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Patrie trial pushed back

Trial of Charles City man accused of killing retired grocer may not take place until summer

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The trial of a Charles City man accused of murdering a retired grocer in rural Nashua 10 years ago could be months away after a district court judge granted a defense motion asking for a continuance.

Forty-year-old Randy Patrie has been charged with the killing of Kenneth Gallmeyer in September 2012, and his first-degree murder

trial had been scheduled to begin in Chickasaw County District Court on Jan. 25.

But earlier this month, Patrie's attorney, assistant public defender Steven Drahozal, asked for a continuance.

In his filing, Drahozal told the



Gallmeyer

court that the defense was continuing to review information provided by prosecutors and that he had communicated with prosecutors and was told that his motion for a continuance would not be contested.

He also wrote that "based



Patrie

on counsel's schedule, it is believed that the trial date will need to be after August 2023."

Drahozal also said his client has waived his right to be tried within one year of his arraignment.

District Court Judge Richard Stochl granted the continuance and scheduled

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Supervisors will move ahead with interviews to replace sheriff

County resident says board is wasting time by not appointing chief deputy to replace Hemann

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors received an "earful" from an area resident about how it is filling the soon-to-be-vacant sheriff's office, but board members moved ahead with their original plan to interview those who had applied for the job.

Late last month, Sheriff Marty Hemann announced his intention to resign and retire, effective Jan. 19, and although Hemann endorsed having the board name his chief deputy, Ryan Shawver, to the post, supervisors opened up the position to applicants.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn on Tuesday said the county received four applications — from Shawver, Douglas Kollmann, Kennan Seda and Dan Sargent — and New Hampton resident Chuck Stanton questioned the board on why they were going down the application path.

"Why can't the sheriff be appointed and they can file for a special election, according to the law," he said. "You have a candidate that is very well groomed for the position, under the recommendation of a county-wide elected official. You would be foolish not to appoint Ryan Shawver to be the sheriff. ... I think it would be a slap in the face to Marty and Ryan if you do not appoint Deputy Shawver to the position, and I speak for many, many people in this county."

County Attorney David Laudner reiterated that the qualifications for being sheriff included being at least 21 years of age, never having been convicted of a felony and be a certified peace officer.

He added that to be eligible for appointment, an applicant will have to have lived in the county

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Board OKs resolution to give elected officials 9 percent pay increases

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors made 9 percent pay hikes for elected office holders official on Tuesday. Just how official, though, is a matter of interpretation.

Board members voted 3-1 — Tim Zoll cast the lone nay vote while Jake Hackman voted "present" — to approve a resolution that will lead to pay increases for the 10 elected officials — five supervisors, attorney, auditor, recorder, sheriff and treasurer.

The vote came after County Attorney David Laudner for a second consecutive week expressed frustration with Iowa law that is, as he puts it, "confusing" and "illogical" when it comes to when county's should act on compensation board recommendations.

During a Dec. 19 meeting, the county attorney pointed out that on one hand, the code seems to be telling counties it shouldn't act on a compensation board's recommendation until the public hearing is held on the budget, yet it also states that wages should be set before putting the budget up for the public hearing.

"The code doesn't to me reflect the practical realities of the budgeting process and is illogical and totally does not support the compensation board itself," Laudner said. "That's why it's a

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield girls track team race — and jump, too — to accept the Class 1A state track and field championship they claimed during a magical three-day run in Des Moines this past May.

A WINNING YEAR!

MORE THAN SPORTS SHOWED OUR AREA'S CHAMPIONSHIP CALIBER

Years from now, if God gives me those years, I will always remember 2022 — at least when it comes to our work here at the Nashua Reporter — as a championship year.

And not just because of a historic state championship won on the Blue Oval and the lush fields of Drake Stadium.

Granted, that's the one memory that might stay with me the longest; after all, what the Nashua-Plainfield girls did over three days in Des Moines this past May was, well, it was unforgettable.

The Huskies qualified in eight events. They medaled in every single one of them.

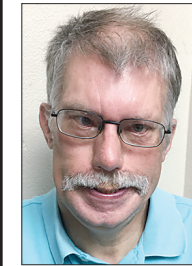
Kadence Huck won the 400 and anchored the distance and sprint medley relays to state titles. Makenzie Foelske took third in the 100 and fourth in the 200. Breanna Hackman took third in both the shot and the discus. And the 4x400 team, in the final race of a wild state track meet, took third to clinch Nashua-Plainfield's first-ever state team title.

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Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Sorren Johnson enjoys taking a ride at the Big 4 Fair that drew huge crowds to the fairgrounds in Nashua over the Labor Day weekend.



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Murder trial date to be set next month

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a hearing on Jan. 17, when a new trial date will be set.

Patrie had long been considered the chief suspect in the murder of Gallmeyer, whose body was discovered by Chickasaw County sheriff's deputies when they were called to do a welfare check on Gallmeyer at his home north of Nashua on Oct. 4, 2012.

In June 2014, Patrie was sentenced to life in prison in federal court after he pleaded guilty to possession of firearms by a felon as an armed career criminal and possession of sawed-off shotguns.

That sentence, however, was later overturned by a federal appeals court, and Patrie was re-sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.

Earlier this year, Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann said that once Patrie's life sentence had been rescinded, his office's goal was to bring him to trial in state court.

"We want justice for the family," he said, "and we felt like we had that with the life sentence. Once that was removed, we knew we were going to do everything we could to bring him to trial."

Gallmeyer was a 70-year-old retired grocer who had moved to rural Nashua after selling his store in Clarksville.

In a complaint and affidavit filed in federal court, law enforcement authorities said they discovered that Gallmeyer had suffered a gunshot wound to the head and that numer-

ous items — including several firearms and Samsung 40-inch flat-screen TV, had been taken from his home.

The affidavit went on to say that on Oct. 4, 2013, the Charles City Police Department executed a search warrant at Patrie's residence in Charles City and that investigators from the Sheriff's Office and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation contacted Charles City police and obtained a copy of the items seized during the execution of the search warrant.

It was discovered that several of the items seized were items taken from Gallmeyer's home. They included three firearms, one of which, according to the affidavit was "consistent with the firearm used to kill" Gallmeyer.

An additional search warrant was then executed by the Sheriff's Office and the DCI at Patrie's home, and additional items belonging to Gallmeyer were located and seized. During the second search, officers discovered a Samsung 40-inch flatscreen TV mounted on the wall of Patrie's bedroom.

Patrie was moved from a federal prison in New Jersey to Iowa in March, and he is currently being housed at the Fayette County Jail in West Union.

Hemann has said that Patrie is being held out of the county because the jail in West Union is more modern and offers more "segregation" and "classifications" than the aging Chickasaw County Jail in New Hampton.



Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann (left) makes a point as County Attorney David Laudner and Chief Deputy Ryan Shawver look on during Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Resident expresses frustration with supervisors

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for at least 60 days.

Laudner did add that if the supervisors decided to wait and appoint someone who is currently living outside the county, state law automatically calls for the chief deputy to serve as acting sheriff until the vacancy is filled.

Hemann said he would be willing to work with the board to vet the candidates and help with interviews.

"I have hired, I do understand the sheriff's office [with] 32-years-plus [of experience]," he said. "Let's determine if any or all four have met the requirements that the county attorney has mentioned, and let's do an interview process. ... I can certainly ask the tough questions."

Hemann added that he would be disappointed if the board passed on his offer.

"I'll be honest, if you don't want me involved, that is kind of a slap in the face," he said. "I said in my letter I want to make this as smooth of a transition as possible, so I guess just allow me to help out with that transition."

Stanton, though, characterized the entire discussion as a waste of time.

"I appreciate Marty being very diplomatic about the interview process, but you have a person in front of you that is qualified in every category and can meet every standard you set. ...

"The board has way more important things to do than this. You can get it off your plate and you could be done. ... This is foolish, we're wasting time talking on something that is cut and dried."

Supervisor Jason Byrne, who is in his last week on the board, agreed.

"He's been working here for many years," he said of

Shawver. "I've seen his work. He's done a good job. I don't even know why we would question it."

In the end, the board asked Hemann to vet the candidates and work to set up interviews with those who have the qualifications.

But by then, Stanton had left the meeting, but before he did, he took one last shot at the board.

"Marty opened the position, but you guys opened the can of worms," he said. "You guys made it a big deal, and I'm going to quit talking because this is absolutely asinine."

Revisiting county wage increases may be a possibility

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board requested budgets from its departments, it noted that department heads should keep their budget increases to 6 percent or less.

"Six isn't nine," he said, but Laudner pointed out that if the Board of Supervisors puts out a budget increase before the Compensation Board makes a recommendation, "you're eviscerating the process of the Compensation Board."

Board members eventually approved the resolution for the pay hikes, which will take effect on July 1, when the new fiscal year commences ... unless, of course, the board revisits the issue in the new year.

mess. The fact of the matter is that every county is interpreting this differently."

In Chickasaw County, the Compensation Board, on a 5-2 vote, recommended that elected officials receive 20 percent hikes, but during that Dec. 19 meeting, supervisors agreed to have Laudner draw up a resolution that cut the recommendation by 55 percent, which in effect reduced the pay increases to 9 percent.

Compensation Board members who supported the 20 percent pay increases said the county needs to have competitive wages to

offer elected officials and also have pointed out that Chickasaw County officials are among the lowest paid in northern Iowa.

But the key question — can the Board of Supervisors revisit the issue in the near future? — went unanswered Tuesday.

"You're asking can we revisit this a month from now and change it," Laudner said in response to a question from Board Chairman Matt Kuhn, "and my answer is that's a political question, that's a political process, and I think there are different opinions as to whether or not that can be done."

Hackman pointed out that when the

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For more information or to register, contact Elise Bovy at ebovy@nei3a.org or call 319-231-6798 or Missy Anders at manders@nei3a.org or call 319-231-1623.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Thanks for a job well done

We'll be honest here, Sue Matthews wasn't all that excited about having her photo taken, but after a 36-year career in the Clerk of Courts office, we insisted and she caved! Matthews is working her final full week at the office before retirement.

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We had a heck of a year, didn't we?

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It was a brilliant performance by a brilliant group of young women.

We hear "it couldn't happen to anyone better" all the time that it has become a tired, old cliché, but in this case, it's not a shopworn banality, it's reality.

But this isn't a sports column; it's a year-in-review column, and we had a lot happen in the 364 days that have made up 2022. And Nashua and Plainfield showed they are championship material in so many ways.

Agree or disagree, but the so-called ambulance crisis, for example, showed what Nashua residents can do when they face a challenge.

Few in the rest of the county believed Nashua could strike out on its own for EMS service, but here we are, heading into 2023, with an ambulance, an EMS director and Nashuans taking EMT classes to make sure that when someone needs a rig, it will be in the neighborhood.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 30 — I'm a horrible with predictions so I won't guess on what tomorrow is going to bring — it was that kind of year in our two little communities.

We may disagree on anything and everything when it comes to politics and things like that, but when we come together, we have two pretty damn fine communities. Think of the volunteers who put on Water Over the Dam Days and Plainfield Days and the two towns' Christmas celebrations. Towns this size aren't supposed to have celebrations like this, but we do.

We put on great fairs — ask anyone who took part in the 4-H and FFA Achievement Show or who attended the Big 4 Fair, and they'll tell you exactly that.

We also put on one hell of a barbecue that can be summed up with one word, tasty.

We supported our kids on one hell of a year of activities ranging from sports to music. We celebrated our wrestling coach's 500th win, but we also jumped for the same amount of joy when our National History Day team put on a stellar performance at the national contest, one that saw Caleb Sinnwell repeat as a national champion.

I can go on and on and on and on, but I will say this: I'm proud to be a part of two communities and I enjoy telling the stories of people ranging from the members of that track team to the men and women who have served our country so well and for so long.

I'll go back to that glorious Saturday afternoon when that group of young women made history inside famed Drake Stadium.

"This afternoon really, for me, is all about the team," said Foelske, a young woman who is wise beyond her years. "The individual medals are nice, but the big goal, the only goal, for all of us is to win this team thing."

It was a wonderful attitude on a spectacular day.

And in a way, I think Makenzie Foelske nailed it. It's an attitude I see so often in Nashua and in Plainfield. And it made for a championship year.

BE SMART THIS WEEKEND ... SEE YA IN '23

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News from the Nashua Public Library

The Nashua Public Library is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We can be reached by phone at 641-435-4635, and you can reserve books online as well through our online catalog, by going online to <https://nashua.bibliolix.com/catalog/>.

If you need any help, don't hesitate to call us at the library and we'll help you out!

Upcoming events at the Nashua Public Library include:

- Dec. 29 through Jan. 2 - CLOSED in observance of New Year's holiday.
- Wednesday, Jan. 4: Library Board meeting at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10, through Tuesday, Jan. 17 - Take and Make Bags for adults and children; available until they are gone** No sign up.
- Tuesday, Jan. 17: Teen Tuesday, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.; Wii games, board games and snacks for students grades 5-12; third Tuesday of every month.
- Monday, Jan. 23, to Wednesday, Feb. 8: Valentines for Seniors; drop into the library and grab supplies to make a valentine for a shut-in or senior citizen in town. We will take care of delivering them to shut-ins and the assisted living.
- Saturday, Jan. 28: Movie Matinee: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; watch a popular new release in the library, popcorn provided. Movie will be announced closer to the date.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8: Children's program, "Hogs and Kisses," 5 to 6 p.m.; come paint a piggy bank, do valentine crafts, etc.
- Saturday, Feb. 18: Black Superhero Showcase; in honor of Black History Month in

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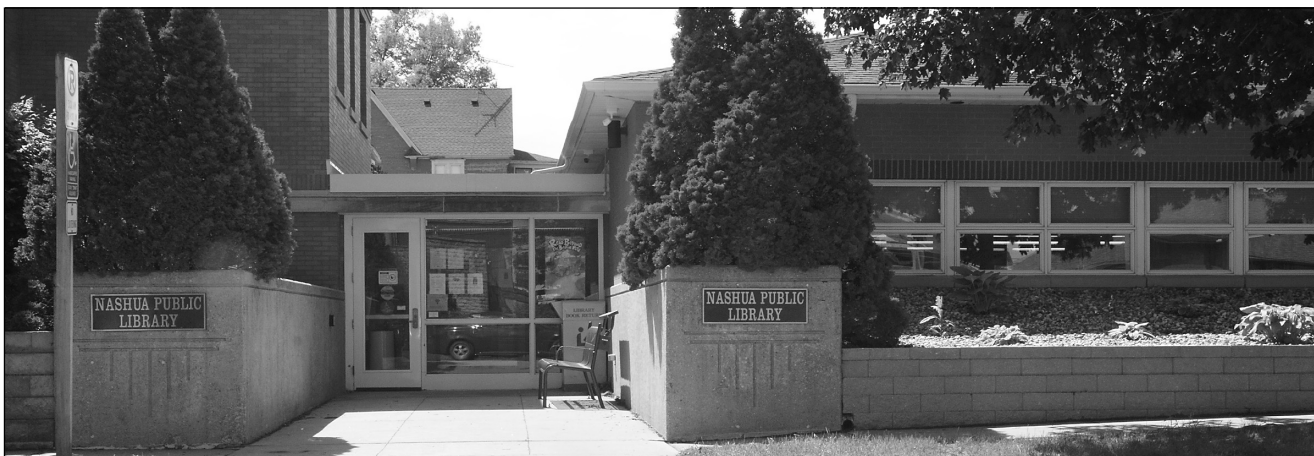
City of Nashua
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa located at Nashua City Hall 402 Main Street in Nashua, Iowa at 7:00 pm on January 16, 2023. The purpose of this hearing is the first reading for an update to Ordinance(s) pertaining to water meter fee rates.

Any persons wishing to be heard on this matter will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted through the day of the public hearing at the Nashua City Hall PO Box 38 Nashua, Iowa 50658. Oral questions or comments can be directed to City Hall at 641.435.4156.

A full copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall

No. 22591
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February, the Nashua Public Library will have a children/teen event with activities/crafts celebrating black superheroes. We will be showing episodes of "Static Shock," a TV show from the early '00s that featured a black superhero during this event.

Some of the new books we have at the library:

- All is Bright by RaeAnne Thayne
- Hugs for Grandma by Chrys Howard

- Long Shadows by David Baldacci
- The High Notes by Danielle Steel
- I Know This Much Is True by Wally Lamb
- Snowed in at the Ranch by RaeAnne Thayne
- Night Shift by Robin Cook
- Red Winter by Tom Clancy
- The Devil's Weapons by WEB Griffin
- Elizabeth Taylor by Kate Anderson Brower
- Blue Moon Haven by Janet Dailey

- Without a Trace by Danielle Steel
- Wicked Dreams by Lisa Jackson
- Sleep No More by Jayne Ann Krentz
- Elizabeth Taylor by Kate Anderson Brower**Large Print**
- The Sisters of Sea View by Julie Klassen **Large Print**
- An Amish Christmas Star by Shelley Shepard Gray **Large Print**
- Desert Star by Michael Connolly **Large Print**
- The Perfect Assassin by James

Patterson **Large Print**

- Hunting Time by Jeffery Deaver

New DVDs and Blu-Rays at the library include:

- Don't Worry Darling – DVD
- Don't Worry Darling- Blu-Ray
- 1883- DVD

The Nashua Public Library is again soliciting donations for their "Sponsor-A-Magazine" campaign. We are asking for your support in 2023. What this involves is a \$15 donation to the library and you select one of 40 magazines to sponsor. Each month a label will be placed on the cover of the new magazine stating that you are the sponsor.

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— Heather Hackman, Nashua Public Library director

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

December 19, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Zoll, Kuhn and Hackman, on the phone was Byrne, in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Kathy Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, incoming Supervisors Travis Suckow and Scott Cervinske, Treasurer Sue Breitbach, incoming Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Librarians Jackie Kush, Crystal Offnen, Carrie Becker, Heather Hackman, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Bridget Edson, Compensation Board Mike Kennedy, Assistant to Engineer Liza Herold, Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter, Board of Health Joan Knoll and Toni Friedrich.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for December 19, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve the meeting minutes from December 12, 2022 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Abstained Byrne. Motion carried.

Public Comment
Chickasaw County Attorney, David Laudner gave updates on 910 E Main St, Nashua Tower, and if we want him at Board of Supervisors meeting, on January 3, 2023 to move the time to noon.

Chickasaw County Librarians discussed FY23-24 Budget Request.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve the Final Iowa DOT Contract Construction Progress Voucher for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project BROS-SWAP-CO19(107)-FE-19 with Minnowa Construction and authorize Board Chair acceptance signature. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach,By-

rne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve employee vacation carryover for Donna Geerts of 23.5 hours to be used by March 1, 2023 Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve employee vacation carryover for Laura Wickham of 8 hours to be used by January 31, 2023 Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to discuss Compensation Board Recommendations on January 9, 2023. Roll Call

Aye-Zoll, Hackman Nay-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn Motion failed.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to decrease Compensation Board Recommendation of 20% by 50% which is a 10% increase of wages. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach Nay Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Failed.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Byrne to decrease Compensation Board Recommendation of 20% by 55% which is a 9% increase of wages. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn Nay Zoll, Abstained Hackman Motion Passed.

Discussed that the new ambulance arrived for the EMS and passed annual inspection. State coming December 20, 2022 for site visit.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the (month to month) lease for crew quarters for the EMS at 208 S Walnut, starting January 1, 2023 for \$750.00 per month and \$750.00 down for deposit and chair signature. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to add to previous motion for lease agreement to be paid out of ambulance fund and going forward. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Discussed rent insurance for crew quarters for EMS will increased by \$303.00 annually.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to rescind motion to purchase two beds and two recliners from Slumberland. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Abstained Byrne. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to accept Dungey's Donation of two beds and two recliners. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve one year agreement with FirstNet for cell phone at \$44.99 to be taken out of ambulance fund and authorize chair signature Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve a down payment to Nagel Signs Inc for decals on ambulance for \$2,239.00 and \$2,239.00 due when completed and use ARPA fund. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve purchase from Amazon for shelving for ambulance at \$390.38 using ARPA fund. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve purchase from Boundtree for 2 sets of restraint systems for ambulance at \$1,851.96 using ARPA fund. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to authorize HR Ann to make those changes to the employment contract with Joel Knutson, remove all Emergency Management Services and replace with Emergency Medical Services, section number 7 take out per week, and redo section number 14 and explain county holidays when worked would receive \$57.69 when one of the

eleven county holidays. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Kuhn, Hackman, Nay Zoll. Abstained Breitbach. Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach authorizing EMS Director and Board of Supervisor chair to spend but not to exceed \$10,000.00 of ARPA for purchase of things missed with an end date of January 2, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Discussed Public Health's FY23-24 Budget Request.

Discussed Public Health's department updates and that they were awarded Home Health Honors for 2022.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge and accept Public Water Supply Operation Permit for Heritage Residence through March 31, 2026. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Discussed ARPA allocations.

ARPA Allocations

As of 12-16-2022

Income

6/30/2021, ARPA	\$1,158,922.50
6/27/2022, ARPA	\$1,158,922.50
Interest 6-21 thru 11-22	\$27,254.33
.....	\$2,345,099.33

Expenses

Capital Projects EMS Building	\$750,000.00
EMS Startup	\$1,310,000.00
Cott Systems Inc	\$84,915.00
Website Development	\$20,000.00
Drone Pictures	\$600.00
Samuels Group Jail Study	\$15,000.00
.....	\$2,180,515.00
Unallocated	\$164,584.33

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to appoint Dr. Lucas Brickman to the Board of Health for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Toni Friedrich to the Board of Health for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to appoint Cindy Shoemaker to the Board of Health for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to appoint Lori Carey to the Conservation Board for a five-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to appoint Dale Liddle to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to appoint Judy Liddle to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Budget Work Session

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior claims of \$375,630.92. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn. Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior claims of \$19,699.22. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn. Motion Passed.

Committee Assignments
Supervisor Kuhn-December 5-INRCOG REGIONAL TRANSIT, December 13- Ambulance Advisory Committee, December 15-INRCOG & INRCOG EXECUTIVE Meeting

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to adjourn at 12:26 PM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Zoll, Byrne and Kuhn. Motion Passed.

Matt Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Nashua-Plainfield Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2022
MS/HS Commons
The December 12, 2022, regular meeting of the 2021-2022 Nashua-Plainfield Community School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Patrick Lentz. Also present were Vice President Laura Folkerts and directors Lara Lawrence, Chris Hagen, and Cody Jensen; Superintendent Todd Liechty; Board Secretary Brittany McNeil and eight visitors.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the consent agenda as follows:

A) approval of the minutes of the previous meeting on November 14, 2022.

B) approval of the bills for payment.

C) approval of the monthly financial reports.

D) approval of personnel recommendations as follows; approval of Kevin Klobassa as volunteer HS boys basketball coach.

E) approval of a fundraiser for Elementary Christmas Store. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to approve the November 2022 cash flow report as presented. Business Manager McNeil stated the transfers from General Fund to Activity Fund as approved in prior meetings need to be made yet. She also brought attention to the fund where donations are being recorded for the baseball/softball complex project. Motion carried unanimously.

HWC Director Brandy Hoffman informed the board members of citizen concerns around the baseball/softball complex project. Some concerns include whether or not the project meets the needs of both of the communities.

Citizens also questioned if all the options for the district have been looked at and publicly discussed. Board members mentioned the facilities study that was recently done on the district. At that time a list of potential projects was talked about during open board meetings. A land use committee was formed to look at options for the land in Plainfield. From the list of projects board members, administration and committee members collaboratively came up with a priority list for the district.

There were no public comments or questions on the use of ESSER III funds.

President Patrick Lentz appointed Board Secretary Brittany McNeil as the Interim Chairperson.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lentz to adjourn the regular meeting of the 2021-2022 Board of Directors at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Nashua-Plainfield Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2022
MS/HS Commons
The December 12, 2022, regular board meeting of the 2022-2023 Nashua-Plainfield Community School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Interim Chairperson Brittany McNeil. Also present were directors Cody Jensen, Pat Lentz, Chris Hagen, Laura Folkerts, and Lara Lawrence; Superintendent Todd Liechty; and eight visitors.

Motion by Lentz, seconded by Folkerts to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Interim Chairperson McNeil asked for nominations for Board President. Director Jensen nominated Pat Lentz. Motion by Jensen, seconded by Folkerts that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Pat Lentz as Board President. Motion carried unanimously (Lentz abstained). President Lentz asked for nominations for Board Vice-President. Director Lawrence nominated Laura Folkerts for Vice-President. Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Jensen that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Laura Folkerts as Board Vice-President. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed monthly date, time, and location of board meetings. Motion by Jensen, seconded by Folkerts to hold regular school board meetings on the second Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in the MS/HS Commons. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Hagen to approve an out-of-state field trip to Valley Fair (Shakopee, Minnesota) for the Physics class. This field trip will take place in the spring of 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hagen, seconded by Jensen to approve the early graduation requests as presented for Jackson Stowe, Hunter Foster, and Grady Nosbisch, pending successful completion of graduation requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Hagen to approve the addition of "Respectable Use of Mobile Devices" in the student handbook. Administration will notify students of this change. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve the job description for the HWC Director as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A session about effective communication was offered at the Iowa Association of School Boards annual convention. Director Laura Folkerts suggested the Donovan Group be in attendance to explain their services and answer any questions from board members. Jerry Gallagher educated board members on the services offered by the Donovan Group. Their focus is communication needs of Iowa public schools. The Donovan Group has a wide array of expertise ranging from day-to-day communication efforts to educating stakeholders on crisis situations.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve a 12-month contract with the Donovan Group, effective as soon as possible. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about driver's education. The Board is okay with hiring a driving instructor or contracting with a company as long as they provide local driving sessions to our students. Mr. Liechty will look into additional options.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to approve the purchase of a 77 passenger Bluebird gasoline school bus in the amount of \$126,190. Motion also includes making sure the bus has weather treatment undercoating and to add luggage storage units underneath the bus (for an additional cost). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Folkerts to approve the purchase of a used 12 passenger van not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Board President Patrick Lentz received a petition from eligible voters

calling a general obligation bond not to exceed \$3,000,000 to provide funds to construct a baseball/softball athletic complex, including concession and restroom area, and to improve the site. This would be for the election held on March 7, 2023. Minimum signatures required was 73. The petition had 100+ signatures on it.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to table the resolution ordering an election on the issuance of \$3,000,000 General Obligation school bonds. This will allow more time to work with the Donovan Group on providing additional communication for all community members. The resolution will be discussed at the January 9th board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the resolution fixing date for a hearing on the proposed issuance of approximately \$3,400,000 school infrastructure sales, services and use tax revenue bonds as presented. A roll call vote was taken with all yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve the resolution fixing the date for a public hearing on the proposed use of SAVE revenue for an athletic facility infrastructure project as presented. A roll call vote was taken with all yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative reports were presented.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to enter into closed session according to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (i) to review the Superintendent's performance. A roll call vote was taken with all yeas. Motion carried unanimously. The Board entered closed session at 9:29 p.m.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to enter back into open session at 9:58 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes published are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled board meeting.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Commons.

Pat Lentz, President
Board of Directors
Brittany McNeil
Board Secretary

Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District, BOARD VENDOR REPORT
December 2022

Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount	
AGVANTAGE FS INC.GAS & DIESEL FUEL.....	11,036.74
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO. MILK/DAIRY	6,736.84
APPLES ON THE AVENUE ORCHARD,ELEM. FIELD TRIP.....	360.00
ATLANTIC COCA-COLA CONCESSIONS/ALA CARTE ITEMS	731.14
BARD MACKEY,BAND CLINICIAN	100.00
BLICK ART MATERIALS,ART SUPPLIES	5.30
BREMER COUNTY AUDITOR ELECTION SERVICES	2,435.80
BSN SPORTS,ATHLETIC EQUIP/ SUPPLIES	854.92
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS,TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	200.00

CDW GOVERNMENT INC,TECHOLGY SUPPLIES	2,163.12
CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL WRESTLING ENTRY	90.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC,CLEANING SUPPLIES/EQUIP	6,935.66
CENTRAL RESTAURANT PRODUCTS,HOT LUNCH SUPPLIES	22.75
CENTRAL RIVERS AEA,EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3,256.80
CENTURY LINK,TELEPHONE/FAX	1,558.76
CHARLES CITY COMM SCHOOL DIST,EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1,935.85
CHRISTENSEN, ANDREW,FOOTBALL REIMBURSEMENT	219.98
CINTAS CORPORATION #947 CLEANING SERVICE	262.66
CITY OF NASHUA,WATER & SEWER	2,047.81
CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL,OPEN ENROLLMENT	22,728.21
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING CO,EQUIPMENT/REPAIRS	594.00
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATION,MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	527.61
COOLEY PUMPING LLC,PORTRA POTTY RENTALS	597.15
DOWNING, TYLER ,ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	70.00
DUNN, TOM ,ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	80.00
EIFFLER, JUSTIN,REIMBURSEMENT	153.75
FAREWAY STORES, INC.,FOOD/ SUPPLIES	342.10
FEIRER ENTERPRISES, INC. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	15,000.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE,VISION INSURANCE	363.98
FLOYD COUNTY AUDITOR,ELECTION SERVICES	852.94
FROST, JOE ,ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	80.00
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MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO,FOOD/SUPPLIES	33,444.13
MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE,ARCHITECTURAL FEES	16,692.43
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NASHUA TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB INC,RENT/GOLF ENTRY FEES	800.00
NEIBA,REGISTRATIONS	137.00
NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL,OPEN ENROLLMENT	45,456.42
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OELWEIN CSD,PROM DJ DEPOSIT	200.00
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PEARCE, BRIAN,ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	80.00
PEDERSON PLUMBING,PLUMBING SERVICES	1,870.31
PLAINFIELD WELDING AND REPAIR,WELDING/REPAIR SERVICES	435.00
PROUTY, JIM,ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	110.00
REALLY GOOD STUFF, INC.,INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	13.99
S & T COLLISION,TRANSPORTATION REPAIR	281.67
SALMEMBERSHIP DUES/CONFERENCE	110.00
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N-P boys driving on right track

High-scoring Huskies look to improve after the break

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Matt Mueller trust his players – so he's not worried about a little improvisation from time to time when defenses start to thwart a game plan.

Of course, his preferred solution to getting as many buckets as possible to fall through the hoop is to stay within the confines of the offense.

But sometimes, especially when blessed with innate and unique talent – one can deviate from the script.

That's a luxury some teams don't possess.

"The best things happen to players when they're on their own and being creative like that," said Mueller about his leading scorer Bo Harrington making tremendous plays throughout his career where he splits double-teams and comes up with a clutch shot. "He's practiced that stuff...when he's constantly visualizing a defender on him. He understands how to get where he wants to get."

N-P has taken full advantage of Harrington's excellent skill set – he's the eighth-leading scorer in Class 1A at 24.3 points per game – and has seen several other players step up to have made the first third of the season a success so far.

The Nashua-Plainfield boys basketball team has played to a 4-2 mark before the Christmas break and Mueller and his Huskies have been able to accomplish that success as one of the smaller teams in their class and probably the state.

Sporting no player in its starting five taller than 6-1 – Mueller has guided N-P to a 4-1 mark in the Top of Iowa Conference in his first year as head coach at N-P after being an assistant under Sam Brown for five years.

N-P lost 6-7 senior center Aiden Lamborn to a shoulder injury that he suffered last fall during football. Lamborn played in three games, but decided to have surgery on his labrum and will be out for the season. That void of a true big man in the middle will force the Huskies to excel at a higher clip in key areas in order to compensate for their lack of height.

"Every night we're gonna be small so we're just going to have to hit some shots and hopefully get some transition buckets," said Mueller, a 1994 N-P grad.

That also means his team needs to hustle



Nashua-Plainfield's Devon Johnson puts up a shot in a victory over St. Ansgar earlier this month.

and grab every loose ball they can to come out on top in close games. Passing the ball at a rapid clip with players constantly on the move to work for an open shot or easy layup is also right up near the top of the list.

"I still want to see a little bit better player movement out of us," said Mueller. "We do a lot of dribbling, then kicking."

Harrington, a senior that has started since his freshman year at N-P, is a dominant force on the offensive end. His rebound totals are up from a year ago because, well, they have to be in order for his Huskies to achieve the amount of success they want. Harrington averages 8.8 rebounds a game – quite a lot for a 5-11 guard. He also gets about four steals a game and averages less than a turnover a contest.

No matter what class you play in – that's impressive – especially when encountering the "junk" defenses that Harrington runs into.

"This year the main thing is I like getting the ball out of my hands and let them create," said Harrington. "Let the defense kind of focus. I know teams want to focus on me. I can use that to our advantage."

Harrington is fast approaching 1,000 points scored in his remarkable career. He enters the break with 889 points tallied. He

played in only 14 games as a sophomore due to injury.

N-P senior guard Devin Johnson is having a stellar year so far. Getting the opportunity to start on a consistent basis has opened up doors for the Husky that he is powering on through. He averages almost 10 points a game and has connected on 35 percent of his 3-point attempts (11-31).

Tucker Franzen, a junior guard, and senior forward Joel Winters are other starters for the Huskies that have played well so far this winter. Franzen averages just over 10 points a game and provides N-P with a consistent long-range threat from outside. Winters is a jack-of-all-trades and often scraps for loose balls and does plenty of dirty work to help N-P come out on top. Winters clips out to over eight points a game of offense and averages just under five rebounds a game.

The emergence of star freshman Matthew Malven has really made N-P go this year. Malven has played fantastic and averages 9.5 points-per-game.

"He's a confident kid. I've known him since the third grade. He's always been that way," said Mueller. "He's not rattled by situations. He's going to take the shot if it's open."

Frost makes reporter rethink not wrestling

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game was just my thing.

I played basketball growing up in the winter and pretty much all-year round if you want to cut to the brass tax here, people.

Was I all-conference? No. Those sort of accolades not coming my way probably came down to that discipline thing again. I wasn't voted class clown in my high school for any old reason. Or maybe I was runner-up?

You get the point.

But I was good enough to play valuable minutes for my high school on a hoops team that still holds one of the best traditions in the state.

With that said, I understand wrestling probably more than the common person does, though.

However you want to define common person, that's up to you and we'll leave it at that.

Life's pretty much all relative and I'll leave you to your own devices on that perplexing query.

While I haven't been a journalist for that long of time (relatively speaking) – I would say I'm nearing 20 years now, give or take a few years – I have covered my fair share of wrestling on the high school level.

I also met Dan Gable last year in New Hampton.

That was pretty cool.

So I've covered more than a handful of prep state wrestling meets. I even covered a few back when they held them at Veterans Auditorium or as we liked to call it – the "Barn."

That's when I first "laid hands" on Gable.

Long story short, if you remember old "Vets," the media sat in a row kind of in the middle of the arena, almost like a cat-bird seat that hung over the lower-level bleachers. That meant that when you wanted to interview a wrestler, you had to walk past spectators and fight your way back into the main concourse to get to your destination.

My first assignment to cover state wrestling at "Vets" was for that very reason because the journalist (we won't name names here) wasn't physically able to exert himself on that consistent of a basis to go up and down and all around the auditorium to be able to generate your copy and take your photos for whatever newspaper you were writing for.

This was more of a workout and a 3-ringed circus than you can imagine. Let's just say it's worse in between sessions because wrestling fans are coming into the stadium and a lot of them are leaving too, so it's like trying to catch a cab in rush-hour traffic in downtown New York.

Chaotic.

But one time, the somewhat steep steps to head to the exit were blocked and I had to "slide past" a gentleman on crutches. This man happened to be Mr. Gable, who was talking to Des Moines Register sports writer Dan McCool, who

was one of the predominant and best writers of wrestling in the state. RIP, Mr. McCool.

But in order to get around Gable, I put my hand on his shoulder to brace myself and let him know I was squeezing past him without bumping into him. I said 'excuse me, sir.' He casually looked toward me and kind of nodded.

Whew!!! I made it through.

I thought to myself, what have I done????? Gable is easily one of the most famous people in the state of Iowa and one of the most recognizable faces in the entire world when it comes to wrestling.

Is he going to come after me when I sit back down on media row??

He did not. Thankfully.

So I've gotten to know another legend that has ties to Gable.

His name is of course, Al Frost.

Frost wrestled for Gable at the University of Iowa after graduating at N-P and winning the school's first individual state title in wrestling in 1979.

Fast forward to Tuesday, Dec. 20 and there I am covering Frost in his quest to achieve something that only a small faction of prep wrestling coaches in the state of Iowa have been able to achieve.

Frost got his 500th win in that quad in Nashua earlier this month.

I felt blessed and fortunate to have been present to witness the milestone achievement and to be able to write about it.

As the quad was winding down, I was sitting on the mat a few feet from Coach Frost as he pulled up a chair to watch both mats in action. He looked at me before one match started and said something to the effect, 'this kid is good. You better watch this match.'

I did and it turned out to be one of the more exciting head-to-head battles of the evening.

Later on that night, I interviewed coach Frost and some of his wrestlers. Pictures were taken to document the historic moment, of course, because what good is a story without photos?

But it was when I was driving back home that I asked myself a question.

Why didn't I wrestle growing up?

My only answer to that question in my head was, if Al Frost was my P.E. teacher and coach back in high school, I'm almost certain he would have gotten me to go out for the sport.

Now whether or not I'd be any good at it would obviously be up to me.

Because Al Frost can coach his tail off.

So much so that he had a basketball player thinking about putting on a singlet decades after his high school graduation.

One can wonder, can't they?

But as long as I don't have to climb up any stairs, I think I'm gonna be just fine.

I prefer to talk to my legends on more solid ground, anyway.

No offense, Mr. Gable.

Consistency key for Husky girls in second half

Nashua-Plainfield endures ups and downs but is gaining valuable varsity experience

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Through six games this season, Josh Smith and his Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball team have encountered their fair share of ups and downs.

There was the season-opening domination over Tripoli.

Then there was a gritty effort against Mason City Newman that came up short, but not for a lack of effort.

The Huskies reeled in another blowout victory over Rockford later on in the 2022-2023 schedule.

But the pre-holiday Husky sleight ride almost slowed to a halt versus St. Ansgar (41-19 loss) and N-P saw that lack of offense trend south once again in a 43-33 loss at home versus North Butler in the last game before Christmas break.

Smith and his Huskies are hoping to still bring a little more post-holiday cheer and spirit to N-P hoops fans when the season restarts next Tuesday at Riceville. That contest won't be easy as the Wildcats are 8-1 and ranked 13th in Class 1A.

Such are the growing pains for a group that graduated five starters from a season ago.

Taking care of the basketball and finding the bottom of the net have been N-P's Achilles' heel so far this season. Those two key factors in success have been sparse and sporadic in several games where long scoring droughts have limited the Huskies' chances at victory.

"I think consistency is definitely our key. It feels like pretty much every game we've done



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Jalynn Pratt puts up a shot in a game earlier this season.

that. We've had nice runs," said Smith after the North Butler loss. "This game we outscored 'em in the second half but we just dug ourselves such a huge hole there that there's no way to come out of it."

With that said, there's been plenty of bright spots so far in a season that has seen N-P play to a 2-4 mark and 1-4 record in conference play.

Once such shining star is sophomore guard Kadence Huck – a starter for the first time this season. Huck's exploits out on the track or cross country course are well known, but she's also making her mark on the hardwood as well.

Huck leads the team in scoring at 14.3 ppg. and is the cata-

lyst for N-P's pressing defense. She is fourth in the conference in steals (4.3) and also averages 5.5 rebounds a contest. Her scoring clip also ranks fourth in the Top of Iowa Eastern Conference.

"We talk a lot about pressure being a cumulative thing," said Smith. "When you got her riding their point guard the entire game, it gets frustrating and it gets to be a lot to deal with."

N-P sophomore guard/forward Paige Franzen – also starting for the first time this season – and is second on the team in scoring with a six-point scoring average.

Other stat leaders for N-P are seniors Kendall Bailey-Pint (5.7 ppg) and junior Jalynn

Pratt (5 ppg). Bailey-Pint is N-P's leading 3-point shooter with seven made shots so far this year in 15 attempts. Pratt is No. 1 in rebounding on the team with 34 – computing to a 5.7 average.

Myranda Webster, a junior center, is also working on her game and hoping to improve on her 3.7 scoring clip. Josslynn Glaser is also another tall post player down low that is looking to score more and provide strength on the blocks on the defensive end.

Husky guards Marleigh Lowe (sophomore) and Maci Malven (junior) also play in Smith's rotation and will look to improve their all-around games as the season resumes in January.

One key addition that is hoping to be back in 2023 is senior Bailey Fisher. Fisher was Smith's first reserve off the bench last season and has sat out the first third of the season with a broken finger. She averaged 1.8 point a game last year as a junior and should help out immensely with experience returning from last winter should she suit up soon. Fisher is an all-conference volleyball player and key member of N-P's girls track team that won the state championship last year in the small-school class.

January will be a busy month for N-P as they are slated to play 13 games. N-P starts a tough road trip at Riceville. That stretch is culminated with three more road games in a row versus Central Springs, No. 9 West Fork and Rockford. The Huskies return home versus Postville on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Nashua-Plainfield lands six in the latest IAwrestle.com individual rankings

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investigate without suffering key losses on a major scale.

The health of N-P is looking to be swinging in an upward trajectory as two-time state qualifier Kendrick Huck could be back for the matchup with the Green Devils. The senior 132-pounder has been out of action since the N-P Invite in mid-December. The Huskies are also hoping to bring back junior Tate White (182 pounds), who wrestled in the Battle of Waterloo and

went 5-1. White did not wrestle in the quad right before break against North Union, Forest City and Rockford.

With a full lineup – N-P will be tough to topple.

Garret Rinken, the defending state runner-up at 120 pounds and the No. 1 ranked wrestler at 126 pounds in Class 1A – has already come up with several marquee victories this winter. He's 21-0 and broke the all-time wins mark at Nashua-Plainfield at the Battle of Waterloo.

Rinken's 179 all-time wins include

a state title his sophomore season at 113 pounds. The lofty mark also features a win streak of over 100 victories prior to Rinken losing the 1A crown in the state championship bout at 120 pounds this past February against Lisbon's Brandon Paetz.

Rinken's younger brother – sophomore Jayden Rinken – is ranked No. 2 by IAwrestle according to the ratings released by the publication in early December. Rinken suffered his first loss of the season in stunning fashion to West Delaware's Brandon Maury

at the Battle of Waterloo. Rinken led 13-4 in the third period before Maury got Rinken on his back and he couldn't recover in the final match of the evening versus the No. 2 Hawks. It's the only time Rinken has been pinned in his two-year varsity career that features only three losses. He placed third at state in the 106-pound weight class as a freshman and is 20-1 this year.

Other ranked wrestlers for Frost are No. 4 Nic Brase, who is 16-4 at 106/113 pounds. There's No. 12 Hayden Munn (120), who is 17-5. Huck is ranked No.

3 at 132 and is 10-2 on the year. White is also ranked No. 12 at 182 and is 16-5.

N-P senior Kaden Wilken (138) is 13-9, while sophomore Aiden Gelnor (145) is 10-6. Jackson Carey, a sophomore who competes at 152 pounds, is 14-5. Eli Kalainoff, a freshman 160-pounder, has worked his way to a 17-5 mark. Titus Evans, a junior, is 9-2 at 170 pounds. Aiden Sullivan, a junior 195-pounder, sports a record of 17-11. N-P senior Jackson Zwanziger is 13-11 at 220 pounds and sophomore 285-pounder Isaac Jones is also 13-11.

Wrestlers set big ‘second half’ goals

Nashua-Plainfield setting the bar — state championships — high on the mat

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

With a full head of steam, the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies and head coach Al Frost are chugging along at a break-neck speed.

While his talented grapplers will make a minor pit stop at the station for Christmas break to refuel and reload — it’s back out on the rails this winter with one clear destination in mind.

The top.

After 16 dual matches — which included Frost becoming just the seventh coach all-time in the state to crack 500 wins — the No. 3 ranked Huskies appear to be headed on the right track.

There’s no reason to slow down now because in order to climb to the summit of any mountain, it’s probably going to require an uphill climb that will include many peaks and even some valleys to cross in order to get to higher ground.

So far in 2022-2023, Frost’s Huskies have achieved plenty of the former.

N-P now stands at 14-2 after winning four matches at the Battle of Waterloo and taking down the likes of No. 7 Independence, No. 8 Wapsie Valley, 10th-rated Indianola and Davenport Assumption.

The Huskies came within a whisker of toppling No. 2 West Delaware at the “Battle” and lost another close match to No. 13 Crestwood.

The toughest test is yet to come as N-P gets back out on the mat after the holiday season is wrapped up in a quad at St. Ansgar this Tuesday versus No. 1 Osage.

This has all the makings of terrific heavy-weight title fight.

The Green Devils — ranked No. 1 in Class 1A — won the ultra-competitive Battle of Waterloo and in the process honored their head coach with 500 wins as well. Green Devil coach Brent Jennings earned that honorable distinction after tearing through the elite 32-man bracket to claim the No. 1 spot.

N-P finished 10th overall at the “Battle”



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield senior Kendrick Huck works to turn an opponent at the Huskies’ home invitational tournament earlier this month.

and the matchup with Osage is — for all intents and purposes — for the Top of Iowa East Division dual crown.

That’s just one more tough week for a

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N-P girls picking up valuable grappling experience

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

One can scan the records and make a determination on what constitutes mat success in each and every match — if one so inclines.

But for the Nashua-Plainfield girls wrestling team — just competing is a battle already won.

Experience is tantamount when programs are just starting out and the Huskies are cross-

That’s not to say that coach Reece Reams and his Huskies haven’t encountered their fair

share of success.

For a squad in Year No. 1 of just starting out — as are all prep Iowa girls wrestling teams that are competing in 2022-2023 as the state officially sanctioned the sport this winter — N-P has already won two dual matches against six opponents.

Not that anybody’s counting, but for a squad full of beginners in the sport — most anyone would say that’s impressive.

Those two wins came against New Hampton/Turkey Valley and North Fayette Valley. Expect even more victories — whether that’s individual or

team success — the rest of the way as N-P gains more confidence and gets stronger, both mentally and physically.

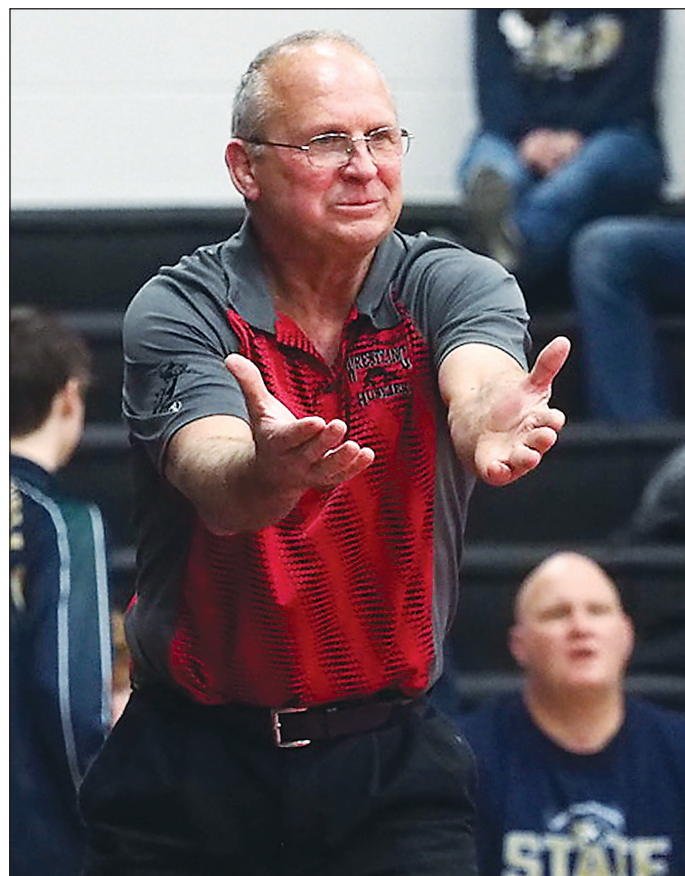
Right back from break this coming Monday, the Huskies will travel to Osage where they will be part of a large, 20-team field.

Featured in the competitive tournament will be Cedar Falls — which won the prestigious Battle of Waterloo a few weeks ago.

Again, experience is one thing — but wrestling against the likes of the host Green Devils and squads like Southeast Polk and Mason City is even better.

Squaring off against top-notch competition — win or lose — should help the Huskies in the long run.

Some standout wrestlers for the Huskies so far have been senior 115-pounder Ryan Reams (8-5), sophomore 190-pounder Kylie Vance (6-4) — as well as junior Sara Babu (5-4, 100 pounds) and freshman Eden Lamborn (5-4, 235 pounds). Elexa O’Neill, a freshman 125-pounder, also sports a winning record with a 4-3 mark. Navaeh Bloker, another freshman, is 5-5 at the 155-pound weight class.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield coach Al Frost pleads his case during the Huskies’ home tournament.

Put simply, N-P’s Frost can coach his tail off

I’ll be honest, I don’t understand everything about wrestling. I could say the same thing about baseball, football and even backgammon.

But I know more than most people about the first two aforementioned sports I just listed. Backgammon — seems like checkers with dice to me, right?

So yeah, I’m not a wrestling expert, nor do I profess to be. I know what a fireman’s carry is and a chicken wing, neck wrench, etc.

But for me to start breaking down technically what the sport is all about concerning technique and this move and that move — that’s just wishful thinking.

I really don’t have any other excuse for not brushing up on my wrestling acumen other than it was never introduced to me at an early age. That or I’m just not disciplined enough to research and learn more about a sport I never competed in. I remember getting embarrassingly pinned by my best friend in P.E. class back in middle school. Yeah, I also pinned a few kids out on the mat that same day, but I was a hoopster, man!!!

The only wrestling I watched was on Saturday mornings when the “Hulkster” was screaming through my television screen to eat my vitamins and say my prayers at night.

Yeah, I was a “Hulkamaniac.”

But playing basketball was just what I did when it got cold out. No offense to anyone wearing a singlet, but the net

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