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Sheriff makes pitch for an additional deputy

Shawver makes proposal during budget presentation; supervisors agree to small increase in contract rate for cities

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver says he understands the costs, but he also believes that adding another deputy to his staff would present a win-win situation. First, it would give the county more times in which it had at least two deputies patrolling the coun-

ty, and second, it would help the Sheriff's Office better serve the residents that need it the most. Shawver made his pitch to add an additional deputy when he presented his proposed fiscal year 2025-26 budget during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting Monday. Board members went into closed session "to avoid discussion of specific law enforcement matters, such as cur-

rent or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection." Shawver's proposal was made during the same meeting in which supervisors reached a consensus on the rates it will charge cities who contract with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services, as well as

the rates for so-called "drive-through" and dispatch services. Nashua, which contracts with Shawver's office for law enforcement services, would see its hourly rate increase from \$71.50 to \$75, an increase of 4.9 percent. **SEE SHERIFF, 5**

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Nashua-Plainfield student Karson Chyma dribbles a basketball Monday night as part of a promotion touting an upcoming mattress sale that will be put on by the After-Prom Committee early next month.

GEARING UP FOR UNIQUE FUNDRAISER

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD AFTER-PROM COMMITTEE TO FILL GYM WITH MATTRESSES TO RAISE MONEY FOR ANNUAL EVENT

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Let's get one thing out of the way — Nashua-Plainfield High School students Dawson Becker, Karson Chyma and Zander Lentz realize Halloween isn't a January holiday. They did not Rip Van Winkle it and oversleep by 2 1/2 months. No, that was not the reason that the three

students were dressed up in "mattress costumes" Monday night, when the Husky basketball teams took on Postville. Instead, the students wore the costumes to promote a unique fundraising event being put on by the Nashua-Plainfield After-Prom Committee — a mattress sale that will take place on Sunday, Feb. 2, in the high school gymnasium. Yes, you read that right. Nashua is going to

be home to a mattress store ... for a day at least. "We had heard that other schools had done this and when I reached out to them, they said it was a great fundraiser, that it was legit and it was worth doing," committee member Kristi Hannemann said. "Denver raised \$10,000 and everyone we talked to said this wasn't a fly-by-night deal so **SEE FUNDRAISER, 2**

Winterfest will go on but will stay indoors Saturday

Without snow, Nashua Park Board cancels outdoor activities for annual celebration

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

One of these years, Old Man Winter is going to do the Nashua Park Board a favor. 2025 is not that year. Still, unlike last year, Winterfest is still a go in Nashua on Saturday even if it's going to be strictly an indoor affair. Park Board President Nate Sinnwell said Thursday that the annual event will be held, sans the outdoor events. "With not having any snow, plus the temperatures, we just decided that it probably wasn't going to be a good idea to sit around at the park for just one thing," Sinnwell said. "But we think we still have a lot of great activities and we didn't want to pull the plug on everything. Think of it as an indoor Winterfest."

SEE WINTERFEST, 2

Bundle up because we've got a cold weekend on tap

If you thought it was cold earlier this week, well, we've got some bad news for you because, if the forecast holds true, pardon the bad grammar, you ain't seen nothing yet. By the time the holiday weekend — it's Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday — ends, it looks like we'll see the first double-digit below-zero temperatures of the year. Forecasters say highs on Sunday and Monday will be around zero and overnight lows will drop anywhere to 10 below to 15 below. Throw in strong northwesterly winds, and wind chills could fall below 30 below. In other words, if you're one of the lucky few who gets MLK Day off, it might be a good day to cozy up by a fire and read a book.

Supervisors give final OK to TIF ordinance

Board approves second reading, waive the third that will allow county to collect funds

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Monday removed the final hurdle to using tax-increment financing (TIF) to fund millions of dollars of projects when board members unanimously approved the final readings of an ordinance that provides for the "division of revenues" from property taxes collected from the Chickasaw Wind Farm. The action came on Monday, the first of two days of meetings for county leaders that were heavy on budget presentations but included other items not directly tied to the county's 2025-26 fiscal year budget. Chief among them was approving an ordinance that will allow the county to collect the additional taxes generated by the increased property values created by wind farm parcels "be paid to a special fund for payment on loans, monies

advanced to and indebtedness, including bonds issued or to be issued, incurred by the county in connection with the CWEC urban renewal plan." Board members last week approved the urban renewal plan and the first reading of the ordinance that could lead to major road projects, updating the Secondary Roads shop, the replacement of a Chickasaw County Conservation Board storage building, renovating the current Sheriff's Office building and the construction of an adjacent 24-hour holding facility to replace the county's antiquated jail. But in order for an ordinance to "become law," it needs to have three readings and during the Jan. 7 meeting, supervisors decided not to waive the subsequent readings and bring the ordinance back up for consideration at Monday's meeting. "I think with something like **SEE SUPERVISORS, 4**

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Winter — sports, at least — flying by

Nashua-Plainfield senior Nic Brase, along with his parents, is recognized on Senior Night in the Huskies' last home dual meet of the regular season. Brase, a two-time placewinner at state, earned win No. 150 in his terrific career. See more photos from Thursday's quadrangular on Page 9.

ISU Extension offering pesticide continuing education courses

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will be offering three opportunities to attend the Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC), led by Extension Field Agronomist Terry Basol.

The first two sessions are scheduled for Jan. 23 at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The course will be offered again on March 6, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Preregistration is required. Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. Please preregister online or call Lynn Bruess at 641-394-2174 to register.

All sessions will be held at the Chickasaw County Extension office's new location at 115 N. Broadway Ave. in New Hampton.

The course will run for approximately 2½ hours, including check-in and breaks. The registration fee is \$30. To register or to obtain additional information about the P-CIC, contact your county extension office.

The course will fulfill 2024-2025 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include:

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The “Mattress Men” of Nashua-Plainfield High School — (from left) Zander Lentz, Karson Chyma and Dawson Becker — pose for a photo Monday night when they put on costumes to help the Nashua-Plainfield After-Prom Committee promote a unique fundraiser it is holding on Sunday, Feb. 2.

After-Prom Committee comes up with unique way to raise funds

FUNDRAISER: FROM 1

we thought, ‘Why not, let’s try it.’”

So on Groundhog Day, the Nashua-Plainfield gym will be filled with mattresses as part of a fundraiser in conjunction with Custom Fundraising Solutions, which touts that 35 models will be on display, including “top brands” like Purple, Helix and Therapedic.

Mattresses of all sizes will be available for size, as will luxury pillows and adjustable bases. Financing is available and the

company also will deliver purchased mattresses to residents’ homes. Those who buy a mattress also will receive free sheets.

“Like the flyer says, ‘Every purchase benefits the kids.’ It’s different, but we’re hoping it’ll go over well,” Hannemann said, “and it was great that the kids helped us the other night spread the word.”

The Feb. 2 “store” will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and help fund the costs of the After Prom Party that will be held at the Cedar Valley Sports Complex.

“We’re bussing the kids down, which is a

plus about being out of town,” Hannemann said. “We know where they are, how they’re getting there and how they’re getting home. We’ve got a great community that has supported After Prom so well and we hope that continues.”

She paused and laughed.

“And if you need a new mattress, we’ve got just the deal for you,” she said. “Seriously, if you can wait a few weeks, you’ll be helping our committee give our kids a great experience at their After Prom Party.”

Nashua Park Board adjust Winterfest on the fly

WINTERFEST: FROM 1

In 2024, the Park Board’s annual event took a 1-2 punch as both warm temperatures and a lack of snow forced the cancellation of the event, but board members decided earlier this month to put on the event with the help of partners throughout the community.

“We figured we’d have a few weeks to get some snow and we wouldn’t have two Januarys in a row when nothing fell,” Sinnwell said. “Well so far, we were wrong.”

Granted, a relatively cold month has helped create enough ice for events on the lake, but again, Mother Nature is not playing fair with the event.

Today’s high temperature could break 40, but by this afternoon, a cold front — and we mean a really cold front — will move through the area, and by Saturday, wind chills will be dropping below zero.

So earlier this week, the Park Board made the decision to keep it indoors.

That means Winterfest will kick off at the Husky Wellness



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Although the vehicle is not on the lake quite yet, the “car-drop contest” will kick off with the sale of tickets during an “indoor” Winterfest” on Saturday.

Center at 10 a.m. for the annual free-throw contest. A darts tournament will be held at Big Willie’s, beginning at 10 a.m., a bags tournament will be held at the Nashua Town and Country Club at 1 p.m. and will be followed by Bingo at 4.

The golf course will also host the annual Winterfest Soup Contest, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and Big Willie’s annual Winterfest pool tournament is scheduled to start at 7.

Winterfest will wrap up with a comedian and karaoke at 8 p.m. at the golf course.

“There’s a lot going on, and we really appreciate Big Willie’s and the golf course having these events,” Sinnwell said. “As much as we’d love to have the big sledding hill and all the outdoor events, it’s still going to be a fun day here.”

And the good news is that while it may not necessarily look like winter in the Nashua

area, there’s more than enough ice for the Car-Drop Contest and those who want to hazard a guess when the vehicle donated by S&T Collision will drop through the ice can buy tickets during Winterfest.

“We may not have the car out there yet,” Sinnwell said, “but we’re going to push the tickets. People can buy them in four-hour increments, and at least we’ve had enough winter to be able to have that.”



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Pepping up the Husky faithful!

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield High School Pep Band under the direction of Scott Stroud play a song in between the Huskies' boys and girls basketball games against Postville on Monday night.

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Reynolds makes her case for 2025 legislative priorities

By ROBIN OPSAHL
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Gov. Kim Reynolds, delivering her Condition of the State message Tuesday, said the state needs to take action on disaster recovery in the wake of 2024 floods and tornadoes, in addition to laying out policies she said can help address Iowa's workforce shortages in child care and health care.

It's Reynolds' eighth time giving the speech as governor and her first time addressing the Legislature with supermajorities in both chambers following another election cycle of GOP victories in Iowa. Though Reynolds highlighted the victories achieved with the Republican trifecta on reducing taxes and making changes to Iowa's education system, much of her address Tuesday focused on the efforts and community support shown by Iowans across the state in the wake of major natural disasters.

Iowa dealt with a series of major disasters in 2024: tornadoes hit towns including Greenfield and Minden in April and May, and major swaths of northwest and north-central Iowa were severely flooded in June.

Biden declared three presidential major disaster declarations for the natural disasters that destroyed more than 5,500 homes in the state and caused an estimated \$335 million in infrastructure damages.

As Iowa communities faced the disasters and long recovery process, Reynolds said it was "inspiring" to see the massive response from people across the state and country to help those in need.

"I'll never forget the devastation and heartbreak," Reynolds said. "But I also witnessed Iowans lifting each other up. Volunteers clearing debris, residents comforting neighbors and local officials and first responders working around the clock. Many of whom had their own homes or businesses destroyed, yet they put others first."

The governor has already launched multiple programs in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help Iowans find temporary housing and rebuild impacted homes, but called for new legislation to further help residents and businesses in disaster-affected areas.

Her proposal includes \$13.6 million in disaster aid through the Economic Emergency Fund, including \$11.6 million for home rehabilitation programs and \$2 million to the Nuisance Property and Abandoned

Building Fund for aid to local communities seeking to tear down buildings beyond repair in impacted areas. The legislation would also authorize the Iowa Finance Authority and Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management to set up a "Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund" in preparation for future disasters.

The legislation will also include other policies, like adjustments to certain insurance regulations and giving the governor authority to transfer emergency funds during disasters, in response to issues that arose during the 2024 flooding and tornadoes.

Reynolds thanked volunteers, leaders and state and local workers who responded to the disasters across the state, several of whom were in attendance at the Tuesday speech.

"You represent so many others across the state who demonstrated the strength, compassion and determination that defines Iowa," she told the group.

Cancer research

Reynolds also discussed more personal events, including her husband Kevin Reynolds' lung cancer diagnosis, which remains in remission. Her husband is not the only leader at the Statehouse battling with cancer, she added, saying that Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver has been a "powerful example of service, leadership and grace" as he received treatment for a brain tumor.

The governor related these two diagnoses to a larger trend in the state.

"Every case of cancer is a tragedy," Reynolds said. "And I'm concerned by the data showing that these tragedies disproportionately affect Iowans."

To find out the reason behind the state's high and growing cancer rates, Reynolds asked the Legislature for \$1 million to fund a new partnership between



Photo courtesy of Iowa House of Representatives

Iowa Rep. Charley Thomson, R-Charles City, signs his oath of office papers on the first day of the 2025 session of the Iowa Legislature. Thomson, who was re-elected to a second term, is the chair of the Government Oversight Committee and will also serve on the Commerce, Public Safety and Judiciary committees, as well as the Administration and Regulation Budget Subcommittee.

the state Health and Human Services department and the University of Iowa to research behavioral, genetic and environmental factors contributing to Iowa cancer cases.

"Iowans don't need more speculation — they need answers," she said.

Fewer partisan proposals

In previous years, the legislation Reynolds named as top priorities in the Condition of the State were controversial measures — last year, a version of her proposal making major changes to the state's Area Education Agencies — the entities that provide services for students with disabilities — was passed by the Legislature after lengthy negotiations between the two chambers, combined with her proposal to raise teachers' salaries.

The year before, Reynolds was able to move the state's Education Savings Account (ESA) program forward, providing public funding for private school tuition and associated costs, after years of failing to reach a consensus.

Many of the governor's 2025 legislative proposals are not issues likely to garner major

pushback, and are topics both Democrats and Republicans have called for state action on. She urged the Legislature to pass a hands-free driving bill — something that has repeatedly failed to make it to her desk despite bipartisan support in previous sessions. The proposal would prohibit drivers from using handheld electronic devices behind the wheel.

She also called for schools and school districts to adopt cellphone policies that, at minimum, prohibit the use of the

devices during instruction time. Her proposal follows the Biden administration's December recommendation for schools to set cell phone use policies.

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Environmental Health urging residents to know dangers of radon

Next to smoking, radon gas in homes is a common cause of lung cancer; in fact, the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second-leading cause in smokers, claiming the lives of approximately 21,000 Americans each year.

A home test kit for the deadly gas may be purchased for \$20 each at the Chickasaw County Environmental Health Department, 260 E. Prospect in New Hampton. The hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Each January, EPA seeks to raise awareness of radon exposure during National Radon Action Month, encouraging residents to "Test, Fix, Save a Life" and protect themselves and their families by having their homes tested for the presence of radon.

Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas produced by the breakdown of radium, thorium, and uranium in the ground. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. If left untreated, radon can accumulate indoors, leading to significant health risks.

"Radon is a threat to millions of Americans, especially those living in areas with a high potential for radon," said EPA Region 7 Air and Radiation Division Director Dana Skelley. "In the Midwest, many homes are naturally predisposed to have elevated radon levels."

"We urge everyone to protect themselves and their families from this preventable health risk by testing their homes for radon gas."

EPA recommends taking action to fix your home if you discover radon levels above 4 picocuries per liter. If your home does have elevated levels, a qualified professional can install a system to reduce indoor radon levels.

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Sheriff: Additional deputy will improve response time

SHERIFF: FROM 1

Before supervisors discussed rates for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, Shawver asked supervisors to give him the go-ahead to hire an additional deputy.

During an interview following the meeting, Shawver shared — in general terms — the reason behind his proposal.

“It would reduce the number of hours when a deputy potentially is working alone,” Shawver said. “So we’re trying to reduce those number of hours. I don’t want to get into the specifics of how many hours that can be, but it’s enough that it is concerning and it’s a big retention tool as well.”

The Sheriff’s Office currently has 10 sworn officers. Shawver said he, Chief Deputy Zach Nobsch and Jail Administrator Jordan Gansen work Monday-through-Friday schedules, which leaves seven deputies in what he called the “rotation.”

“Not that all of us don’t take calls,” Shawver said during the interview, “but I do think we would be better served, we’d enhance the safety of our officers, with [an additional] deputy.”

He said adding an eighth deputy to the rotation would not mean that the county would always have two “rotation deputies” on duty, but it would help reduce the times and also help when deputies are on vacation or off for other reasons.

“Obviously, I’d love to have it so we never had one deputy working alone, but it’s part of law enforcement,” he said. “Fiscally we can’t afford that. Your bigger agencies, it’s a different story. You can argue that our call volumes are not there ... but we don’t know when these calls are going to come in and what level of threat they’re going to be. If we can reduce the number of hours that our staff is working alone, that’s key.”

Shawver told supervisors that with the additional deputy, along with the 5 percent wage increases for himself and his chief deputy that supervisors approved last week and the 4 percent pay hike called for in the contract with the union that represents deputies and Sheriff’s Office staff, his budget proposal calls for about a 17 percent increase in expenditures.

The sheriff readily admitted that he knows it’s a big bite to digest for the supervisors, but he said he “felt the conversation was good. I feel good walking away that I presented enough information for them to look at the numbers. ... Is this something we as a county can sustain? Are there areas in the budget I presented where hey, maybe, I need to look to absorb X amount for this to make it feasible.”

He said adding another deputy would reduce the amount of overtime his department has, but he was quick to point out that it wouldn’t be enough to offset the entire cost of a new deputy.

“It’s one of those things. It’s public safety. We’re not revenue generating,” Shawver said. “The common thing people



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors members follow along as Sheriff Ryan Shawver presents his 2025-26 budget proposal during a meeting on Monday morning.

think is we collect all the money from the speeding tickets and fines, but that goes to the general fund of the state of Iowa.”

Shawver said an additional deputy would enhance public safety in the county and said that it would allow his deputies to better serve county residents.

“We all know face-to-face commu-

nications is the best,” he said. “There’s a good chance the deputy is going to be a lot closer than 15, 20 minutes away. ... Their issue at that time is their biggest issue they have going on. So if we can encourage more face-to-face follow-ups, that’s huge.”

When the closed meeting ended, supervisors were relatively mum on the subject, and instead, board mem-

bers said — as Board Chairman Jake Hackman put it — they would see how “the budget played out” before making a decision on Shawver’s proposal.

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Just how much, or even if, Nashua’s costs for law enforcement services go up remains unanswered.

During the 2023-24 fiscal year, Nashua contracted with the Sheriff’s

Office to provide 2,080 hours — or 40 hours a week — of service to the county’s second-largest city, but a year ago, when the rate increased from \$65 to \$71.50 per hour, a jump of 10 percent, the Nashua City Council dialed back the number of hours in its contract.

By dropping the number of hours to 1,750, the city saw its costs drop from \$135,200 to \$125,125. This year, if the City Council keeps the contracted hours the same, the city would pay \$131,250 for law enforcement.

Nashua and Fredericksburg, the county’s third-largest city, do not have their own police departments and contract with the county. Fredericksburg’s contract calls for 1,020 hours of service.

Like Nashua and Fredericksburg, the county’s remaining cities, besides New Hampton, do not have their own police departments and the county offers so-called drive-through services to Bassett, Alta Vista, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington and charges a per capita rate based on the 2020 Census figures to those cities. Board members agreed to raise that rate from \$16.50 this year to \$17 next year, an increase of 3.1 percent.

New Hampton, meanwhile, uses the Sheriff’s Office Dispatch Center for its police department, and county leaders raised that rate from \$17.33 to \$18 per resident, an increase of 3.9 percent. That would raise the county’s largest city fee to increase by almost \$2,400 to \$62,892.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES January 6, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cervinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of media, Kathy Shekleton, Engineer’s Office Ranae Carey, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Custodian Dave Gorman, Engineer Roman Lensing, NE IA RC&D Executive Director Paul Berland and Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cervinske to approve the agenda for January 6, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cervinske to approve the meeting minutes from January 2, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Employee Benefit Systems (EBS) for Chickasaw County Flex Plan and no action taken.

Public comment: Engineer’s office Ranae Carey asked about a time line for Safety Data Sheets.

Discussed with Northeast Iowa RC&D, Executive Director, Paul Berland FY25-26 budget request.

Discussed repairs for the water damage at the Heritage Center.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair signature on Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement/Assurances between the Iowa Department of Transportation and Chickasaw County. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Secondary Roads updates with Engineer Roman Lensing.

Budget Session COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Supervisor Suckow-January 6-IGHCP

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:40 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES January 7, 2025

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Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for January 7, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to approve a position change for Carly Sedivy, EMT to Paramedic and a rate increase from \$16.74 per hour to \$22.00 per hour. Effective January 6, 2024 for the EMS department. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss repair plans for water damage at the Heritage Center.

No public comment:

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to adopt Resolution 01-07-25-02. RESOLUTION DETERMINING AN AREA OF THE COUNTY TO BE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BLIGHTED AREA, AND THAT THE REHABILITATION, CONSERVATION, REDEVELOPMENT, DEVELOPMENT OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, OF SUCH AREA IS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS

OF THE COUNTY; DESIGNATION SUCH AREA AS APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS; AND ADOPTING THE CWEC URBAN RENEWAL PLAN. /ss/ Hackman, Chair, Ayes: Breitbach, Cervinske, Carter, Suckow ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. Detailed document on file at Auditor’s office and on county’s website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Board Chair Hackman went through first reading of Ordinance NO XI-1FOR THE DIVISION OF REVENUES UNDER SECTION 403.19, CODE OF IOWA FOR CWEC URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Breitbach to have a second reading on January 13, 2025. A draft copy of proposed Ordinance No. XI-1 is available for review at the Auditor’s Office and on the County website. Roll Call: Ayes: Cervinske, Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Recess: 9:23 AM

Resumed: 9:33 AM

Discussed FY 2025-2026 budgets with Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

No committee assignment updates.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:39 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Chickasaw County assessor takes over as president of state association

Chickasaw County Assessor Ray Armel was recently sworn in as president of the Iowa State Association of Assessors (ISAA).

“I’m honored to be able to help guide our association,” Armel said in a recent interview. “I’m kind of the liaison between our association and the director of Revenue and Finance. I will work directly with the Department of Revenue and Finance on matters of policy and procedures and guidelines for our association and for assessors

for performing their jobs.”

He said that he will work closely with the association’s Executive Board, which is made up of one member from each of the association’s eight districts.

Asked if these are “challenging” times for assessors right now, Armel said that “with all the talk in the last couple of years and the ongoing talk coming up in the State Legislature, yes.”

Armel started his career in 1978 as a Polk County appraiser. Later, from

1986 to 1999, he served as Fayette County assessor. In 1999, he left the Fayette County position and started his own appraisal business in West Union.

Armel was then hired in 2012 by Chickasaw County Assessor Doug Welton as chief deputy.

Upon Welton’s retirement in 2018, he was appointed Chickasaw County assessor.

He has served on numerous committees through the years including,

legislative, exemption and credits, manual and forms, and education.

Armel was elected by the ISAA state-wide membership as vice president two years ago, before being named president elect last year.

The ISAA membership is comprised of all assessors and deputy assessors.

The mission of the organization is to promote excellence in property valuation by providing fair and equitable assessments for property owners and local governments in the state of Iowa.

Armel is also a well-known sports official in Iowa, working sports ranging from volleyball to football to basketball to track and field to softball.

Last spring, he was one of the eight starters named to work the state track meet in Des Moines.

— Bob Fenske



Armel

Briefs

Fair royalty coordinator seeking applications

The Chickasaw County Royalty coordinator is getting an early start searching for candidates to enter the competition for the Chickasaw County Fair Queen, Little Miss and Little Mister titles.

“Our applications are currently open and will close April 30,” said Trinity Brincks, who is the county coordinator. “We offer prizes for our littles and scholarships for our queens.”

All candidates must reside in Chickasaw County. Queen candidates must be between the ages of 16-21 and little candidates must be between the ages of 5-10 (boys and girls).

Contact Trinity Brincks with questions at dia-mond-rabbitty@gmail.com or call 563-237-5122.

State senator to hold town hall meetings

State. Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, has announced a schedule of town hall meetings she will hold in coming week.

Salmon will meet with constituents, discuss the 2025 Iowa Legislature session that kicked off this week and take questions and comments during the meetings.

Salmon represents District 29, which includes all of Chickasaw, Butler and Bremer counties and most of Floyd County.

Among her town hall meetings scheduled are:

- Saturday, Jan 25, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Floyd County Museum in Charles City.
- Saturday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m. to noon at the New Hampton Public Library.
- Saturday, Feb. 8, 11 a.m. to noon at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center in Nashua.
- Saturday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. to noon at the Up-eham Memorial Library in Fredericksburg.

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VITA is geared toward people who generally make \$67,000 a year or less, have a disability, are elderly, or have limited English skills. These tax prep sites help lowans take advantage of child care tax credits and the earned income tax credit. The volunteers will also help disabled or elderly individuals complete the application needed to participate in the Iowa Rent Reimbursement program.

Volunteers will be at the Chickasaw County Extension office’s new location at 115 N. Broadway in New Hampton Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 18, March 25 and April 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Lynn at 641-394-2174 to schedule a tax preparation appointment.

For more information on this program and how you can help, please contact Lynn Bruess at lbruess@iastate.edu.

Cowboy Poetry tickets on sale for shows in Lawler

Wanting to get the word out earlier this year, the Lawler Lions Club is announcing the date for its Cowboy Music, Humor & Storytelling event.

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 and 25, the Starlite Ballroom in Lawler will host the gathering, which promises “cowboy poetry, stories and music through the eyes of working cowboys and ranchers who live the life they portray.”

Three performers — R.P. Smith, Bonnie Krogman and Brooke Turneer — will put on the show.

It’s the 19th year for the event that has raised thousands of dollars for local organizations and causes, with this year’s funds to benefit the Chickasaw County Firefighters’ Association Honor Guard.

Organizers are asking for a \$30 donation for the bash, which includes a Swiss steak dinner. Only advance tickets are sold, they are available at Bank Iowa, Fidelity Bank & Trust, Luana Savings Bank, First Citizens Bank and Security State Bank.

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Wartburg dean’s list

Wartburg College recently announced the names of the 554 students who were named to the dean’s list for the fall semester, and included on the list is Makenzie Foelske, a 2022 graduate of Nashua-Plainfield.

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KUENNEN, STEVE	\$350.00
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LECHTENBERG, KATHY	\$2,765.07
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PETERS, WENDY	\$40,248.37
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POWERS, JOSIE	\$21,249.62
PRIES, TAMI	\$7,906.90
PRITTS, THOMAS	\$100.00
PROUTY, ZACHARY	\$3,959.25
RASH, BRAXTON	\$76,995.46
RAUM, GARRETT	\$2,006.84
RICHTER, DENNIS	\$10,373.61
RIES, MICHAEL	\$59,245.88
RILEY, TIMOTHY	\$16,220.08
RILEY, WILLIAM	\$55,650.98
ROBERG, SHARON	\$3,088.49
ROBERSON, RYAN	\$65,774.79
ROEDER, AMY	\$58,602.29
ROETHLER, ADAM	\$54,732.92
ROSAUER, PATTI	\$40,344.62
ROSENDAHL, CONRAD	\$128.00
ROSONKE, DEBORAH	\$41,378.84
ROSONKE, JACOB	\$59,172.42
ROSONKE, KEITH	\$56,836.65
ROSONKE, MICHELLE	\$50,428.69
RUDE, JASON	\$1,304.80
SABELKA, JOHN	\$400.00
SABELKA, THOMAS	\$350.00
SCHMIDT, BRADLEY	\$30,292.75
SCHMIDT, BROCK	\$55,481.59
SCHMITT, MARK	\$100.00
SCHNOEBELEN, BRENDA	\$51,274.94
SCHUCHHARDT, JOSHUA	\$2,756.40
SCHWICKERATH, TONI	\$56,846.40
SCHWICKERATH, TONY	\$150.00
SCOTT, TANYA	\$100.00
SEDIVY, CARLY	\$49,415.72
SEDIVY, TYLER	\$11,418.37
SHANK, TIMOTHY	\$1,369.74
SHATEK, RANDY	\$250.00
SHAWVER, RYAN	\$101,110.54
SHEKLETON, JULIA	\$44,088.11
SHEKLETON, SHEILA	\$73,436.62
STEEGE, BRADLEY	\$100.00
STEINLAGE, BRENT	\$54,745.76
STREETER, SAMANTHA	\$17,673.01
SUCKOW, TRAVIS	\$34,460.99
SVEC, JEREE	\$220.66
THOMAS, KAYLEE	\$28,441.49
THRONSDON, TYLER	\$68,174.36
TIESKOTTER, GERALD	\$150.00
TROYNA, SHIRLEY	\$73,427.25
UNDERWOOD, NATHAN	\$100.00
URIBE VAZQUEZ, ADALBERTO	\$8,522.51
UTLEY, KAREN	\$50.00
VAN DRIEL, JUSTIN	\$48,384.47
WADDELL, KODY	\$54,694.40
WELTER, LISA	\$81,883.85
WESTIN, ALAN	\$1,235.57
WICKHAM, LAURA	\$51,460.00
WOLF, JEREMY	\$150.00
YSBRAND, MATTHEW	\$73,427.25
ZMOOS, DANIEL	\$56,581.88
ZUBROD III, WILLIAM	\$70,352.80

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Iowa County Treasurer’s Semiannual Reconciliation For 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 Chickasaw County									
	Beginning Treasurer's Balance	Total Revenues	Beginning Balance + Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Change in Outstanding	Calculated Ending Treasurer's Balance	Actual Ending Treasurer's Balance	Difference	Outstanding Bank Items
0001 - GENERAL BASIC	2,500,033.97	3,077,193.14	5,577,227.11	2,782,861.46	-117,271.27	2,677,094.38	2,677,094.38	0.00	33,087.87
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	1,096,879.75	1,392,525.56	2,489,405.31	1,348,549.80	8,059.53	1,148,915.04	1,148,915.04	0.00	10,994.59
0003 - GENERAL BASIC SUB FUND -ARPA	608,344.70	11,074.01	619,418.71	0.00	0.00	619,418.71	619,418.71	0.00	0.00
0004 - EMS DEDICATED	1,050,803.64	324,005.04	1,374,808.68	494,496.63	-16,511.20	863,800.85	863,800.85	0.00	1,594.06
0005 - LAND ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
0006 - COUNTY PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	41,738.63	0.00	41,738.63	0.00	0.00	41,738.63	41,738.63	0.00	0.00
0011 - RURAL SERVICES BASIC	702,114.02	1,444,958.59	2,147,072.61	1,216,376.34	-72,247.18	858,449.09	858,449.09	0.00	0.00
0020 - SECONDARY ROAD FUND	2,924,105.70	3,599,839.25	6,523,944.95	4,410,773.91	31,953.06	2,145,124.10	2,145,124.10	0.00	98,780.25
0023 - REAP CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT	55,146.47	11,103.66	66,250.13	0.00	0.00	66,250.13	66,250.13	0.00	0.00
0024 - RECORDER'S SURCHARGE	21,188.24	1,258.58	22,446.82	15,000.00	0.00	7,446.82	7,446.82	0.00	0.00
0025 - CHICKASAW COUNTY BETTERMENT	92,737.81	51,626.66	144,364.47	0.00	0.00	144,364.47	144,364.47	0.00	0.00
0026 - CHICKASAW CO. ECON. DEV.	45,162.92	0.00	45,162.92	6,850.00	0.00	38,312.92	38,312.92	0.00	0.00
0028 - DRUG-K-9 UNIT	25,239.17	114.99	25,354.16	130.25	0.00	25,223.91	25,223.91	0.00	0.00
0029 - SHERIFF DARE ACCT.	1,204.51	5.51	1,210.02	0.00	0.00	1,210.02	1,210.02	0.00	0.00
0030 - CHICKASAW CO. PIONEER CEMETERY	57.33	3,687.13	3,744.46	3,656.52	0.00	87.94	87.94	0.00	0.00
0033 - LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE	519,979.42	3,262.96	523,242.38	3,235.86	-185.00	519,821.52	519,821.52	0.00	0.00
0034 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-GB	20,000.21	0.00	20,000.21	0.00	0.00	20,000.21	20,000.21	0.00	0.00
0035 - RURAL ROADS INFRSTRUCTURE FUND	601,653.45	206,506.63	808,160.08	294,331.40	0.00	513,828.68	513,828.68	0.00	0.00
0036 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT	91,137.09	23,829.68	114,966.77	0.00	0.00	114,966.77	114,966.77	0.00	0.00
0037 - BYPASS BASIN	92,588.10	1,747.10	94,335.20	0.00	0.00	94,335.20	94,335.20	0.00	0.00
0038 - EMS DONATIONS	11,460.93	319.00	11,779.93	0.00	0.00	11,779.93	11,779.93	0.00	0.00
0040 - CHICKASAW COUNTY TOURISM	46,274.63	8,666.67	54,941.30	7,417.26	0.00	47,524.04	47,524.04	0.00	0.00
0045 - CO. ATTY FORFEITURE FUND	0.00	2,350.80	2,350.80	0.00	0.00	2,350.80	2,350.80	0.00	0.00
0046 - SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND	659.64	7,866.90	8,526.54	0.00	0.00	8,526.54	8,526.54	0.00	0.00
0050 - TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER	23,371.66	308.91	23,680.57	0.00	0.00	23,680.57	23,680.57	0.00	0.00
1500 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	523,720.81	12,451.20	536,172.01	162,069.17	0.00	374,102.84	374,102.84	0.00	0.00
2019 - COUNTY DEBT SERVICE	67,089.09	277,243.29	344,332.38	19,422.33	0.00	324,910.05	324,910.05	0.00	0.00
3500 - SAUDE FARM FUND	6,544.71	86.50	6,631.21	0.00	0.00	6,631.21	6,631.21	0.00	0.00
3510 - SCHROEDER STEWARDSHIP FUND	4,178.77	19.12	4,197.89	0.00	0.00	4,197.89	4,197.89	0.00	0.00
4000 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISS	263,356.17	155,337.53	418,693.70	64,953.21	-28,859.33	324,881.16	324,881.16	0.00	100.00
4010 - 9-1-1 SURCHARGE FUND	608,042.17	87,890.52	695,932.69	36,761.15	-32,445.42	626,726.12	626,726.12	0.00	0.00
4100 - ASSESSMENT EXPENSE	612,488.56	303,325.79	915,814.35	268,234.19	-9,125.52	638,454.64	638,454.64	0.00	600.00
4140 - AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE	2,558.62	165,978.42	168,537.04	164,599.65	0.00	3,937.39	3,937.39	0.00	0.00
4200 - SCHOOL DISTRICTS	97,607.86	6,288,673.27	6,386,281.13	6,239,245.90	0.00	147,035.23	147,035.23	0.00	0.00
4300 - AREA SCHOOLS	8,872.76	558,649.11	567,521.87	554,053.81	0.00	13,468.06	13,468.06	0.00	0.00
4400 - CORPORATIONS	30,639.40	2,153,918.63	2,184,558.03	2,152,455.58	0.00	32,102.45	32,102.45	0.00	0.00
4406 - NEW HAMPTON TAX INCREMENTS	2,395.12	342,155.30	344,550.42	343,908.00	0.00	642.42	642.42	0.00	0.00
4450 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	458.88	0.00	458.88	458.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4700 - TOWNSHIPS-CEM, HALL, INS & FIRE	2,370.39	158,282.01	160,652.40	156,368.82	0.00	4,283.58	4,283.58	0.00	0.00
4800 - PROPERTY TAX AGENCY-BANGS & TB	15.76	1,004.03	1,019.79	995.82	0.00	23.97	23.97	0.00	0.00
4900 - BENEFITTED FIRE DISTRICTS	793.68	37,295.54	38,089.22	36,794.91	0.00	1,294.31	1,294.31	0.00	0.00
5010 - MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	230,713.30	2,133,855.46	2,364,568.76	1,591,840.40	0.00	772,728.36	772,728.36	0.00	0.00
5020 - MOTOR VEHICLE SALES TAX	149,477.80	1,209,085.92	1,358,563.72	1,138,519.81	0.00	220,043.91	220,043.91	0.00	0.00
5030 - MOTOR VEHICLE POSTAGE	738.00	6,254.00	6,992.00	5,986.00	0.00	1,006.00	1,006.00	0.00	0.00
5040 - ORGAN TRANSPLANT	247.00	605.00	852.00	534.00	0.00	318.00	318.00	0.00	0.00
5090 - TAX REDEMPTION-OWNER/LIEN HOLDI	2,276.00	48,655.61	50,931.61	45,995.61	0.00	4,936.00	4,936.00	0.00	0.00
5151 - CURRENT TAX ESCROW ACCOUNT	8,775.90	-8,775.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5300 - RECORDER'S ELECTRONIC FEES	190.00	1,197.00	1,387.00	1,242.00	0.00	145.00	145.00	0.00	0.00
8999 - HEALTH-FLEX INS PASS-THRU	183,383.52	708,605.08	891,988.60	706,387.56	0.00	185,601.04	185,601.04	0.00	0.00
Report Totals:	13,393,816.26	24,819,043.20	38,212,859.46	24,289,506.23	-236,632.33	13,686,720.90	13,686,720.90	0.00	145,156.77

Husky boys are slowly piecing it back together

BOYS WRESTLING: FROM 10

be a competitive team this year and they got some solid kids,” said Frost. “They got some holes, though. We missed out on some opportunities by not having some guys in there. If we have our ducks in a row, that might be a different story.”

Osage has bumped down to Class 1A after competing in 2A and wreaking havoc on opponents by claiming multiple state team crowns over the years – whether that be in the state dual format or traditional state tourney. The Green Devils have won three state traditional team trophies since 2020 and won the 2023 Class 2A state duals.

N-P took part in the Tripoli Invite last Saturday and placed third (174 points) behind winner Lisbon (235.5) and runner-up Denver (213.5).

Once again, Frost and his Huskies would have more than likely placed higher had all their key wrestlers been at their disposal. But Frost also added that the ones currently out on the mat right now need to perform better.

“Some of those guys that didn’t place, honestly, we gotta find some answers to what’s going to get these guys into the money so that we can be a stronger team overall,” said Frost.

N-P’s two champions on the day were courtesy of seniors Nic Brase (27-3) and Jayden Rinken (31-0). Brase is ranked seventh at 120 and pinned Lisbon’s Cael Stricker in 1:34 in his final’s match.

“We’re kind of bouncing him back and forth between ’20 in the duals and ’13 for the Saturday tournaments,” said Frost.

Rinken – gunning for a second state title at 132 pounds – met little resistance in his three opponents, which he topped twice by pin and one by tech fall.

Husky sophomore 138-pounder Luke Zwanziger (26-7) looked impressive in a 9-2 decision over Wapsie Valley’s Dallas Tissue in the semifinals.

“That was a great match for Zwanziger,” said Frost.

Zwanziger’s first-place medal match was against Jackson Knapp (21-5) of Lisbon.

“He probably could have beat that kid in the finals, too. He was on a shot and took that kid basically right to his back, but the guy hoisted him over with his feet and ended up putting Luke on his back and getting the pin,” said Frost.

Zwanziger ended up placing runner-up as Knapp stuck him with one second remaining in the first period (1:59).

Lincoln Huck (26-8), N-P’s super exciting freshman 106-pound standout, placed third at 106 pounds and so did sophomore Lucas Sinnwell (144 pounds). Sinnwell is 13-16 on the season.

N-P senior heavyweight Isaac Jones (22-12) was also third at 285 pounds and junior 157-pounder Devon Blanchard (24-12) finished fourth in his weight bracket.

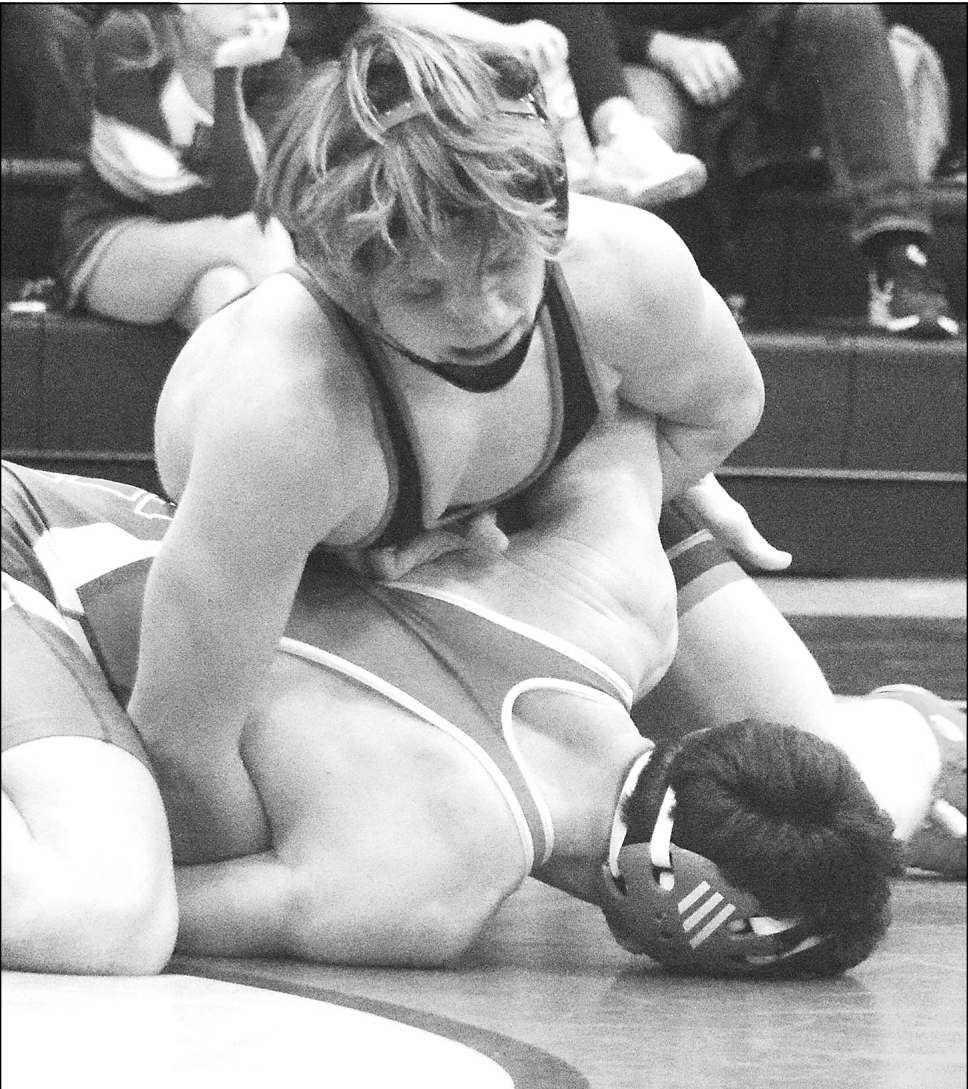
Help is on the way according to Frost in the form of junior 157-pounder Tyler Zimmer, who made his season debut last Thursday as he’s recovered from a knee injury. Jackson Carey, a senior 165-pounder that sports a record of 13-2 and is ranked eighth, returned to N-P’s lineup on Thursday. Carey was dealing with a shoulder/AC joint issue. N-P 175-pound senior Aiden Gelnor (14-2) also gave it a go on Thursday and returned to the mat after a 10-day absence because of a skin condition.

“Finally we’re starting to get it pieced together,” said Frost.

The bad news is Frost stated freshman 157-pounder Wyatt Bearman is out for the season after re-aggravating a knee injury.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 69, ST. ANSGAR 12

285: Isaac Jones (NP) won by forfeit. 106: Lincoln Huck (NP) won by forfeit. 113: Jagger White (NP) won by forfeit. 120: Nic Brase (NP) won by forfeit.



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Nashua-Plainfield’s Luke Zwanziger works to turn St. Ansgar’s Korben Michels for back points during a dual meet last week.

feit. 126: Trace Huisman (SA) pinned Kolbie Vance, 5:53. 132: Jayden Rinken (NP) pinned Daniel Sutcliff, 1:56. 138: Luke Zwanziger (NP) tech fall Korben Michels, 19-1.

144: Jonathon Pulido (SA) pinned Lucas Sinnwell, 5:29. 150: Tyler Hobert (NP) pinned Seth Shotts, 1:16. 157: Devon Blanchard (NP) maj. dec. Andrew Hall, 10-1. 165: Elijah Cerwinski (NP) pinned Zade Schell, 4:39. 175: Dalton Downing (NP) pinned Brody Dolph, 1:02. 190: Eli Kalainoff (NP) pinned Drew Carlson, 0:23. 215: Michael Stroud (NP) won by forfeit.

JESUP 44, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 33

106: Carver Hinz (J) pinned Huck, 3:31. 113: Ayden Bergman (J) tech fall White, 19-3. 120: Brase (NP) maj. dec. Max Devore, 13-2. 126: Cooper Hinz (J) pinned Vance, 1:29. 132: Rinken (NP) tech fall Keyten Jacobsen, 16-1. 138: Treven Delagardelle (J) pinned Zwanziger, 1:52. 144: Kaden Lange (J) pinned Sinnwell, 0:53.

150: Tyce Larson (J) pinned Hobert, 4:46. 157: Blanchard (NP) pinned Wyatt Renner, 1:49. 165: Maxx Solie (J) pinned Aidyn Iriarte, 1:13. 175: Downing (NP) pinned Braxtin Kavalier, 1:16. 190: Kalainoff (NP) won by forfeit. 215: Drew Munson (J) dec. Stroud, 13-6. 285: Jones (NP) won by forfeit.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 84, JAMESVILLE 0

113: White (NP) pinned Dalton Brinkman, 1:40. 120: Brase (NP) pinned Taylor Kibbee, 1:17. 126: Vance (NP) Gauge Tenborg (Fall 0:50) 132: Rinken (NP) pinned Deegan Fitzgerald, 1:06. 138: Zwanziger (NP) pinned Blayne Porter, 0:49. 144: Sinnwell (NP) won by forfeit. 150: Hobert (NP) pinned Ben Stibal, 0:19.

157: Blanchard (NP) won by forfeit. 165: Iriarte (NP) won by forfeit. 175: Downing (NP) pinned Marshall Davison, 0:44. 190: Kalainoff (NP) pinned Jayden Butler, 0:40. 215: Stroud (NP) won by forfeit. 285: Jones (NP) pinned Kole Haan, 2:11. 106: Huck (NP) won by forfeit.

OSAGE 47, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 30

120: Brase (NP) pinned Finn Smith, 1:17. 126: Jasper Sonberg (O) pinned Vance, 5:00. 132: Rinken (NP) pinned Easton Sonberg, 3:17. 138: Zwanziger (NP) maj. dec. Jacob Vance, 12-1. 144: Blake Fox (O) pinned Hunter Brase, 0:05. 150: Tysen Stangel (O) tech fall Sinnwell, 15-0. 157: Blanchard (NP) tech fall Ty Voigt, 17-1.

165: Brock Trees (O) pinned Cerwinski, 3:08. 175: Gavin Muller (O) pinned Downing, 0:20. 190: Kalainoff (NP) pinned Beau Wrage, 1:18. 215: Ryan Baer (O) pinned Stroud, 5:38. 285: Ledger Nehls (O) pinned Jones, 0:30. 106: Huck (NP) dec. Nicholas Messersmith, 8-3. 113: Preston Beyer (O) pinned White, 0:55.

TRIPOLI INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES

Lisbon 235.5, Denver 213.5, Nashua-Plainfield 174, Woodbury Central 154, Emmetsburg 97, Wapsie Valley 89, Belle Plaine 79, South Winneshiek 70, Sumner-Fredericksburg 69.5, Waterloo Columbus 23, Tripoli 6.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

106: Huck placed third. Quarterfinal - Huck pinned Hunter Walvante (T), 1:44. Semifinal - Nathan Benedix (WC) tech fall Huck, 23-5. Cons. Semi - Huck tech fall Jake Buttkofer (BP), 15-0. 3rd Place Match - Huck pinned Michael Eimers (SF), 5:41.

113: Brase placed first. Round 2 - Brase pinned Kayden Landers (D), 1:05. Round 3 - Brase pinned Cael Stricker (L), 1:34.

120: White placed fifth. Champ. Round 1 - White dec. Gavin Thuente (SW), 5-0. Quarterfinal - Wesley Sadler (L) pinned White, 3:01. Cons. Round 3 - White pinned Hayden Neuhaus (BP), 3:23. Cons. Semi - Jeb Ebaugh (D) pinned White, 1:18. 5th Place Match - White dec. Linkan Suckow (SF), 5-3.

126: Vance placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Cade Happel (L) dec. Vance, 18-13. Cons. Round 3 - Vance pinned Kayden Bentley (WV), 1:42. Cons. Semi - Sam Egan (SF) pinned Vance, 1:19. 5th Place Match - Jackson Weeda (BP) pinned Vance, 2:19.

132: Rinken placed first. Quarterfinal - Rinken pinned Calvin Smith (WC), 1:48. Semifinal - Rinken pinned Paxton Brincks (SW), 1:14. 1st Place Match - Rinken tech fall Carter Gadberry (L), 17-2.

138: Zwanziger placed second. Quarterfinal - Zwanziger pinned Gage Ditch (E), 5:17. Semifinal - Zwanziger dec. Dallas Tissue (WV), 9-2. 1st Place Match - Jackson Knapp (L) pinned Zwanziger, 1:59.

144: Lucas Sinnwell placed third. Round 1 - Gavin McLaughlin (D) pinned Sinnwell, 1:58. Round 2 - Sinnwell pinned Lakin Leekley (WC), 5:41. Round 3 - Aidan Timm (BP) pinned Sinnwell, 1:46. Round 4 - Sinnwell pinned Luke Robinson (L), 1:08. Round 5 - Sinnwell pinned Bryce Weir (E), 2:27.

150: Hobert placed fifth. Round 2 - William Sankot (BP) pinned Hobert, 0:52. Round 3 - Sam Dominick (WC) pinned Hobert, 0:32. Round 4 - Xander Peterson (D) pinned Hobert, 1:53. Round 5 - Ian Kelsey (L) won by medical forfeit.

157: Blanchard placed fourth. Round 1 - Tiernan Boots (L) pinned Blanchard, 2:46. Round 2 - Blanchard pinned Bryce Matt (T), 1:56. Round 3 - Blanchard pinned Abe McGill (WC), 3:55. Round 4 - Boden White (D) pinned Blanchard, 2:13. Round 5 - Wade Sankot (BP) maj. dec. Blanchard, 16-3.

165: Cerwinski placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Kyle Kuboushek (SW) pinned Cerwinski, 1:06. Cons. Round 3 - Cerwinski OT dec. Brayden Berinobis (WV), 2-1. Cons. Semi - Braven Beaumont (D) pinned Cerwinski, 1:47. 5th Place Match - Bradyen Yates (E) dec. Cerwinski, 6-4.

175: Downing did not place. Quarterfinal - Kanen Decker (WV) pinned Downing, 1:22. Cons. Round 3 - Caleb Brown (L) pinned Downing, 2:47.

190: Kalainoff placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Kalainoff pinned Jonah Frost (WV), 1:02. Semifinal - Ryan Wirtz (E) dec. Kalainoff, 12-9. Cons. Semi - Gavin Feickert (SW) won by medical forfeit over Kalainoff. 5th Place Match - Kalainoff won by medical forfeit over Gavin Carmer (L).

215: Stroud did not place. Quarterfinal - Nick Saxton (E) pinned Stroud, 1:01. Cons. Round 3 - Greysen Miller (WV) pinned Stroud, 0:16.

285: Jones placed third. Quarterfinal - Jones pinned Aiden Winders (L), 0:39. Semifinal - Preston Zellmer (WC) pinned Jones, 1:14. Cons. Semi - Jones pinned Hudson Herboldsheimer (L), 1:18. 3rd Place Match - Jones pinned Kolton Brummond (SW), 0:38.

N-P girls get first dual victory of the season

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

There was only one actual match that took place, but that was all the Nashua-Plainfield girls wrestling squad needed to earn a win over Riceville in Calmar on Monday to earn its first dual win of the year.

The Huskies celebrated the dual win in a quad hosted by South Winneshiek.

N-P (1-3) won the only bout of the night between Riceville and the Huskies. That came when 145-pound junior Nevaeh Bloker (26-10) pinned the Wildcats’ Chloe Collier in just 50 seconds.

That enabled the Huskies to top Riceville by a score of 24-12. Lily Jones (sophomore 155-pounder), along with junior Emerson Franzen (170) and freshman Hailey Wilkens (190) all won by forfeit in the Huskies’ other matches.

N-P lost to South Winn (24-12) and Postville (54-12).

Jones (7-10) and Bloker each competed at the Central Invite in Elkader last Friday.

Bloker finished fifth at 145 pounds after winning her fifth-place match by fall in 34 seconds over Cadence Freymiller of Fennimore (Wisc.).

Jones did not place after getting pinned by both her opponents in the 155-pound weight class.

The Huskies hosted Senior Night this past Thursday against North Butler/Clarksville and Riceville. N-P competes in the Top of Iowa East Conference meet in St. Ansgar tonight (Friday) at 5 p.m.

The Huskies’ last tournament before regionals is at Mason City on Saturday, Jan. 25.

The Class 1A state qualifier regional meet that N-P will be a part of will be held at Osage on Friday, Jan. 31.

CENTRAL GIRLS TOURNAMENT TEAM SCORES

Southeast Polk 271, Crestwood 143, New Hampton/Turkey Valley 115.5, AP/GC 109.5, St. Ansgar 88, Sumner-Fredericksburg 85, Dubuque Wahlert 83, MFL MarMac 82, Waukon

82, Mineral Point 66, North Fayette Valley 65, Central Elkader 60.5, Postville 54, Oelwein 52, Bellevue 45, Riceville 32, Fennimore 31, North Crawford/Seneca 31, Don Bosco 28, Starmont 22, Nashua-Plainfield 13, South Winneshiek 12.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

145 - Nevaeh Bloker placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Kelly Thronsdon (NHTV) pinned Bloker, 5:58. Cons. Round 2 - Bloker pinned Payton Becker (RICE), 1:00. Cons. Round 3 - Bloker pinned Alexis Oakland (NFV), 1:47. Cons. Semi - Zoey Uhlenhopp (APGC) pinned Bloker, 1:12. 5th Place Match - Bloker pinned Cadence Freymiller, 0:34.

155 - Lily Jones did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Kelsey Knief (BELL) pinned Jones, 0:26. Cons. Round 2 - Alenna Nelson (SA) pinned Jones, 0:38.

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 42, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 12

100 - Double forfeit. 105 - Double forfeit. 110 - Isabelle Goltz (SW) won by forfeit. 115 - Sophia Dvorak (S) won by forfeit. 120 - McKenna Stanley (SW) won by forfeit. 125 - Odessa Oylo (SW) won by forfeit. 130 - Mackenzi Maxwell (SW) won by forfeit.

135 - Gracie Walz (SW) won by forfeit. 140 - Maddy Jansen (SW) won by forfeit. 145 - Bloker (NP) won by forfeit. 155 - Jones (NP) won by forfeit. 170 - Claire Marshall (NP) won by forfeit. 190 - Emerson Franzen (NP) won by forfeit. 235 - Double forfeit.

POSTVILLE 52, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 12

115 - Double forfeit. 120 - Bernice Garcia (P) won by forfeit. 125 - Sophia Salinas (P) won by forfeit. 130 - Isabelle White (P) won by forfeit. 135 - Rosmery Sis Pable (P) won by forfeit. 140 - Fernanda Hernandez (P) won by forfeit. 145 - Bloker (NP) won by forfeit.

155 - Sophia Lopez Martin (P) pinned Jones, 3:29. 170 - Ariana Menne (P) pinned Franzen, 0:56. 190 - Hailey Wilkens (NP) won by forfeit. 235 - Double forfeit. 100 - Jasmin Roman (P) won by forfeit. 105 - Liliana Cortes (P) won by forfeit. 110 - Double forfeit.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 24, RICEVILLE 12

120 - Tori Keonigs (R) won by forfeit. 125 - Mally Linkenmeyer (R) won by forfeit. 130 - Double forfeit. 135 - Double forfeit. 140 - Double forfeit. 145 - Bloker (NP) pinned Chloe Collier, 0:50. 155 - Jones (NP) won by forfeit. 170 - Franzen (NP) won by forfeit. 190 - Wilkens (NP) won by forfeit. 235 - Double forfeit. 100 - Double forfeit. 105 - Double forfeit. 110 - Double forfeit. 115 - Double forfeit.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Paige Franzen watches her tee shot sail down the fairway during the final round of the 2024 regional tournament.

Kohawks getting golfer with a strong work ethic

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perfectionist she is.

“The thing is, though, she’ll work at it. As good of a players as she is, what really sets her apart in my mind is that work ethic.”

Franzen said that she will major either in nursing or pre-med at Coe, and although she said she will miss playing other sports competitively, she’s ready to focus on golf.

“It’ll be different, I know, not playing other sports,” she said, “but I’ve always wanted to play golf at the next level so, yes, I can’t wait to get that chance at Coe.”

New Hampton Lions mat tourney gearing up for second try on Feb. 8

The 46th Annual Lions Individual Wrestling Tournament in New Hampton, which was originally scheduled for last month, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The Lions postponed the Dec. 14 tournament after an ice storm hit the area, but new registrations are being taken.

There will be five divisions from pre-kindergarten thru sixth grade – including a girls only division – that will compete in the new competition gym at New Hampton High School.

A four-person round-robin style format will award a trophy to first place and medals for second, third and fourth place in each weight class.

The entry fee is \$20, and walk-ins will be accepted during the day of the tournament.

One can register online at www.teamsideline.com/newhamptonia.

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Huskies pick up mat wins on Senior Night

N-P's Jackson Carey (above) stays on top at 165 pounds and Jagger White (right) gets out to an early lead at 113 pounds.

The Nashua-Plainfield Huskies celebrated Senior Night on Thursday at a home quad versus North Butler/Clarksville, West Hancock and Central Springs.

Six Husky seniors competed in their last regular season home match in Nic Brase (120), Jayden Rinken (132), Jackson Carey (165), Aiden Gelner (175), Dalton Downing (175) and Isaac Jones (285).

The Huskies ran their record to 19-5 with dominant wins over West Hancock (73-6) and NBC (56-22). The final score of the match versus Central Springs was not available as the Reporter went to press.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter



Huskies build big halftime lead, cruise to win

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N-P's press as the Huskies forced 25 steals. N-P went on a 19-0 run to break the game wide open with a 27-5 advantage. The Huskies led 44-8 at the break and were able to get their entire lineup in the game.

N-P senior Kadence Huck converted fastbreak layup after layup as the Huskies ran all over the court frustrating Pirate dribblers. Huck finished with 28 points on 12-15 shooting – the majority of them transition buckets or bunnies near the hoop that were directly a result of N-P's pressure defense.

Josslynn Glaser – N-P's senior forward – hit double-figures with 10 points. Husky freshman forward Natalie Feldman recorded eight points and senior guard Paige Franzen hit for seven points. N-P junior forward Elayna O'Neill corralled 10 rebounds and Huck snared nine.

The Huskies weren't able to muster up a double-digit point total in any quarter versus Central Springs – which saw Huck foul out early in the final period. A few calls made by officials did not favor the Huskies. "There was a couple that didn't go Kadence's way that I'll just say we disagreed with," said Smith.

Central Springs was led by seniors Paige Prazek and Kaci Crum, who scored 13 and 11 points, respectively.

"Central Springs' defense is really good. It's tough every year. Their defense was hard back then, it's hard right now," said Smith. "They play good team defense and they got 6-2 Crum in the middle to deter some shots."

The Panthers (5-5, 4-3) limited N-P to just eight field goals in 39 tries against the host Panthers. Huck and O'Neill each scored seven points apiece.

"We couldn't hit a shot. We couldn't hit a layup in that game," said Smith. "We struggled to score for sure."

The game at West Fork (9-2, 5-1) saw the return of the reigning TIC East Player of the Year in senior guard Leah Weaver, who missed some action this season because of an ankle injury.

"Getting her back is obviously big for their offense," said Smith about Weaver.

Weaver's Warhawks outscored the Huskies 24-10 in the second half. Weaver netted eight points in her return. Nehir Kanat (12 points) and Karma McMorris (11 points) led the Warhawks in scoring.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Eva Foelske (above) leads a fast break while teammate Bailey Bond (below) puts up a shot in Monday's game against Postville.



Huck fouled out of that game as well and accumulated nine points. Glaser scored six points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Franzen racked up eight points. "We did a really good job in the first half. We kind of played through some foul trouble in the second half," said Smith. "We handled their press really well. We got sped up in the front court a little bit."

N-P committed 27 turnovers

versus CS and 38 against WF.

The Huskies sit in a tie with Osage and North Butler for fifth place in the conference.

CENTRAL SPRINGS 36, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 23				
NP	8	4	5	6
CS	8	12	9	7
Elayna O'Neill 2-6 3-7 7, Kadence Huck 3-11 1-2 7, Josslynn Glaser 1-5 0-0 2, Marleigh Lowe 0-5 1-2 1, Paige Franzen 2-9 0-0 6, Eva Foelske 0-0 0-0 0, Emeri McCumber 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 8-39 5-11 23.				

3-point field goals - Franzen 2-8
Huck 0-1, Glaser 0-1, Lowe 0-1.
Rebounds - Glaser 6, O'Neill 5, Huck 4, Lowe 3, Franzen 4.
Assists - Huck 2, Glaser 2, Lowe 1.
Steals - Huck 5, Franzen 4, Lowe 2, Glaser 1.
Blocks - Glaser 3, McCumber 2, Franzen 1.

WEST FORK 46, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 31
NP 11 10 6 4 - 31
WF 10 12 12 12 - 46
O'Neill 1-1 2-10 4, Huck 3-9 3-4 9, Glaser 3-5 0-0 6, Lowe 1-4 0-0 2, Franzen 1-7 5-9 8, McCumber 1-2 0-0 2, Kelly Cerwinske 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 10-28 10-23 31.

3-point field goals - Franzen 1-4, Lowe 0-1.
Rebounds - Glaser 10, McCumber 6, Huck 5, Lowe 5, O'Neill 3, Franzen 2.

Assists - Lowe 2, O'Neill 1, Huck 1, Glaser 1.
Steals - Huck 7, Franzen 4, Cerwinske 1, Lowe 1.
Blocks - Glaser 3, McCumber 2.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 66, POSTVILLE 18
Post 5 3 5 5 - 18
NP 15 29 12 10 - 66
O'Neill 2-8 1-6 5, Huck 12-15 4-8 28, Glaser 5-11 0-0 10, Lowe 0-2 0-2 0, Franzen 2-7 3-4 7, Foelske 0-2 0-0 0, Callie Jensen 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey Bond 0-3 0-0 0, McCumber 1-9 2-2 4, Natalie Feldman 4-8 0-0 8, Cerwinske 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 28-70 10-22 66.

3-point field goals - Franzen 0-2, Bond 0-1, Lowe 0-1.
Rebounds - O'Neill 10, Huck 9, McCumber 7, Feldman 6, Glaser 4, Franzen 4, Lowe 2, Foelske 2, Bond 1, Cerwinske 1.

Assists - O'Neill 2, Lowe 2, Foelske 2, Franzen 2, Cerwinske 1, McCumber 1, Huck 1.
Steals - Huck 7, Cerwinske 3, Franzen 3, O'Neill 2, Glaser 2, Lowe 2, Foelske 2, Bond 2, McCumber 1, Feldman 1.

Huskies have 'opportunity' tonight when they play host to TIC East's only unbeaten team

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playing unselfish and looking for each other," said Mueller. "We weren't doing that the first part of the year."

N-P (10-3, 4-3) destroyed Central Springs last week Thursday, 78-35, and manufactured a notable road win at West Fork (71-61) last Friday.

Mueller harkened back to his team's willingness to collectively play as one.

"When everybody's taking good shots, you usually have a really happy team," said Mueller. "When we started this year I could tell we had a little bit of selfishness. We made a point that that was going to end. I told them all the people in this crowd, that's the last thing they want to see. They took that to heart."

N-P averages over 63 points – second in the eight-team league – and is tops in the conference in field goal percentage at an almost 48 percent clip.

"We're a really good shooting team, that's what we strive on, but we also need to be a little more diverse," said Hansen. "We need to get to the basket. I struggled with that at the beginning."

Hansen has been on fire in his last five games – shooting over 63 percent from the field (41-65). He is second in the league in field goal percentage (56 percent) behind Husky teammate Jake Smith (61 percent). Smith leads the league in FG percentage and averages right at 10 points a game.

"I think we're playing pretty good team ball recently. We're getting a lot better shots than what we were at the start of the season," said Smith. "We're giving more effort and making smarter decisions. I think that led to a lot of our success in getting more points and beating better teams than usual."

Smith is also No. 1 in free-throw percentage (12-12) in the TIC East.

Hansen scored 16 at Central Springs (0-10, 0-7), torched the Warhawks on Friday for 27 points (10-14 shooting) and hit for 23 points against Postville (4-9). Hansen only missed five shots in 15 attempts against the visiting Pirates.

"This season, honestly, we've been on a big run lately. I hope we can continue that," said Hansen. "Obviously, we have a pretty good team in Northwood coming up. All we can do is just play hard and play the way we have been. That's what we'll do."

Smith, a 6-3 junior forward, notched 16 points on 7-9 shooting versus West Fork and tallied 14 points in the win over the Pirates. But it was reserve junior guard Braeden Mitchell that really impressed Mueller when his star point guard – junior Landon Foelske – got in foul trouble.

"Braeden has been a key contributor off the bench. I don't know if we beat West Fork without him," said Mueller. "Braeden hit a big shot on the baseline when we needed it."

Foelske is perhaps the straw that stirs the drink for the Huskies as his no-holds-barred style of play where he's diving on the floor for loose balls and the energy he brings to the court is a definite feather in N-P's cap. He's second in the league in steals (3.4 spg) and third in assists (4.4 apg).

Foelske pumped in a career-high 23 points at Central Springs. He dished out 10 assists, had nine steals and snared five rebounds. While he was one steal short of a triple-double – it wasn't out of the realm of possibility that he could have potentially regis-

TIC East Boys Basketball

	Conf.	All
Northwood-K	8-0	11-0
Osage	5-2	8-3
MC Newman	5-3	7-3
Nashua-Plainfield	4-3	10-3
West Fork	2-4	4-6
St. Ansgar	3-5	6-6
North Butler	2-5	3-8
Central Springs	0-7	0-10

tered a quadruple-double.

One might say junior guard Matthew Malven is N-P's most complete player and a bona-fide smooth operator out on the hardwood. He's a dynamic distributor of the ball as he is second in the conference in assists (5.2 apg) and averages over 15 points a game. Malven scored 22 points against West Fork (4-6, 2-4) and 14 versus Central Springs. Malven's ability to find his open teammates and score in bunches will come handy in a showdown tonight (Friday) versus undefeated Northwood-Kensett. The Vikings are ranked seventh in Class 1A according to the Iowa High School Athletic Association's second poll released and sport a mark of 11-0 overall and 8-0 in the league.

N-P led the Vikings during stretches of the two team's contest up in Northwood in the conference opener back on Dec. 6. N-K won 64-58.

"It's an opportunity that they'll be ready for, hopefully. We look forward to this opportunity to show something," said the N-P head coach. "We feel like we should be right there with them, but anything can happen."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 78, CENTRAL SPRINGS 35

NP	33	23	12	10	-	78
CS	10	6	8	11	-	35

Matthew Malven 5-8 1-2 14, Landon Foelske 9-13 5-8 23, Jake Smith 2-5 2-2 6, Jase Hansen 7-11 0-0 16, Avery Mueller 2-5 0-0 6, Ty Berger 1-1 0-0 2, Cal Levi 2-3 2-2 6, Braeden Mitchell 1-3 0-0 3, Navarii Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Tucker Jacobs 0-3 0-0 0, Trent Rodruck 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-55 10-14 76.

3-point field goals - Malven 3-5, Mueller 2-4, Hansen 2-6, Mitchell 1-2, Jacobs 0-1, Williams 0-1, Foelske 0-1.

Rebounds - Smith 8, Malven 7, Foelske 5, Mueller 4, Levi 4, Rodruck 2, Williams 2, Berger 2, Hansen 2, Mitchell 1, Jacobs 1.

Assists - Foelske 10, Smith 3, Malven 2, Mueller 2, Rodruck 1, Berger 1.

Steals - Foelske 9, Smith 2, Malven 1, Hansen 1, Mueller 1, Berger 1, Jacobs 1, Rodruck 1.

Blocks - Foelske 1, Levi 1, Williams 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 71, WEST FORK 61

NP	22	7	17	25	-	71
WF	15	9	15	22	-	61

Malven 6-13 8-16 22, Foelske 1-3 0-0 2, Smith 7-9 2-2 16, Hansen 10-14 3-7 27, Mueller 0-4 0-0 0, Mitchell 2-3 0-1 4, Rodruck 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 26-48 13-26 71.

3-point field goals - Hansen 4-7, Malven 2-5, Foelske 0-1, Mueller 0-3.

Rebounds - Smith 9, Foelske 8, Malven 4, Mitchell 3, Hansen 2, Mueller 2, Rodruck 2.

Assists - Malven 6, Foelske 4, Hansen 3, Smith 2, Mueller 2, Mitchell 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 75, POSTVILLE 42

Post	10	12	7	13	-	42
NP	22	24	10	19	-	75

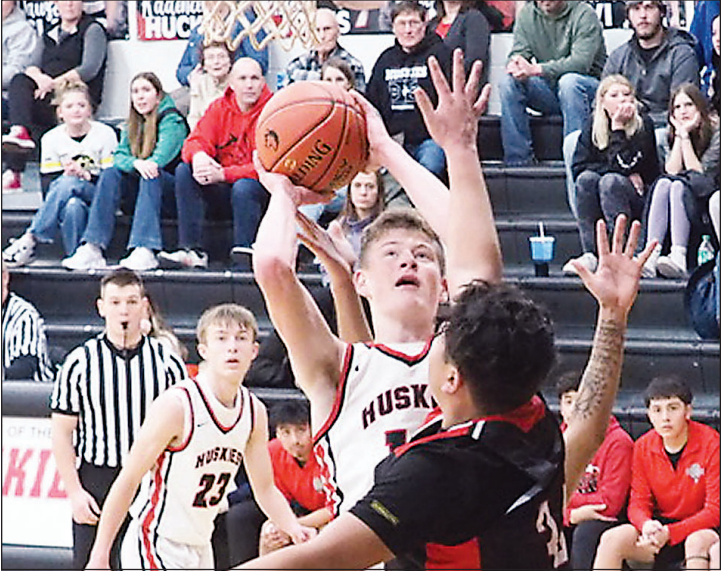
Malven 4-18 0-0 9, Foelske 5-11 2-4 12, Smith 5-10 4-4 14, Hansen 10-15 0-0 23, Mueller 1-2 0-0 3, Berger 0-0 0-0 0, Levi 3-4 1-2 7, Mitchell 1-4 0-0 3, Carson Mundorf 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Jacobs 0-0 0-0 0, Brexton Bird 0-0 0-0 0, Rodruck 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 31-66, 7-12 75.

3-point field goals - Hansen 3-8, Mueller 1-2, Mitchell 1-2, Foelske 0-3.

Rebounds - Smith 11, Malven 7, Mueller 7, Foelske 6, Rodruck 4, Levi 3, Mitchell 3, Hansen 3, Williams 1, Jacobs 1.

Assists - Malven 9, Foelske 5, Smith 3, Mitchell 2, Rodruck 1, Williams 1, Berger 1, Mueller 1, Hansen 1.

Blocks - Malven 1.



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Nashua-Plainfield's Jake Smith puts up an inside shot during Monday's game against Postville.

Battered-and-bruised Huskies win pair of duals, take third at Tripoli



Nashua-Plainfield's Tyler Hobert picks up a pin during a dual meet against St. Ansgar last week.

N-P girls bounce back, run to easy win over Pirates

After offense struggles in two Top of Iowa games, Huskies score 66 in non-league tilt

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Believe it or not – the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies have just eight games left in the regular season. That includes tonight's (Friday) home tilt with winless Northwood-Kensett. Husky head coach Josh Smith and his girls hoopsters have already matched last year's win total of six with the final third of the regular season left to complete in 2024-2025. Monday night at home was an opportunity to pile on the points against a Postville squad, like N-K, that has not entered the win column as of yet this winter. Smith, whose team routed the 0-12 Pirates by a score of 66-18, talked about the week prior when the Huskies encountered setbacks on the road at

the hands of Central Springs (36-23) on Thursday and West Fork (46-31) on Friday. Those back-to-back nights of playing games are over for the Huskies. "I really enjoyed our schedule this year. Having eight done before Christmas break feels like it opens up the schedule a lot. Last week was our last week of three games," said Smith. "You can actually get back in the gym and practice and scout." That means the Huskies, now 6-7 on the year and 2-5 in the league, can focus on just two games a week and hope to pick up some momentum before regional pairings are posted by the state. "It will be nice to get it slowed back down again and get ready to make our postseason push," said Smith. Postville could not handle

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Nashua-Plainfield's Natalie Feldman puts up a shot during Monday's home game against Postville.

Standout Husky golfer finds perfect fit at Coe

Franzen says that she knew immediately after stepping on campus she wanted to be Kohawk

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

The visit to Coe College recently sealed the deal for Paige Franzen. In short, the Nashua-Plainfield senior wanted to be a Kohawk. On Tuesday morning, she made it official, announcing that she will continue her academic and golfing career at the college located in Cedar Rapids. "I went on a couple of other visits at different schools," she said, "but when I went to Coe, immediately when I walked onto campus, it was like, that's where I wanted to go. The coaches and the players were so genuine, generally I loved it – like literally loved it so much, like I didn't want to leave." As a Husky, of course, Franzen has put together a brilliant golf career – leading the

Huskies to two Class 1A state golf tournaments. In 2022 and 2023, she finished as the medalist runner-up at the Top of Iowa Conference East Division meet and claimed the individual title in 2024 as a junior. As a sophomore, she earned all-state honors with a fourth-place individual finish at the state tournament, and she rebounded from a tough first day at the 2024 tournament to shoot a closing round 80 and finish 11th. And while she is excited to head to Cedar Rapids for both college classes and golf, Franzen said for now she is focused on helping the Huskies' basketball team finish strong and helping Nashua-Plainfield have another stellar golf season.

SEE FRANZEN, 8

Nashua-Plainfield hoping it's turning the corner when it comes to illnesses, injuries

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

If Al Frost's Huskies are going to send him out a winner in the final chapter of his legendary coaching career, they're gonna have to ratchet it up a notch out on the mat this winter. Frost and his perennial-power squad have had some tough sledding as of late and if you've been paying attention to the talented Huskies' results up until this point in 2024-2025 – that could be a problem if N-P wants to be one of eight teams in Class 1A to host a regional dual meet next month. "It's been aggravating trying to see this materialize," said Frost about injuries and setbacks so far this winter

in what will be Frost's last season of coaching his beloved Huskies. "We gotta pick it up pretty fast." Frost – the fifth-winningest coach in the history of Iowa prep wrestling – has had to deal with a multitude of reasons why his team sported a dual mark of 17-5 headed into this past Thursday evening's Senior Night contest versus North Butler/Clarksville, Central Springs and West Hancock. Frost, who has won over 500 duals as a coach in his storied tenure as frontman for the Husky wrestling program – talked about the health and uncertainty of his team's lineup. "That has been plaguing us here pretty much most of the season," said Frost. "It definitely affected us Thursday. If I was envisioning my best

lineup in my head – what we can put together – I think those duals that we lost are nip-and-tuck. I think we're right there with 'em and I honestly think we can beat 'em." Ranked squads Osage and Jesup downed N-P by scores of 47-30 and 44-33, respectively, back on Thursday, Jan. 9. N-P managed two wins in the quad by downing St. Ansgar (69-12) and Janesville (84-0). Frost talked about that Jesup squad, which features six ranked wrestlers according to IAWrestle's second set of rankings released. "They're a team that is obviously going to be fighting for the state duals and getting in there. They're going to

SEE BOYS WRESTLING, 8



Nashua-Plainfield's Jase Hansen (above) puts up a 3-point shot from the corner while teammate Braeden Mitchell (below) looks for an open teammate after drawing a double team in Monday night's game against Postville.

Hot Huskies run win streak to six

N-P boys pick up TIC wins over Central Springs, West Fork and get non-league victory against Postville

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

We – not me. It took a few games for the Nashua-Plainfield boys basketball team to figure that out – but when Matt Mueller's Huskies squad did, the results speak for themselves. In a lesson that demonstrated unselfish basketball – N-P raced out to a 15-0 lead on Monday night at home against Postville to drill the Pirates, 75-42, and in the process won its sixth-straight game in a row. The Huskies' leading scorer – junior guard Jase Hansen (17.4 ppg) – explained the team's transformation after experiencing some early season struggles where each and every Husky wasn't on the same page. "We kind of got a pep talk by Bo (Harrington). Everybody kind of wants to play 'Euro ball.' A lot of people focus way too much on the stats rather than the overall win," Hansen said. "He told us, if we're going to win we have to play with each other. Not everyone is going to like each other on a team, but you kind of gotta flush that. That's what good teams do." Harrington – a 2023 N-P alum and in his first year as an assistant for Mueller – holds the single-season scoring record at N-P and is third all-time on the career scoring list. So obviously he knows how to score points, but he also understands the concept of winning basketball and that starts with every player coming together



for the greater good – a form of sacrificing personal glory for W's. That means making the extra pass or cutting down on one-on-one plays has been a godsend for the Huskies in this impressive run. Mueller said the influence Harrington has had on his squad has been priceless. "We're playing team basketball. We're

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Paige Franzen poses for a photo with her younger brother, Ethan, and her parents, Phil and Jamee, during her "signing ceremony" Tuesday morning.

ON TAP FOR OUR N-P HUSKIES	
FRIDAY	
Basketball vs. Northwood-Kensett, girls JV at 4:30 p.m., boys JV at 5 p.m., girls varsity at 6:15 p.m., boys varsity at 7:30 p.m.	Girls wrestling at Top of Iowa Conference tournament, St. Ansgar, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY	
Boys varsity wrestling at Hudson Invite, 9 a.m.	Boys JV wrestling at Independence Invitational, 9 a.m.
MONDAY	
Boys JV wrestling at Osage Invitational, 5 p.m.	TUESDAY
Basketball vs. Tripoli, girls JV at 4:15 p.m., boys JV at 5 p.m., girls varsity at 6:15 p.m., boys varsity at 7:30 p.m.	Wrestling vs. South Winneshiek, Starmont and Postville at South Winneshiek, 6 p.m.