel stronger."

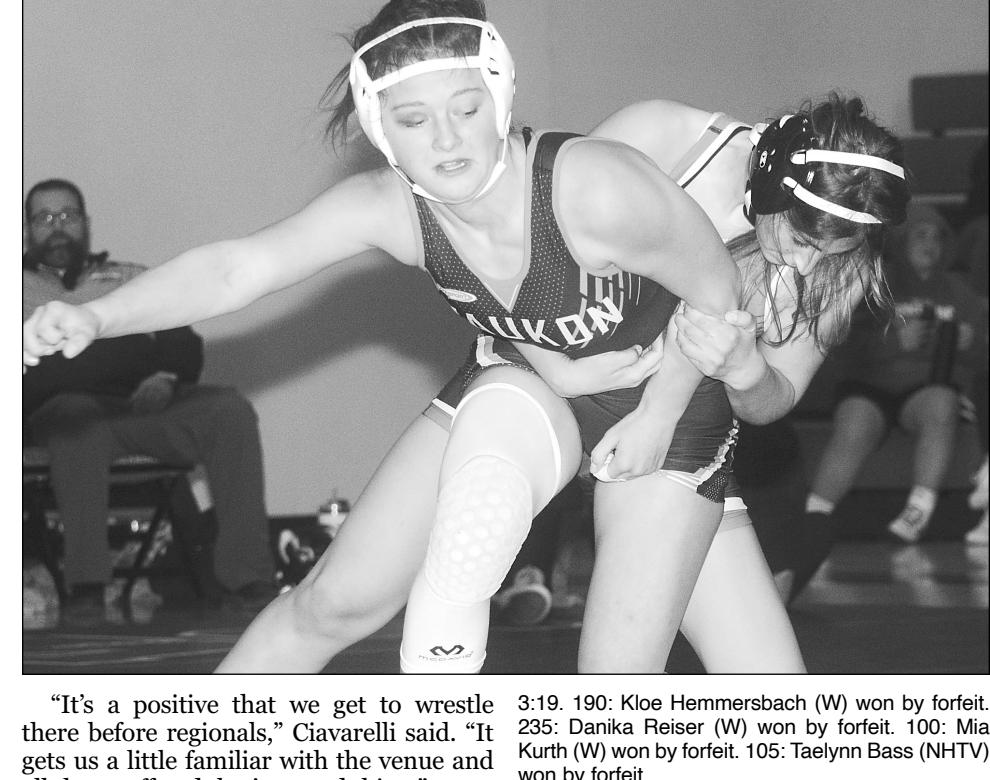
As for giving up that first takedown, he couldn't help but smile.

"I mean I don't want to," he said, "but it's two points, that's it. You know, I just want to enjoy this, have fun out there and so I'm not going to panic because it's 2-0 for the other guy."

After Kolbet's pin, Saunders took the mat, and after a relatively slow start, dominated the final two period on his way to a 7-0 win over Ethan Gibbs.

Saunders began the season as a 190-pounder, but the Chickasaws are loaded in the upper weights, which meant he was limited to spot varsity duty during the first month of the season.

But NH/TV's lower weights



"It's a positive that we get to wrestle there before regionals," Ciavarelli said. "It gets us a little familiar with the venue and all that stuff and that's a good thing."

WAUKON 45

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY 36

145: Kelly Thronson (NHTV) pinned Ava Bossom, 4:25. 155: Raelen Manderfield (NHTV) pinned Devynne Kruse, 5:07. 170: Aleah Eichenberger (NHTV) pinned Reagan Lubahn, 140: Olivia Hoy (NHTV) won by forfeit.

3:19. 190: Kloe Hemmersbach (W) won by forfeit. 165: Danika Reiser (W) won by forfeit. 120: Maria Kurth (W) won by forfeit. 105: Taelynn Bass (NHTV) won by forfeit.

110: Makenna Kurth (W) won by forfeit. 115: Alyisia Dundee (W) won by forfeit. 120: Mari Delaney (W) won by forfeit. 125: Jada Bushaw (W) pinned Brooklyn McShane, 3:25. 130: Jaelyn Johannningmeier (W) dec. Ella Knutson, 3-2. 135: Sophie Glaser (NHTV) pinned Cecilia Blake, 1:06. 140: Olivia Hoy (NHTV) won by forfeit.



New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Braiden Schaufenbuel looks to "turn the corner" and score a takedown during Thursday night's dual meet with Waukon.

a spot in the lineup.

"It's getting better, still kind of hard, but I'll do anything to help my team," Saunders said after improving to 14-3. "I think the big thing for me this year is when I decide to go for something, I go for it. Lot more confident this year."

"The more he makes 165, hopefully the easier it gets for him," Paulus said. "He's capable, no doubt about it, and the more he wrestles varsity, the more confident hopefully he's getting."

Up 9-0, the Chickasaws blew the match wide open with four straight pins. Reicks scored a third-period fall at 175 and Svehla (190), McShane (215) and McCumber (285) ended their matches quickly as they came up with first-period pins.

Svehla wrestled his first match since Christmas, and Paulus said just having the hard-nosed senior on the lineup gave NH/TV a lift.

"We had all our hammers," he said, "and even before the dual, it felt different. The vibe was really good tonight."

Turkey Valley boys get win, prepare for 'messy' calendar

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The chicken scratches that transformed John Izer's daily planner into a series of scribbles and crossouts had him wondering one thing Monday – when will it stop?

It's been a stressful and chaotic last week in terms of rescheduling athletic contests for head coaches and athletic directors across the state as winter weather has taken hold in Iowa and forced the postponement or cancellation of countless prep sporting events.

Turkey Valley wasn't alone on that front as last week's road tilt on Tuesday with North Fayette Valley was pushed back to a later date because of inclement weather. Ditto for TV's home contest with South Winneshiek on Friday and to make matters worse, Izer said this past Monday's non-conference matchup with Wapsie Valley has been postponed as well.

"After the events of Friday and today, I gotta go get my desk calendar out and probably throw it away and get a new one," said Izer. "I need to lay all this stuff out in front of me because I'm not even sure what days we have practice."

Turkey Valley (4-6, 3-5) was able to squeeze in a game at Tripoli last week Thursday and the results from that lopsided affair saw TV dominate the scoresheet with four scorers in double-figures. The Trojans raced out to a 23-4 lead headed into the second quarter and didn't let off the gas pedal in a 67-37 rout over the 0-10 Panthers.

"We were emphasizing good starts. One thing that we've not been good at is a start," said Izer. "We hit that. We played decent basketball and got to see the youngsters for a longer period of time."

Now the clock is ticking on whether TV can make up all these games up with the obvious hope of not having to reschedule contests yet again because Mother Nature might drop the white stuff down to earth – which makes driving much more difficult.

"We're running out of dates open," said Izer in his third year as TV boys hoops coach.

The lack of time to makeup these rescheduled games obviously has Izer worried, but the revamped schedule also has an impact on his team's practice times.

"People don't think of this part either – getting into the gym and practicing," added Izer, who said his team had an open shoot on Sunday in the Trojans' gym. "Obviously with no school Friday I couldn't get in. I was just looking for gym time to do some practicing."

But that's unpredictable nature of Iowa's weather patterns – where 10 degrees below zero with snow or 100 degrees outside in the hot summer months with rain can alter routines and make sports teams have to think on the fly about when and where they'll be playing.

"It's happening to everybody. We're going to take the schedule



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley's Logan Busta puts up a shot in a game earlier this season.

they throw out and go," said Izer. "That's about all we can do."

Trojan sophomore J.D. Kruse notched 15 points to lead the way for Turkey Valley against Tripoli. TV soph Logan Busta and senior Oliver Schmitt added 13 points apiece and senior point guard Caleb Kurtenbach hit for 10 points.

TV connected on 10 made 3-pointers, paced by Kurtenbach's three made buckets from beyond the arc.

Kurtenbach is TV's leading scorer with a 10.8 points-per-game average and Schmitt is second on the team in scoring (10.6 ppg). Kruse is top rebounder on the team as he averages over five boards a contest and 7.7 ppg in the scoring department.

"J.D. was normal J.D. He's been one of the most consistent all year," said Izer about his team's performance at Tripoli. "Logan played well. Everybody just kind of did their deal."

TV's game with NFV is slated to be made up on Thursday, Feb. 1, while the South Winn contest is planned to be played on Monday, Feb. 5. The Wapsie Valley game's remake date has been penciled in for this Saturday.

As stated before, Izer's calendar is a mess and filled with ink blotsches all over the months of January and February.

"Every time I look at the schedule and plan out the next four to six games – then comes a hiccup," said Izer. "Earlier in the year I loved where we were at...some of these things might be more difficult now playing three games in four nights and stuff like that."

Barring a setback due to weather, TV planned on playing Clayton Ridge (3-9, 1-8) at home on Tuesday and MFL-Mar-Mac (8-3, 5-3) on Friday in Jackson Junction.

TURKEY VALLEY 67, TRIPOLI 37
TV 23 10 18 16 - 67
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Caleb Kurtenbach 3 1-2 10, J.D. Kruse 5 5-5 15, Russell Nieman 0 3-4 3, Logan Busta 5 1-3 13, Cale Langreck 1 0-0 3, Oliver Schmitt 4 3-3 13, Calen Franzen 0 0-0 0, Ethan Orvis 1 0-0 3, Mitchell Kriener 0 0-0 0, Jonah Orvis 0 0-0 0, Jordan Kriener 0 0-0 0, Braylen Byrne 3 0-1 7, Aidan Holthaus 0 0-0 0. Totals 22 13-18 67.
3-point field goals - Kurtenbach 3, E. Orvis 1, Busta 2, Langreck 1, Schmitt 2, Byrne 1.

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Muscaro, LLC	17	11
Hugeback-Johnson	16	12
Rochford Insurance	15	13
Geerts Plumbing	15	13
D&K	14.5	13.5
Vern Laures Auto	13	15

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Muscaro LLC 2.5, D&K 1.5

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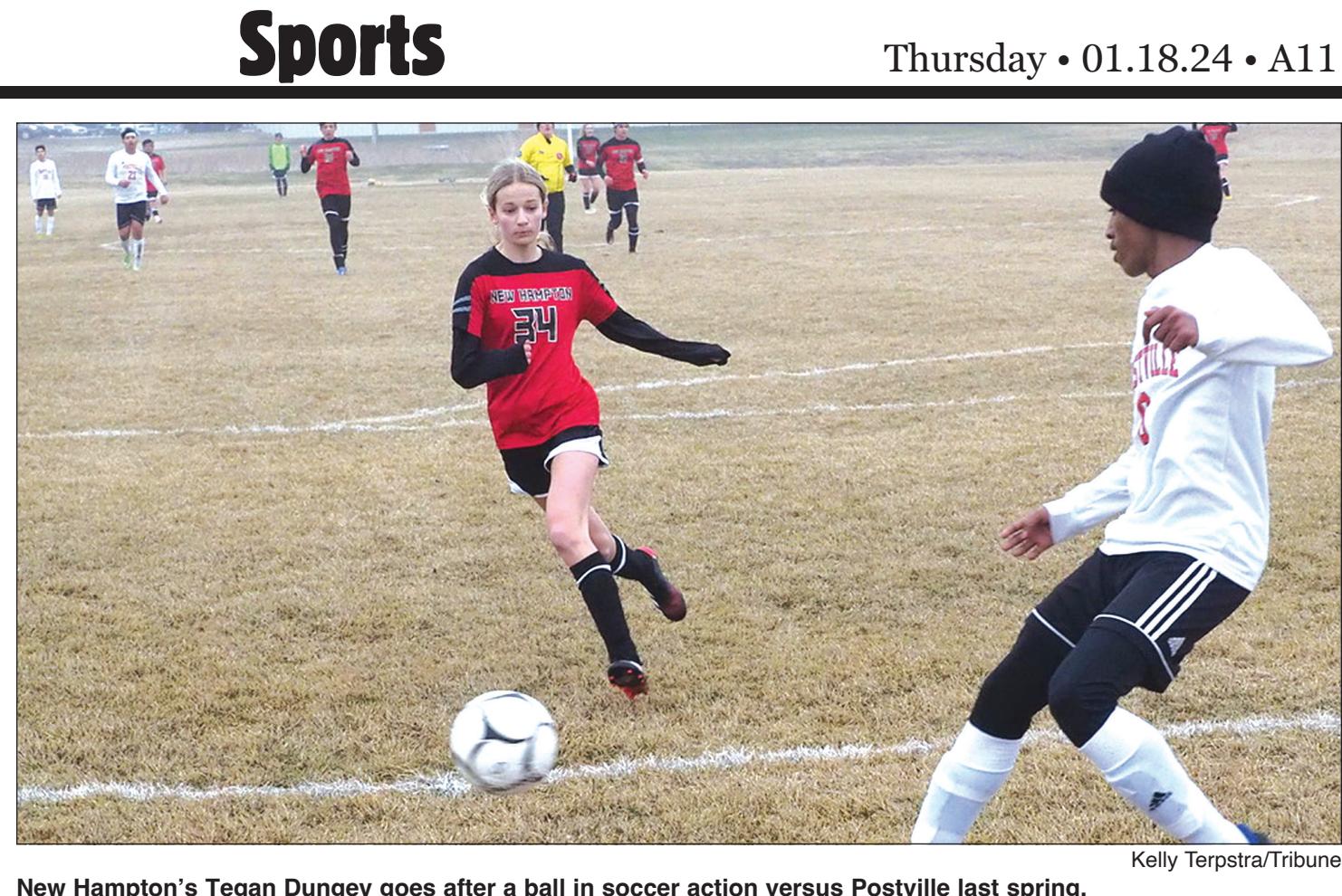
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MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

Mel Schmitt 26



New Hampton's Tegan Dungey goes after a ball in soccer action versus Postville last spring.

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New Hampton girls to get their own soccer team

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New Hampton High School is saying goodbye to coed soccer this spring, thanks to a decision by the School Board on Monday night to move ahead with the hiring of a girls coach.

"It's the right thing to do because of the interest we have in soccer right now," New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens said during an interview on Monday afternoon. "When you have 22 girls saying they'll play soccer if they'll have their own team, it's the path we need to take."

In 2019, the School Board approved adding soccer as a varsity sport, but because of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which canceled all spring sports in 2020, the Chickasaws didn't take the pitch until 2021.

For three seasons, New Hampton, which has a sharing agreement for the sport with Turkey Valley, fielded a coed squad, but earlier this school year, first-year coach Jeff Monteith conducted a survey to see how

much interest there was in fielding varsity boys and girls teams.

Monteith held several meetings and reported to Jurrens that 22 girls said they will go out for soccer this spring if it is offered separately while 16 boys said they would go out for boys soccer.

"Those are really good numbers for a school our size," Monteith said, "and I think it makes a lot of sense to split the programs. I think without question that there are some girls who weren't going to go out for soccer if it was still coed so I'm really happy that the School Board saw the need to have a separate boys and separate girls team."

Jurrens told board members that he, too, had heard from several parents that their daughters would play soccer only if there was a girls-only team.

Board members agreed and approved having the district advertise for a girls coach while Monteith, who took over the soccer program after Shannon Maas departed the school district this past spring, will remain on as the boys coach.

Both Jurrens and Monteith said that they're not worried about the Chickasaws' ability to put together a girls schedule in a relatively short amount of time.

New Hampton is scheduled to open the season on March 28 with a game against Charles City.

"The Girls Union is really good at allowing teams to pick up an extra game to help out a first-year program," Jurrens said, "so I'm sure we'll be able to get a schedule put together."

When New Hampton first started playing games in 2021, it had several games against coed teams, but in 2023, its only coed opponent was Sumner-Fredericksburg/Tripoli.

"Charles City, Clayton Ridge, teams like that have all gone to boys and girls teams," Monteith said, "so this is a good thing for us," Monteith said.

"I'm excited to see our sport continue to grow. Our goal all along has been to build soccer at our school so we could have both a boys and a girls team and so it's exciting that it's going to become a reality this spring."

Turkey Valley girls make most of chance to play

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Bone-chilling temps, blowing snow and dangerous ice made driving on Iowa roadways a losing proposition this past week.

That meant countless activities – including prep basketball – were either cancelled or pushed to a later date as an arctic freeze enveloped the state in a winter blanket.

Mother Nature forced virtually every school district across the state to reschedule athletic contests, but it didn't wipe out the Turkey Valley girls basketball game at Tripoli last Thursday.

Steve Hoffert and his Trojans managed to get one game in over the course of the past week. Blizzard-like conditions forced Tuesday's road game at North Fayette Valley and Friday's home tilt with rival South Winneshiek to be postponed. Those Upper Iowa Conference matchups were moved to early February because of the inclement weather that plagued efforts to get hoops games in at the start of the New Year.

TV (4-8, 3-6) found little resistance against the two-win Panthers as the Trojans rolled to a 66-32 non-conference triumph which saw 13 players on Hoffert's roster score at least one point.

TV's pressure defense forced 48 Tripoli turnovers and that helped contribute to the Trojans' 34-point victory.

"It was good to play a game this week with the weather-

er. We started out a little sluggish, but I thought we picked up our intensity as the game progressed. We did an outstanding job on defense tonight," said Hoffert.

Hoffert emptied his bench early as TV led 30-15 at the break and the Trojans used a 24-9 third-quarter advantage to get reserves much-needed court time.

TV senior Mariah Thronsdon and sophomore Annika Bodensteiner led the way for Turkey Valley in the scoring department as each registered a team-high 11 points apiece.

TV sophomore guard Addison Steinlage came away with eight points, five assists and five steals. Layni Schuchhardt, a junior, swiped seven steals and notched six points.

Haylee Hanson, TV's sophomore center, scored seven points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Tripoli (2-9) was led by junior Shyann Quigley – who led all scorers with 14 points.

The games that were originally scheduled to be played last week versus NFV and South Winn will now tip-off early next month.

The road game at NFV is now slated to take place on Thursday, Feb. 1 and South Winn will go down on Monday, Feb. 5.

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Chickasaw girls give themselves a chance but come up empty

NH/TV wins four of six contested matches but forfeits prove costly in a 45-36 defeat

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It wasn't the win New Hampton/Turkey Valley coveted but that didn't keep Chickasaw coach Caleb Ciavarelli from smiling last Thursday night.

"We gave ourselves a chance," Ciavarelli said after his team dropped a 45-36 dual to Waukon, "and that's really a win for us. We're giving up a lot of forfeits, so we're in a 30-0, 36-0 hole right away, but where we could put girls on the mat, they wrestled really well tonight. They're coming along great right now."

New Hampton/Turkey Valley got off to a fast start as Kelly Thronsdson (145), Raelen Manderfield (155) and Aleah Eichenberger (170) all recorded pins to vault the Chickasaws into an 18-0 lead.

"I thought Kelly and Raelen really battled," Ciavarelli said. "We needed bonus points from them if we were going to have any kind of shot, and they bat-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

NH/TV's Ella Knutson (above) works to keep control of Waukon's Jaelyn Johanningmeier in a 130-pound match while teammate Aleah Eichenberger (below) turns the Indians' Reagan Lubahn on her way to recording a second-period pin at 170.

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New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Ethan Svehla lifts Waukon's Owen Grimstad high into the air on his way to recording a takedown in their 190-pound match during Thursday's Northeast Iowa Conference meet.

SHINING STAR SENIORS

NEW HAMPTON/TURKEY VALLEY BOYS ROLL TO A 61-18 VICTORY OVER WAUKON IN HOME FINALE

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It was, to put it quite simply, a fitting farewell to New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling seniors Thursday night.

With eight of them recording victories, the Chickasaws put together one of their best duals of the season as they rolled to a 61-18 victory over Waukon in a Northeast Iowa Conference meet that was held on a Senior Night that may or may not have been the last time NH/TV wrestled in the friendly confines of their home gym.

"I'm really proud of this group of kids because they've worked really hard in the room, they've been great leaders and they've been, in my mind, really solid role models for our team," NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said on a night in which the Chickasaws honored their 12 seniors — Quinlan Mahoney, Landon Bruess, Hunter Humpal, Ethan Praska, Burke Busta, Karson Kolbet, Leander Reicks, Olandreon Saunders, Ethan Svehla, Braden McShane, Gatlin McCumber

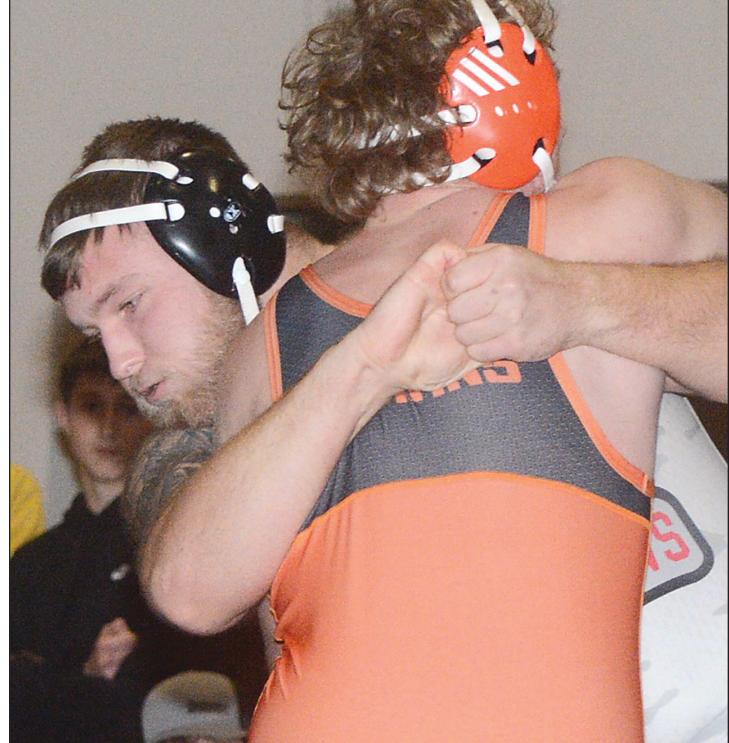


NH/TV's Olandreon Saunders (above) locks up Waukon's Ethan Gibbs to score back points in their 170-pound match while Chickasaws' heavyweight Gatlin McCumber (below) looks to get "throwing position" against the Indians' Isaac Ericson.

and Ty Robinson.

"Obviously, we've got a lot of wrestling left," Paulus added,

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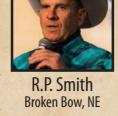
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