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Nashua, county strike a deal

Supervisors fill sheriff's vacancy, approves new contract with city for law enforcement

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors appointed a new sheriff and then approved one of his first recommendations during their regular weekly meeting on Monday.

Board members voted 5-0 to follow through on their notice of

intent to appoint Chief Deputy Ryan Shawver to fill out the term of former Sheriff Marty Hemann, who began his retirement last Thursday.

The appointment came almost two months after Hemann announced his intention to retire, leading the board to take "applications" for the job. Earlier this month, board members interviewed

Shawver and Floyd County Deputy Dan Sargeant, and made the decision to appoint Shawver, who will serve out the term that Hemann won during the 2020 election.

Under state law, residents do have the right to petition for a special election as long as the petition is turned into the county within 14 days of the appointment.

Later in Monday's meeting, the city of Nashua and the supervisors reached a tentative agreement for the Sheriff's Office to continue to provide law-enforcement services to the city.

But the new one-year

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N-P voters will get chance to weigh in on diamond complex

If March 7 question approved, district will be able to use SAVE funds to pay for project

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools will head to the polls on Tuesday, March 7, to decide if the school district can use its one-cent statewide sales tax, often referred to as SAVE, to pay back general-obligation bonds to build a new \$3 million baseball and softball complex in Plainfield.

The School Board recently approved taking the measure to voters, and school officials emphasize that if it is approved, property taxes will not increase. Instead, a yes vote would just allow the district to use SAVE dollars to fund the project.

With an approved vote, Nashua-Plainfield will be able to save about \$1 million in interest payments while paying off the bond more quickly, said Superintendent Todd Liechty.

"We are excited to move forward with a plan to create outstanding baseball and softball facilities for our students and community, without the need to increase property taxes for residents," said Liechty.

Nashua-Plainfield is the lone school in the Top of Iowa Conference East Division that has its baseball and softball teams playing home games in different towns. Currently, the baseball team plays on a diamond owned by the Big Four Board in Nashua while the softball team play host to teams in Plainfield.

The project calls for creating new high school

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Hinson makes her first visit to county

By BOB FENSKE
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If first impressions really do matter, Chickasaw County hit a home run in the eyes of the woman who represents the city in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I'm impressed to say the least," U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson said last Wednesday after visiting two of New Hampton's newest businesses — the coffee shop Muscari and the new office building Union Block Suites — during her first trip to New Hampton since this past fall's election. "I love seeing a vibrant Main Street, and I

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Hinson

WEATHER IS PERFECT AS NASHUA PARK BOARD'S ANNUAL WINTERFEST EVENT DRAWS A BIG CROWD



Bob Fenske/Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors start off their meeting Monday morning in the courtroom to accommodate the number of librarians and residents protesting a proposed cut to funding for the county's libraries.

Supervisors get earful from library supporters

Librarians and patrons turn out in force to protest proposed cut in county's budget

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Librarians and their patrons turned out en masse on Monday to give the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors a piece of their collective minds about a proposed cut in funding to the six libraries in the county.

Many took direct aim at Supervisor Jake Hackman, but other supervisors said they felt like they had little choice when it came to a consensus decision they reached the week before to

give county libraries \$100,000 — down from the \$129,311 librarians requested — in the new fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Still, library supporters said they were disappointed that the \$100,000 supervisors reached on a 4-1 consensus vote — with only Board Chairman Matt Kuhn voting against — represented a 19.6 percent drop in county funding for libraries in New Hampton, Alta Vista,

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Rayna Schrader (above, front) and her sister, Kynlee, "wipe out" on Mount Nashua while Don Nosbisch (below) calls for "quiet" before he makes his winning beer case curling throw during Nashua's annual Winterfest event that was held this past Saturday.

CELEBRATING THE SEASON!

WEATHER IS PERFECT AS NASHUA PARK BOARD'S ANNUAL WINTERFEST EVENT DRAWS A BIG CROWD

By DOROTHY HUBER
Of the Reporter

Talking to someone that was enjoying Nashua's Winterfest Saturday, park board member Kristie Hannemann agreed emphatically when the lady recalled the initial year of the event, which was held for the first time in 2022.

"Last year was FREEZING."

If you liked temps in the upper 20s, the weather was perfect this year for the large crowd to enjoy sledding, an ice bike exhibition, ice skating and fishing — with roughly 20 kids participating in the ice fishing — and a new event this year, beer case curling.

"It just makes my heart glad seeing all these people out enjoy-

ing themselves," Hannemann said. "We're offering an opportunity to get outside. We have more activities this year, the ice bike demonstrations bring a lot of people in. I'm not sure the day is right for the kite flying, but I'm not complaining about the weather at all today."

The beer case curling drew an audience and at times generated just as much of a boisterous crowd as those kids sledding down the hill. There were five rounds with one winner per round.

"It provided some entertainment all around," Hannemann said. "We are planning to bring this back next year!"

There were also more indoor

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Taking the oath

Moments after the Board of Supervisors approved appointing Ryan Shawver as Chickasaw County's new sheriff, he takes the oath of office from Magistrate Court Judge Christine Skilton Monday morning.

Briefs

State senator will hold town hall meetings in coming weeks

Upcoming town hall meetings for State Senator Sandy Salmon, Senate District 29, will be held at locations around Northeast Iowa in the weeks to come, including:

- Saturday, Jan 28 at the Floyd County Museum in Charles City from 11 a.m. - noon.
- Saturday, Feb. 4 at the New Hampton library from 11 a.m. - noon.
- Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Nashua Welcome Center from 11 a.m. - noon.
- Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Fredericksburg library from 9 to 10 a.m.

State treasurer: Chickasaw County has \$46,100 in unclaimed funds

In celebration of National Unclaimed Property Day, held annually on Feb. 1, State Treasurer Roby Smith is sharing the newest report of unclaimed funds in the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt for Chickasaw County.

"In 2022, more than \$46,100 was reported to the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt for Chickasaw County residents, meaning you or someone you know could have money waiting to be claimed," stated Smith.

For the celebration, Smith's Office will be announcing names of individuals, businesses and non-profits from around the state who had unclaimed property reported to the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt in 2022.

Administered by the State Treasurer, the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt is the State's only legitimate unclaimed property source. Unclaimed property includes, but is not limited to, forgotten checking and savings accounts, uncashed checks, lost stocks, life insurance policies, utility security deposits and contents from abandoned safe deposit boxes.



Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Some Winterfest events pitted family member vs. family member as Dallas Weiss (left) and her father, Robin Weiss (right) participate in beer case curling during the Nashua Park Board event that was held this past Saturday.

Plenty of folks make Winterfest another success

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events, with a soup cook off, a bags tournament and dart tourney.

The car drop is back from a year ago and tickets are still available, but Hannemann jokingly suggested another raffle be held for when the last of the snow would melt from "Mount Nashua." The screams from the kids sailing down the massive snowpile could be heard shortly before those "again" shouts started.

"Our people spent a lot of time on this," she said looking up at the mountain. "City employees work to build and sculpt Mt. Nashua. Mason Hyde, Zade McCall, Nick Henningson, Dan Zwanziger, Ron Ulrichs all helped in some way with moving snow. I think we should predict when this will all melt, June maybe?"



Mount Nashua (above) proved to be a popular place for kids like Royce Miller (left) to show off their sledding skills.



Snowshoes provided by the Chickasaw County Conservation Board are a big hit with these kids.



Kite flying (left) was tough with the lack of wind, but the motorcycle demo ice race (above) was a big hit.



Drew Dietz and his son, Dax, begin the ride down Mount Nashua.

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Howard Campbell

Supervisors defend decision to cut request made by county librarians

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Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and Nashua from what they received for this fiscal year.

"I'll tell you the library services are a service to the citizens of the county," county resident Pam Pickar said. "I think it's as important as anything else.... I see a lot of other budget items here that have not been cut, and I'd like to know your reasoning."

Pickar specifically asked Hackman to explain his decision, and he used a worksheet he had compiled to show how tight the rural services basic (RSB) budget will be for 2023-24.

According to his calculations, even if supervisors raised the RSB levy rate from its current \$3.05 per \$1,000 valuation to the max levy rate of \$3.95 per \$1,000 valuation, the county will still be short \$61,399.10 to fund services like secondary roads, its portion of the new ambulance service and other items.

"If we raise RSB to the max levy rate, that's 90 cents per \$1,000," he said. "Do you know what that will do to your property taxes?"

The meeting that was held in the courtroom to facilitate the larger crowd turned testy at times as library supporters urged supervisors to reconsider and also pleaded with them to be equitable.

"Everybody isn't getting cut 20 percent," resident Steve Murray said. "That is a fundamental problem for us. ... I've been going to the New Hampton library for 60 years now, and libraries are important to all of our communities."

Several supervisors said they understood the frustration being expressed, but they also said that they weren't singling out the county libraries.

City will see law enforcement bill drop in the next fiscal year

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

the county \$158,465 next year, a decrease of 7.5 percent from the \$171,360 it is paying for services this year.

During this fiscal year, the county is providing 2,880 hours — or an average of 240 hours a month — to the city, but next year's contract will require the Sheriff's Office to devote 2,080 hours — an average of just over 173 hours a month — to the city.

Under the agreement reached on Monday, one that still needs to be approved by the Nashua City Council at its meeting on Feb. 6, the county will receive \$65 per hour for the 2,080 hours and also receive \$23,265 in "drive-through" fees.

That means Nashua will pay

"Everything is going to have to be cut somewhere," Travis Suckow said, and fellow Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said that "it may appear that we're picking on the library, but that just happens to be where we started."

Still, librarians and their supporters pressed on.

Rural New Hampton resident Gary Griffin said he felt that libraries made the county more attractive.

"I guess my only comment is that if we want to attract people to come to our county, some of these smaller towns don't have too much else besides this for their library budget," he said. "How are you going to attract industry to come in with hopefully younger people and new ideas if we don't have the things that everyone else has."

The testiest exchange, though, came when New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker and Hackman exchanged words over a phone conversation they had.

During her presentation, Becker claimed Hackman had targeted libraries in the past, and she took issue with how Hackman had talked to her on the phone.

"You yelled at me, you bullied me," she said, "you tried to intimidate me and get me to back down by shouting at me."

Hackman, though, declined to apologize "because I'll tell you why — because you kept talking, too. You were disrespectful."

Becker had a one-word reply. "False."

The New Hampton librarian made an impassioned plea for her library and those around the county.

"I could speak at length about what we do every day for our communities, for the citizens

of Chickasaw County, but I will keep my comments short this morning. ... Libraries are far more than books. We provide services that you may not even know about.

"We meet safety needs. We meet educational needs. We meet employment needs. We teach children to dream. We comfort elders, providing friendship and community. We teach classes. We promote

technology. We highlight social issues. We act as a center for the arts. We strive to be everything to every person."

Hackman, though, expressed concern that the county's valuations may be reduced by a potential new state law that could cut \$14.2 million, or about 1.4 percent, of its current valuation. And he pointed out that the law requires that the county only provide about

\$45,000 to its libraries.

"You can continue to cite the Iowa law," Becker said, "that requires counties to provide a pittance of support for their libraries knowing that rate went into effect in 1977 and hasn't ever been revisited since. We think it's egregious to think that a 46-year-law should never get an increase."

Hackman, who during the discussion mentioned that

he will not seek re-election in 2024, expressed frustration when it came to funding.

"Are there other solutions to fund public service? Is there sponsorship? Is there a donation? I went to a play at the Gallagher-Bluedorn on Friday, and they only charged the people that went a dollar. They had seven sponsors on the screen as sponsorships ... why is it always property tax?"

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES January 16, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 9:00AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski and Hackman present 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, Bob Fenske member of media, Nashua Area EMS Zenda Vikturek, Cindy Shoemaker, Brandy Moliton, Treasurer, Matt Ysbrand, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Bridget Edson, Assessor Raymond Armel.

Motion by Cerwinski, Seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for January 16, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from January 12, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from January 18, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from January 19, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Public Comment
Supervisor Cerwinski commented on the celebration, Nashua Parks Winterfest, January 21, at Cedar View Park, from 5:00 PM-10:00 PM.

Matt Ysbrand provided the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Breitbach to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for period ending December 31, 2022 for publication. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the change in pay from \$16.50 to \$17.00 for Amy Roder, in the treasure department, effective February 7, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Hackman. Abstained-Cerwinski Motion carried.

Discussed with Zenda Vikturek the Nashua Area EMS.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to support Nashua Area EMS with a budget request of \$50,000.00 from ARPA. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Cerwinski, Nays-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Motion failed.

Discussed transport agreements, paramedic intercept fees, EMS policies, and ARPA with EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Discussed Radio Project invoices and Anchor Site.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to approve Resolution 01-16-23-06 Minor Subdivisions for Coleen Straw. Roll Call: Ayes Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried. RESOLUTION 01-16-23-06

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcels 2022-79 ALL in the sE1/4 of THE SE1/4 section 27, all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 16th DAY of January, 2023 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcels 2022-79 ALL in the sE1/4 of THE SE1/4 section 27, all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Was presented.

WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of Parcels 2022-79 ALL in the sE1/4 of THE SE1/4 section 27, all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 16th DAY of JANUARY, 2023. /ss/Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Suckow to approve payroll for period ending January 8, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to approve claims in the amount of \$656,868.55. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Committee assignments updates:

Supervisor Cerwinski: Pathways on January 11, 2023 and Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County Landfill on January 12, 2023.

Budget Work Session

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to adjourn at 11:23 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

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

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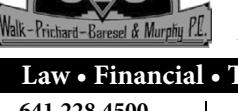
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Coach wants to be healthy for regional duals

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the invitational hosted by North Butler/Clarksville. In attendance was No. 2 Wilton, which had a two-and-a-half hour drive themselves to attend the tournament, as well as No. 7 Wapsie Valley and the purple-clad Panthers.

"It was a very good mix of a variety of tough competition fighting for the top four spots for the team race," said Frost. "It was good to see Logan come over here. I'm pretty certain they wanted to come over to northeast Iowa to see some competition – to kind of see what Wilton had, what we had, what Wapsie had."

Wilton – which also won N-P's home invite clear back in early December – won this tournament against last weekend with 271 points. The Huskies – which beat Wilton (47-23) for seventh-place at last year's state dual tournament – placed second (233.5). Wapsie Valley was third with 144 points and Lo-Ma was fourth (139).

Frost said his perennial power squad has been attending the tournament at North Butler for as long as he can remember. For Lo-Ma – the third-place finisher in state duals in 2022 – this may have been its first trip to Butler County ever.

"I don't know if this was a one-year deal. I think they got their eyes woke up a little bit," said Frost. "It might have been a little rude awakening – they came into a tough tournament and got fourth."

The Huskies found out who they could potentially wrestle as the state released regional dual pairings on Monday. N-P hosts that state qualifier on Tuesday in Nashua and will butt heads with either No. 11 Lake Mills or No. 24 Pocahontas Area.

Saturday's 126-pound bracket definitely was as stout as they come as four ranked wrestlers tangled for the top spot on the podium. Top-ranked Nashua-Plainfield senior Garret Rinken (41-0) demonstrated he's still the man to beat in that weight class in Iowa if anyone other than the highly-decorated University of Northern Iowa recruit has any intention on bringing home the shiny gold next month in Des Moines on "Championship Saturday."

Rinken was solid – like he has been all four years at N-P – as he ran his record to within one win of 200 all-time victories as he downed No. 2 Corbin Reisz of Wilton, 6-2, in his finals match. He topped sixth-ranked Dawson Schmit of Wapsie Valley for a fourth time this winter as he won by a score of 8-4 on Saturday.

"What a barnburner that was to get the top four spots," said Frost.

Wilton's Brody Brisker (34-3), ranked fourth, outlasted Schmit in a wild 12-11 match for third place.

Rinken (199-4 all-time at N-P) is also the school's career pins leader with 121 and will look to become the first ever two-time state individual champ at Nashua-Plainfield in the coming weeks.

Jayden Rinken (38-2), Garret's younger brother and also ranked No. 1 at 106 pounds, locked horns with some of the state's elite as well. Jayden, a sophomore, came from behind to beat Wilton freshman Mason Shirk, 6-4, in the first-place match. Rinken trailed 2-0 headed into the final period. Jayden also defeated Shirk at the N-P Invite, 5-0. Shirk (36-3), rated fifth, knocked off previously unbeaten Lucas Oldenkamp (39-1) of Lake Mills, 2-1, in the semis.

"He had a knock-down, drag-out fight," said Frost about Jayden's stellar finish to his hyped match.

Husky juniors Titus Evans (170) and Aiden Sullivan (195) racked up N-P's other two gold medals in their weight classes.

Evans (22-5) came away with two first-period pins, the final win by fall coming over No. 11 Gatlin Rogers of Wilton in just 52 seconds.

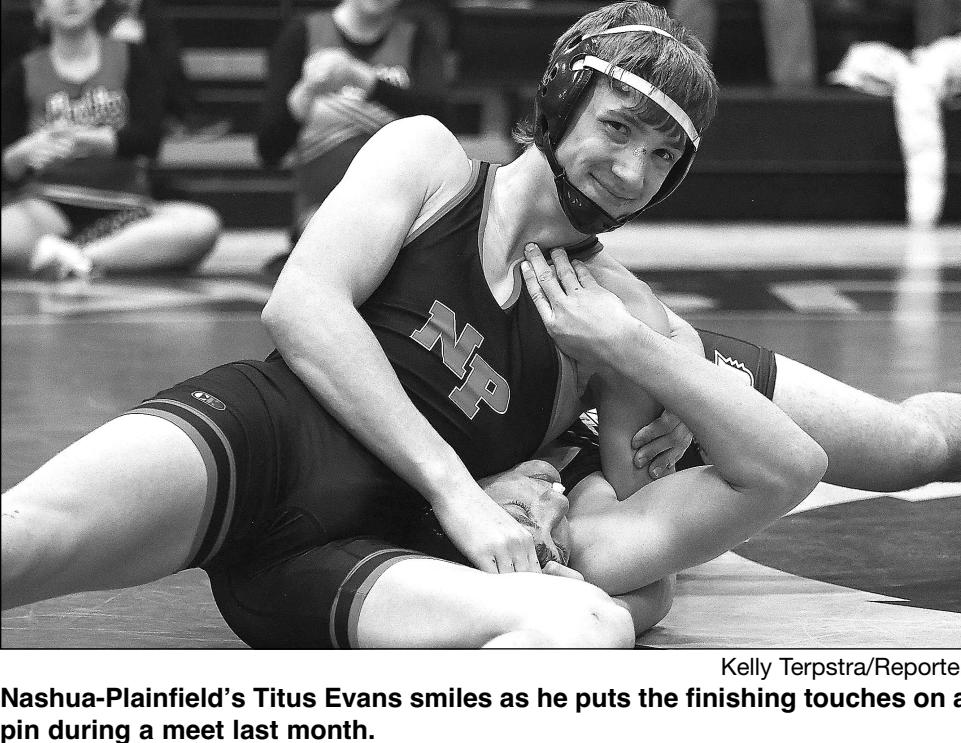
"Titus has been on a mission. If we can get him back healthy – he's tough, he's solid," said Frost.

Sullivan (34-11) pinned Kane Willey of Wilton in his last match of the day to earn a well-deserved top spot on the podium stand.

"He's been wrestling extremely solid at 195," said Frost. "I said kudos to him, too."

The Huskies' Nic Brase (35-4), rated eighth at 113 pounds, lost to No. 7 Austin Etzel of Wilton by fall in the third period of that weight classes' championship bout. Etzel (36-5) eked by Brase, 3-2, at the N-P Invite.

N-P freshman Devon Blanchard (145) and sophomore Jackson Carey (152) each placed runner-up. Carey was up 4-0 in his



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Titus Evans smiles as he puts the finishing touches on a pin during a meet last month.

finals match with Garrett Burkle of Wilton. Burkle won by sudden victory in overtime, 6-4.

N-P junior Hayden Munn wrestled his way to a third-place finish at 120 pounds. Munn was stopped by fifth-ranked Wilton freshman Gabriel Brisker by pin in the second period in the semifinal round. Munn is ranked ninth in his weight class and is 32-11 this year.

The Huskies' Kendrick Huck (132), Kaden Wilken (138), Eli Kalainoff (160) and Maverick Dietz-McDonald all placed third at their respective weights. Kalainoff lost a close 4-3 decision to No. 9 Owen Milder of Wilton in the semis. He lost to the Beaver grappler, 4-2, at the Huskies' home meet.

Huck (26-8), ranked seventh, lost for a third time in the calendar year to No. 5 Jordan Dusenberry of Wilton. Dating back to last year's state dual, Dusenberry has defeated Huck 10-7, 14-10 and the last victory being a fall in the third period on Saturday.

"We got headlocked again," said Frost.

N-P senior Jackson Zwanziger placed fourth at 220 pounds and heavyweight senior Landon Pratt was fifth at 285 pounds.

"For the Huskies, I was hoping we fared a little bit better," said Frost about the North Butler Tournament. "We lost some matches that we had every opportunity to win. We gotta learn from those experiences."

N-P had little resistance in disposing of Clayton Ridge (83-0), No. 10 MFL-Mac (57-18), Postville (69-9) and Waukon (57-20) this past Tuesday in a quad at Monona.

Kalainoff, just a freshman, ran his record to 33-10 with a shocking third-period pin over Quinn McKeough of MFL after trailing 9-2 at one point during his match.

"I think that set the tone," said Frost.

Wilton won the N-P Invite 235.5 to 225.5 over N-P and the Beavers also topped N-P in regional duals in 2021 by a final margin of 42-36.

N-P competes in the Top of Iowa Conference meet on Saturday in Forest City. Near the top of the list for Frost and his upper-tier Class 1A squad is to come out of that tournament unscathed and healthy so the Huskies are raring to go come Tuesday.

"It's survival of the fittest right now," said Frost.

DOUG TREES BEARCAT INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES

Wilton 271, Nashua-Plainfield 233.5, Wapsie Valley 144, Logan-Magnolia 139, Lake Mills 95.5, Tipton 81, North Butler/Clarksville 59.5, BCLUW-SH 34, Rockford 25.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

106 - Jayden Rinken placed first. Quarterfinal - Rinken pinned Weston Miller (NBC), 1:45. Semifinal - Rinken pinned Kalab Kohl (LOM), 1:44. 1st Place Match - Rinken dec. Mason Shirk (WIL), 6-4.

113 - Nic Brase placed second. Round 1 - Brase pinned Gavin Kiger (LOM), 4:41. Round 2 - Brase pinned Gavin Sorgenfrey (T), 1:15. Round 4 - Brase pinned Landon Frost (WV), 2:55. Round 5 - Austin Etzel (WIL) pinned Brase, 4:57.

120 - Hayden Munn placed third. Quarterfinal - Rinken pinned Gavin Roth (T), 1:40. Semifinal - Rinken dec. Dawson Schmit, 8-4. 1st Place Match - Rinken dec. Corbin Reisz (LOM), 6-2.

132 - Kendrick Huck placed third. Quarterfinal - Huck pinned Chance Cordes (BCL), 2:54. Semifinal - Jordan Dusenberry (WIL) pinned Huck, 5:10. Cons. Semi - Huck pinned Dallas Tisue (WV), 1:40. 3rd Place Match - Huck pinned Kai Carritt (LOM), 0:41.

138 - Kaden Wilken placed third. Trae Hagen (WIL) pinned Wilken, 5:18. Cons. Semi - Wilken pinned Wyatt Hawkins (LOM), 1:46. 3rd Place Match - Wilken pinned Tristin Sorgenfrey (T), 3:35.

145 - Devon Blanchard placed second. Quarterfinal - Blanchard tech. fall Austin Stene

meeting with the Panthers and Smith had this to say.

"I think night and day," said Smith. "When we went over there that was probably the low point of our season how we played that game the first time."

Fisher pumped in a team-high nine points and was perfect from beyond the arc with two 3-pointers.

"Her and Kendall (Bailey-Pint) are legitimately the only ones that we bring back that had meaningful varsity experience last year," said Smith. "Bailey was out half the year. We got a good young group and we focus on getting better. I don't have the feeling that they liked checked out yet."

N-P's leading scorer – sophomore Kadence Huck – notched a career-high 26 points

in a 49-41 loss at home versus Clarksville (12-4) on Saturday. Huck was 11-14 from the field, but the rest of the Huskies had a tough shooting night (6-29).

Huck and Bailey-Pint each snared nine rebounds apiece in the Clarksville non-conference affair.

Huck was held scoreless in Tuesday's road tilt at St. Ansgar (10-5, 8-4) – a game the Saints won 59-21.

Smith still sees plenty of fire left in the eyes of his Huskies with four regular season games left before regional play starts.

"They're still locked in, I think. Obviously you want to win and we're doing everything that we can putting together game plans and executing," said Smith.

Fisher – a key member of N-P's state championship girls

track squad and volleyball team last fall – is hoping the strong friendship she has with her hoops teammates will translate into a few more "W's" before the season winds down. She's had a fun ride so far in her athletic career. But there's always a finish line to every sport – no matter what level you play on.

"Outside of the sport we're all really close. Even if there is problems going on outside of school, we really try to be there for each other. I feel that also helps with the bond. So I'm really going to miss that connection with everyone and playing sports – because that's been my whole life," said Fisher.

CENTRAL SPRINGS 51, N-P 25

CS 19 11 13 8 - 51

NP 5 7 7 6 - 25

Kadence Huck 4-8 0-1 8, Bailey

Harrington continues torrid scoring pace

Boys Hoops: From 7

Jacob Prymer's 25-footer from the wing with just over two minutes left in the game sliced N-P's lead to 58-55. CS would crawl as close as 60-59 after Prymer's layup was converted with 27 seconds remaining in the contest.

"What we play – if they're going to hit 23-footers on us – it's going to be a tough night," said Mueller.

Joel Winters – N-P's tallest player at 6-1 – nailed 1-2 from the charity stripe with 14 seconds left to give N-P a 61-59 lead. Winters would miss the front end of a 1-1 with 10 seconds remaining.

Then out of a timeout Devin Johnson decided to foul Carter Crum with five seconds left up on the scoreboard. What looked like a mistake as the foul sent Crum to the line with a chance to tie the game, ended up working out in N-P's favor. Crum entered the game as a 35-percent free-throw shooter and missed badly on the front end of his 1-and-1 attempt.

"I didn't tell him to do that," said Mueller about Johnson's foul.

"I go to Dayton (Hansen), 'please tell me he's a bad free-throw shooter.' I told Dayton, 'that might not be a bad foul actually.' He bricked that first one and it worked out great because the way they were shooting – I didn't want to have them shoot another three."

In the end, CS did get another 3-point attempt, but it just so happened to be on N-P's side of the court.

Harrington made one of two free throws with three seconds left and then Marino grabbed the N-P star's miss and fired it going back the other way in hopes of forcing the game into an overtime session.

Wide left, but barely, as the 65-foot-long shot clanked off the left iron.

"It missed just by that much," said Mueller with his fingers pushed together showing the razor-thin margin of actually how close the shot came to dropping.

Winters and his teammates breathed a sigh of relief and picked up another win in a season that has been awfully sweet so far – despite a few setbacks and near-misses here and there.

"We got the 'dub.' A win's a win no matter how," said Winters. "We're doing okay."

Harrington was on fire once more a night later on Saturday in a road matchup at Clarksville. He lit up the scoreboard with 31 points – five off his career-high of 36 achieved at Postville earlier this month. That's the same game Harrington hit the century mark as he scored his

1,000th career point.

Harrington averages 24.5 points – the 11th-best total in the entire state.

Winters talked about playing alongside Harrington – his friend and teammate.

"When we have a guy like Bo out there it's so much easier to play basketball," said Winters. "If you need something, he'll do everything."

Harrington scored 20 points against Central Springs and again last Tuesday at St. Ansgar. The Saints came away with a win in that one as they slowed the Huskies down to win 46-41.

Winters has come on strong as of late and scored 13 points against Central Springs and along with Harrington, is one of the top rebounders in the TIC.

N-P is still in contention for second place in the league – quite an achievement for a team that is undersized and lacks depth.

"How bad did these guys want to win? They're competitors," said Mueller. "That's the thing that some people probably take for granted – the will to win."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 62, CENTRAL SPRINGS 59

CS 13 12 12 22 - 59

NP 13 14 21 12 - 62

Tucker Franzen 2-7 0-0 6, Devin Johnson 2-7 0-0 6, Bo Harrington 2-13 3-5 20, Landon Foelske 4-7 0-0 9, Joel Winters 6-10 1-3 13, Matthew Malven 3-4 0-1 8. Totals 25-48 4-9 62.

3-point field goals - Franzen 2-7, Johnson 2-4, Harrington 1-5, Foelske 1-2, Malven 2-3.

Rebounds - Harrington 9, Winters 9, Johnson 3, Foelske 3, Franzen 1, Malven 1.

Assists - Harrington 7, Winters 4, Johnson 2, Foelske 2, Malven 2.

Steals - Johnson 2, Franzen 1, Foelske 1, Harrington 1, Foelske 1, Malven 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 55, CLARKSVILLE 41

CLA 14 10 7 10 - 41

NP 7 26 16 6 - 55

Franzen 1-6 2-2 5, Johnson 0-2 0-0, Harrington 12-22 0-0 31, Winters 1-7 2-2 4, Malven 2-8 0-0 5, Foelske 4-4 0-2 10, Trent Rodruke 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-49 4-6 55.

3-point field goals - Franzen 1-4, Johnson 1-4, Malven 1-2, Foelske 2-2.

Rebounds - Winters 10, Harrington 8, Franzen 6, Malven 3.

Assists - Winters 4, Malven 3, Foelske 3, Harrington 2, Franzen 2, Johnson 1, Rodruke 1.

Steals - Harrington 3, Foelske 3, Malven 2, Johnson 1, Winters 1.

BLOCKS - Winters 2, Harrington 1.

Blocks - Winters 1, Harrington 1, Foelske 1.

Now, comes the fun part

Huskies head to TIC meet Saturday, host regional duals Tuesday

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

It's not all that often you see a wrestling squad that resides near the Missouri River and the Nebraska border hit the mat in Butler County.

But sometimes a road trip is in order if the timing's right and gas prices aren't sky rocket high.

So Logan-Magnolia kicked the tires, hopped on the bus and took a little drive to northeast Iowa on Saturday.

The destination was North Butler High School and the Doug Trees Bearcat Invitational.

That's a 220-mile haul if you're keeping track of mileage, which equates to roughly three hours and 45 minutes if you drive a tad under the posted speed limit.

The sixth-ranked Panthers made that substantial trek from southwestern Iowa for one simple reason – they wanted to get one last look at the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies before regional duals get under way next Tuesday.

Who could blame them?

"They're scouting us, obviously. We got a good shot to look at them, too, to see what they had to offer," said

Nashua-Plainfield head coach Al Frost, in his 33rd year at the helm of his Huskies.

Lo-Ma – which competes athletically in the Western Iowa Conference – defeated Nashua-Plainfield in the opening round of the Class 1A state dual tournament last year by a razor-thin margin of 41-40.

The No. 4 Huskies are working hard to make sure a repeat of that stunner doesn't take place this winter.

N-P (25-3) competed in a loaded invite in Greene on Saturday at the

SEE BOYS WRESTLING, 6



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Jackson Zwanziger picks up back points during last week's home quadrangular.

Huskies gear up for the first-ever girls regional

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The Norse's gymnasium on the campus of Luther College is almost guaranteed to be jam-packed today (Friday) as the state of Iowa's first ever super regional girls wrestling tournament gets under way in Decorah.

Tickets will be punched to state at the site that comprises two out of the eight regions in a sport that is now officially sanctioned.

All told, 40 teams – yes that number's correct – will hit the mat in the Decorah regional in the morning. That's the start of Friday's festivities in Region 7 and 8 that will see grapplers advance into the championship bracket or be sent to their respective wrestle-back matches.

The top four finishers in each super regional weight-class brackets will vault themselves into the state tournament field.

The Huskies final tune-up before the biggest meet of the season today also came at Decorah last Saturday, albeit at the Vikings' home high school gym.

Husky senior 115-pounder Ryan Reams placed fourth at 115 pounds. Reams (18-11) topped Kamina Munson of Mason City by fall in 2:16 in the quarterfinal round. Munson would turn the tables on Reams and pin her in the third-place match.

N-P sophomore Kylie Vance (190) continues to shine out on the mat as she placed fifth overall in her bracket. Vance (13-8) won by fall over Alexis Johnson of Waverly-Shell Rock in just 1:12 in those two grappler's medal match.

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 - Sara Buba placed seventh. Quarterfinal - Amber Hoth (WSR) pinned Buba, 0:36. Cons. Round 2 - Buba pinned Kelsey Roedel (NCTB), 0:55. Cons. Round 3 - Delaney Youngblut (SF) pinned Buba, 0:55.

115 - Ryan Reams placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Reams pinned Kamina Munson (MC), 2:16. Semifinal - Cameryn Judisch (SF) pinned Reams, 1:54. Cons. Semi - Reams pinned Sierra Hansmeier (CR), 2:36. 3rd Place Match - Munson (MC) pinned Reams, NT.

120 - Amberly Gerholdt did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Claire Rye (NCTB) pinned Gerholdt, 0:39. Cons. Round 1 - Emmah Hoveland (OEL) pinned Gerholdt, 0:42.

120 - Elexa O'Neill did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Odessa Nibbelink (CR) pinned O'Neill, 1:10. Cons. Round 2 - Rorie Weidow (DEC) pinned O'Neill, 1:15.

125 - Makinzie Brannon placed sixth. Champ. Round 1 - Isabelle Christensen (SF) pinned Brannon, 1:34. Cons. Round 1 - Brannon pinned Chelsea Brumm (NCTB), 1:03. Cons. Round 2 - Brannon injury default Jaylynn Craun (OEL). Cons. Round 3 - Brannon pinned Lanie Hanna (NCTB), 3:08. Cons. Semi - Christensen (SF) pinned Brannon, 0:50. 5th Place Match - Jessika Bourn (NCTB) pinned Brannon, 1:39.

145 - Amy Goerke did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Lauren Luzum won by forfeit Goerke. Cons. Round 2 - Jayden Rankin (WAU) pinned Goerke, 0:40.

155 - Nevaeh Bloker did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Allie Johnson (NHTV) dec. Bloker, 9-5. Cons. Round 1 - Bloker pinned Devynne Kruse (WAU), 0:56. Cons. Round 2 - Jamie Jones (SF) pinned Bloker, 1:30.

190 - Eden Lamborn placed seventh. Quarterfinal - Taryn Boehmer (MC) pinned Lamborn, 1:24. Cons. Round 3 - Alexis Johnson (WSR) pinned Lamborn, 2:08. 7th Place Match - Lamborn pinned Kiera Alexander (NFV), 0:56.

190 - Kylie Vance placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Skyla Jevne (DEC) pinned Vance, 3:30. Cons. Round 3 - Vance pinned Alexander (NFV), 0:46. Cons. Semi - Boehmer (MC) pinned Vance, 1:57. 5th Place Match - Vance pinned Johnson (WSR), 1:12.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Joel Winters (above) gets free inside and puts up a shot while teammate Devin Johnson (below) looks to avoid a charging foul as he puts up a layup in the Huskies' game against Central Springs last Friday.

N-P boys go two-for-three on court

Huskies pick up two home wins, fall to St. Ansgar

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Dead on – but the iron was unkind.

As Joey Marino let a three-quarter-court desperation heave fly on Friday night in Nashua – all hoops fans in attendance gazed at the long-range shot that seemed to be suspended in mid air – almost frozen in time.

Would Marino's prayer be answered and the miracle shot find the bottom of the net as the final buzzer sounded?

Not on this night.

That meant the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies and head coach Matt Mueller survived a definite scare and a legitimate upset bid from Marino's Central Springs Panthers as the Huskies held on for a 62-59 victory in a thrilling Top of Iowa Conference finish.

N-P (11-6, 7-4) let a double-digit lead slip away from the relentless and upstart Panthers (4-12, 2-11), which drained 10 three-pointers – many of them from well back of the shooting arc.

"They didn't shoot like that the first game. They were on tonight," said Mueller. "I think they played probably one of their best games of the year."

N-P led by as much as 52-39 near the start of the final period after a step-back 3-pointer from senior Husky Bo Harrington – one of the state's top scorers in all four classes. A 13-0 run earlier in the third period gave the Huskies plenty of cushion.

Then the Panthers started burying shots from what felt like Plainfield as many of daggers from deep seemed like they came from another zip code.

"I felt like if they would have got the last shot, it was going to go in. That's the way they were playing tonight," said Mueller. "They were just shooting so well."

Central Springs was 10-23 from distance and that was a big factor as to why this game was a lot closer than the first meeting between the two schools – a game N-P won 65-47 in Manly.

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Huskies look to right the ship with four games left

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Before Bailey Fisher and her Nashua-Plainfield Senior Class of 2023 knows it, they'll be walking down the aisle at May's graduation and accepting their much-deserved diplomas.

In the meantime, Fisher is just excited to be back out on the court for her Husky basketball squad and looking to overcome the doldrums of a long Iowa winter as spring is at least a few months away.

Hopefully the winter freeze melts a lot sooner – depending on what that groundhog has to say.

While N-P hasn't won as many games as they would have liked to in 2022-2023 – the Huskies and head coach Josh Smith keep a steady approach and a positive mindset. Throw in some effort and hard work and the Huskies could well snap their six-game losing streak that started on Jan. 13 after a blowout win over Postville.

"What I like about our team is we don't really hold grudges. We let the small things go and know how to have fun when we're out playing a game. Even when we're losing by a lot we still know how to play together as a team and keep that energy up," said Fisher.

It's that energy that could earn some more victories in a season that currently sees N-P sporting a record of 4-13 overall and 2-11 in Top of Iowa Conference play.

For Fisher, she's just getting back into the swing of things after missing the first six games



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Bailey Fisher (left) puts up a shot in the lane while teammate Paige Franzen (above) passes out of a double team.

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Supervisors vote to begin process of buying new 'back-up' ambulance

BY BOB FENSKA
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If Chickasaw County EMS does purchase a third ambulance, it will be a new rig.

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, after a lengthy discussion, voted 3-2 to have Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson draw up specs so that the county can take bids to purchase a new ambulance to join its current fleet of two rigs.

Knutson said he would highly

recommend the county have a third "back-up" ambulance so that if one of its two rigs needed maintenance work, the county would still be able to put two rigs on the road to answer calls.

A fellow Chickasaw County EMS Advisory Board member, Bridget Edson, said that a third rig would allow the county to be "opening yourself to more transfers, which is where the revenue is at. I feel like the benefit of having the third rig outweighs not having it, knowing you can do more transfers, which we've always said is

where the revenue is."

The question Monday, though, came down to used or new, and Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath offered the county his one remaining rig, a 2003 with 144,000 miles on it, new tires and two new batteries, to the county for \$18,000.

Knutson told board members that if they decided to go used, McGrath's offer was a fair one.

"Personally, there is nothing for used ambulances out there," he said. "You can find one in California. You can

find one in New York, but it's buying it unseen and going out there to pick it up. ... I'm not exactly thrilled to spend \$18,000 on a 20-year-old ambulance, however, I don't feel like we have a lot of options in the used market."

But the idea of buying a new ambulance to serve as a third rig didn't "exactly excite" him.

He did concede that he worried that the first thing that he sees getting cut in his budget is long-term capital so "are we ever going to have the opportunity to buy another new ambulance?

We have ARPA funds now; they are available."

McGrath said he didn't care if the county bought his or a different used ambulance, but he urged supervisors not to buy a new ambulance.

"A, are you going to have enough money to build a building and B, do we need to spend every last ARPA dollar on ambulance, when we have roads ... [like] Kenwood or the North Washington blacktop, it'll rattle the dash off your trucks. ... Can ARPA dollars be utilized for replacement or repair of roads?"

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