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There will be plenty to do in Plainfield, Nashua Dec. 7

CHRISTMAS: FROM 1

Breakfast with Santa at the B from 8 to 10 a.m.

- Compass Outreach Silent Auction will be taking bids from 9 a.m. to noon.

- A craft and vendor show will be held at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- The Old Bradford Pioneer Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The Nashua Women of Today will be putting on its annual Santa's Workshop and Bake Sale at the Nashua Public Library from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

- The Nashua Park Board will be serving up s'mores and hot chocolate by Rooster's from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- The Scouts Soup Lunch will be served at the welcome center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- The Nashua Tour of Homes will run from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

- Those who stroll down Nashua's Main Street can check out the planters that will be decorated with a Christmas or winter theme and then go to Facebook and vote for their favorites.

- And the Nashua Garden Club will put on its annual Soup Supper at the B from 5 to 7 p.m.

In Plainfield, meanwhile, the activities kick off with the annual Christmas tree lighting at 5 p.m. and Santa will be at the Butler-Bremer Soup Supper at the Baptist Church from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

In addition, open houses will be held at local businesses and horse-drawn wagon rides and a vendor show are also on tap.



A pretty cool way to spice up Main Street!

A couple of Nashua Main Street planters have already been decorated for the Christmas/winter theme, and area residents and visitors are invited to stroll up and down Main Street during the Dec. 7 Christmas in Nashua celebration.

Once they have decided which one is their favorite, they're welcome to go onto the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page and vote for their favorite.

Bob Fenske/Reporter



Briefs

Low-income heating assistance available

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC) is taking applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through April 30, 2025.

LIHEAP customers will need to provide the following when applying for LIHEAP:

- The social security number of each household member, regardless of age, must be provided for that household member to be eligible. At least one household member must provide a social security number documentation for the household itself to be eligible.
- A copy of their most recent heating and electric bill.
- Documentation of gross income for everyone living in the home for the previous 30 calendar days, the most recent 12 months or for the previous calendar year.

There are income maximums to be eligible for the program. For a household of one, the annual gross income must be at \$30,120, and for each additional member of the household, add \$10,760 to calculate the income maximum.

For more information chat, with an NEICAC team member at www.neicac.org, contact your local NEICAC Family Services Office or call the central office in Decorah at 563-382-9608.

Bremer County residents can contact its office at 319-352-4532 and Chickasaw County residents should call 563-379-8761.

Iowa author to visit welcome center Dec. 7

Iowa author Linda Betsinger McCann will be at the Nashua Welcome Center on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 am to noon, with all her books. She writes about little-known aspects of Iowa history. Her newest book, "Rosie the Riveters of Iowa," as well as the rest of her books will be for sale.

McCann spoke with 35 women who had worked as Rosie's for her book, and shares their memories in the book.

Linda's books are \$20 each and she can only take cash or checks.



Christmas Traditions



Celebrating two great events — Christmas in Nashua and Plainfield's Christmas on Main — that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7!

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A day to celebrate the ‘Polar Express’ at the library

The Nashua Public Library enjoyed a Polar Express kind of Saturday morning this past weekend, and participants made crafts ranging from a wooden train to a hot chocolate mug to a bell craft. They also enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn as they watched the timeless Christmas movie.

Nashua Public Library Heather Hackman thanked both the city of Nashua and the Chickasaw County Supervisors for providing continued funding each year “so we are able to provide free programs like this for all ages.”



Frost pumped up for final year of coaching

FROST: FROM 1

determined to make them the best damn wrestlers for now and in the future. I’m going to have fun this year, and I’m going to have high expectations for our kids — just like I’ve always had.”

Frost won a state championship for the then-Nashua Bulldogs when he claimed the Class AA 145-pound title in 1979.

“That was just a few years ago, right,” he asked with a laugh.

He would go on to wrestle at Iowa and became an educator, teaching and coaching in Plainfield before Nashua and Plainfield came together.

For years, he taught physical education at the high school and, of course, save for the first year of the whole-grade sharing agreement, serving as the Huskies’ head wrestling coach.

His intensity matside remains the same

— Al Frost videos celebrating a Husky victory are must-see — but a few things have changed over the years.

“I feel good, and I’ve been showing moves right and left,” he said after the Huskies wrapped up a practice on the day before Thanksgiving. “But I’m not wrestling anymore, I gave up that crap two, three years ago. I’d get done, and every party of my body hurt, my shoulder ached, I had lost some muscle mass. Those younger guys, they’re the ones who go out and roll around with the guys.”

And he’s appreciative of those younger guys — his assistant coaches, guys like Ben Kalainoff, Shane Huck, Jason Fisher and Taylor Wedeking.

“I say it all the time, but I mean it. We’ve had a lot of great coaches in the room over the years,” he said, “and I appreciate them all.”

And Frost is pumped up for what’s to

come during the 2024-25 season, even if he’s not sure about the rule changes coming to prep wrestling this season.

One of them is that takedowns is now worth three points, not two.

“I’ve already screwed up so many times ... coaching 40 years with a two-point takedown, you’re not going to teach an old dog new tricks,” he said. “Even though it’s a three-point [move], I’ll be messing up and yelling ‘two’ a lot. I’m the old dog, right?”

The goal remains the same — make each and every wrestler better as the season progresses.

“The guys who come out, we can make them successful,” he said. “Whatever that is based on a kid’s ability, that’s what I want. If that’s winning a state title or just getting a takedown on a Saturday in some gym, that’s always been the goal. Always has been; always will be ... at least for one more year.”

Briefs

Little Light of Mine goes live in New Hampton tonight

The east side of New Hampton is about to get a whole lot brighter.

The reason? Little Light of Mine, 2024 style, goes live tonight as the annual Christmas lights display at Mikkelson Park gets energized for another season, kicking off a big weekend in the park.

The Little Light of Mine Committee will be offering horse-drawn wagon rides through the park from 5 to 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. The rides are \$5, and all proceeds will be used to build the committee’s annual Christmas display “larger and brighter.”

The opening weekend festivities will kick off a “season” that will run through New Year’s Eve.

Little Light of Mine will also host a Dec. 7 visit from Santa Claus, who will be at the park from 5 to 7 p.m. before the annual Little Light of Mine fireworks display will take place.

Foundation accepting grant applications through Jan. 15

Grant applications can now be submitted to the Chickasaw County Community Foundation (CCCCF) for its 2025 grant cycle, with a submission deadline of Jan. 15 at 5 p.m.

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

The online grant application can be found on the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa’s website at www.cfneia.org/grants/

grant-opportunities. Technical support will be available to applicants until 5 p.m. on January 15, 2025. Grant recipients will be announced in March.

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and government entities. Tax-exempt organizations classified as other than 501(c)(3) are also eligible, if and only if, the project is deemed charitable; please contact Dotti Thompson at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfneia.org to discuss the project’s eligibility prior to submitting a proposal. Grants selections are made in an effort to create a better quality of life for people in these counties. A local impact committee reviews the applications

from charitable organizations serving their community.

The CCCCf that affiliates of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA) is also seeking new volunteers to serve on their impact committees beginning in March 2025. The impact committee position description and volunteer interest form can be found at www.cfneia.org/volunteer. Individuals may complete a volunteer self-interest form or may nominate someone else, such as a colleague, community leader or friend, to connect the Community Foundation with to explore their interest in serving as a volunteer. The deadline to submit a volunteer interest form for initial consideration is also Jan. 15.

The impact committee seeks to understand the needs of their county to ensure alignment between those needs and Foundation grants. The primary function and responsibility of the committee is to invest in nonprofits through the discretionary grant process, which distributes over \$100,000 annually in each county. The committee will implement best practices in grantmaking, uphold trust-based practices and reflect CFNEIA’s values in grant decision-making with the goal of maximizing the impact of those grants. The committee works closely with CFNEIA staff to collaboratively achieve shared goals.

Questions about volunteering may be directed to Shanda Hansen at shansen@cfneia.org or 319-243-1357.

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Park will reopen park once dam repairs are complete

DAM: FROM 1

it’s good, they could finish by January.”

He paused and laughed.

“But it’s Iowa and it’s winter. And, as we all know, that sometimes isn’t the greatest combination.”

The Nashua City Council awarded a \$763,000 contract to Boomerang in August after it submitted the low bid — by far — to place concrete blocks in the dam’s void that officials from Shuck-Britson, the city’s engineering firm, called a “self-healing process.”

The work that will start next week makes up the majority of the \$1.3 million project to fix Nashua’s century-old dam, which creates Cedar Lake.

Area farmers are hoping for normal to roll around in ’25

POST-HARVEST: FROM 1

The U.S. Drought Monitor, meanwhile, has downgraded the drought conditions in the area from “severe” to “moderate.”

Farmers in the area also found themselves in what Hackman called a “pocket” in which at least some field work could be done.

“We were able to run when a lot of other places [in the state] couldn’t,” he said. “Did it slow down? Sure, it did, but it didn’t come to a stop, either.”

Considering the challenges — and there were many —

The city received two other bids — one for \$940,000 and the other for \$1.5 million — for the work, and Shuck-Britson officials told council members in August that they saw “no reason” not to accept the bid.

Ott said city leaders understand that Veterans Park is a popular destination for city residents, especially anglers who like to fish near the dam, but that closing the park is a must.

“It’s as much for the safety of people as it is for the people who are going to work on the repairs,” he said. “We’ll definitely let people know when it’s reopened but we’re asking people to respect the barricades and stay out of the area until they’re done.”

faced since farmers planted their crops back in the spring, Hackman said farmers remain fairly optimistic.

“I think the mood out in the country is a lot better than people think,” he said. “Between all the rain we got last spring, the no rain we got at the end, it’s been a decent year. Yields were better than expected and it was a decent year.”

Still, Hackman said growers are hoping for some normalcy in 2025.

“These days it seems like it’s all or none,” he said. “We’d kill for normal one of these years.”

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Supervisors fill safety position

SAFETY: FROM 1

various county departments. “You are the payroll, human resource manager for the county,” Hackman said, and Shekleton said that “I know it falls on my shoulders. You can talk all you want but I know, I figured, this is where we are going.” Hackman added that he looked through job descriptions for those working in the Auditor’s Office and all of them contain the verbiage “other duties may be required or assigned.” Shekleton, though, did ask board members if they would support paying whomever in her office she assigned “safety tasks” to receive an additional 96 cents per hour. Hackman said he felt it was a “budget work session question if additional support is needed,” but Supervisor Matt Kuhn said that he would support a bump in pay for the employee taking on additional duties. “We were paying one before so I don’t know why we wouldn’t



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors and Auditor Sheila Shekleton listen as County Attorney David Laudner (far right) makes a point during Monday’s meeting.

pay one now,” he said. Board members eventually approved naming the auditor as the safety coordinator, but they didn’t take any action on a possible pay increase for whoever in the Auditor’s Office becomes the safety, as Shekleton called it, “front person.” Because the county has a safety coordinator, it will receive a 10 percent discount on its workers’ compensation insurance, which works out to a little more than \$10,000 a year. Hackman said he had discussed that discount with County Attorney David Laudner last week. Laudner, Hackman said, asked “if they’re going to give

us 10 percent, why can’t they take that \$100,000 insurance wide and have that person in the counties twice a month, or once a month, to do this.” Hackman said he appreciated the discount but thought that “maybe Heartland should take more of a stand on it ... helping all counties so that the same person is the go-to for all 10 counties and the landfill that they represent and have one person who Sheila would talk to.” The supervisors also discussed other possible options for a safety coordinator but eventually settled on Shekleton and her office to take over the position.

Damon Lynn Dietz, 46



Damon Dietz

Damon Lynn Dietz passed away on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, after a nearly three-year battle with cancer. He died peacefully, with his loved ones around him. Damon was one of a kind. Ironically, this is said about many people. But if you knew Damon, you know that this applies to him more than most. Damon was born in Waverly on Sept. 15, 1978. He graduated from Nashua Plainfield High School, then earned degrees from both the University of Iowa and Middle Tennessee State. After stays in Chicago, Florida and Tennessee, Damon returned to Iowa and settled in Waterloo and then moved to Waverly. He was excited everyday to

go to his job as a card dealer at Isle Casino, which was endlessly amusing to those who remember him needing a card

shuffler in high school. Damon was a fun brother, an even more fun uncle, a rambunctious family 500 card player, and a voracious reader. Damon rallied the most during fun times with his friends, relishing his trivia and poker nights, and watching sports (especially his Bears and Cubs). Damon is survived by his parents, Jerry and Mariellen Dietz; and his siblings, Darin Lynch and Amber Dietz. A visitation will be held at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home in Nashua on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at 1 p.m., with brief remarks at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Judith ‘Judy’ Kapping, 72

Judith “Judy” Kapping, age 72 of Nashua, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City. Per her wishes, cremation took place and a private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials and sympathy

cards to Judy’s family may be sent to Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home, 1205 South Main Street, Charles City, IA 50616 and will be forwarded to her family. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Board Meeting November 11, 2024 Nashua-Plainfield JH/HS Commons 6:00 p.m. I. Call to Order (Quorum) President Pat Lentz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: Laura Folkerts, Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Patrick Lentz. Also Present: Superintendent Jay Marley, MS/HS Principal Dean Youngblut, and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff. II. Receive Communication and Visitors (Including Board Members) None III. Approve Consent Agenda Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Cody Jensen to approve the October 14, 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Approve Monthly Financial Reports Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the monthly financial report. Motion carried unanimously. Approve Bills for Payment Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the monthly bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Lara Lawrence to approve Trey Nelson as a volunteer coach for wrestling. Motion carried unanimously. IV. Information only Spotlight in Education Financial Focus from IAB (Michael Guanci & Jan Miller- Hook) Michael and Jan provided the board with a financial health analysis for the district. V. Administrative Reports The MS/HS Principal went over his report with the board. Superintendent Jay Marley went over the Elementary report with the board in Shannon Wurzer’s absence. VI. Review and Consider Approving IASB Policy Primer Update 2nd Reading Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the 2nd reading of the IASB Policy Primer for the following policies: 502.10 (Use of Motor Vehicle), 603.01 (Basic Instruction Program), and 700 (Purpose of Non-institutional and Business Services). Motion carried unanimously. VII. Review and Consider Approval of the Ability to Activate Up to 5 Virtual Days as Needed Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Laura Folkerts to allow the district up to 5 virtual days as needed for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously. VIII. Review and Consider Approving Frontline Implementation of Substitute Management & Central Solution Motion by Lara Lawrence, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the implementation of the Central Solution and Substitute Management through Frontline. Motion carried unanimously. IX. Review and Information Only on The State Fire Marshal conducted a fire safety inspection to ensure compliance with state regulations. No motion made. X. Review and Consider Approving Elementary Christmas Store / HLT Candy Cane Grams/ MS Monday Treats Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the fundraisers as presented. Motion carried unanimously. XI. Review and Consider Approving Early Graduation Request Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the early graduation request. Motion carried unanimously. XII. Review and Consider Approving Change Order Baseball/Softball Complex Update Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the change order for the baseball/softball complex in the amount of \$7,808.50. Motion carried unanimously. XIII. Superintendent’s Report Jay Marley went over his report with the board. XIV. Set Meeting Dates: Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the next board meeting date on December 9th at 7:30pm in the JH/HS Commons. Motion carried unanimously. XV. Review and Consider Approving Temporary Chairperson to Convene 2024-2025 School Board Secretary Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Lara Lawrence to approve the temporary chairperson to Ashley Ratliff, the school board secretary. Motion carried unanimously. XVI. Adjourn		Chris Hagen - Yes, Cody Jensen - Yes, Lara Lawrence - Yes, Patrick Lentz - Yes, Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Lara Lawrence to come out of closed session at 8:27 pm. Roll Call: Laura Folkerts - Yes, Chris Hagen - Yes, Cody Jensen - Yes, Lara Lawrence - Yes, Patrick Lentz - Yes, Motion carried unanimously. VI. Adjourn Laura Folkerts adjourned at 8:27 pm, Seconded by Lara Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously. Ashley Ratliff SBO/Board Secretary Pat Lentz Board President Nashua-Plainfield Comm. 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Rule changes coming to high school wrestling this season

Boys Wrestling: From 10

Jayden Rinken, Nic Brase, Jackson Carey and Isaac Jones. Rinken, who will wrestle at 132 this year, has had a brilliant career and only a shoulder injury suffered last winter has kept him from heading into the season aiming to become a four-time placewinner at the

state meet. He finished third at 106 in 2022 as a freshman and then won the 106-pound title in 2023 as a sophomore. He made the state meet a year ago but was forced to default out of the tournament because of a shoulder injury. “He’s looked really good so far, and I don’t see him favor-

ing it at all,” he said. “He seems to be healthy and it’s going good. He went through surgery and a hell of a lot of rehabilitation ... He’s fully ready to go, and that’s good for us.” Brase, meanwhile, is aiming for a third trip to the state tournament stand as he finished fifth at 113 in 2023 and seventh at the same weight a

year ago. He’ll begin the season at 120 but may find his way to 113 before the end of the season. “Good, solid kid,” Frost said, “and he tested so that he could go down to ‘13 so that might be a good option for him.” Carey and Jones, meanwhile, made their first state tournament appearances a year

ago, and Carey made his way to the stand at 157 with an eighth-place finish at 157 while Jones picked up valuable experience in Des Moines at 285. Two other Huskies — Connor Sullivan and Devon Blanchard — also made trips to state last winter as Sullivan, now a sophomore, qualified at 106 while Blanchard, now a junior, made it into the 144 field. The Huskies also welcome back senior Aiden Gelner, who finished third at districts a year ago, and Luke Zwanziger, a sophomore who also finished third at districts.

Nashua-Plainfield also welcomes back eight other returning letterwinners — seniors Dalton Downing and Maverick Dietz-McDonald and sophomores Lucas Sinnwell, Elijah Cerwinske, Michael Stroud and Jaxon McDonald. The good news is that Frost believes his team will be able to fill all 14 weights, which is one of the keys to success in Class 1A wrestling. “We have some guys with some quality experience both at state and on our returning state dual meet team,” he said. “They will be our leaders. ... Having 14 in the lineup, that’s huge, but we’re going to have to avoid injuries, especially at some weights where we only have one or two guys, but if we can field a full lineup, that’s always big for schools our size.” The schedule is as always, not only have some powerhouse

Top of Iowa teams like Osage and Lake Mills to contend with but also wrestle in a number of quality tournaments, including the Battle of Waterloo where they routinely see Class 3A and 2A teams. We have to go into the postseason with a lot of confidence,” Frost said. “We have a very good opportunity to win the district title and send a fair amount of guys to the traditional tournament. ... We do have some very good quality kids that can make a statement at state as well.”

..... A variety of rule changes are coming to high school wrestling this year, and they include takedowns scoring three points, the chance to pick up four nearfall points and a change in the out-of-bounds rule that will see less stoppage of action. “You know, I can’t see the advantage either way or the disadvantage either way,” said Frost, who enters the season with a 546-224-6 coaching record compiled in 35 years of being matside. “You’re going to see a lot of fast, quick scoring situations that are going to take place. If a kid doesn’t get a pin, tech falls are going to readily come quickly but at the same time, if you get down by five points, you’re not out of the woods. You still have an opportunity and you get a takedown and get a quick two-point near-fall you’re right back in the money.”

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Dec. 5	Quad at L. Mills, GHV, M. Newnam JV, V	6 p.m.	
Dec. 7	Chris Davis Invite, at Wap. Valley JV, V	10 a.m.	
Dec. 12	Quad at WF, Eagle Grove, N-K JV, V	6 p.m.	
Dec. 14	Nashua-Plainfield Invite JV, V	9 a.m.	
Dec. 17	Home Quad, Janes., NH/TV, NFV JV, V	6 p.m.	
Dec. 20	at Dike-New Hartford Tourney JV	5 p.m.	
Dec. 20	at Battle of Waterloo V	9 a.m.	
Dec. 21	at Battle of Waterloo V	TBD	
Jan. 2	Quad at For. City, N. Union, Rock. JV, V	6 p.m.	
Jan. 3	at Riceville Tourney JV	5 p.m.	
Jan. 4	at Osage Tournament V	10 a.m.	
Jan. 9	Home meet, Janesville, Jesup Osage, St. Ansgar JV, V	6 p.m.	
Jan. 11	at Tripoli Invite V	8:30 a.m.	
Jan. 16	Home quad, West Hancock, Central Springs, North Butler, JV, V	6 p.m.	
Jan. 18	at Hudson Invite JV, V	9 a.m.	
Jan. 20	at Osage Tournament JV	5 p.m.	
Jan. 21	Quad at S. Winn, Post., Starmont JV, V	6 p.m.	
Jan. 25	Top of Iowa meet at St. Ansgar	10 a.m.	
Feb. 1	at N. Butler Doug Trees Invite JV, V	8:30 a.m.	
Feb. 4	Class 1A regional duals	TBD	
Feb. 8	Class 1A state duals at Coralville	9 a.m.	
Feb. 15	Class 1A districts at MFL MarMac	10 a.m.	
Feb. 19-22	Class 1A state traditional tourney	TBD	



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Nashua-Plainfield’s Adiley Gerholdt picks up back points during the Decorah Invitational this past Saturday.

N-P girls coach likes the competitiveness of team

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS
100 - Makynlee Dana did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Dana pinned Sophia Stone (WAU), 0:19. Quarterfinal - Natalie Blake (CF) pinned Dana, 1:25. Cons. Round 2 - Maria Ordenez (POST) pinned Dana, 1:46.
110 - Adiley Gerholdt did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Gerholdt pinned Emma Schmitt (CC), 2:49. Quarterfinal - Jasmine Schwartz (LM) pinned Gerholdt, 0:35. Cons. Round 2 - Angie Barrutia-Rucal (POST) pinned Gerholdt, 5:26.
135 - Jayla Patten did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Farah Glascock (CF) pinned Patten, 4:51. Cons. Round 2 - Nadelyn Stanbrough (NBC) pinned Patten, 1:37.
155 - Nevaeh Bloker placed fourth. Champ. Round 2 - Piper Kjeldahl (LM) pinned Bloker, 3:21. Cons. Round 3 - Bloker pinned Mallory Howe (WAU), 0:18. Cons. Round 4 - Bloker pinned Lila Reints (AP), 0:42. Cons. Round 5 - Bloker pinned Clara Keller (CREST), 0:33. Cons. Semi - Bloker pinned Jocelyn Schwartz (CF), 0:20. 3rd Place Match - Afton Dean (LM) pinned Bloker, 3:10.
170 - Klaire Marshall did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Isabelle Alley (DEC) pinned Marshall, 1:03. Cons. Round 1 - Abby Diamond (NK) dec. Marshall, 3:22.
170 - Hailey Wilkens did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Wilkens pinned Isla Henkes (MFL), 1:38. Quarterfinal - Anna Johnson (CF) pinned Wilkens, 0:35. Cons. Round 2 - Savanna Hoffer (CF) pinned Wilkens, 1:36.

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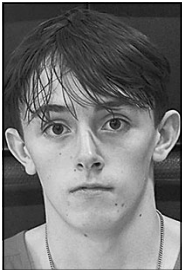
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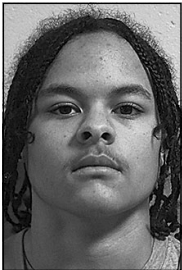
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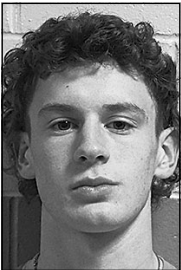
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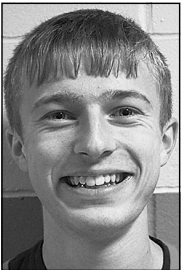
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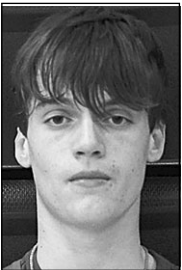
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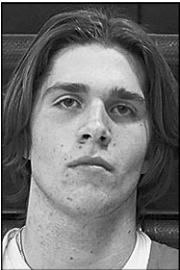
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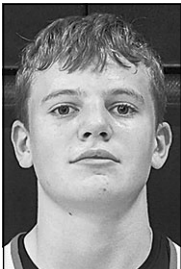


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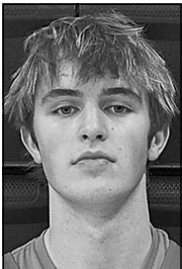
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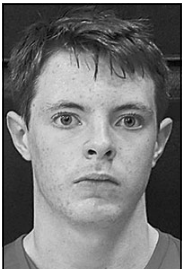
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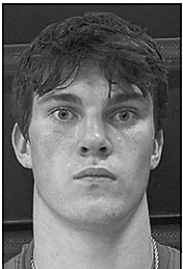
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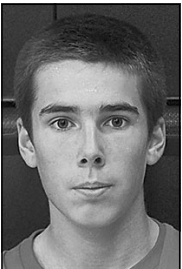
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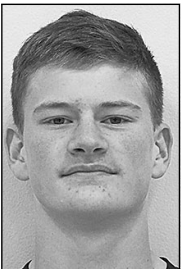
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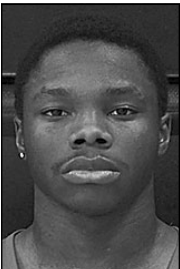
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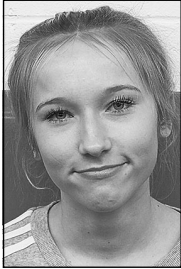


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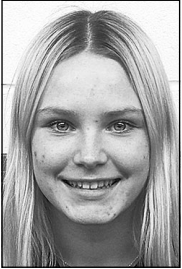
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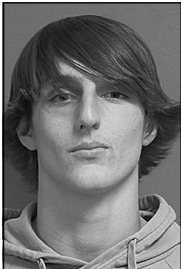
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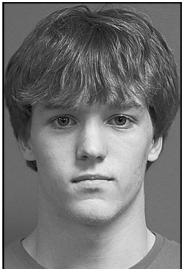
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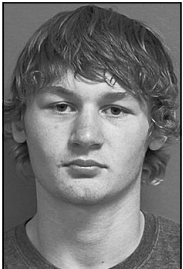
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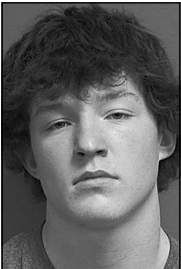
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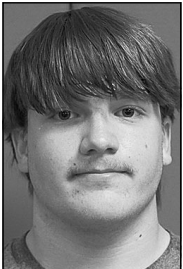
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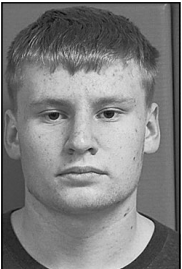
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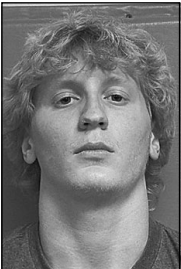
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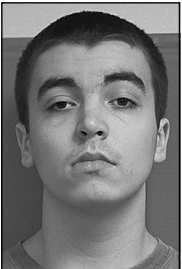
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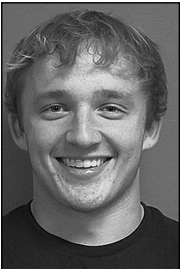
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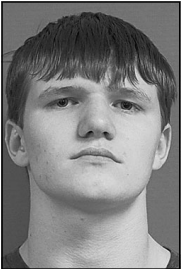
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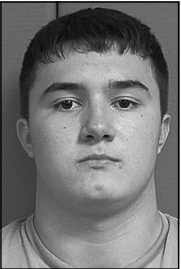
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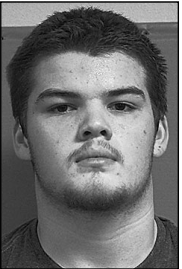
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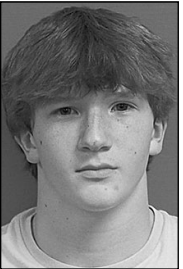
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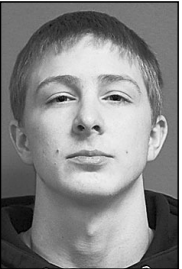
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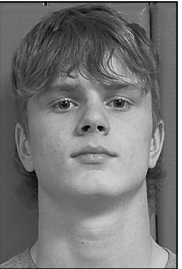
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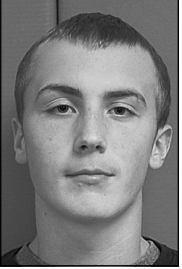
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GIRLS HOOPS: FROM 10

in seniors Paige Franzen (forward), Marleigh Lowe (guard), Josslynn Glaser (center) and junior forward Elayna O'Neill. Those returnees make it easy to see why Husky hoops fans should be "bullish" on the prospects for this veteran unit that is ready to make some noise in the small-school class.

All those aforementioned players started at least one game last year. Glaser's season was shut down because of an ankle injury right before Christmas break. In her lone start of the season she pumped in a career high 23 points against Osage and snared nine rebounds.

Needless to say the Huskies are better with her healthy and on the court. The 6-1 center can be a game-changer along with O'Neill, who possess the talent and drive to form a potent 1-2 punch down low this year for the Huskies.

"I'm really excited about both of the years they're going to have. They've had a full offseason with each other and are playing really well off each other the first couple weeks of practice and in our scrimmage," said Smith.

O'Neill averaged just under four points a contest in six starts, but her presence out on the hardwood – combined with Glaser – should create matchup problems for many a team that square up with the Huskies.

"They're going to be a huge focus for us this year. They've both improved their games so much over the past couple years we're going to really try to unleash them this year," said Smith about his starting post players.

One can't start talking about the Huskies without discussing



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Josslynn Glaser puts up a shot in a game last season.

Huck – who presents tremendous challenges for opponents at the top of Smith's full-court press and is one of the better all-around athletes in 1A.

She's been named a two-time second team all-league performer for Smith and was one of the leaders in steals amongst all classes as a junior.

Huck was the third-best steals leader in all five classes in the state with a 6.6 average during her junior campaign. 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 also averaged 7.2 rebounds a contest and 6.6 steals a game.

"I think she's definitely got personal goals, but we're definitely focused on team goals this season," said Smith. "Kadence is a huge part of what we do and really gets us going, but we think we can get a lot of contribution from quite a few girls this year."

Huck holds the single season steals record at N-P, which she broke last year with 138. The old mark was held by 2022

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Jan. 21	at Mason City Newman JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.	
Jan. 24	vs. Central Springs JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.	
Jan. 28	at St. Ansgar JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.	
Jan. 31	vs. Osage JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.	
Feb. 3	at Waterloo Christian JV/V	4/6:30 p.m.	
Feb. 7	vs. West Fork JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.	
Feb. 11	at North Butler JV/V	4/6:15 p.m.	

alum Jennah Carpenter, who held the old record with 104. 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.

Carpenter is in her first-year on Smith's coaching staff as an assistant.

Franzen was an honorable mention all-conference pick as a junior. She averaged 4.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg to go along with 2.2 apg and 1.9 spg. Her ability to play sound defense and contribute in all areas out on the floor is her most valuable asset. She also brings tremendous team leadership to her role, which provides the Huskies with countless positive intangibles.

"Paige is a great leader and we'll get to play her in more of her true position this year with the ability to put Josslynn and Elayna on the inside. We'll ask a lot from her because we know she can deliver," said Smith.

Lowe netted just over three points a game last year and will be counted on to limit the other team's guard production, control the ball on the perimeter and knock down 3-pointers.

She's also adept at driving to the rim and scoring buckets down low.

"Marleigh is relentless. You're going to see a big jump from her as well. She's such a good defender, has added to her offensive game and had a really good offseason. Marleigh and Kadence pressuring is going to give a lot of teams problems," Smith added.

Smith's newcomers this year are ninth graders Eva Foelske (guard), Callie Jensen (guard), Emeri McCumber (forward), Kelly Cerwinske (forward) and Natalie Feldman (forward). N-P senior Bailey Bond (guard/forward) rounds out the Huskies' varsity roster.

Smith is focusing on accountability this season and doing the things it takes to win games.

"We are an experienced group this year so they know what it takes. It's our job as coaches to hold them accountable to that standard and see how much team success we can accomplish together," said the N-P head coach.

Huskies bringing experience to mat

GIRLS WRESTLING: FROM 10

powerhouse – she's a horse. She has a lot of strength to her. That will carry her a long way."

Also back from last year's squad is sophomore 170-pounder Lily Jones (5-12), who has yet to compete this year as she's dealing with rib and hip issues.

"I know it bothers her, but I think we're going to try to get her in competition here in a little bit," said Reams.

Emerson Franzen, a 190-pound junior, is also a key returnee for the Huskies that has yet to compete, but will be another Husky to watch out for. Franzen was 5-14 a season ago.

N-P junior Jayla Patten (1-18) is dealing with a wrist injury, but strapped on the headgear in the season opener at Decorah last Saturday. Reams said Elexa O'Neill (junior 145-pounder) may see some action out on the mat in the near future. O'Neill went 4-10 last year.

"We got girls returning. So we've got juniors in there that have been there all three years," said Reams.

N-P has four freshmen out and two ninth-graders have experience at the middle school level in lower weight varsity newcomers Makynlee Dana (100) and Adiley Gerholdt (115).

Klaire Marshall and Hailey Wilkens are the other freshmen and weighed in at 170 pounds at the start of practice. That weight classification was based off of body fat testing and Reams knows he has options around those heavier weights with Marshall, Wilkens and Jones.

"We actually have some movement with those three," said Reams. "Most likely we'll have two 170 pounds. One will be a non-scoring JV-type and the other will be varsity."

Reams likes his team's chances this year to come out on top in several duals and tournaments.

"The expectations are to end down at the tournament and hopefully get on to state if possible," said Reams. "I don't think that's out of the question, especially for a few of them. We have freshmen coming in that have good experience. They got good speed, good skill to want to learn and win – a good competitive mindset."

One key element that Reams is stressing with his wrestlers is learning through adversity and picking yourself back up off the mat after encountering setbacks.

"That's what we tell 'em a lot, is if they lose, it's hard – but it's probably the best experience because you don't learn from pinning somebody in 20 seconds. You learn from those six-minute matches and the ones that you either just nipped in the bud or the ones that just get ya," he said.

The Huskies will host two home meets this year. The first one comes on Tuesday, Dec. 17 against the likes of New Hampton/Turkey Valley, North Fayette Valley and West Fork. The second home meet is scheduled to take place in Nashua versus North Butler/Clarksville and Riceville on Thursday, Jan. 16.

"We just kind of go one week at a time. This year we have one competition per week, which is really nice," said Reams.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske member of the media, Ionia Community Library India Watson, Nashua Public Library Heather Hackman, New Hampton Public Library Carrie Becker, Upham Memorial Library-Fredericksburg Jackie Kush and Board Member, Ken McFarland, Lawler Public Library Cathy Humpal and Sandy Busta, Alta Vista Public Library Crystal Griffen, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Engineer Roman Lensing, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, and Attorney David Laudner (phone)

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for November 18, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for November 12, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. Abstained: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve minutes for November 13, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Class B Retail Alcohol License for a 12-month term for BS And Stuff. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Storage Contract for Toys For Tots at the Heritage Center. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Storage Contract for Restore Independent Mobility at the Heritage Center. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: The Auditor shared that she decided not to move forward with the increase in pay for the Election Deputy and hopes to revisit it during the budget session.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to acknowledge resignation of Safety Coordinator, Ranae Carey, effective November 12, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

The public library directors in Chick-

asaw County and Upham Memorial Library-Fredericksburg board member, Ken McFarland, gave updates on the libraries.

The public libraries in Chickasaw County requested a 6% FY 25-26 budget allocation increase from Rural Services Basic Fund.

Recessed: 9:21 AM
Resumed: 9:30 AM

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve 34 new Family Farm Tax Credit applications. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve 154 new Homestead Tax Credit and Exemption applications and 178 Homestead Tax Credit and Exemptions be removed. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to approve 11 new Military Service Property Tax Exemption applications and 48 Military Service Property Tax Exemptions be removed. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Assessor Raymond Arnel updated the board on Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) for the wind turbines and Homeland Energy Solutions LLC.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION 11-18-24-48 WHEREAS, Chickasaw County completes an inspection of all bridges and structures on the Secondary Road System of Chickasaw County and WHEREAS, part of this inspection involves the recalculation of the safe load capacity of any structure showing remarkable deterioration of the structural components of that structure and WHEREAS, that structural evaluation has resulted in the recommendation to increase the safe load capacity that can be supported by certain structures NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on this 18th day of November, 2024 as provided in Sections 321.471, 321.472, and 321.473, Code of Iowa to erect and/or maintain weight limit signs in advance of the following bridges located on the Local Secondary Road System as follows: Passed and approved this 18th day of November, 2024. ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach, Cerwinske. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor. A copy of the full text of the resolution is available for inspection at the Chickasaw County Auditor's office in the Chickasaw County Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa, during

regular business hours, and also online at www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov.

Secondary Roads updates given by Engineer Roman Lensing.

Sheriff Shawver updated the board on the Purple Wave auction on the sale of two Durangos.

Discussed the Jail Inspection Report that was completed on September 27, 2024 with Sheriff Shawver.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to enter into CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 9:54 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to exit CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 10:05 AM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the estimate from Barker Communications & Security for jail building equipment and for amount not to exceed \$13,325.00 per purchase policy. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve claims in the amount of \$135,060.03. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve prior claims in the amount of \$9,076.98. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve payroll check date November 15, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignment:
Supervisor Hackman, November 13, 2024- Emergency Food & Shelter

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 10:07 AM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

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Nashua-Plainfield girls blast Don Bosco in season opener

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield clamped down its full-court press in the season opener at Don Bosco on Tuesday.

The result was a resounding win for Josh Smith's Huskies as his TIC East squad rolled to a convincing road rout by the score of 48-26 over the host Dons.

The Huskies excelled in more areas than one in addition to Smith's tenacious press that forced 37 Don turnovers and 34 points from transition buckets. N-P was also adept down low

with 36 points in the paint.

N-P led by as much as 29 points in the contest and held a 41-13 lead after three quarters of play. Half of Don Bosco's scoring output was tallied in the final period, long after the game had been decided.

"I thought we played well for our first game. There are obviously things we're going to address before our next game and stuff that we'll need to clean up, but it was a good first game and I'm really proud of our girls," said Smith.

N-P's leading scorer was senior guard Kadence Huck. Her stat line read 14 points, seven rebounds and

five steals. She was 6-15 from the field and spearheaded N-P's press, which gave the Dons fits all evening.

Huck – the single-season record holder at N-P for steals – wasn't the only one coming up with steals after picking the Dons' pockets.

N-P junior forward Elayna O'Neill led the team in steals with eight, followed by Huck's five. N-P senior center Josslynn Glaser also produced five steals, as did senior guard Marleigh Lowe.

“Everyone was making their impact felt on the defensive end,” said Smith. O’Neill hit for 10 points on 5-10

shooting and Glaser recorded 11 points. The low-post tandem combined to net 21 points and tally 14 rebounds.

"I can't say enough positive things about either of those two. They were our first options all night and our 36 points in the paint really starts with those two," said Smith. "Those two both showed their impact early and often in this game and I'm excited to see them continue to work and grow together as our season goes on."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 48, DON BOSCO 26

Nashua-Plainfield	18	13	10	7	-	48
Don Bosco	4	4	5	13	-	26

Elayna O'Neill 5-10 0-4 10, Kadence Huck 6-15 2-3 14, Josslynn Glaser 5-11 1-1 11, Marleigh Lowe 2-6 0-1 5, Paige Franzen 1-7 0-0 3, Eva Foelske 0-2 0-0 0, Callie Jensen 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Emeri McCumber 0-4 0-0 0, Natalie Feldman 1-2 0-0 2, Kelly Cerwinske 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 21-60 3-9 48.

3-point field goals - Lowe 1-1, Franzen 1-4,
Cerwinske 1-2, Huck 0-1, Foelske 0-1.

Rebounds - O'Neill 7, Huck 7, Glaser 7, Franzen 4, McCumber 3, Jensen 2, Foelske 1, Bond 1.

Assists - Franzen 5, Huck 3, O'Neill 2,
Lowe 1, Foelske 1, McCumber 1.

Steals - O'Neill 8, Huck 5, Glaser 5, Lowe 5, Franzen 1, Cerwinske 1.

Blocks - McCumber 2, O'Neill 1, Glaser 1.



Becky Walz/Decorah Leader

Nsahua-Plainfield's Hailey Wilkens works to keep control of an opponents at the Huskies' season-opening tournament in Decorah this past Saturday.

Bloker takes fourth as Husky girls open mat season

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The Huskies hit the mat last Saturday in the first official competition of the season in a tournament at Decorah.

Everyone of Reece Reams' wrestlers showed positive signs amongst a loaded field – notably, junior Nevaeh Bloker's fourth-place finish at 155 pounds, which featured four pins from the standout Husky.

N-P finished in 15th place with 28 team points. Cedar Falls ran away from the field with 537.5 points to best last year's state champion – Decorah (223 points) – for first place. Crestwood placed third with

207.5 points.

“Decorah went good. Move-wise we are starting to get more comfortable on our feet and getting shots in,” said Reams.

Bloker, who went 19-19 a year ago and won two matches in the super regionals, should surpass that record and then some after her impressive performance at her middle-weight bracket.

After getting pinned by Piper Kjeldahl of Lake Mills in her first match of the season in 3:21, Bloker ripped off four-consecutive pins to vault herself into the third-place medal match. Remarkably, all of Bloker's pins came in underneath a minute.

"I'm really excited to see her this year,"

said Reams.

Afton Dean of Lake Mills topped Bloker in that placing match by fall in 3:10.

Two Husky freshmen with big goals this season – lower weight wrestlers Makynlee Dana (100) and Adiley Gerholdt (110) – demonstrated they could be hard to handle for many would-be challengers this winter. Dana won her first match by fall over Waukon's Sophia Stone in just 19 seconds. Gerholdt also won the first varsity match of her career as she stuck Emma Schmitt of Charles City in 2:49.

N-P freshman Hailey Wilkens won by

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Nashua-Plainfield's Jayden Rinken checks the clock as he wrestles during the Class 1A district tournament last February.

Huskies head to the mat with questions

N-P welcomes back six state-meet wrestlers but will lack experience at some weights

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Al Frost knows there are plenty of wrestling coaches in the state of Iowa who would gladly trade rosters with him; after all, the Huskies have six wrestlers returning this winter who completed their 2023-24 seasons at the state tournament in Des Moines.

But the Huskies lost five talented starters — including three who wrestled at state last winter — to graduation, and Nashua-

Plainfield had a couple of wrestlers decide not to go out this year.

That means as experienced as the Huskies are, they're going to be green — real green — at some weights.

"I'd put it this way: We don't have enough guys with quality experience," Frost said Wednesday after putting his 24 wrestlers through a pre-Thanksgiving practice. "We're going to be a little inexperienced in some weight classes ... but hopefully, those guys grow as the season goes on. ... You know us coaches, we could

have 14 guys all returning one year, and we'd still want more experience, but we'll have some weights with growing pains this year, no doubt about it."

Still, the Huskies' cupboard is far from bare.

Start with those six wrestlers who completed their seasons at Wells Fargo Arena — which will be re-branded as the Casey's Center next summer.

Those veterans include four seniors —

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N-P girls return bulk of its roster

Veterans like Huck and Franzen to lead Huskies on court this season

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The proverbial needle is trending in a positive direction for the Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball team.

As it should be as Josh Smith's Huskies return the bulk of their roster from a season ago and will attempt to break out this winter with an upper-tier finish in the rugged Top of Iowa Conference's East division.

That should mean more wins in 2024-2025.

N-P played to a 6-16 overall record a year ago and finished eighth (1-13) in the TIC East — which unfortunately was last place in the league.

Don't expect the Huskies to be bottom-dwellers this winter as N-P is healthy this year — knock on wood — and returns one of the most exciting players in Class 1A in the form of senior Kadence Huck.

Added to Huck's prowess on the hardwood is an intriguing mix of talent on Smith's roster

SEE GIRLS HOOPS, 8



Nashua-Plainfield's Paige Franzen eyes the basket as she looks to get past a defender during a game last winter.

Goal for N-P girls? Continue to improve

Huskies have 10 hard workers taking to the mat

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

In Nashua-Plainfield's third season of competing in girls wrestling, Reece Reams' bunch has come a long way.

That means several of his Huskies are already past the intermediate stages of learning new moves and on to more advanced techniques out on the mat.

That bodes well for any amount of success in the sport of grappling, which requires extreme discipline and the ability to overcome pitfalls in order to rise to the top.

"We took a different approach this season. We focused more on moves and shots and skill, where usually we start the first two weeks of just straight conditioning," said Reams, a 2015 N-P alum. "We're trying to get so we can get to new moves quicker, so we can get the basics down and get 'em knocked in tight."

Reams has nine wrestlers that could see mat time this winter and leading the way is junior 155-pounder Navaeh Bloker. She went 19-19 a year ago and is primed for an even better season if she can keep climbing the ladder of success. She'll compete at 155 pounds, but her end goal is to get down to the 145-pound weight class, where she wrestled at in the postseason as a sophomore.

"She's experienced. She's seen what it takes to wrestle and very much wants to win and she knows what it

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD GIRLS WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 3	at Central Elkader	5 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Waverly-Shell Rock	4 p.m.
Dec. 13	at Luther College	4 p.m.
Dec. 17	vs. NH/TV, NfV, West Fork	6 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Osage Tournament	10 a.m.
Jan. 6	at Osage, Janesville, Lake Mills	6 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Central Elkader Tournament	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	at South Winn, Postville, Riceville	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 16	vs. North Butler, Riceville	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	TIC Tournament, St. Ansgar	5 p.m.
Jan. 25	Regionals, Mason City	10 a.m.
Feb. 6-7	State at Coralville	TBD

takes to win," said Reams. "She takes it one bite at a time and just pushes through."

Bloker went 2-2 at the super regionals last January, the state of Iowa's qualifier which had no class distinction. This season the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) has broken the girls sport into two classes — 1A and 2A. The Huskies will compete in the former class and that's where Bloker wants to shine and prove her mettle. The state tournament in Coralville is where she wants to be — not in the stands, but competing for a shot at a medal.

"She's looking very strong here," said Reams. "We're starting to get past the new moves, I would say."

Bloker has polished standard grappling moves like head and body locks. That means she can get to her arsenal of finishing moves much quicker.

"She's getting real comfortable taking shots," said Reams. "Her favorite move is the cement mixer, which plays right into her because she's a

SEE GIRLS WRESTLING, 8



Nashua-Plainfield's Navaeh Bloker works to continue a strong ride during the Class 1A regional tournament this past January.



Nashua-Plainfield's Matthew Malven puts up a 3-point shot during a non-conference game against Riceville last season.

Huskies aiming for upper-tier TIC finish

Nashua-Plainfield boys basketball team returns plenty of talent to the hardwood

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

N-P appears to have the "horses," but can these ponies maintain pace with league thoroughbreds in a gallop towards the TIC East finish line?

Post time is fast approaching.

Whether or not the Husky boys hoops squad gets out of the gate clean and can run with the pack this season in the always tough East division of the Top of Iowa Conference remains to be seen.

Obviously, as the boys hoops season has yet to tip off.

But N-P head coach Matt Mueller sure likes his chances this season despite losing key starters Trae Geise and Tucker Franzen to graduation from a season ago.

"We are expecting to be very competitive this year. However, we know that there are a lot of good players and teams in this conference, so it'll be a challenge every game," said Mueller, in his third year at the helm of the Husky program after being a longtime assistant for the Huskies.

Mueller — a 1994 N-P alum

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Jan. 17	vs. Northwood-Kensett JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Mason City Newman JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	vs. Central Springs JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at St. Ansgar JV/V	5/7 p.m.
Jan. 31	vs. Osage JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Waterloo Christian JV/V	5:15/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	vs. West Fork JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at North Butler JV/V	5/7:30 p.m.

— returns a bevy of talent on his roster this winter from a squad that produced a record of 8-14 overall in 2023-2024. N-P played to a mark of 4-12 in the league — which was controlled by TIC East stalwarts West Fork (league champs), Osage, St. Ansgar and Mason City Newman. That conference record tied the Huskies for sixth place along with North Butler and Central Springs.

While N-P will miss the scoring production from Geise (guard/forward) and Franzen (guard) — they accounted for 38 percent of N-P's scoring last year — there's plenty of Huskies to pick up the slack.

"They have the talent if we can gel as a team," said Mueller.

A strong junior class dominates Mueller's roster in the form of Matthew Malven (guard/forward), point guard Landon Foelske, Jase Hansen (guard), Trent Rodruck (F/C) and Jake Smith (forward). All those Huskies started at least three games last year with Malven the top returning scorer at 10.6 points per game. Hansen almost hit double-figure scoring with a 9.8 average and Rodruck netted 5.4 points per game. Foelske clipped out at 4.1 points per game and Smith averaged 4.3. Each of those aforementioned standouts for Mueller showed flashes of amazing potential in games last year. Now the task at hand is to take their games to the next level and play much more

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