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Supervisors not sold on AMR bid

Board members want more details; Ambulance Council meeting pushed to this week

By **BOB FENSKE AND KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

The Board of Supervisors member who represents the county on the Ambulance Council said last week he needs more “details” from AMR before he would be able to vote to accept the company’s bid to provide the county and its cities ambulance service.

During last Monday’s board meeting, Jacob Hackman said he had a number of questions

when it came to the bid AMR submitted to the Ambulance Council.

“I need more answers on whether they’re going to transport,” said Hackman. “I need more details from AMR.”

He also said he wants more information on AMR’s staffing plans, as well as what insurance carriers the provider would accept.

The Ambulance Council received only one bid — AMR’s \$245,000 to provide one ambulance in the county — when it opened bids on Nov.

18. The council was supposed to meet last Tuesday, but it pushed that meeting to this Wednesday so AMR could have a representative at the meeting.

The postponement was announced after the Board of Supervisors met last week, and thinking the meeting was the following day, supervisors had a lively discussion.

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STARTING THE WINTER OFF RIGHT!

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Nashua-Plainfield senior Jennah Carpenter eyes the hoop as she beats a Tripoli defender during the Huskies’ season-opening girls basketball game last week as the Huskies rolled to a big win. The boys basketball team and wrestling teams open their 2021-22 seasons this week, and in this edition of the Reporter, we preview the winter ahead for the Huskies.

Snow lovers are going to have to wait

Start of the month looks
like we may continue trend
of ‘snowless’ Decembers

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of The Reporter

When it comes to having snow on the ground for Christmas, let’s face it, Northeast Iowa is somewhat in a drought.

The past three Christmases have been “brown” and honestly, the fact that 2017 was a “white Christmas” came on a “technicality” — an inch of snow fell on Christmas Day four years ago.

So for those who think snow — on the ground at least — and Christmas go hand in hand, what are our chances that 2021 will be a breakthrough of sorts?

“With Christmas being almost a month away, we still have a decent chance of accumulating snowfall across the region,” said Jeff Makowski, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service’s office in La Crosse, Wisconsin. “I’m not saying it’s going to happen this week, but we’ve got plenty of time.”

He wasn’t kidding about this week as we ended November with two days in the 50s and started December with two more days of temperatures in the 50s.

But for those who want snow, even with an expected cool down later this week and into the weekend, don’t hold your breath.

The fact is that during the past four years, December snow has been a precious commodity.

A year ago, the area received four

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary students Sophie Eisenmenger and Breann Shadow play a game together during recess on a beautiful final day of November.

N-P thrower is taking talents to Cedar Falls

Hackman accepts scholarship offer and will
attend and compete in track at Northern Iowa

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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memorable moments in her coaching career.

There is video documentation and proof of the “tackle.” Former N-P girls track coach Kristi Hannemann verified as much in an almost tearful tale told in the Nashua-Plainfield High School Library during an athletic signing last week.

There was no crying that took place, but tears of joy were beginning to well in Hannemann’s eyes as she recounted one of the more

Perhaps the two most pivotal turning points in Breanna Hackman’s N-P athletic career included that “forceful stop” by Hannemann, who was helping celebrate an epic launch of the shot put by her star thrower last spring at a Central Springs track meet.

“I went in for a big, old hug and we went down,” exclaimed Hannemann. That school-record toss — a

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield track star Breanna Hackman signs her letter of intent during a ceremony held recently in her school’s library.

Plenty of activities on tap this weekend in the area

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from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The Santa's Workshop will give chances for kids to talk to Santa, as well as make a Christmas craft.

Other events scheduled in Nashua on Saturday include:

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Vendors at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center.

• 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: "Hot Mess Holiday Party" at JTees.

• 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Compass Outreach Center silent auction gift baskets.

• 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Cup of Soup Fundraiser for the Cub Scouts

at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center.

• 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Tree lighting followed by S'mores with Santa, sponsored by the Nashua Parks Board at Cedar View Park.

• 5 to 7 p.m.: Nashua Garden Club Soup Supper.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, Plainfield's celebration will begin at 5 p.m. with the annual lighting of the Christmas. There will also be vendors at the 707 and cookies and crafts at the Plainfield Public Library.

The night will also include a soup supper at the Baptist church.

Nashua-Plainfield students to take part in holiday concerts this month

Nashua-Plainfield students will perform three holiday concerts in the next couple of weeks.

The elementary concert is set for 6 p.m. this coming Monday and will be held in the high school gymnasium. It will feature K-5 students performing a variety of songs, and the Fifth Grade Band will also perform.

Two concerts, both featuring choirs and bands, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, as students in grades 6-8 will be featured in a concert that begins at 6 p.m., while high school students will take the "stage" at 7 p.m.

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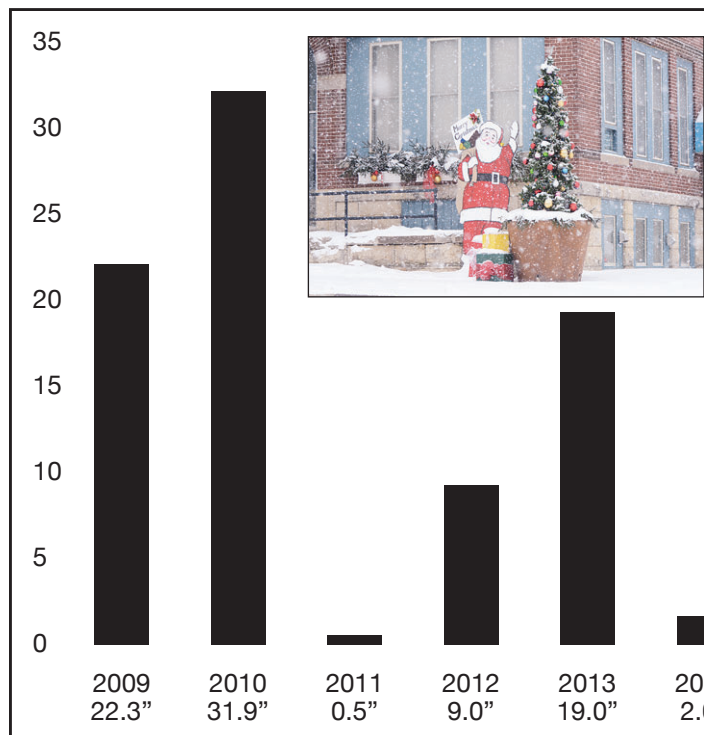
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Let it snow?!

December snowfall in Chickasaw County

It's been tough to come by a 'white Christmas' lately

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inches of snow in the month, but three of those inches fell on Dec. 30. In 2019, the snow total for December was a trace, in 2018, a paltry 1.2 inches of the white stuff fell during the month, and in 2017, besides that 1-inch Christmas snowfall, we got three inches on Dec. 30.

"We go through some of these stretches where you go for a few years without hardly anything in December," Makowski said, "but those stretches can come to an end pretty abruptly."

The weather service says that New Hampton has a "white Christmas" — which is defined as having one inch of snow cover on the ground or having at least one inch of snow fall on Christmas Day — about 70 percent of the time.

The Reporter looked at the past dozen Decembers and Christmas holidays, and during that period, Chickasaw County has had seven holidays with snow on the ground or in the air.

Take away the recent "dry spell" and the fact is we've had some pretty snowy Decembers. In 2009, 22.3 inches of snow fell in December and the following year, we had almost 32 inches of the snow during the month.

For the record, our "brown" Christmases have come in 2011, 2014, 2018, 2019 and 2020. But we've also had some pretty decent Christmas snowfalls. In 2010, eight inches fell on Christmas Eve, and in 2016, we had a 5-inch snowfall on Christmas Eve.

Makowski laughed when asked about what most residents want when it comes to Christmas and snow? "We live up here so I think most people want some snow on the ground for Christmas," he said, "but the older you get, the more you hear 'I want snow on the ground for Christmas but then



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary student Mikayla McLeland pushes her student teacher — Miss Wyborny — while Caden Wallin swings high during recess on Monday afternoon.

it can melt on the 27th and stay away for the rest of the winter.' ... And a lot of people don't want it to snow on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day because they're traveling. We can be a fickle bunch."

This time of the year tends to be a varied lot for forecasters at the National Weather Service in La Crosse, which covers an area that runs from northern Wisconsin to the northeastern part of Iowa and southwestern Wisconsin, as well as parts of southeastern Minnesota.

"You look at yesterday," he said, "and we had accumulating snow in northern Wisconsin that we were tracking and you guys in Iowa were in the 50s. ... It's a

challenging time of the year for forecasting because obviously temperature means everything and a couple of degrees here and there means the difference between just plain old rain and a pretty decent snowstorm."

Asked how he felt about the subject of having snow on the ground for Christmas, he couldn't help but laugh.

"Well, first of all, I can't do much about it," he said, "and as much as people like it, I'd remind them that they can't do much about it, either. ... The fact is even if we don't have much snow in December, that's not an indicator that we're going to get through the winter scot-free."

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4-H hands out awards!

The 2021 Outstanding 4-H Family of the Year award goes to the Jennifer and Patrick Langreck Family. The Langreck Family has gone above and beyond in their 4-H experience, and the family received its award during the annual 4-H Awards Banquet that was held last month at the Pub at the Plinicon in New Hampton.



Members of the Chickasaw County Council pose for a picture. Returning members of the council include Kelsey Klassen, Trinity Brincks, Natalie Marr, Aleah Eichenberger, Miranda Wehling, Eadie Suhr, Blair Berends, Marleigh Lowe, Kandice Eggerichs, Carrie Schwickerath, Tory Brincks, JayLynn Suckow, and the council's newest member is Aiden Sullivan.

We'll have more 4-H Awards Banquet pictures in future editions of the Reporter

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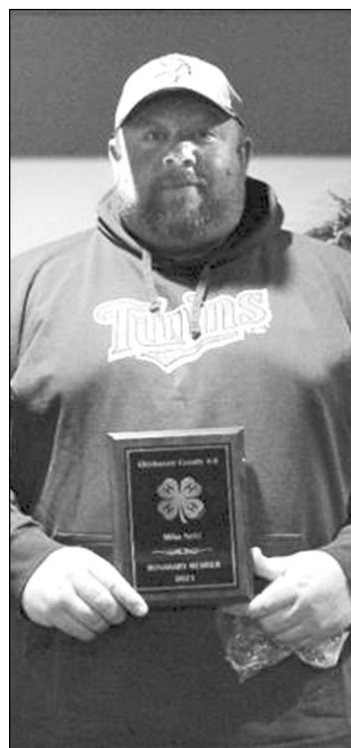
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Volunteer awards went to Joanne Tupper (above left) for 35 years of service and the late Leah Schwickerath, who was represented by her daughter Sara Jerdee (above right), for 15 years of service while Mike Nehl (right) was named an honorary member for his support of 4-H.



Winning the 4-H Alumni Award was Bruce Bearman (above) while Rhonda Kuehn (below) was the 2021 Meritorious Service Award recipient.



Board wants county to have more than one ambulance rig

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

"The reference checks that I've got is not to accept it in its current form," said Board Chairman Rick Holthaus, who added that "I would not support it as presented."

The supervisors also broached the subject of the county creating a public ambulance service, but as Supervisor Jason Byrne pointed out, even if the county pursued that option, getting it up and running by July 1 is unrealistic.

"Honestly, if we were to do something like this, this would not be within the year," said Byrne. "That's why we're in the planning stages of this. ... To me it doesn't hinge on your agreement with AMR or any other ambulance service that would apply because we couldn't have something up and running at this point anyway."

The Ambulance Council reached an agreement with the Chickasaw Ambulance Service and its owner/operator, Jeremy McGrath, on a two-year contract last spring that called on the county and cities to pay the service \$217,500 this year and \$228,375 in the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2022.

But after the council called on vendors to provide bids with a request for proposals (RFPs), McGrath notified the Ambulance Council that his service would opt out of the contract after the first year of the current deal.

Both the council and the provider were allowed that opt-out option under the contract's language.

Chickasaw Ambulance Service is supposed to have two ambulances available under the current contract while AMR's proposal is to have one Ambulance housed in the county and use its ambulances in places like Floyd County and Buchanan County as "backup rigs."

"If they're looking at one, I don't know how they're going to serve the whole county," Supervisor Tim Zoll said. "If there's two ambulances, I'm sure the cost is going to go up."

Hackman said the lack of bids was disappointing.

"The RFP process is not what I thought it was going to be," he said. "I thought there would be more with a second rig. ... I have no idea what the council's going to do - if they're going to deny it or accept it or what plan B would be."

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'Short week' doesn't help area's COVID-19 numbers

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The "short week" didn't bring any good COVID-19 numbers to Chickasaw County last week.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter released her weekly report last Wednesday - two days earlier than normal.

The report showed that 36 new positive COVID tests were recorded during a five-day period.

Eleven of the positive tests came in residents who were fully vaccinated and one resident who tested positive had received a boost dose of the vaccine.

The latest report came as MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center geared up for two clinics geared toward children ages 5 to 17. The first clinic will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and the second is set for Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Both clinics will run from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and parents must pre-register their children

and must be present when their kids receive the vaccine.

"We have precautions in place to make sure the children are receiving the right vaccines," said Jennifer Monteith, the hospital's manager of development and public relations.

That's important because children ages 5 to 12 receive a smaller amount of vaccine than teenagers do.

Monteith said the hospital has created an "events page" on its Facebook site for families to sign up for a time to have their kids vaccinated. She said families should expect to be at the COVID clinic 30 to 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, the Public Health report showed that last week's positive cases were reported in a variety of age groups. Nineteen came in residents ages 18 to 40, six were in the 41-60 age group, 10 were between the ages of 61 and 80 and one was under the age of 18.

Welter has consistently reminded residents that one of the keys to stopping the spread is for residents to stay home if they're not feeling well.



Nashua-Plainfield High School senior Breanna Hackman poses with family members and her two track coaches after signing her letter of intent to attend and to compete in track at the University of Northern Iowa.

N-P star picks track over basketball

HACKMAN: FROM 1

monster heave of 42 feet - was one of the reasons Hackman signed on the dotted line a week ago this past Wednesday to accept a scholarship to compete for the University of Northern Iowa track team in the shot put and discus.

"She put in the hard work. She earned it," said N-P current assistant track coach Amber McCall, who also coached Hackman in volleyball.

Hackman's athletic skill - she also excels in volleyball, basketball and softball - is just part of the equation that will lead her to Black Hawk County on the campus of UNI so she can reach new heights for Panther's throw coach Noah Castle.

"I don't think UNI knows

what kind of a catch that they're getting," said Hannemann. "They're not getting just a thrower and they're not getting just a competitor. They're getting a teammate that is a teammate first before anything else."

The National Letter of Intent to suit up for the NCAA Division I Panthers is a proud moment for Hackman and Nashua-Plainfield.

"Before this I was struggling deciding between basketball and throwing," said Hackman. "Finally, I was just like, you know what, I can go to UNI, be going to a D-1 school. I enjoy pushing myself. I decided throwing over basketball."

The breakdown of the actual numbers - Hackman plans to major in a field that would allow her to be a math teacher - that

the N-P standout has been able to accomplish inside the throwing circle is stunning when one stops to think about Hackman's progression into the ranks of the state's elite.

"We could coach mental toughness. We could coach perseverance, passion and all that. But we could not coach skill," said Hannemann. "We couldn't coach the nitty-gritty of the actual throws. That's her. She took it upon herself to learn technique and to really reflect, watch video and she did."

Hackman became the first Nashua-Plainfield girls athlete to compete in the Drake Relays this past April. She placed fourth among all high school athletes in the shot put with a throw of 39.25.

Hackman also placed runner-up to Algona Garrigan's Audi Crooks in the Class 1A state shot put in Des Moines last May.

Her toss was 39-11.25. Hackman also went out and placed third in the discus later on at the state meet with a toss of 123. She's eying the school record in that as well, which is held by Julie Moses (124-6).

How did Hackman reach such lofty heights and distances?

"It was really goal setting and determination," said Hannemann. "She's had it since day one."

Hackman set the bar high in her first outdoor shot put event ever at Osage as a freshman in 2019. That's another story that needs to be told.

"She told me she was going to win, so she won," said Hannemann. "It was about her

mindset. She's like I'm going to do this and then she did it. She blew us all away from day one."

Her triumph on that spring day well over two years ago wasn't just any victory, either - although claiming victory in your first ever throwing event in your first try outdoors is quite an achievement. The landmark moment for "Hack" held even more weight as Hackman knocked off the defending state champ in the event - Abby Marr of Riceville - in the process.

Hackman said she vividly remembers the excitement of running up into the bleachers to announce to the Husky coaches the incredible news that she won the event at Osage. Hackman said Hannemann didn't witness her all-time best toss at Central Springs, but she made up for it with the happy hug.

"She put in a good mindset for me," said Hackman about Hannemann.

Hackman said she had an offer from DMACC to play basketball and a couple other schools contacted her that were interested in her hoops game as well.

She led the Huskies in scoring last winter as a junior with a 16.5 scoring average. She averaged almost 10 rebounds a game (9.5 rpg).

Hackman just missed out on a medal as freshman at state in the shot put. She placed ninth - less than inch away from eighth place. Hackman - like the rest of the Iowa's prep track athletes - saw her sophomore campaign in 2020 derailed because of COVID-19 when it was announced the entire season was cancelled.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES November 22, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all the following members present: Byrne, Hackman, Holthaus, Kuhn, and Zoll in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Also present were Deputy Auditor Geerts, Kendra Crooks, and Patrick Dirks.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve agenda for November 22, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to approve board minutes of November 15, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

County Attorney David Laudner present at 9:09 AM.

Discussion on lease on County owned property located at 2275 S. Linn Ave., New Hampton was tabled.

Patrick Dirks and Kendra Crooks from Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach discussed their budget allocation request for FY 22/23.

Dirks and Crooks left at 9:25 AM. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and authorize Chairperson's signature on Addendum to Iowa Code Chapter 28E Agreement for Ambulance Services in Chickasaw County. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Engineer Roman Lensing arrived at 9:40 AM. Hackman gave update from the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council meeting he attended on November 17, 2021.

Engineer Lensing discussed road department activities. Discussion on possibly vacating stretch/bridge or removing bridge on 110th Street. Engineer's Office will send a letter to adjacent property owners. Further discussion at December 6, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and authorize Chairperson's signature on Joint Public Service Agreement Bridge Construction Project FHWA No. 080270. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Martin Hemann arrived at 10:24 AM.

Engineer Lensing left at 10:37 AM. Sheriff Hemann stated a check was

received from the insurance company for the equipment replacement costs in 19-5s wrecked vehicle. Hemann discussed the following proposals from RACOM for the 21 Dodge Durango PPV: K9 Storage Equipment \$4,571.40, Upfit \$10,006.79, and Computer and Networking \$6,746.91.

Kelly Terpstra from New Hampton Tribune present at 10:53 AM.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to accept the proposal from RACOM. \$17,074.70 will be paid out of Sheriff's budget. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

At 10:58 AM, IT Specialist Denny Unga joined the meeting by telephone to discuss RACOM proposal. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to accept the proposal from RACOM. \$4,250.40 will be paid out of Data Processing budget. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hemann and Unga left at 11:03 AM. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and enter into a 28E Agreement with Chickasaw County Council on Aging, Inc. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Terpstra left at 11:23 AM.

Committee Assignment Updates:

Hackman also attended FMC Decat Board meeting on November 17, 2021.

Kuhn attended 911 and EMA meetings on November 17, 2021. Kuhn attended INRCOG Regional Transit, Iowa Northland Regional Housing, and Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Project meetings on November 18, 2021.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$1,205.24. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$1,097.78. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$231,401.71. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Budget work session tabled.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to adjourn meeting at 11:59 AM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Rick Holthaus, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

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2021 Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events DECEMBER

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Wednesday, December 1

9:00am-11:30am Pest Control Operators CIC - New Hampton/Chickasaw Co.

2:00pm-3:30pm Basketball Boys 5th Grade Practice

Thursday, December 2

Foot Clinic at the Plainfield Library
6:00pm Wrestling Varsity @ Home
6:00pm Wrestling JV @ Home
Ho Ho Ho to New Hampton Let's Go! (Live Windows), New Hampton

Friday, December 3

4:00pm Basketball Girls JV @ Home
4:15pm Wrestling JH @ Sumner-Fredericksburg
5:00pm Basketball Boys JV @ Home
6:15pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Home
7:30pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Home

Saturday, December 4

8:00am-10:00am Breakfast with Santa at Nashua Fire Station
9:00am-3:00pm Christmas in Nashua
10:00am Wrestling Varsity @ Wapsie Valley
10:00am-11:30am Nashua Women of Today Santa Store at Nashua Library
11:30 am-1:30pm Santa Saturday (Carnegie Cultural Center), New Hampton
5:00pm-7:00pm Nashua Garden Club Soup Supper at Fire Station

Sunday, December 5

5:00pm-7:00pm First Baptist Church Soup Supper in Plainfield

5:00pm-7:30pm Plainfield Christmas on Main

Monday, December 6

2:00pm-3:30am Elementary Concert @ High School Gymnasium

Tuesday, December 7

3:45pm-5:15pm Basketball 5th Grade Boys Practice
4:00pm Basketball Girls JV @ Newman Catholic
4:15pm Wrestling JH @ Home
5:00pm Basketball Boys JV @ Newman Catholic
6:15pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Newman Catholic
7:45pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Newman Catholic

Wednesday, December 8

2:00pm-3:30pm Basketball Boys 5th grade practice

Thursday, December 9

6:00pm Wrestling Varsity @ Northwood-Kensett

Friday, December 10

6:00pm FFA Meeting

Saturday, December 11

8:00am-10:00am 4-H/FFA Beef Weigh-In Charles City/Chickasaw County
9:00am-11:00am Chickasaw County Clover Kids - New Hampton/Chickasaw County
9:00am Wrestling Varsity @ Home

Monday, December 13

4:00pm Basketball Girls JV @ St. Ansgar
4:15pm Basketball Girls JH @ Home
5:00pm Basketball Boys JV @ St. Ansgar
5:00pm Plainfield Library Board Meeting
6:15pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ St. Ansgar
7:30pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ St. Ansgar

Tuesday, December 14

4:00pm Basketball Girls JV @ Postville
4:15pm Basketball Girls JH @ West Fork
4:15pm Basketball Boys JH @ Home
4:15pm Wrestling JH @ Charles City
5:00pm Basketball Boys JV @ Postville
6:00pm Wrestling Varsity @ Home
6:00pm Plainfield City Council Meeting
6:15pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Postville
7:30pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Postville

Wednesday, December 15

2:00pm-3:30pm Basketball Boys 5th Grade Practice

Thursday, December 16

6:00pm Holiday Concerts @ High School Gym
The Big 4 Chamber Holiday Promotion Ends

Friday, December 17

9:00am Wrestling Varsity @ Young Arena
2:00pm Plainfield Library Movie Day
4:00pm Basketball Girls JV @ Home
5:00pm Basketball Boys JV @ Home
6:15pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Home
7:45pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Home

Saturday, December 18

9:00am Wrestling Varsity @ Young Arena
2:00pm Basketball Girls JV @ Clarksville
3:00pm Basketball Boys JV @ Clarksville
4:15pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ Clarksville
5:30pm Basketball Boys Varsity @ Clarksville

Sunday, December 19

11:00am-7:00pm Dusty Roads Greenhouse

Monday, December 20

3:45pm-5:15pm Basketball Boys 5th Grade Practice
4:00pm Basketball Girls JV @ North Butler
5:00pm Basketball Boys JV @ North Butler
6:15pm Basketball Girls Varsity @ North Butler
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Tuesday, December 21

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Wednesday, December 22

2:00pm-3:30pm Basketball Boys 5th Grade Practice

Thursday, December 23

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Friday, December 24

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Friday, December 31

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Huskies will have plenty of new faces on the court

BOYS BASKETBALL: FROM 9

in the season in 2021 due to injury. The blow was especially crippling as Bienemann also rolled his ankle a short time later – which was one of the factor's that cut short a potential postseason run for N-P.

"We played a lot of games this summer and that was good to help get him back into shape, however he's a multi-sport athlete so it's not like his sole focus was on basketball, nor would I expect it to be," said Brown.

This winter is a new dawn and a new day for N-P – which will showcase several new faces that saw zero to limited varsity action a season ago.

N-P junior Joel Winters has stepped up his game according to Brown, in his fifth year for N-P head coach. The 6-1 forward is active on both ends of the court and will be a key contributor down low. He averaged just under three points a game of offense last winter and 2.7 rebounds a contest.

"He's sharpened up his shot quite a bit, becoming more comfortable with the ball and this effort is unbelievable," said Brown. "Take a guy with an athletic build and work ethic and he will help the team."

N-P senior Drew Wilken, a lefty, will be counted on to log

minutes and light up the scoreboard. Wilken averaged just under two points a contest.

"Wilken and the juniors are the guys that will need to be the leaders this year – bringing the team spirits up and making sure that there isn't anyone left behind," said Brown.

There could well be a few diamonds in the rough on Brown's roster. Those sparkling gems that could shine this winter could come in the form of Aiden Lamborn, Trae Geise or Tucker Franzen.

Lamborn, a 6-6 junior, will give the Huskies height. It's just a matter if his court awareness and offensive skills have improved enough to be a major factor that defenses could struggle to stop.

Geise, a 6-2 sophomore, also has a lanky build and could be one to watch from the perimeter if he can consistently knock down shots from out deep. If he hones his offensive repertoire where he can drive to the hoop and develop an all-around game – N-P will benefit immensely from that production.

Franzen, another sophomore, is a guard that brings energy and enthusiasm to the court. His progression as a relied and trusted facilitator that can take care of the basketball will go a long way if

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Feb. 8	vs. Tripoli JV/V	6/7:30 p.m.

indeed that is what Franzen can accomplish this year.

"For those guys it's about skills and getting rid of the wrinkles that might not allow them to reach their potential – correcting shooting form, etc. Each of those guys has the potential to play a big role for us coming up this season," Brown said.

"We don't have one unbelievable standout player like Bienemann was so it has to be a more balanced approach this time around."

N-P's squad is almost brand new, as far as rotations and familiarity out on the court. N-P

will have to iron out a chemistry in order to pile up the wins.

"This is almost an entirely new squad, so it's hard to tell what we're going to look like on offense. Defensively we want to work hard, be stingy, and rebound well," Brown added.

Brown said his team will lack depth and size. He said it's important to play harder than the other team and make good decisions – which often means taking high-percentage shots.

N-P went 10-11 overall and 7-8 in the Top of Iowa East standings last season.

N-P opened the season on Monday, Nov. 30 at Rockford.

Huskies' defense creates turnovers

HUSKIES: FROM 10

the squad that plays its games in the North Division of the Iowa Star Conference.

While the blowout win wasn't the Huskies' best game, it was nice to get win No. 1 on the board in the first game of the season.

"Last year was the first time in a long time that we had beaten them so it's not like we've had a history of dominating this team," said Josh Smith, in his sixth year as head coach of the Huskies.

N-P struggled to distance itself against the overmatched Panthers early on as the score was just, 6-4, in N-P's favor with 3:30 minutes to go in the first period of play.

"First games are weird. You don't totally know what to expect from your opponent, especially considering they have a new coach this year. We spent the first two weeks working on our stuff a lot and not really focusing on Tripoli," Smith said.

"We feel like we didn't play our best and we were still able to come away with a 30-point win, so that's a good feeling."

Once again, senior forward Jennah Carpenter led the way for the Huskies.

Carpenter seemed to cover every area of the hardwood in her sideline-to-sideline, stifling defensive effort that produced nine steals and a game-high 20 points.

Those steals created by Carpenter and her pesky style of play led to many runouts and easy layups for the Huskies. N-P forced 22 Tripoli turnovers.

"It's a huge part of what we want to do obviously and her at the top of the zone puts her in a position that she's going to be the one that can be the first one down the floor more times than not," Smith said.

"She obviously creates a lot of turnovers herself, but our entire unit behind her takes pride in getting those loose balls and steals of their own and kicking it ahead to her. It's definitely a game-changer in a lot of our games when we can get a few of those and pull away from teams at times."

N-P senior Breanna Hackman also had a nice game as she netted 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Hackman and Carpenter, a potent 1-2 punch for N-P, have been starters at N-P since their freshman seasons on the varsity level.

While N-P shot just 40 percent from the field, 24-59, Smith isn't worried that the buckets didn't fall like he may have wanted to against a lesser

opponent.

"A lot of shots that didn't fall against Tripoli will fall as the season goes on so, all in all, it was a good first game," said Smith.

The Huskies turned the ball over 18 times, which is a few more more offensive miscues than Smith would like.

"Our goal per game is less than 17 turnovers, so we were right at that number. We got really sloppy with the ball in the third quarter because we were not playing at our pace," said Smith.

"Taking care of the basketball and having intentional offensive possessions is always our No. 1 goal every year."

N-P defeated Tripoli, 70-33, in the regular season last year and ended the Panthers' season with a, 52-20, victory in the first round of Class 1A regional play.

Jaycie Beilharz, another senior for Smith, netted six points and junior Kendall Bailey-Pint came up with five points, including a made 3-pointer.

N-P began conference play at Rockford on Tuesday.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 56, TRIPOLI 28

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STATS

Jaycie Bilharz 3-5 0-0 6, Makenzie Foelske 1-4 0-0 3, Abbie Hyde 0-8 1-2 1, Jennah Carpenter 10-18 0-2 20, Breanna Hackman 7-17 4-10 18, Kadence Huck 0-0 0-0 0, Ryan Reams 0-0 0-0 0, Maci Malven 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey Fisher 0-0 0-0 0, Kendall Bailey-Pint 2-2 0-0 5, Jalyann Pratt 1-3 0-1 3, Myranda Webster 0-0 0-0 0, Paige Franzen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-59 5-15 56.

3-point field goals - Bilharz 0-1, Foelske 1-1, Hyde 0-6, Carpenter 0-1, Hackman 0-1, Bailey-Pint 1-1, Pratt 1-1.

Rebounds - Hackman 10, Foelske 6, Carpenter 5, Hyde 4, Bilharz 3, Bailey-Pint 2, Pratt 1.

Assists - Carpenter 2, Foelske 2, Bilharz 1, Hyde 1, Hackman 1, Huck 1, Franzen 1.

Steals - Carpenter 9, Hackman 4, Foelske 3, Bilharz 1, Hyde 1, Bailey-Pint 1.

Blocks - Hyde 1, Hackman 1.

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State of Iowa, City of New Hampton Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of New Hampton, Iowa (City), will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance changing precinct boundaries.

Date: December 20, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers, 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton, IA 50659

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Karen Clemens, City Clerk

No. 21547

12/07/21

N-P girls feel like they have players to reload

GIRLS BASKETBALL: FROM 9

punch for N-P. Hackman's ability to dominate down low was in full effect last season as she averaged 16.5 points per game. She also snared almost 10 rebounds a contest (9.5 rpg).

"She's cut from the same cloth as Jennah. When she's on there are not many people that are more dominant in our area, if any," said Smith.

Opponents beware if Hackman continues her knack for draining mid-range jumpers. Is there a chance that "Hack" could be drilling some long-range shots from beyond the arc this winter?

"She's been stretching her game, also, which is going to cause issues for defenses. She can score in a bunch of ways and I have to imagine that's a pretty big headache for a lot of our opponents," said Smith.

Carpenter's feisty and ball-hawking up-and-down game also features a slashing ability to get to the rim. She scored almost 16 points a game to go along with her 4.5 steals in her junior campaign.

That tenacious defense displayed by Carpenter can rub off on her teammates to create dominating runs that lead to easy fast-break points.

"I think her passion and drive get our whole team going. When she's causing chaos and diving and jumping around it gets everyone else engaged, too," said Smith.

Carpenter and Hackman combined to net almost 70 percent of N-P's scoring last year.

N-P graduated seniors Chloe

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Matthews (guard) and Maddy Rodruck (forward). Matthews was Smith's top 3-point threat. Rodruck was a good defensive stopper, that like Matthews, was counted on to slow down each team's top scorers.

"Combined, they're as responsible as anyone for the big steps we've taken over the last few years," said Smith. "Aside from both being really good basketball players, their leadership will be greatly missed also."

The cupboard is not bare for Smith and the Huskies, though.

Also returning for her senior season is guard Abbie Hyde, who like Carpenter, has the ability to wreak havoc on both ends of the court. Hyde was sec-

ond on the team with 20 made 3-pointers. She also accumulated 49 steals, good for two a game. She averaged 4.6 points-per-game.

Hyde's role will change somewhat this year as Smith will ask her to take on a bigger role in the offense and help create as many turnovers as she can.

"She does a ton to get us going. She's going to be the one to sprint back and take a charge or get a big bucket or get us talking on defense, which are all things that are super important to us. She's in for a big senior year," Smith added.

N-P seniors Makenzie Foelske and Jaycie Bilharz will also play important roles on the squad. Each has played on

varsity since their freshman seasons.

"Jaycie is an offensive weapon that we expect to take a huge step this year. Kenzie's athleticism and versatility does a ton for us as well," said Smith.

Smith said juniors Bailey Fisher and Kendall Bailey-Pint will also see floor time. Sophomore Jalyann Pratt is also a Husky to keep an eye on.

"We have a lot of really versatile and athletic girls this year. We're experimenting with what we think will work best and that will be an ongoing process throughout the year, especially the early part of the year," Smith said.

Myranda Webster (center), Paige Franzen (forward), Kadence Huck (guard), Ryan Reams (guard) and Maci Malven (guard) round out the roster for N-P.

"They have a chance to have really big roles in our program moving forward," said Smith.

Nashua-Plainfield (12-11) went 7-9 in the top of Iowa East Division. The Huskies defeated Tripoli and West Central in regional play before falling to a ranked St. Ansgar squad in the semis.

Closing out games and not turning the ball over will be two areas of his team that Smith is focusing on this season.

"Limiting our turnovers is always our number-one priority. When we execute we play really well and when we don't, we don't," Smith added.

N-P walloped an outgunned Tripoli squad in the season opener last week by a score of 56-28.

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Huskies young yet experienced

WRESTLING: FROM 9

if you can't take it out head-to-head, face-to-face, man-to-man and battle it out there – you're not going to get it done. And some kids can't," said Frost.

Frost's team features four ranked wrestlers on a squad that reached the regional duals a year ago but came up short in the semifinal round against Wilton, 42-36.

Frost doesn't much care for individual rankings or team tournament ratings. The rankings he guns for are of the dual meet variety – which can determine which squads host regional dual sites and offer more favorable matchups to higher ranked teams.

"The dual meet rankings are going to be a big, big deal for us this year," said Frost. "We've been knocking on the door now for a couple years now. We've been in the regional duals. We just haven't got it done."

Frost begins his 33rd year at the helm of a Nashua-Plainfield program he has molded into one of the better squads in the state – year in, year out. He would love to make a run at his third state dual championship.

"That sixth ranking, in my opinion, is not far off," said Frost.

The Huskies claimed dual gold in 2012 and 2004. N-P was also state dual runner-up during an impressive three-year run (2008-2010).

Where does one start in breaking down the Huskies' lineup?

Well, that would probably be at 120 pounds, where junior

Garret Rinken returns.

Rinken claimed N-P's ninth ever individual state champion at 113 pounds last year. Plus he managed to do what is one of the hardest feats to accomplish in not only prep wrestling – but in a state that is one of the best in the nation in terms of how many talented grapplers are located within Iowa's borders.

That's to go undefeated – which is what he did in his sophomore campaign. Rinken, 47-0 last year, will bump up a weight to compete at 120 pounds. He placed third as a freshman at the state meet, which is held at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

"He trains year-round," said Rinken. "He's a well-seasoned wrestler."

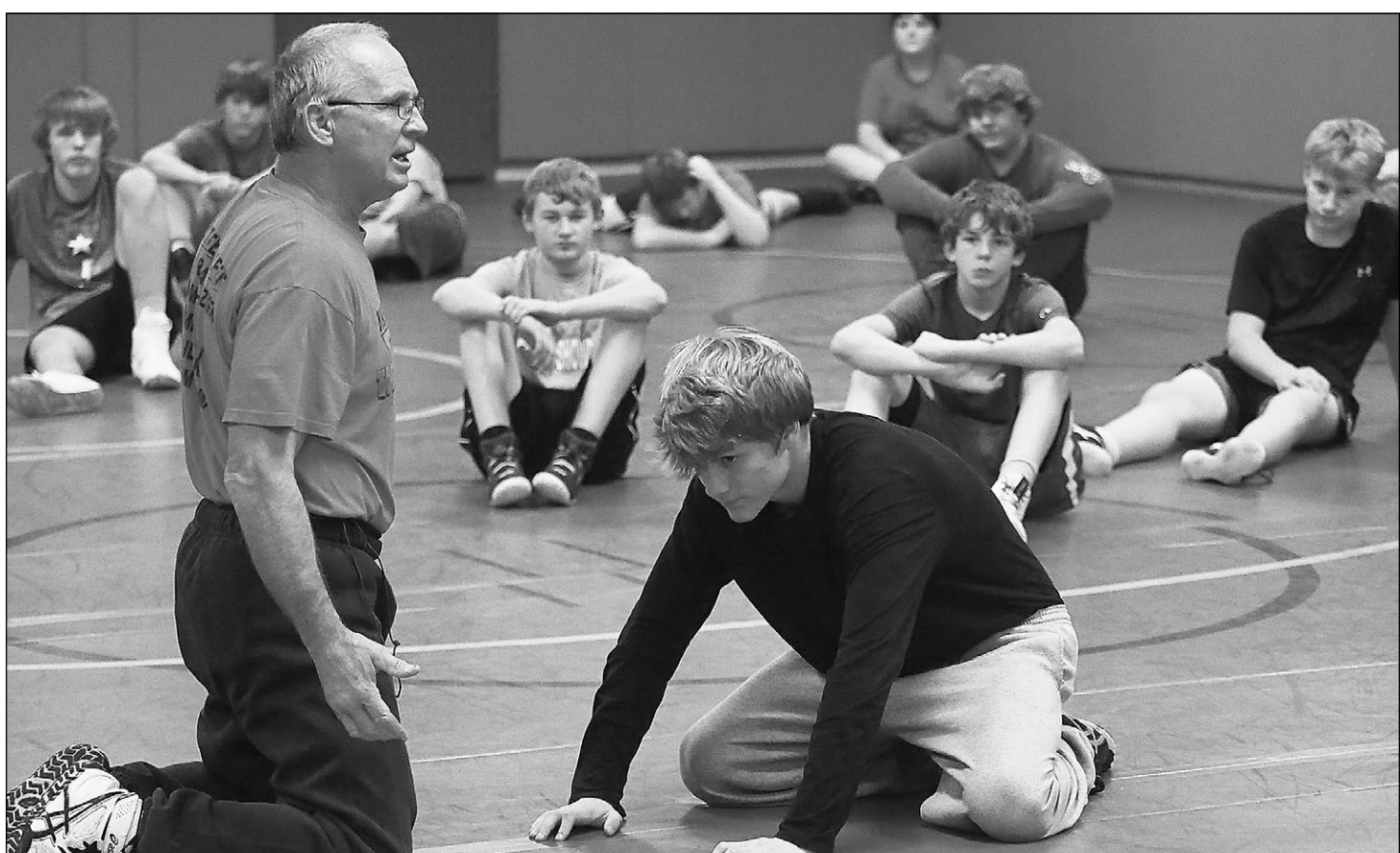
Rinken wrestled at the Super 32 – one of the toughest folk-style wrestling tournaments in the nation. The meet is held in North Carolina. Frost also said Rinken competed at a national meet in Kansas.

Rinken sports 101 career victories in just two seasons on the mat at N-P. Frost so no other wrestler in the history of Husky wrestling has hit the century mark for career wins in their first two seasons in varsity competition.

Rinken is laser-focused this season to make it back-to-back state titles.

"You know he's going to go into war. It's going to be a battle when he stops on the mat – no matter who he wrestles," said Frost.

Frost has only two seniors on his roster – but the pair is one of the best tandems in the state.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Veteran Nashua-Plainfield wrestling coach Al Frost talks with his team during a recent practice held over the Thanksgiving break at the Husky Wellness Center's wrestling room.

Back is two-time state qualifier and place winner Trey Nelson. McKade Munn will also don a Husky singlet for the final time and he will shoot for a third trip to state. Munn is doubly motivated after coming up empty in his quest to medal as a sophomore and junior.

"He's definitely got it on his radar this year. It has to be," said Frost. "You don't want to go down there a third time and not have a medal to come back with."

Munn went 35-10 at 152 pounds last year. He may stay at that weight or jump to 160 pounds.

"I hope he continues to focus his workouts and weight cutting towards that goal," said Frost.

Nelson worked his way to the medal stand in what Frost thought was the toughest weight class in the small-school class (1A) last year. Nelson upset Quincy Happel of Lisbon in the opening round with a stunning pin late in the third period. Happel had defeated Nelson earlier in the year at Tripoli. Then Nelson, who went 45-7 his junior season, knocked off Cael Bridgewater of North Linn – avenging a loss to him

during the regular season. That showing was good for seventh place in the 132-pound division. Nelson will compete at 138 pounds this year.

"That kid was on a mission," said Frost. "He just had a tremendous run."

Husky junior Kendrick Huck, like Rinken, Munn and Nelson, are all ranked. Huck worked his mat magic to a mark of 38-11 and placed sixth at 106 pounds in 2021. His challenge this year will be to compete against much bigger wrestlers. He's bumping up three weight classes to 126 pounds.

"He's caught between a rock and a hard spot," said Frost. "He's gotten too big, unfortunately, to make 13. That's going to be a tough haul for him. He's got the skills. He's got the quality."

Derik Downing, a state qualifier his sophomore season, was the lone varsity starter that was lost to graduation. That means Frost will plug holes this year with an experienced bunch.

Back this year is junior Kaden Wilken (21-16), a district qualifier at 126 that will hit the mat at 132 this go-round.

Aiden Sullivan, 20-20, also

returns and cracked the district field after performing well at sectionals. Sullivan, a sophomore, bumps up a weight this year from 138 to 145.

Titus Evans, a sophomore, also vaulted himself into the district round and went 14-21 at 152 pounds. He's penciled in at 170 pounds this winter.

Sophomores Hayden Munn (23-16) and Zach Zwanziger (4-4) will battle it out for a spot at 113 pounds.

"Our problem this year is going to be getting everybody at the right weight class," said Frost. "It's a good problem. We're going to kill these guys getting down there, unfortunately."

Tate White, a junior, is hoping to accomplish big things this year at 182 pounds. He was 18-17 last year.

Jackson Zwanziger, a junior, went 14-25 last year and is slated to go at 195. Landon Pratt, another junior, will wrestle at 220 and heavyweight. He went 13-22 a season ago.

Husky sophomores Dylan Blanchard (145 pounds, 3-6) and Devon Griffin (132) are other returning starters for Frost.

Jayce Rinken, Garret's little brother, and Nic Brase are freshmen to watch at 106 pounds. Jackson Carey, another freshman, will try to squeeze into the ultra-competitive lineup at 145 or 152.

"Right now we have got enough bodies to fill every weight class," said Frost. "Unfortunately, from 170 on up, we only got about one kid per weight. If any of those kids gets sick or hurt...we can't replace them. We have nobody else."

N-P went 20-5 overall and 10-2 in Top of Iowa Conference dual competition in 2021-2022.

Frost, who took over the program in the 1989-1990 at Nashua, has racked up 457 wins – 11th all-time in the state just behind Osage's Brent Jennings, who is No. 10. Frost became head coach at N-P during the 1992-1993 season when Nashua and Plainfield consolidated. He is the fifth-best active winning coach in Iowa prep wrestling in terms of victories.

"I'd like to get to 500 wins. I don't know if that's going to happen," said Frost. "I've been around awhile. I've seen a lot of great things."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 2	Home Quad, GHV, Lake Mills, Mason City Newman JV/V	6 p.m.
Dec. 4	Chris Davis Invite at Wapsie Valley V	10 a.m.
Dec. 9	Quad at Northwood-Kensett V N-K, Eagle Grove, WF	6 p.m.
Dec. 11	Nashua-Plainfield Invite V	9 a.m.
Dec. 14	Home Quad A-P, Hampton-Dumant, WF V	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Battle of Waterloo V	9 a.m.
Dec. 18	at Battle of Waterloo V	9 a.m.
Dec. 21	Quad at North Union North Union, Forest City, Rockford V	6 p.m.
Jan. 6	Quad at Belmond-Klemme B-K, Osage, St. Ansgar V	6 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Tripoli Invite V	10 a.m.
Jan. 13	Quad at North Butler, North Butler, Central Springs, West Hancock V	6 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Hudson Invite V	10:30 a.m.
Jan. 18	Triangular at Postville with Starmont V	6 p.m.
Jan. 22	North Butler Doug Trees Invite V	10:30 a.m.
Jan. 25	Duals at Waukon - Waukon, Clayton Ridge MFL-Mar-Mac, Postville V	5 p.m.
Jan. 29	Top of Iowa East meet at St. Ansgar	10 a.m.
Feb. 5	Class 1A sectional at Clarksville	12 p.m.
Feb. 8	Class 1A regional duals	TBD
Feb. 12	Class 1A district at Denver	11 a.m.
Feb. 16	Class 1A state duals	TBD
Feb. 17-19	Class 1A state traditional tourney	TBD

Wrestling coach lauds booster club for supporting Little Husky mat tournament

LITTLE HUSKY: FROM 10

crowns a winner.

"So I only planned for like 240 – trophies and medals and everything," said Frost.

Frost said one year the Little Husky Wrestling Tournament saw over 400 kids compete.

"That was a nightmare," said Frost. "It was just kids all over the place. It was too much."

Frost said this year's youth tourney went smoothly.

"We try to get people there in and out in a respectable time," said Frost.

Of course with that many wrestlers in action, along with family, friends and fans watching, keeping everyone satisfied with food and drink is of utmost importance.

"The Nashua-Plainfield Booster Club really does a fantastic job with the concession stand and supporting the wrestlers," said Frost.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

K-2ND GRADE

- #1 - 4. Nelson Zwanziger.
- #2 - 3. Preston Michael.
- #3 - 1. Dax McMichael.
- #4 - 4. Emmett Crabtree.
- #5 - 1. Nilan Goddard.
- #6 - 1. Drake Zwanziger, 2. Rowan Hoffman.
- #7 - 4. Breck Morris.
- #8 - 3. Lincoln Wesselman, 4. J.D. Wad.
- #9 - 3. Grant Norton.
- #10 - 3. Emmett Huck, 4. Jade Sudol.
- #11 - 2. Tate Henningsen, 4. Royce Meyer.
- #15 - 4. Owen Harrington.
- #16 - 2. Kash Goddard.
- #17 - 2. Henry Stumm, 4. Easton Legal.

- #18 - 2. Sterling Morris.
- #19 - 2. Wyatt Feldman, 4. Amara Gaede.
- #20 - 4. Breckin Brown.
- #21 - 2. Jase Norton, 3. Landon Crabtree.
- #22 - 3. Dominick Sinnwell.
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- #28 - 2. Abel Haugebak.
- #30 - 2. Parker Freese.
- #31 - 3. William Miller.
- #32 - 1. Emma Sudol, 2. Grayson Moore.

3RD-4TH GRADE

- #1 - 3. Owen McMichael.
- #2 - 4. Krew Nelson.
- #4 - 2. Jaxton White.
- #10 - 3. Jaxon Hovey.
- #11 - 4. Elias Vorhies.
- #12 - 4. Jaxon Fecht.
- #14 - 4. Jace Casewell.
- #15 - 4. Kash Nelson.
- #16 - 2. Reed Scharnhorst.
- #17 - 2. Payton Iriarte.
- #19 - 3. Walker Bearman, 4. Tucker Johnson.
- #20 - 3. Trey Gentry.
- #21 - 1. Ethan Zwanziger, 3. Liam Gaede.

5TH-6TH GRADE

- #2 - 3. Gabriel Bucknell.
- #3 - 2. Jagger White.
- #4 - 2. Lincoln Huck.
- #10 - 2. Hunter Brase.
- #11 - 3. Zeke Kalainoff.
- #12 - 3. Kaldan Munn, 4. Maverick Sinnwell.
- #13 - 3. Maverick Morris, 4. Tate Demro.
- #16 - 3. Cole Scharnhorst.
- #17 - 3. Ethan Zwanziger, 4. Gabriel Iriarte.
- #18 - 4. Liam Gaede.
- #19 - 4. Conner Sullivan.
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- #6 - 1. Eli Kalainoff.

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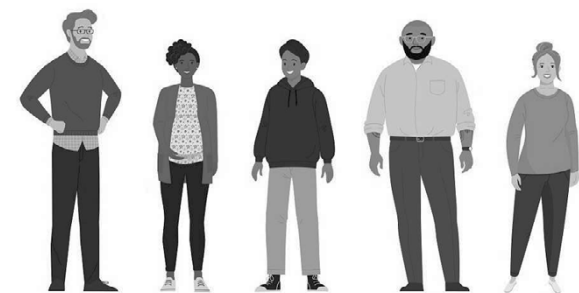
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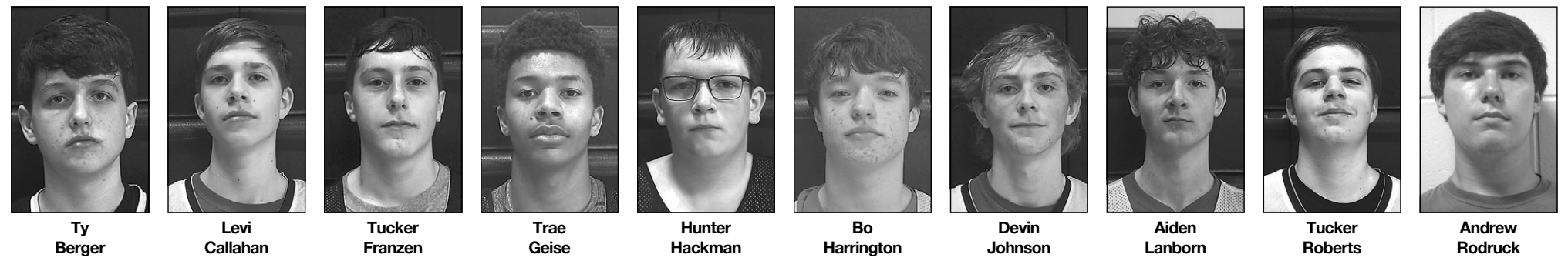
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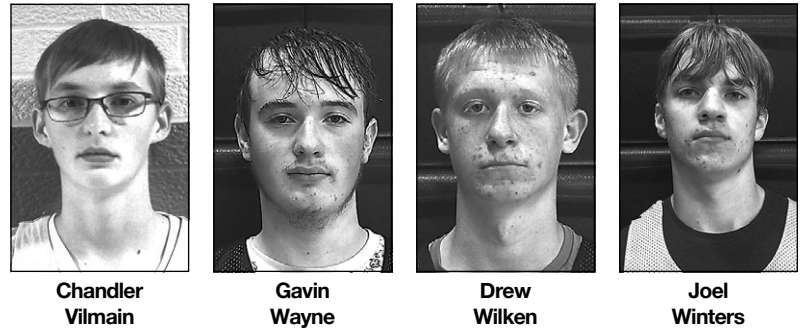
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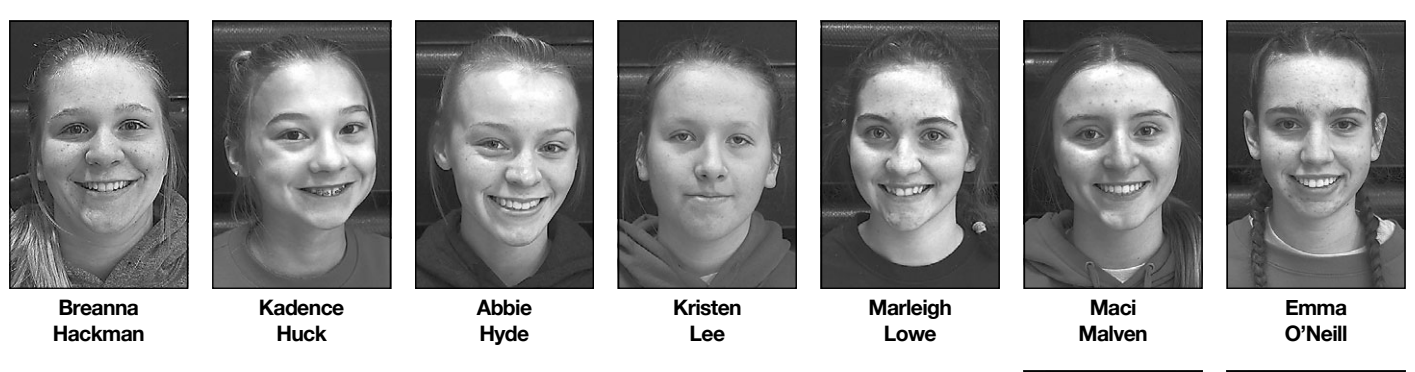
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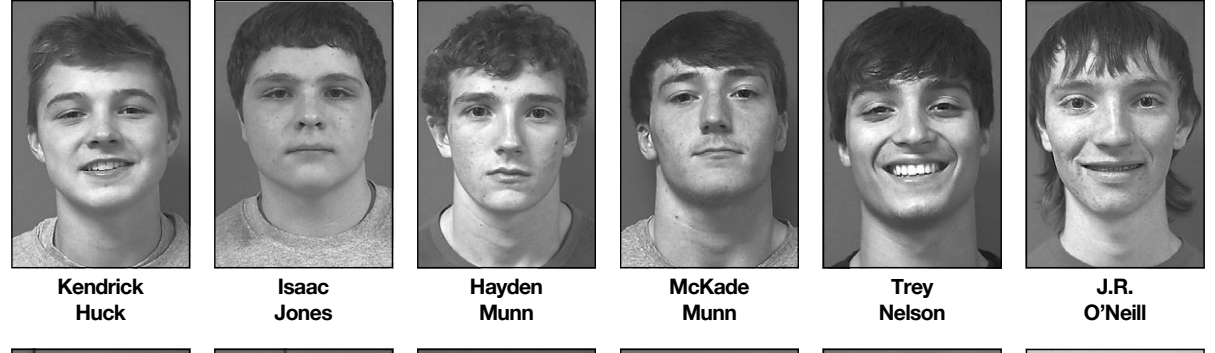
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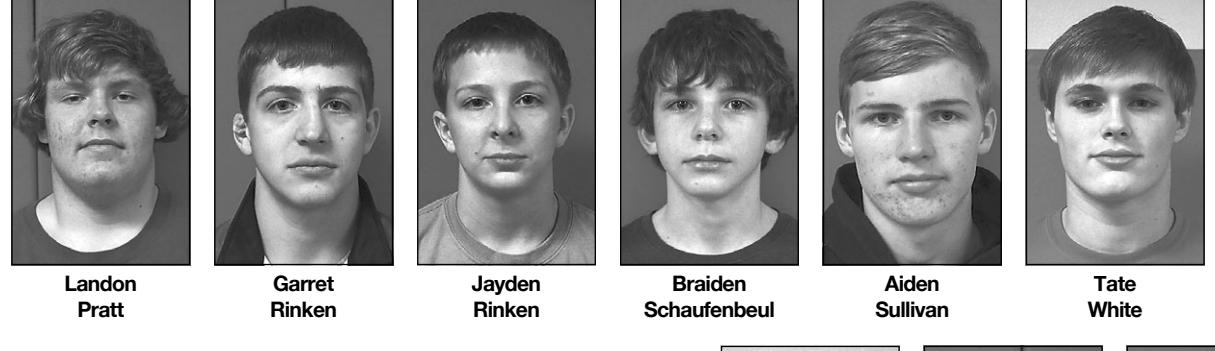
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Nashua-Plainfield student athletes like Garret Rinken (left), Abbie Hyde (center) and Bo Harrington (right) will shift their winter sports seasons into high gear this week as all three teams have busy weeks on their schedules.

Huskies ready to have a blast this winter

N-P's veteran coach welcomes back almost entire squad

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

On paper, the Nashua-Plainfield Husky wrestling squad looks good – real good.

But most followers that pay attention to one of the most difficult sports to undertake know that championships aren't won in the month of November.

Trophies are earned out on the mat and those are usually handed out in the dead of an Iowa winter on a medal stand that is very hard to climb to the top of.

Al Frost's perennial-power Huskies have as good a chance as any to really make some noise among the big boys of prep wrestling in 2021-2022. Frost returns nearly his entire lineup from a season ago and

his odds are good to be able to add to the school's already impressive display of big, shiny trophies inside the glass case that lines the hallways of N-P.

But first, the Huskies – which are ranked sixth in team tournament rankings by one publication – have to get to work.

That means no matter how prepared one is, mentally focused or conditioned – Frost's Huskies still have to beat the wrestler that is staring back at them from the other side of the mat to prove themselves.

No victories are won on paper.

"You could be the best practice wrestler. You could be the best technician. You could do everything picture-perfect. But

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Girls basketball team looks to continue its climb

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Jennah Carpenter doesn't slow down.

The Nashua-Plainfield senior standout forward on Josh Smith's Huskies squad has the bumps and bruises to prove it.

From sideline to sideline, it's full-throttle to the max in Carpenter's quest to come up with the basketball.

The Husky hoops standout is pretty good with the "rock" in her hands on offense, too.

Carpenter's fearless, floor-diving style of in-your-face defense will play a large role in the Huskies' ability to win hoops games this winter.

"She's one of the most competitive kids I've coached. She's going to do whatever it takes to win. She loves basketball and it's very obvious

when she plays," said Smith.

It's that never-say-die attitude that has Husky hoops fans hopeful that N-P can continue to climb the ladder of success again in 2021-2022 and reach the top of the Iowa Conference standings. The Huskies sported a record of 12-11 last winter, the school's first winning record in girls basketball since 2007.

"We're excited for the year. We have 19 girls out this year which is easily the most I've had in my time here. We have a good group of freshman that have come in ready to learn and compete as well," said Smith, in his sixth year of guiding the N-P girls program.

Carpenter will pair with fellow senior forward Breanna Hackman to form a potent 1-2

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N-P's veteran coach welcomes back almost entire squad

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield all-time leading scorer Austin Bienemann is gone.

There's no getting around that fact.

Replacing him will be one of the key tasks N-P head coach Sam Brown will have to address once the season gets underway in 2021-2022.

"Anytime you lose the school's all-time leading scorer, you are going to have some shoes to fill. We need all five guys to be able to step up and play confidently if we will be competitive in a tough league," said Brown.

Brown lost over 65 percent of his scoring due the graduation of Bienemann (21.7 ppg) and Bradyn Burman (8.8 ppg), along with five other seniors.

Brown's top returnee is

junior guard Bo Harrington. Harrington is one of the better long-range artists in the area and averaged a tad under 11 points a game. He was the top 3-point shooter on the team with 23 makes from beyond the arc. He also led the squad in assists with 3.4.

There will be massive amounts of attention by opponents that will zero in on Harrington this year in an attempt to keep N-P's main scoring weapon held in check. That could include gimmick defenses, like a box-in-one.

"It's going to be an especially tough year for him offensively as there is no more Bienemann to take focus off of him. I could see him getting face-guarded every night, honestly," said Brown.

Harrington was lost late

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Nashua-Plainfield's Kendall Bailey-Pint (above) drives past a Tripoli defender while teammate Makenzie Foelske (below) passes the ball to Breanna Hackman during the Huskies' season-opening win last week.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Two weekends lots of wrestlers

Annual Little Husky wrestling tournament sees huge turnout of kids and fans

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

With team names like the Dirty Birds and Mat Monkeys, it was easy to see why organizers and supporters had their hands full a couple weekends ago at the Little Husky Wrestling Tournament that was held in Nashua on Saturday, Nov. 13.

The tournament had a tremendous assembly of 311 youth participants from area schools all across northern Iowa that attended the meet. Young grapplers from kindergarten up to the eighth grade that hailed from North Butler, Charles City, New Hampton, Denver, Aplington-Parkersburg, Clarksville, Dike-New Hartford and Hudson – just to name a few of the teams – were all in attendance.

Longtime N-P wrestling coach Al Frost said he had 220 walk-ins.

"We had a fantastic turnout," said Frost.

Frost said he first used the format for the youth tournament when he coached in Plainfield. Frost took over as the head varsity coach at Plainfield in the 1989-1990 season. He begins his 33rd year this winter and became N-P head coach in the 1992-1993 school year when Nashua and Plainfield consolidated.

"We just grew with it," said Frost.

The youth tournament, like Charles City's, is held early in the wrestling season. New Hampton hosts its Lions Club Youth Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Frost said in the last seven or eight years he's had around 250 wrestlers that participated in the four different age groups that compete in brackets to

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OUTSTANDING OPENER

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD GIRLS CRUISE PAST TRIPOLI TO OPEN 2021-22 SEASON

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Lately, the Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball team has had the Tripoli Panthers number. That always hasn't been the case.

The Panthers succumbed yet again to the Huskies in the season opener a week ago this past Tuesday by a score of 56-28.

That makes it three wins in a row over the Panthers by N-P – which defeated Tripoli in the first round of regional play last winter. The Huskies also notched a regular season triumph in 2020-2021 over

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