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## Council gets update on city parks

Park Board president discusses Winterfest, says progress continues at Pa's Playground

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

*Of the Reporter*

The agenda was light for the first Nashua City Council meeting of 2025 on Monday.

That doesn't mean city officials didn't discuss matters and issues that directly affect citizens of the small community that's home to the

Little Brown Church.

Oh, there's also Winterfest just around the bend that post-holiday revelers are looking forward to, but also keeping a keen eye on the weather forecast.

Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell gave the Council the latest update on exciting events that are planned in the new year, includ-

ing the annual winter party showcased in Nashua that may be sans the white fluffy stuff, as in a dreaded four-letter word to some — snow.

But for Nashua's Winterfest — which will take place on Saturday, Jan. 18 — it would be greatly appreciated if Mother Nature would lend a helping hand in that department. "We should have good ice," said

Sinnwell about the possibility of there not being snow on the ground for Winterfest. "If we don't get any snow then we're going to branch this down quite a bit."

Events planned that are predicated that snow is on

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## Supervisors agree to raise salaries for elected officials

Chickasaw County leaders approve pay hikes between 2.5 and 8 percent

BY BOB FENSKE

*Of the Reporter*

Chickasaw County's elected officials will receive pay increases ranging from 2.5 percent to 8 percent in fiscal year 2025-26, if a consensus reached by the Board of Supervisors Monday remains in place.

Supervisors also agreed to recommend its four autonomous boards that they limit pay raises to its employees to 3 percent.

The consensus reached came after a discussion that was lively at times, especially when it came to increasing the salaries of the five supervisors.

The subject came up when New Hampton resident Terry Johnson, who frequently attends board meetings, wanted to know how the supervisor were going to "justify" pay increases, which they are required to do under a new law that allowed the county to disband its Compensation Board and have supervisors do that board's work.

That's when Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal went to bat for the Board of Supervisors.

"I don't think it's fair that we sit here year after year, and we push 0 percent increases on this board," Humpal said. "I mean this is the most important board we have in the county, and we have people sitting every year saying they should take no raise? That is not normal, nor is that realistic. I mean I don't understand that theory. You put these guys in uncomfortable situations and it isn't right."

Johnson, though, pressed his point about supervisors justifying their work, if you will,

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## Winterfest may have to go without snow as strange winter continues

BY BOB FENSKE

*Of the Reporter*

Nate Sinnwell and his fellow Park Board members may need to pray "a little harder" in the next week because it appears our strange winter is going to continue, at least for the short term.

During an interview last week, Sinnwell said that the Park Board is moving ahead with plans to hold its annual Winterfest celebration and that he would be "praying" for some snow so that the annual event can at least look a little like winter.

So far, those prayers have gone unanswered, although we have seen plenty of ice form in the last week as temperatures have at least made it feel like winter.

But it really hasn't looked like the season all that much this season as the National Weather Service's official recording station

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## After holidays, normalcy returns

Nashua-Plainfield students work on an assignment in Junior High School teacher Hannah Holthaus' classroom while fellow junior high teacher Elizabeth Zuhlike delivers a math lesson to her students on Thursday.

While teachers and staff members had a work day last Friday, students began the "second half" of the school year on Monday when they returned to classes.

But here's a comforting thought for the kids who liked the two-week break from classes and homework: In just 133, on May 22 to be exact, you'll be wrapping up the 2024-25 academic year.

Bob Fenske/Reporter



## Supervisors move TIF ahead with approval of two resolutions

After Bassett approves joint agreement, supervisors OK urban-renewal area and give themselves ability to capture increased tax revenue

BY BOB FENSKE

*Of the Reporter*

Chickasaw County leaders on Tuesday took the first step in capturing millions of dollars of tax-increment financing (TIF) that they would use for a variety of projects — ranging from road work to updating the Secondary Roads shop to constructing a new storage building for the Conservation Board to remodeling the current Sheriff's Office building and constructing a new

24-hour facility.

The two resolutions approved by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors — one designating an urban-renewal area and one allowing the county to capture increased tax collections from the Chickasaw Wind Farm — do not necessarily mean that all, or any, of the projects will become a reality.

They do, however, give supervisors the option to proceed with the recommendations made by the county's TIF Committee that were presented

to the board earlier this year.

Those recommendations called on the county to use the additional taxes for the following projects:

- Almost \$9.59 million for road projects for work on V18 from the south city limits of Alta Vista to the Chickasaw County line, reconstruction of North Linn and South Linn avenues, near New Hampton, and two bridge replacements —

**SEE TIF, 3**

## State law means at least one county tax-rate levy will drop in 2025-26

With General Basic valuation increasing by 3 percent, supervisors say they are required to reduce that fund's levy rate by at least 2 percent

BY BOB FENSKE

*Of the Reporter*

Budget season began on Monday for the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, and although county leaders are months away from certifying its 2025-26 budget and tax levy, they know one thing for sure.

The tax-levy rate for General Basic, one of three levy rates the board controls, will definitely drop in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Board Chairman Jake Hackman on

Monday said that county officials have confirmed that valuations in the county increased by more than 3 percent, and that means a relatively new state

law will come into play for the county.

Basically, the law states that if val-

uations increase by more than 3 percent, the levy rate, if at the maximum allowed by state law, must drop by 2 percent.

Chickasaw County levied the maximum \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation for the 2024-25 fiscal year, which means

the county must drop that rate by 2 percent in 2025-26.

The good news is that the county, if it implements the maximum levy allowed by the law, will still receive more than \$68,600 in so-called "new money," but Hackman also sounded a warning when it came to Rural Services Basic (RSB), saying that valuations in

that levy had slightly declined.

That means if the supervisors keep the same levy rate — \$3.52073 per \$1,000 valuation — that it had for this fiscal year in 2025-26, the county will collect about \$26,000 less in RSB property tax revenue.

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# Strange winter with little snow continues

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for the city has received just 4.1 inches of snow this season. Most of that came on Dec. 19, when 3.2 inches of snow fell, but it stuck around for only about a week before melting off.

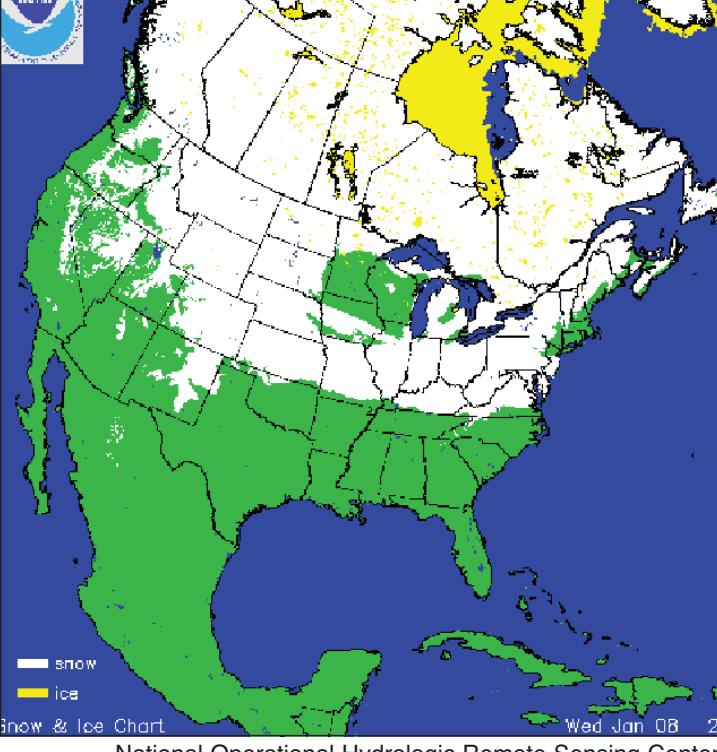
The latest U.S. snow cover map shows a strange picture. Almost all of Kentucky has snow on the ground while northern Iowa and good chunks of Minnesota and Wisconsin are, well, they're brown.

Granted, some snow was in the forecast Thursday night and there's a 50 percent chance of

flakes falling on Saturday, but forecasters say it won't amount to much — a half of an inch or so.

That means we're still waiting for the first "big one" of 2024-25, which means Winterfest events like snowshoeing and the sledding hill may not go off as planned.

"At least we'll have ice," Sinnwell said when announcing the event last week, "and that's better than last year. Even if we don't get snow, we're still going to have a lot of fun events — both indoors and outdoors — so we're excited to have it."



**The snow cover map for Thursday on the National Weather Service shows that while many parts of the country currently have snow on the ground, northern Iowa — as well as large chunks of Iowa and Wisconsin — remain brown, and the forecast doesn't offer much hope for area snow lovers.**

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**Work on the first phase of "Pa's Playground," which is located in the Schluter Addition, is almost complete, Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell told the City Council on Monday night.**

## Park Board's goal is to hold some kind of event at least once a month

### CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

the ground a week from this Saturday are a sledding hill and snowshoeing. Sinnwell also stated there are still plans for a sign-up at 11 a.m. for the car drop. That's the same time Winterfest's base camp will open, along with a hot cocoa bar.

There will also be open skating on the lake and warming pits available for bundled-up attendees of the popular get-together.

A free-throw contest starts at 10 a.m. at the Husky Wellness Center and there's also a darts tourney at 11 a.m. and pool tourney later in the evening at Big Willie's in downtown Nashua. Sinnwell mentioned that there could be a kite launch at noon, but that's tentative as of now. Backwater beer-case curling on the lake is also another fun-filled endeavor that party-goers can try their luck at.

The Nashua Town & Country club will have a lot going, specifically a host of comedians that will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday night. During the late afternoon, bingo and a soup contest will take place.

Sinnwell also informed the Council about how Pa's Playground is coming along — located near Ridgeway Circle and accessible by Amherst Boulevard, just east of and along the Avenue of the Saints (Highway 218).

During Sinnwell's monthly Park Board report, he briefed the city on the continued construction of the playground, named in honor of Howard "Pa" Schluter.

Sinnwell stated Phase 1 of the project is almost complete as curb and parking, Eagle Scout signage, a perennial bed, a lime-chip pathway, BMX course (pump park) and a shelter are all but finished. Sinnwell said dirt still needs to be filled in at the pump park.

Phase 2 will begin this year and will

include the construction of a basketball court, potentially a water station, as well as placement of benches and picnic tables. Electrical work will also need to be done at the shelter.

"We're going to head straight into Phase 2 here in 2025. We have to see what we have for funding available, but there's still a fair amount of money in the donations that we've gotten so far," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell said the basketball hoop, benches and picnic tables will all be donated.

"We kind of gotta determine what we have to do with the playground because the basketball court is going to flow right into the playground area," said Sinnwell.

The final stage, or Phase 3, will be the purchase of playground equipment.

"Phase 3 is the big one. That just gets expensive. We're gonna need some additional fundraising for that and some grants," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell said the goal this year for the Park Board is to hold events, festivals or fundraisers once a month. A St. Patrick's Day fundraiser (March 15), lake cleanup (April 26) and Blues, Brew and BBQ (May 24) are just some of those examples that will lead into Water Over the Dam Days (June 27-29).

A food truck festival and an interesting idea that the Park Board came up with — "Nashua's Got Talent" — may also be on the slate later this year on July 26. A Country Fest on Aug. 23 and Halloween In the Park (Oct. 4) are also on the Park Board's schedule.

The Park Board will more than likely switch to Square — a point-of-sale system for merchants — as Venmo will now not be used to accept digital transactions.

"Venmo's not kosher with the state," said Sinnwell. "Having some sort of electronic capability at our events I think is going to

be key. I'll get some numbers before we actually do it, but that's the direction we're leaning towards."

**Nashua** Water/Wastewater Superintendent Nick Henningsen said the water leak at the Boy Scout Cabin that was discovered Friday, Jan. 3 was fixed this past Tuesday morning. Merrill St. was closed from Lexington to Madison Street to fix the leak.

Henningsen said the pressure around the dig site to locate and fix the leak never dropped below the minimum 20 PSI (pounds per square inch) to order any sort of boil advisory. He advised anyone to stay away from the dig site as it is still draining and unstable at this time.

Nashua Mayor Hal Kelleher briefly spoke about inventory items from Nashua's now-defunct police department that were handed over to the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department. Kelleher said there were 340 pieces of evidence and he's working with a Chickasaw County Sheriff's Deputy to sort out the items.

"He'll return the majority of that over to the district attorney and see if the cases have been closed or what," said Kelleher. "He's under the impression that about 90 percent of that we can burn. There are also some weapons from past cases — that's a different story. We have to go through a bunch of hoops on those to get rid of those."

Kelleher stated there were two Glock 17, Generation 5 pistols with ammo and clips that the city could sell.

"They're worth a good chunk of money yet," said Kelleher. "He's going to do some research if there's some small departments that could still use the equipment — some tasers, batteries and that sort of thing. We've got about three-thousand rounds of training ammunition in there. When we find out what we're going to do, we'll bring it up to the Council."

## Briefs

### Conservation Board to hold 'Full Moon Hike' Monday

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will be hosting a Full Moon Snowshoe Hike at Twin Ponds this coming Monday, Jan. 13.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be held on the grounds of the Twin Ponds Nature Center. Conservation Board staff will fit those attending for snowshoes before heading out into the moonlit woods.

"We'll keep an eye out for tracks and other signs of animals," said the press release by Naturalist Matt Crayne. "If there isn't enough snow, we'll just head out on foot. Make sure to dress for the weather."

This is a free event and no registration is required. Questions may be answered by calling 641-394-4714.

### 'Lessons of the Holocaust' set for Jan. 22 at New Hampton Library

Historian and former teacher Brad Wilkening will present the program "Lessons of the Holocaust" at the New Hampton Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.

Wilkening took a continuing education class on the topic and it changed his life. He now speaks to schools and libraries reminding people of all ages to Never Stop Asking Why.

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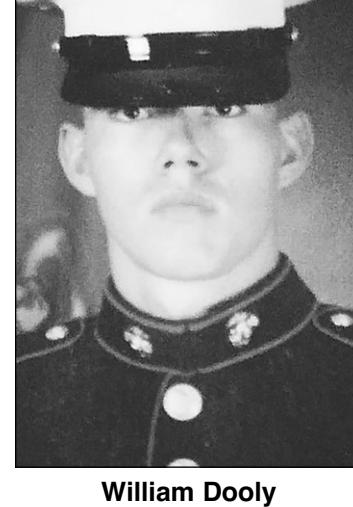
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## William Dooly, 45



**William Dooly**

William Dooly, age 45 of Nashua, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at his home in Nashua, surrounded by family.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Born on Oct. 19, 1979, in Waverly, to Richard and Susan (Bravener) Dooly, William, affectionately known as Bill to his friends and family, grew up with a deep appreciation for the outdoors and the community that surrounded him.

Known to his friends as "Willy," after graduating from Nashua High School, he went into the United States Marine Corps.

William charted a path as a self-employed jack-of-all-trades. His work, which involved various odds and ends jobs, was a testament to his versatile skills and his willingness to lend a hand wherever it was needed. His entrepreneurial spirit was admired by many, and his involvement in the community left a lasting impact on those he worked with.

William's passion for life was

spent countless hours camping and cherishing the beauty of nature. His friends will fondly remember the times spent around the campfire, sharing stories and laughter under the starry skies.

William's adventurous nature and his joy in the simple things in life will be remembered by all who knew him. His legacy is one of a life lived with passion, a willingness to help others, and an unquenchable thirst for discovery.

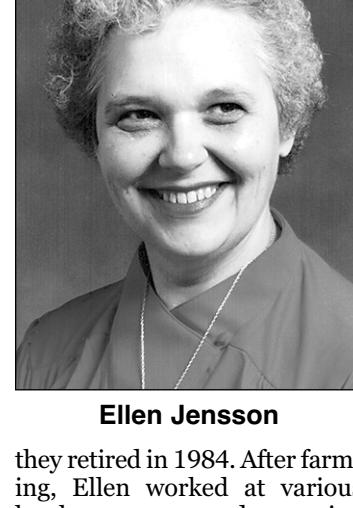
Though he has left us, the memories he created will continue to inspire and comfort his family, friends and all who had the pleasure of crossing paths with him.

William Maurice Dooly's journey through life was a testament to living authentically and embracing every moment with open arms.

William is survived by his mother, Susan Graeser of Nashua; sister, Victoria (Chad Beemer) Dooly of Oelwein; and children, William, Austin, Zack, Faith and Stella Gorshe of Bellavista, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Dooly, and nephew, Matthew Hampton.

## Ellen Lois (Colburn) Jensson, 85



**Ellen Jensson**

Ellen Lois (Colburn) Jensson was born June 24, 1939, to Claude and Voe (Shumate) Colburn, as their only child, on her grandfather's farm near Dexter, Minnesota.

Claude worked for various farmers there before moving to Nashua, where he worked for approximately five years for a large cattle buyer. After this, the family moved near the village of Republic, where Claude started to farm his own land.

Ellen attended various country schools during this time, graduating from Nashua High School in 1957.

After graduation, Ellen attended two years of junior college in Austin, Minnesota, and ended up taking a job at the Mayo Clinic as a receptionist in the Ear Nose Throat Department.

It was there she met a patient — a dashing young Marine (Roger Jensson) who would eventually become her husband of 60 years. They were married on Ellen's 21st birthday, June 24, 1960, in Fredericksburg.

She and Roger lived at various residences around the Grand Meadow, Minnesota, area, before finally settling down on Roger's home farm. Here, they raised four children and operated a dairy farm until

they retired in 1984. After farming, Ellen worked at various local restaurants and a catering company as a prep cook and salad maker until retiring.

Ellen had many hobbies, but music was always in the forefront. She sang in several high school groups, sang for weddings, funerals or other occasions, and was always singing along to whatever music she had playing around the house.

She collected salt and pepper shakers, antique porcelain, and enjoyed researching genealogy.

She loved flowers and gardening and taking care of her family.

She thoroughly enjoyed

cooking and baking, especially delighting in feeding the young, hungry farm helpers they hired from time to time.

Ellen is preceded in death by her husband, Roger, and her parents, Claude and Voe.

She is survived by her four children, Melanie (David) Mergen of Bloomington, Wisconsin, Matthew (Angela) Jensson of Cambria, Wisconsin, Rhonda Jensson of Grand Meadow, Minnesota, and Ryan (Nicole) Jensson of Stewartville, Minnesota; her five granddaughters, Abby Ronnfeldt, Jessica Mergen, Haley Jensson, Elsa (Alex) Landsverk and Ava Jensson; and one great-grandchild, Ryver Ronnfeldt.

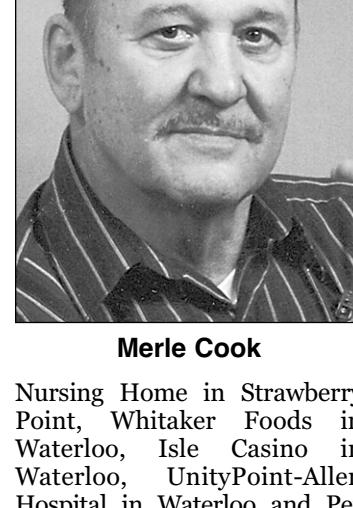
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Grand Meadow Lutheran Church, Seasons Hospice or to the donor's choice.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at Grand Meadow Lutheran Church in Grand Meadow, Mommespta, with Pastor Megan Reedstrom officiating.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church prior to the start of the service.

Online condolences may be left at [www.hindtfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hindtfuneralhomes.com).

## Merle W. Cook Sr., 87



**Merle Cook**

Merle W. Cook, Sr., age 87 of Dundee, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, at his home.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Jamison-Schmitz Funeral Home in Oelwein is assisting the family. Online obituary at [www.jamisonschmitzfuneral-home.com](http://www.jamisonschmitzfuneral-home.com).

Merle Wendell Cook was born Aug. 11, 1937, in Black Hawk County, the son of Sidney Earl and Jenny (Land) Cook.

He received his GED and private pilot's license from Hawkeye Community College. Merle proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

On September 4, 1954, he was united in marriage to Marva Dee Wolf at Evansdale.

Merle was employed for over 40 years at John Deere in Waterloo.

After his retirement, he worked at Strawberry Point

a devoted caretaker to his wife, children and siblings.

Merle is survived by his wife, Marva Dee Cook of Dundee; five children, Jeannie Cook (Mike Kniss) of Vancouver, Washington, Merle (April) Cook, Jr. Nashua, John (Joy) Cook of Cedar Rapids, Jim Cook of Manchester and Jeffrey Cook of La Porte City; eight grandchildren, Matt Cook (Janne Macadangdang), Mitch Cook, Sierra (Tyler) Pauley, Brianna (Tryston) Crook, Lucas Cook, Jami Cook, Austin Cook and Nathan Bloeser; four great-grandchildren; seven siblings, Sidney Cook, David Cook, Tom Cook, Dale Cook, Miller Mack Hawkins, Mike Hawkins and Daisey Hawkins; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and four sisters — Marilyn Kelly, Pat Hagge, June Cook Martin and Dixie Small.

## Board chairman says rural valuations drop a little

### SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

"My goal is to keep the levy rate the same," said Hackman, who took over as the supervisors' chairman last week, "so if we're going to do that, we've got our work cut out for us."

He pointed out that General Supplemental (GS) is not affected by the state law. A year ago, it was GS that was the main driver that saw the

tax-asking for the three levies controlled by the supervisors increase by 14 percent. GS's tax-asking went from \$1.08 million in 2023-24 to almost \$1.8 million in 2024-25, a jump of 66 percent.

While the new state laws don't have mandates for the GS levy rate, Hackman pointed out that GS funds can only be spent on certain items — ranging from employee benefits to elections to tort liability and property insurance.

Community Memorial Hospital of Sumner recently welcomed Aubrey Klosterman, LMHC, to the CMH and Fredericksburg Medical Clinics. Klosterman started seeing patients in October. Mental health counseling is a new service to CMH. Klosterman will provide therapy services for individuals, primarily adolescents and adults, utilizing a person-centered approach while adding in tools from other therapeutic modalities.

Klosterman is a graduate of North Fayette High School and obtained a bachelor's in psy-

chology and master's in mental health counseling at the UNI.

"How the mind works is very intriguing to me" Klosterman says. "I chose clinical mental health counseling because I wanted to work one-on-one with clients for healing and growth."

"My goal is to create a non-judgmental space for patients to come express and



**Klosterman**

process safely," Klosterman says. "It's keeping the human in humanity by incorporating compassion so that it might transform lives. People can be good, and each individual does matter. Being open-minded is very important to me. We might not always agree, but we can try to understand."

Klosterman and her husband keep busy with their Flame-Point Siamese cat and a Blue Quaker parrot, along with spending time with family and friends, boating, motorcycling, golfing and going on adventures.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

**Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal makes his budget presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday morning, and one item he touched on was the need to "catch up" wages of two of his employees so that they are more in line with not only surrounding counties but also counties that are similar in size to Chickasaw County around the state. Humpal told supervisors Conservation Board members had approved 3 percent raises, plus an additional \$2,500 for the two employees, when the autonomous board adopted its budget the night before.**

## Supervisors hint they may 'catch up' on wages

### PAY RAISES: FROM 1

and County Attorney David Laudner said he believed that Monday's discussion that lasted for more than an hour was doing just that.

"There's nothing in the code that says that they have to give a written report and cite 18 things or anything," he said. "It's wide open. There's no precedent whatsoever on what they have to do. ... I think they're doing what they're supposed to be doing right now, during this discussion."

In past years, the county attorney, auditor, recorder, sheriff and treasurer each had one "representative" on the Compensation Board while the Board of Supervisors had two. The Comp Board would then make recommendations to supervisors, who could accept the wage increases or reduce them by the same percentage. The only exception was with the Board of Supervisors, who could decrease the Compensation Board's recommendations by any amount.

Last summer, supervisors decided to eliminate the "middle man" and disband the Compensation Board, and in December, elected officials stated their cases for wage increases.

Board members also discussed wage increases for so-called "non-union" employees of the county — ranging from office clerks to assistants to other office personnel — but decided to tackle the elected officials' wage increases first.

They finally settled on an 8 percent increase for the county attorney, 5 percent for the sheriff and 3 percent for the auditor, recorder and treasurer.

Board Chairman Jake Hackman pointed out that he understood Laudner's request for an 8 percent increase and pointed out that, unlike other county attorney offices, he shoulders all the attorney work in his office.

"The attorney's office is different, in my opinion, than most elected officials. He presented that he does not have a part-time attorney, that he

does not contract for service," Hackman said. "He's covering the whole workload. If you go back to his budgets ... that budget [2019-20] is a lot higher than his current one by almost \$30,000. He is picking up the workload."

Hackman also pointed out that even with the "\$10,000 in adjustment" of Laudner's salary, Laudner would still be making less money than other county attorneys whose offices are set up in a similar fashion to Chickasaw County's.

"We all know what rural Iowa is doing," he said. "It's going to be hard to find a replacement. I'm not saying he's leaving. ... It's a challenge."

While Shawver had requested a 4 percent increase, Hackman pointed out that the similar jobs — police chiefs in cities with the same population as Chickasaw County, for example — "are all higher than us currently."

That led to a consensus to raise Shawver's salary in 2025-26 by 5 percent, and board members also reached agreement to raise the salaries of the auditor, recorder and treasurer by 3 percent.

That left them to consider their own salaries, and the board's newest member, Isaac Carter, said he was willing to not adjust the supervisors' salaries and fellow Supervisor Steve Breitbach said he would agree to zero percent but would go along with the rest of the board.

"I'm new so I'm going to stick with zero obviously," said Carter, who took over the District 4 seat on Jan. 1. "I've only been here for 2 weeks."

The remaining board members, though, settled on a 2.5 percent wage increase.

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During the discussion on elected officials' salaries, board members also spent considerable time discussing potential other wage increases for county employees who are not part of unions that will receive a 4 percent increase in wages during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

"I think to get this all started," Supervisor Travis Suckow said.

**Board will still have plenty of say on TIF projects**

### TIF: FROM 1

one on 170th Street and one on B57.

• Up to \$750,000 for the replacement of the Conservation Board's storage building located at 2456 Hickory Avenue.

• Up to \$1.6 million to undertake improvements and/or construct replacement buildings at the Roads Shop that is located at 1990 Mission Ave.

• And up to \$20 million for the renovation of the current Sheriff's Office building and the construction of an adjacent new 24-hour holding facility.

After the TIF Committee made its findings, Homeland Energy Solutions asked supervisors to include the ethanol plant located between Lawler and New Hampton in the urban-renewal plan so that it could receive almost \$1.18 million in TIF funding over a 10-year period for a \$40 million plant expansion.

Supervisors did so and were expected to act on the two resolutions during a Dec. 9 meeting; however, that plan hit a snag because the city of Bassett had not held what is called a "consultation" meeting and had yet to approve a joint agreement that would allow the supervisors to move forward with the TIF plan.

Any cities within two miles of the proposed urban renewal area had to sign off on the plan, and that meant county leaders had to wait until Monday night's Bassett City Council meeting to

proceed.

The morning after Bassett approved the joint agreement, supervisors moved ahead and approved the urban renewal area and the ability to use those TIF funds to finance projects.

Board Chairman Jake Hackman reminded his fellow supervisors that Monday's votes did not approve any projects and that the county now has until Dec. 1 to decide if it will use all of the TIF funds, some of the TIF funds or none of the TIF funds.

Essentially, the county can capture the additional tax revenue from the 86 parcels of land affected by the Chickasaw Wind Farm, although there are exceptions for items like taxing bodies' debt service.

Hackman was echoing the words of the county's bond attorney, Jason Comiskey, who told supervisors during a September meeting that even after approving the resolutions they did on Monday that it didn't mean the supervisors couldn't opt out of using the TIF funds or that the projects within the area considered blighted or in need of economic development couldn't change.

"This is a planning document," Comiskey said during that meeting. "It says we may use tax increment in the future so we're authorizing it as an urban-renewal project."

"It doesn't mean you absolutely have to do the project. It doesn't mean that you have to issue debt for it. It just means that you now have the general authority to do that in the future."



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# Huskies give ranked Riceville battle before falling in non-league game

## GIRLS HOOPS: FROM 7

able to do it too because even though her record is broken she definitely has a huge responsibility for coaching and mentoring Kadence through that position as a teammate and now as a coach," Smith said.

Huck needed four steals headed into the Tripoli contest to break Winters' career record tally of 306 steals. After last Tuesday's 50-37 loss at Riceville on Tuesday, Huck now has recorded 318 steals in her tremendous run at prep gyms all across northern Iowa. Her 76 steals in 2024-2025 lead the state (all classes) – three swipes ahead of the second-best bearer of steals in senior Taylor Henson (73) of Lamoni.

"It was definitely a goal she had for herself and she's obviously pretty diligent about accomplishing the goals she sets for herself," Smith added. "She's such an elite athlete, but her competitiveness and drive are next level too so it's not a surprising thing that she went out and broke this record in the fashion she did and with this much of our season left as well."

Huck – who is fourth in the TIC East in scoring as she averages over 16 points a game – netted 14 points against Tripoli (3-5) in a game that saw the Huskies shut out the host Panthers 17-0 in the second quarter.

Amazingly, N-P forced 53 Tripoli turnovers and created 29 steals.

Freshman forward Emeri McCumber notched 11 points against Tripoli and grabbed four rebounds and then added six points against Riceville.

"She's versatile and obviously super talented. Defensively she's a problem with her length and quickness," Smith said. "It's hard to get a shot off when she's on you. The Riceville game was interesting to say the least. The Wildcats – ranked fifth in Class 1A – got all they could handle against the underdog Huskies. N-P outscored Riceville (8-1) by a margin of 26-21 in the second half and saw Huck pump in 15 points. Riceville's defense did force N-P's leading scorer to turn the ball over 12 times, though. Huck created five steals and had five rebounds. She was 6-9 from the field."

O'Neill matched McCumber's six points and ripped down nine boards. Lowe and senior guard Paige Franzen tallied five points each.

"We played Riceville tough. The girls played really hard and rose to the challenge of playing against a tough team," said the N-P coach.

N-P (5-5, 2-3) continues its road trip to begin 2025 as it played at Central Springs (4-4, 3-2) on Thursday and travels to West Fork (8-2, 4-1) tonight (Friday).

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 54, TRIPOLI 16**

NP 17 17 9 11 - 54  
Tripoli 6 0 6 4 - 16

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### CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES DECEMBER 30, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Donna Geerts, Attorney David Lauder, Bob Fenske member of the media, Terry Johnson, Isaac Carter, Custodian Dave Gorman, and EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for December 30, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for December 23, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed openings on the Magistrate Appointing Committee (1) and Civil Service Commission (2). No applications were received. Magistrate Skilton's term is up July 2025, so a person should be appointed soon to the Magistrate Appointing Committee.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to appoint Todd Warneke to the Benefited Fire District (Stapleton Township) (three-year term) starting January 1, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

No applications received for the Planning and Zoning Commission (City of New Hampton). Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to appoint Jacob Hackman to the Planning and Zoning Commission (City of New Hampton) five-year term expiring June 30, 2028. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Terry Johnson asked if Supervisor Cerwinski was going to pay the money back from the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Landfill stipend. Cerwinski stated he was not going to pay it back until after the first meeting of next year. Supervisor Kuhn thanked all who supported him in the last four years. Kuhn was thanked for his service and leadership.

Discussed water damage from December 5th water pipe break at the Heritage Center. Servpro will start the demo on January 2, 2025 and it will take

Elayna O'Neill 2-6 4-6 8, Kadence Huck 6-15 2-4 14, Josslyn Glaser 3-9 0-0 6, Marlie Lowe 3-6 0-0 6, Paige Franzen 2-7 0-0 4, Eva Foelske 1-3 0-2 2, Callie Jensen 1-2 0-0 3, Bailey Bond 0-1 0-0 0, Emeri McCumber 3-9 5-5 11, Natalie Feldman 0-0 0-0 0, Kelly Cerwinski 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-59 11-17 54.

3-point field goals - Jensen 1-2, Huck 0-1, Lowe 0-2, Franzen 0-5, Foelske 0-1, Bond 0-1.

Rebounds - Huck 5, Glaser 5, McCumber 4, O'Neill 2, Lowe 2, Feldman 2, Foelske 1, Jensen 1, Cerwinski 1.

Assists - Franzen 5, O'Neill 3, Foelske 3, Huck 1, Glaser 1, Feldman 1, Cerwinski 1.

Steals - Huck 10, O'Neill 4, Glaser 4, Lowe 4, Franzen 3, Foelske 1, Bond 1, McCumber 1, Cerwinski 1.

Blocks - Huck 1, McCumber 1.

**RICEVILLE 50, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 37**

NP 7 4 14 12 - 37  
Riceville 14 15 10 11 - 50

O'Neill 2-10 2-4 6, Huck 6-9 3-4 15, Glaser 0-3 0-0 0, Lowe 2-7 1-2 5, Franzen 2-6 1-3 5, Foelske 0-0 0-0 0, McCumber 2-8 2-2 6. Totals 14-43 9-15 37.

3-point field goals - Huck 0-1, Lowe 0-3, Franzen 0-3.

Rebounds - O'Neill 9, Glaser 7, Huck 5, Franzen 4, Lowe 2, McCumber 2, Foelske 1.

Assists - Franzen 2, Lowe 1, McCumber 1.

Steals - Huck 5, O'Neill 4, Lowe 4, McCumber 3, Glaser 1.

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

## Legal Notice

### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF

### THE ESTATE OF Robert C. Cline, DECEASED

### PROBATE NO. ESPR003260

### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF

### EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert C. Cline, Deceased, who died on or about November 21, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on December 5, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Robert C. Cline, deceased, bearing date of March 3, 2014, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that on December 23, 2024, Mark A. Albert was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated December 23, 2024.

Mark A. Albert, Executor of Estate #921 Sheridan Rd., Waterloo, IA 50701

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### CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES DECEMBER 30, 2024

The Board convened on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 9:03 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Donna Geerts, Attorney David Lauder, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, and Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Cerwinski requested nominations for Chairperson for calendar year 2025. Breitbach nominates Cerwinski for Chair.

Suckow nominates Hackman for Chair.

Cerwinski nominates Hackman for Chair.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to cease nominations for Chairperson.

Roll Call:

Breitbach voted Cerwinski.

Carter voted Cerwinski.

Hackman voted Hackman.

Cerwinski voted Hackman.

Motion carried. Jacob Hackman will be Chairperson for calendar year 2025.

Hackman requested nominations for Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2025.

Suckow nominates Cerwinski for Vice-Chair.

Breitbach nominates Breitbach for Vice-Chair.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to cease nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Roll Call:

Breitbach voted Breitbach.

Carter voted Breitbach.

Cerwinski voted Cerwinski.

Suckow voted Cerwinski.

Hackman voted Cerwinski.

Motion carried. Scott Cerwinski will be Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2025.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for January 2, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from December 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to adjourn at 9:45 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Donna Geerts,

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# N-P has several wrestlers step up, take advantage of opportunities

## Boys WRESTLING: FROM 7

getting his team somewhat healthy. Nashua-Plainfield wrestled four dual meets on Thursday and did so without two more starters — Dietz-McDonald and Jaxon McDonald — who were both out because of illnesses.

"It's probably until next week before we even have a chance of getting back to anywhere near full strength," Frost said, "but there's not a lot we can do about it now. We need to get healthy and fast, too, because we're not that far — heck, we're less than four weeks away — from regional duals."

Still, the Huskies picked up a 69-12 win over St. Ansgar, dropped a tight 44-33 dual to Jesup and routed Janesville 84-0 and were taking on Osage in a dual when this edition of the Reporter went to press.

And in that St. Ansgar dual, the Huskies showed that they do have some depth as Rinken, Tyler Hobert, Elijah Cerwinski, Dalton Downing and Eli Kalainoff all picked up pins, and of those five, only Rinken was a lineup mainstay in December.

"I thought some of our guys showed a lot of fight and stepped up real nicely in that dual," Frost said after the St. Ansgar dual. "You gotta be ready when you get the call, right?"

Nashua-Plainfield heads to Tripoli on Saturday for a tournament that includes a trio of solid teams — Lisbon, Denver and Woodbury Central — before wrestling a home quadrangular

against Central Springs, North Butler and West Hancock.

"That's Senior Night and hopefully, we'll see as much of a full team as we've seen in a while," Frost said. "Trust me, we deserve some health breaks."

## NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 50, FOREST CITY 20

144: Aiden Frasch (FC) tech fall Lucas Sinnwell, 17-0. 150: Dominic Ohmart (FC) pinned Tyler Hobert, 0:42. 157: Devon Blanchard (NP) pinned Aiden Cox, 2:57. 165: Kobe Umbaugh (FC) pinned Aiden Irari, 2:24. 175: Dalton Downing (NP) dec. Cale Lorenzen, 10-8. 190: Maverick Dietz-McDonald (NP) pinned Izaiah Duncan, 3:19. 215: Jaxon McDonald (NP) pinned Bryant Bridges, 2:27.

285: Isaac Jones (NP) won by forfeit. 106: Tegan Umbaugh (FC) OT dec. Lincoln Huck, 4-1. 113: Jagger White (NP) pinned Myles Henn, 3:03. 120: Nir Brase (NP) tech fall Deegan Moore, 18-0. 126: Kolbie Vance (NP) dec. Andrew Hofman, 10-8. 132: Jayden Rinken (NP) pinned Tyler Fox, 1:24. 138: Luke Zwanziger (NP) dec. Gavin Grunhovd, 11-4.

## NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 65, NORTH UNION 15

150: Hobert (NP) pinned Kade Madden, 0:36. 157: Blanchard (NP) tech fall Castor Kollasch, 23-5. 165: Irari (NP) pinned Josh Harmon, 0:35. 175: Elijah Cerwinski (NP) pinned Kyan Walter, 3:36. 190: Max Merrill (NU) dec. Dietz-McDonald, 11-8. 215: Lucas Dreyer (NU) pinned McDonald, 3:23. 285: Brennan Bollinger (NU) pinned Jones, 1:08. 106: Huck (NP) won by forfeit. 113: White (NP) won by forfeit. 120: Brase (NP) pinned Ethan Preston, 1:37. 126: Vance (NP) won by forfeit. 132: Rinken (NP) won by forfeit. 138: Zwanziger (NP) pinned Jackson Hutchinson, 0:49. 144: Sinnwell (NP) pinned

Gabe Whaley, 2:14.

## NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 77, ROCKFORD 3

157: Blanchard (NP) won by forfeit. 165: Irari (NP) won by forfeit. 175: Downing (NP) won by forfeit. 190: Dietz-McDonald (NP) won by forfeit. 215: McDonald (NP) tech fall Quentin Peters, 17-2. 285: Jones (NP) won by forfeit. 106: Huck (NP) won by forfeit.

113: White (NP) won by forfeit. 120: Brase (NP) won by forfeit. 126: Vance (NP) won by forfeit. 132: Rinken (NP) won by forfeit. 138: Zwanziger (NP) won by forfeit. 144: Sinnwell (NP) won by forfeit. 150: Alex Baltes (Ro) dec. Hobert, 8-1.

## OSAGE INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES

Algona 199, Osage 185, Denver 175, Benton Community 168, Humboldt 148.5, West Marshall 137, Anamosa 128, Nashua-Plainfield 126, North Polk 100.5, Clear Lake 98, Crestwood 95, West Branch 78.5, Iowa Falls-Alden 70.5, PCM 59.5, West Hancock 49.5, Maquoketa Valley 45.5, Mason City 20.5.

## NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

106: Huck placed seventh. Champ. Round 1 - Huck tech fall Dylan Frideres (H), 16-1. Quarterfinal - Ethan Humphrey (WB) tech fall Huck, 18-3. Cons. Round 2 - Huck dec. Teague Alesch (Al), 9-3. Cons. Round 3 - Rylan Dietiker (A) dec. Huck, 8-3. 7th Place Match - Huck won by medical forfeit over John Amos (CL).

113: Brase placed first. Champ. Round 1 - Brase pinned Duncan Mullen (O), 0:48. Quarterfinal - Brase pinned Ozzy Smith (WH), 1:38. Semifinal - Brase tech fall James Decker (WM), 15-0. 1st Place Match - Brase pinned Jaxson Mehlert (BC), 1:04.

120: Connor Sullivan did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Brooks Morgan (Al) pinned Sullivan, 1:40. Cons. Round 2 - White (NP) dec. Sullivan, 9-2.

120: White placed eighth. Champ. Round 1 - White pinned Noah Francis (NPo), 0:50. Quarterfinal - Jeb Ebough (D) pinned White, 5-4.

3:44. Cons. Round 2 - White dec. Sullivan, 9-2. Cons. Round 3 - Isaac McCleish (MC) dec. White, 13-10. 7th Place Match - Finn Smith (O) pinned White, 2:18.

126: Vance did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Jack Decker (WM) tech fall Vance, 17-0. Cons. Round 1 - Vance pinned Jeseb Prestholt (CL), 1:36. Cons. Round 2 - Hudson Welton (A) tech fall Vance, 15-0.

132: Keldan Munn did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Ethan Gayken (WH) pinned Munn, 0:40. Cons. Round 1 - Cannen Beaumont (D) tech fall Munn, 17-1.

132: Rinken placed first. Quarterfinal - Rinken tech fall TJ Lovell (BC), 21-4. Semifinal - Rinken maj. dec. Easton Sonberg (O), 11-0. 1st Place Match - Rinken tech fall Cyler Cirks (H), 18-0.

138: Zwanziger placed fifth. Champ. Round 1 - Zwanziger pinned Clay Gates (WB), 0:44. Quarterfinal - Zwanziger pinned Ethan Bergan (Cr), 4:28. Semifinal - Jacob Vance (O) dec. Zwanziger, 7-2. Cons. Semi - CJ McGregor (Al) pinned Zwanziger, 2:24. 5th Place Match - Zwanziger dec. Ryan Koehler, 14-11.

144: Sinnwell did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Zach Richards (PCM) maj. dec. Sinnwell, 17-8. Cons. Round 1 - Sinnwell pinned Aiden Kline (MC), 2:11. Cons. Round 2 - Kyle Engelken (MV) tech fall Sinnwell, 24-9.

150: Hobert did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Hanford (WM) pinned Hobert, 1:03. Cons. Round 1 - Joel Hacker (BC) pinned Hobert, 3:17.

157: Blanchard placed sixth. Champ. Round 1 - Blanchard maj. dec. Luke Engebretnson (NPO), 18-10. Quarterfinal - Aiden Hippen (CL) pinned Blanchard, 1:54.

Cons. Round 2 - Blanchard dec. Wade Weuve (WM), 6-2. Cons. Round 3 - Blanchard dec. Ty Voigt (O), 7-2. Cons. Semi - Tucker Wheeler (PCM) pinned Blanchard, 0:52. 5th Place Match - Elias Bieschke (BC) dec. Blanchard, 5-4.

165: Irari did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Brock Trees (O) pinned Irari, 1:32. Cons. Round 1 - Owen Johnson (Al) pinned Irari, 1:14.

175: Dalton Downing placed eighth. Champ. Round 1 - Tayten Rummel (Al) pinned Downing, 1:08. Cons. Round 1 - Downing pinned Jag Jass (IFA), 1:33. Cons. Round 2 - Downing pinned Dawson Goodman (WM), 4:51. Cons. Round 3 - Landon Halverson (H) pinned Downing, 5:27. 7th Place Match - Clayton Davis (MV) pinned Downing, 0:36.

175: Cerwinski did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Landon Halverson (H) tech fall Cerwinski, 21-1. Cons. Round 1 - Ryan Pearce (MC) dec. Cerwinski, 7-1.

190: Dietz-McDonald placed eighth. Champ. Round 1 - Dietz-McDonald pinned Bryce Crawford (WM), 4:30. Quarterfinal - Brenden Heying (BC) tech fall Dietz-McDonald, 19-4. Cons. Round 2 - Dietz-McDonald pinned Stroud Jr. (NP), 5:27. Cons. Round 3 - Brody Shipler (Al) pinned Dietz-McDonald, 3:31. 7th Place Match - Trevor Bailey (IFA) maj. dec. Dietz-McDonald, 15-7.

190: Michael Stroud Jr. did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Austin Scranton (A) pinned Stroud Jr., 1:16. Cons. Round 1 - Stroud Jr. pinned Jack Hackman (CL), 4:37. Cons. Round 2 - Dietz-McDonald (NP) pinned Stroud Jr., 5:27.

215: McDonald did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Foster Myhre (Al) pinned McDonald, 1:29. Cons. Round 1 - McDonald pinned Kaiden Valcore (PCM), 1:04. Cons. Round 2 -

Reese Luedtke (WH) pinned McDonald, 3:52.

285: Jones placed seventh. Champ. Round 1 - Jones pinned Beckett Anderson (NPO), 1:29. Quarterfinal - Aaron Richtsmeier (CL) dec. Jones, 3-1. Cons. Round 2 - Jones pinned Avnahn Skoda (Cr), 1:09. Cons. Round 3 - Kaden Clark (PCM) 25-2 pinned Jones, 3:36. 7th Place Match - Jones pinned Ayden Fiengo (H), 2:36.

## Husky boys get a shot at unbeaten N-K next week

### Boys HOOPS: FROM 7

efficiency at the charity stripe. N-P shoots just 52 percent from the free-throw line, which is sixth in the eight-team league.

The Huskies conclude next week with a home game on Friday against conference front runner Northwood-Kensett (9-0, 6-0). That will start the second wave of games against league foes. The Vikings are ranked 10th in Class 1A according to the first poll released by the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

N-P is 2-3 in the league, tied with West Fork for fourth place. Osage (7-1, 4-1) sits in second place and Mason City Newman (6-2, 4-2) is currently third.

"We've seen in our conference this year every game is its own game. There's no rhyme or reason for it," said Mueller. "With that 3-point shot, any team can win if you're hitting it and you've got that ability."

### NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 68, TRIPOLI 32

NP 18 26 15 9 - 68  
Tripoli 8 9 4 11 - 32

Landon Foelske 6-10 0-0 13, Jase Hansen 6-11

0-0 14, Avery Mueller 1-3 0-2, Trent

Schwartz (LM) won by forfeit. 110 - Laylah Ingledue (LM) won by forfeit. 115 - Anna Stene (LM) won by forfeit. 120 - Faith Stene (LM) won by forfeit. 125 - Lily Young (LM) won by forfeit. 130 - Mya Peterson (LM) won by forfeit.

135 - Xavia Lowell (LM) won by forfeit. 140 - Alana Throne (LM) won by forfeit. 145 - Afton Dean (LM) won by forfeit. 155 - Bloker (NP) pinned Piper Kjeldahl, 4:46. 170 - Avery Hoffmeyer (LM) pinned Franzen, 3:02. 190 - Chantell Soley (LM) pinned Wilkens, 1:55. 235 - Double forfeit.

**OSAGE 78, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 6**

235 - Emma Schipper (O) won by forfeit. 100 - Tess Darrow (O) won by forfeit. 105 - Ainsley Hemann (O) won by forfeit. 110 - Kiersten McRoberts (O) won by forfeit. 115 - Gable Hemann (O) won by forfeit. 120 - Ivy Christensen (O) won by forfeit. 125 - Maddy Swenson (O) won by forfeit.

130 - Emma Evens (O) won by forfeit. 135 - Annaliese Arciniega (O) won by forfeit. 140 - Genesis Pickar (O) won by forfeit. 145 - Aubrey Chapman (O) won by forfeit. 155 - Bloker (NP) pinned Olivia Chapman, 1:16. 170 - Addison Schenker (O) pinned Franzen, 1:09. 190 - Elyza Williamson (O) pinned Wilkens, 0:50.

**NORTH BUTLER/C'VILLE 42, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 6**

170 - Alexa Gott (NBC) pinned Franzen, 4:52. 190 - Maliah Liddle (NBC) pinned Wilkens, 0:12. 235 - Sydney Lovrien (NBC) won by forfeit. 100 - Double forfeit. 105 - Addy Johnson (NBC) won by forfeit. 110 - Savannah Pierce (NBC) won by forfeit. 115 - Double forfeit.

120 - Double forfeit. 125 - Lexus Ayers (NBC) won by forfeit. 130 - Mackenzie Shultz (NBC) won by forfeit. 135 - Double forfeit. 140 - Double forfeit. 145 - Double forfeit. 155 - Bloker (NP) pinned Zoe Pierce, 0:25.

**AP/GC 60, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 6**

100 - Double forfeit. 105 - Evelyn Geerds (APGC) won by forfeit. 110 - Double forfeit. 115 - Double forfeit. 120 - Grace Storjohann (APGC) won by forfeit. 125 - Kylee Babcock (APGC) won by forfeit. 130 - Jocelyn Freed (APGC) won by forfeit.

135 - Ellie Reints (APGC) won by forfeit. 140 - Caylee Harken (APGC) won by forfeit. 145 - Lila Reints (APGC) won by forfeit. 155 - Zoey Uhlenhopp (APGC) pinned Nevaeh Bloker, 1:26. 170 - Kira Cox (APGC) pinned Emerson Franzen, 0:42. 190 - Hailey Wilkens (NP) pinned Kathryn Patrick, 0:34. 235 - Ainsley Scott (APGC) won by forfeit.

**LAKE MILLS 66, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 6**

100 - Double forfeit. 105 - Jasmine

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# Thievery pays off as Huck breaks school record for steals



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Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck heads down the court after making a steal in a game against Mason City Newman earlier this season.

Huskies force 53 turnovers in win over Tripoli, fall to ranked Riceville

**BY KELLY TERPSTRA**

*Of the Reporter*

It was the summer of 2021 and Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck was roughly a few months away from starting her high school athletic career.

As an eighth-grader, Husky head basketball coach Josh Smith was quick to point out and remind his soon-to-be standout that a day would come where she would essentially have free reign in the Huskies' zone, full-court press once she was caught up to speed on how the N-P defensive system works.

That sports calendar campaign was 2021-2022, the same year a then Husky senior Jennah Carpenter – now known as Jennah Winters – would set

the all-time hoops steals mark in her record-breaking year.

Smith recalled when the two Husky legends first connected four years ago during summer workouts in preparation for the upcoming winter sports season out on the basketball court.

"We told Kadence something along the lines of 'watch and learn everything that Jennah does and how we use her in our offense and defense because we're going to use you in the same way,'" said Smith.

Fast forward to 2025 and Winters is back on the Husky squad as an assistant coach and Huck is now the all-time steals leader at N-P after coming up with 10 steals in a 54-16 rout at Tripoli last Friday.

Huck – one of Iowa's all-time best

prep track and field athletes in Class 1A – and the former all-around Husky standout in multiple sports have forged an even closer bond because of the current Husky hoops star's quest to break Winters' record.

"For Jennah to be there and on our coaching staff now was definitely special for both of them. I know Kadence looked/looks up to Jennah," said Smith.

Carpenter held the single-season steals mark of 104 prior to Huck breaking that record last year as she came up with 134 – which amounted to 6.6 steals per game, third best in the entire state out of all five classes.

"Jennah was so happy for her to be

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## N-P boys get off to quick start in 2025

Huskies pick up a convincing victory over Tripoli, come-from-behind win at Riceville

**BY KELLY TERPSTRA**

*Of the Reporter*

Matthew Malven made his presence known in his first game back from holiday break for his Nashua-Plainfield Huskies on Tuesday night in Riceville.

Malven, who did not play in 2025's first game on the road at Tripoli last week Friday, exploded for a career-high 30 points to lead the Huskies to a 81-71 come-from-behind non-conference victory over the host Wildcats (5-6).

"In the second half he really turned it on," said N-P head coach Matt Mueller. "He didn't miss many shots in the second half."

Call these Huskies "road warriors," as they finished the week away from home at Central Springs (0-8, 0-5) on Thursday and play West Fork (3-5, 2-3) in its home gym tonight (Friday). N-P, now 7-3 overall, is back at home versus Postville (3-7) on Monday.

"We're hoping we can come out of break with a 4-0 start. We're planning on that," said Mueller, in his third year as Husky head coach.

The Huskies destroyed Tripoli, 68-32, in the lead-up game to the impressive finish at Riceville. Malven wasn't in uniform against the one-win Panthers (1-8) as he had prior obligations with his older brother's wedding – an arrangement that Mueller and Malven had worked out in advance.

After scoring just six points in the first half against Riceville, Malven caught fire with 24 second-half points in the final two periods – which also included all of his four made 3-point attempts.

N-P trailed Riceville 32-27 at the break but caught fire in the final 16 minutes of the contest by outscoring Riceville 54-39 the rest of the way. The 81 points scored by the Huskies was a season high.

"I thought we settled for a lot of perimeter shots in that first half. Defensively, I thought we were a step slow. We gotta improve on that, definitely, as

the season goes," said Mueller.

Malven – who averages 15.4 points a game – dished out eight assists, grabbed four rebounds and swiped three steals. He is second in the conference in assists (5.0 apg) at his guard slot. Malven's previous career-best was 25 points and came against Rockford last year.

N-P shot over 50 percent from the field and saw three other players hit for double-figure scoring versus Riceville in juniors Jase Hansen (17), Landon Foelske (13) and Jake Smith (10). Hansen leads the team in scoring with a 16-point clip and Smith leads the entire TIC East in field-goal percentage (62 percent). Both Foelske and Smith snared eight rebounds apiece versus Riceville. Foelske is third in the league in steals (3.4).

N-P junior forward Avery Mueller led the Huskies in rebounds with nine and scored eight points on 3-7 shooting against Riceville.

In the game at Tripoli N-P used a well-balanced scoring attack where seven players scored at least five points. N-P once again shot well (55 percent) and created 28 Panther turnovers. Hansen led the way for the Huskies with 14 points, Foelske netted 13 points and Smith registered 11 points.

"I think a lot of guys picked up on the scoring part," said Mueller about his team's production without Malven out on the court. "I thought we had guys that were handling the ball a lot more than probably did a few more things to help the team out – things that Matthew does for us. It gave some opportunities to some guys that normally wouldn't have the ball quite as much."

N-P leads the conference in field goal percentage (46 percent) and is a close second behind West Fork in 3-point percentage (32.4). West Fork leads the league with a 32.5 clip. One glaring statistic that the Huskies will need to improve on the rest of the winter is their

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Elijah Cerwinski (above) picks up a pin at 165 pounds and teammate Dalton Downing (below) also gets a fall at 175 during the Huskies 69-12 win over St. Ansgar in a home meet that included five teams competing late into the evening. For more on the "quad-plus-one," see next week's Reporter.

## Sick, battered Huskies hoping for good health

N-P boys pick up three wins at quadrangular; Brase, Rinken claim individual titles as Huskies finish eighth at Osage tourney

**BY BOB FENSKE**

*Of the Reporter*

One could hear it in Al Frost's voice Thursday morning – the veteran Nashua-Plainfield wrestling coach was a little "down in the dumps," and he freely admitted it, too.

It wasn't like the Huskies had a horrible week on the mat; after all, Nashua-Plainfield picked up three wins at a quadrangular last Thursday and then crowned two champions at the Osage Invitational on Saturday, but the illnesses and injuries running through the Huskies' wrestling room these days are rampant.

"I don't know what it is about the second week of January in our program," Frost said, "but we always seem to get hit with things this time of the year. And this year, it's the worst I remember. The competition at Forest City wasn't all that great, and maybe that's a good thing because it gave some of our guys a chance to battle it out and get us some wins."

Nashua-Plainfield was without three wrestlers – 150-pound Wyatt Bearman, 165-pound Jackson Carey and 175-pound Aiden Gelner – all week and illnesses left many of the remaining Huskies at far from 100 percent.

Still, Nashua-Plainfield rallied from an early 17-6 deficit to beat the host Indians and then took advantage of a bushel basket full of forfeits to roll past North Union 65-15 and Rockford 77-3.

The competition ratcheted up quite a bit on Saturday at a 17-team tournament hosted by TIC East power Osage.

"It was a good tournament with a lot of teams we don't always see," Frost said, "and that's always a good thing. I would have liked to have been healthier, but the guys who got on the mat, I thought they, for the most part, fought pretty well."

Senior Nic Brase dropped to 113 for the first time this year and was impressive – picking up two pins and two technical falls – on his way to claiming his bracket title and improve to 21-3 while Jayden Rinken remained unbeaten with three wins – two tech falls and one major decision – as the Huskies' senior star improved to 24-0.

But that was it for finalists in a tournament that saw Algona claim the team title with 199 points, 14 more than the runner-up Green Devils.

In fact, that was it for top-four finishers for the Huskies as Luke Zwanziger finished fifth at 138, Devon Blanchard took sixth at 157, Lincoln Huck was seventh at 106,



Nashua-Plainfield's Nic Brase, one of two Huskies to win tournament titles on Saturday in Osage, works to turn Jesup's Max Devore Thursday night.

the same place Isaac Jones got at 285 and three Huskies – Maverick Dietz-McDonald (190), Dalton Downing (175) and Jagger White (120) – finished eighth.

"I was hoping we'd have more kids fighting for third and fourth," Frost said, "but with everything going on, I'll take it. It's a weird year in that the [holiday] break was

really pretty short. We had five practices basically and then bam, we're wrestling a quad and a big tournament. Every bracket had 16 guys in it so it was a lot of wrestling."

Frost's biggest concern, though,

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Matthew Malven, who scored a career-high 30 points earlier this week against Riceville, puts up a shot in a game against Mason City Newman last month.

Undermanned Huskies have just three wrestlers compete in their latest trip to Osage

**By KELLY TERPSTRA**

*Of the Reporter*

When it's all said and done, the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies should be fairly familiar with the Osage gym this winter.

N-P competed at the athletic facility out on the mat twice this past

week as the Huskies took part in the Osage Invite last week Thursday and took on four teams in dual matchups at the Green Devils' home facility on Monday.

There will be one more date at Osage left before the season winds down this winter and it's the most important day out of all them as the Huskies travel

back to Mitchell County to take part in the Class 1A regionals held at Osage.

The competition was stiff at Osage on Monday as Reece Reams' squad lost to Aplington-Parkersburg/Grundy Center 60-6, Lake Mills 66-6, Osage 78-6 and North Butler/Clarksville 42-6.

Hailey Wilkins (190), Emerson

Franzen (170) and Nevaeh Bloker (155) were the only Huskies that wrestled as N-P is still dealing with some health issues in its lineup.

Bloker moved her mark to 20-8 on the year after two pins over Lake Mills' Piper Kjeldahl in 4:46 and NBC's Zoe Pierce in just 25 seconds. She also stuck Osage's Olivia Chapman in

just 1:16. Bloker's lone loss of the evening came against AP/GC's Zoey Uhlenhopp (26-9), who pinned Bloker in 1:26.

Wilkins (5-13) earned a win by fall over Kathryn Patrick of AP/GC in just 34 seconds.

**SEE GIRLS WRESTLING, 5**

# Nashua man pleads guilty to a reduced charge in injury case

BY BOB STEENSON

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A Nashua man has pleaded guilty to a charge of injuring a juvenile in a plea deal that dismissed a child endangerment charge and will recommend a deferred judgment.

Christopher Marcus Meinders, age 28, had been charged in Floyd County District Court with one count of willful injury resulting in serious injury, a Class C felony, and child endangerment, torture or cruelty resulting in serious injury, also a Class C felony.

According to criminal complaints filed by the Floyd County Sheriff's office, Meinders had attacked a juvenile male on April 25, 2024, resulting in injuries to his face and neck, at a residence several miles west of Nashua.

The report said Meinders grabbed the juvenile by the throat and caused a fracture on the youth's left eye. The report said Meinders attacked the youth after the youth allegedly touched a girl in the household in a sexual way.

Meinders pleaded not guilty and a trial had been most recently scheduled for September 2024, but was contin-

ued after Meinders was scheduled for a plea hearing.

On Dec. 9, Meinders entered a written plea of guilty to the reduced charge of willful injury resulting in bodily injury, a Class D felony.

The County Attorney's Office moved that the child endangerment, torture or cruelty charge be dismissed, which Judge Chris Foy granted on Dec. 20.

The agreement with the Floyd County Attorney's Office states: "Parties agree that the defendant will receive a deferred judgment with 2 years of probation and pay a \$300

probation enrollment fee. The civil penalty shall be imposed but suspended. Defendant is responsible for court costs. Count II is dismissed at defendant's costs."

The agreement also says that Meinders understands the judge is not bound by the plea agreement and may sentence him up to the maximum penalty provided by law.

If it is granted, a deferred judgment in Iowa means the defendant pleads guilty, but the judge defers judgment and sentencing and sets up conditions such as probation that the defendant

must meet.

If the defendant successfully completes all the conditions, the judge will dismiss the case and seal the records, meaning the defendant's public record will not show the charges or a conviction. The court maintains access to the records in case the defendant is charged with a criminal offense in the future.

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Judge Foy set sentencing in the case for Feb. 17.

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