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The parking lot at Nashua-Plainfield High School is deserted Tuesday morning as students and staff members got the day off because of the extreme cold that hit the area.

OUR STRANGE WINTER CONTINUES

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD KIDS FINALLY GET A WEATHER DAY, BUT A GOOD, OLD-FASHIONED SNOW STORM REMAINS ELUSIVE

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Up until Tuesday, Nashua-Plainfield students had yet to enjoy the “excitement” that Old Man Winter comes a calling. Students had yet to experience a “snow day,” or even an early-out or late start because of

the weather, and considering we’re two-thirds through January, that is a testament to the strange winter we’re experiencing in Northeast Iowa this year.

The “drought,” if you will, ended Tuesday when Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Jay Marley pulled the plug on classes for the day because of the extreme cold that descended

upon the area.

“It was the prudent thing to do,” Marley said, “because you’ve got kids on buses, you’ve got kids walking to school and when it’s that cold, it only takes a few minutes being exposed to that kind of cold to have problems. I’d rather be safe

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Agronomist: Lack of snow concerning, but not overly so

Basol says key for farm fields will be spring rains but adds that if dry winter continues, barge traffic on the Mississippi may be affected

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

When it comes to area farm fields, ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol isn’t even close to pushing the panic button when it comes to the lack of snow this winter.

“I’m not real concerned, just

because a lot of [snow] will run off and we don’t get a lot of benefit for soil moisture profiles,” said Basol, who is based at the Northeast Iowa Research Farm that is located just outside of Nashua. “I’m not saying it’s not dry out there, but what we really need is some decent spring rains once the frost is out of the

ground.”

Basol said he’s more worried about the lack of snow when it comes to area rivers.

“A lot of snow run-off goes to the rivers,” he said, “and all the rivers around here, they obviously make their way to the Mississippi in some way or another. The con-

cern to me is how lower river levels, especially on the Mississippi, will affect barge traffic.”

But, he emphasized that despite a less-than-ideal drought picture, there’s still plenty of time for both Old Man Winter to come to his

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Another ‘free quarter’ for county EMS participants

Although Nashua not a part of service, it’s good news for those who live in rural areas

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County and the six cities that contract with the county’s ambulance service will go an entire fiscal year without having to pay its “ambulance bill.”

That fact became official on Monday when the Board of Supervisors acknowledged

the waving of quarterly payments that would have been due on April 5, but supervisors and County Auditor Sheila Shekleton were quick to point out that it doesn’t mean Chickasaw County EMS is running at a profit.

And they also said that the county and the cities — New

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Just hanging out ...

Nashua-Plainfield players Avery Mueller (left) and Landon Foelske get “comfy” as they wait at the scorer’s table to check into Friday night’s game against Northwood-Kensett during a busy week for the Huskies’ winter sports teams.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua Mayor Pro-Tem Ernie Willsher enjoys a light moment during Monday night’s City Council meeting.

City Council gets official word that law enforcement rate going up

Sheriff present proposal for 4.9 percent increase; city leaders discuss at-large dog inside city limits during Monday meeting

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The law enforcement services contract that the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office agreed to with the city of Nashua will expire on June 30 of this year.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver was present at Monday’s Nashua City Council meeting to present a new pro-

posed contract with the city. The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors already approved the new rates for the services contract, but Nashua council members chose to wait to vote on the matter to potentially approve the new contract.

“Last Monday the board set rates from \$71.50 to \$75 (hourly). We figure that by base wages at 2,080 hours a year,” said Shawver.

The current law enforcement services contract began on July 1, 2024 and was agreed upon for Chickasaw County deputies or Sheriff Shawver to patrol the streets of Nashua for 1,750 annual contracted hours.

That means if Nashua city officials agree to the new proposed deal with the same

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Briefs

Former N-P principals up for New Hampton, TV superintendent position

Two former Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools principals are among the three finalists for the shared superintendent position at New Hampton and Turkey Valley.

The districts announced the finalists — former PCM Superintendent Michelle Havenstrite, Waterloo Community Schools Director of Secondary Education Josh Johnson and AGWSR and Gladbrook-Reinbeck Superintendent Erik Smith — Thursday morning and that they will take part in interviews with the school boards and stakeholders on Feb. 6.

Havenstrite serve as the elementary school principal at Nashua-Plainfield before departing for PCM while Smith was Nashua-Plainfield's high school principal in the 2010s.

New Hampton and Turkey Valley have been searching for a new top administrator since this past fall when current Superintendent Jay Jurens announced that he would retire at the end of the 2024-25 academic year.

Town meeting with area legislators to be held in March

Residents are encouraged to attend an upcoming town hall meeting with area legislators to

discuss important issues and engage in meaningful dialogue.

On Saturday, March 1 at 9 a.m. the New Hampton Community Center at 112 E Spring Street will host the meeting, which is open to the public and provides a valuable opportunity to connect with lawmakers and share your perspectives.

The forum is being sponsored by the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau.

State senator to hold town hall meetings over next several weeks

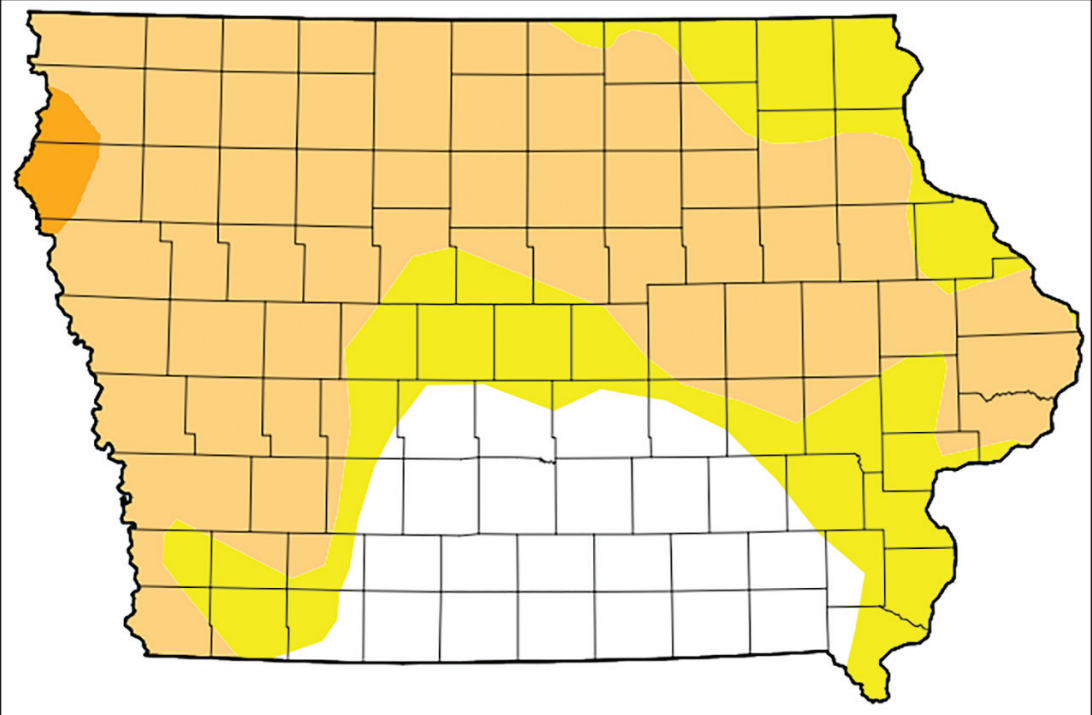
State. Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, has announced a schedule of town hall meetings she will hold in coming weeks.

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, 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 Upham Memorial Library in Fredericksburg.



U.S. Drought Monitor report that shows a large part of the Nashua area is experiencing “moderate drought,” which is shown in the tan areas while the areas in yellow are still “abnormally dry.”

Spring rains will be critical for area farm fields

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senses and for area farm fields to replenish their moisture profiles.

“First off, it’s just Jan. 23,” he said Thursday morning, “and we’ve lived here long enough to know that we can get a lot of snow in February and March. And if we get some timely rains in the spring, we can still start off the growing season in good condition.”

In its weekly report issued on Thursday, the U.S. Drought Monitor reported that a good chunk of Chickasaw County and all of Floyd, Butler and Bremer counties were experiencing moderate drought conditions. The northeast third of

Chickasaw County is designated as “abnormally dry.”

But the overall drought picture in Iowa has actually improved since late October, when 83.3 percent of the state was experiencing drought conditions. The latest report showed that 57.1 percent of the state is still in drought but almost all of those affected areas are experiencing what the U.S. Drought Monitor calls “moderate” conditions.

“We are in a better situation today than we were a year ago at this time,” Basol said. “We’re not obviously planting tomorrow so we just need to be patient and hope for the best this spring. That’s when it’s really going to matter.”

If there are snow days, ‘virtual learning’ to take place

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than sorry, and I think most superintendents feel that way.”

And, trust us, it was beyond frigid Tuesday morning as temperatures bottomed out at 21 below in Nashua and wind chills fell to 40 below.

That, for a day at least, what has been a very quiet winter when it comes to weather and schools, but for those of us who crave a good, old-fashioned snowstorm, the news is not exactly positive.

Nashua has received just 4.2 inches of snow this win-

ter, almost all of which fell on Dec. 19. To put that perspective, cities like Houston, Atlanta and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, all have recorded more snowfall during the winter of 2024-25 than Nashua has.

The cold, though, finally gave students a “snow day,” and Marley said that when temperatures are colder than 15 below and/or wind chills are colder than 30 below, more often than not he’s going to make the call to not have school.

“When it’s a warning and not just a wind-chill advisory,” he said, “that’s a tipping point I’d say.”

Nashua-Plainfield had one “early out” this school year, but that came on Aug. 30 because of a power outage.

Now, here’s the rub for students and staff members when it comes to any snow days that might crop up from here on out: Tuesday’s weather day was a true “weather day,” but the district’s next five snow days will be designated as “virtual learning days.”

“With technology, snow days aren’t like they were when we were kids and we’d go out sledding and do all that fun stuff,” Marley said.

The superintendent explained that if he calls school off because of weather, elementary students will have “learning packets” they will complete at home while junior high and high school teachers will use Google Classroom to make assignments.

“It helps us keep the school year from extending way out,” Marley said, “and that’s a good thing. The kids might not like it, but they’ll like it a lot in June when they’re not making up snow days.”

Not that those students, or Marley for that matter, need to worry about the potential of snow days in the near future; in fact, there seems to be no end in sight for our relatively snow-free season.

Not a drop of the white stuff is in the National Weather Service forecast during the next week for the Nashua area, and we’re going to warm up and see high temperatures in the 40s next week.



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Scott Curtis Johnson, 65



Scott Johnson

Scott Curtis Johnson, age 65 of Nora Springs, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Memory sharing at remembrance will take place at 6:30 p.m.

Travis Bilharz, Casey Johnson, Cody Johnson, Devin Johnson, Ryan Peterson and Justin Brierly will be serving as pallbearers. Mike Sorenson, Cory Schmitt, Dwight Reetz, Al Frost, Eric Bilharz, Andy Martin, and Reed Dietz will be serving as honorary pallbearers.

A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Born on Nov. 28, 1959, in Charles City, to Doyle Johnson Sr. and Lola Willert-Reetz, Scott's journey through life was marked by his ability to find joy in every moment and his unwavering dedication to those he held dear.

Scott, a proud graduate of Nashua High School, carried the spirit of his alma mater throughout his life, often reminiscing about his time as a state runner-up wrestler for the school's team, a testament to his competitive spirit and work ethic. His love for sports continued into adulthood, with his unwavering support for Tom Brady, whom he regarded as the G.O.A.T.

After high school, Scott's career path led him to Midwest Roofing, where he devoted 35 years of hard work and dedication until his retirement in 2018. His professional journey also included a venture into the hospitality industry, where he co-owned the S & L tap in Bassett with his mother, creating a beloved local gathering place for the community.

Scott's interests were a reflection of the rich tapestry of his life. From growing up riding horses and jockeying, to his love for deer hunting and fishing, his connection with nature was profound. His hands were as skilled as his mind, with a talent for woodworking that allowed him to craft beautiful pieces, each telling a story of patience and precision.

Beyond his hobbies and work, Scott's character shone brightest. Known for his sarcasm, he had a unique ability to infuse humor into any situation, often leaving friends and family with a smile. Yet, it was his loving nature that truly defined him, a trait that made him a cherished son, partner, and friend.

Scott's journey through life was shared with his beloved wife Vickie (Peyton) Johnson, who predeceased him. In later years, he found companionship and joy with his special significant other, Sandi Johnson, who stood by him with love and support.

Those who knew Scott will remember him not just for his accomplishments and interests but for the way he lived his life—with a heart full of love and a smile ready to share. His legacy is one of laughter, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to the people he loved.

While Scott's physical presence will be dearly missed, his spirit will continue to live on through the memories he has left behind and the lives he has touched. His was a life well-lived, full of purpose, passion, and an abundance of love.

Scott is survived by his special significant other, Sandi Johnson of Nora Springs; son, Justin (Christina) Johnson of Woodward; step-son, Jesse Bergmann of Nashua; brothers, Doyle Johnson Jr. of Wisconsin and Todd Johnson of Charles City; sister, Patty (Dan) Bilharz of Nashua; and grandchildren, Gavin, Aidan, Teagan, Jacob, Jade and Sheyenne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Doyle Johnson Sr. and Lola Willert-Reetz; first wife, Vickie (Peyton) Johnson; brother, David Johnson; and sisters, April Martin and Teresa Johnson.

Deacon says church is excited to partner with non-profit group

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run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., also at St. John, and will be geared more toward community leaders — like teachers, clergy members, school administrators, law enforcement officers, firefighters, etc. — who will also have the chance to earn continuing education credits.

"To me, the programs are important so that we can talk about suicide, take the stigma out of talking about it," Schilling said. "It's a chance for people to learn how to find resources and work with people who are going through difficult times. We want to help those who want to help people who have thought about or are thinking about suicide."

Everybody Hurts is a non-profit organization that started in 2020 and focuses its efforts on preventing suicides and raising awareness of mental health issues. It has hosted a number of guest speakers in Chickasaw County, helped area

residents seek mental health treatment and raised money for a scholarship program for students who are seeking to go into a mental health field.

"I really had no idea they even existed," Schilling said, "and then when I found out all the things they do, I was just really pleased that they would put this on for us."

Both programs are free, but registration is required.

Registration for the Feb. 28 program can be made by going online to <https://tinyurl.com/4fsyn4h8> while those who want to attend the March 1 session, which will include snacks and lunch, can do so by going to <https://tinyurl.com/4fsyn4h8>

"We didn't want to have people say we can't afford to attend," Schilling said, "so this is a huge positive that Everybody Hurts is doing this. It's a tough subject to talk about, I know that, but it's an important one so I hope we get good turnouts for both."

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Stating the case for the city of Nashua

Nashua City Attorney Dave Skilton makes a point Monday as he talks with the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors about the potential forgiveness of taxes for a property located at 1020 Greeley Street. After a short discussion, supervisors agreed to forgive property taxes on the property if the city takes over ownership of the property.

No EMS payments will help RSB ending fund balance

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Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionina, Lawler and North Washington — shouldn't put their checkbooks away because there's a chance they may have to make at least some of the quarterly payments in the 2025-26 fiscal year that begins July 1.

Under the 28E agreements the county has with the six cities, quarterly payments are waived if the EMS fund balance is above \$750,000 for two consecutive "reporting dates." The fund is checked on Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15 each year, and quarterly payments are due on Jan. 5, April 5, July 5 and Oct. 5.

Because the EMS fund balance on Jan. 15 was \$858,221.04 and the fund balance on Oct. 15 was \$921,886.52, that meant supervisors had no choice but to waive the payments due in April.

"This number presents like looking at your checkbook," Shekleton said. "I'm looking at the checkbook balance and there's \$858,000. It has nothing to do with whether EMS is making money or not making money."

Later in the meeting, she did a rough estimate on expenditures and revenues received by the ambulance service and found that during the year, the ambulance service spent a little less than \$390,000 more than it received in revenues.

"Last year, they did the remodel job on their building," she said. "They were paying rent for a place [for living quarters], utilities ... there are a lot of things that factor into that number."

Shekleton also pointed out that revenues are affected by how fast insurance companies make payments.

"We all know how that works," she said on Tuesday. "Like I said yesterday, there are a lot of moving parts with this."

Still, the news that quarterly payments will be waived was welcomed, not just by the cities but also supervisors

Although Nashua did not sign a 28E agreement with the county and instead started its own ambulance service, those who live in rural areas may see some benefits come from the county not paying any quarterly payments in the 2024-25 fiscal

year.

That means the county didn't spend local-option sales tax or Rural Services Basic (RSB) funds that were earmarked for Chickasaw County EMS. Board Chairman Jake Hackman said on Monday that means the county will have about \$110,000 that will be added to the RSB ending fund balance.

County Attorney David Laudner pointed out that the quarterly "snapshots" of the EMS fund have slowly been

going down since reaching a high of \$1,003,589.59 on July 15, 2024.

If that number dips below \$750,000 on one of the "snapshot days," that means the county and the city would have to make at least two consecutive quarterly payments because of the language in the 28E agreement that states the fund must have more than \$750,000 in it for two consecutive quarters.

Shekleton said that the main point she wanted to make was

School District, New Hampton Community School District, Sumner Fredericksburg Community School District, Turkey Valley Community School District, and other taxing districts, be paid to a special fund for payment of principal and interest 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 Area (THE CWEC URBAN RENEWAL PLAN) This description of the ordinance is a summary only. A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for inspection at the Chickasaw County Auditor's office in the Chickasaw County Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa, during regular business hours, and also online at www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov. The ordinance effective upon publication on January 16, 2025 and January 17, 2025.

Roll Call: Ayes-Cerwinski, Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed Sheriff Ryan Shawver's FY 25-26 budgets

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa code 21.5 (g) (To avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection.) at 9:33 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to exit closed session pursuant to Iowa code 21.5 (g) (To avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection.) at 9:49 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

No action taken out of close sessions.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve quarterly reports for period ending December 31, 2024 for the Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Recorder Shirley Troyna's FY 25-26 budgets.

Discussed Attorney David Laudner's FY 25-26 budget.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve contract with US Cellular for Northeast Iowa Community Action tenant at the Heritage Center and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call:

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City to hold a public hearing on dog-at-large resident calls ‘scary’

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amount of hours, it would increase Nashua's payout to the county by \$6,125 from \$125,125 to \$131,250 yearly. That represents a 4.9 percent increase.

The services the contract includes, but not limited to, patrolling, door checks, school patrol, investigations, city council meetings, court time, completing reports relating to city activities, as well as enforcing state statutes and county ordinances.

Shawver talked about overtime hours, which the county

chooses not to charge the city.

"You guys see the monthly reports. We typically go over that," said Shawver about hours that exceeded the current services contract. "So we don't charge you that. I don't think it's fair to do that. I just don't think that's the right way to do things."

While no decision was made by the Council concerning the services contract, Nashua Council member Jake Johnson had this to say.

"I think kind of what we decided tonight we were kind of leaning to stay where we're at,"

said Johnson.

Shawver also reported on an at-large dog within the city limits. There have been multiple reports about this potentially dangerous animal that the Council was already aware of. The Sheriff's Department received another call about the animal right before the start of the Council meeting, which got under way inside the Council Chambers at Nashua's City Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday.

"There was another call tonight out there at 5:25 p.m. – same dog, same owners," said Shawver. "One of our deputies

was able to pick it up and get it back to 'em. They were out looking for him, the owners were."

Nashua resident Lee Roberts, who said she was the one that made the latest call about the at-large dog, said she was concerned about her own dog's safety after the two animals crossed paths – with Roberts' dog being on a chain.

"I tell you, it's scary. That dog's been after me. He's attacked my dog twice on the chain and I've had to go out there with a shovel or broom to break it up," said Roberts. "I'm

petrified to let my dog out."

Roberts also asked the Council about the status of the at-large dog and if it's had any shots.

"Does that dog have a rabies shot?" said Roberts. "I spend a lot of money to keep my dog healthy and safe."

The Council will decide on either Feb. 3 or Feb. 17 to hold a date for a public hearing regarding the animal. Nashua City Clerk John Ott said that date for the hearing that will be set is predicated on how fast the city can get notifications out to the involved parties.

The Council also passed several resolutions that re-appointed Lou Ann Murphy City Treasurer, David Skilton as City Attorney as well as First State Bank (FSB) and Lincoln Savings Bank (LSB) as depository banks. Tom Johnson was appointed as Nashua Fire Chief and Sarah Shearman was approved to be an EMT for the Nashua Area EMS.

Current Council member Ernie Willsher was again voted unanimously to hold the position as Mayor Pro Tem.

Ott stated that the Nashua Area EMS went out on 144 ambulance calls in 2024.

A change order of \$41,000 for added repair work on Nashua dam was approved. There will be up to 20 additional blocks placed on site to fix the damage and the hole in the dam. Ott said the construction has been delayed but could be wrapped up by the end of February.

"There's been further erosion of the dam since the survey was taken and they don't know for sure if they're going to need the 20 additional blocks," said Ott.

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Council Chambers, City Hall
The Nashua City Council met in special session January 15, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with Mayor Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Peggy Hall, Ernie Willsher and Dan Zwanziger. Samantha Johnson arrived at 7:02 PM. City Clerk John Ott, Shea Gerber Parks/Maintenance, Zade McCall Street Superintendent, Kristi Hannemann, Dennis Niedert, and Scott Van Gorp from the Park Board were present along with Karmen Mehmen from the Welcome Center Board. There were no guests in attendance.

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the agenda. Willsher/M, Hall/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, S. Johnson absent.

Action/Discussion

Shea Gerber and Nashua Park Board members shared the Parks Department and Water Over the Dam Days Fund's proposed budget for FY'25/26. Zade McCall went over the proposed Streets Department Budget for FY'25/26, and Karmen Mehmen reviewed the FY'25/26 proposed budget for the Welcome Center with the council. During the discussion, she had talked about painting the interior of the Welcome Center. Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to go ahead and paint the interior of the Welcome Center in FY'25, so that it could get done during the winter when it is more practical for interior work. RC: 5 ayes. City Clerk Ott reviewed the proposed FY'25/26 budget for the Nashua Police Department and talked about replacing the outdoor warning systems. He mentioned that he has applied for two grants to help fund the project. One grant was from the Chickasaw County Community Foundation and the other was with the Black Hawk Gaming Association.

There was no other business. J. Johnson motioned to adjourn. S. Johnson seconded. M/C. the meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM. Roll Call: all ayes.

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on January 20, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Pro Tem Ernie Willsher presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger. Mayor Harold Kelleher III was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott and Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver were present along with 6 guests.

Council member J. Johnson called for a motion to approve the regular agenda after amending to remove Resolution 25-04 Appointing Scott Cerwinski as FCMC Board Member. S. Johnson/S, M/MC. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Willsher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting January 6, 2025; special meeting January 15, 2025; and the Consent Calendar Payment of Claims: (January 3-16, 2025) \$53,851.96 + \$11,136.69 (Wages) See Claims Report
General Fund:..... \$13,543.23
Road Use:..... \$20,080.12
Employee Benefit:..... \$68.02
Dam Repair After FEMA: \$8,118.36
Perm Funds Library Watson: ... \$177.97
Water:..... \$11,827.92
Sewer:..... \$11,173.03
Total Funds:..... \$64,988.65
J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Willsher asked for public comments: One citizen inquired about the sewer issues on Bayou Dr. and Wabash St. The council informed the citizen that Nick has been working on it. The citizen said he would get hold of Nick.
Hearings/Resolutions:
S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to open the public hearing on the second reading of Ordinance 358-25 adding a new code section "Set Off Program" to Chapter 7 in the City of Nashua Code of Ordinances. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:04PM. After a brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Willsher called for a motion to close the public hearing. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/MC. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:05PM.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to adopt Ordinance 358-25 adding a new Code Section "Set Off Program" to Chapter 7 in the City of Nashua Code of Ordinances. RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to set the 3rd and final reading on Ordinance 358-25 for February 3, 2025. RC: all ayes.

Resolutions:
Mayor Pro Tem Willsher asked for a motion to approve the following resolutions:
25:01Resolution to approve Sarah Shearman for Nashua Area EMS EMT.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes; 25:02 Resolution to Re-Appoint City Treasurer Lou Ann Murphy, City Attorney David Skilton and FSB and LSB as Depository Banks. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes; 25:03 Resolution to Appoint Tom Johnson as Fire Chief. S. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C. RC: all ayes; 25:04 – Removed; 25:05 Resolution to Appoint Ernie Willsher as Mayor Pro Tem. J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C. RC: all ayes; 25:06 Resolution to Approve John Ott as City Representative for the CCAD2 (Charles City Area Development Corporation) Board. J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C. RC: all ayes; 25:07 Resolution to Appoint Samantha Johnson to the Chickasaw and Floyd County E911 Board and Emergency Management Commission and Ernie Willsher as the alternate. J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C. RC: all ayes; 25:08 Resolution Authorizing an Election on Whether the City Shall Impose a Hotel/Motel Tax. J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:
None
Department Reports:
City Clerk Ott reviewed the December 2024 financial reports and informed the council that the bank reconciliation for December has been completed and is ready for review. He reminded the council of the next two budget meetings scheduled for January 27th and 29th both of which are set to begin at 6:00PM. He informed the council that he has been working on some grant applications for our Outdoor Warning System and has submitted applications to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa and the Blackhawk County Gaming Association.
Deputy Clerk Lisa Berends shared a report with the council of some of the projects that she has been working on and gave an update on endpoint installs.
City Council:
They didn't have anything to report.
Zade McCall Street Supervisor wasn't present but wanted to share with the council that someone is interested in purchasing our old Christmas lights. He will put together an inventory list of what the city has, and the council can decide, what, if anything they would like to sell.
Zenda Viturek Nashua Area EMS Director wasn't present but wanted the council's decision on a couple of items. She wanted authorization to purchase 2 pagers at a cost of \$650 each. J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. She also wanted authorization to spend up to \$500 for a recliner. J. Johnson/M to table discussion until the council gets more information. S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. She also wanted to let the council know that in Calendar Year 2024 the ambulance went out on 144 calls.

Heather Hackman Library Director shared her monthly report with the council.
Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver presented the proposed FY'26 Sheriff's contract rates. He informed the

council that the hourly rate will increase from \$71.50/hour to \$75/hour. Currently the city contracts for 1,750 hours/year at a cost of \$125,125. If the council elected to stay with the same hours of coverage the cost would increase to \$131,250. The council will discuss the new rates and hours at the next budget meeting. Sheriff Shawver also reviewed multiple reports of a dog at large. The council had two reports that they were already aware of, but Sheriff Shawver informed them that another report came in that day. One citizen who was at the meeting informed the council that her dog has been bitten twice by the dog that has been reported at large. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to set a hearing to address the dog issue. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott will work with City Attorney David Skilton to get a hearing set for either February 3rd or 17th depending on when they can get notifications out to the involved parties.
Discussion/Action:
The council discussed and/or acted on several items.
J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve the Waiver of Service Charge Request for 102 Cedar Hill St. RC: all ayes.
J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the conditional change order request to add 20 additional blocks if needed to cover the increase in the void size where the dam repair is taking place at a cost of \$2050/block or \$41,000. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed health insurance plans for the employees which will renew in March. No decisions were made and further discussion will take place at the budget meeting on January 29th.
City Clerk Ott informed the council that they will probably be needing new computers in the office because of the support ending for Windows 10. The computers in the office are too old to meet the requirements for an upgrade. City Clerk Ott will talk with 20/20 FX about options and report back to the council.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that their current record keeping software is moving to the a cloud based system and because of this transition the cost is increasing 55% to \$9,900/year. City Clerk Ott and Deputy Clerk Berends have been exploring other options, but haven't received any pricing yet. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve whatever option City Clerk Ott and Deputy Clerk Berends decide would be the best option for the city. S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve listing the City of Nashua as the applicant on the design services proposal from Levi Architecture for the feasibility study for 302-308 Main St. RC: all ayes.
Hall/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the city paying up to \$7,600 for the feasibility study from Levi Architecture. RC: all ayes.

J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to approve the quote from Christie Dore Company for \$8,110.60 for the city shed.

RC: all ayes.

The council discussed the camp host for the upcoming 2025 camping season. City Clerk Ott will let the Park Department and Park Board know that they can start advertising for a camp host.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve the purchase of a park bench and 2 picnic tables for Pa's Playground for a cost of \$3,960 from Value Inspired Products that will be paid for from donated funds. RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve AfterProm posting yard signs in Cannon Park from Jan. 22nd through Feb. 2nd for an After Prom Fundraiser. RC: all ayes.

City Clerk Ott reminded the council members to review the Code of Ordinance draft and let him know of any changes. City Clerk Ott will resend the Code of Ordinances to the council as a reminder.

There was no other business.

S. Johnson/M to adjourn. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

Pending Approval by City Council
John Ott

CLAIMS REPORT (JAN 3-16, 2025)
VENDOR, REFERENCEAMOUNT
U.S. POST OFFICE, POSTAGE 4R/3P \$694.03
AND BILLS JAN'25 \$694.03
BOSS, FLORENCE, DEC \$84.00
CALICO MEADOW SOAP LLC, DEC \$49.50
CAPTIVATING CRAFTS LLC, DEC \$134.14
KAREN CARR, DEC \$66.75
JAN CLEMENT, DEC \$120.56
DEUTH, BRENDA, DEC \$140.06
DORMAN, JOLYNN, DEC \$67.50
SHERYL DORMAN, DEC \$472.60
EMPTY NEST QUILTERS, DEC \$109.50
DEBBIE L FINNegan, NOV \$23.25
FRANKE, DEBORAH, OCT \$39.00
FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP, DEC \$447.24
ROGER GIGLER, NOV \$3.75
KATHLEEN HENRY, OCT \$17.25
DAVID KESLER, DEC \$40.46
ANDREA KING, DEC \$26.25
ABIGAIL KROMMINGA, DEC \$75.00
SHARON LEERHOFF, DEC \$225.68
LINDA LENZ, DEC \$121.00
LEWIS, CHAD, DEC \$35.89
MAAS, ROBERTA C., DEC \$160.43
LINDA MCCANN, DEC \$45.00
MARYLEE MEHMEN, DEC \$26.81
MILLER, TRISHA, NOV \$24.00
JANET PETEFISH, NOV \$5.26
ROBERSON, AMANDA, DEC \$33.75
ROEDER POWDER COAT & MACHINE, DEC \$113.60
DANIELLE SCHELL, DEC \$63.38
NANCY SCHERER, DEC \$161.50
SCHUKNECHT, SANDY, DEC \$51.00
SENNER, ANN L., DEC \$175.53
SLADEK, CATHERINE, NOV \$24.00
SNELLING, MARLENE, DEC \$177.75
TERESA STAUDT, DEC \$102.00
LISA STEINLADE, DEC \$132.34
SHIRLEY STEVENSON, DEC \$56.25

CURTIS SWINTON, DEC \$56.25
GLADICE TIDEMANSON, NOV \$25.50
MARLYS UGLUM, DEC \$33.75
WORDEN CYNTHIA A, DEC. \$254.80
BAKER & TAYLOR, LIB-BOOKS WATSON \$132.51
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, LIB-PHONE EXP JAN'25 \$38.92
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY, LIB-TOWELS..... \$49.14
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, LIB-BOOKS BALDACC/STEEL \$47.25
DEMCO, LIB-SUPPLIES \$136.08
GORDON FLESHCH COMPANY INC, GFC, LIB-SUPPLIES \$492.00
GUILDCRAFT, LIB-PROG SUPPLIES \$322.99
INGRAM, LIB-BOOKS/DVDS \$103.19
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK, LIB-LOCK BOX \$15.00
NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIB-POSTAGE/SUPPLIES \$36.29
SOUTHERN LIVING, LIB-BOOKS 2024 CHRISTMAS W/SL \$45.46
SWANK MOVIE LICENSING USA, LIB-MOVIE LICENSE \$445.00
ENTERPRISE MEDIA INC, CH-PUBLICATIONS DEC'24 \$521.51
OTT, JOHN , WA/SE-AFTER HOURS PHONE LINE \$107.51
QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL, SE/CLARIFIER PUMP & LABOR \$3,398.89
RILEY'S INC., CH-COPY FEES DEC'24 \$224.96
S & T COLLISION , WA/SE-VEHICLE BRAKES \$137.77
SHUCK BRITSON, DAM-PROJ REPAIR-TEST/FERC \$8,118.36
TITUS LOCK SERVICE, PD-DRILL LOCK ON GUN SAFE \$175.00
TJADEN FARMS INC, SE-4.5' HOUSE BYPASS/DEL.PU \$2,500.00
USCELLULAR, AMB-TABLET/PHONE JAN'25 \$37.24
WEX BANK, CITY FUEL EXPENSES \$1,126.74
JOSH CASTER, 12/04 DRIVER \$50.00
SCOTT CERWINSKE, 12/14 DRIVER \$100.00
CONNOR, KIM, 12/24 DRIVER \$25.00
CORATHERS, JOHN, 12/12 DRIVER \$50.00
CORATHERS, TABATHA, 12/22 EMT \$30.00
DETTMER, CHERYL , 12/08 EMT \$30.00
GERBER, SHEA, 12/6 DRIVER \$50.00
HOBERT, KARAGAN, ASSISTANT CREW CHIEF DEC'24 \$135.00
MOHS, DANNON , CREW CHIEF DEC'24 \$105.00
SHOEMAKER, CINDY, 12/06 EMT \$210.00
ZENDA VIKTUREK, EMS DIRECTOR DEC'24 \$240.00
ZIMMERMAN, JEFF, 12/24 ATTENDANT \$20.00
CITY OF NASHUA, SAMPLES TO MICROBAC \$26.57
CRESCO SHOPPER INC, WC-ADVERT CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW \$76.00

FLOYD CO. MEDICAL CENTER, AMB-RX DEC'24 \$25.00
GIS WORKSHOP, CH/WTR/SWR-ADD 50 ONLINE USERS. \$336.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, ST-SWEEPER RH DRIVE HUB \$16,476.45
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION, 25 ENDPOINTS AND EXTENSIONS \$6,136.14
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC., SWR TEST-RAP/EFF B&A&DI-SIN/OIL \$763.75
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT, FED/FICA TAX \$3,357.72
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX \$582.40
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SWR-SALES TAX DEC'24 \$43,347.21
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WET-SALES TAX DEC'24 \$1,255.16
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WC-SALES TAX DEC'24, \$324.05
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS, LLC, DEATH/DISABILITY JAN'25 \$178.65
AMAZON, PD-NEW LOCK ON GUN SAFE#8..... \$35.99
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS, WTR/SWR-ACH BANK FEES DEC'24 \$57.75
Accounts Payable Total \$53,851.96
Payroll Checks \$11,136.69
***** REPORT TOTAL ***** \$64,988.65
GENERAL FUND \$13,543.23
ROAD USE \$20,080.12
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT \$68.02
DAM REPAIR-AFTER FEMA \$8,118.36
PERM FUNDS-LIB WATSON \$177.97
WATER \$11,827.92
SEWER \$11,173.03
TOTAL FUNDS \$64,988.65
2024 Wages
MELISSA K BERENDS \$49,152.29
BONNIE CLEVELAND \$15,874.77
SHEA M GERBER \$47,659.90
HEATHER HACKMAN \$41,906.22
JOAN KRUGER \$26,340.36
ZADE D MCCALL \$56,976.82
JOHN J OTT \$65,657.86
REECE P REAMS \$33,515.88
CHRISTINE SIEMONS \$3,864.64
ERNEST D WILLISHER \$1,350.00
DANIEL L ZWANZIGER \$1,450.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE WAGES \$356,537.46

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N-P girls surpass last year's win total

GIRLS HOOPS: FROM 8

“We came out sleepwalking” said N-P head coach Josh Smith.

Huck – the second-best steals leader in Iowa with 111 behind Lamoni’s Taylor Henson (121) – hit 13 of the 24 shots she attempted. Huck – not known for her outside game or shooting expertise from beyond the 3-point arc – also nailed her second 3-pointer of the season in the second half.

“She had a huge week,” said Smith about Huck. “She pretty much took over the game.”

It almost seemed like Huck took more satisfaction in nailing the long-range shot more than any of her other exploits out on the court, which featured countless fastbreaks and run out of her racing toward the hoop and converting close-range layups.

“I don’t think anybody else has anybody like her,” said Smith. “I can’t say enough about her. I’ve never had anybody like her. Obviously, Jennah (Winters) was unbelievable, too, during her career.”

Winters – maiden name Carpenter – is in her first year on Smith’s coaching staff and was the all-time steals leader at N-P before Huck broke that record earlier this winter.

Despite the individual accolades – Huck has always been a team-first player in any sport she undertakes. Her goal this season is to get her squad past the opening round of regional play.

“If we put together a whole game we can play with anybody,” said Huck. “Our team has a lot of hustle. One of our

main goals is to win a post-season game. We haven’t done that since my freshman year. It should be exciting.”

N-P (7-8, 3-6) has already surpassed last year’s win total of six. The Huskies went 6-16 a year ago and won just one conference game.

The Huskies forced 48 Viking turnovers and racked up 34 steals. N-K is 0-13 on the year and lost to N-P in the second game of the year, 59-21.

“Our defense is playing about as elite as any defense that I’ve ever had,” said Smith. “Our pressure obviously gave them a lot of problems.”

N-P junior forward Elayna O’Neill hit for double-figure scoring with 10 points. She also came down with seven rebounds. Husky senior center Josslynn Glaser ripped down eight rebounds and scored six points.

N-P took on No. 14 Mason City Newman this past Tuesday and fell 56-39 to the host Knights (11-3), who sit atop the league with a mark of 9-1 – a half game ahead of second-place and No. 15 rated St. Ansgar (10-3, 8-1).

Huck scored 13 points on 6-12 shooting and came up with five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Glaser notched double-digit rebounds with 13 and netted eight points. Husky senior guard Marleigh Lowe hit 3-5 shots from beyond the 3-point arc to tally nine points.

The Huskies attempted just two free throws in the loss at Newman, making one of them.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 63, NORTHWOOD-KENSSETT 31

NK	9	7	7	8	-	31
NP	12	19	19	13	-	63



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield’s Lily Jones takes Riceville’s Payton Becker to her back during the Huskies’ 24-12 win over the Wildcats last week.

Husky girls have four wrestlers place at Top of Iowa tournament

GIRLS WRESTLING: FROM 8

in the other dual, 42-12.

The Huskies traveled to St. Ansgar last week Friday for the Top of Iowa Conference meet and finished in sixth place (38 points). Osage won the meet with 219 points.

Bloker rose to nearly the top of the podium stand with a second-place finish in her weight class. She stuck Jenny Ramirez of West Fork in her final match of the day in just 43 seconds.

Jones placed fourth in her weight bracket by earning a pin in her consolation semifinal match over Autumn Wood of West Fork in 4:49.

N-P junior Emerson Franzen (6-15) pinned Husky teammate Hailey Wilkens (9-17) in the pair’s seventh-place medal match.

The Huskies compete in the Mason City Tournament this Saturday.

NORTH BUTLER/C/VILLE 42, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 12

145 - Nevaeh Bloker (NP) won by forfeit. 155 - Lily Jones (NP) pinned Zoe Pierce, 1:55. 170 - Maliyah Liddle (NBC) pinned Emerson Franzen, 2:25. 190 - Sydney Lovrien (NBC) pinned Hailey Wilkens, 0:34. 235 - Double forfeit. 100 - Double forfeit. 105 - Addy Johnson (NBC) won by forfeit. 110 - Savannah Pierce (NBC) won by forfeit. 115 - Double forfeit. 120 - Lexus Ayers (NBC) won by forfeit. 125 - Mackenzie Shultz (NBC) won by forfeit. 130 - Double forfeit. 135 - Nadelyn Stanbrough (NBC) won by forfeit. 140 - Double forfeit.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 24, RICEVILLE 12

135 - Double forfeit. 140 - Double forfeit. 145 - Bloker (NP) pinned Chloe

Collier, 1:04. 155 - Jones (NP) pinned Payton Becker, 1:22. 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. 120 - Tori Keonigs (R) won by forfeit. 125 - Mally Linkenmeyer (R) won by forfeit. 130 - Double forfeit.

TOP OF IOWA CONFERENCE GIRLS TEAM SCORES

Osage 219, Lake Mills 151, St. Ansgar 117.5, West Fork 83, North Butler/Clarksville 71, Nashua-Plainfield 38, Eagle Grove 27, Northwood-Kensett 27.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

145 - Bloker placed second. Round 1 - Rae-lynn Meitner (SA) pinned Bloker, 5:01. Round 2 - Bloker pinned Aubrey Chapman (O), 0:16. Round 3 - Afton Dean (LM) pinned Bloker, 3:03. Round 5 - Bloker pinned Jenny Ramirez (WF), 0:43.

155 - Jones placed fourth. Champ. Round 1 - Jones pinned Abby Diamond (NK), 4:19. Semifinal - Piper Kjeldahl (LM) pinned Jones, 0:31. Cons. Semi - Jones pinned Autumn Wood (WF), 4:49. 3rd Place Match - Aleena Nelson (SA) pinned Jones, 1:10.

155 - Marshall did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Pierce (NBC) pinned Marshall, 0:22. Cons. Round 2 - Kaylee Lafrankie (WF) pinned Marshall, 1:10.

170 - Wilkens placed eighth. Quarterfinal - Avery Hoffmeyer (LM) pinned Wilkens, 0:50. Cons. Round 2 - Wilkens pinned Leah Diamond (NK), 0:56. Cons. Round 3 - Kule Sulley (O) pinned Wilkens, 1:18. 7th Place Match - Franzen (NP) pinned Wilkens, 1:49.

170 - Franzen placed seventh. Champ. Round 1 - Franzen pinned Diamond (NK), 1:28. Quarterfinal - Addison Schenker (O) pinned Franzen, 5:57. Cons. Round 3 - Alexa Gott (NBC) pinned Franzen, 2:34. 7th Place Match - Franzen pinned Wilkens (NP), 1:49.

Elayna O’Neill 2-4 6-6 10, Kadence Huck 13-24 2-2 29, Josslynn Glaser 3-10 0-0 6, Marleigh Lowe 3-9 1-6 7, Paige Franzen 1-3 0-0 3, Eva Foelske 0-1 0-0 0, Callie Jensen 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Emeri McCumber 2-7 0-0 4, Manuela Jimenez 0-0 0-0 0, Natalie Feldman 1-1 0-1 2, Kelly Cerwinske 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 26-63 9-15 63.

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

Rebounds - Glaser 8, O’Neill 7, Huck 5, Franzen 4, McCumber 3, Lowe 1, Bond 1, Feldman 1, Cerwinske 1.

Assists - Franzen 8, Huck 3, Lowe 3, McCumber 1.

Steals - Huck 14, Lowe 8, Franzen 5, O’Neill 3, Glaser 2, McCumber 1, Jimenez 1.

Blocks - Glaser 3.

MASON CITY NEWMAN 56, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 39

NP	10	7	9	13	-	39
MN	12	16	14	14	-	56

O’Neill 1-5 1-2 3, Huck 6-12 0-0 13, Glaser 4-12 0-0 8, Lowe 3-6 0-0 9, Franzen 0-7 0-0 0, Foelske 0-3 0-0 0, Jensen 0-0 0-0 0, Bond 0-1 0-0 0, McCumber 1-4 0-0 2, Jimenez 0-0 0-0 0, Feldman 2-3 0-0 4, Cerwinske 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-53 1-2 39.

3-point field goals - Lowe 3-5, Huck 1-4, Franzen 0-5.

Rebounds - Glaser 13, Huck 5, Franzen 5, O’Neill 2, Jimenez 2, Lowe 1, Foelske 1, McCumber 1, Feldman 1.

Assists - Huck 2, Franzen 2, Glaser 1, Foelske 1.

Steals - O’Neill 3, Huck 2, Franzen 2, Cerwinske 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield’s Elayna O’Neill (left) and Kelly Cerwinske score on layups during Friday’s home game against Northwood-Kensett.



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Huskies are hoping for one more night in the 'Dawg Pound'

BOYS WRESTLING: FROM 8

got after Central Springs and came away with a big 53-18 win and beat some good kids,” said the N-P coach.

Central Springs is no slouch and lost to No. 9 Lake Mills by one point early in the season, 39-38. Lake Mills split with N-P, losing to the Huskies in the season opener, 41-36, and topping N-P, 45-29, at the Battle of Waterloo.

Still, Frost sees light at the end of the tunnel with a program – like each and every year – where expectations are high. The coveted prize – at least in terms of qualifying for the state duals tournament down in Coraville on Saturday, Feb. 8 – is the ability to host a home regional meet.

The state allows the top eight ranked teams in all three classes in Iowa to host a regional dual – those rankings courtesy of the IWCOA.

“It’d be great to have a home meet,” said Frost. “That’s going to depend on the rankings. The situation is that we have so many good 1A teams in eastern and northeastern Iowa that the state is having a hard time figuring out what they’re going to do. They can’t send all those western teams three hours east to wrestle everybody over here. They could, but I don’t know. Somebody’s going to get the short end of the stick.”

If N-P doesn’t get the chance to host regional duals on Tuesday, Feb. 4 – that aforementioned home dual, which featured Central Springs on Senior Night – was the final time Frost coached in his home gym.

His Huskies are looking to get back at their home gym – affectionately known by some as the “Dawg Pound” – one last time for that all-important qualifier.

In order to do so, N-P will need to continue to pick up the pace and wrestle like they know they can.

With seniors Jackson Carey (165) and Aiden Gelner (175) back in the lineup after a brief hiatus – Senior Night went off without a hitch, for the most part.

“Those are guys getting out there and battling and kind of putting together what they can do,” said Frost. “The results were very positive for the most part.”

Not to be outdone, junior Devon Blanchard (31-13) came up with a solid 4-3 decision at 165 pounds over the Panthers’ Caden Gibbons (9-2) – a transfer from Mason City Newman.

“He pulled out a brawl,” said Frost about Blanchard’s narrow victory by decision over Gibbons.

Tyler Zimmer (7-2) – a junior that was a state qualifier last year at 138 pounds – made his season debut at 150 pounds. He worked two pins on the evening, but did lose by major decision to Central Springs’ Lincoln Levan (28-3) by a score of 16-6.

Regardless, having horses back in the lineup is usually always a good thing.

N-P traveled to the Hudson Invite on Saturday – minus Carey and 138-pound sophomore Luke Zwanziger (31-7) – and finished third overall with 192 points. No. 2 ranked Don Bosco won the tournament with 230 points. 9 1/2 more than Class 2A North Fayette Valley.

Frost said freshman 106-pounder Lincoln Huck (31-10) – who finished fourth in his weight class over the weekend – wasn’t feeling himself and had to medically forfeit his medal match.

“This is the time of the year we need to be consistent. We can’t go out one match and look great and then the next match is ho-hum. It goes from one event to the next event – you gotta be consistent,” said Frost. “My overview of Hudson is we weren’t as consistent as we were Thursday. We wrestled okay.”

No. 1 ranked Jayden Rinken (132) cruised to another championship at Hudson with two dominant victories for his Huskies. Rinken is undefeated on the year with a 39-0 record.

Rinken recently racked up the 100th pin in his career – which features a state title achieved at 120 pounds as a sophomore – at the Tripoli Invite earlier this year.

Rinken (189-7) is 11 victories shy of 200 wins in his illustrious career. Only 29 wrestlers in the entire state have achieved that lofty mark according to the IHSAA’s (Iowa High School Athletic Association) record books after the completion of the 2023-2024 season.

He would become the second Husky to do so as his older brother – two-time state champ and 2023 N-P grad – Garret Rinken achieved the feat two years ago.

Rinken is one of 15 nominees in Class



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield’s Tyler Zimmer picks up near-fall points on his way to a first-period pin of West Hancock’s Ashton Fowles last Thursday.

1A up for the Dan Gable Mr. Wrestler of the Year award. Fans can vote online for that award in each of the state’s three classes.

“Just like everybody has, he’s contributed above and beyond in his wrestling career to help the Huskies out,” said Frost about Jayden.

N-P senior Nic Brase (35-4), ranked fourth at 120 pounds, placed second at Hudson. He lost in the finals to Don Bosco sophomore Hayden Schwab by technical fall, 17-2.

Isaac Jones (285) also placed runner-up at Hudson and is 29-14 on the year. Jones is just nine wins shy of achieving a milestone mark with 100 career wins. He qualified for state last year as a junior.

Gelner placed third in his weight bracket and also defeated South Winneshiek’s Landen Schnuelle, 6-1, in their dual match this past Tuesday. Schnuelle is 28-10 on the year.

Frost talked about his six seniors, which obviously mean a lot to him – as do all his wrestlers that give it their all each season.

“We got six seniors on the team. That was one of the main reasons that I decided to come back and coach this year,” said Frost.

N-P freshman Jagger White (29-16) also placed runner-up at 113 pounds at Hudson, as did Blanchard.

The Huskies returned to the mat on Tuesday at a quadrangular hosted by South Winneshiek and outscored their three opponents by a combined 213-21.

N-P travels to St. Ansgar for the Top of Iowa Conference Tournament this Saturday.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 73, WEST HANCOCK 6
150 - Tyler Zimmer (NP) pinned Ashton Fowles, 0:58. 157 - Devon Blanchard (NP) won by forfeit. 165 - Jackson Carey (NP) tech. fall Jacoby Subject, 16-1. 175 - Creighton Kelly (WH) pinned Gelner, 3:03. 190 - Eli Kalainoff (NP) pinned Michael Grettillat, 1:29. 215 - Michael Stroud (NP) pinned Wyatt Finch, 1:36. 285 - Isaac Jones (NP) won by forfeit.

106 - Lincoln Huck (NP) won by forfeit. 113 - Jagger White (NP) maj. dec. Ozzy Smith, 8-0. 120 - Nic Brase (NP) pinned Briggs Muth, 1:25. 126 - Kolbie Vance (NP) pinned Carlos Calles, 3:27. 132 - Jayden Rinken (NP) won by forfeit. 138 - Luke Zwanziger (NP) maj. dec. Hayden Kelly, 11-0. 144 - Lucas Sinnwell (NP) pinned Preston Gayken, 1:11.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 56, NORTH BUTLER/CLARKSVILLE 22
157 - Blanchard (NP) won by forfeit. 165 - Eli Cerwinske (NP) pinned Ryland Pitzenberger, 1:51. 175 - Dalton Downing (NP) won by forfeit. 190 - Kalainoff (NP) tech. fall Dylan Thorn, 17-1. 215 - McCabe Gansen (NBC) pinned Stroud, 3:48. 285 - Jones (NP) pinned Brayden Harms, 0:20. 106 - Lincoln Huck (NP) pinned Aiden Doty, 0:59. 113 - White (NP) won by forfeit. 120 - Brase (NP) maj. dec. Carl Shaw, 15-5. 126 - Weston Miller (NBC) maj. dec. Connor Sullivan, 15-4. 132 - Rinken (NP) tech. fall Maddox Morrison, 17-2. 138 - Jaxson Miller (NBC) pinned Keldan Munn, 1:32. 144 - Jack Bartels (NBC) pinned Sinnwell, 1:16. 150 - Zimmer (NP) pinned Evan McCormick, 0:33.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 53, C. SPRINGS 18
165 - Carey (NP) tech. fall Jaxon Edwards, 20-3. 175 - Gelner (NP) pinned Dillon Blickenderfer, 2:38. 190 - Lincoln Blickenderfer (CS) pinned Stroud, 2:38. 215 - Kalainoff (NP) pinned Ethan Qualey, 0:32. 285 - Jones (NP) pinned Josh Young, 0:21. 106 - Truman Hogan (CS) maj. dec. Huck, 10-1. 113 - White (NP) pinned Lane Knudson, 3:02.

120 - Brase (NP) won by forfeit. 126 - Dawson Jacobsen (CS) pinned Vance, 0:53. 132 - Rinken (NP) won by forfeit. 138 - Zwanziger (NP) tech. fall Winton Hogen, 21-5. 144 - Sinnwell (NP) maj. dec. Ben Brown, 19-7. 150 - Lincoln Levan (CS) maj. dec. Zimmer, 16-6. 157 - Blanchard (NP) dec. Caden Gibbons, 4-3.

HUDSON INVITE TEAM SCORES
Don Bosco 230, North Fayette Valley 220.5, Nashua-Plainfield 192, Hudson 116, Garner-Hayfield-Venture 109.5, Sigourney-Keota 100.5, West Hancock 71, East Marshall/GMG 60, BCLUW/SH 44, Charles City 22, Waterloo Columbus 18. 106 - Huck placed fourth. Semifinal - Kash Frost

(DB) pinned Huck, 3:28. 3rd Place Match - Gunner Fry (GHV) won by medical forfeit over Huck.

113 - White placed second. Semifinal - White maj. dec. Kaleb Feld (GHV), 13-5. 1st Place Match - Hendrix Schwab (DB) tech. fall White, 20-5.

120 - Brase placed second. Quarterfinal - Brase pinned Rylan Fogt (HUD), 0:43. Semifinal - Brase pinned Joe Hackett (WC), 2:54. 1st Place Match - Hayden Schwab (DB) tech. fall Brase, 17-2.

126 - Vance placed third. Quarterfinal - Vance tech. fall Parker Pagel (BCLUW), 16-0. Semifinal - Mason Fogt (HUD) pinned Vance, 0:55. Cons. Semi - Vance pinned Xavier Slifer (EM), 1:23.

132 - Rinken placed first. Semifinal - Rinken pinned Gavin Fish (HUD), 0:55. 1st Place Match - Rinken maj. dec. Cain Rodgers (NFV), 14-1.

144 - Sinnwell placed third. Quarterfinal - Sinnwell pinned Preston Gayken (WH), 3:41. Semifinal - Aiden Hellman (DB) pinned Sinnwell, 3:28. Cons. Semi - Sinnwell pinned Kaden Roads (EM), 0:49. 3rd Place Match - Sinnwell pinned Dillion Menke (SK), 1:29.

150 - Zimmer placed third. Semifinal - Brady Clark (SK) maj. dec. Zimmer, 12-4. Cons. Semi - Zimmer pinned Fowles (WH), 2:35. 3rd Place Match - Zimmer pinned Cinnik Yoder (DB), 0:50.

157 - Blanchard placed second. Semifinal - Blanchard pinned Zaden Eggers (BCLUW), 2:48. 1st Place Match - Lucas Kral (GHV) tech. fall Blanchard, 20-2.

165 - Cerwinske placed sixth. Quarterfinal - Ryan Busch (BCLUW) pinned Cerwinske, 5:43. Cons. Semi - Subject (WH) pinned Cerwinske, 1:46. 5th Place Match - Busch (BCLUW) pinned Cerwinske, 4:49.

175 - Gelner placed third. Semifinal - Kenny Kerr (NFV) won in sudden victory Gelner, 16-13. Cons. Semi - Gelner tech. fall Jayven Roberts (EM), 24-4. 3rd Place Match - Gelner dec. Aidan Nielsen (DB), 9-2.

190 - Kalainoff placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Drew Wheeler (EM) maj. dec. Kalainoff, 10-1. Cons. Round 1 - Kalainoff pinned Micah Thompson (CC), 3:16. Cons. Semi - Kalainoff pinned Malachi Rothlisberger (NFV), 4:48. 3rd Place Match - Wheeler won by medical forfeit over Kalainoff.

215 - Stroud placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Emmanuel Hernandez (NFV) tech. fall Stroud, 17-1. Cons. Round 1 - Stroud won by medical forfeit Drew Guthrie. Cons. Semi - Zach Guffey (SK) maj. dec. Stroud, 17-7. 5th Place Match - Stroud pinned Finch (WH), 1:32.

285 - Jones placed second. Quarterfinal - Jones pinned Jackson Warnke (CC), 2:29. Semifinal - Jones pinned Dominic Holder (GHV), 4:55. 1st Place Match - Layne Kleppe (NFV) pinned Jones, 4:56.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 69, POSTVILLE 6
215 - Sam Acevedo (P) pinned Stroud, 3:29. 285 - Jones (NP) dec. Antoni Solovi, 9-2. 106 - Huck (NP) tech. fall Michael Hill, 16-0. 113 - White (NP) dec. Darinel Ramirez, 2-0. 120 - Brase (NP) won by forfeit. 126 - Vance (NP) pinned Gael Torres, 3:14. 132 - Rinken (NP) won by forfeit.

138 - Zwanziger (NP) pinned Derick Reyna, 1:30. 144 - Sinnwell (NP) maj. dec. Karl Peters, 16-4. 150 - Zimmer (NP) pinned Isaiah Burns, 1:52. 157 - Blanchard (NP) pinned Dylan Wenthe, 1:25. 165 - Carey (NP) won by forfeit. 175 - Gelner (NP) pinned Landon Guese, 3:12. 190 - Kalainoff (NP) won by forfeit.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 77, STARMONT 6
285 - Owen Recker (S) pinned Jones, 1:16. 106 - Huck (NP) pinned Syrus Baker, 1:48. 113 - White (NP) pinned Chance Neal, 1:30. 120 - Brase (NP) pinned Isaac Smith, 0:36. 126 - Vance (NP) won by forfeit. 132 - Rinken (NP) pinned Hudson Popham, 1:57. 138 - Zwanziger (NP) pinned Carter Popham, 0:26.

144 - Sinnwell (NP) won by forfeit. 150 - Zimmer (NP) won by forfeit. 157 - Blanchard (NP) pinned Derek Farmer, 1:50. 165 - Cerwinske (NP) won by forfeit. 175 - Carey (NP) tech. fall Vincent Recker, 19-3. 190 - Kalainoff (NP) won by forfeit. 215 - Stroud (NP) won by forfeit.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 67, SOUTH WINN 9
106 - Huck (NP) won by forfeit. 113 - White (NP) maj. dec. Clayton Kuboushek, 11-2. 120 - Brase (NP) pinned Gavin Thuernte, 1:03. 126 - Vance (NP) pinned Matthew Donovan, 1:06. 132 - Rinken (NP) won by forfeit. 138 - Zwanziger (NP) won by forfeit. 144 - Sinnwell (NP) pinned Cooper Huinker, 0:10.

150 - Zimmer (NP) won by forfeit. 157 - Blanchard (NP) won by forfeit. 165 - Kyle Kuboushek (SW) tech. fall Cerwinske, 17-2. 175 - Gelner (NP) dec. Landen Schnuelle, 6-1. 190 - Kalainoff (NP) pinned Gavin Feickert, 2:52. 215 - Ray Lienau (SW) maj. dec. McDonald, 12-2. 285 - Jones (NP) pinned Kolton Brummond, 0:53.

Fast Newman start too much for Huskies

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N-K by seven points early in the fourth quarter in the first meeting in the second game of the season on Dec. 6. N-P actually led late into the game before the Vikings rallied.

“There 2-3 was better now than it was then,” said Mueller.

N-P was just 4-for-11 from the free-throw line – all those shots being taken by Malven, a junior, that is one of the best all-around players in the league. Malven grabbed 10 rebounds and dished out five assists.

N-P’s leading scorer – junior Jase Hansen – finished with seven points and was just 3-16 from the field (1-11 from 3-point land).

Mueller is confident Hansen will hit those shots the rest of the season that he missed on Friday night against the Vikings.

“I feel like if we can get Jase in that baseline wide open like he was – that’s a better shot there than sometimes a layup,” the N-P coach stated.

Mason City Newman (9-4, 7-3) started out quick en route to a 26-11 first-quarter lead to trounce N-P this past Tuesday at home, 83-57.

Malven and Hansen each registered 11 points apiece. N-P junior center Trent Rodruck was 4-for-8 from the field for

eight points. He also ripped down 10 rebounds.

NORTHWOOD-KENSETT 72, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 58

NK 17 12 22 21 - 72
NP 13 7 21 17 - 58

Matthew Malven 10-18 4-11 27, Landon Foelske 4-10 0-0 8, Jake Smith 3-4 0-0 6, Jase Hansen 3-16 0-0 7, Avery Mueller 3-7 0-0 8, Braeden Mitchell 0-1 0-0 0, Trent Rodruck 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 24-59 4-11 58.

3-point field goals - Malven 3-9, Mueller 2-4, Hansen 1-11, Mitchell 0-1.

Rebounds - Malven 10, Smith 7, Foelske 4, Mueller 4, Rodruck 2, Hansen 1.

Assists - Malven 5, Foelske 2, Mueller 1.

Steals - Malven 3, Smith 2, Foelske 1, Mueller 1.

Blocks - Foelske 1, Smith 1.

MASON CITY NEWMAN 83, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 57

NP 11 13 21 12 - 57
MN 26 19 16 22 - 83

Malven 5-14 0-0 11, Foelske 1-7 3-7 5, Smith 3-6 1-1 7, Hansen 5-11 0-0 11, Mueller 3-6 0-0 9, Ty Berger 0-0 0-0 0, Cal Levi 3-4 0-0 6, Mitchell 0-2 0-0 0, Navarii Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Tucker Jacobs 0-0 0-0 0, Rodruck 4-8 0-0 8. Totals 24-58 4-8 57.

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

Rebounds - Rodruck 10, Smith 4, Mueller 4, Malven 3, Foelske 3, Hansen 2, Levi 2, Mitchell 1.

Assists - Foelske 5, Malven 4, Smith 4, Rodruck 4, Hansen 2, Mueller 1.

Steals - Foelske 3, Mueller 2, Malven 1, Smith 1, Levi 1.

Blocks - Malven 2, Hansen 1.



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Nashua-Plainfield’s Jake Smith just gets off a pass before stepping out of bounds during Friday’s game against Northwood-Kensett.

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SATURDAY

Boys wrestling at Top of Iowa Conference tournament, St. Ansgar, 10 a.m.

Girls wrestling at Mason City Invitational, 10 a.m.



TUESDAY

Basketball at St. Ansgar, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m. varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

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Puzzle pieces coming together for Husky boys

N-P goes 6-0 duals, finish a solid third at Hudson as they prep for Top of Iowa Conference tourney

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Al Frost's Huskies are starting to heat up. With less than a month left before the traditional state tournament gets underway at the newly named Casey's Center in downtown Des Moines – the N-P wrestling squad is trending in the right direction. They're not there yet, but there's plenty of optimistic signs lately that could indicate peak performances are on the horizon. "We're finally getting all of the pieces of the puzzle put together, you might say," said Frost. "This has been a long time coming trying to make this happen due to various things. Things are positive." Frost – in the midst of his 36th and final season of coaching his alma mater at Nashua-Plainfield – is starting to get results from what he's been trying to preach each and every winter since he became head coach for Plainfield back in 1989. It helps that sickness and injury on his roster has begun to heal itself,

which makes any coach across the state in a lot better mood. N-P – ranked seventh in Class 1A according to the IWCOA (Iowa Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association) poll – wrestled hard and determined in the last home dual of the regular season last week Thursday. N-P, now 23-5 in dual competition – took down West Hancock (73-6), North Butler/Clarksville (56-22) and No. 21 Central Springs (53-18). "I commended them on Thursday night there last week – we finally looked aggressive," said Frost. While Frost has never worked for the federal government – he uses a simple and straight-forward philosophy that uses an acronym from a particular United States' executive branch that helps send a message home to his wrestlers that allows them to be the best they can be out on the mat. No, it's not the U.S. Army. "I always call it the CIA – confidence, intensity and aggressiveness. We had most our lineup pretty well set the way it should be. We got out and

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

With Nashua-Plainfield assistant coaches Ben Kalainoff, Shane Huck and Jason Fisher looking on, Eli Kalainoff works to finish off a takedown of North Butler's Dylan Thorn during a quadrangular last week.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Marleigh Lowe (above) and Paige Franzen (below) make drives to the basket during the Huskies' resounding win over Northwood-Kensett last week.

Huskies 'steal' a win from N-K

Nashua-Plainfield has 34 steals, forces 48 turnovers in 63-31 TIC East victory

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

There aren't very many – if any – prep athletes across the entire state that will get a "jog" in prior to playing a high school basketball game three hours before tip-off. But there aren't many competitors on an elite level such as Kadence Huck is in the state of Iowa, either. So to still see Huck – already the bearer of eight state track and field titles for her alma mater – still have fresh legs and plenty of energy leftover on Friday night at home in the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies' basketball tilt versus Northwood-Kensett is a testament to the N-P standout's heart and dedication. To help snare a win for her Huskies, score 29 points and come up with 14 steals in the league game is another thing. But that's exactly what Huck – a senior and the No. 2 steals leader in all five hoops classes – did to lead the charge for the Huskies in a 63-31 rout over winless N-K. "I have two hours before the game to recover. It's more like a

warm-up than a workout," said Huck. Oh, about that "jog." It was a four mile trip for Huck around town right after school, which gave Huck some "downtime" to recover before the TIC East varsity game got under way after 6 p.m. For those not in the know, Huck trains year-round, which pretty much includes a considerable jaunt around her hometown 365 days out of the year – if she's within the city limits. Unseasonably warm temps (40-plus degrees) last week Friday across the state in January sure didn't hurt Huck's cause to stretch her legs and also get mentally ready for what lay ahead that evening. "You gotta get warmed up," smiled Huck. "It was really nice out today. That was the main thing. A lot of times I just don't want to wake up early on game days. I have to take them when I can. I get my run in no matter what. It depends on the time." Huck's competitiveness also translates to the hardwood as she was unstoppable on Friday against N-K – who actually led early on in the contest, 9-6.

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Nashua-Plainfield's Navaeh Bloker looks to finish off a takedown during a home quadrangular last week.

N-P picks up second dual win; Bloker takes second at TIC tourney

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield girls wrestling team doubled its win total last week Thursday by claiming a dual victory over Riceville at home. It's the second time they've defeated Riceville in as many weeks and the score the second time around was as same as the first – 24-12. The Huskies earned pins by junior Nevaeh Bloker (30-12) at 145 pounds, where she stuck the Wildcats' Chloe Collier in 1:04, and sophomore Lily Jones also won by fall in the 155-pound weight class. Jones (11-12) pinned Payton Becker in the first period with a time of 1:22. N-P (2-4) lost to North Butler/Clarksville

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N-P boys rally falls short against unbeaten Vikings

Huskies see six-game win streak come to an end in home loss before struggling in a road loss at Mason City Newman

By Kelly Terpstra
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Try as they might, the Huskies just couldn't rip the lid off the rim at home versus Northwood-Kensett last Friday night. Despite having good looks and open shots all evening from the perimeter – Nashua-Plainfield could not get the round, orange leather basketball to tickle the twine, at least not enough to pull off the upset over the favored Vikings. The undefeated and No. 7 ranked Vikings (13-0, 10-0) remained unblemished on the season as they held off a late N-P charge to post an impressive 72-58 road victory. "That's the difference. It just didn't fall tonight. We've been hitting those," said N-P head coach Matt Mueller. "Early, I thought we forced a couple quick ones, but it's like, geez." N-P – who had won six straight headed into the league battle – shot 6-25 from beyond the 3-point arc and that was the deciding factor according to Mueller. "I don't know what we could have done much different," said Mueller. "We gave 'em a good game tonight, but let's move on." The marquee conference matchup saw reigning TIC East Player of the Year – 6-6 senior center Colby Eskildsen – overcome foul trouble in the second half to keep the Huskies at bay. He finished with 24 points and was 10-12 from the field, most of them bunnies down on the block. He also grabbed 10 rebounds. "They get layups because we gotta pay a lot of attention to that big guy. You can't guard him with one guy," said Mueller. "If you see teams try to do it, it ends up being three-point plays all the time. I thought Jake Smith played with a lot of heart on defense tonight against Colby (Eskildsen)." Eskildsen – a football recruit that will attempt to play football for the University of Northern Iowa Panthers – sat for an extended period in the second half due to foul trouble. He ended up with four fouls and



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Nashua-Plainfield's Matthew Malven (above) puts up a shot at the rim while teammate Landon Foelske (below) looks to find an opening in the lane in last Friday's game against Northwood-Kensett.

was able to stay in the game to hit key buckets in the final period. Still, the Huskies made a huge 8-0 run to bring the crowd to their feet late in the game. N-P (10-5, 4-5) cut N-K's lead to just 56-55 after Matthew Malven's 3-pointer with 3:26 remaining in the contest. Malven would finish with 27 points on 10-18 shooting. But N-K would close on a 16-3 run to seal the deal. "We did all we could to try to stop Colby (Eskildsen) all night and make somebody else beat us," said Mueller. "The score looks a lot worse than it was." N-K 6-5 senior Cooper Julseth scored his 1,000th career point in the win as he netted 16 points. He led all rebounders in the game with 12. The rematch between the two teams wasn't as close as the first time the two teams locked horns a month ago. N-P led

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