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Drawing courtesy of Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools
An artist rendition of the new Nashua-Plainfield baseball and softball complex that is going to be built on the site of the old Plainfield school building.

Voters to weigh in on diamonds

SUPERINTENDENT: DISTRICT CAN SAVE \$1 MILLION IN INTEREST PAYMENTS IF VOTERS SAY 'YES' IN TUESDAY'S VOTE

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

No matter what happens Tuesday, a new baseball and softball complex will be built by Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools in Plainfield.

But what does happen on Tuesday, says the district's superintendent, could save the district up to \$1 million in interest costs.

"This project is going to happen," Superintendent Todd Liechty said, "but what makes Tuesday important is we can save a lot — and I mean a lot — on interest payments."

That's because the district is asking voters to approve selling up to \$3 million in gener-

When, where to vote Tuesday

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. this Tuesday for the special election on using general-obligation bonds to fund a new baseball and softball diamond complex in Plainfield.

Nashua voters can cast ballots at City Hall, while the Plainfield voting site is the public library.

al-obligation bonds to fund the project that will include a new high school baseball diamond, a new high school softball diamond — both with lights — and two youth diamonds on the site of

the old Plainfield school.

The district would use its SAVE funds — which come from the so-called "state penny" sales tax that school districts receive — to pay off the bonds, which means Tuesday's vote won't affect the district's property taxes.

The reason the district wants to use general-obligation bonds is that they come with lower interest rates, and that would mean the district could repay the bonds in 10 years, rather than 20.

"That's what we're emphasizing," Liechty said. "Hopefully, the people will see that they will save money for the school district."

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Supervisors facing budget time crunch

Board sets special meeting to try to nail down its max levy request

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors not only has to approve a 2023-24 budget and tax levy in coming weeks, but it will also need to pass an amendment to the current year's budget.

And the two are intertwined, to say the least.

That's because supervisors are hoping to use some ending fund balances from this year's budget to make next year's budget work.

Although board members still have plenty of time — unlike past years, when budgets had to be certified and sent to the state by March 31, counties, cities and schools have until April 30 to certify their budgets — time is of the essence.

"If we can get this max levy voted on for publication by next Monday, that's March 6 already," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "Thanks for the 30-day extension, but I see a time crunch."

If supervisors vote to publish its maximum tax-asking this coming Monday, the earliest it can have a public hearing on that max levy is Monday, March 20. And because, at least during budget work sessions held the past several meetings, the board is increasing its tax-asking for

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County will have office building a little longer

Supervisors learn company extends so-called 'inspection period' for property in New Hampton

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

New Hampton's second Dollar General store is still on track to becoming a reality, but at least for now, Chickasaw County still owns the building and the lot that the store will occupy.

County Attorney David Laudner told the Board of Supervisors Monday morning that the Overland Group, which has agreed to purchase the building and lot at 910 E. Main St. in New Hampton for

\$100,000, last week exercised its right for an additional 90 days inspection period.

In exchange for exercising that right, the Overland Group paid the county \$5,000, and Laudner told board members that, unlike \$900 of the original \$1,000 the group had to place in an escrow fund, that is non-refundable.

The attorney said he spoke with the agent for the Overland Group and that the company is working on closing on eight to

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Photo courtesy of Rick Kramer

That would be an ice dam

The Cedar River near Carville is filled with chucks — and we mean a lot of chunks — of ice north of Nashua, and National Weather Service officials in its latest spring flooding forecast said there the flood threat for 2023 is "near to above normal."

Report shows farmers took in bumper crop last fall

USDA says that growers in Chickasaw and Bremer counties took in yields above state average

By BOB STEENSON
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The northeast corner of the state had the highest average yield in corn and soybeans last year, and Chickasaw County growers were right in the mix when it came to boun-

tiful yields.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service reported on Friday that Iowa averaged 200.0 bushels per acre for corn and 58.5 bushels per acre for soybeans in 2022.

Chickasaw County farmers brought in

average yields of 214.6 bushels for corn and 63.6 bushels for soybeans. That placed the county 20th among Iowa's 99 counties in corn production and 18th in soybean yields.

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Celebrating pets!

Nashua residents Carol and Doug Strike's dog, Balto, knows how to pose for a picture, and trust us, if you like "man's best friends," you'll love our Pawsome Pets pages in this week's Reporter. See Pages 7-10

County leaders wrestle with budget issues

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both General Basic/General Services and Rural Services Basic by more than 2 percent, supervisors would need a “super majority,” or four votes, to approve the maximum levy. Once the max levy is approved, the county will have to hold another public hearing to approve its final budget. Under state law, it can only lower — not raise — the tax-asking once the max levy is approved.

Two weeks ago, board members discussed raising the tax-asking for General Basic and General Supplemental by 3.6 percent and RSB by 21.9 percent.

Hackman pointed out that the budget amendment for this year plays into next year’s budget. That’s because supervisors, in an effort to reduce tax-asking for general funds, planned on using ending fund balances to help with the 2023-24 budget. “I think we need to know these numbers,” he said. “We have one department asking for \$247,000. That’s going to affect the ending fund balance in GB and GS.”

The extension to certify budgets came about because the Iowa Legislature recently approved a bill to correct a valuation mistake, one that will cost the county about \$47,000 in GB and GS revenue.

“Do we need to move up GS? Maybe,” Hackman said. “Do we need to move up RSB? Maybe, I don’t know yet. ... We have a lot of moving numbers. We need to get this public hearing set for this max levy rate. We have to let the people know what our max levy thoughts are.”

Other supervisors agreed and decided to hold a special meeting this morning (Friday) at 8:30 so that Auditor Sheila Shekleton can put numbers together so that the board can consider their options ahead of Monday’s regularly scheduled meeting.

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Performing at Dorian

Nashua-Plainfield students who performed at the prestigious Dorian Honor Band program this past week included (from left) Madalyn Hennings, Hannah Percy, Aiden Sullivan, Cal Levi, Luke Paplow and Jordyn Frost.

The Dorian Honor Band is the largest honor band in the country. Each student was selected to perform in one of two bands, which consisted of more than 200 students (in each band) from Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin. Rehearsals began on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The students had the opportunity to listen to the college concert band and jazz orchestra perform in a concert later that night. On Monday, the students rehearsed all day until their performance at 5 p.m.

“This two day honor band is such a great experience for the students each year,” Nashua-Plainfield Band Director Scott Stroud said. “They get the opportunity to play in these enormous and talented bands, but are also exposed to college level music and college life. All of the students did a great job and I am so proud of them!”

Board holds off on Heritage improvements

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10 sites around the country. “He indicated to me that there were no red flags or anything that had slowed the process down that would delay or stall the process,” Laudner said. “We’re kind of in the queue and it’s just a matter of them crossing the t’s and dotting the i’s.”

Supervisors last summer agreed to accept the bid from the Overland Group for the county-owned property that at the time housed county and non-profit offices, including Veterans Affairs. Those offices this past fall moved to the re-named Heritage Building Center just south of New

Hampton. The purchase agreement signed by the Overland Group and the county included a 150-day inspection period, with the option to extend that period by an additional 90 days. Laudner on Monday told the supervisors that after the 90 days is up, the Overland Group can exercise two 60-day delays to closing, but if it does, it will be required to pay \$5,000 to the county each time it does and that money is also non-refundable. Technically, the closing of the property could come as late as September, and Laudner said “if they walked away at that point, you’d have \$15,100.” But he again stressed that there were no indications that would happen. “Once they get the green light to close it,” Laudner said, “it will happen very quickly, those were his words this morning.”

Trustees urge voters to cast ‘yes’ vote on Hawkeye referendum

As the Board of Trustees for Hawkeye Community College, we’re committed to ensuring the public’s investment in

Also on Monday, the Board of Supervisors held off on putting an automatic door opener at the Heritage Building Center. During a meeting last week, Veterans Affairs Director Keith Elenz said the automatic door openers were needed by many of the aging veterans who meet with him at the Heritage. Head custodian Dave Gorman, at the time, said he felt only the outer door needed an automatic door opener because the inside door is always propped open. On Monday, Gorman said he had talked to two experts who felt that the county would be complying with building codes, but Laudner suggested that Gorman reached out to the Department of Inspections and Appeals to make sure the county wouldn’t need to do anything else with the building. Supervisors agreed and will discuss the issue.

Letter to the Editor

Hawkeye is protected. In 2015, voters approved a bond referendum to help the college fund a 10-year facilities plan. This came at a pivotal time in Hawkeye’s history. It not only preserved the public’s investment in Hawkeye, but it also allowed the college to continue providing state-of-the-art learning facilities and training for business and industry. With the completion of the 2015 bond projects, the college launched a comprehensive planning process based on long-range workforce trends, demographic projections, and feedback from those the college serves. Critical needs identified include expanding career and vocational training in skilled trades and law enforcement training while increasing STEM (Science Technology Engineering, Math) education for middle and high school students creating a bridge to high-demand careers and college. Hawkeye’s plan includes renovating and expanding a building for a Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Center and adding a STEM Learning Center with interactive learning technology to an existing building. Since an existing levy is ending, this measure will not result in a tax rate increase. We encourage you to support Hawkeye Community College with a “YES” vote on Tuesday, March 7. **Hawkeye Community College Board of Trustee members Jay Nardini, Casey McLaughlin, Teresa Meyer, Barbara McGregor, Louis Beck, Christine Hutcheson, Bridget Saffold, JoDee Knox, Merritt Jones**



Photo courtesy of Noah Fenske
Fin and Millie check out “who’s outside” at the home of the author’s son in Carbondale, Illinois.

Why dogs are simply the best

One of our favorite games to play when it comes to my youngest son’s dog, Millie, is to see how fast she can go from relaxing, maybe even snoozing, to the window. “Hey Millie,” one of us will say and then add with a little sense of urgency, “who’s outside?” I’m telling you, Usain Bolt, the great Jamaican sprinter, has nothing on Noah Fenske’s dog ... at least when it comes to protecting the old homestead. Then again, I’m a sucker for dogs. I think they’re all cute. I think they’re all lovable. I think they’re all the best, which is why I love the fact that Laurie Tiemessen, our advertising rep here at the Reporter, puts together our “Pawsome Pets” section.

As soon as the pages are completed, I start paging through them. “I want that one, I want this one, wait, I want all of them.” You see, I’ve been “dog-less” for more than four years now, and honestly, there isn’t a day that goes by where I don’t think to myself that I need to get my next dog. Man’s best friends have been a big part of my life since my parents brought home Jack when I was 3 years old, and Jack let me ride him like a horse. I don’t remember Jack — heck, that was 5 1/2 decades ago — but my mom told me the story of our separation so often it still makes me cry. Dad had received orders to West Germany and Jack couldn’t go with us. So my parents found a good home for him — supposedly miles away, at least according to my mom’s tale — and on the day he left our little house on Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City, South Dakota, I cried for hours.

Mom said late that night, we could hear something “paw-ing” at the door. Dad went to check on it and there stood Jack. “We called the family,” Mom told me years later, “and they just said, ‘Let Bobby have one more night with him and we’ll come and get him tomorrow.’ So Jack slept with you and I’m so mad that we didn’t have film or a Polaroid because it was a priceless picture — one that I will always treasure in my mind.”

Seven years later, after my father had retired from the Air Force and we moved to Minnesota, we took a trip to Rapid City to visit old friends, including that family that had taken Jack in with him. And, this, I do remember. We got to the house, and Jack came flying out the door and ran right up to me, jumped up and gave me the kind of kisses only a dog can.

Mom started crying; Honestly, we all started bawling. There’s a great line — well, if I’m telling the truth, there are a lot of great lines — in the movie “Marley and Me,” but my favorite will always be this one. “A dog doesn’t care if you are rich or poor, educated or illiterate, clever or dull. Give him your heart and he will give you his.” Over the years, starting with Jack, I have given my heart to a number of dogs, and they’ve always returned the favor. But, like people, you always have your favorites. Jack was one of them, and so were two more. There was Snoopy, the dog we got for Christmas when I was in the sixth grade who lived an uncommonly long life, which was amazing because Snoopy was always finding mischief and eating anything that didn’t move. When my parents divorced, he moved to a farm in Kossuth County. It was kind of his retirement home, and after I moved to Iowa to become a sports writer, I would go visit Snoopy. It was like old times, even though he was as old as dirt by then. One day I took a call from the couple that had given Snoopy a couple of really good years. “Bob, if you want to see him, you’d better get up here. The time is near.” I made it in time. Snoops was on the porch and couldn’t get up, but I swear when I sat down next to him, the tail wagged. A few minutes later, he took his last breath. He was gone. And I cried the entire way back to Mason City. And then there was Shelby, another dog who had an iron digestive system. She came to live with us soon after the boys and I moved to New Hampton. Man, that dog could drive me nuts. Rabbits were her mortal enemy. Leaves, too. A fall walk with Shelby was, in hindsight, hilarious because our dog would go after every falling leaf. Every. Single. One. When she died in 2019, my boys were in college — Josh was home while Noah had just headed to Iowa City. Watching Noah say goodbye via FaceTime was excruciating. And watching the tears stream down Josh’s face at the vet office, well, the English language doesn’t have a word for it. But the memories Jack (through my mom, of course), Snoopy and Shelby gave me, that pain in the end was a small price to pay for the love they showered upon me and my family — be it Mom, Dad, my sister Cathy, Josh and Noah. One of the best autobiographies I’ve ever read was Gilda Radner’s “It’s Always Something.” In that book, the famed comedian talked about what dogs had meant to her. “I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love,” she wrote. “For me they are the role model for being alive.” Gilda, in short, nailed it.

Next week, I will travel to Carbondale, Illinois, to see Millie. (And Noah, too!) And Millie won’t care if I’m rich or poor, educated or not, clever or dull ... and it won’t matter. I’ll giver her my heart; and she’ll give me hers.



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Milton Marion Gaede, 82

Milton Marion Gaede, age 82 of Plainfield, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with the Rev. Darin Cerwinski officiating.

Interment was held at Willow Lawn Cemetery, Plainfield with Tony Russell, Brad Billman, Justin Gaede, Bryce Billman, Cory Asche, and Mike Caswell serving as pallbearers.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Milt's remarkable life began on Feb. 10, 1941, when he was born to Lester and Vollie (Schwerin) Gaede on their farm in rural Bremer County, where he grew up with his 10 brothers and sisters.

As a child, he helped his parents with various chores around the farm and developed what would become a life-long passion for thoroughbred horses. He attended parochial school at Spring Fountain before completing his education at Tripoli Community Schools.

He met Marguerite Stafford at a party his sister hosted one night, and let's say this about Milt, he was definitely persistent. Marguerite finally said yes to a date, and the rest is history as the couple was married on March 14, 1959, beginning a marriage that lasted for almost 64 years.

The couple had six children — Pam, Jack, Kimberly, Connie, Leslie, and Vickie — who grew up with a dad who



Milton Gaede

worked hard, supported them in all their endeavors, and had an eye for horses. They loved their family trips to the track to watch Dad's horses run ... and often win. Over his career, his horses claimed more than 500 victories, and they'll never forget the time one of Dad's horses claimed a \$50,000 race at Horseman's Park, where they all dressed up, put on their hats, and enjoyed their own version of the Kentucky Derby.

He was known as "Magic Milt" around tracks in a number of states, for Milt's horses competed and won races not only here in Iowa but also in Nebraska, South Dakota, Indiana, Kentucky, and more.

In his younger days, Milt enjoyed bowling, played slow-pitch softball, and had his own pulling truck, and in later years, he was a mainstay at Cliff's Card Club. He never missed a day playing cards with his buddies at the small establishment in Horton, and the joke was Milt probably should have had a stake in Cliff's because he was always there.

But he loved his family time, too, and there were a lot of fun games of "31" played around the

table during family gatherings on holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Milt farmed much of his life, and he was the second of four generations of Gaedes who raced horses. What made him special, though, was he loved all his thoroughbreds, including those who won and those who didn't.

Milt loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren very much. This last summer Milt and Margie helped care for their great-granddaughter Ivy, who Milt grew to have a special connection with and their relationship was cemented with an ice cream sandwich everyday.

He lived a good life, one in which he was blessed with a wonderful wife, fine children, and some awesome grandchildren, and they will all miss him and cherish the memories he helped make during his 82 years here.

Milt is survived by his wife, Marguerite Gaede of Plainfield; five children, Pam (Randy) Russell of Waverly, Jack (Jayne) Gaede of Plainfield, Connie (Todd) Billman of Waverly, Leslie Gaede of Plainfield and Vickie (Jesse Bergmann) Gaede of Nashua; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Perry Gaede of Hawkeye; five sisters, Marcella Zabel of Fredericksburg, Maxine Brocka of Readlyn, Phyllis Rodgers of Mt. Airy, Maryland, Patricia Stangle of Minnesota, and Paul Wehling of Port St. Lucie, Florida; and one sister-in-law, Lois Gaede of Fredericksburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Ralph and Clara Stafford; one daughter, Kimberly Tripp; three brothers, Marlowe, Melvin, and Paula Gaede; and one sister, Marlys Gaede.

Clifford Carl Wiebke, 91



Clifford Wiebke

Navy installation, was that "we got good food and I learned to swim in the ocean."

Before he entered the service, he was set up on a blind date with Verna Jakel, and it was meant to be. They stayed in touch throughout his Air Force years, and on July 15, 1956, the couple was married at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua.

Clifford and Verna moved onto her parents' farm just west of Nashua and welcomed four children — Dennis, Dean, Linda and David. The family worked long hours on their dairy farm, but Clifford loved taking fishing trips up to Faribault, Minnesota, or just day ones to the river. He and Verna enjoyed attending their children's many school and community activities.

After farming for almost a quarter of a century, Clifford and Verna turned the farm over to their son and moved into Nashua, where for many years he worked as a funeral assistant for Chenoweth Funeral Home.

The couple also spent many winters in Phoenix, where they bonded so well with their new friends. When they started making their winter trips to Arizona, they were "the kids" in the group and usually left after Christmas and spent January

down south. Then they started to leave after Thanksgiving and soon after, they were Arizona bound by Nov. 1, to beat the snow! In all seriousness, being snowbirds brought out a whole new side of Clifford.

So, too, did his nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Like many grandpas, he was way more patient with them than he was with his own children! He loved to tell them stories about farm life, telling them, with a twinkle in his eye, all the time it was just "work, work, work."

Clifford had many interests. In addition to fishing, he loved playing cards and only God knows how many "500" games he played in his life. He also enjoyed watching sports on television, especially Iowa Hawkeye football and basketball.

And he was community minded, too. Clifford was a longtime member of the Nashua VFW post, served on the Oak Hill Cemetery Board and was a member of the St. John Church Council for many years. He also spent countless hours volunteering at the Big 4 Fair, where he was on the board of directors.

He lived a good life, and all of us who knew him will miss this kind, good-natured and hard-working man.

Clifford is survived by two sons, Dennis (Tracy) Wiebke of Nashua, and David (Polly) Wiebke of Northfield, Minnesota; one daughter, Linda (Steve) Johnson of Cedar Falls; one daughter-in-law, Anita Wiebke of Cedar Falls; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Edith Kolthoff of New Hampton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Dean Wiebke; one brother Willard Wiebke; and three sisters, Edna Peil, Wilma Lumley, and Lois Koester.

Farmers enjoy bountiful 2022

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Kossuth County took advantage of being the largest county in the state to harvest the most corn for grain production in Iowa in 2022 with 57.1 million bushels produced.

Delaware led all counties with an average yield of 230.8 bushels per acre. Clinton, with 225.2 bushels per acre; Dubuque at 223.7; Benton with 221.7; and Cedar County with 221.4 bushels per acre average rounded out the top five counties for top yield per acre. Nineteen counties exceeded the 215 bushel mark last year 2022.

Kossuth County came out on top in soybean production as well, with 12.9 million bushels, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Forty-nine of Iowa's counties averaged at least 60.0 bushels per acre.

Scott County had the highest yield with an average of 69.1 bushels per acre. Dubuque, 68.6 bushels per acre; Delaware,

Area County Corn & Soybean Yields		
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CERRO GORDO	FLOYD	CHICKASAW
Corn - 216.9 Beans - 60.8	Corn - 204.6 Beans - 61.9	Corn - 214.6 Beans - 63.6
FRANKLIN	BUTLER	BREMER
Corn - 220.1 Beans - 62.8	Corn - 212.4 Beans - 61.6	Corn - 210.8 Beans - 66.7
2022 average bushels per acre		
Source: USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service Press Graphic by Bob Steenson		

67.4 bushels per acre; Cedar, 67.0 bushels per acre; and Des Moines, 66.9 bushels per acre rounded out the top five highest

yielding counties for soybeans.

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Nashua-Plainfield pitcher Dawson Glaser (above) throws a pitch as darkness descends upon the diamond during a game last summer while a map (right) shows the school districts, including Nashua-Plainfield, whose voters will decide the fate of a \$35 million bond referendum for Hawkeye Community College.

Project receives \$50,000 grant

VOTE: FROM 1

Under state law, SAVE and Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) funds can not be used to pay for instructional costs; i.e., salaries of teachers and paraprofessionals. The district currently uses those funds for buses, making improvements to buildings and other items.

Liechty said the district will continue to use SAVE funds for projects that range from new carpeting in the elementary classrooms, the replacement of classroom furniture, new kitchen countertops for the family and consumer science building, repair of water pressure and temperature issues in the secondary building showers, painting the secondary hallways and bathrooms, as well as purchasing two new school buses in the last two years, with another new bus set to be purchased this year.

The district is also addressing a leak and issues with the roof at the elementary school, working to remove water from tunnels

at the elementary school to help improve air quality when heating systems are operating and conducting repairs at the Husky Wellness Center.

The district is also continuing to seek grants and donations for the diamond project. Nashua-Plainfield recently received a \$50,000 award from the McElroy Trust, and Liechty said Thursday the district will continue to seek grants and donations for the project.

“Every dollar we can get from a grant is a dollar the district can save,” he said. “To have both our teams playing at the same site, in the same complex, is important, and it gives us a really nice footprint in Plainfield, too.”

Currently, Nashua-Plainfield plays its home baseball games on a field in Nashua owned by the Big 4 Fair Board while the softball team plays its home games in Plainfield.

Nashua-Plainfield is the lone school in the Top of Iowa Conference's East Division that plays its baseball and softball games in different towns, and

the Huskies' baseball field is the only one in the division that doesn't have lights.

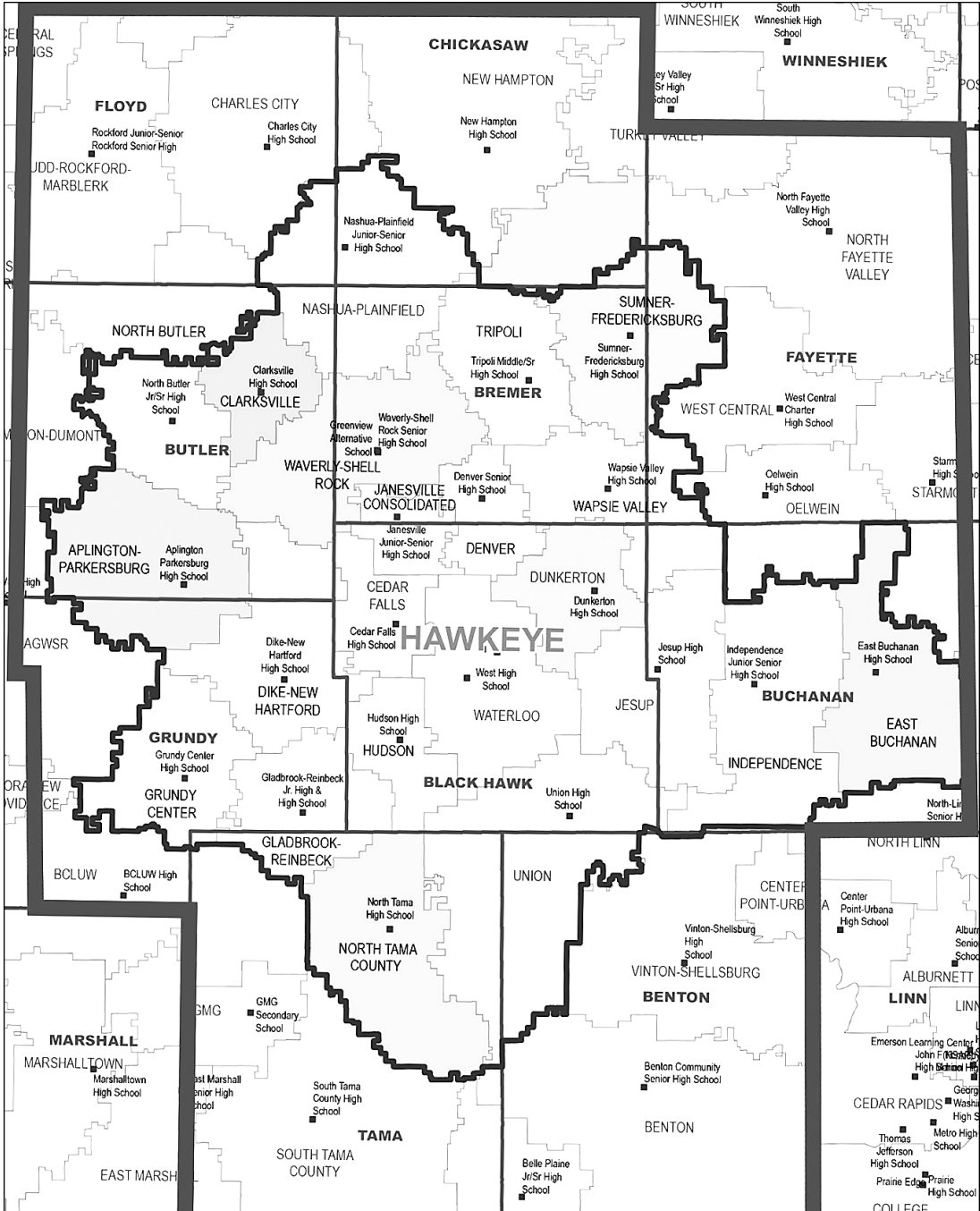
Liechty said the project will begin as soon as the 2023 softball season ends.

“They need that field for this year, that's really our only option,” he said, “but when the season's over, we're going to get to work on this. ... We just feel this is the responsible way to do this financially. Basically, we're asking our voters to help us save \$1 million. That's what Tuesday is all about.”

The measure on Tuesday's ballot will need at least 60 percent of voters to cast yes votes to pass.

Also on Tuesday, voters in the district are being asked by Hawkeye Community College to approve a \$35 million bond referendum for what college officials say is a way to address “our communities” workforce needs.

Funds from the bond would be used to renovate and expand existing college facilities and are a part of Hawkeye's master



facilities plan, the result of a multi-year development process to identify the facilities needed to best meet student and community needs.

College officials are quick to point out that the referendum will not change property tax rates; instead, the measure would continue an existing tax levy used to fund the construction and maintenance of the college's facilities.

According to a press release from Hawkeye, the tax levy rate will remain the same, costing the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$1.20 per month.

The college says the bond referendum is needed to expand law enforcement training, increase student access for STEM education and improve vocational and career training for trade skills.

If approved, Hawkeye officials say funds from the referendum would be used to:

- Renovate and expand an existing building to create a skilled trades and apprenticeship center. Construction, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, automotive and diesel technology programs will now be under one roof, improving efficiency.

• Add a STEM Learning center to our facilities, including new, interactive learning technologies such as virtual reality or augmented reality, diversifying student learning opportunities for our middle school and high school students.

• Expand law enforcement training programs, including replacing and relocating aging, indoor and outdoor firing ranges in the Law Enforcement Training Center. This will help train new officers and continue training for current officers.

• Upgrade aging mechanical, plumbing, and electrical infrastructure in various buildings around campus.

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Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

MARCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- 9:00am - 11:30am Ornamental & Turf Pest Control C-CIC NH/ Chickasaw County Extension

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- 9am - 2pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 6:30pm Mid-Winter Concert NP Gymnasium-High School 7th & 8th Grade
- 7:30pm Mid-Winter Concert NP Gymnasium-High School

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- 6:00pm Girls Wrestling Banquet NP Commons - High School

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:00am North Central District FFA Convention Boone High School
- 10:30am - 11:30am Jennifer Sterling - 6 on 6 Girls Basketball in Iowa Program at the Nashua Public Library

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 10am - 12:30pm Pancake Breakfast, Free will donation and open to the public
- 1pm Pinewood Derby

MONDAY, MARCH 6

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- 6:30pm - 8:30pm Wrestling Banquet NP Commons - High School
- Foot Clinic hosted by Bremer Co. Health at Plainfield Library

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- 9am - 2pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 9:30am - 12pm Private Pesticide Applicator CIC (P-CIC) NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 7:00pm NH Induction

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- Speech State Individual Contest
- 9am- 11am Clover Kids Club NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 10am - 11pm Monthly Coffee with the Council at the Nashua Public Library

MONDAY, MARCH 13

- 9am - 11:30 Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Management CIC NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 6:00pm- 7:00pm 7th Grade History Day Showcase NP Commons - HS

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- 9am - 2pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) NH/ Chickasaw County Extension

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- 9am - 11:30am Certified Handlers C-CIC NH/ Chickasaw County Extension

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- Plainfield Library Movie Day • Fall 2pm & 7pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- 9am Town Hall Meet with Area Legislators at the Chickasaw Event Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Compass Outreach Center family FREE skate at Crystal Ball in New Hampton. All Welcome

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

- 9am - 2pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Extension Council Meeting NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- TBD Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Wartburg
- TBD Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs.

Waverly-Shell Rock @ Wartburg

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:30pm - 12pm County Wide Intermediate - Senior Lock-in NH/ Chickasaw County Extension

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

- 11:30am Play Performance NP Gymnasium-High School Wizard of Oz
- 12am - 6am County Wide Intermediate - Senior Lock-in NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 6:30pm Play Performance Wizard of Oz

MONDAY, MARCH 27

- Speech Individual All State Festival

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- National History Day, District Contest Central Rivers AEA, Cedar Falls
- 9am - 2pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools.. @ St Ansgar HS
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools.. @ St Ansgar HS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- Estate Planning Program at the Nashua Public Library

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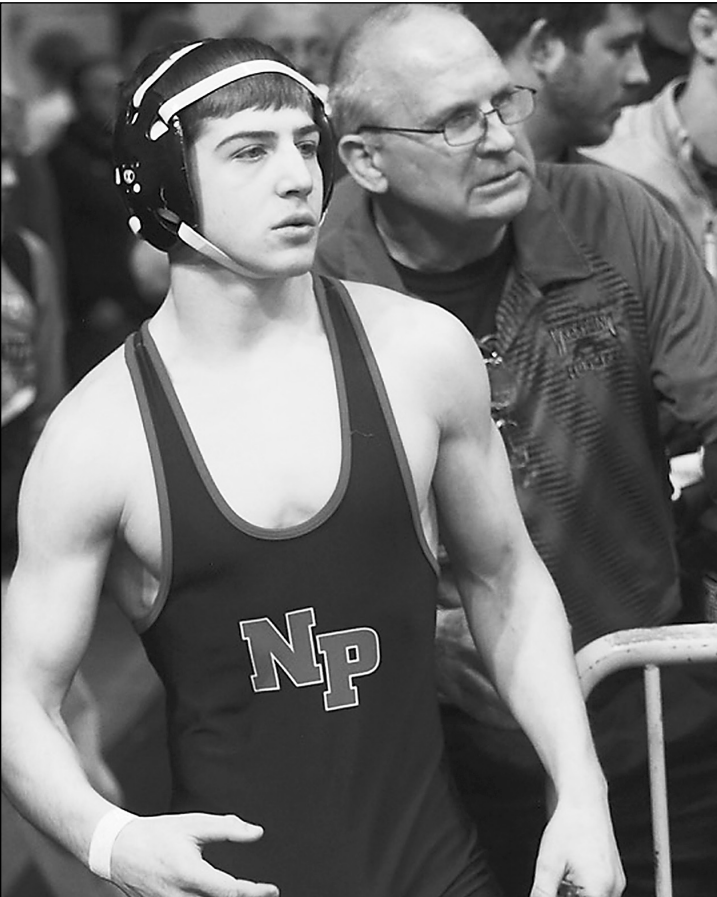
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Covering state wrestling is ‘whole different animal’



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Our state tournament reporter captures a photo of Nashua-Plainfield’s Garret Rinken – along with his coach, Al Frost, waiting for his mat to be assigned for his quarterfinal match at the Class 1A state tournament that was held a couple of weeks ago in Des Moines.

Legal Notice • Legal Notice • Legal Notice • Legal Notice

The City of Nashua, IA is requesting proposals for conducting a LMI Survey required to apply for funding from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).

The City of Nashua, IA will be applying for funding for a Sanitary Sewer Project.

The selected contractor will work with the city to ensure compliance with program requirements.

A full description of the work specifications are available at Nashua City Hall, 402 Main St., Nashua, IA 50658.

Proposals to the city should include the minimum information:

- Description of procedures of LMI Survey
- Experience with IEDA’s CDBG program
- Description of past survey services provided
- Description of organizational capacity to complete all necessary grant administration activities
- References from previous clients of related work within the past five years
- Cost of services

Proposals must be submitted no later than March 27, 2023, by 4 p.m. Proposals should be submitted to Nashua City Hall, Attn: John Ott City Clerk, PO Box 38, 402 Main St. Nashua, IA 50658

Questions regarding this request for proposals should be directed to John Ott City Clerk, 641-435-4156, nashuacity-clerk@gmail.com.

Section 3 clause

A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic

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FYI. The Earnhardt’s were some of the most celebrated and famous NASCAR drivers ever.

Just trying to keep you on board here in case you’re miffed or confused about some of my references.

I’m not trying to be sarcastic or condescending – I’m just trying to keep everyone on the same page.

So this winter, I knew full well there would be some times that I would have to wake up super early – mainly for wrestling.

I remember a few years back, former N-P basketball coach Sam Brown scheduled a morning to take headshots of the Husky basketball teams for the Nashua Reporter.

That’s not uncommon and I had no problem with that. I have also done that with other area coaches as well if their schedule early in the season works better that way.

But I knew state wrestling is a whole different animal – at least it is for me, anyways.

I’ve covered eight or nine state wrestling meets in my journalism career – but every year seems different, especially the older I get and there’s always surprises. I sat next to

Jim Nelson of the Waterloo Courier and Rob Gray (a former Des Moines Register scribe and current freelance writer for the Cedar Rapids Gazette) in the media room. We’d sit down and type away or work up photos in between racing around Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines covering this year’s traditional state wrestling tournament.

These are veterans of covering the challenging prep event that is recognized across the nation as one of the premier high school grappling tourneys. I believe Nelson said this winter’s state wrestling meet was like his 30th time covering it. Gray has also covered far more big events than I have.

But I’m a tad jealous when I see them out and about on the floor of the venue because they look as cool, calm and collected as Paul Newman in “The Hustler.” You know, the movie about billiards.

Again, Google it.

Whereas when I’m taking photos I feel I look like some deranged, escaped mental patient bouncing from mat to mat with a crazy and frayed look of resignation on my face.

Covering the state meet is not easy as a member of the media. Not everyone can do it. Trying to get shut eye in motel rooms when you find it difficult to sleep anywhere else but your own bed is also hard.

These are first-world problems. I get it.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL THE VACANCY OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE CITY OF NASHUA, IOWA, BY APPOINTMENT

The City of Nashua, Iowa, has one vacancy for Council Member as of February 20, 2023, due to the resignation of Rhonda Dean.

Pursuant to Section 372.13(2a) of the Code of Iowa, notice is hereby given that the City Council of Nashua, Iowa, intends to fill this vacancy by appointment during the council meeting at the Nashua City Hall at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 20, 2023. However, the electors of the City of Nashua have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. If electors wish to require a special election, a valid petition must be filed with the City Clerk within fourteen days after publication of this notice or within fourteen days after the appointment is made. If no such petition is filed, the appointment shall be for the period until the next pending election as defined in Section 69.12 of the Code of Iowa.

Eligible electors of the City of Nashua, Iowa wanting to be considered for the appointment should submit a request in writing to the City Clerk’s office by 12:00 PM on Friday, March 17, 2023.

John Ott
City Clerk
City of Nashua

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES February 21, 2023

The Board convened on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM with New Hampton Police Chief Zach Nosbisch, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske member of media, Kathy Shekleton, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, and Nathan Shekleton, Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the resignation of Ryan Schoon from the EMS Department effective February 21, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Engineer, Roman Lensing discussed department updates.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION NO. 02-21-23-11 Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the meeting minutes from February 13, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 02-21-23-10. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors appointed Ryan Shawver as Chickasaw County Sheriff effective January 23, 2023; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.903 the Chickasaw County Sheriff may appoint, with approval of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, a Chief Deputy Sheriff; and WHEREAS, Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver intends to appoint Zach Nosbisch as Chickasaw County Chief Deputy Sheriff effective March 6, 2023. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st February 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /s/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The above resolution is a summary. For the full text of resolutions, visit our website at: <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> or visit our office at The Chickasaw County Auditor’s Office, 8 E Prospect St, New Hampton, IA. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., 641-394-2100.

Discussion about the Sheriff’s Department budget amendment.

Discussion about handicap access and water conditioning at the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve OVERTIME STAFFING POLICY with changes for EMS effective February 21, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to approve purchase of computer for EMS Director, Joel Knutson in the

pervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /s/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The above resolution is a summary. For the full text of resolutions, visit our website at: <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> or visit our office at The Chickasaw County Auditor’s Office, 8 E Prospect St, New Hampton, IA. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., 641-394-2100.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Resolution 02-21-23-16 Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Chickasaw County Right-To-Use Lease Asset Policy GASB Statement No. 87, “Leases”, is effective beginning July 1, 2021. (FY2022). GASB 87 requires a lessee to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset.

For counties reporting on the accrual basis of accounting, the cumulative effect, if any, may require a restatement of beginning net position, fund balance, or fund net position (as applicable). This means leases in existence on June 30, 2021 will need to be reported as the beginning balance (July 1, 2021) for leases of FY2022. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st February 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /s/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The above resolution is a summary. For the full text of resolutions, visit our website at: <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> or visit our office at The Chickasaw County Auditor’s Office, 8 E Prospect St, New Hampton, IA. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., 641-394-2100.

Budget Work Session Discussed that the AMENDED ORDER CERTIFYING PERCENTAGES FOR ASSESSMENT LIMITATIONS came through February 21, 2023.

Committee Assignments Supervisor Breitbach-February 15- Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Decoratorization Board Supervisor Kuhn February 16- INRCOG Regional Transit Supervisor Cerwinske Feb 14- FMC Landfill Executive Board Meeting, Feb. 17-1st Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Feb. 17- FMC-ECI State Review Meeting (Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Early Childhood Iowa) Supervisor Hackman- February 15- CSS

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to adjourn at 11:26 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

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

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But I did joke around with a few of my colleagues during the four-day wrestling run that crowns state champs and said, ‘havin’ fun yet?’

They emphatically responded in a serious tone – NO. I walked away whispering to myself, I was just kidding. I think the state wrestling meet is a blast – it’s just controlled chaos and way too much stimuli for one human being to process in that small a window.

There’s just too much going on in too short of time. Time to wrap this column up.

So of course I’m sleep deprived and away from home – but I’m covering one of the state’s best teams in Nashua-Plainfield so I’m actually one of the lucky ones.

While I was kept busy in the first two days of the tournament by having to cover a whopping 13 N-P wrestlers and four New Hampton/Turkey Valley grapplers – there’s journalists out there that cover a lot more.

But this year’s state tournament brought me back to the first two years the state meet was held at Wells Fargo Arena in downtown Des Moines. The state meet moved from Veterans Memorial Auditorium to “The Well” in 2005.

This was the first time in what has been 17 years since I last covered a team vying for the state championship. I had covered Centerville in back-to-back seasons in 2005 and 2006 when the Big Reds finished Class 2A state runner-up in consecutive years. Centerville is a predominant power in southern Iowa and won it all back in 1988.

N-P and head coach Al Frost had a shot at winning the whole thing this year and the Huskies were in first place on several occasions early on in the double-elimination tournament.

Of course, N-P finished third overall as a team after an absolute fantastic finish on Saturday night. That remarkable rally for a trophy was icing on the cake after the Huskies snared the other third-place trophy in Class 1A two weeks earlier at state duals in

Coralville. I was there, too. And no, I did not get a motel room the night before traveling to that new venue that now hosts state duals. Which means, like I’m sure lot of N-P fans did (or maybe not), we rose our groggy heads before the rooster crows at like 5 a.m. to make a two-hour trip down south to Johnson County. Or whatever ungodly hour it was. That was a long day – for everyone. Like 20 hours long when you factor in that the awards presentation wasn’t until after 10 p.m. and the morning session started at 9 a.m.

I’ll never forget talking to Coach Frost out on the mat after N-P had raised its trophy. He seemed exhausted and for good measure. His coaching staff and wrestlers had poured their heart out for one of the top trophies in their class and a lot of Huskies, including Frost, just wanted to relax and get some rest. So when you’re struggling to remain sharp or running on fumes because of a lack of sleep or your adrenaline tank is near empty, remember you’re not alone. The adage – ‘we’re all in this together’ or ‘we’re all in the same boat’ – comes to mind. So maybe the state will cut Class 1A a break next year at the traditional state tournament and schedule the small-school class for the afternoon session. I can say the same thing about the state dual format.

Because if the traditional state meet starts at 9 a.m. again, I may need to pull up a cot in the hallway of the “Well” so I can take a few short cat naps.

I’m pretty sure that won’t happen because I’ll probably be awoken by dreams of my father nagging at me to get out of bed and face the world. That constant loop playing in my head is pretty much branded into my psyche to wake up, feel alert and be ready for anything that comes my way – no matter how tired I am. Thanks dad, I knew you’d never sleep on me.

Iowa PBS to premiere new documentary on Kinnick

Perhaps the greatest Iowa Hawkeye football player of all time, Nile Kinnick is brought to life once more in the new program, Kinnick: The Documentary produced and narrated by Scott Siepker.

“Kinnick: The Documentary” will have its broadcast premiere on statewide Iowa PBS Monday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. and repeat on-air Sunday, March 12, at 1 p.m.

A Heisman Trophy winner, consensus All-American, WWII pilot and child of the Great Depression, Nile Kinnick’s story is one of Iowa legend. Viewers will follow the story as the young man from Adel secured his spot in the hall of fame.

“It is an honor to have produced this documentary,” said Producer Scott Siepker. “Nile Kinnick embodies what it means to be a true Iowan, and it has been a pleasure getting to learn more about his life throughout this process. I am proud to partner with Iowa PBS so all Iowans can have the chance to hear this story.”

In addition to its statewide broadcast, Iowa PBS .1 is available to livestream on iowapbs.org/watch, pbs.org/livestream, the PBS App and YouTube TV. Iowa PBS programs, behind-the-scenes extras and more can be enjoyed on iowapbs.org, Facebook and YouTube. Viewers can also stream their favorite shows on demand using the PBS App, available on iOS, Android and many streaming devices.

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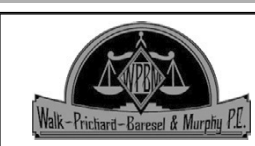
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Springtime Pet Safety

It's tempting to jump right back into the outdoors, but dangers lurk.

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Enjoying the sun and even taking a relaxing dip are two hallmarks of warm-weather activity. But be sure to follow some simple but important rules to guarantee your time in the sun doesn't take a turn for the worse.

These tips should also be passed along to children who are around animals, family friends who may spend time with them, and any pet sitters you may employ. Take the time to work with your pet, so that he or she is never in any danger.

HEAT WARNING

Despite usually having a coat of fur, pets can be stricken with sunburn if not properly cared for in the warmer months. Be especially careful with dogs with short hair, exposed pink skin and white fur, since they are at the greatest risk of sunburn. Look for pet-friendly sunscreen for noses and ears, especially if you have are planning to be outside for a long period of time in full sun.

Be on the look out for signs of heatstroke, and immediately work to get your pet cooled off. The American Kennel Club



recommends hosing dogs down with water, while allowing them to lick ice chips. Offer them a small amount of water, but not too much all at once. Pedialyte will also help with their thirst. In some cases, you may need to apply ice packs. If your worries continue, consult with your veterinarian.

SWIMMING CONCERNS

Many pets are scared of water, or are not strong swimmers.

Be aware of their preferences and skill levels when pets are around a pool, lake or river.

It's a good idea to create barriers around pools, and some-

times a lawful requirement in order to protect others. Make sure a pool cover is firmly in place when you are away or when the warm months are over.

Never throw a pet into the water. If your dog enjoys water activities, be careful that they don't overdo it.

Be aware of strong currents in rivers, and especially at the beach.

Never leave your dog unattended while swimming. If needed, a variety of pet floatation devices are also available, so discuss your options with your veterinarian.

DNA Testing Your Pet

You'll start with a swab, then a company will begin making comparisons to learn more. The results might just surprise you.

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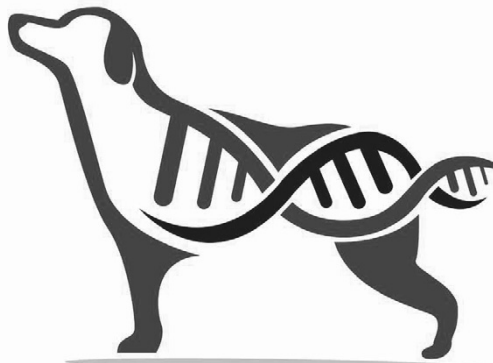
Pet owners are suddenly able to describe their dog as a Labri-doodle or Cocka-poo, without worrying that it's only a guess. In some cases, the tests may reveal many more breed results. At the same time, there may be medical information revealed that can help doctors diagnose and treat certain health issues with cats.

HOW IT WORKS

Most popular testing companies run your pet's DNA against more than hundreds breeds from across the globe. Advanced new technology takes a detailed look at the animal's genome, then begins comparisons with millions and millions of possible ancestry combinations. Some have databases that are so extensive that they may cover more than 98 percent of the dogs in the U.S., including wolves, coyotes and even dingos. That makes it easier to pinpoint the exact breed, or mix of breeds.

YOUR PET'S HEALTH

Human DNA testing has become advanced enough that we can ascertain some looming health issues, offering doctors a chance to better understand and treat illnesses. Dog genetics haven't necessarily reached that level quite yet. Scans may reveal genetic variants that



have been associated with a disease but they won't necessarily confirm the chances of your dog actually being diagnosed with anything.

So be careful about making critical health decisions based on company claims about identifying health issues with your pet. The best use of this information is to help guide your vet on what to look for as time goes by. Early diagnosis with pets, just like with humans, is often key to curing disease.

WHAT ABOUT MY CAT?

Though it's much more commonly associated with dog owners, companies have begun DNA testing in cats, too. In this case, it's more health focused than in trying to determine a breed or combination of breeds. Revealed information has allowed researchers to identify more than 40 genetic conditions that lead to various conditions, while examining at a huge number of breed types across several regions. One vital detail that can be learned from these tests is your cat's blood type, which can be critical information in the event of an emergency.



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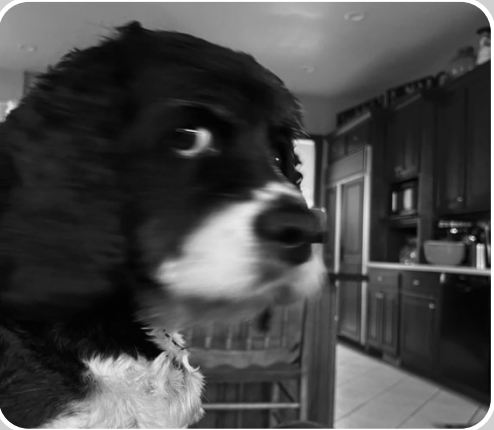
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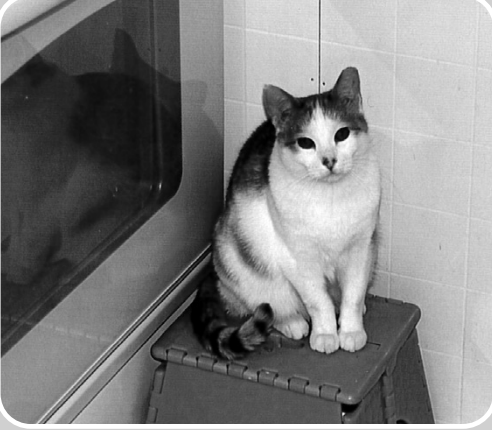
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Ollie

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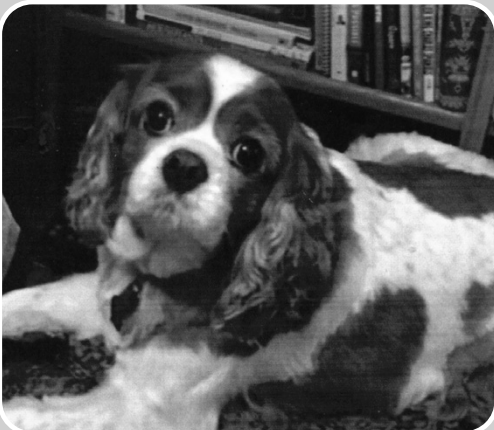




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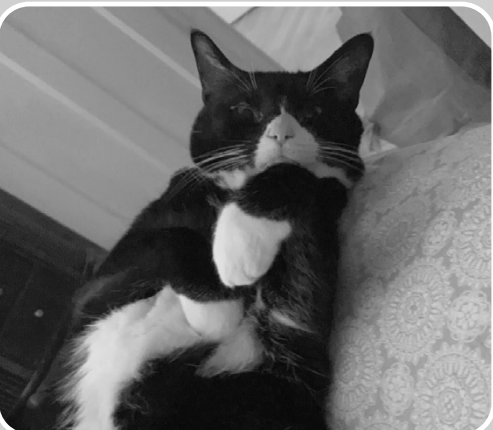
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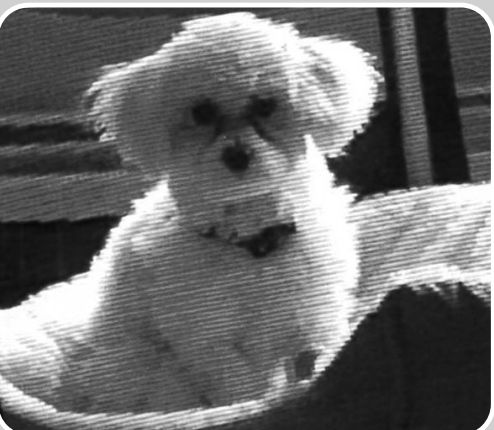
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Inside Microchipping

Gone are the days when a lost collar meant perhaps never seeing your pet again.

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Upload key information about your dog or cat into these electronic chips to keep track of them forever. These tiny chips are roughly the size of a grain of rice, enclosed in glass and work after being implanted by a doctor into your pet. The chip is activated by a scanner, which then transmits whatever information you've included.

WHEN THEY GET LOST

Shelters, animal control officers and veterinarians now regularly scan for microchips as soon as they find a lost pet. If your information has been regularly updated, they'll quickly have access to critical contact information in order to reach you. This small but mighty invention has had a huge impact. One American Veterinary Medical Association

study of almost 8,000 strays found that microchipped animals were returned more than half the time, while others without microchips only found their rightful owners some 22 percent of the time. Microchipped animals who weren't returned were typically those that didn't have updated owner details. So, it's critically important that you register the chip and keep those details constantly up to date, in case the worst happens.

HOW IT WORKS

Pets are microchipped at the vet's office. A medical professional will inject this device under your dog or cat's skin with a hypodermic needle in a process that's been described as roughly as painful as their regular vaccinations. There is no anesthesia or surgery required, though sometimes pet doctors elect to microchip animals while they are already under anesthesia for other procedures including spaying, neutering and dental treatments, simply for the comfort of your pet. The chip only includes contact information. There is no battery, so it can not track a



lost pet. Instead, a scan reveals information that a veterinarian then passes along to the maker of your pet's chip. The manufacturer in turn shares contact details, and the vet gets in touch with pet owners.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

They aren't tracking devices, and do not contain any other personal data. Contact information in the manufacturer's

registry is only to be used in the event your pet is lost. There may be other communications options from the chip maker, but they're typically paired with opt-out features. Details on how you may be contacted must be personally updated when this information changes, since manufacturers don't have access to your location



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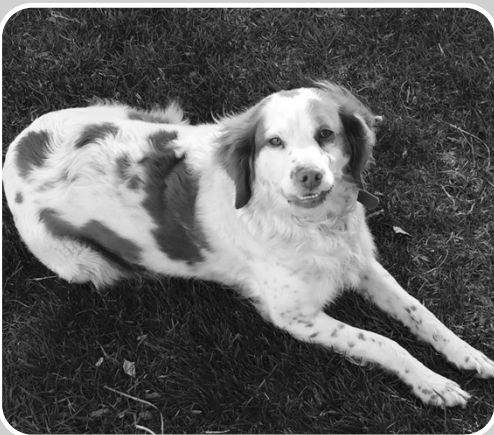
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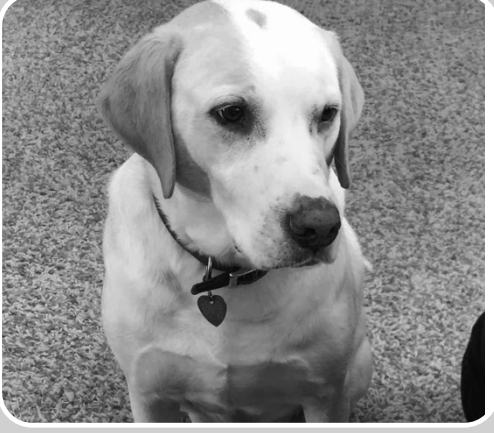
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Benefits of Adopting

Unfortunately, the need to take in these pets has never been greater.

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More than 6 million strays will arrive in U.S. shelters on any given year, according to the ASPCA. There's something you can do to help.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS
It's impossible to know how many stray cats and dogs live in America, though estimates have played the numbers as high as 70 million. A fertile cat can quickly add to those numbers, producing two litters per year with as many as six kittens. Dogs, on the other hand may produce a litter with up to half a dozen puppies per year when fertile. This overpopulation can be addressed by spaying and neutering pets, a process that's handled either by owners or through the shelter where strays arrive.

AT THE SHELTER
Those in shelters are almost evenly divided between dogs and cats. Thankfully, the number of those being euthanized as been declining more recently. The ASPCA reports that shelter adoptions are playing a big role in those improving figures. Tags and technological improvements like microchipping have also reunited more runaways to their rightful owners. More than 800,000 animals are being taken home annually, most of which are dogs. Some 4 million animals are adopted each year, with those numbers again being evenly



divided between cats and dogs.

THE COSTS
Adopting a pet usually costs less than purchasing a cat or dog from a breeder, according to the Humane Society of the United States. Adoption prices also usually cover critical services like initial vaccinations, spaying or neutering and sometimes even microchipping. There may be associated discounts for adopted animals with pet trainers and at local pet stores. In some cities, there are also additional municipal subsidies. Adopted pets are often house trained too, saving both time and money. Once you've taken your new

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FOOD: FROM 12

WHAT'S INSIDE
The Association of Animal Feed Control Officials has a series of specific rules when it comes to pet-food ingredients. Those labeled with "chicken" must contain at least 95 percent chicken. If two ingredients are named, the first ingredient must be in a higher percentage and together the two listed ingredients must result in 95 percent of the product by weight.
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Look for labels that include phrases like "complete and balanced," which means they can be served on a daily basis. Others with usage recommendations like "supplemental" or "intermittent" should be thought of as occasional treats, and make up 10 percent of less of a pet's daily caloric intake.





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Huck, Bailey-Pint help lead N-P’s

GIRLS TIC: FROM 12

ever coached. She’s constantly putting in individual work outside of practices and open gyms to meet her own goals and expectations of herself. We used her in a lot of different ways this year and she’s always able to adapt and work to get better in the roles we place her in,” said Smith.

Huck led N-P in scoring (11.3 ppg) and was second in the TIC East with a 47.8 field-goal percentage. But it was Huck’s ability to force turnovers and create easy buckets for either herself or her teammates that set her apart. Huck’s constant pressure at the top of Smith’s full-court press was a catalyst for many positive things to take place out on the hardwood this winter for the Huskies.

So much so that Huck now holds the third-best steals total in N-P history. Huck managed 94 steals in her sophomore season. That’s second to last year’s all-league performer and 2022 N-P graduate – Jennah Carpenter. Carpenter holds the all-time record for steals in her career and a season. Her single season steals marks stands at 104 – which she duplicated her senior year after coming up with the same total her junior campaign.

Huck passed Britney Holthaus (91 steals) for third place on the all-time best steals in a season list at N-P. Holthaus came up with her steals tally in the 2017-2018 season.

Huck was tied for the team lead in rebounds (97) with junior Jalynn Pratt.

“I’m really proud of her. She absolutely took ownership of that position this year and her stats reflected that. It’s so important in our defense to have a player like that at the top that can cause chaos and she did a great job of that this year,” Smith added.

Smith stated N-P accumulated a top-25 team steals total in all five classes in the state after the regular season was finished. N-P came up with 321 steals as a team, which averaged out to just under 15 steals a contest.

Bailey-Pint, a 5-7 guard just like Huck, was a senior co-captain along with guard Bailey Fisher. Bailey-Pint was also a key defender on the perimeter

All-Top of Iowa East Division Girls Basketball			
FIRST TEAM			
Kaci Crum	Central Springs	Soph.	
Chloe Costello	Northwood-Kensett	Jr.	
Claudia Aschenbrenner	Osage	Sr.	
Samantha Brandau	Osage	Sr.	
Madison Hillman	St. Ansgar	Sr.	
Emma Martinek	West Fork	Sr.	
Leah Weaver	West Fork	Soph.	
SECOND TEAM			
Aubrey Hoefft	Central Springs	Jr.	
Kadence Huck	Nashua-Plainfield	Soph.	
Sami Kruckenberg	Mason City Newman	Fr.	
Morgan Wallin	Northwood-Kensett	Jr.	
Jacey Johnston	Osage	Fr.	
Addison Tabbert	St. Ansgar	Sr.	
Rylie Akins	West Fork	Sr.	
Ellie Weaver	West Fork	Sr.	
HONORABLE MENTION			
Abby Pate	Central Springs	Sr.	
Kendall Bailey-Pint	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.	
Liz Kruckenberg	Mason City Newman	Jr.	
Kaycee Wiebke	North Butler	Jr.	
Madalynn Hanson	Northwood-Kensett	Jr.	
Rylie Tabbert	Osage	Jr.	
Loren Fierova	Rockford	Sr.	
Aspen Falk	St. Ansgar	Jr.	
Keelee Sheriff	West Fork	Sr.	
Player of the Year: Emma Martinek, West Fork			
Coach of the Year: Rodney Huber, West Fork			

for the Huskies as she came up with 51 steals. She also averaged just under four rebounds a game and was N-P’s top 3-point threat in terms of shooting percentage. Bailey-Pint led the team with a 28-percent clip from beyond the arc. That included 21 makes from 3-point land.

“Her best offensive skill is her shooting so it was great to see her be able to put that on display at the varsity level this year. Her length on defense is also sneaky and causes defenses a lot of problems. She got a lot of steals and tips for us, too, which is obviously what we’re looking for with our defensive scheme,” said Smith.

N-P (5-17, 3-13) tied for seventh in the conference after having to replace five senior starters that advanced to the Class 1A regional semifinal last winter. N-P lost to eventual state champ, Algona Garrigan, in the last game of 2021-2022.

The Huskies lost to Dunkerton, 43-37, last month in the opening round of small-

school class regional play.

In order to pile up more victories next year, it could well take the drive and determination of players like Huck and Bailey-Pint to get the job done. Often times players sacrifice the limelight early on in their careers to be able to shine later on once they get the opportunity. That’s a route that Bailey-Pint was willing to take, not only for herself, but for the betterment of her team.

“She took a more traditional path to being a big-time varsity contributor. She played a lot of JV as a freshman and sophomore. Last year she came off the bench to give us big minutes on our regional semifinal team and finally became a starter and captain this year. I think kids like her are becoming more and more rare, unfortunately. A lot of times when there’s not that instant gratification it turns kids off, but she never went down that path. It has always been show up, do the work, get better, repeat with Kendall,” said Smith.

Winters ends Husky career as all-league pick

Boys TIC: FROM 12

That meant Winters had to do a lot more at a high level than just score – which he did to a 9.4 scoring clip.

“When Aiden wasn’t able to play, Joel’s role got a lot bigger. I changed the offense to accommodate Joel’s skills and on defense he was giving up four or five inches most nights. And rebounding was another challenge every night – he had his work cut out for him every night,” Mueller added.

Along with their hard work in the offseason and putting in plenty of overtime hours out on the practice hardwood to get better, Winters and Harrington strengthened their on-court chemistry to create a solid bond that helped N-P play to a 12-11 mark this season. That equated to a fourth-place finish in the TIC East.

“They really looked for each other on the court this year. A lot of our offense started by getting the ball in Joel or Bo’s hands. We usually don’t run much pick-and-roll offense, but we did a lot more this year because they were pretty effective at it,” said Mueller.

Mueller also said his two all-conference seniors toughed it out during their careers – even when they weren’t feeling well or were limited because of injury.

“Bo and Joel were going to practice or play even if they weren’t 100 percent. They played through injuries and sickness all four years and worked hard to get better every day,” Mueller added.

Winters averaged over six rebounds a contest and shot 46 percent from the field.

Harrington was the steals leader in the conference (3.7 spg) and was fifth in assists (3.9 apg). Harrington made an

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Doug Taylor	Mason City Newman	Sr.	
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amazing 152 two-point field goals in 225 attempts. That converts to an astounding 67 percent. Harrington was also one of the conference’s best 3-point shooters as he drained 55 long range shots from beyond the arc.

Harrington cracked the first All-TIC last year as a junior and was honorable mention as a sophomore.

Mueller reiterated on the obvious fact that both Winters and Harrington had plenty of fuel for their fire to get better. Their all-conference designa-

tion was proof of that.

“It just shows how much respect the other coaches in this league had for him. Those coaches know you don’t get to Bo’s level overnight. It’s just a payoff for a lot of hours of work,” said Mueller about Harrington.

Ditto for Winters.

“His jump shot was not good early in his career. He definitely had to work hard to improve that. But he has always been a smart, hardworking, passionate player,” said Mueller.



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Harrington, who put a cap on his tremendous career last month for N-P, was recently named the Top of Iowa Conference's Player of the Year after coaches voted to select all-conference teams recently.

It was a well-deserved honor for Harrington and his Huskies, who have now claimed the TIC East POY two out of the last three seasons.

Harrington proved he's one of the better players in the entire state as he constantly rose above the competition to put together a remarkable season that Husky fans and hoops followers in general will remember for quite some time.

Harrington broke the single-season scor-

ing record at N-P after his 39-point scoring effort in the opening round of Class 1A district play. Harrington's career night played into an 80-63 first round postseason victory over Waterloo Christian. Harrington came up just four points short of breaking the single-game Husky scoring record of 42 points – still held by Mitch Fonley (1996).

Harrington, a multi-sport star for N-P, finished off his senior campaign with 536 points. That eclipsed Alex Kramer's all-time best scoring season of 501 points – which came in the 2005-2006.

The senior guard's career total of 1,279 points also elevated him into rarified air. That tally puts him third all-time on the N-P scoring list, as he passed Kramer's 1,266. Kramer played from 2003-2007. Derek Pagel (1994-1998) is second all-time in career scoring with 1,308. Austin Bienemann, a 2021 Husky grad, holds the all-time career scoring mark at Nashua-Plainfield with 1,366 points.

What makes Harrington so special? Just ask his head coach, Matt Mueller, a five-year assistant at N-P that took over the reins of the Husky program this winter. "First off, he's excellent with both hands. He understands how to position his body

to finish at the rim. He is a great finisher, can shoot the mid-range and can shoot the 3. There's no real weaknesses to his game," said Mueller.

Harrington, a four-year starter that missed a considerable amount of time because of injury his sophomore season, evolved after defenses adapted. That led to his 23.3 scoring average and 8.7 rebounds a game average.

"I think he came in as a good player as a freshman and every year the defenses focused on him a little more. He learned to play without the ball in his hands better this year, which definitely made him harder to guard," said Mueller.

Joining Harrington, who was one of seven players on the TIC first team, as the two Huskies that received all-conference recognition was senior forward Joel Winters. Winters was tabbed for the honorable mention squad.

Winters was the tallest player on the Husky's roster at 6-1 after an injury to 6-7 senior center Aiden Lamborn sidelined him for the rest of the season after just three games.

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N-P earns two spots on TIC all-conference

Huck named to all-league second team; Bailey-Pint honorable mention

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The price to achieve success in basketball can come at almost any cost.

For most, the avenue to achieve positive results out on the hardwood involves a dedicated commitment to want to get better.

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That extra-added effort by Kadence Huck and Kendall Bailey-Pint was just one of the reasons the Nashua-Plainfield duo was selected on the TIC all-conference squads that were released this past month.

Huck, a sophomore for head coach Josh Smith's Huskies, demonstrated that she's just beginning a varsity career that could know no bounds.

"It's the type of season that makes you really excited to see what the ceiling can be over the next two years," said Smith.

Bailey-Pint, a senior, put a wrap on a hoops career that included a tireless work ethic to prove she was one of the Top of Iowa Conference's most well-rounded players. She earned honorable mention all-league status.

"Kendall has been such a big part of our program for a really long time. She's always just shown up and done the work. She's at everything we do in the offseason, she's always helping out at youth basketball, and stars in the roles that we put her in," said Smith. "It would be really hard to ask for a better kid to coach over the past four-plus years."

Huck, one of the top defenders in her class, was a second team all-league selection. The superb athlete that combines a tenacious drive with plenty of heart and guts, has already put her name in the N-P hoops record books in her first year as a starter. Those stellar stats, along with Huck's other-worldly running accomplishments for the Huskies, are a prime example that she may just be getting started.

"She's obviously a great athlete. You can see that easily from watching any sport she competes in. Things that might be unseen to some is how much extra time she puts in on her own. She's probably about the most self-motivated athlete I've

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N-P sophomore Kadence Huck puts up a shot down low in the Huskies' regional game versus Dunkerton.



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Nashua-Plainfield senior Garret Rinken was one of three finalists for the Dan Gable Class 1A Wrestler of the Year award. The awards banquet was held in Boone on Wednesday and honored the top wrestlers in their class that were nominated through the IWCOA (Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association).

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The star Nashua-Plainfield hoops record holder may see some more red-carpet treatment headed his way later this month when all-state teams are announced.

In the meantime, the Husky standout can soak in an award-winning moment after being named the top dog in his own league.

Harrington, who put a cap on his tremendous career last month for N-P, was recently named the Top of Iowa Conference's Player of the Year after coaches voted to select all-conference teams recently.

It was a well-deserved honor for Harrington and his Huskies, who have now claimed the TIC East POY two out of the last three seasons.

Harrington proved he's one of the better players in the entire state as he constantly rose above the competition to put together a remarkable season that Husky fans and hoops followers in general will remember for quite some time.

Harrington broke the single-season scor-

ing record at N-P after his 39-point scoring effort in the opening round of Class 1A district play. Harrington's career night played into an 80-63 first round postseason victory over Waterloo Christian. Harrington came up just four points short of breaking the single-game Husky scoring record of 42 points – still held by Mitch Fonley (1996).

Harrington, a multi-sport star for N-P, finished off his senior campaign with 536 points. That eclipsed Alex Kramer's all-time best scoring season of 501 points – which came in the 2005-2006.

The senior guard's career total of 1,279 points also elevated him into rarified air. That tally puts him third all-time on the N-P scoring list, as he passed Kramer's 1,266. Kramer played from 2003-2007. Derek Pagel ('94-'98) is second all-time in career scoring with 1,308. Austin Bienemann, a 2021 Husky grad, holds the all-time career scoring mark at Nashua-Plainfield with 1,366 points and was 2021 TIC POY.

What makes Harrington so special?

Just ask his head coach, Matt Mueller, a five-year assistant at N-P that took over the reins of the Husky program this winter.

"First off, he's excellent with both hands. He understands how to position his body

to finish at the rim. He is a great finisher, can shoot the mid-range and can shoot the 3. There's no real weaknesses to his game," said Mueller.

Harrington, a four-year starter that missed a considerable amount of time because of injury his sophomore season, evolved after defenses adapted. That led to his 23.3 scoring average and 8.7 rebounds a game average.

"I think he came in as a good player as a freshman and every year the defenses focused on him a little more. He learned to play without the ball in his hands better this year, which definitely made him harder to guard," said Mueller.

Joining Harrington, who was one of seven players on the TIC first team, as the two Huskies that received all-conference recognition was senior forward Joel Winters. Winters was tabbed for the honorable mention squad.

Winters was the tallest player on the Husky's roster at 6-1 after an injury to 6-7 senior center Aiden Lamborn sidelined him for the rest of the season after just three games.

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N-P earns two spots on TIC all-conference

Huck named to all-league second team; Bailey-Pint honorable mention

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The price to achieve success in basketball can come at almost any cost.

For most, the avenue to achieve positive results out on the hardwood involves a dedicated commitment to want to get better.

You have to put in the work.

That extra-added effort by Kadence Huck and Kendall Bailey-Pint was just one of the reasons the Nashua-Plainfield duo was selected on the TIC all-conference squads that were released this past month.

Huck, a sophomore for head coach Josh Smith's Huskies, demonstrated that she's just beginning a varsity career that could know no bounds.

"It's the type of season that makes you really excited to see what the ceiling can be over the next two years," said Smith.

Bailey-Pint, a senior, put a wrap on a hoops career that included a tireless work ethic to prove she was one of the Top of Iowa Conference's most well-rounded players. She earned honorable mention all-league status.

"Kendall has been such a big part of our program for a really long time. She's always just shown up and done the work. She's at everything we do in the offseason, she's always helping out at youth basketball, and stars in the roles that we put her in," said Smith. "It would be really hard to ask for a better kid to coach over the past four-plus years."

Huck, one of the top defenders in her class, was a second team all-league selection. The superb athlete that combines a tenacious drive with plenty of heart and guts, has already put her name in the N-P hoops record books in her first year as a starter. Those stellar stats, along with Huck's other-worldly running accomplishments for the Huskies, are a prime example that she may just be getting started.

"She's obviously a great athlete. You can see that easily from watching any sport she competes in. Things that might be unseen to some is how much extra time she puts in on her own. She's probably about the most self-motivated athlete I've

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N-P sophomore Kadence Huck puts up a shot down low in the Huskies' regional game versus Dunkerton.



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Nashua-Plainfield senior Garret Rinken was one of three finalists for the Dan Gable Class 1A Wrestler of the Year award. The awards banquet was held in Boone on Wednesday and honored the top wrestlers in their class that were nominated through the IWCOA (Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association).

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