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Sooner than later for EMS study

Supervisor reports SafeTech now plans on doing ambulance interviews in March

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Those who had worries about the relatively “late start” a Minnesota company would have for conducting a feasibility study on Chickasaw County’s ambulance situation got some good news during Monday’s Board of Supervisors meeting.

Jake Hackman, the supervisor who represents the county on the Ambulance Council, told his fellow board members that SafeTech

Solutions’ representatives had sent both him and Ambulance Council Chairman Mark Muetherthies an email stating that SafeTech would begin its study next month.

That, to many, is far better than having SafeTech begin the study sometime this summer and have it completed by Aug. 30.

“This is great news, and we need to be ready to provide them as much information as they want and they need,” Hackman said. “We’re going to need everyone on board with this

and it’s going to take a lot of people to make this happen so they have good information to use with the study.”

Hackman’s comments came a week after MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center CEO and President Aaron Flugum told the New Hampton City Council he had serious concerns about the “timing” of the study that had been approved by the Ambulance Council at a Feb. 3 meeting.

Flugum said that having a fea-

sibility study completed on Aug. 30 would give the county only four months to set up a publicly owned ambulance service before the contract with the current provider, Chickasaw Ambulance Service, expires at the end of the calendar year.

Hackman said in the email, SafeTech Solutions is asking the Ambulance

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Seventh-place finish better than the alternative!

Nashua-Plainfield wrestlers hold up the trophy they claimed after finishing seventh at the Class 1A state dual tournament inside Des Moines’ Wells Fargo Arena Wednesday evening. Although the Huskies surely wanted a “higher” trophy, we’re betting that there are a lot of teams in the state of Iowa who would have gladly traded places with Nashua-Plainfield on Wednesday, when the Huskies capped their first trip to the state duals in 10 years with a convincing win over Wilton in the seventh-place match.

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We’re dry but that doesn’t mean snow is answer

Winter has been short on snow, but agronomist says spring rain would be best for area farmland

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Remember those October rains that slowed down last fall’s harvest?

Turns out, the frustrations area farmers felt back then have turned into gratitude because

those rains have become even more critical because of a relatively snow-free winter.

“We’re pretty dry, honestly, right now, but if we hadn’t that precipitation last fall, I think we’d really be worried about our soil moisture profile going into planting this year,” ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol said Thursday. “As frus-

trating as they were — we were chomping at the bit to bring the crop in — they’re looking pretty golden right now.”

Not that the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report provided a lot of good news. Released on

SEE DROUGHT, 2

Floyd County puts big max levy on the table

Supervisors say they will work to reduce level of tax increases as pubic hearing nears

By **BOB STEENSON**
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Floyd County Supervisors said they hope next fiscal year’s final tax rates won’t be quite that high, but the “max tax” amounts to be discussed at a public hearing later this month would allow an almost 24% increase in the property taxes collected in the two largest parts of the county budget.

The amount collected under the general services levy — paid by every property owner in the county, regardless of whether their property is in an incorporated city or in the rural part of the county — could go up more than 33%.

The additional amount of property taxes collected from just the rural areas of the county — through the rural services levy — could increase by more than 8%.

Under state law for the last couple of years, political bodies have to declare a maximum tax that they will be collect-

ing in their main funds in the upcoming fiscal year, and then hold a public hearing regarding that amount. That’s in addition to the later public hearing required before the new fiscal year budget can be approved.

They can ultimately decide to collect less than the “max tax,” but once that amount is set they cannot collect more than that.

One of the main reasons the proposed county max tax is so high this year is because there was no county property tax increase last year on the general services or rural services parts of the county tax bill.

Because of an error in the maximum tax resolution last year that mistakenly repeated that year’s tax numbers instead of using the proposed new fiscal year 2021-22 numbers, the county collected more than a million dollars less for this current fiscal year than it had planned on.

The resolution with the

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Photo courtesy of Heidi Hain

Celebrating another great year for FFA

Several members of the Nashua-Plainfield FFA chapter — (front row, from left) Jamie Frost, Bella Dietz, Hannah Lechtenberg, Bailey Bond, (back row Cale Jensen, Caleb Lentz and Aiden Sullivan), pose for a photo together last fall at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, and as we celebrate National FFA Week, which begins on Saturday and runs through next Friday, we look back on another incredible year of fun and accomplishment.

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Supervisors OK big pay raise for VA director

Veterans Commission says hike will keep Bierman in county, brings pay more in line with other counties

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The members of the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Commission did not want to lose their director so last week, the commission unanimously voted to give her a sizable pay raise.

And on Monday, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, although they expressed some concerns, “acknowledged” the pay hike for Veterans Services Office Director Melissa Bierman.

During the supervisors’ meeting, Veterans Affairs Commission Chair Katy Kuehn told board members that when she and her fellow commissioners learned that Bierman had been offered a similar job in Bremer County, they held a meeting last Wednesday and approved bumping her annual salary from \$31,050 to \$42,240, an increase of 36 percent.

Kuehn told supervisors that Bierman’s current salary ranks among the lowest in the state when it comes to full-time VA directors.

“Compared to what we’ve had, Melissa is the type of person that goes the extra mile for our veterans,” Kuehn said, “and we didn’t want to lose her to another county. ... What she does for our veterans, what she does in the community, we looked at all that and we just felt like this was a decision we had to make.”

Bierman currently works a 35-hour a week schedule and is paid an hourly rate. The commission voted to make her a 40-hour a week salaried employee, effective on Monday, when the pay raise took effect. In essence, her hourly rate will increase from \$17.01 to \$20.30, an increase of 19.6 percent.

The Veterans Commission is one of several autonomous boards in the county, but because the Board of Supervisors has control of the amount of dollars in each of those boards’ budgets, it in effect controls the “purse strings” of the county’s autonomous budgets.

“I understand what you are doing, but I think we are going at this a little backwards,” said

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Spring rains would be better than snow now for area farmers

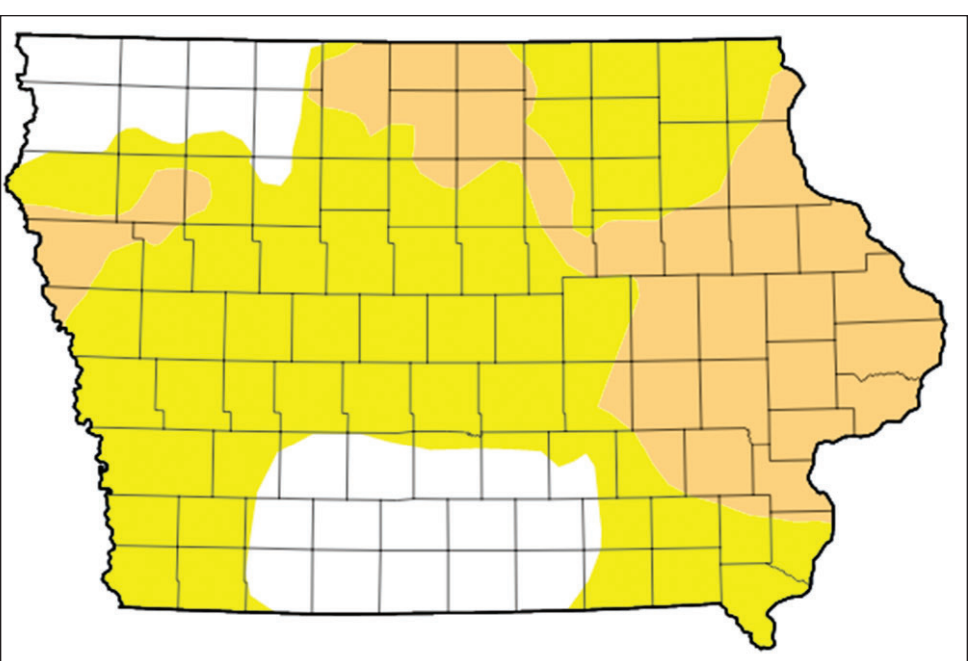
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Thursday, the report showed that much of the area is experiencing “abnormally dry” conditions and that parts of Butler and Floyd counties are experiencing “moderate drought.”

Much of the bad news in the latest report can be blamed on the lack of snowfall this winter. Nashua, for example, has received just 13 inches of snow this season, which means we would need some pretty big snowstorms in the coming weeks to get to an average winter’s snowfall of around 33 inches.

Basol, though, said area farmers aren’t praying for snow as much as they are hoping for timely rainfalls after the frost goes out of the ground.

“What happens sometimes even with a winter with lots of snow is that a lot of it runs off when it melts,” he said. “I’m not saying snow doesn’t help with soil moisture, but rain — when the ground isn’t frozen — is still a lot better. What I think the



The latest U.S. Drought Monitor report shows areas in Iowa that are either experiencing “abnormally dry” (in yellow) or “moderate drought” (in light brown) conditions, as of this Thursday.

guys would love to see is a thaw, some nice rains and let that moisture percolate down into our soil.”

Despite some concerns about soil moisture profiles, Basol has talked to a number of farmers who are planning their spring planting.

“Obviously, we have a long way to go,” he said, “but farmers are getting ready. They’re planning where they’re going with corn, where they’re going with soybeans. They’ve got their machinery in the shop, making sure when we get to April, they’re ready to go.”

Floyd County residents may see big tax hikes

FLOYD COUNTY: FROM 1

wrong numbers was put together by County Auditor Gloria Carr and passed by the Board of Supervisors last year at this time.

Because of that reduction in the amount of taxes it could collect this current fiscal year, the county has had to dip deeply into its carry-over balance.

The county’s goal is to carry over 20% to 25% of its annual budget amount to get it through the first quarter of the new fiscal year before tax income starts coming in, and to have available in the case of emergencies.

Because the State Appeals Board ruled last year that the county could only collect the amount that was listed in the erroneous maximum tax resolution, the county’s estimated carry-over for the current year has been slashed.

With this year’s proposed maximum tax, that carry-over figure could grow back up to 20%, but supervisors discussed at their meeting this week keeping the actual tax collection lower than the maximum, resulting in about a 16% carryover.

The maximum tax proposal will be discussed at a public hearing to be held at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at the courthouse.

The proposal would increase the maximum amount of taxes collected in the general services part of the tax bill from the current \$4.854 million to \$6.344 million, an increase of 30.69%.

The actual levy rate would increase by an even higher percentage, because the county’s total taxable valuation decreased this year.

The proposed general services levy would increase from the current \$4.89764 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, to \$6.52150 per \$1,000.

The total amount that could be collected in the rural services part of the county tax bill would increase from the current \$2.120 million to \$2.296 million, an increase of 8.33%.

The rural services levy rate could increase from the current \$3.35706 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, to a maximum of \$3.65750 per \$1,000.

The general services and rural services parts of the county tax bill are not the total amount collected by the county. In addition there is a levy for debt service, to pay for the new county law enforcement center and updates to the courthouse, which Carr said will likely stay at or below \$1.80 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, as well as levies for mental health and disabilities services.

And the county property taxes are only part of a property owner’s total tax bill. In addition there are the property taxes collected by the school district, community college and some small others. Property owners who have property in an incorporated city, such as Charles City, also pay city property taxes.

Not all of the proposed maximum Floyd County property tax increase would be just to increase the carry-over amount. There are also spending increases for most county departments, with a large share of that going to the cost of employee pay and benefits.

Most Floyd County employees will get a 5% pay increase on July 1, although some will get higher amounts. The county’s health insurance costs for employees are also increasing.

One of the largest department increases is for the Sheriff’s Department, which will increase by about \$200,000 from the current year.

Part of that is caused by a 12% increase in the sheriff’s salary, from \$92,596 to \$103,709, driven by the state “Back the Blue” law that, among other things, requires that county compensation boards set the sheriff’s salary comparable to similar administrative positions in state law enforcement agencies and in cities of similar population size.

In Floyd County, sheriff’s deputies’ are paid a percentage of the sheriff’s pay, so they will also be getting 12% pay increases.

Company has wide range of interview requests

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

Council to be prepared to have a number of things in place before it arrives in the county for meetings and interviews March 21-22.

The top priority SafeTech Solutions officials say will be to schedule interviews, including ones with:

- The current provider and members of the Chickasaw
- Ambulance Service, as well as its medical director.
- City-elected officials.
- Ambulance Council members.
- Members of the county’s Health board, as well as hospital administrators.
- Law enforcement members, fire chiefs, dispatchers and first responders.
- County officials, including the Board of Supervisors and

the Emergency Management Agency director.

- Business and community leaders, including various service club leaders.

Hackman said, in his opinion, it was important for all county residents to not only have a chance to have their voices heard but also have the ability to be open and frank with the SafeTech personnel who will conduct the interviews.

“They have the right to speak their mind privately,” he said when telling his fellow supervisors that he felt it was important to have a good “base” for the interviews, and County Attorney David Laudner said, because Chickasaw County District Court is not scheduled to be held those two days that he would see if the interviews could be take place in the courtroom.

Supervisor Jason Byrne and former Board of Supervisors Chair Rick Holthaus, who passed away on Jan. 2, were the most vocal supporters of a publicly owned service during a meeting held in December.

Byrne has said he still believes that because the county has access to so-called ARPA funds that could be used to buy the ambulances and equipment a service would need, the county remains the best option to run a publicly owned service.

On Monday, Byrne said he felt it was important for county residents to reach out to supervisors on the ambulance issue.

“I think all of our emails have to be out there,” he said, “and people have to know that they can contact us.”

But he, too, welcomed the news that it appeared SafeTech Solutions, which the Ambulance Council is paying \$30,000 to conduct the feasibility study, would be arriving months earlier than expected.

“When we were hearing they couldn’t get to us until this summer,” he said, “that was concerning to me. This is much better and now we have to make sure they get what they need to do a good study.”

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- District 3 Supervisor Jake Hackman: j.hackman@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov
- District 4 Supervisor Matthew Kuhn: m.kuhn@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov
- District 5 Supervisor Jason Byrne: j.byrne@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Briefs

Saturday event will raise money for new fairgrounds in Bremer County

A fundraising event will be held this Saturday in Waverly, and organizers say the money raised during the event will go toward a new Bremer County Fairgrounds.

The event will begin with a social hour and the start of a silent auction at 5 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the current fairgrounds in Waverly and will continue with live music by Ally Bagenstos, a “Kevin’s Pork Loin Dinner” at 6 p.m.

A live auction is set for 7 p.m., and the night will end with an 8 p.m. show titled Eric Michaels Magic and Illusion.

Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance from any Bremer County Fair Board member or by calling Renee Neil at 319-404-8264.

County offices closed this Monday

The Chickasaw County Courthouse, save for state offices in the building, will be closed this coming Monday because of the President’s Day holiday.

The Board of Supervisors, which usually meets on Mondays, will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday next week.

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Chickasaw County Veterans Commission Chair Katy Kuehn (right) makes a point during the Board of Supervisors as Veterans Affairs Director Melissa Bierman (left) and commission member Dean Speicher listen.

Commission head touts work done by Bierman

DIRECTOR: FROM 1

Supervisor Jake Hackman, who added that he wished a salary increase would have been talked about when supervisors and the Veterans Commission discussed next year's budget.

"My fear in this is what board's next, what director is next?"

Supervisor Jason Byrne said that didn't worry him as much because other directors are at the "higher end of the scale."

Kuehn told supervisors Monday that she

expects the commission to give Bierman a 3 percent raise in the new fiscal year that starts on July 1, although that raise won't be considered for a month or two.

Bumping Bierman's salary in the middle of this budget year means supervisors will have to go through a budget amendment before June 30 because the Veterans Commission budget can't cover the entire cost of the raise, FICA and IPERS.

Hackman asked Bierman if the pay raise approved by the commission would keep

her in Chickasaw County and she didn't hesitate to answer.

"Yes, absolutely."

And that was good news to Kuehn, who said that Bierman has served the county well since taking over the office in late 2020.

"She does a great job for our veterans, she gets the benefits they're entitled to and she's always in their corner," she said.

"Melissa goes to the VFW, the American Legion, the post meetings and does a great job advocating for all of our veterans."

Mary Ann Hoffman Dean, 73

Mary Ann Hoffman Dean, daughter of George and Lorraine Hoffman, passed away at age 73 on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.

Everyone who knew Mary, knew how proud she was of her three daughters — Malinda, Sarah and Naomi — as well as her eight grandchildren — Isaiah, Divine, Mary, Emporess-Esther, Amara, Zaporah, Ezekiel and Cyrus.

Mary attended Anchorage Community College, Trendsetters Beauty School, Criminal Justice Training Academy and was a certified nursing assistant.

Mary loved the Lord, attending church and reading her Bible verses was Hebrews 13:5-6. One of Mary's favorite



Mary Dean

Jannette Zubrod, 79

Jannette Zubrod, age 79 of Ionia, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Brian Dellaert officiating.

Interment will be held at St. Marys Cemetery, North Washington.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday.

Jeffrey Allen Leach, 58

Jeffrey Allen Leach, age 58 of New Hampton, Iowa, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa in Mason City.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, with the Rev. Brian Dellaert celebrating the service.

Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson in New Hampton.

Area residents speak out against CO2 pipeline

By BOB STEENSON

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A crowd of people squeezed into the board room at the Floyd County courthouse Monday morning to ask the county supervisors to officially oppose plans to build carbon dioxide pipelines through the county.

About two dozen rural county landowners showed up to express their opinions and to ask questions of two representatives of the Summit Carbon Solutions project who attended the meeting by telephone.

Most of the issues brought up were the same as those raised at the pipeline project public information meetings held last September in Floyd for the Summit project, and Jan. 24 at the county fairgrounds for a similar project by Navigator Energy Services.

The Iowa Utilities Board will decide whether to grant carbon dioxide pipeline permits to any of the three companies that have proposed them, and whether to grant the authority to the companies to use eminent domain to force easements where voluntary agreements with landowners cannot be reached.

The supervisors did not take any action on the discussion regarding filing a response with the Iowa Utilities Board, but said they would put it on the agenda for another meeting.

As supervisor Chair Doug Kamm noted, Floyd County is one of the few counties in the state where two of the pipelines want to build, and where they actually cross each other at one point.

Most of the people who expressed an opinion Monday were adamant that they didn't think the private pipeline companies should be granted the authority to use eminent domain.

Chris Hill, director of environmental and permitting at Summit Carbon Solutions, who was

one of the company representatives on the phone, said over and over that the company's goal was to get 100% of the required pipeline easements voluntarily and avoid any use of eminent domain, but every-

time he said that people in the crowd scoffed, some of them making comments that they would never agree to the project voluntarily.

Hill repeated the point several times that if people were not happy with the initial easement offers then they should tell Summit what they want.

"Stay off my land," was one loud response from the crowd.

Hill would not discuss the percentage of landowners in the

pipeline's path who would not agree to easements, but he did say if that was a significant number then it would tell the company it needed to revise its easement agreements.

Hill also said eminent domain works both ways. For example, he said, an organization opposed to the project could buy strategic pieces of land and refuse to agree to an easement. Even if everybody else was in favor of the project, without eminent domain that one holdout could prevent the project from going through.

Several people had questions about the business model of the pipeline and what would happen if federal carbon dioxide storage tax credits — a large part of the revenue stream for the projects — went away if a less "progressive-liberal" administration came into power.

Hill said many of the carbon tax credit provisions were approved during the Trump administration, and they seem to have bipartisan support.

"Right now it's 12 years we can plan to get the tax credits, and there are proposals to go to 20 years," Hill said.

Hill said he hopes people will recognize the economic benefit of the pipeline project to the ag community in general and the ethanol industry in particular.

He said the ethanol industry has 10 to 15 years left if it can't reduce its carbon index.

Hill also said Summit's goal is not to be a pipeline company, but to be a carbon sequestration company, and that its next objective will be to work with farmers to help them monetize ways to sequester carbon in the ground through tillage and production practices, some of which they are already using.

Many of the people in the crowd were concerned about ag land where the pipe was buried returning to its former crop yield potential.

As part of the compensation for easements,

Summit Carbon Solutions will pay landowners 100% of the value of their cropland yield on the easement land for the first year, 80% for a second year and 60% a third year.

They'll get that money upfront, regardless of the actual impact to yields those years, and if that total 240% isn't sufficient to cover the losses, Summit will pay the actual losses, Hill said.

Summit has said the goal — in fact the requirement of state law — is to return any ag land disturbed to its original condition

Still, people in the crowd were skeptical that was even possible.

A couple of people mentioned studies that have shown land disturbed by a pipeline doesn't return to the same fertility five or even 10 years later. Another person said he had personal experience with a different kind of pipeline and you could tell in his field where the pipeline was laid, 10 years later.

Kathy Carter of Rockford noted that the pipe-



Bob Steenson/Charles City Press

Numerous Floyd County residents attend Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting to express their opposition to a carbon dioxide pipeline.

line will pass close to Rockford and she wondered about the response to a leak, since the nearest HazMat unit is in Mason City, and the Rockford Fire Department is a volunteer department with regular turnover.

Summit has said it will provide training and equipment to local departments to respond to a leak, but Carter asked if that will continue for the life of the pipeline. "Absolutely," Hill said.

Happy 90th Birthday!



The family of Evelyn Kapping of Nashua, IA is requesting a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on February 25. She was born in Charles City, Iowa. Her family includes Barbara Fuls of Charles City, Dennis and Judy Kapping, Sheri & Darrell Bonorden of Nashua, as well as

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"Where Quality Prevails"

Twin Ponds sets up battery drop-off center

Chickasaw County Conservation Board working to cut down fires at the FMC Landfill

By DOROTHY HUBER
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Of the roughly 20 to 30 fires each year at the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Landfill (FMC), Landfill Director Christian Fox estimates between half and three-quarters are started from batteries that are not disposed of properly.

"Some of those fires we can put out ourselves," said Fox, "but some we do have to call the fire department for. It's pretty crazy, and when we have to call them on a Sunday at 6 a.m., it's definitely not fun to do."

Especially troublesome are lithium or lithium-ion batteries that are in many of our devices. In order to both help our landfill and make it easier for the community to recycle those batteries, the Chickasaw Conservation Board has installed a drop site inside the Twin Ponds Nature Center's door.

"To take the batteries to the landfill to recycle may not be very convenient for most people," said Chickasaw County Naturalist Matt Crayne. "So we wanted to create an opportunity for people to take care of them in a responsible way. The fires are pretty costly for the landfill,

not to mention the safety for the landfill workers and fire departments."

Nearly all batteries contain toxic materials that need to be properly recycled so they don't leach and contaminate soil and drinking water. However, before residents put the batteries in the "tube" that is roughly four inches in diameter at the Nature Center, Crayne and Fox ask that the battery contacts be taped. Duct tape or electrical tape are good choices.

"It's not necessary to tape the smaller alkaline batteries, but anything 9V or over and any rechargeable or lithium batteries should be taped," Crayne said.

It's best to call the nature center in advance to make sure they're open.

"We're usually there from noon to 4:30 Monday through Friday," Crayne said, "but we might be away from the office for a short time."

In the future, Fox hopes other places may host the recyclables.

"We're hoping this takes off and people take advantage of it, maybe we could have a drop site in town," he said. "Any possible way we can help."



Photo courtesy of Matt Crayne

Chickasaw County Naturalist Matt Crayne (left) and Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Landfill Director Christian Fox pose with the battery recycling tube at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

Public Health's final weekly COVID report shows improvement

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

For a second week in a row, Chickasaw County's COVID-19 numbers were on the right track as just 21 additional positive tests of the virus were recorded through Thursday.

Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter reported the numbers a week after

the county had just 27 positive tests, but she also noted that "due to the increasing number of people using at home testing and [the] ending of [Gov. Kim Reynolds' emergency] proclamation on Feb. 15, I will no longer be reporting weekly numbers."

She did add that she will put out updates as they become available.

The most recent 21 positive tests included 13 in residents who were fully vaccinated,

including one who had received the boost vaccine.

Welter added that she hopes residents will continue to follow guidelines if they do test positive for COVID or have been exposed to the virus and that Public Health is continuing to administer COVID-19 vaccines.

Those who would like the vaccine or a booster can call 641-394-4053 to set up an appointment.

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Briefs

Veterans organizations to host open house in New Hampton Feb. 27

The Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs office and various veterans organizations active in the county will hold an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Chickasaw Event Center in New Hampton.

Those attending the event include American Legion, VFW and AMVETS posts, Guitars for Veterans, Patriot Riders, veterans organization auxiliaries, the Brothers of the 3rd Wheel and Legion Riders.

It will include various guest speakers and will offer a chance for residents to learn more on how they can help the area's veterans.

For more information, please call Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Director Mellissa Bierman at 641-394-3232.

2022 Robert D. Blue Scholarship applications being taken

State Treasurer Michael L. Fitzgerald recently opened the 2022 Robert D. Blue Scholarship for applications.

Applicants must be a current senior or former graduate of any Iowa high school who plans to attend a college or university within the state. Awards are based on financial need, an original essay, academic achievement and recommendations.

The Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation (ICMF) was created in 1949 by Governor Robert D. Blue to commemorate the 100 anniversary of Iowa's acceptance into the union. At that time, a scholarship fund was established to encourage the youth of the state to attend Iowa's institutions of higher learning. In 1990, the Foundation officially named the scholarship to honor the late Governor Robert D. Blue. To date, the scholarship fund has helped hundreds of Iowa students attend colleges and universities across the state. The Foundation hopes to encourage the educational development of Iowa's students and their participation in public service fields as a benefit to all Iowans.

The Robert D. Blue Scholarship awards students who demonstrate literary and scholastic ability; exhibit qualities of truth, courage and fellowship; and display moral force of character. This scholarship's funding comes from the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation's interest earnings; thus, the number and amounts of scholarships awarded vary from year to year. The scholarship is opened in January each year it is offered.

Applications are available online at www.rdblue.org.

Ornamental and turfgrass applicators course set for March 2

Iowa State University and Outreach Chickasaw County office will host an ornamental and turfgrass applicators continuing instruction course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, March 2 at the Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach office in New Hampton.

Due to social distancing requirements preregistration is required.

Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$35 on or before Feb. 23 and \$45 after Feb. 23. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

Course available for commercial pesticide applicators on March 9

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County will host a certified handlers continuing instruction course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, March 9 at the Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach office in New Hampton.

Due to social distancing requirements, preregistration is required. Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows.

The course runs from 9 to 11 a.m. The registration fee is \$35 on or before March 2 and \$45 after March 2. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at 641-394-2174.

Huskies in fourth after the first day of state meet

TRADITIONAL: FROM 12

third with 21 points while just a point separated Nashua-Plainfield and the two teams, Underwood and West Sioux, who were tied for fifth.

The Class 1A state tournament will continue today (Friday) with the quarterfinals and second-round consolation matches set for 2:30 p.m. and the semifinals and third-round consolation matches scheduled for 8:45 p.m.

The tournament wraps up on Saturday with the "placing matches" for third through eighth at 10 a.m. and the all-class finals set for 6 p.m.

TOP 10 TEAM SCORES

Don Bosco 36, Lisbon 25, Logan-Magnolia 21, Nashua-Plainfield 19.5, Underwood 18.5, West Sioux 18.5,

Alburnett 14, North Butler/Clarksville 14, New London 11, Akron-Westfield 10, Waterloo Columbus 10, Emmetsburg 10, Interstate 35 10, West Hancock 10.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD FIRST ROUND RESULTS

106: Jayden Rinken (NP) tech fall Gavin Kiger (Logan-Magnolia), 15-0.

113: Easton Schlabaugh (Highland) pinned Nic Brase (NP), 1:51.

120: Garret Rinken (NP) pinned Chase England (Bedford/Lenox), 1:06.

126: Kendrick Huck (NP) pinned Caleb Cook (Pleasantville), 0:53.

138: Hayden Fischer (AHSTW) dec. Trey Nelson (NP), 5-4.

152: McKade Munn (NP) pinned Ryan Stiles (Earlham), 4:46.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CONSOLATION RESULTS

113: Brase (NP) dec. Cole Frost (Don Bosco), 8-1.

138: Nelson (NP) pinned Zachary Trott (South Central Calhoun), 4:44.

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N-P gets win in finale at state duals

DUALS: FROM 12

N-P, seeded fourth, won its last match against Wilton, but not before dropping stunning losses to Logan-Magnolia in the opening round and to No. 8 seed Emmetsburg in first round of consolation matches.

Nerves may have played a role in N-P's less-than-stellar finish according to N-P 152-pound senior McKade Munn. "Probably in that first dual for sure," said Munn. "A lot of kids aren't used to this kind of setting, probably just got a little stressed or over thought some stuff."

With that said, N-P (29-6) came razor close to advancing to the state semifinals to take on defending champ and No. 1 ranked Don Bosco.

Fifth-seeded Logan Magnolia (22-5) had other ideas. Needing a pin to advance and take on one of the state's premier powers in the Dons, the purple and gold clad Panthers from western Iowa got just that.

L-M advanced to the semis – winning five out of the last six matches against the Huskies – to slip into the championship round of four by a score of 41-40 over N-P.

Logan-Magnolia would get drilled in the next round at the hands of the Dons, 62-12, and would go on to place third with a 38-34 victory over No. 3 seed West Sioux.

"It's a bittersweet situation. We were able to finish out on a positive note. I don't know if I'm in a much better mood? In wrestling – in any sports – there's a lot of would of, could of, should of. I'm disappointed – the guys are disappointed," said Frost.

Three-time state qualifier – Husky 138-pound senior Trey Nelson – had this to say about his team's lackluster showing.

"I don't know if I'd say it was a shocker, but we knew it was going to be a tough dual," said Nelson about the Logan-Magnolia matchup. "That wasn't as shocking as the next dual. I think we were all down on ourselves."

Emmetsburg (18-4) won the final five matches against the Huskies – four of them by pin – to bounce N-P to the lowest consolation match with a 43-32 win. The Go-Hawks trailed N-P, 32-16, after Munn's pin over Josh Van Huevelen with three seconds left in the second period.

"There were for sure some matches we let slip through our hands," said Munn. "It just kind of added up. Towards the end it just bit us in the butt."

N-P came within seconds of potentially wrestling for fifth as 220-pound junior Landon Pratt almost stuck his opponent on the edge of the mat in the final match against the Go-Hawks. But the first-period clock ran out with N-P leading, 4-0. Pratt somehow got put on his back and was stuck by Tyler Stokes in the ensuing period in just 2:29.

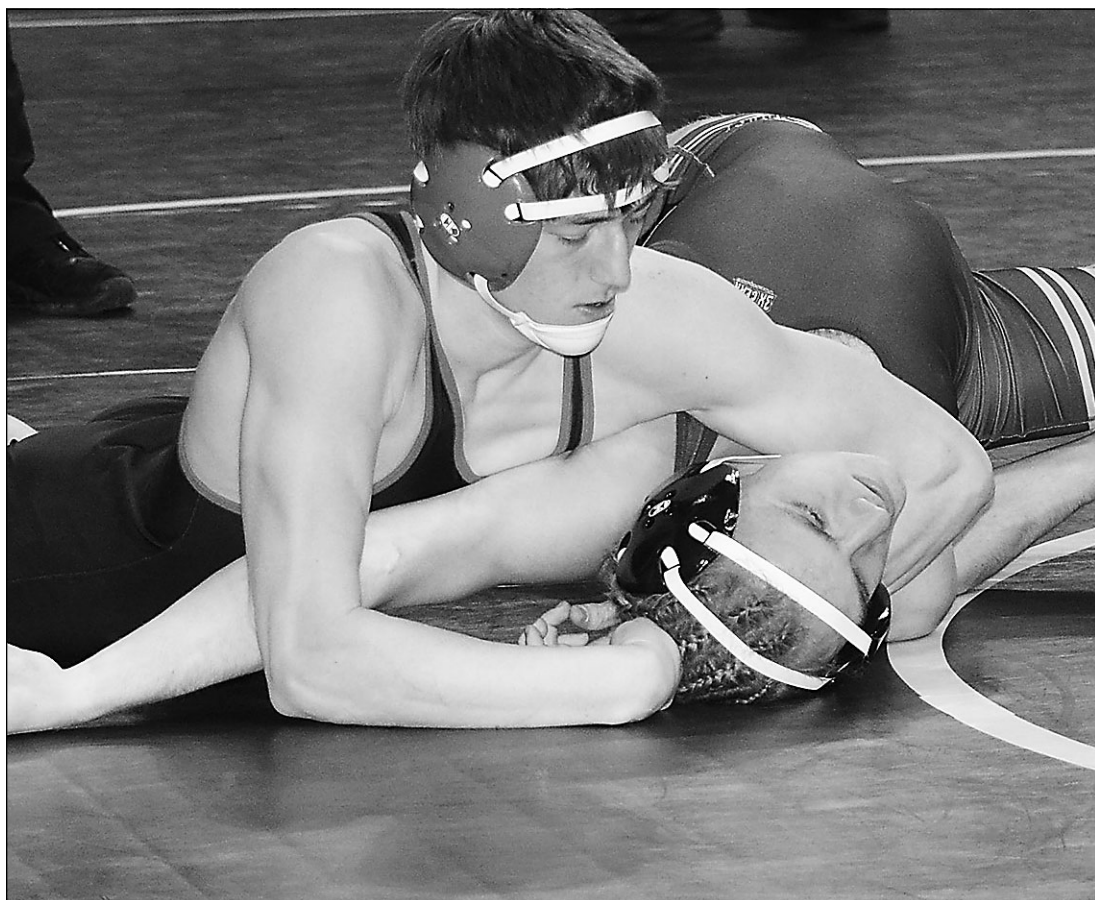
Nelson earned three pins in the dual meets and improved this mark to 48-10 on the year. He'll try to improve on the seventh-place finish he accomplished at 132 pounds later this week as the traditional tournament heats up.

"Some kids have never been in an environment like this," said Nelson. "I remember my sophomore year – first time being here – this atmosphere, you get nervous. Some kids probably felt like they had a lot of pressure on 'em. That can be kind of mess with your head sometimes."

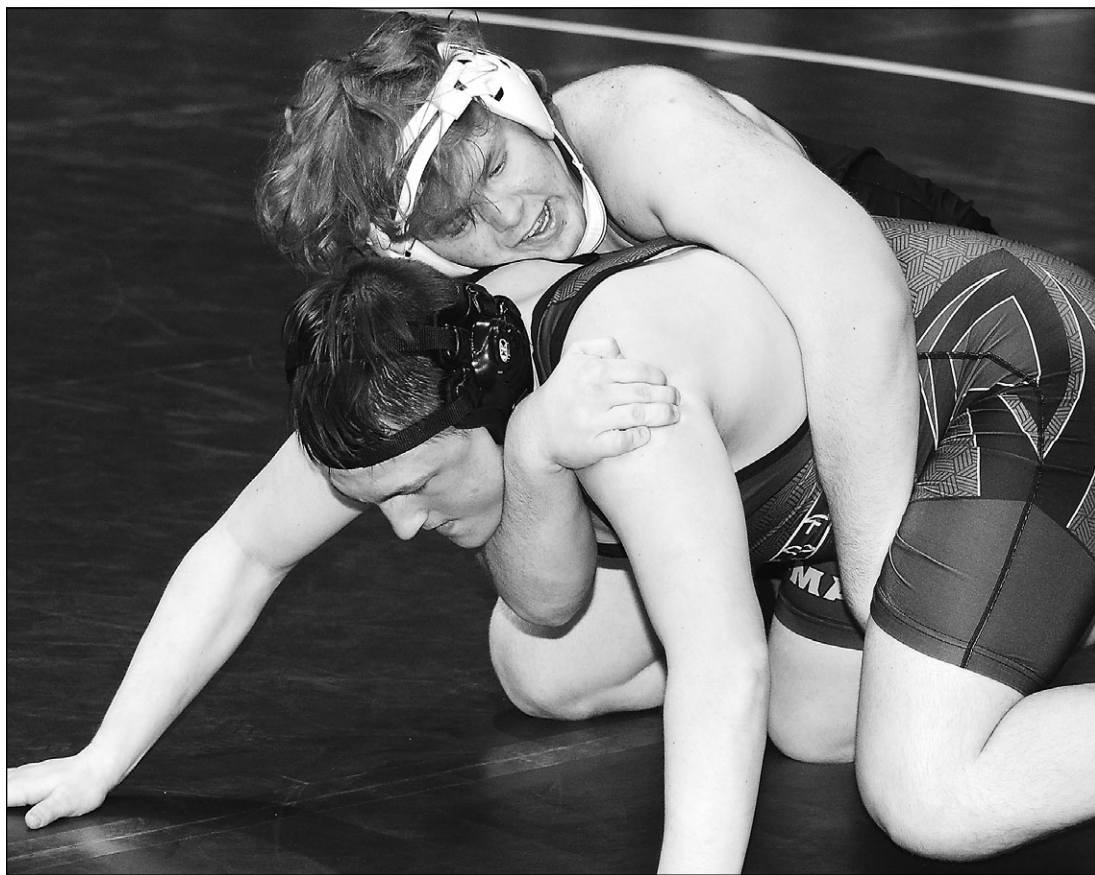
N-P led 34-12 over Logan-Magnolia at one point. The Panthers feature two top-ranked wrestlers in brothers Corbin (113) and Wyatt Reisz (152). Wyatt tech-falled Munn – a three-time state qualifier – by a margin of 19-4.

"That first dual against Logan – getting pinned just destroyed us," said Frost. "We're gave up too many bonus points."

The feeling was different for the Huskies as N-P rode a wave of pins to dominate Wilton, 47-23. After the match was tied at 11-11, N-P rattled off five straight pins by Nelson, Jackson Carey (145), Munn (152), Titus Evans (160) and Aiden Sullivan (170). The Huskies made it a win streak of seven after Tate White won a tough 9-5 decision over 12th-ranked Kaden Shirk at 182 pounds and Jackson Zwanziger



Nashua-Plainfield's McKade Munn (above) closes in on a pin while teammate Landon Pratt (below) controls an opponent at the state duals Wednesday.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

worked over his opponent to a 7-0 shutout at 195.

"A lot of them kind of realized it was their last match of the year and they gave it their all," said Munn, who is 51-7 on the season and will vie for his first medal at the traditional state tournament this week.

N-P had not wrestled in the dual state tournament in decade. That winter the Huskies took home the top trophy in Class 1A over Underwood in 2012.

Frost – in his 33rd season at N-P – has guided N-P to seven state dual meets. The Huskies have finished no lower than third in anyone of them – expect in this most recent trip down to Des Moines.

N-P won its other state dual crown in 2004 over, you guessed it, Logan-Magnolia. The Huskies placed state runner-up in three consecutive seasons (2008-2010) to Don Bosco. Frost also guided N-P to a third-place dual finish at state in 2006.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CASE NO. ESRP 003026 DELORES ELLEN GRAHAM, DECEASED NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Delores Ellen Graham, Deceased, who died on or about January 7, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on February 2, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Delores Ellen Graham, deceased, bearing date of April 22, 1997, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Leslie J. Graham and Joan M. Graham have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated January 31, 2022
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LOGAN-MAGNOLIA 41, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 40

220 - Landon Pratt (N) pinned Caleb Hiatt, 3:18. 285 - Rex Johnson (L) pinned Isaac Jones, 0:08. 106 - Jayden Rinken (N) pinned Kalab Kuhl, 2:38. 113 - Corbin Reisz (L) pinned Nic Brase, 1:46. 120 - Garret Rinken (N) pinned Jacob Downey, 2:48. 126 - Kendrick Huck (N) pinned Kai Carritt, 1:32. 132 - Tarick Rowe (L) maj. dec. Kaden Wilken, 15-5.

138 - Trey Nelson (N) pinned Harley Christensen, 1:47. 145 - Sean Thompson (L) pinned Jackson Carey, 0:48. 152 - Wyatt Reisz (L) tech. fall McKade Munn, 19-4. 160 - Jordan Kerger (L) pinned Aiden Sullivan, 2:20. 170 - Gavin McGuire (L) pinned Titus Evans, 1:05. 182 - Tate White (N) pinned Avery Zehner, 0:49. 195 - Dylan Oviatt (L) pinned Jackson Zwanziger, 1:58.

EMMETSBURG 43, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 32

285 - Gage Jorgenson (E) pinned Jones, 3:19. 106 - J. Rinken (N) tech. fall Joseph Peterson, 16-0. 113 - Brase (N) dec. Lincoln Wilcoxon, 12-9. 120 - G. Rinken won by forfeit. 126 - Huck (N) pinned Nic Lowe, 0:53. 132 - Ryerson Boevers (E)

pinned Wilken, 1:22. 138 - Nelson (N) pinned Dayton Strohman, 1:03. 145 - Ryan Brennan (E) maj. dec. Carey, 12-2.

152 - Munn (N) pinned Josh VanHuevelen, 3:57. 160 - Jace Nelson-Brown (E) pinned Evans, 4:53. 170 - Cade Shirk (E) pinned Sullivan, 1:54. 182 - Ben Saxton (E) dec. White, 4-3. 195 - Matthew Wirtz (E) pinned Zwanziger, 0:47. 220 - Tyler Stokes (E) pinned Pratt, 2:29.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 47, WILTON 23

106 - J. Rinken (N) tech. fall Owen Adlfinger, 20-5. 113 - Brody Brisker (W) maj. dec. Brase, 17-4. 120 - G. Rinken pinned Austin Etzel, 1:18. 126 - Jordan Dusenberry (W) dec. Huck, 10-7. 132 - Trae Hagen (W) maj. dec. Wilken, 13-0. 138 - Nelson (N) pinned Owen Milder, 2:52. 145 - Carey (N) pinned Garrett Burkle, 0:46.

152 - Munn (N) pinned Damian Peste, 1:24. 160 - Evans (N) pinned Maxwell Yohe, 3:01. 170 - Sullivan (N) pinned Christian Kleppe, 0:46. 182 - White (N) dec. Kaden Shirk, 9-5. 195 - Zwanziger (N) dec. Gavin Schnepfer, 7-0. 220 - Aiden Hewitt (W) pinned Pratt, 0:37. 285 - Alexander Kaufmann (W) pinned Jones, 1:19.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, February 7th, 2022, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, Breitbach, and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Court-house, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kuhn. Also present are Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Attorney David Laudner, Joan Knoll, and David Tilkes.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the agenda for February 7th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to amend the motion from January 31, 2022 minutes, for District 3 Planning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the minutes from January 31st, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 No Public Comment

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the Veteran's Affairs quarterly report. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussed the temperature control issue at the Community Services Building's server room in the Public Health area.

Bob Fenske, member of media present at 9:08 AM.

Ray Arnel present at 9:09 AM.

9:10 AM -Ray Arnel discussed the minor subdivision for Ken Panos and William J. Meirick Revocable Trust.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the minor subdivision for Ken Panos Resolution 02-07-22-11. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Breitbach. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Martin Hemann present at 9:11 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the minor subdivision for William J. Meirick Revocable Trust 02-07-22-12. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Breitbach. Motion Carried.

9:15 AM Sheriff Hemann made the recommendation to hire Jamie Ekwall as a full-time dispatcher.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve the hiring of Jamie

Ekwall as a full-time dispatcher effective February 8th, 2022, following the union contract hourly rate of \$17.24 per hour with the recommendation of Sheriff Hemann. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussed the insurance values on the LEMC building.

Consensus of the board is adjust the insurance limits for the LEMC building to \$500,000 for building limit and \$200,000 for contents.

Mark Knoll present at 9:23 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to enter the public hearing on the property tax levy and Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2022-2023 General County Services and Rural County Services at 9:30 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Breitbach, Byrne, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

No public comment or written comment. Board discussion.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to close the public hearing on the Property Tax Levy and Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2022-2023 for General County Services and Rural County Services at 9:39 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the Resolution 02-07-22-13 for Setting the Property Tax Levy and Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2022-2023 for General County Services and Rural County Services. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Nays- Hackman. Motion Carried.

David Gorman present at 9:52 AM.

Hemann and Arnel left at 9:52 AM.

9:53 AM David Gorman discussed quotes for new air conditioning unit and/or compressor.

Bid from Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating was for \$8,388 for one Lennox Handler, wiring and labor. Bid from Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating for one compressor, dryers, freon, and labor for \$4,090. Bid from Geerts Plumbing and Heating for Lennox compressor with labor for \$2,702.25. A bid from Geerts Plumbing and Heating for a York condenser, air handler, materials, and labor for \$7,459.01.

Shirley Troyna present at 10:00 AM.

Roman Lensing present at 10:01 AM.

Discussion on the conflict of meeting dates between Pathways and Northeast Iowa Community Action.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to change the 2022 committee assignments with adding Hackman to Path-

N-P holds St. Ansgar star to just one point

GIRLS: FROM 12

was our bus ride here," said Hackman. "We were pumping ourselves up with Disney music."

The Huskies were loose and relaxed in the trilogy game versus the Saints – the two Top of Iowa Conference teams split during the regular season.

N-P's outside shooting proved to be key and limiting St. Ansgar's main weapon down low – junior Madison Hillman – sure didn't hurt either.

The Huskies held Hillman to a season-low point total of just one on 0-for-4 shooting. The 6-2 imposing force down low fouled out with 5:02 left in the final period.

"She's a super talented player and I have a lot of respect for her and the way she plays," said Smith. "We thought if we could limit her we'd have a good shot."

Hillman scored 22 points in N-P's 40-38 win over St. Ansgar late last month. The Saints (14-9) won the first meeting with the Huskies back in December, 56-44.

N-P's defense was on point as the Huskies locked down the Saints' offense. St. Ansgar was 1-19 from 3-point range and shot just 20 percent overall (11-54).

"They got two really, really talented girls on the inside so we thought that we could tweak our 1-3-1, obviously, to hopefully limit them a little bit – take them away," said Smith. "I thought we did a really good job of that the second time we played them."

Was it a season-best performance?

"It's up there. We played good," said Smith.

Smith starts five seniors and guard Makenzie Foelske had a whopper of a game as she sank three 3-pointers and tallied nine points. Foelske nailed two in the first half and added N-P's lone make from beyond the arc in the second half. The Husky track star also managed seven steals.

Foelske, like Nashua-Plainfield as a team – struggled at times from beyond the arc during the regular season.

But Foelske said she remembered what her grandpa taught her.

"Just keep shooting," smiled Foelske.

Hackman hit several shots from outside and led all scorers with 18 points. The TIC's leading scorer almost demonstrated her agile moves close to the rim and grabbed 11 rebounds.

"We knew they were going to pack it in, so we were just like,

'okay, let's just run a spread offense and see what we can do from the outside.'"

Jennah Carpenter, another all-conference standout alongside Hackman, converted on a bevy of fast-break layups en route to 15 points.

St. Ansgar's only make from beyond the arc came in the first minute of play, as the Saints would hold their only lead of the game – 3-0.

"I think we saw some things last time we played 'em and we thought we had a pretty good recipe," said Smith.

Jaycie Bilharz's back-to-back 3-pointers gave N-P a 14-4 cushion with 2:57 left in the first period.

St. Ansgar would trail by as much as 23-8 in the first half after Hackman's 18-footer was true.

The Saints crawled back to as close as 23-17 after a 9-0 run midway through the third period. St. Ansgar forced consecutive 5-second calls against Bilharz during that stretch where the Husky senior guard failed to inbound the ball.

Foelske's final 3-pointer of the game bumped that lead back up to nine, 26-17, minutes later.

Bilharz would have the last laugh against the Saints' defense as her perfectly thrown, length-of-the-court football pass found a streaking Carpenter on the dead run to produce one of the best highlights of the evening with the Huskies up, 32-19, after that "touchdown." Hackman would cap a 12-0 run with a bucket down low – N-P leading comfortably, 38-19.

N-P will have its shot at potentially knocking off the Golden Bears (20-3) – the parochial school that sits roughly one hour and forty-five minutes away from Nashua in Kossuth County.

"Everyone's gonna think that we won't be able to compete with them, but we just gotta have fun and do our thing," said Hackman.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 50, ST. ANSGAR 30

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SA 6 5 8 11 - 30

Jaycie Bilharz 2-2 0-0 6, Makenzie Foelske 3-9 0-0 9, Abbie Hyde 0-2 2-4 2, Jennah Carpenter 7-10 1-2 15, Breanna Hackman 5-12 7-10 18, Bailey Fisher 0-1 0-0 0, Kendall Bailey-Pint 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-36 10-16 50.

3-point field goals - Bilharz 2-2, Foelske 3-8, Hyde 0-1, Hackman 1-1, Fisher 0-1.

Rebounds - Bilharz 4, Foelske 4, Hyde 3, Carpenter 1, Hackman 11, Bailey-Pint 1.

Assists - Bilharz 1, Foelske 1, Hyde 2, Carpenter 5, Hackman 5.

Steals - Bilharz 1, Foelske 7, Carpenter 2, Hackman 2, Fisher 1.

Blocks - Hackman 2.

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Discussion on health insurance policy for county employees.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to allow switching life insurance contracts from Lincoln Financial to Standard Financial effective July 1, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Chair declares a recess at 12:32 PM. The board reconvened at 1:00 PM with all members present Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Also present are Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Director Chad Humpal.

1:00 PM Chad Humpal provided a Conservation Department update.

Attorney David Laudner present at 1:05 PM.

Jeff Bernatz present at 1:17 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to acknowledge the hiring of Justin Van Driel as the Natural Resources and Parks Manager for \$20 per hour effective February 23rd, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Humpal left at 1:23 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to direct the County Attorney to draft a Resolution for Levy code 422D and assist in the process with having the public measure on the General Election. Roll Call: Ayes- All Ayes. Motion Carried.

1:30 PM Jeff Bernatz provided a Communication Tower Update.

Jeremy McGrath present at 1:34 PM.

Bernatz and McGrath left at 1:44 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) at 1:44 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to exit the closed session at 2:30 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Zoll, absent. Motion Carried.

No action taken.

Discussion on the lease agreement with Prairie View Management DBA Inspiring Lives.

Hackman left at 2:50 PM.

Budget Work Session.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to adjourn at 3:15 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Breitbach, Byrne, and Kuhn. Hackman and Zoll, absent. Motion Carried.

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ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board

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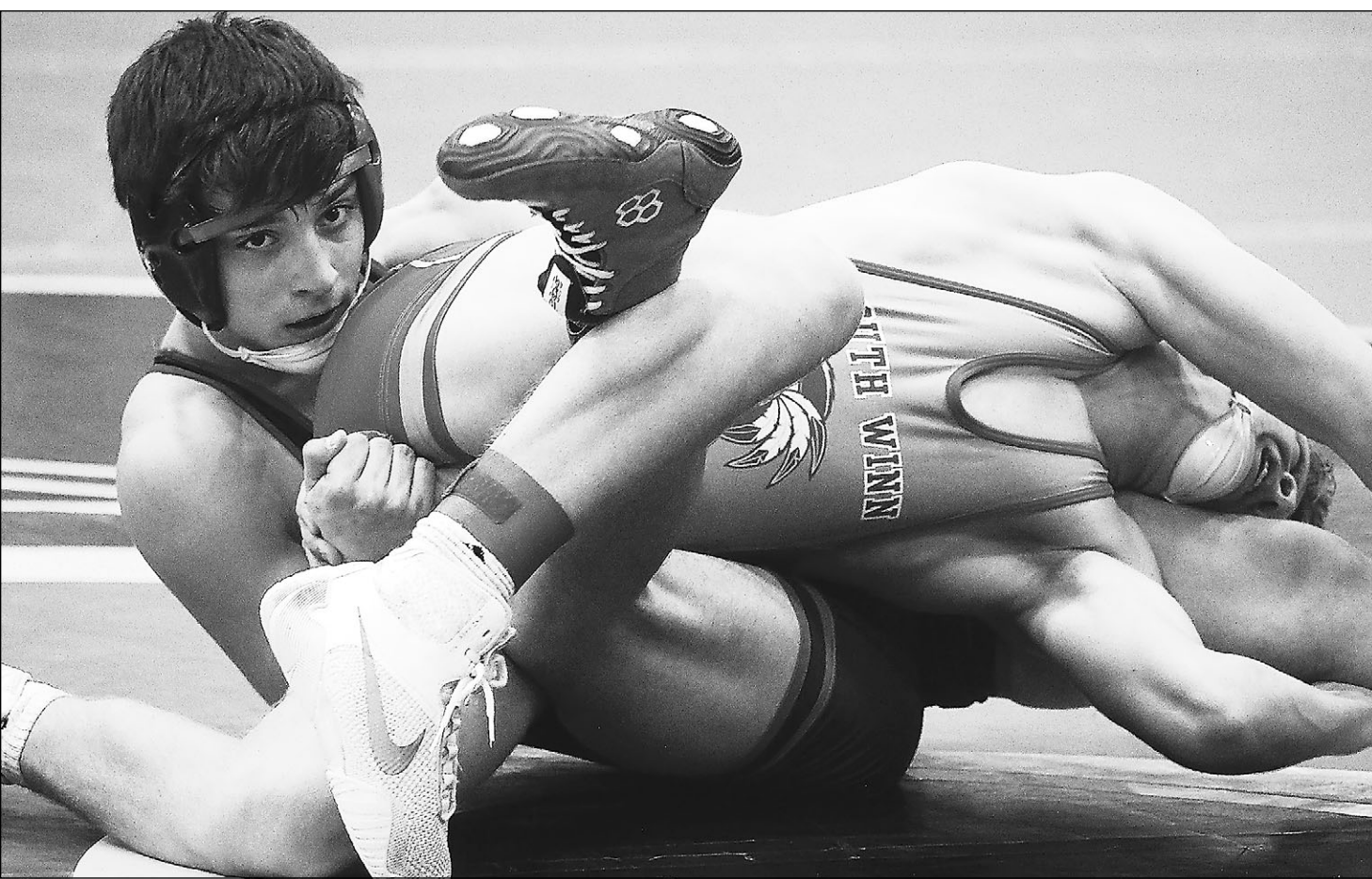
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Nashua-Plainfield's Trey Nelson works to keep South Winneshiek's Collin Holm from coming up with a takedown in the 138-pound true-second match at Saturday's Class 1A district meet.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Huskies advance six to state tournament

Nashua-Plainfield comes up with big wins as half-dozen Huskies survive and advance

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The wait was worth it for Nashua-Plainfield.

The final pages have yet to be written, but the 2021-2022 Husky wrestling season is primed for a storybook finish.

N-P has been a page-turner all winter long and the final two matches of the Class 1A district tournament at Denver added one more cherished chapter to what has become a highlight reel of memorable moments for Al Frost's Huskies.

Nashua-Plainfield sent six wrestlers to the traditional state tournament that will be held next week in Des Moines at Wells Fargo Arena and the Huskies did it in stunning fashion.

Needless to say, these Huskies have a flair for the dramatic.

The final two matches of the afternoon at Denver's multi-million-dollar sports complex – wrestlebacks at 113 pounds and the 138-pound weight class – each featured Husky wrestlers with state tournament berths on the line.

"There was so much riding on those last two matches," said Frost, in his 33rd season at N-P.

The Huskies' Nic Brase, just a freshman, came up with an electrifying pin in the second period over Denver senior Rhett Bonnette in that 113-pound state qualifying match. Bonnette – who lost to Brase, 10-3, at sectionals last week, took control of the district match right away.

"We had took him down and dominated that match at sectionals. This was a different story," said Frost. "We always try to preach that way, too – guys, every match is not going to be the same. Yeah, it wasn't looking real good – we were getting legged, we were getting cranked."

Then Brase sent a bolt of energy into the Husky crowd on the other end of the gym as he ended the match right then and there with a jaw-dropping pin that sent the Husky coaches and crowd into a frenzy – fists pumping, arms raised in admiration.

"Brase was in a lift situation and just took him hard with a takedown and right to his back. He just finished the job," Frost added.

Brase, who said he never qualified for state in middle school, was happy to be joining his teammates down on the mat at "The Well."

"I'm just really excited to punch my ticket to state. I just got into my duck-under and threw him over. I just squeezed tight," Brase said about his winning, state-qualifying move.

As tough a match as three-time state qualifier Trey Nelson had against Collin Holm of South Winneshiek in their 138-pound finals match at sectionals, this one was even dicier for the Husky senior.

Somehow, Nelson found a way. Survive and advance.

"We would not be in the same mood right now if Trey wouldn't have made it," said Frost. "He's been such a leader and such a part of our team – being there, thick and thin."

Nelson, a senior, won 5-1 in that sectional duel over the Decorah transfer and had to muster every ounce of his energy to pull off a 7-6 win over Holm in the second meeting to conclude the day's festivities for all teams involved.

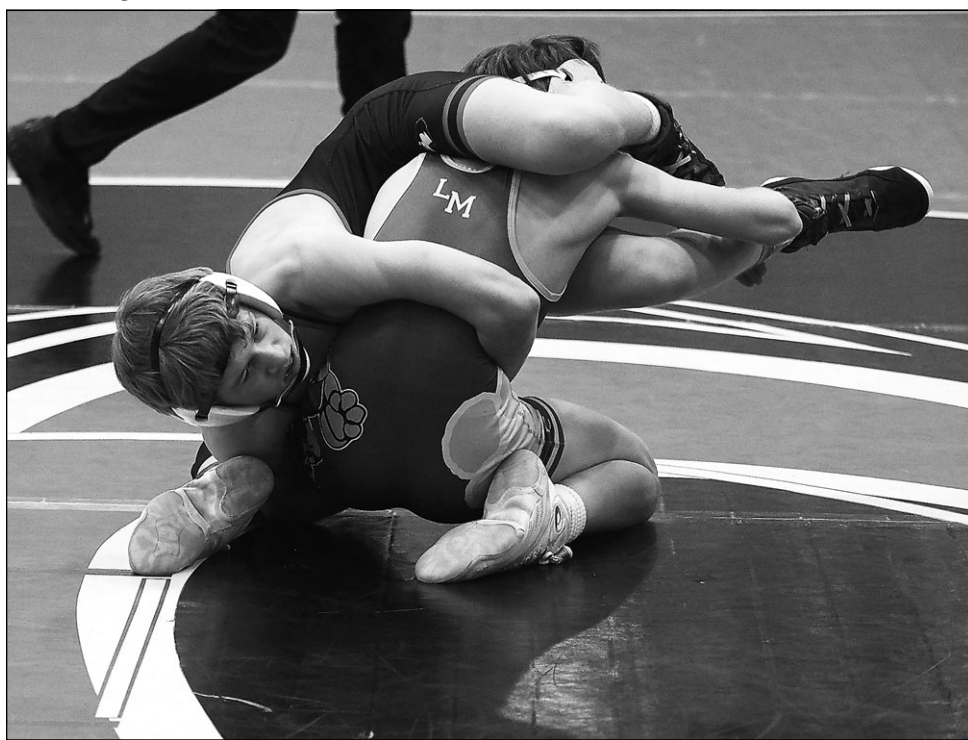
"The first match we had to fight for everything. We fell in the right direction the first time we wrestled. We got caught up in a couple situations. It wasn't as smooth a match as the first time," said Frost. "Hats off to Trey that he is as conditioned and focused that he is to get that job done."

Nelson worked an escape with just 10 ticks left on the third-period clock to advance to state yet again. He placed seventh in Des Moines last year as a junior.

"I did not want to see this get into overtime," said Frost. "Thank God Trey got his hips back enough and got the one and sealed the deal. That was probably as emotional for me as a coach as any wrestle-back win we've had."

Nelson improved to 45-10. He lost to No. 2 Clayton McDonough (51-0) for the third time this season by a score of 7-1 in the first-place match at 138.

Frost saw three of his wrestlers climb



Nashua-Plainfield's Nic Brase (above) battles Lake Mills' Hayden Helgeson in the 113-pound finals at the Class 1A district tournament, where later in the meet, Brase's coaches (below) celebrate his pin in the true-second match.



to the top of the medal stand in Jayden Rinken, Garret Rinken and McKade Munn. Each won their weight class and solidified themselves as district champs.

Now it's time to bring home the hardware as Garret Rinken will be favored to earn his second state title at 120 pounds. He is ranked No. 1 and has already defeated his toughest challenger, Lisbon's Brandon Paez, by pin earlier this year.

Garret Rinken defeated 11th-ranked Gavin Reed of Waterloo Columbus for the third time this season. Rinken won by major decision over Reed, 10-0, in the 120-pound finals match.

Garret's win over Reed was his 100th consecutive victory without a loss. He is now 51-0.

Munn (49-6) earned milestone victory No. 150 with a semifinal pin over Dillon Blickenderfer of Central Springs in just a little over a minute. Then his work was done as he won by injury default over Alex Beaty of Lake Mills in the finals.

Munn, a senior, is now a three-time state qualifier and is looking to snare his first medal and step onto the podium one last time in Des Moines.

"It's pretty crazy. Here next week I won't have to weigh in ever again," said Munn. "This is my last year. I might as well give it my all."

Jayden Rinken, now ranked No. 2 according to IAWrestle at 106 pounds, once again defeated familiar foes in Dawson Jacobsen of Central Springs and Lucas Oldenkamp of Lake Mills. Rinken, now 49-1 on the season, pinned Jacobsen in 2:44 and moved on past Oldenkamp by decision, 8-1.

Husky junior Kendrick Huck (38-11) is now a two-time state qualifier as he placed runner-up to Tanner Arjes of North Butler/Clarkesville at 126 pounds. Arjes won by major dec., 10-0, over Huck in their first-place match.

N-P freshman Jackson Carey (13-11) placed third at 145 pounds. He pinned Hayden Brua of Lake Mills in his last match of the day in 5:33.

"What a valuable experience he got," Frost added.

Titus Evans, wrestling in an absolutely loaded 170-pound weight class, placed fourth. Evans (39-15) lost to top-ranked Drake Tiedemann by major decision, 12-4, in a semifinal match.

Win or lose, the Huskies are headed back to Nashua riding another wave of momentum in a season that's not done quite yet. There's one week left in the season and it's the most important one of them all.

"The feeling is real good," said Frost. "You can't even describe how much blood, sweat and tears went into all that happening. This whole last couple weeks have just been a blur."

DISTRICT TEAM RESULTS

(Number of state qualifiers in a parenthesis)
Nashua-Plainfield (6) 110, Lake Mills (4) 73, North Butler/Clarkesville (4) 71, Central Springs (3) 53.5, Hudson (2) 47, Northwood-Kensett (1) 47, South Winneshiek (2) 46, Waterloo Columbus (3) 45, Mason City Newman (0) 30, Denver (1) 26, Riceville (2) 26, Rockford (0) 10.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD VALLEY RESULTS

(State qualifiers in bold)
106: Jayden Rinken placed first. Semifinal - Rinken pinned Dawson Jacobsen (CS), 2:44. 1st Place Match - Rinken dec. Lucas Oldenkamp (LM), 8-1.

113: Nic Brase placed second. Semifinal - Brase maj. dec. Rafe Arbogast (WF), 14-0. 1st Place Match - Hayden Helgeson (LM) dec. Brase, 4-1. 2nd Place Match - Brase pinned Rhett Bonnette (D), 2:48.

120: Garret Rinken placed first. Semifinal - Rinken pinned Geraldo Vazquez (LM), 1:39. 1st Place Match - Rinken maj. dec. Gavin Reed, 10-0.

126: Kendrick Huck placed second. Semifinal - Huck pinned Alex Bosch (MN), 0:26. 1st Place Match - Tanner Arjes (NBC) maj. dec. Huck, 10-0.

138 - Trey Nelson placed second. Semifinal - Nelson pinned Bo Gerbracht (AGWSR), 1:04. 1st Place Match - Clayton McDonough (CS) dec. Nelson, 5-1. 2nd Place Match - Nelson dec. Collin Holm (SW), 7-6.

145 - Jackson Carey placed third. Semifinal - Bryce McDonough (CS) tech. fall Carey, 15-0, 4:30. 3rd Place Match - Carey pinned Hayden Brua (LM), 5:33.

152: McKade Munn placed first. Semifinal Munn pinned Dillon Blickenderfer (CS), 1:04. 1st Place Match - Munn won by medical forfeit Alex Beaty (LM).

170 - Titus Evans placed fourth. Semifinal - Drake Tiedemann (NK) maj. dec. Evans, 12-4. 3rd

N-P boys coach lauds team after heartbreaking loss

BOYS: FROM 12

Still, Wilken harkened back to seven months ago when the Huskies were struggling to beat anyone out on the hardwood and 12 wins in a regular season would have been considered a pipe dream in July.

The Huskies accomplished that and a lot more in 2021-2022.

"Throughout the camps this summer our average ending record was 3-16," said Wilken. "We came into this regular season thinking, oh God, what a rollercoaster this will be. But we stepped up and ended with an over .500 record."

Wilken, a senior forward, played his way to a double-digit scoring average (11.8 ppg) this year and led the Huskies in scoring against West Fork with 14 points. He was 7-14 from the floor – with many of his points coming on fast break layups.

Just like his Huskies, Wilken has come a long ways in a relative short amount of time.

"Thinking about where he came from as a freshman where he could barely put the ball on the floor and get it back to his hand, to what he's done this season is unbelievable," said N-P head coach Sam Brown. "I always talk about the senior factor. Guys turn into seniors – they turn into gamers. 'Wilk' is absolutely no exception to that."

Brown and his Huskies (12-10) had a chance to win the contest and advance to play at 10th-ranked Dunkerton (20-3) in the Class 1A, District 4 semifinal – which was played on Thursday.

With four ticks left on the clock, Bo Harrington's shot was not released in time before the final buzzer sounded. That left the Warhawks (11-11) with a win and the chance to play on the Raiders' home floor in the next round.

Harrington wound up with 13 points on 5-12 shooting. Many of Harrington's buckets came at big moments in the game. His floater in the lane tied the contest at 30-30. Wilson's fast break layup gave N-P's its first lead of the game at 32-20 with 2:25 left in the third period.

West Fork would lead by as much as 39-33 at the start of the final period, but Tucker Franzen's 3-pointer inched the Huskies closer, down just 39-36.

Harrington's Euro-step layup sliced WF's lead to two points – 40-38 – with 6:44 to go. His spin move on the blocks pumped up N-P's lead to 42-40 underneath five minutes to play. Another fast break layup by Wilken pushed N-P into a three-point advantage, up 44-41 with 3:51 left on the clock. Aiden Lamborn's two made free throws kept the Huskies up three, 46-43.

Then WF's Trevor Guritz's came up with two of the biggest shots of the evening. He sank two 3-pointers – both at the top of the key in the span of a minute of court time – that proved pivotal. His second trey gave WF a 49-48 lead with 1:07 left on the scoreboard.

"That was one of our keys tonight was take away the 3-point shot," said Brown. "He's a good shooter."

Harrington's driving layup with just 14 seconds remaining tied the tilt at 50-50. He was fouled on the play, but could not make the free throw to convert the made shot into a conventional 3-point play.

Edison Caspers' free throw saw WF take a 51-50 lead with 11 second remaining. Cayde Eberling's steal and ensuing made charity-stripe shot saw N-P down two points with just seven seconds left.

N-P had to move the ball the length of the court, though. N-P advanced the ball to half court and burned a timeout with four seconds left.

Wilken inbounded the ball and Lamborn received his pass. He promptly passed to Harrington who was quickly double-teamed. Harrington dribbled near the free-throw line but the horn sounded before he could release a potential game-winner.

N-P overcame a slow start as it trailed 18-9 after one period of play and trailed 26-22 at the break.

"We really stepped up in rebounding second half," said Wilken. "It definitely changed in the second half. We just ran out of time."

Brown was fairly certain the game wasn't going to be a blow-out like the last time the two TIC teams met. He was more than right. If a few breaks and bounces would have went the way of the Huskies – N-P would have been moving on in post-season play.

"You could just tell in the body language of the guys that they weren't ready to give up," said Brown. "They were ready to fight and battle."

Wilken felt his team fought to the finish.

"We had to give everything we got – put everything out on the court, no regrets," said Wilken.

N-P won the first meeting in Nashua against WF back in early January, 64-51. The Warhawks returned the favor in a big way against the Huskies earlier this month – smacking N-P in the mouth with a 27-point blowout win, 67-40.

Brown was proud of his team for improving as the season went along and proving to be a tough out in district play.

"It was a great season. It's a super, simple formula. It's hard work, dedication and fundamentals," said Brown. "Those things will get you anywhere."

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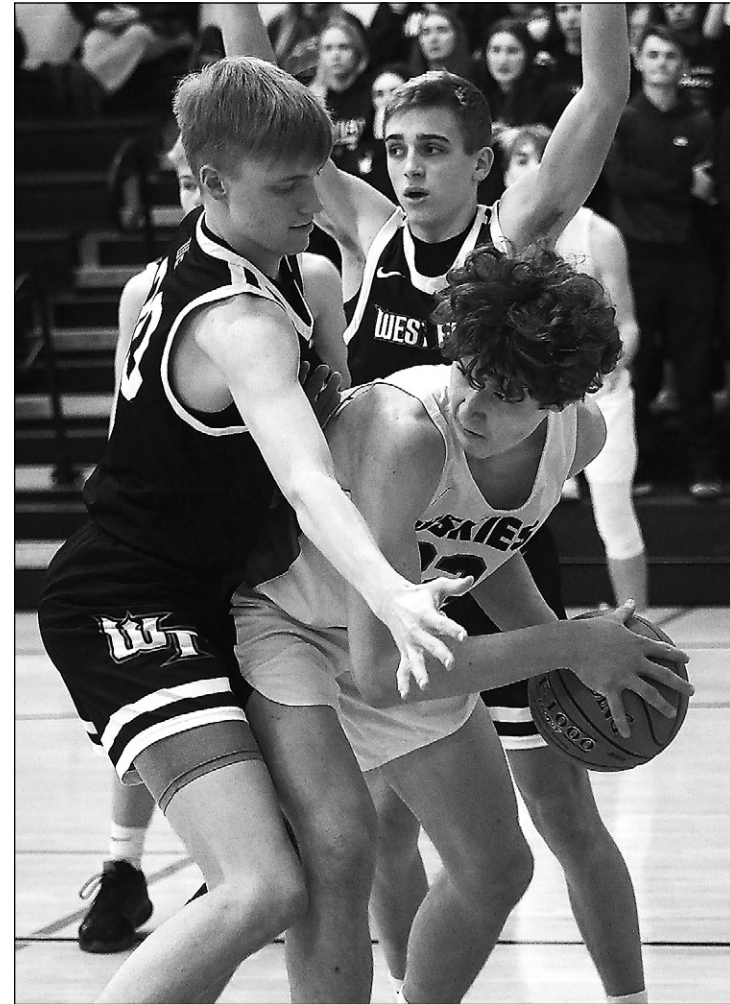
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Assists - Harrington 5, Winters 3, Wilken 1, Rodruck 1.

Steals - Franzen 4, Johnson 2, Harrington 2, Winters 2, Wilken 3, Rodruck 2.

Blocks - Lamborn 2.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Aiden Lamborn looks for an open teammate as he tries to beat a West Fork double team during Monday's Class 1A district game.

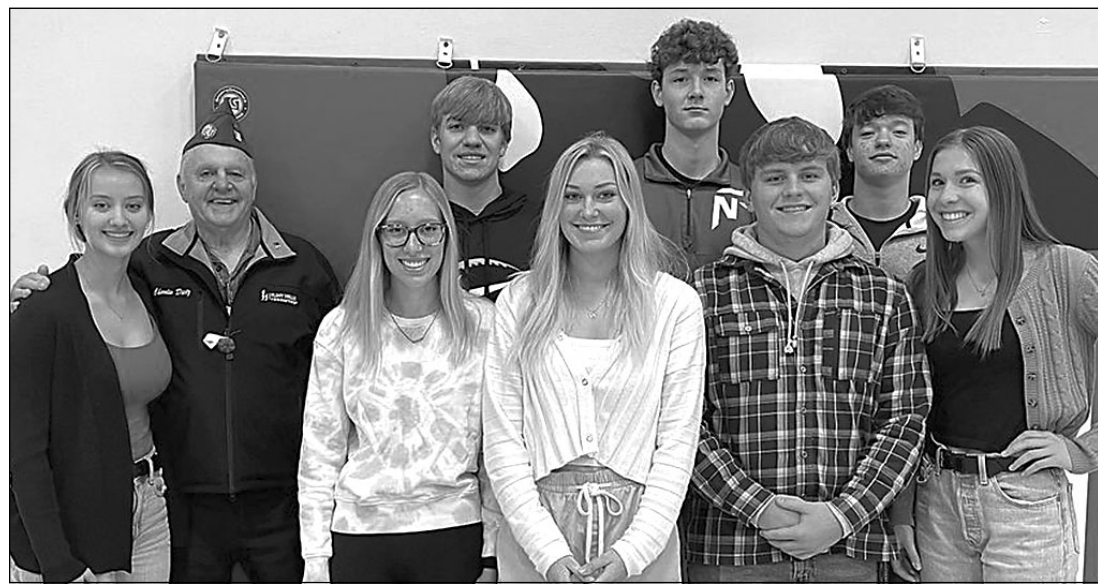


This year's officer team!

Nashua-Plainfield FFA chapter officers for 2021-22 include (front row, from left) Jackson Zwanziger, Hannah Lechtenberg, Jaycie Bilharz, Kara Levi and Bella Dietz, (back row) Aiden Lamborn, Joel Winters and Bo Harrington.

A special Veterans Day

This past fall Veterans Day's assembly speaker was Charlie Dietz, who is the Nashua-Plainfield FFA Alumni and Supporters vice president. Pictured on Veterans Day are (front row, from left) Bella Dietz, Hannah Lechtenberg, Jaycie Bilharz, Jackson Zwanziger and Kara Levi, Charlie Dietz, Joel Winters, Aiden Lamborn and Bo Harrington.



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Picking up a silver rating!

FFA members (from left) Aiden Lamborn, Bo Harrington, Jackson Zwanziger and Garret Rinken participated at State Soils Evaluation in Ames this past fall, and brought home a silver rating with a 16th-place finish.

Marking National FFA Week

Agriculture is part of our daily lives — from the food we eat to the clothes we wear. Next week, more than 760,000 FFA members across the country will share the story of agriculture as part of National FFA Week.

Today, FFA provides the next generation of leaders who will change the world. As the top school-based youth leadership development organization in the nation, FFA helps young people meet new agricultural challenges by helping members develop their unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways. FFA members are our future leaders, our future food-suppliers, our future innovators and so much more!

Whether it is through service projects or community gatherings, National FFA Week is a time for FFA members to raise awareness about the role the National FFA Organization plays in developing agriculture's future leaders and the importance of agricultural education.

National FFA Week always runs Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday. This year, the week kicks off on Feb. 20 and culminates on Saturday, Feb. 27.

The National FFA Board of Directors designated the weeklong tradition, which began in 1948, in recognition of Washington's legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. A group of young farmers founded FFA in 1928, and the organization has been influencing generations that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting — it involves science, business and more.

The National FFA Organization includes more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.



Enjoying Indy!

The Nashua-Plainfield chapter was well represented at the annual FFA National Convention that was held this past October in Indianapolis, where students from around the country heard from some outstanding speakers and took part in a variety of activities.



FFA frosh!

Eleven Nashua-Plainfield freshmen students got a taste for leadership conferences when they attended the North Central District Greenhand Fire Up, a conference designed for first-year members, this past fall. Pictured are Pictured are Nic Brase, Bailey Bond, Avery Novak, Kaden Huck, Luke Paplow, Marleigh Lowe, Easton Richards, Jayden Rinken, Zach Hauser, Cale Jensen and Maverick Dietz-McDonald.

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Giving back to those less fortunate

In preparation for the Christmas Season, the Nashua-Plainfield Human Resources Committee — including Marleigh Lowe and Kadence Huck — shopped for Toys for Tots. Additionally, the members (below) celebrated with a small gift exchange during its December meeting.



THE HISTORY OF THE 'BLUE JACKET'

The blue jacket's origin dates to 1933 when FFA advisor Gus Linter saw a blue corduroy jacket in the window of a hardware store in Fredericktown, Ohio. He connected with the jacket supplier, Universal Uniform Company, and had his chapter's name stitched on the back of the jackets with gold thread.

At the 1933 National FFA Convention in Kansas City, the members of Linter's chapter — Fredericktown FFA — debuted their blue jackets. They were so popular, the convention's official delegates made them part of the official FFA attire.

The millionth FFA jacket was sold in 1964, and by 1976, 2 million jackets had been sold. Today, more than 80,000 jackets are sold annually.

It requires 1.6 yards of corduroy to create one FFA jacket. Over the course of a year, that's approximately 128,000 yards of corduroy devoted to FFA jackets.

Over time, the jackets have evolved to offer a better fit and feature zippers rather than snaps, and the pockets are now rounded instead of squared.

FFA members can earn pins for their jackets, but there should never be more than three pins on the front. The three medals worn should represent the highest degree earned, the highest office held, and the highest award earned by the member. If members have a State or American degree, they may place that pin above their name, with the other two pins displayed below the name.

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Thanks to the Give the Gift of Blue program, funded by individual donors, foundations and corporate sponsors, the National FFA Organization gives jackets to members who wouldn't otherwise be able to own one. Since 2014, National FFA has gifted more than 12,000 jackets. Learn more at FFA.org/GiveBlue.

FAMOUS FFA ALUMNI

The National FFA Organization currently has more than 800,000 members representing more than 8,000 chapters and millions more are alumni of the program, that includes some recognizable names.

• **Jimmy Carter:** It is widely known that America's 39th President came from a peanut-farming family in Georgia. Those roots date all the way back to Carter's youth, when he was an FFA member in Plains, Georgia all the way back in the 1930s.

• **Tim McGraw:** With more than 80 million records sold, McGraw is one of the best-selling musical artists of all time. Long before he burst onto the country music scene in the mid-90s, McGraw, was a member of FFA in Start, Louisiana.

• **Taylor Swift:** Before she sold more than 50 million albums and won 10 Grammy Awards, Taylor Swift was a member of the Hendersonville FFA chapter in Tennessee. Although she has deviated from the genre, Taylor Swift is still a country girl at heart.

• **Bo Jackson:** He is known as one of the most versatile athletes of all time. Bo Jackson won the Heisman Trophy in 1985 and was also selected by the Kansas City Royals in the MLB Draft. Jackson went on to play in the both the NFL and MLB. When he was a kid, he was part of the FFA chapter in McAdory, Alabama.

• **Sterling Martin:** The two-time Daytona 500 winner was an FFA member in Tennessee.

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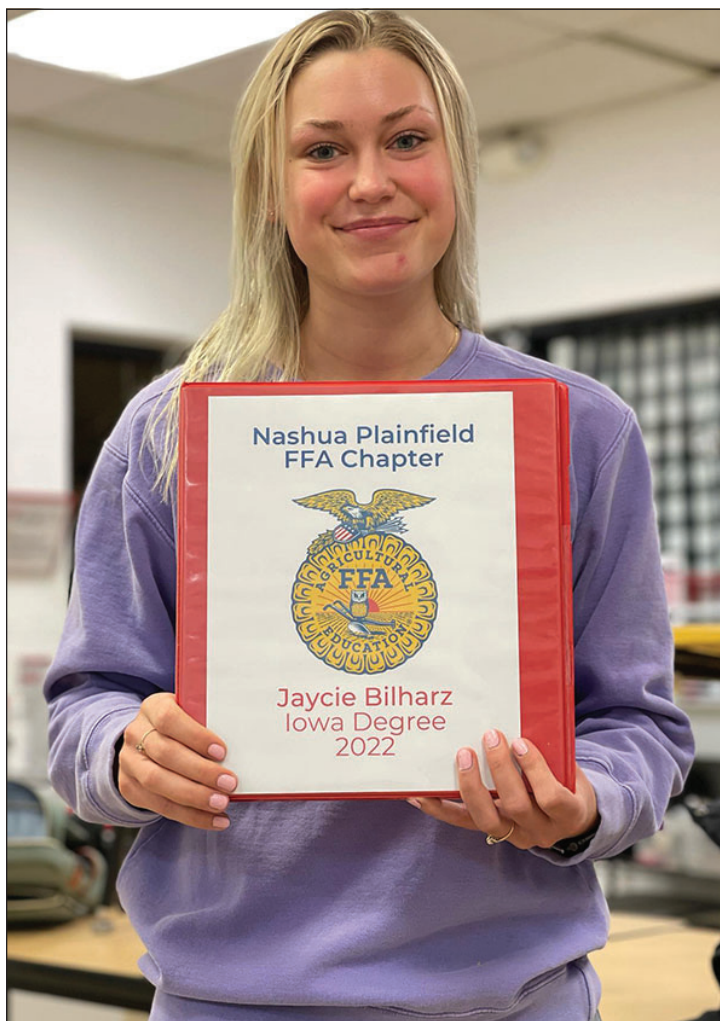
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Five Nashua-Plainfield FFA chapter members — (clockwise from top left) Kara Levi, Jaycie Bilharz, Max Pahnisch, Hannah Lechtenberg and Emarae Carey — have completed the requirements to receive their Iowa Degree at this spring's state convention.

The Iowa FFA Degree is the highest rank that can be conferred upon active members by the Iowa FFA Association.

The requirements include:

- Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active FFA member for at least two years.
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- Have participated in at least 25 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities within at least two different community service activities.
- Demonstrate leadership ability by performing 10 procedures of parliamentary law, given a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA and served as an officer, committee chairperson or a participating member of a chapter committee.
- Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
- Have participated in the planning and completion of chapter program of activities.
- Have participated in at least five approved FFA activities above the chapter level.



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Huskies keep all six alive at state wrestling tourney

Rinken brothers, Huck, Munn win first-round matches while Brase and Nelson bounce back with consolation victories

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's wrestlers got off to a strong start Thursday at the Class 1A state tournament as all six Huskies — including four on the front side of the bracket — kept their seasons alive. And to top it off, Nashua-Plainfield

picked up 9.5 bonus points as the Huskies came up with four pins and a technical fall during the opening session of the traditional tournament at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Four Nashua-Plainfield wrestlers — Jayden Rinken (106), Garret Rinken (120), Kendrick Huck (126) and McKade Munn (152) — claimed wins

in the opening round. Garret Rinken, who claimed the 113-pound state title a year ago, remained unbeaten with a first-period pin of Chase England of Bedford-Lenox, and his younger brother, Jayden, dominated Logan-Magnolia's Gavin Kiger on his way to a 15-0 technical fall. Meanwhile, the Huskies got a

first-period pin from Kendrick Huck at 126 while McKade Munn came up with a third-period pin at 152. The two Nashua-Plainfield wrestlers who got knocked off in the opening round came back with impressive wins on the backside bracket as 113-pound Nic Brase scored an 8-1 decision while 138-pound Trey Nelson recorded a

third-period fall. The 6-2 start by the Huskies netted them 19.5 points, good for fourth place in the team standings. Don Bosco led the 1A field with 36 points, 11 more than second-place Lisbon, while Logan-Magnolia is in
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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Abbie Hyde celebrates her team's victory over St. Ansgar in Tuesday night's Class 1A regional semifinal game.

Huskies dominate Saints to advance

Nashua-Plainfield routs TIC rivals to earn a date with powerhouse Algona Garrigan

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

If the bus ride to Algona is anything like the trip to St. Ansgar, the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies could be singing their favorite tunes all the way down to Des Moines. There's a little order of business to take care of first before the Huskies and head coach Josh Smith can even think about playing in the girls state hoops tournament. That tall task starts with getting past the second-ranked Algona Garrigan Golden Bears tonight (Friday). That potential upset win would vault N-P into the state-qualifying regional finals. N-P has never played in the girls state hoops tourney in school history. Regardless, N-P is still alive and kicking in a tournament where the mantra "sur-

vive and advance" couldn't be anymore appropriate. "We're not done yet," said N-P's leading scorer Breanna Hackman. "We just gotta play and have fun, ya know — do our best." N-P (14-9) sure had a good time on Tuesday in the quarterfinal round of Class 1A regional play as the Huskies cruised to a commanding win over the St. Ansgar Saints, 50-30. What was the secret to such an impressive victory over a conference rival such as the Saints? Think "Let it Go" and the soundtrack from the movie "Frozen." Sure, Smith's game plan worked to perfection against the Saints, but pre-game rituals matter, right? "What really got us started
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Nashua-Plainfield senior Makenzie Foelske looks for an open teammate in Tuesday night's game.

N-P's season ends with heartbreaker

Huskies give West Fork all it can handle before falling 52-50 in district opener

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Drew Wilken remembers scrimmages this past summer when he wondered just how many games his Huskies would win this winter. Turns out, a lot more than most people would have predicted. The Nashua-Plainfield boys basketball team's season ended Monday night against Top of Iowa Conference foe West Fork in the opening round of Class 1A District play. The Warhawks slipped past the Huskies by a score of 52-50 — preventing N-P from getting off a potential game-winner as time expired.
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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Tucker Franzen provides some defensive pressure in Monday night's game.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Jayden Rinken works to keep Emmetsburg's Joseph Peterson on the mat so he can get a take-down during a consolation meet at the Class 1A state duals that were held Wednesday in Wells Fargo Arena.

Huskies settle for seventh

N-P loses heartbreaker in state duals' opener, ends season with win over Wilton

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield rarely plays second fiddle to anyone out on the mat — especially at the state dual tournament. It took a little while for Al Frost and his fourth-ranked Huskies to shake the dust off after a 10-year absence down on the big stage at Wells Fargo Arena in downtown Des Moines on Wednesday morning. But by the time the Huskies settled in and started wrestling to their capability later that afternoon — it was too late. The final result after three matches was a seventh-place finish for the Huskies — which would have most squads in the state jumping for joy. Not at a power-packed program like N-P possesses — that's for sure. "Seventh place is not what we came down here to do," said Frost. "That wasn't our goal. We salvaged this dual at least. We're not there at the rock bottom. What do you say?" The state dual meet — which features well over 300 wrestlers from the best 24 dual squads in all three classes in the state of Iowa — moves quick. If wrestlers aren't on top of their games under the bright lights and in front of a huge crowd, "The Well" can swallow up even the best of grapplers and spit them out in a hurry. Many on Frost's squad had never wrestled in the venue that holds almost 20,000 spectators. The experience of wrestling in pressure-packed moments for serious hardware can go a long ways when all the chips are on the table. Was that a factor in N-P losing two duals and only winning one? It may well have been. "I think the fact that we haven't been down here in 10 years. Some of these guys were three, four, five, six years old — the last time we've been down here. Most of them were barely out of diapers," said Frost.
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Nashua-Plainfield's 126-pound Kendrick Huck (above) works to lock up a cradle against Logan-Magnolia's Kai Carritt while the Huskies' Tate White (below) fights for position in his 182-pound match against Wilton's Kaden Shirk at Wednesday's state duals.



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