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## Blazek Named TV Board President, Hageman VP

By Michael Hohenbrink  
Editor

JACKSON JUNCTION - The Turkey Valley school board has named Don Blazek, Jr. as president and Jamie Hageman vice president.

During the board's organizational meeting Dec. 8, administrative details were discussed for the new board.

Ahlers and Cooney was named as district legal counsel, the Calmar Courier was named official newspaper and the board discussed a shared transportation position with New Hampton.

With New Hampton needing more hours, the cost sharing looks likely to end up around 70/30 or even 80/20 with New Hampton having quite a bit of the financial responsibility, a cost savings for Turkey Valley.

Appointments approved included Janice Baker as winter basketball cheer advisor, Morgan Bakkum as custodial, Jill DeSloover as Ag instructor (pending licensure) and as prom sponsor, Jordan Nolte as junior high volunteer basketball coach and Ashley Walz as assistant girls basketball coach.

One issue the board heard with regard to athletics is the gate fee.

The Upper Iowa Conference gate fee was not set until al-

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## TV Hosts Christmas Concert

JACKSON JUNCTION - Under the direction of Alex Gisleson, Turkey Valley choirs performed a public concert as a White Christmas presents a festive air. Turkey Valley photo

## Supervisors Hear Budget Requests

By Michael Hohenbrink  
Editor

DECORAH - The Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors is hearing requests from its departments as the board looks to balancing the books for a new year.

Winneshiek County Sheriff Dan Marx briefed the board of supervisors Monday morning.

"I'm aware of the county's position this year as to revenues," said Marx.

As a result, most items were kept flat in the department's budget with a few exceptions.

These include funding for investigations, according to Marx.

The sheriff said solar panel installation is proving problematic with installation on the jail roof complicated by leaking.

The sheriff's office is not able to make things work solely on its own resources with installation.

"So, yes, I'd love to be on solar, if we could find a way to make it reasonable," said Marx.

Coverage for communities was discussed by the board, including events that draw the sheriff's office out and about, from Rendezvous Days to Laura Days et al.

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- Sheriff Dan Marx

Marx was asked about those events and the possibility of those events making a contribution.

"So, should they work into their budget a [fee] for that?" asked Supervisor Shirley Vermace.

The sheriff said it would be difficult to pin down a budget line for this.

"I wouldn't be able to articulate [a cost]," said Marx.

If a deputy comes out for an hour or so, and the event is a non-profit, the sheriff's office will generally help out.

By contrast, fundraising events and other for-profit or political events the sheriff's office will not commit resources.

Instead, for example, a presidential candidate would need to provide his own security, rather than impose the costs on taxpayers.

Local events such as Rendezvous Days are considered more of a community service.

Also up Monday morning was the Sanitarian's budget and a funding request from Winneshiek County Historic Preservation as well as NEIA Community Action along with both a funding request as well as the General Relief budget along with the Riverview Center's funding request.



## Waucoma Welcomes Christmas Season

WAUCOMA - Christmas in Waucoma drew visitors Sunday including the 2025 Miss Waucoma and Fair Princess Deanna Balk who had a chance to pose for a Santa photo. Fayette County Fair Queen Contest photo



## LEGO League Advances to State

OSSIAN - The St. Teresa of Calcutta LEGO League team will head to state competition in February. Pictured (front row, l-r) are: Matthew Pasker, Alex Holthaus, Eiker Acahua and Lane Elsbernd and back row: Coach Robin Timp, Colton Smith, Brinley Lechtenberg, Owen Taylor, Riley Timp and Coach Angela LaBelle. Photo courtesy St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School

## Mihm-Herold Named SW Board President, Hemesath VP

By Michael Hohenbrink  
Editor

CALMAR - South Winneshiek's school board has named Wendy Mihm-Herold as president while Ron Hemesath was named vice president.

The organizational meeting took place Dec. 8 with the oath of office taken by Cathy Sabelka, Wendy Mihm-Herold, Landon Holthaus and Mitchell Holthaus.

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