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Supervisors close budget gap

Board to give 3% raises to non-union employees; GB, RSB levies to rise substantially

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Over the course of almost six hours spread out over two days, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors tackled the riddle that has become its 2024-25 budget and tax levy, and late Tuesday morning, they seemed to have come up with

an answer ... at least for now.

And part of that answer is some relatively healthy hikes to two of the three levies the county uses to raise revenue.

During a budget workshop that lasted for more than three hours last Thursday and another that went on for 2 1/2 hours on Tuesday, supervisors bandied about various ideas to

come up with ways to save money in its General Basic (GB) fund.

On Thursday, supervisors cut their own budget by more than \$16,500, bandied about raising the General Supplemental (GS) levy by almost a dollar per \$1,000 valuation, discussed the possibility of moving one or two sheriff's deputy salaries from GB to Rural Services

Basic (RSB) and considered backtracking on an earlier decision to give Secondary Roads 95 percent of the base RSB rate of \$3.00375 per \$1,000 valuation.

That latter point did not sit well with County

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The winter that wasn't continues this weekend

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Mother Nature evidently forgot to "take her meds" this month because, let's face it, February was just weird.

According to the National Weather Service, Nashua recorded high temperatures in the 50s and beyond 12 days this month, and Wednesday's high temp in the 21 marked just the second time this month that we didn't exceed the freezing mark.

Granted, it felt really cold; after all, we hit 73 degrees on Monday — yes, 73 on Feb. 26 — but for those who have gotten used to springtime

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

A pair of Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School students get ready to go down the slide during a Thursday morning recess, but by this weekend, kids and adults alike won't need their winter gear.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield science teacher Ben Kalainoff addresses the School Board during its meeting on Wednesday night when the board voted to approve almost \$500,000 in reductions to the district's 2024-25 budget.

School Board makes painful decisions

Lengthy meeting ends with board members reducing 2024-25 budget by almost half of a million dollars

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield School Board Wednesday voted to reduce the district's 2024-25 budget by almost \$500,000 during a 2 1/2-hour meeting that turned emotional at times.

But by the end of what turned into a marathon meeting, board members also promised those in the crowd, many of whom were teachers, that they would do better when it came to budget matters.

"I can tell you right now, that I, and I think everyone up here at this table ... that we are

going to be more transparent, we're going to ask more questions and we're going to do everything we can not to get ourselves into this situation again," board member Lara Lawrence said. "This has been a very difficult process, and I want you to know that we appreciate you being here and sharing your concerns."

The budget reductions were needed after two years in which Nashua-Plainfield expended more than \$759,000 than it received in revenues during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 budget years.

Superintendent Todd Liechty said about \$211,000 in budget reductions were already set before Wednesday's meeting and board mem-

bers voted to follow through on three Liechty's other recommendations, although they tweaked one of them.

Liechty recommended that the board flex all of the district's TLC funding into the General Fund, a savings of to the latter fund of \$200,000, but while the board approved eliminating an instructional coach position, it did not fully cut the Building Team Leaders program. Instead, board members voted to eliminate eight of the 12 BLT positions and have two BLT positions in each of the district's two buildings.

SEE SCHOOL BOARD, 3



A busy time of the year for our N-P musicians!

Six Nashua-Plainfield High School Band students — (from left) Jordyn Frost (flute), Madelyn Hennings (alto sax), Hannah Percy (trumpet), Callahan Levi (baritone sax), Aiden Sullivan (alto sax) and Christopher Niedert (clarinet) — pose for a photo during a break at the Dorian Music Festival that was held on the campus of Luther College in Decorah on Sunday and Monday.

Approximately 500 students were accepted to participate in the festival where students were placed in one of four bands — 9/10 Festival Mass Band, 11/12 Festival Mass Band, the select Festival Symphonic Band, as well as the select Festival Jazz Band.

The band members will be joined by the rest of Nashua-Plainfield's musicians at the school's annual Mid-Winter Concerts.

The 7-8 Concert Choir and 7-8 Concert Band will perform at 6:30 p.m. while the high school's Concert Choir, Jazz Band and Concert Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Immediately after the high school concert, there will be a mandatory meeting for all students attending the Nashville/Memphis trip and their parents.

Photo courtesy of Scott Stroud



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Snapshots from school

During a visit to Nashua-Plainfield High School on Thursday, the Reporter's Kelly Terpstra catches a little of school life as Elijah Cerwinski (above) plays a little badminton in an exercise science class while Braylee Schaufenbuel (right) gets her item scanned in the lunch room.



News from the Nashua Pubic 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, call the library if you need help by going online to <https://nashua.biblionix.com/catalog/>.

The library is now offering notary services to patrons. Our library director is now a notary public through the state

of Iowa. If you need notary services, make sure to stop into the library or give us a call to ensure our library director is available.

We're here to help all the residents of Nashua and appreciate our patrons, so if you have questions, please don't hesitate to stop by or give us a call!

Upcoming events at the Nashua Public Library include:

- Thursday, March 7: Coffee/ Tea & Conversation Senior Social Hour.

- Saturday: March 9: Children's Spring Themed Program, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 13: Library Board Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 14: Coffee/ Tea & Conversation Senior Social Hour, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, March 14: Chickasaw County Foot Clinic, 1 to 2:30 p.m. (must call the library to sign up).
- Thursday, March 21: Coffee/ Tea & Conversation Senior Social Hour, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, March 28: Coffee/ Tea & Conversation Senior Social Hour, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, March 30: "Bar" Crawl (Bar Recipe) Challenge (Contact the library for more information), 11 a.m.
- April 8-13, 2024: National Library Week – Watch for more information on programs that will be offered during the week.

Some of the new books we have at the library include:

- Last Night by Luanne Rice
- The Bad Weather Friend by Dean Koontz
- The Women by Kristin Hannah
- The Housemaids Secret by Freida McFadden
- Never Lie by Freida McFadden

- 15 Ways to Live Longer and Healthier by Joel Osteen
- The Teacher by Freida McFadden
- The Summer Book Club by Susan Mallery
- Crosshairs by James Patterson
- The Ghost Orchid by Jonathan Kellerman
- Chasing Endless Summers by V.C. Andrews
- The Price You Pay by Nick Petrie
- Mostly what God Does by Savannah Guthrie
- Badger Games by Dustin Stevens
- The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese **Large Print**
- Missing Persons by James Patterson **Large Print**
- Love & a Little Lie by Tammy Gray **Large Print**
- What Matters Most by Courtney Walsh **Large Print**
- The Moon Glow Sisters by Lori Wilde **Large Print**

New DVDs and BLU-RAYS at the library include:

- The Marvels - BLU-RAY
- The Mandalorian (the complete 1st season) - DVD & BLU-RAY
- Oppenheimer - DVD

— Compiled by Heather Hackman, library director

Supervisors move step closer to EMS building remodel

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors are now just one meeting away from finally giving the go-ahead to remodel the Chickasaw County EMS building so that it will have living quarters for the service's paramedics, EMTs and drivers.

Board members on Tuesday met with Stanton Electric owner Chuck Stanton, who the week before proposed serving as the project's "manager," to discuss the project costs and he told county leaders that the remodeling would cost \$170,784.

That was almost \$19,000 less than what Design Connections' Aaron Thompson had proposed during a Feb. 20 meeting. Thompson, who was paid by the county to draw up the plans, had based his costs on the sub-contractor bids, a bonding fee and a 6.5 percent fee for serving as the construction manager of the project.

Stanton said he was able to offer a lower price for a variety of reasons — including reducing his construction manager fee to 5 percent and not spending \$2,500 on a building permit that Thompson had in his bid but is not required by the city of New Hampton.

He said he had met with a number of the sub-contractors — who include Country Carpentry, Mic's Plumbing and Heating, Stanton Electric and Midwest Floors — and "no one sees any overages or hidden things, unless we open a wall or put a hole in the floor that would be completely out of the norm."

"With a building that new, I don't see the insulation having settled or anything but those are things that will be brought up at the meeting that would potentially get into our contingency maybe."

Supervisors Jake Hackman, though, did ask if Stanton's proposal included the \$4,000 that Telecom Services of Iowa (TS Iowa) had bid for the IT portion of the remodel. That bid was also not included in Thomson's

proposal, and after some quick figuring, that would add \$4,326 to the project cost, which would bring the final total to \$175,110.

That number remained far below the \$196,000 threshold the county can't exceed without having to undergo more rigorous state requirements for capital improvements.

Country Carpentry owner Lester Glaser pointed out that the county could save about \$2,000 by using wood-frame doors instead of steel frames.

Still, supervisors weren't quite ready to sign off on the deal; instead, they made a motion for County Attorney David Laudner to draw up a contract with Stanton before giving the final go-ahead to do the remodel.

Board members also said they were fine with Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson to be the "go-to person" for non-financial changes to the plans, but if the project had to dip into its contingency, they wanted Stanton to clear those changes with the board.

"It's going to have to be a bit of a hybrid contract," Laudner said, "but I think we can get it to you by this weekend so you'll have ... it for Monday's meeting."

Board members then voted 4-0 — Supervisor Matt Kuhn was unable to attend Tuesday's meeting — to approve a motion to have Laudner draw up a contract.

Since the county-owned ambulance service began running on Jan. 1, 2023, the "main crew" has been housed in temporary quarters — first in a house on South Walnut Avenue and then, since October, in an apartment building that is located across the street from Fareway on South Water Avenue.

Stanton told board members he would ask Laudner to have a completion date of July 15, although he added that he fully expects the remodel to be completed sooner.

"To be safe for everybody," he said, "July 15 is the date I think we should go with."

We should see 70-degree temperatures this Sunday

WEATHER: FROM 1

in February, we've got some good news for you: The heat has been turned on again.

We hit 54 degrees on Thursday and highs on Saturday are expected to be in the 60s and Sunday we'll be in the 70s.

The high today is expected to be back up to 50, beginning a warming trend that will see temperatures in the 60s Saturday and the 70s on Sunday.

And don't even talk about snow. Yes, a dusting of the white stuff did fall Tuesday night into Wednesday morning, but it amounted — we kid you not — to one-

10th of an inch.

That's snowfall was the sum total for the entire month of February and continued our largely snow-less winter of 2023-24. The weather service's recording station in Nashua has reported snowfall of just 11.1 inches this season.

The warm weather was a boon to a wide variety of residents. Track athletes, usually confined to the indoors this time of year, spent their first week of practice running around the outdoor track. Motorcyclists got their bikes out. You didn't have to go too far to find an open golf course. Bird watchers spotted robins.

And, of all things, a few farmers were seen doing field work.

What a difference five years make. Back in February 2019, we endured 16 nights in which the temperature dropped well below zero. This year, our coldest temperature recorded in the month was 5 above on Feb. 17. And five years ago, we were constantly "digging out" as 41.5 inches of snow fell during that wretched month.

But our best advice is to enjoy "spring" as long as it lasts. March is just around the corner, and while it will come in like a lamb, there's still plenty of time for the "winter lion" to make an appearance.

Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

MARCH

MONDAY, MARCH 4 • TBD Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Wartburg College • TBD Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Wartburg College	THURSDAY, MARCH 7 • 9:30-noon Private Pesticide Applicator CIC Chickasaw Co. Extension	THURSDAY, MARCH 14 • 2-7 pm movie at Plainfield Library showing Gran Turismo	TUESDAY, MARCH 19 • TBD Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Wartburg College • TBD Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Wartburg College • Spring Book Sale at Plainfield Library • 6-8 pm Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Co. Extension	THURSDAY, MARCH 21 • Spring Book Sale at Plainfield Library • 9 am - 2 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Chickasaw Co. Extension	CO-ED vs. Multiple Schools @ St Ansgar High School
TUESDAY, MARCH 5 • 6:30pm Mid-Winter Concert NP Gymnasium-High School 7th/8th: 6:30pm HS: 7:30pm • 6-8 pm Mental Health Matters at New Hampton High School, Free will meal	SUNDAY, MARCH 10 • 11:30-1 pm Pack 3057 Pine-wood Derby at 1 pm, St. John Social Hall Church	SATURDAY, MARCH 16 • 10 am -10:45 am Private Well Stewardship Program Sumner, Iowa	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 • 10 am Story Hour ages 3-5 at Plainfield Public Library • 2:30 pm Wednesday Wonders all Elementary aged children Plainfield Public Library • Spring Book Sale at Plainfield Library • 9-11:30 am Certified Handlers C-CIC, Chickasaw Co. Extension	FRIDAY, MARCH 22 • Spring Book Sale at Plainfield Library	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 • 10 am Story Hour ages 3-5 at Plainfield Public Library • 2:30 pm Wednesday Wonders all Elementary aged children Plainfield Public Library • 9 am -2 pm Ornamental and Turf Pest Control C-CIC, Chickasaw Co. Extension
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 • 10 am Story Hour ages 3-5 at Plainfield Public Library • 2:30 pm Wednesday Wonders all Elementary aged children Plainfield Public Library • 8 am - 4 pm Extension office closed	MONDAY, MARCH 11 • 6:00pm 7th Grade History Day Showcase High School Library room.	MONDAY, MARCH 18 • 7:00pm NHS Induction NP Gymnasium-High School • Spring Book Sale at Plainfield Library	MONDAY, MARCH 25 • 9:00am- 4:00pm National History Day, District Contest Central Rivers AEA (Cedar Falls)	SATURDAY, MARCH 23 • Spring Book Sale at Plainfield Library • 6 pm Pizza Puzzle at the B	THURSDAY, MARCH 28 • 9 am -2 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Chickasaw Co. Extension
	TUESDAY, MARCH 12 • 9 am - 2 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Chickasaw Co. Extension		TUESDAY, MARCH 26 • 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity CO-ED vs. Multiple Schools @ St Ansgar High School • 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity		SATURDAY, MARCH 30 • 10 am Women of Today Easter Egg Hunt at the Huskey Wellness Center
	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 • Noon-1 pm Retirement Planning workshop, Chickasaw Co. Extension • 10 am Story Hour ages 3-5 at Plainfield Public Library				SUNDAY, MARCH 31 • 4 pm-5:30 pm YQCA, Chickasaw Co. Extension

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Troy Lyn Hannemann, 49

Troy Lyn Hannemann, age 49 of Las Vegas, passed away Tuesday Feb. 13, 2024 at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas.

A non-denominational Celebration of Life will be held at noon, Saturday March 16, 2024, at La Paloma Chapel.

Friends may greet the family from noon to 1 p.m. in the La Paloma Chapel, 5450 Stephanie Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Troy was born June 21, 1974 in St Anthony's North, Westminster, Colorado, to Tod Hannemann and Lois Fisher.

He lived with his parents until the spring of 1976 wherein he moved to West Des Moines with his father, who was transferred for work. Troy along with dad and sister Heather all lived together in a West Des Moines apartment complex on Grand Avenue. During this time as summer vacations came and went Troy and Heather spent a lot of their summers on their grandparent's farm in rural Charles City. Their favorite activity was in the words of Grandpa Hannemann, "terrorizing the farm animals every day!"

Annual visits to the Iowa State Fair were always a favorite activity along with watching his dad play fast pitch softball and sleeping in the back of the family Toyota Celica Hatchback during night games. Troy also attended preschool and elementary school in West Des Moines.

In September 1980 Troy's father was again transferred for work and moved back to Westminster, Colorado where they lived in a Jefferson County, Standley Lake Subdivision called Countryside. The entire family resided there until 2015. Troy attended elementary, middle and then high school at Standley Lake.

Troy then received his State of Colorado GED in 1994. Troy also worked as a laborer in the construction industry during this period. He was able to work with his dad on a couple Denver area projects, one being the new University of Denver Joy Burns Ice Arena. It was during this time that Troy became very interested in sports, namely the Denver Broncos. He enjoyed attending many games through multiple seasons with his dad. Their seat location at the 25-yard-line and eight rows up from the players bench allowed him to obtain many autographs including that of John Elway, Gary Kubiak, Rod Smith, Terrell Davis to name a few. Although he loved the Vegas Golden Knights, the Colorado Avalanche would forever be his favorite NHL Hockey team. Troy also did a lot of stream and lake trout fishing in Standley Lake and its tributaries. He once and came close to equaling the Colorado State record (19 pounds) for Walleye out of Standley Lake.

In 2001 Troy and his girlfriend Janna Thomas had a very special boy born at UCHSC University Hospitals, Caleb James Thomas Hannemann. Caleb was born and passed on to the Lord the same day. He had been diagnosed before his



Troy Hannemann

birth to have a lethal disease called Osteogenesis Imperfecta or OI as it is called today.

Troy performed a lot of special jobs in Colorado. He often spoke about his experiences breaking wild stallions for a state contractor who would then sell the horses to the public.

In 2015, Troy moved to Las Vegas to live with his father who had retired from his construction career. Troy continued his construction career along with a few jobs in the casino hospitality industry. He and his dad routinely fished Lake Mead with Grandpa Hannemann's boat. NASCAR was another favorite of his and he would always attend the Las Vegas NASCAR weekend.

He also attended a few California short track races in Bakersfield. He was a Vegas Golden Knights fan and rarely missed their games.

Troy was a very personable guy and settled right into the Estates of Stallion Mountain with his family. He loved riding his bike throughout the community stopping and talking to neighbors and friends.

He also kept a sharp eye out as a volunteer neighborhood watch participant. Once there was a lost elderly woman from the community and he searched for her for hours well into the evening until she was found. He would also be called upon several times by the community to search for neighbors lost pets, minor children etc. never saying no to the requests. Troy loved to watch and participate in community social events. He would always lend a hand at the Halloween and Christmas events and the Easter egg hunt and sack races.

Last September the community experienced a huge Saturday morning rainstorm and most of the streets in the ESM community were flooded. Troy was right there to help direct traffic for the 1,500 residents who lived in the community. He worked hours that day and assisted with mud and rock clean up days after.

Troy is survived by his father, Tod Hannemann and partner Maria Cristina Gregory, and sister, Heather Critz and husband Shane Critz, all of Las Vegas.

He is preceded in death by his son, Caleb James Thomas Hannemann; mother, Lois Fisher Wedeking; and grandparents, Paul and Marion Hannemann and James and Mary Fisher, all of Nashua.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty and School Board members (from left) Pat Lentz, Laura Folkerts, Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence and Chris Hagen discuss proposed budget reductions during Wednesday's meeting

Marathon meeting ends with board reducing 2024-25 budget

SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

"I don't want to see us cut the whole thing. A, we cut the whole thing, I think it's gone. We won't get it back," board member Cody Jensen said, "and I think having staff members and teachers involved planning your PDs and the other things you do is great. I think in the position we are, where we are financially, we need to cut it down."

Board members agreed to flex \$10,000 unspent Teacher Quality funds into the General Fund, and made the decision to lower the insurance stipend to the cost of a single plan offered by the district. Currently, teachers hired before this year receive a \$700 monthly stipend for insurance and the district's plan has an insurance premium of \$563.64. The remainder of the stipend is paid to teachers. Teachers hired this year and in future years can either take a \$300 insurance stipend or have its single plan premium paid in full by the district.

The stipend reduction will save the district \$83,000, and board members also considered the option of cutting the stipend to \$500 a month, although Jensen wondered aloud if the board should just forego cutting the stipend at all.

"I'm torn on this," he said. "[The] insurance stipend being at 700 is absolutely ridiculous but on the other side, I don't necessarily think we should be taking income away from any of our staff. ... I'm willing to stick my neck out and not cut anything off the stipend, but I want you just to all know that we might have to have a pay freeze in a year. We're probably

going to have to."

His comments came after a number of teachers spoke during the "citizens comment" portion of the agenda.

One instructor, Ben Kalainoff, said the cuts the board was considering would mean that he and his wife, Jenn, who also is a teacher in the district, would see their salaries drop by \$9,000 in 2024-25.

"I realize we can't continue on this path. Something has to be done. Things have to change," he said. "It's going to be tough for us."

Math instructor Shane Huck said that while he understood that board members had "thankless" jobs, he was frustrated with the proposed reductions, especially coming after a reduction in IPERS contributions a year ago.

Huck said he felt like he had three options — keep doing the same job he's been doing for less pay, stop doing the "little things" that he and his fellow countless staff members do or look for a new job.

"I'm 43 years old, I have a degree in mathematics, I know how to work, I know how to build relationships, I'm pretty smart, I can pick up on things pretty well, I'm pretty tech savvy," Huck said. "I feel like there is something else out there for me that I wouldn't have to deal with this kind of stuff year after year. I don't want to do that. I like teaching. ... I feel like I'm a good teacher. Not what I want to do [but] that's the only option that makes sense to me [after] the last two years."

Other teachers asked board members to put themselves into their shoes and, as Chaya Feldman put it, "to remember

that words do matter."

Technology coordinator Chris Smith took it a step further.

"For some teachers, [it's] around 8 or 9 percent of our annual salary ... so if you would do that to yourself, think about that. What would that do to you and your family?"

Smith also questioned decisions made by administrators and board members.

Board President Pat Lentz, though, said he and his fellow board members have certainly felt the weight of the decision they were about to make.

"It's tough ... none of us like taking less than what we thought we were going to get," he said. "With that being said, likewise we're tasked with keeping the school solvent, keeping the school open, keeping the best staff we can, keeping the programs so we have to make tough decisions. My hope is that we can find something with this stipend to reduce it."

Board members voted 4-1 — with Jensen casting the lone dissenting vote — to reduce the stipend, which left them about \$11,000 short of their \$500,000 goal, but Liechty said he was confident that the district will save at least that amount when it hired a new teacher to fill a vacant Spanish instructor position.

Among the other reductions already set in place for 2024-25 are the following:

- Entering a "gas risk pool" that will allow \$30,000 to be moved from the General Fund to the Management Fund.
- A \$13,000 savings because Nashua-Plainfield's new superintendent sharing partner, Tripoli, will pay 40 percent of

the position's salary and benefits while its past sharing partner, Rockford, paid 30 percent.

- Moving \$17,000 of custodian expense from the General Fund to the Nutrition Fund.

- Not replacing a retiring exercise science position, which will save \$90,000.

- The reduction of one employee at the elementary school, which will save \$31,000.

- And \$30,000 in saving will be made from a contract reduction, minus the cost of hiring a new activities director.

One common theme heard Wednesday — from both board members and teachers — is the belief that the Legislature has not fully supported public education in recent years, and Nashua resident Michael Kalvig said it was important to reach out to legislators.

"I can't emphasize enough you need to contact legislators with those same emotional responses," he said, "because I can tell you right now, they're not hearing it. ... It means a heck of a lot more when it comes from a teacher, a parent or a community member than it does coming from an administrator or an AEA."

Liechty, who is retiring at the end of the school year, said on Thursday he wouldn't say he was "satisfied" with Wednesday's outcomes; instead, he said, "We got where we needed to be, they did what they needed to do, even though it was very difficult. ...

"This hasn't been an easy process, budget reductions never are, but I hope we can all agree that the people who were at last night's meeting want what's best for our kids, for our school."

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
February 13, 2024
Nashua-Plainfield JH/HS
Commons 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Pat Lentz. Present: Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Patrick Lentz. Absent: Laura Folkerts. Also Present: Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer, Superintendent Todd Liechty, and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff

II. Approve Agenda
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Lara Lawrence to approve the agenda with the addition of the shared soccer agreement with Charles City. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approve the Consent Agenda
Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Cash Flow Report
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Lara Lawrence to approve the Cash Flow Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Welcome Visitors and Hearing of Delegations
None

VI. AEA Information - Jody Albertson
Jody with Central Rivers AEA discussed the services most at risk of reduced funding that Nashua-Plainfield currently utilizes.

VII. Approve Superintendent Sharing Agreement with Tripoli
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the sharing agreement with Tripoli holding the contract at 40% and Nashua-Plainfield at 60%. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Driver's Ed Summer 2024 et al
The board discussed no changes with Driver's Ed. No motion was made.

IX. Set Public Hearing for FY25 Budget
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Lara Lawrence to approve the first FY25 Budget Public Hearing for March 25, 2024 at 7pm in the JH/HS Commons. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Approve SBRC Request for Lied Center Administrative Costs
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Cody Jensen Motion to approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$1,976.61 for special education administrative costs associated with Lied Center Consortium program for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Approve/Reject Offering Early Retirement for FY25
Motion by Lara Lawrence, Second by Chris Hagen to the offering of Early Retirement for the FY25 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Approve Brandy Hoffman to submit ACH files on behalf of the HWC.
Motion by Lara Lawrence, Second by Cody Jensen to approve Brandy Hoffman to submit the ACH file to pull membership payments on behalf of the HWC. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Approve Sharing Girls Soccer with Charles City
Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Chris Hagen to approve sharing Girls

Soccer with Charles City with the intention of not spending over \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Administrative Reports
The Administration went over their reports with the Board.

XV. Adjourn
Lara Lawrence adjourned at 8:03 pm, seconded by Cody Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11 at 7 pm in the MS/HS Commons.

Ashley Ratliff SBO/Board Secretary
Pat Lentz Board President
Nashua-Plainfield Comm.
School District

BOARD VENDOR REPORT
Vendor Name, Vendor Description Amount

AGVANTAGE FS INC, GAS & DIESEL FUEL 12,715.11
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C., LEGAL FEES 20,445.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC 881.28
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO. MILK/DAIRY 9,353.74
BOND, RYAN 373.00
BRUNGARD, CORBIN ATHLETIC OFFICIAL 120.00
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Supervisors struggle to come up with budget riddle answers

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Engineer Roman Lensing, who was in Ames on Thursday but made an impassioned plea for supervisors to stick to the 95 percent base and not cut Secondary Roads funding by more than \$200,000.

He also pointed out that if the county does not grant any pay

increases to non-union employees either in the fiscal year that starts July 1 or the following fiscal year, Secondary Roads foremen will actually make less money than the union workers they supervise.

“It was stated at the BOS meeting on 2-20 that the EMS director deserves a 3 percent [raise] because he’s doing

a good job,” Lensing said Tuesday morning. “I fully support that statement. I think Joel [Knutson] is doing a good job, but it is a kick in the teeth to other non-union employees if they receive no wage increase. In my opinion, they deserve a raise for doing a good job.”

He pointed out that if non-union wages are frozen in each

of the next two years, union employees would receive 24 cents an hour more in pay than foreman.

“These are our leaders, they are directing,” he said. “Do we want 26 people being the boss of their crew or one spearhead on it? ... That’s why we have this structure in place to get things done. Like I said, these foremen

are doing an amazing job and they take pride in their work.”

During Thursday’s meeting Supervisor Matt Kuhn, who was unable to attend Tuesday’s meeting said he favored moving a deputy — or possibly two — from GB to RSB and pointed out that supervisors have already earmarked \$600,000 of the county’s ARPA funds to the department.

“Unless we want to raise RSB more and I don’t think there’s an appetite for that, I don’t see how you can get around this,” Kuhn said Thursday. “We’re running out of options ... and time.”

On Tuesday, Supervisor Jake Hackman, who was unable to attend Thursday’s meeting, said he could not support backtracking from the board’s early decision to give Secondary Roads 95 percent of its base.

Board members, though, appeared intent on moving two civil deputies from GB to RSB, which means that the levy rate for RSB, which was a little more than \$3.31 per \$1,000 valuation this year, would increase to \$3.701 per \$1,000 valuation. That’s 20 cents higher than supervisors agreed on earlier this month.

The GS levy would also increase substantially, from a little more than \$1.17 per \$1,000 valuation this year to \$2.23213 per \$1,000 valuation next year, although several county leaders have pointed out in recent weeks that that levy rate is not out of line with a number of other counties.

“We’re pretty low on GS compared to the majority of counties in Iowa,” Supervisor Steve Breitbach said Thursday. “I know no one likes tax increases but ... we may not have a lot of choice.”

Still, board members both Thursday and Tuesday said they didn’t know if they had solved the “GB problem.”

The county already has the max GB levy rate of \$3.50 per

\$1,000 valuation, and with the county’s valuations stagnant, the fund will get just \$43,000 in “new” money for that fund in 2024-25.

“It’s an issue everywhere in rural Iowa,” Hackman said. “That’s a huge issue not just for us.”

County Auditor Sheila Shekleton told the board during both budget workshops that she was worried that with budgets being tight that the county wouldn’t generate enough in unspent budgets to help keep enough of a reserve to get it through the “tax-less” months. Counties do not receive taxes from property owners until October, which means reserves must be on hand to pay its bills for the first three months of a fiscal year.

Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski said one of his goals is to reduce the amount of money the county transfers from GB to GS, but he also worried about the county’s ability to make it through the beginning of the fiscal year until tax revenue begins flowing into the county.

“We still have to find a way to pay the bills,” he said, “so we have to come to some kind of agreement on a [GS] levy that makes everyone happy, or at least that they will support.”

Board members on Tuesday also finally came to a consensus on pay raises for non-union employees. They decided they would grant 3 percent raises to the county’s elected officials and non-union employees, but they, despite the objections voiced by Hackman, would not take pay raises for themselves.

“This is not about me,” Hackman said, “but just like people talk about attracting good people and keeping good people in county jobs, the same can be said for the people who sit in our chairs.”

The 3 percent raises would cost the county’s GB fund just under \$40,000 and the GS fund just shy of \$6,900.

In the end, though, board members felt that they would have more unspent money returning to GB than Shekleton’s forecast of \$80,000, which she conceded was a “worst-case scenario” and they also left open the door to returning \$99,000 generated by the sale of a property on East Main Street in New Hampton to GB from the county’s Capital Improvement Fund.

Still, as Hackman pointed out Tuesday, the budget process could be far from over — pointing out that he believes supervisors have until March 11 to decide on the particulars of a budget and tax-levy public hearing that will be held on March 25.

Suicide prevention is the focus of Tuesday program

Everybody Hurts will show the film “My Ascension” this coming Tuesday in New Hampton Middle School gym — i.e., the old competition gym — and the event begins at 5 p.m. with a free-will donation meal. At 6 p.m., the documentary will air, and following the showing, the subject of the film will hold a discussion on youth suicide prevention and mental health wellness.

“My Ascension” tells the story of Emma Benoit, a Louisiana 16-year-old who attempted suicide in June 2017. She survived the attempt but was paralyzed, which led her to start Hope Squad, a school-based suicide prevention program.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET City of NASHUA Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024					
The City of NASHUA will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024					
Meeting Date/Time: 3/18/2024 07:00 PM		Contact: John Ott		Phone: (641) 435-4156	
Meeting Location: Council Chambers City Hall					
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .					
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property		1	798,419	0	798,419
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year		2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax		3	798,419	0	798,419
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue		4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues		5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes		6	208,844	64,000	272,844
Licenses & Permits		7	10,450	0	10,450
Use of Money & Property		8	74,100	0	74,100
Intergovernmental		9	231,658	0	231,658
Charges for Service		10	990,800	0	990,800
Special Assessments		11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous		12	134,750	0	134,750
Other Financing Sources		13	1,652,000	261,000	1,913,000
Transfers In		14	369,471	64,000	433,471
Total Revenues & Other Sources		15	4,470,492	389,000	4,859,492
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES					
Public Safety		16	2,051,872	-1,575,000	476,872
Public Works		17	429,616	60,000	489,616
Health and Social Services		18	11,551	0	11,551
Culture and Recreation		19	317,065	21,300	338,365
Community and Economic Development		20	45,300	0	45,300
General Government		21	166,524	0	166,524
Debt Service		22	108,963	0	108,963
Capital Projects		23	66,500	1,913,000	1,979,500
Total Government Activities Expenditures		24	3,197,391	419,300	3,616,691
Business Type/Enterprise		25	795,354	0	795,354
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures		26	3,992,745	419,300	4,412,045
Transfers Out		27	369,471	64,000	433,471
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out		28	4,362,216	483,300	4,845,516
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out		29	108,276	-94,300	13,976
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023		30	3,990,766	749,041	4,739,807
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024		31	4,099,042	654,741	4,753,783
Explanation of Changes: Revenues - Local Option Sales Tax were under estimated, Other Financing Sources - Increase in Debt Proceeds dam repair, Expenses - Moved \$1,575,000 from public safety to capital projects for dam repair, Increased public works \$60,000 new truck purchase, Capital Projects increased \$1,913,000 dam repairs and \$21,300 Culture and Rec (Parks).					

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES February 14, 2024 The Board convened on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Deputy Zach Nosbisch, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Public Health Board Member Jeremy McGrath Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for February 14, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from February 12, 2024 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes; Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Abstained; Hackman. Motion carried. No public comment. Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on Tentative Agreement with Teamsters Local 238. Roll Call: Ayes; Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski Nay; Hackman. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to raise the sheriff's rates by 10% for Drive thru rates from \$15.00 to \$16.50 per cap, contracts \$65.00 to \$71.50 per hour, and dispatch rates from \$15.75 to \$17.33 per cap for the cities. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and authorize chair's signature on a letter of support for a Black Hawk County Gaming Association grant for the sheriff's department. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Budget work session. Recessed: 10:10 AM Resumed: 10:20 AM Budget work session. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 12:10 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board	
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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Sandra Szalkowski, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003196
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sandra Szalkowski, Deceased, who died on or about February 4, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 7, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Sandra Szalkowski, deceased, bearing date of April 7, 2023 , was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Jeffrey Szalkowski was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Christine B. Skilton,
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Date of second publication:
March 1, 2024

No. 23697
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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
February 20, 2024

The Board convened on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, EMS Director Joel Knutson, EMS Brannon Anderson, Secondary Roads Ranae Carey, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for February 20, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the meeting minutes from February 14, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the increase in pay for Keith Elenz, Veterans Affairs Administrator, from \$19.62 to \$21.00 effective February 19, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the hire of Melissa Johnston, payroll/claim clerk, in the auditor's office starting at \$16.50 effective February 20, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No Public Comment
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve Jerico Jo's Class C Retail Alcohol License for a term of

twelve months. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Chickasaw County's Health Insurance Plan with Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan Consultant Denise Ballard.

Discussed Blight Study that was sent to the board from Simmering-Cory, Justin Yarosevich.

Discussed bids for the Chickasaw Emergency Facility Interior Remodel that were summarized by The Design Connection, Aaron Thompson. A consensus of the board to allow Stanton Electric, Chuck Stanton, look at the summary and bring back an actual cost of the project.

Discussed EMS Director Joel Knutson FY 24-25 contract as Director with EMS.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize all board signatures on Evacuation Plan for County Buildings with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to authorize chair signature on law enforcement contract with the city of Nashua for FY24-25. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed safety committee for Chickasaw County with Ranae Carey.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 11:07 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

No. 23718
2/29/24 3/1/24

Husky boys short-changed when it comes to TIC all-league teams

Boys Hoops: FROM 7

all-league selection, but did not get the nod.

Geise led all players in the TIC East with a 61 percent field-goal percentage. He led the Huskies in scoring with an 11.2 points-per-game average. He also averaged well over six rebounds a game.

Geise scored 20 points in the Husky's first postseason game versus Janesville – a game the Wildcats won 73-50. Geise was 9-11 from the floor and snared six rebounds. He hit the only shot he took from beyond the arc.

Geise didn't go out for basketball his junior year and only played in three games his sophomore year. Mueller thought he could have scored even more in the confines of his relatively free-wheeling offense.

"He was making a decision to just be aggressive," said Mueller about Geise's game versus Janesville. "The rest of our guys on the team were fine with him – take some shots and take over if you can at times. He's a reserved player. He isn't that type of guy. He plays within a team."

Another player for N-P that played like an all-league pick, but was not selected, was sophomore Husky guard Matthew

Malven.

Malven clipped out to a 10.6 scoring clip. He was tops on the team with 37 steals and was third in the league in assists (97). Malven scored a career-high 25 points at home versus Rockford in early February.

"With Matthew, he's one of the more competitive guys that we got – day in and day out," said Mueller. "He plays with a lot of confidence. It doesn't matter who he's playing against. He's not going to shy away from competition. If you watch him, he likes that. He likes the numbers against him a little bit sometimes."

Fellow N-P sophomore Jase Hansen almost hit double-digit scoring (9.8 ppg) and exploded for a career-high 30 points against Waterloo Christian in late January. He nailed eight 3-pointers in that 72-69 win over the Regents.

Mueller also commended his final senior – there were three this year for the Huskies – in forward Hunter Hackman. Hackman averaged just over two points a game, but could be called on for valuable minutes out on the floor whenever Mueller needed a spark or a zone defense to break down.

"The guy was just a great teammate. His passing ability – at certain times of the game –



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Despite leading the Huskies in scoring and the Top of Iowa Conference East Division in field goal shooting percentage, Nashua-Plainfield's Trae Geise did not land on one of the three all-conference teams that were selected recently.

All-TIC East Division Boys Basketball

FIRST TEAM

Colby Eskildsen	Northwood-Kensett	Jr.
Quinn Street	Osage	So.
Madden Uhlenhopp	Osage	Jr.
Nic Groven	Rockford	Sr.
Hunter Hillman	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Cayde Eberling	West Fork	Sr.
Sage Suntken	West Fork	Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Javont Froiland	Central Springs	Sr.
Westley Cole	Mason City Newman	Fr.
Hunter Rademaker	North Butler	Sr.
Kooper Julseth	Northwood-Kensett	Jr.
Max Knudsen	Osage	Sr.
Marshawn Taylor	Rockford	Sr.
Tyke Remster	Saint Ansgar	Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Carson Grady	Central Springs	Sr.
Tucker Franzen	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Colin Bleile	Mason City Newman	Jr.
Kamdon Boos	North Butler	Jr.
Carter Anderson	Northwood-Kensett	Jr.
Maddox Cockrum	Osage	Jr.
Charles Bayim	Rockford	Jr.
Carsen Sparrow	St. Ansgar	Sr.
Gavin Cronk	West Fork	Sr.

Player of the Year: Colby Eskildsen, Northwood-Kensett

Coach of the Year: Jason Squier/Eric Kline, Saint Ansgar

2023-24 Basketball Standings

TIC East Boys

	Conf.	All		Conf.	All
West Fork	15-1	20-5	Central Springs	11-3	16-6
Osage	13-3	17-5	MCNewman	10-4	15-8
St. Ansgar	12-4	15-7	St. Ansgar	9-5	14-10
MC Newman	10-6	14-10	West Fork	9-5	13-10
Northwood-K	7-9	10-13	Osage	9-5	12-10
Nashua-Plainfield	4-12	8-14	Northwood-K	5-9	7-15
North Butler	4-12	7-15	North Butler	2-12	4-18
Central Springs	4-12	6-15	Nashua-Plainfield	1-13	6-16
Rockford	3-13	5-16	Rockford	Did not field team	

TIC East Girls

	Conf.	All		Conf.	All
West Fork	15-1	20-5	Central Springs	11-3	16-6
Osage	13-3	17-5	MCNewman	10-4	15-8
St. Ansgar	12-4	15-7	St. Ansgar	9-5	14-10
MC Newman	10-6	14-10	West Fork	9-5	13-10
Northwood-K	7-9	10-13	Osage	9-5	12-10
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was really good," said Mueller. "I started putting him in just on zones. If somebody ran a zone against us, put Hunter in – he gets it, where to get the ball to. He was probably the biggest reason we beat Postville over there."

Obviously, the talent and depth in the league was showcased this winter – as evident

by N-P only retaining one league selection.

"You take St. Ansgar, you take Osage and West Fork – they had some high-scoring players," said Mueller. "I don't want to take away from those guys that they weren't deserving. There's a lot of good players."

West Fork (20-5, 15-1) won

the league, while Osage (17-5, 13-3) was second and St. Ansgar (15-7, 12-4) was third. N-P (8-14, 4-12) tied for sixth place in the conference along with North Butler (7-15, 4-12) and Central Springs (6-15, 4-12).

Only one player on each league squad received a guaranteed honorable-mention pick.

The meeting among coaches to decide the all-conference squads was held on Saturday, Feb. 10.

"We could have easily probably got two guys on second – we were right there with the other teams," said Mueller. "It's just the way it is. We got short-changed this year on that, basically."

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Franzen is lone Husky selection on all-TIC East list

Rest of the Huskies are the ‘odd man out’ when it comes to all-conference selections

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Matt Mueller might want to think twice before he buys that scratch-off lottery ticket or takes a spin of the roulette wheel at a nearby casino – because the Nashua-Plainfield boys basketball coach definitely didn’t have luck on his side a few weeks ago.

In what amounts to a numbers game almost every season – the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies appear to be the odd man out in this winter’s latest installment of the Top of Iowa East All-Conference boys hoops squads.

The Huskies were the only squad in the nine-team league that received only one selection on the three teams that honor the best the league has to offer out on the hardwood.

That N-P player was senior guard Tucker Franzen – who was voted on by TIC coaches as a member of the honorable-mention squad.

Franzen was a three-year starter at N-P that wasn’t afraid to fight, scrape and claw to help his Huskies win games. He wasn’t the most talented league performer – but Mueller could count on the multi-sport star to make plays when his team needed them the most.

“To me he’s your classic over-achiever,” said Mueller. “If you

think about, well, this is what we need for a big-time basketball player – he didn’t have any of that. He’s not a big guy. He’s not a fast guy, but the things that he did do, he did really well.”

While Franzen’s stats won’t jump out at you – he was a valuable asset for a Husky team that won four games in the league – most notably knocking off second-place Osage on the road, 72-56, in late January. The Green Devils blew the doors off the Huskies in Nashua – 72-42 – clear back in mid-December.

Franzen averaged just over 11 points a game and amassed 534 points in his Husky career. Franzen paced the Huskies’ long-range scoring attack with 45 makes from beyond the arc in 124 tries. That translated to a 36 percent 3-point shooting percentage.

“He’s a great knock-down shooter,” said Mueller.

Mueller said oftentimes Franzen would guard the opponents’ best scorer.

“Defensively, he’s really solid. He had all-out effort every night – bringing it. He was probably one of our most consistent effort guys every night,” the N-P coach said.

N-P senior forward Trae Geise had an outstanding year and was definitely worthy of an

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield’s Tucker Franzen puts up a shot in a game against Northwood-Kensett earlier this season.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield’s Kadence Huck (above) plays her usual suffocating defense in a game against Mason City Newman while teammate Paige Franzen (below) looks for an open teammate during a game against Tripoli.

Husky girls land two on all-TIC East teams

Coaches place N-P’s Huck on all-conference second team while Franzen is an honorable mention selection

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Kadence Huck isn’t particularly terrifying or scary – but she can definitely put up some monster numbers.

In what was a landmark year for the junior Husky guard out on the hardwood for Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball coach Josh Smith – Huck demonstrated she’s one of the state’s best, just like she has done out on the track oval the past two springs.

Huck was awarded for that prowess on the basketball court with a repeat second-team selection on the Top of Iowa East All-Conference squad.

Huck – one of the leaders in all classes across the state in steals – probably should have made the TIC first team, at least according to Smith.

“I’ll start by saying what I think I say every year, that it’s usually hard to leave that meeting and not be a little disappointed. I think Kadence’s numbers put her in the conversation to be a first-teamer this year and the votes just didn’t go our way,” said Smith.

Huck was in the top eight in five major categories for conference games – points (sixth), rebounds (eighth), assists (eighth), steals (first) and blocks (seven).

While it was a non-league game, Huck registered a triple double in the second meeting against Tripoli right before Christmas on Dec. 19. She scored 25 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and amassed 10 steals.

“Anyone that watched any of our games this year knows that we ask a lot out of her and she fills a lot of roles for us. I recognize that I obviously have a biased opinion in the matter, but I think she was a first-teamer,” said Smith.

Huck – like she has done in

her previous two varsity seasons – put on an almost surreal display of athletic ability in what could be described as a living, breathing Energizer Bunny because she keeps going and going and going and never stops.

She’s that relentless.

Huck broke the single-season school record in steals that was previously held by 2022 N-P alum Jennah Carpenter. Carpenter held the old mark in back-to-back seasons with 104 steals in her junior and senior campaigns. The new mark of 138 was set by Huck this year.

Carpenter also holds the all-time steals mark at N-P with 306. Huck now has 242 steals and needs 65 steals to break that mark.

Huck was the third-best steals leader in all five classes in the state with a 6.6 average. Jaelah Stanford of Waterloo East (7.2 spg) was No. 1 followed by Coon Rapids Bayard’s Anna Hart (6.9 spg).

Huck averaged right at 15 points a game and notched a career-high point total of 34 points against Postville. She was 15-20 from floor against the Pirates to go along with 10 steals and six rebounds. N-P won that game, 72-31. Huck also scored 30 points and came up with 15 steals – many of them at the head of Smith’s full-court zone press – in a season-opening 59-25 win over Tripoli.

Huck was a repeat selection on the second team as she cracked the squad as a sophomore. She also averaged 7.2 rebounds a contest and 6.6 steals a game.

Despite missing five games, N-P junior forward Paige Franzen was picked for the honorable-mention squad.

Franzen scored a career-high 14 points in a 41-35 victory

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Kinsey Anderson	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Leah Weaver	West Fork	Jr.

SECOND TEAM

Aubrey Hoeft	Central Springs	Sr.
Paige Prazak	Central Springs	Jr.
Kadence Huck	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Liz Kruckenberg	Mason City Newman	Sr.
Morgan Wallin	Northwood-Kensett	Sr.
Addison Marcks	Osage	So.
Aspen Falk	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Karma McMorris	West Fork	Jr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Ellyan Ryan	Central Springs	Sr.
Paige Franzen	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Kenna Hemann	Mason City Newman	Sr.
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Nashua-Plainfield girls coach says his team has potential to be 'dangerous' next season

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over Clarksville on Jan. 20. She averaged 4.8 points, 3.5 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.9 assists per game.
Needless to say, Franzen does a little bit of everything and was an extremely important cog in the Husky's machine this winter.
"I would say that, similar to Kadence, she's a kid that we ask a lot of. We play her inside and outside on both offense and defense. Some

games we primarily ask her to play post and run our offense through her and some games she's a guard on the outside," said Smith.
Franzen, undersized a lot of the times versus taller post players, held her own defensively. She also is a very smart defender and understands how to position herself to stop the opposition from scoring.
"Defensively, she asked to play up in the press or play post defense against girls that are usually signifi-

cantly taller than her. She's always locked in on our game plan and fills these roles at a high level no matter what we ask from her," said the N-P head coach.
Franzen was second on N-P in total points (81), second in assists (37), and first in assist/turnover ratio (0.93) – an almost 1 to 1 mark.
Smith also gave props to sophomore forward Elayna O'Neill and junior guard Marleigh Lowe.
O'Neill netted a career-high 19

points in a 42-33 win over North Butler. She also grabbed 10 rebounds. O'Neill averaged just under four points of scoring a night and 4.5 rebounds a game.
Lowe was second on the team in rebounds (65) and second in steals (78). She averaged 3.2 points-per-game.
Smith loved how the N-P duo played down the stretch for the Huskies and he's excited to have them back next year.
"Marleigh's defense had been great all year and during the last few weeks of our season her offensive decision making and play making took a huge leap," said Smith. "Elayna played with a ton of confidence down the stretch as well and literally became our No. 1 scoring option for the last two-plus weeks of the season. If/when we have a big offseason and build on that we have the potential to be a dangerous team with everything that we return next year."





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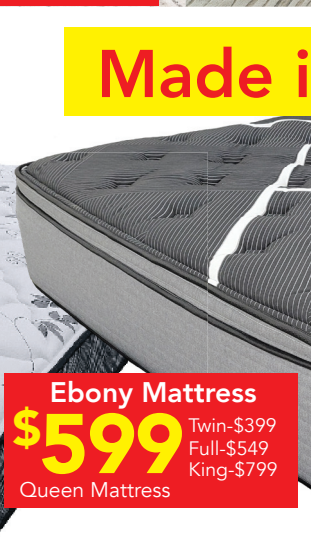
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