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The trumpet section (above) plays their part for the Nashua-Plainfield Concert Band while sixth-grader Cora Arias (right) has a speaking part during the Sixth Grade Choir's performance.

N-P shows off its musical talent



Kyla Beatty and Debra Koska (left) play their flutes with the 7-8 Band while Abigail Schmitt and Madison Wahl (above) sing with the high school's Concert choir.



Nashua-Plainfield students in grades 6-12 showed off a wide variety of talent last week, and those students included (from left) Kaden McMichael, Paityn Berry, Joyful Ssuubbi, Jordyn Frost and Reign Bond



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Angel Gentry and Addalyn Becker (above) perform with the 7-8 Choir while Aiden and Connor Sullivan (below) perform with the Concert Band.



Shirley M. Billings, 72

Shirley M. Billings, age 72 of Nashua, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, at 9th St. Chautauqua Guest Homes in Charles City, surrounded by her family.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

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

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

She was the cherished daughter of Ilo and Velma (Hoeft) Billings and the third of three children.

Shirley's journey began in the heart of Charles City, where she attended school and graduated in 1969. During her school years, she became known for her warm and outgoing personality, making friends easily and leaving a lasting impact on those around her. Shirley had a genuine love for people, and her popularity reflected the kindness and generosity that defined her character.

In the course of her life, Shirley crossed paths with Ernest Ferch, and the two embarked on a journey of love and commitment. They exchanged vows at the iconic Little Brown Church in Nashua, creating a union that blessed them with three beautiful



Shirley Billings

children. Although life took them in different directions, Shirley's dedication to her family remained unwavering.

As a devoted mother, Shirley chose to stay at home, dedicating herself to the upbringing of her children. Her love and care shaped their lives, creating a home filled with warmth, laughter, and an abundance of cherished memories. Shirley found joy in the simple moments spent with her children, cherishing the role of a loving mother.

Later in life, Shirley joined the team at Chautauqua Guest Homes in Charles City, where her compassionate nature found a new outlet. She dedicated herself to caring for others, putting their needs ahead of

her own, and leaving a lasting impact on those she served. Her selflessness and genuine concern for others endeared her to colleagues and residents alike.

In her moments of leisure, Shirley found solace in the art of creation. Sewing and cross-stitching became her outlets for self-expression, and every child and grandchild became the recipient of a specially crafted blanket, a tangible symbol of her love. Shirley's hands were always ready to mend, not just fabrics but also the hearts of those around her.

Shirley Billings will be remembered as a woman of immense kindness, a loving mother and a dedicated caregiver.

Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those she touched, and her memory will forever be a source of comfort and inspiration. As we say our goodbyes, let us celebrate the life of a remarkable woman who made the world brighter with her love and generosity.

Shirley is survived by two sons, Aaron Ferch of Nashua, and Adam (Christina) Ferch of Charles City; one daughter, Renee Williams of Nashua; six grandchildren; and two brothers, Richard (Toni) Billings of Ankeny, Duane (Sally) Billings of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents and Ernest Ferch.

Rose Viola Beier, 103

Rose Viola Beier, age 103 of Waterloo, died peacefully at her home on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023.

Born in her parent's rural Nashua home, the daughter of Allard and Mabel (Carpenter) Eckhoff, Rose grew up on her family's farm and attended country school.

When Rose was 15, her older brother, Raymond, died of Leukemia and six months later, she lost her father from the effects of too many transfusions to Raymond. At the age of 16, Rose and her older sister, Ruth, both became employed to help provide for their mother and three younger siblings.

Rose was raised to learn to do everything to help her family survive the Depression and their plight and found great strength through her faith.

Rose married LaVerne Beier in December 1945, and they made their home in Cedar Falls while LaVerne worked for John

Deere.

LaVerne later built their home where they raised two sons, Galen and Duane.

Rose was a strong and resilient mother who loved baking and was known for her home cooked meals. Taking a seat at her table was a treat for all who entered her home as she put her heart and soul into each meal and her table settings would take your breath away.

A repeat Blue Ribbon winner at Cattle Congress for her baking gave her a reason to be proud. Rose shared this gift of baking with all her grandchildren every year at Christmas and often sang, "The Old Rugged Cross."

Rose grieved the loss of her son, Duane, to a car accident in 1974, and again when she lost her husband, LaVerne, om 1984. Taking her last breath in the home her husband built was her dream.

Rose was an active member

of Ascension Lutheran Church, even helping to shingle the roof of their new church when she was in her 70s. Donating time, talent and baked goods to the church was what many in her community will remember her for.

Rose is survived by her son Galen, his wife Vicki, who live in Rogersville, Tennessee, and their two daughters with their spouses and children, Stacey Kelley and Jennifer Elliott. Rose is also survived by her grandchildren, David Beier and Heather Galle and their families.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, Allard and Mable Eckhoff; a sister, Nellie in infancy, her brothers, Raymond, Amos and James Eckhoff; and sisters, Ruth (Steere) and Thelma (Deike); her husband, LaVerne; her son, Duane; daughter-in-law, Pat; and great-grandson, Derek Galle.

Nashua Area EMS has plenty to celebrate in first six months

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town of Elma.

Nashua, though, decided to go it alone and start its own service, one that detractors said was simply too ambitious for a city of a little more than 1,500.

"So far, we've had 84 calls, which is a lot," Vikturek said. "Years ago, when we had an ambulance here, we'd maybe go on a 100 calls for a whole year. So 84 in six months, that's quite a bit."

The service has about 20 active volunteers, including two nurses, one paramedic and seven EMTs.

Those volunteers are paid when they go on calls but are not paid for what are usually 12-hour on-call shifts.

"To me, they're volunteers because for those 12 hours — or however long their shift is — they're not necessarily tied to home," Vikturek said, "but in another way, they can't run to Waterloo or Mason City, they can't go to an away game or anything like that. We want them to be able to respond in about five to 10 minutes so

they're giving up a lot to serve our community."

Before Nashua Area EMS went into service, there were concerns that Nashua's small core of volunteers would not be able to keep the ambulance in service around the clock. For the most part, those detractors were wrong.

"We've had a couple of hours here and there where we haven't been in service," Vikturek said, "but it's a rare thing. Since we started, the county has taken one call in Nashua, and that wasn't even because we weren't in service, that was because we were on another call."

Vikturek added that the service, which has its ambulance parked at the Nashua Fire Station, has received "fantastic support" from city firefighters, who often serve as drivers when the ambulance is paged out on calls.

And she said that private donations of \$10,000 have been received in the past six months.

"We are in really good shape," she said, "and obviously, we'll always take more people, but I think, no, I know we have surprised a lot of people. It's been really great to see what happens when people come together for a good, common cause."

Continuing education for pesticide applicators upcoming

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will be offering three opportunities to attend the Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC), led by Extension Field Agronomist, Terry Basol. The first two sessions are scheduled for Jan. 25, at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The course will be offered again on March 7, starting at 9:30 a.m. Due to social distancing requirements, pre-registration

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

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

Hampton.

The course will run for approximately 2½ hours, including check-in and breaks. The registration fee is \$30. To register or to obtain additional information about the P-CIC, contact your county extension office.



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Mayor Hal Kelleher and Councilmen Jake Johnson and Ernie Willshire were the lone attendees at Monday night's City Council meeting, which mean Nashua city leaders couldn't take action on any issues because of the lack of a quorum.

With no quorum, dog hearings pushed back to Jan. 15

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for a special election — but that needs to happen within 14 days of the appointment.

There are stipulations for that petition. The number of signatures of eligible electors of a city for a valid petition shall be determined as follows: in a city of less than 10,000 people or less, at least 200 hundred signatures or at least the number of signatures equal to 15 percent of the voters who voted for candidates for the office at the preceding regular election at which the office was on the ballot, whichever number is fewer.

Also on the agenda last Monday were resolutions to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem for Nashua and accept Kelleher's resignation on the Council. Kelleher held that position of Mayor Pro-Tem prior to becoming mayor.

Outside of the discussion on what route the current Council would take on filling the vacant Council seat, another important agenda item was an animal and protection hearing for two separate parties involved with dogs at large.

One dog owner in Nashua — Sara Loy — has repeatedly violated the city's ordinance concerning at-large animals from as far back as at least

four years according to records provided to the Council. Loy owns five dogs in the 800 block of Main St. and has received several complaints about those animals running loose and confronting citizens within the city limits.

Loy was present at Monday's meeting and discussed in private with Nashua City Attorney David Skilton on the plan moving forward as to what to do with two of the dogs that she owns.

Skilton said an agreement was made for Loy to remove two of the animals within 30 days and she's to report back to the Council about the progress made on the removal of the dogs within the city limits. Skilton said removing those two animals will reduce the number of dogs Loy owns to three.

"This is I think the second or third time there's been a problem with dogs at the property," said Skilton. "She understands that. She's going to try to work it down."

The second dog owner was not named on Monday by Council members, but it is believed the animal in question is a blue heeler that is running loose after getting past a gate that needs to be fixed on the property.

The dog hearings have tentatively been rescheduled to Monday, Jan. 15.

Grants available to nonprofits in the county

Grant applications can now be submitted to the Chickasaw County Community Foundation (CCCF) for the 2024 grant cycle, with a submission deadline set for Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Grants are awarded to projects within the program areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services.

The 2024 online grant application can be found on the CCCF's website at chickasawccf.org. Technical support will be available to applicants until Monday, Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. Grant recipients will then be announced in March.

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The second-place winner in the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce holiday planter contest was this one created by Lisa Acton.

Chamber has a great first year with holiday planters

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and individuals each adopted one of Nashua's Main Street Planters and decorated them with a Christmas theme. Voting in the contest ended Monday night at 11:59 p.m., and the winner was a planter decorated by Cedar Point Church, which beat a planter decorated by Lisa Acton that is located in front of Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel. "It was a great first year, and it's something that no doubt

we'll continue," Johnson said. "We're really appreciative of the time and effort people gave to come up with some wonderful themes. It really added to Main Street." She said there will be planter contests held again during the spring and fall. Also this week, Johnson announced that the annual Big 4 Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on March 16, at the "B." Further details about the banquet will be released in the near future.



The great Dutch artist Matthias Stomer captured the awe of Christ's birth in his 1632 painting titled "Adoration of the Shepherds."

The original is still the best

As we get ready for Christmas, remember this is why we celebrate

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room

available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

— Luke 2:1-20

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Supervisors do an about face, hires two new EMS employees

A week after voting against hiring paramedic, board members reconsider and make hires

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

The conversation about EMS staffing turned lively at times.

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

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

That raised the ire of Knutson.

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

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

“The only thing that’s going to cost us more as a county or

my department more ... is if we continue to have these overages on the overtime,” Knutson said. “Other than that, we’re talking about a little bit of training.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hackman responded with “I see the numbers.”

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

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

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

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

“I do,” Hackman responded.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

The nativity scene is going to remain snow free

If you like a “white Christmas,” this is not a year for you.

Our chances for snow on nativity scene that is set up at St. Michael’s Catholic Church are zero, zilch, nada or any other word you can find in your thesaurus because highs through early next week are expected to be in the 40s — with a possible mid-50s day on Christmas Eve.

There is good news, at least for area farmers, as there are decent chances of rain on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

And with the ongoing drought, that may be the best present Santa can deliver in 2023.

Extension program to provide crop production research updates Jan. 16

Extension specialists from campus and field specialists from Iowa State University will travel to Cedar Falls on Jan. 16, providing updated management options and recommendations on crop production issues facing Iowa growers.

The 2024 Crop Advantage meeting will give producers a solid foundation of current research-based crop production information to help make smart, informed decisions for their farming operation.

The meeting is an opportunity for farmers and crop advisers to hear current research and crop production information. Meetings include continuing education credits for Certified Crop Advisers (CCA).

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“There is no other program in our crop production education year where we are able to bring this many extension specialists together to sites across the state. We’re excited to provide quality, in-person education farmers and ag retailers have come to expect,” said Terry Basol, who is a field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and based at the research farm located near Nashua.

The Cedar Falls location will be held at the Bien Venu Event Center at the Holiday Inn and Suites on Jan. 16. Registration check-in opens at 8:15 a.m. and the program runs 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Program highlights for the Cedar Falls location include Entomology speed topics; Managing persistent herbicides (carryover) and weeds (waterhemp), and the impacts of cereal rye on nitrogen cycling and crop production.

For more program details and registration information for Cedar Falls or other Crop Advantage locations, visit: www.cropadvantage.org.

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Board chairman conceded process has been a ‘cluster’

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number,” Laudner told board members. “If not, then we’re back to square one.

“They’re going to have to hire a licensed architect, an engineer, and go through the entire full bidding process.”

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

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

But Thompson, who drew up the blueprints for the project, submitted a general contractor bid on Nov. 27, and after a lengthy discussion, he agreed to serve as a “construction manager” and bring back a final bid at the Dec. 18 meeting. “What we were told at the beginning wasn’t exactly what was going on and then we thought we had it taken care of and things still weren’t matching up,” Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said. “It has been a cluster, and I’ll be the first to admit that.”

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

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

state law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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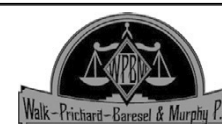
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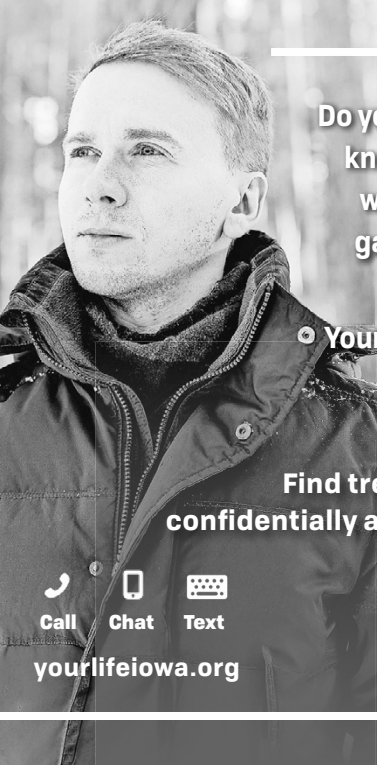
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N-P girls break losing skid, beat Tripoli for second time

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Down four starters this week – these Huskies almost pulled out two victories.

Now it's time for some rest, relaxation and hopefully some repair.

The short-handed Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball team came up just short on the road versus North Butler (38-35) Monday night and earned win No. 2 on the season at home versus Tripoli on Tuesday by a score of 42-21.

N-P (2-5, 0-4) played without starters Ava Kirk, Jalynn Pratt, Myranda Webster and Paige Franzen in the game versus Tripoli – whom N-P beat 59-25 on the Panthers' home court in the season opener.

Kirk missed the second half of the North Butler game with a knee injury and she did not play against Tripoli. That left seven players on N-P's roster. That meant junior reserves – Bailey Bond and Kristen Lee – saw extended minutes.

"They battled to keep us in those games," said Smith.

Two of those seven players – senior Maci Malven and junior Marleigh Lowe – never left the court. N-P sophomore forward Elayna O'Neill is close to a breakout performance at her forward position according to Smith and seldom-used bench player Jennifer McLeland even got considerable court time against the 2-8 Panthers.

"To battle with North Butler (who was full strength) and beat Tripoli by 20-plus, I think speaks a lot to the commitment of those six. I've been coaching girls basketball for 12 years and have never experienced anything like the first half of our season this year. Those six really haven't blinked and haven't made any excuses," said Smith.

One Husky player that has really made an impact this season and leads the entire state (all five classes) in steals-per-game (7.7 spg) is junior guard Kadence Huck.

Huck – who has helped the Huskies become the fifth-best steals leader in the state with an 18-per-game average – regis-

tered a triple double in the win over Tripoli. Her 25 points, 13 rebounds and 10 steals couldn't have come at a better time. The tour de force by Huck helped snap a five-game losing streak and sent the Huskies into the winter break with plenty of momentum.

"Kadence is definitely our engine," said Smith. "I can't speak highly enough about what it means to have Kadence in a Husky jersey every time. She's a special athlete."

Huck's career-high of 30 points came against Tripoli in the season opener. She had 15 steals and four rebounds in that game.

The Bearcats (3-5, 1-2) outscored N-P, 26-18, in the second half. North Butler scored just 12 first-half points.

Kaycee Wiebke, a 5-10 senior center for North Butler, grabbed 20 rebounds and scored 10 points

North Butler still won despite committing 30 turnovers. N-P turned the ball over 16 times.

N-P's first game back from break is at home versus No. 4 Riceville (9-0) on Thursday, Jan. 4.

NORTH BUTLER 38, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 35												
NP	7	10	7	11	-	35						
NB	8	4	11	15	-	38						
Ava Kirk 1-5 0-0 3, Elayna O'Neill 0-5 3-8 3, Kadence Huck 4-16 3-4 11, Maci Malven 2-11 0-0 6, Marleigh Lowe 4-16 2-4 12, Bailey Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Kristen Lee 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 11-53 8-16 35.												

3-point field goals - Kirk 1-4, Huck 0-4, Malven 2-11, Lowe 2-10.

Rebounds - O'Neill 9, Huck 6, Malven 6, Lowe 1, Lee 1.

Assists - O'Neill 3, Huck 1, Malven 1.

Steals - Huck 7, Lowe 6, Kirk 3, O'Neill 1, Malven 1.

Blocks - Malven 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 42, TRIPOLI 21												
Tripoli	2	6	5	7	-	21						
NP	14	5	16	7	-	42						

O'Neill 1-5 0-0 2, Huck 10-21 5-11 25, Lee 0-6 3-6 3, Malven 2-9 1-2 7, Lowe 2-16 0-0 5, Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Jennifer McLeland 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 15-63 9-19 42.

3-point field goals - Lee 0-1, Malven 2-8, Lowe 1-13.

Rebounds - Huck 13, Lee 5, O'Neill 3, Malven 3, Lowe 2, Bond 1.

Assists - Lowe 4, O'Neill 2, Huck 1, Lee 1.

Steals - Huck 10, Lowe 9, O'Neill 3, Lee 3, McLeland 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Elayna O'Neill gets off a shot in traffic and is fouled during last week's home game against Osage.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck leads a Husky fast break during a Top of Iowa Conference game against Osage.

N-P coach says his team 'competed hard' in loss to Osage

GIRLS HOOPS: FROM 12

She first hurt the ankle a year ago as a sophomore playing volleyball against, you guessed it, Osage.

"I was fine my sophomore basketball year. I just pushed through it," said Glaser.

Then this past volleyball season the ankle started to cause pain for the N-P standout. She missed the rest of the season in volleyball her sophomore year in 2022 after hurting her ankle, but played through the pain near the net last fall.

"I was really struggling," said Glaser.

So Glaser did something about it and had surgery this past Monday. So if you see her on crutches, you'll know why.

"I got an MRI and long story short I found out I'm getting surgery," said Glaser. "Basically, that means my basketball season is getting cut short just like my volleyball season did. All I can say is I hope I can be back. I don't really know for sure, obviously. If my recovery goes as planned, hopefully I'll be back."

Give credit to the Huskies, which never led in the game but it tied it at 31-31 after Glaser put a bunny through the net for two points with 4:57 left in the third period.

"They shared the ball well.

Ball movement in the first half and right away in the second half was really crisp and really good. We just made the right read and the right play possession after possession," said Smith.

Then the Green Devils responded to N-P's challenge by going on a 17-0 run inside that larger string of points with no answer by the Huskies to lead, 58-36.

Just like that – N-P's best first half start of basketball played was wiped out. That doesn't mean the Huskies can't take positives from the game, because there were plenty of those to work off of and get better.

"We played really well together. We played very unselfishly," said Smith. "We played very hard, I think."

Here's the rundown of what N-P was dealing with before the Osage game even tipped off.

The Huskies were down three starters because of injury – seniors Jalynn Pratt (shoulder), Myranda Webster (ankle) and junior Paige Franzen (ankle).

"We literally lost Myranda last night at her dance practice," said Webster. "She rolled her ankle there."

To make matters worse – N-P's leading scorer, Kadence

Huck – did not feel 100 percent.

"Kadence is sick right now – absolutely gutted her way through it," said Smith.

And speaking of pesky ankle injuries, the problem flared up again for the Huskies as starting sophomore point guard Ava Kirk rolled her ankle in the first quarter against Osage.

"We taped it up and she went right back out there and competed," said Smith.

Huck – who averages over 15 points a game – had a tough night shooting (2-16 FG), but finished with nine points.

Smith shifted his lineup around to compensate for the absence of his starters. Each and every one of his players that hit the hardwood on Friday came to play and gave it their all.

"We competed hard. That was all it comes down to," said Smith. "Being out those three starters, I told them before the game if we go out there and compete as hard as we possibly can we'll live with whatever the result was. In the first half it was unreal."

Glaser summed up what her Huskies are currently dealing with and how they've responded to the challenges that have been set before them.

"We grow every game and that has shown," said Glaser.

"It's just a growing process every game."

Osage is now 7-3 overall on the season and 4-2 in the league. N-P is 2-5 overall and 0-4 in the TIC.

Win or lose, Glaser will be there for her teammates – even if she won't be able to catch a pass or grab a rebound – or put the ball in the hoop like she did on Friday night.

"All I can really do is be there for my team. I love these girls and I wouldn't trade them for the world," said Glaser. "I love playing with them. They make the sport fun. I just want to be able to be their biggest cheerleader and let them know that even though I won't be able to be on the court with them, I'll be on the sideline cheering them on no matter what."

OSAGE 59, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 42												
Osage	14	15	16	14	-	59						
NP	7	18	8	9	-	42						

Ava Kirk 0-7 0-0 0, Kadence Huck 2-16 5-8 9, Josslynn Glaser 10-16 3-3 23, Maci Malven 2-8 0-0 6, Marleigh Lowe 1-5 0-0 3, Elayna O'Neill 0-4 1-4 1, Bailey Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Kristen Lee 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 15-57 9-15 42.

3-point field goals - Kirk 0-6, Huck 0-3, Malven 2-6, Lowe 1-4, Lee 0-1.

Rebounds - Glaser 9, Huck 6, Malven 6, O'Neill 5, Kirk 4.

Assists - Huck 4, Kirk 1, Glaser 1, Lowe 1, O'Neill 1.

Steals - Huck 8, Lowe 5, Kirk 2, Glaser 1, Malven 1, O'Neill 1, Bond 1.

Nashua-Plainfield will have hectic start to 2024

BOYS HOOPS: FROM 12

we're overmatched. Next year, the year after, it's going to be different, but confidence wise, oh yeah, we needed a win to give us a little momentum going into break."

The Huskies took control from the start as they raced 22-13 lead after a quarter before coming up with its best frame of the season as they outscored the Panthers 26-10 in the second to take a 48-23 lead at halftime.

Nashua-Plainfield didn't let up; in fact, Tuesday's game marked the first time this season the Huskies "won" all four quarters.

"We had a lot of guys do a lot of good things," Mueller said. "Sometimes, you just need a game like this to get guys to get some confidence and realize that they have it in them."

Senior Tucker Franzen had 24 points on a night when he hit 6-of-16 shots from 3-point range while Jase Hansen came off the bench to score a season-high 17 points. But there was more.

The Huskies got eight points

apiece from Matthew Malven and Landon Foelske, and the latter grabbed a team-high six rebounds. Senior Hunter Hackman came off the bench and had five boards.

"I wanted Tucker to have a night like that," Mueller said. "He shot pretty well from 3, but they were all good shots, even the ones he missed. ... And Hunter gave us some really nice minutes, he's probably a guy who can play a little more for us."

The win against Tripoli wrapped a three-game, five-night stretch as the Huskies fell to unbeaten Osage on Friday and then couldn't overcome a hot-shooting North Butler team on Monday night.

Franzen led the Huskies with 14 points while sophomore Trent Rodruck added 10 in the loss to Osage, but the Green Devils broke open the game with a 26-10 third quarter.

"They and West Fork, they're the class of the league right now," Mueller said. "And I think our 'middle' is pretty good, too. But honestly, I think we can play with a lot of teams. We just have to get stronger, get quicker and definitely play with confidence."

The North Butler game turned on 3-point shooting. The Bearcats came into the game winless, but went 10-for-20 from beyond the arc in a 59-44 victory while the Huskies were just 4-for-19 from downtown.

"For a while, it seemed like they couldn't miss," Mueller said. "I thought we were right there with them, but those 30 points on 3-pointers, that was tough to overcome."

Trae Geise, Malven and Rodruck led the Huskies with seven points apiece.

And while a two-week break from games will be nice, Mueller said his team has a lot of work to do when the Huskies return to the court after the TIC-mandated dead week ends next Wednesday.

That's because Nashua-Plainfield's 2024 schedule is



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
This is definitely the definition of a foul as an Osage player comes down hard on Matthew Malven.

front loaded. A non-conference game against Riceville begins an 11-day stretch in which the Huskies will play six games. If there's a silver lining to it, it is this: Five of them are at home.

"We're going to have to probably get nine guys in our rotation," Mueller said. "That's a lot of games in a short amount of time."

OSAGE 72, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 42												
Osage	13	17	26	16	-	72						
NP	5	13	10	14	-	42						

Tucker Franzen 4-9 3-4 14, Matthew Malven 1-6 3-4 5, Landon Foelske 2-4 3-6 7, Jase Hansen 1-6 0-3 3, Trent Rodruck 5-8 0-0 10, Trae Geise 1-1 1-2 3, Avery Mueller 0-5 0-0 4, Braeden Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0, Jake Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Hunter Hackman 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 14-41 10-16 42.

3-point field goals - Franzen 3-7, Hansen 1-6, Hackman 0-1, Malven 0-2, Mueller 0-2.

Rebounds - Foelske 5, Hansen 5, Rodruck 4, Mueller 4, Malven 3, Geise 2, Franzen 1, Smith 1.

Assists - Foelske 6, Malven 1, Rodruck 1.

Steals - Foelske 2, Franzen 1, Malven 1, Rodruck 1, Geise 1, Mueller 1.

NORTH BUTLER 59, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 44												
Score by quarters not available.												
Franzen 2-7 0-0 5, Geise 2-2 3-6 7, Malven 3-9 0-0 6, Rodruck 3-8 1-2 7, Foelske 2-4 0-0 4, Ty Berger 1-1												

0-0 2, Hansen 2-8 0-0 4, Mueller 1-2 0-0 2, Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0, Cal Levi 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 2-2 0-0 5, Hackman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-44 4-8 44.

3-point field goals - Smith 1-1, Franzen 1-4, Malven 1-6, Hansen 1-6, Mueller 0-1, Hackman 0-1.

Rebounds - Rodruck 7, Hansen 5, Geise 3, Malven 3, Franzen 2, Foelske 2, Mueller 2, Hackman 1.

Assists - Malven 4, Geise 2, Hansen 2, Mueller 2, Foelske 1.

Steals - Franzen 1, Geise 1, Malven 1, Hansen 1.

Blocks - Geise 2, Rodruck 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 76, TRIPOLI 39												
Tripoli	13	10	10	6	-	39						
NP	22	26	16	12	-	76						

Franzen 8-20 2-4 24, Geise 3-4 0-1 6, Malven 3-8 2-5 8, Foelske 4-8 0-1 8, Rodruck 1-2 0-0 2, Berger 1-1 0-0 2, Hansen 7-17 0-1 16, Mueller 1-1 0-0 2, Mitchell 0-0 1-2 1, Navarii Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Levi 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 2-2 0-0 5, Tucker Roberts 0-0 0-0 0, Hackman 1-3 0-2 2. Totals 31-66 5-16 76.

3-point field goals - Franzen 6-16, Hansen 2-9, Smith 1-1, Foelske 0-1, Hackman 0-1, Malven 0-5.

Rebounds - Foelske 6, Hackman 5, Mueller 5, Malven 4, Hansen 4, Smith 3, Geise 3, Rodruck 2, Franzen 1, Williams 1.

Assists - Geise 4, Malven 4, Foelske 3, Mueller 3, Hansen 1, Hackman 1.

Steals - Hansen 4, Smith 3, Franzen 2, Foelske 2, Rodruck 2, Mueller 2, Geise 1, Malven 1.

Blocks - Levi 1, Malven 1.

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Love, Joella S.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? This year I want a Xbox PS5. I need a new pants new sock. I would wear caboy hats. I like to read about Minecraft and Pokemon.

Love, Hunter M.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? How old is Ms. Clos? This year I want a Xbox. I need new pants. I would wear stars socks. I like to read abowt pets, folk tales, NFL.

Love, Easton L.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? How old is Mrs. Claus? How old are your reindeer? This year I want laser tag. I need a new gun holder. I would wear socks. I like to read about monsters, Minecraft and Pokemon.

Love, Nicholas G.

Dear Santa,
How do you go around the world in one day? This year I want a watch. I need a squishmellow. I would wear a tie-dye hat. I like to read about lizards.

Love, Abby S.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? How old is Mrs. Claus? This year I want a BB gun. I need a blakit. I would wear a t-shirt. I like to ready Harry Potter.

Love, Ryker E.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? How do you make gifts? Do you drive the slay? This year I want fish and an iPhone. I need a blanket and I would wear a winter dress and slippers. I like to read about Lord of the Rings and a Princesses boks.

Love, Maren M.

Dear Santa,
How old are you? How old is Mrs. Claus? This year I want ice cream Playdoh machine. I need new soks. I would wear sliprs. I like to read Dirt Girl.

Love, Anna B.

Dear Santa,
Do you like cokies and hot cocolit? Dus rodof hav a brit mos? This year I want neclisis and bralsis. I need sunscrin. I would wear skirts. I like to read Christmas Monsters.

Love, Aurora B.

Dear Santa,
How nice are your ranedeer and rodelf. This year I want a BB gun. I need socks. I would wear tank tops. I like to read about pets.

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Dear Santa,
How old are you? How old is Mis Claus? How old are your ranedeer? This year I want a pet puppy. I need new pants. I would wear a tank tops. I like to read about Junie B. Jones and puppies.

Love, Aubrey R.

Dear Santa,
How long have you and Mrs. Claus been mareded? This year I want Infinity V Bucks. I need a new fridge. I would wear a Justin Jersey. I like to read about Fortnite.

Love, Carter C.

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1ST GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
How has Freddy been? Do you like me? This year I want a chapter book. I need a water bottle. I would wear a sweatshirt. I like to read Christmas books. I think I am on the good list.

Love, Everson S.

Dear Santa,
Does your randeer like carrots? This year I want a phone. I need a loft bed. I would wear a tutu. I like to read a chapter book. Am I on the nice list?

Love, Josie M.

Dear Santa,
Do you like candy canes? This year I want a VR. I need boots. I would wear Huskies clothes. I like to read Flat Stanly. Santa is the best!

Love, Knox L.

Dear Santa,
Do you like candy canes? This year I want a VR. I would wear pants. I like to read Flat Stanley. I hope you are good.

Love, Justin H.

Dear Santa,
Have I ben good this year? This year I want a toy unicorn. I need a coat. I would wear a new dress. I like to read chapter books. Santa is the best!

Love, Brinley M.

Dear Santa,
Do you like candy canes? Do you like cook-ies? This year I want boots. I need a whoch. I would wear new snowpants. I like to read sight words. I hope I am on the good list.

Love, Oliver P.

Dear Santa,
What kind of flavor of cookies do you like? This year I want a remote-control dog. I need a lunchbox for school. I would wear new pants and shirts. I like to read Polar Express books. I am a good boy at school.

Love, Noah H.

Dear Santa,
What does the north pole look like? This year I want a toy dog. I need a toothbrush. I would wear a dress. I like to read biscit books.

Love, Aria H.

Dear Santa,
How long does it take to deliver the prezins? This year I want a Xbox. I need a new water bottle. I would wear shorts. I like to read a chapter book. I think that I am on the good list.

Love, Nelson Z.

Dear Santa,
Doo you like candy canes? This year I want a phone. I need clothes. I would wear a croptop. I like to read Cat and the Hat. I hope you can make it to my home.

Love, Anna G.

Dear Santa,
What are you doing? This year I want race cars. I need clothes and new shoes. I would wear snowpants. I like to read Tom is Brave. I am on the good list.

Love Austin C.

Dear Santa,
Will you want carrits? This year I want a robot. I need shoes. I would wear a shorts. I like to read Kitty and Dragin. I hope I am on the nise list?

Love, Greg B.

Dear Santa,
Will your elf name Snowe come to my home? This year I want a squishmellow. I need a divided cartainor for my lunchbox. I would wear socks. I like to read Kitey and Dragon. I hope you make it to my home.

Love, Jacelynn B.

Dear Santa,
How long dos it tacke to dlivr the presents? This year I want a drum set. I need a coat. I would wear a coat. I like to read chapter boock. Santa, am I on the gud list?

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Love, MacKenzie B.

Dear Santa,
Do you like cande canes? Do you like me? This year I want a train. I need a swetshirt. I would wear socks. I like to read Cat and the Hat. I hope you get to my house.

Love, Reagan F.

MRS. FRERICH'S 2ND GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
Hi! Happy Holidays! I'm Gwen. I'm 8 years old. I live in Nashua, Iowa. How have you been? I need new black pants because I only have 2 pairs. I want a phone because my tablet is good but it's not that good. I have been good by helping out people. Don't forget Mrs. Claus' present! Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas? Merry Christmas!

Love, Gwen J.

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Kendall Miller. I am 7 years old. I live outside of Nashua. I have been good. I have been doing things right. I need a shelf for my toys because I have a lot of toys. I want a Squashmellow because I love them. How is Mrs. Claus? Merry Christmas!

Love, Kendall M.

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Camden. I am 7 years old. I live in Nashua, Iowa. I've been good this year because I listen to my mom and dad. I need a new basketball because mine has no grip. I want Legos for Christmas because I have a Lego table. How are you and Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the reindeer? I hope you get what you want for Christmas. I liked my 3 in 1 Lego last year. Happy Holidays!

Love, Camden S.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and the reindeer? My name is Jase. I am 7 years old. I live in Nashua and Charles City, Iowa. I have been good in school

and at home. School has been pretty good for me. What I want for Christmas is a Nerf gun and what I need is bigger boots because mine are to tight. Merry Christmas!

Love, Jase S.

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name is Emmett. I am 7 years old. I live in Charles City. I have been good this year because I have been helping out clean up the house and by playing with my sister. I need new gloves because my old gloves are getting dirty and I only have one pair of snow gloves. I want a fishing pole to go fishing with my dad. I want to cast myself. Why do you wear red? How has Mrs. Claus been? Merry Christmas!

Love, Emmett C.

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa Claus! My name is Heidi. I am seven years old. I live outside of Nashua in Bremer county. How have you and the reindeer been? I've been good. I'm doing good in math. I need a night light because I lost my other two. I would like a Lego set because I think Legos are fun. What are the reindeers names? I hope you get what you want for Christmas. Goodbye Santa. Merry Christmas!

Love, Heidi B.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I am 7 years old. I have been good this year. I've helped my mom do dishes. I need new slippers because I don't have any. I really want a Neitendo Switch this year. Which reindeer is your favorite? My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. Have a good Christmas!

Love, Dash H.

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you and Rixy? My name is Wyatt. I am 7 years old. I live outside Greene, Iowa. I have been good. I need socks because some of my socks have holes. I want Legos because I like to play with them. Has my elf Rixy been good? I hope you have a good Christmas!

Love, Wyatt F.

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Jade. I am 7 years old. I live in Nashua, Iowa. I have been good this year. I have helped my family. I need a new basketball for Christmas because all of my basketballs are flat and we don't have a pump. I want a Stanley because I don't have one. What are you doing for Christmas? How is Mrs. Claus? Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Jade S.

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa. How is the North Pole? My name is Charlotte. My age is 7 years old. I have been good. Sometimes I talk back to my mom and dad. Tell my mom and dad I am sorry please. I need some basketball shoes for basketball because I wear them to school everyday. I want a puppy because my other puppy that is 2 years old needs someone to play with him. Why do you give kids toys? Merry Christmas!

Love, Charlotte L.

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? My name is Rowan. I am 7 years old. I live in Nashua, Iowa. I been good. I need cologne so I don't smell. I want wrestling gear because it helps me with my form. Is Rudolph ok? How is he doing? Merry Christmas!

Love, Rowan H.

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I live in Nashua. My name is Huxley. I am 7 years old. I have been really good. I need a horse book because I don't have a horse book. I want a kayak because I've always wanted one. How many reindeer do you have? Do you have Rudolph? Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Huxley B.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! I live at Nashua. My name is Brynley. I am 7. I want a computer cus computers are fun. I need new clothes so I can be warm at night. Can I see you? How old are you? Merry Christmas!

Love, Brynley L.

Dear Santa Claus,
Hey! How are you and the elves and the reindeer? My name is Amelia Woods. I am 8 years old. I live in Plainfield, Iowa. I've been good and crazy too. I need new boots for vaulting because mine are falling apart. I want a new computer because mine broke. Merry Christmas!

Love, Amelia W.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas Santa Claus. My name is Zachary and I am 8 years old. I want an Xbox for Christmas. Thanks Santa Claus. I need a phone because it's breaking. Thanks Santa Claus. I have been nice this year. How have you been this year? How is it in the North Pole? What is your favorite reindeer? Mine is Rudolph. I'm sorry we won't have any cookies for you. Merry Christmas!

Love, Zachary H.

Dear Santa,
Hi! Happy Holidays! How are the elves? I am seven years old. My name is Brooklyn. I live in Waverly. I have been good. I need a new bike because my bike is to small. I want an animal crossing game because it looks like a really cool game. How are you and Mrs. Claus? Merry Christmas! HoHoHo!

Love, Brooklyn W.

Dear Santa,
How have you been over the year? My name is Breck Morris. I am 7 years old. I want a new soccer cleats because I like soccer. How are the reindeer? I need a desk because I need it so I can work. My house is in the country outside Plainfield, Iowa. Merry Christmas!

Love, Breck M.

Dear Santa,
Hello! My name is Adalynn. I am 7 years old. I live in Horton. I have been kind of good. I want my own phone because Easton always gets to play on our phone. I need new underwear because mine are getting to small. I wonder how the reindeer are doing? Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Addy H.

Dear Santa,
My name is Parker. I'm 8. Happy Christmas! Christmas is the best. I need a new snowmobile helmet and jacket for Christmas because I don't have a jacket and helmet. I want a new Nerf gun. Please Santa. Happy Holidays! Love you Santa!

Love, Parker S.

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! My name is Alexis and I am 7 years old. How are you? I live in Plainfield. I have been good this year. You want to know my list? I need just a piece of candy. I want a stuffy because they help me go to sleep. I hope you get your present you want. I wonder which reindeer is your favorite reindeer? What is your favorite Christmas color? Happy Holidays!

Love, Alexis T.

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Brior. I am trying to be good. I am 7 years old. How are you and your elves? I want Titanic toys. I like the Titanic. I know a lot about it. I would also like a dog that looks like Nina Marie, my old dog. She passed away. I could use a good dog just like her. This would make me happy. See you soon!

Love, Brior R.



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LETTERS TO Santa



Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you? I am 7 Santa. I want a dirt bike because I've been really wanting one. I need new shoes because I want the Jordan 11s because I was nice this year. I live in Nashua. Who is your favorite reindeer? Hohoho! Merry Christmas!

Love, Dax M.

Dear Santa,
My name is Thomas. I am 7 years old. I live in Plainfield. This year I've been good. I want a go kart. Where do you live? Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Love, Thomas V.

MRS. STILLE'S 2ND GRADE CLASS

Dear St. Nicholas,
I have been nice by doing my chores. I want arc car and RC boat for Christmas. Then I wwon't be bored at home. I also need clothes to wear so I have nice ones to wear at school. I am wondering how old you are? Merry Christmas! Hohoho

Love, Sheldon

Dear Santa,
I think I am on the nice because I help my mom with the dishes. I would really like a Beast Lab for Christmas. I need a dino shirt.

The one I have is too small. Why do you only wear red clothes and never green?

Love, JD

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice girl this year. For Christmas I want a small squishy and a pink flower blanket. I want to play with it every single day. I will use the blanket too. I need shoes to keep my feet warm. Santa, how many reindeer do you have?

Love, Whitney

P.S. I would like a bunny and I like a little bunny.

Dear Santa,
I don't know if I've been naughty or nice. I want football and WWE toys because I will enjoy them. I need some new clothes and jamies. Do you bing rudolf with you every-where with you? My name is Colten I am in 2 grad I am 8 years old.

Your friend, Colten

Dear Santa,
I am Amara. I am 8. I want a big Steffey and a Sguishmellow and slippers. I need some new shoes and a water bottle, Santa. I think that I am on the Nice list. Is it cold at the North Pole?

Love, Amara

Dear Santa,
I think I am nice because I love help my brather Micah. I tought how to play ball. I want a PS5 a basketball and a black phone case and a new iPad. I could always be enter-tained. I need new winter stuff I might grow out of my winter stuff. How long

does it take to make toys?

Dear Santa,

I think that I'm on the nice list. Can I have a new phone case? My sister broke the one I have. I need some new shoes because I only have two other pair. Can you tell me one of your elves names?

Love, Jonah

Love, Stella

Dear Santa,

I am on the nice list because I help mom in the house and I think that is nice. I want a baby doll that look real and twins because they look cute so so cute. I need new Christmas slippers because I do not have any. How bright is Rudolph nose?

Love, Myah

Dear Santa,

I think I am on the nice list because I haven't been bullying lately. This Christmas I realy want a dirt bike with dirt bike armour. Then I will have Gods protection. Then I will be safe. I will be able to do a race with my fiends. I really need a sweatsuit for wrestling. Then I will be hot befer I wrestle. Why do you wear a hat?

Love, Royce

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I want American girl doll. I have seen the ad and would like just one. I also need socks because all of min have holes. Why do you wear red?

Love, Alexxa

Dear Santa,

This year I think I've been good, well most-ly. I really want an iPad. You might be won-

dering why I want an iPad It's beacuse my phone is not working. The think I need is a water bottlel beacuse my water bottel has a dent.

Love your friend, Olivia

P.S. Do you give some cookies to the elves?

Hi Santa,

My name is Kodie. How have you been? I think I am nice. I think I want a squishy beacuse I do not have one. I need a insulaed cup because I only have a small one. Santa, why do you not have a horse?

Love, Kodie

Dear Santa,

My name is Tate. I think I have been nice this year. I'm your elfs are funny. I'm 8 years old. Am I on the good list or bad? Chrmas is one of my favrite hoidays because I get presents and to see family. How old do elfs live up to? For Chrmas I want football cards. For Chrmois I need cothes to give to the homeless.

Love, Tate

Dear Santa,

I have been nice because I help every body at school and at home. I would really enjoy if could get WWE toys. I need shoes and I need new socks. Because many of mine are ripping. Why is your suit red?

Love, Lincoln

Dear Santa,

I think I'ma on the good list. I want money and video games bease I think I will look cool. How many elves do you have?

Love, Breckin

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Trae Geise (above) attempts to put up a reverse layup while teammate Trent Rodruck (below) finds an open man during Friday's game against Osage.

Husky boys get much needed win

Nashua-Plainfield steps out of rugged Top of Iowa East to blow out Tripoli, 76-39

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield boys basketball coach Matt Mueller will be the first to admit that the level of competition for his Huskies considerably Tuesday night.

The Huskies stepped out of the rugged Top of Iowa Conference East Division to close out their 2023 portion of the schedule against a Tripoli squad that came into the non-conference winless in its first seven games.

But a win is a win, especially for a young team like the Huskies, who clicked on all cylinders in rolling to a 76-39 victory to snap a five-game losing streak and head into the Christmas break on a proverbial high note.

"We needed a night like that," Mueller said after his team improved to 2-5. "If you look at us, we're playing a lot of sophomores, and right now, athletically, we're playing teams where at times

SEE BOYS HOOPS, 8



N-P center goes out with 'bang'

Glaser pours in 23 points as Huskies give Osage a scare

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

What a way for Josslynn Glaser to go out.

If indeed this was the last game of the year for the N-P six-foot, junior center – she picked the right opponent to muster up a career high against.

Glaser pumped in a career-best 23 points to go along with nine rebounds to highlight an inspired performance by Josh Smith's Nashua's Plainfield Huskies against the Green Devils of Osage last Friday night at home.

Even in loss – and despite a late 27-2 Green Devils' run that produced an Osage 59-42 victory – the Huskies can hang their hat on a gutty and game performance in the Top of Iowa East tussle.

Glaser played remarkable and poured in 10 buckets down low on 16 tries. That was one of the reasons Nashua-Plainfield stuck with Osage – despite missing three starters due to injury and the Huskies' leading scorer battling sickness.

"Josslynn played unbelievably," said Smith.

If there was a M*A*S*H unit on Friday – it was definitely these Huskies, which dressed just nine players due to injury.

Glaser will soon be added to that list.

You won't see Glaser on the sideline this season at N-P games sporting pompoms. But she may well play the role of cheerleader the rest of the way for her Huskies this winter after having surgery on an ankle that has bothered her this season.

SEE GIRLS HOOPS, 8



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield center Josslynn Glaser puts up an inside shot during the Huskies' game with Osage last week.



Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I want an Xboxx this year I want my own real cookin set. For Christmas this year I want my own santa and elf and a work shop. How do you get in my chimney if it is on fire?

Love, Preston

Dear Santa,

I am Connor A. I am in 2nd grade and I am 7 years old. I think I am on the nice list because I help people out. I want a big stuffy and a Beast Lab so I can snuggle with both of my stuffies. I need a new water bottle and a blaket because my water bottle broke. Why do you wear red and not Chistmas colors like green and white too?

Your friend, Connor A.

Dear Santa,

I've been nice this year. I have plaed with my sister a lot. I want legos for Christmas. I like to build with them I need a new water bottle mine has a leak in it. Why do you not wear other colors?

Love, Logan

Dear Santa,

I think that I was nice this year. I was nice because I play nicely with my brathers. I want a nerf gun. I want a nerf gun because only 3 are working. I need socks because some have holes. I have some questions for you Santa. Why are elves funny? How do you go down a chimney if we have none?

Love, Emmett

Dear Santa,

I think I was nice this year because I help my mom and dad. I want a Robopet because I love animals, but hate when they die. I need hand warmers because my hands get cold. How is it in Christmastown?

Love, Aiden

Dear Santa,

This year I have been a nice boy. For Christmas I want Sonic toys and Sonic shoes because Sonic is my favorite character. I also need new clothes to wear to school. How do you fly in the sleigh?

Love, Gunner B.

Dear Santa,

I have been nice this year because I have tried my best to help others. I want a make-up set. I want a make-up set to try new looks. I need a new blanket. I need a new blanket to stay warm. I have a questin, which elk is your favorite.

Love, Adalyn

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a JoJo Siwa my life doll with a big squishmallow. I need a water bottle, sweat-er, hair ties, a blanket and shoes for me. Thank you, have fun.

Love, Kira B.

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