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Bench will honor fallen officer

Former deputy takes the lead on memorializing Plainfield cop who died in line of duty

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

It was a cold winter's night when Bill Meadows took the phone call on his farm northwest of Plainfield. There was trouble brewing in town. Two men could be seen inside the Hartman Packing Plant, where a loud explosion had just been heard, and the town marshal was needed. Meadows quickly dressed and shouted to his aunt, Edna Voss, that he'd "be back."

He never returned and this spring, more than 64 years after that fateful day, Meadows will be forever memorialized when a bench is dedicated in Plainfield's Veterans Park. "I remember when it happened, and it was such a shock to all of us," said former Chickasaw County



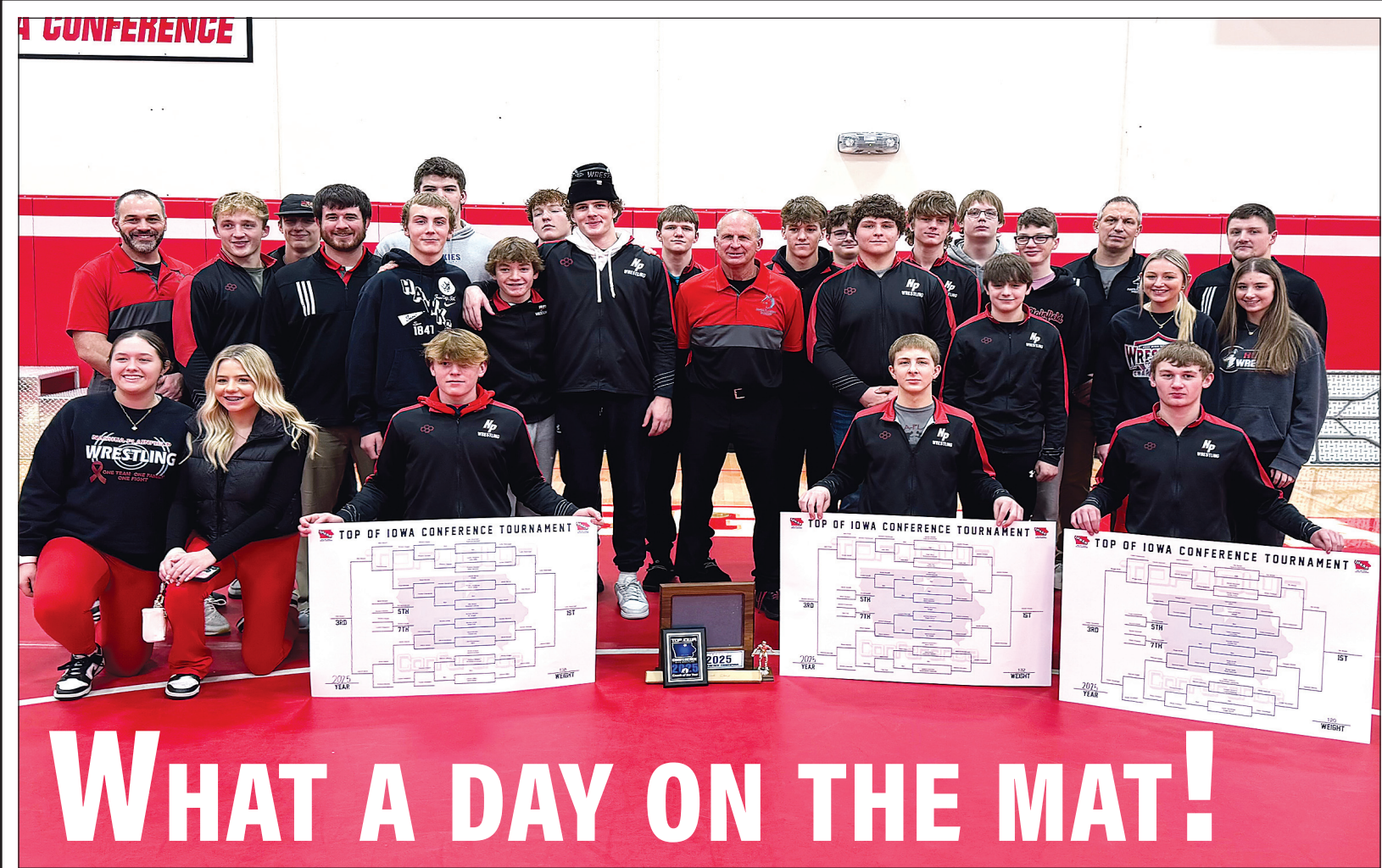
Meadows

Sheriff's Deputy Doug Strike, "and you know, last year, I was looking through old clippings and stories from that night and I thought to myself, 'This man needs to be memorialized.' And here we are." Strike found plenty of allies — chiefly Plainfield resident Ken Deike and city leaders like Mayor Tom Geise — and began fundraising for both a memorial bench and a headstone for Meadows' gravesite at a Waverly cemetery. "People have been really sup-

portive," Strike said, "and we're grateful for that. The older folks in town, they still remember that night, but the younger ones, the future generations, they should know the story of Bill Meadows."

WILLIAM LAWRENCE Meadows was born on Oct. 3, 1924 to Dr. Lawrence and Jeanne Meadows in Clear

SEE MARSHAL, 3



Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield's wrestlers, coaches and manager pose for a picture after the Huskies claimed their first-ever Top of Iowa Conference boys wrestling tournament championship on Saturday while veteran coach Al Frost (below) poses for a photo after being named the TIC's coach of the year.

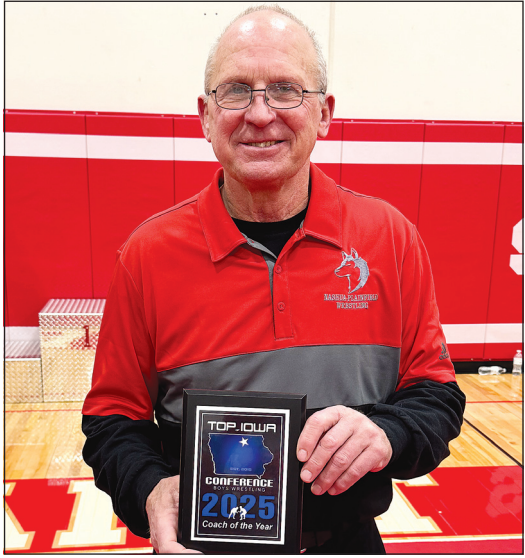
HUSKIES WIN CONFERENCE WRESTLING TOURNEY TITLE FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2013

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The seniors on this year's Nashua-Plainfield boys wrestling team were kindergarten students back on Jan. 26, 2013. So, yeah, it had been a while since the powerhouse Huskies had won a conference wrestling team title, but the drought came to a resounding end this past Saturday in St. Ansgar as Nashua-Plainfield's incomparable coach, Al Frost, led his Huskies to their first-ever Top of Iowa Conference team championship. Led by individual champions like Nic Brase (113), Jayden Rinken (132) and Luke Zwanziger (138), the Huskies left longtime TIC rivals Lake Mills and Osage in the dust and left a conference tournament as champions for the first time since that wintry Saturday back in 2013 when Nashua-Plainfield finished off its

11th straight Corn Bowl Conference title run Mason City. So just for fun, we decided to go back in time and return to 2013. Back then, the Huskies walloped a Corn Bowl field that was young and inexperienced — scoring 287.5 points to beat runner-up Riceville/St. Ansgar by 76.5 points. Nashua-Plainfield had eight conference champions — Isaac Masters (106), Shane Usher (120), Jesse Bendickson (138), Cody Marks (145), Tyler Larson (170), Jason Fisher (182), Dakota Hurd (195) and Zach Woodman (285) — that day. The following season, the Huskies would finish second at the Corn Bowl and in 2015, Nashua-Plainfield finished third at the final tournament the league ever held before the Corn Bowl and North Iowa conferences merged

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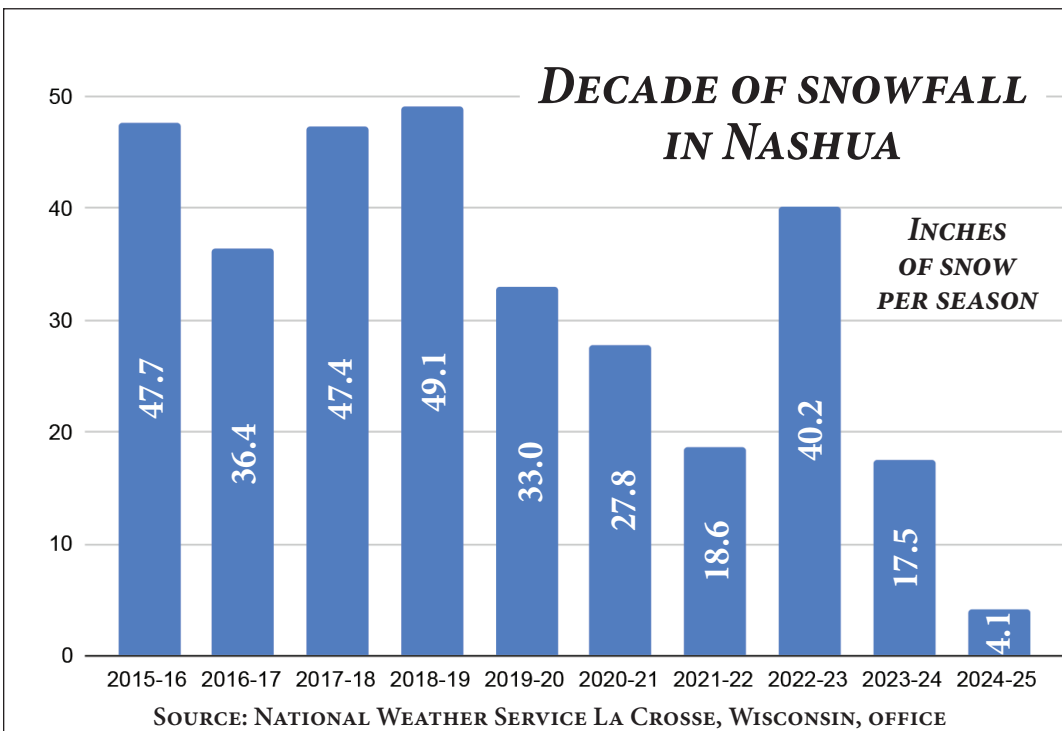
At 150, 'mutual' is doing just fine

Chickasaw Mutual Insurance Association set to celebrate milestone at annual meeting

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

When the Chickasaw Mutual Insurance Association policy holders gather for their annual meeting next Wednesday, it's going to be kind of a big deal. After all, the local insurance company is celebrating its 150th year in business, so this is a pretty cool story the mutual's manager, Randy Nosbisch, is thinking about going all out. "We may have to get a little better cookies," Nosbisch said with a laugh, "but we don't want to spend our surplus, too." His predecessor, Tom Ryan, couldn't help but chuckle. "Come on, Randy, I used to do donuts." But in all seriousness, this is a pretty cool story about a really neat insurance

SEE MUTUAL, 3



Reality beckons but snow doesn't

Temps to return to normal but snow remains elusive

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

January, at least weather wise, definitely is going out with a lamb, but then again, the proverbial weather lion was pretty much AWOL this entire month. Nashua is going to end January without a single measurable snowfall, marking the city's first "snow-less" January in more than 30 years and continuing what has been a strange and weird winter. The National Weather Service's recording station for

SEE WEATHER, 2

Bluebird box workshop set for Twin Ponds Nature Center next Thursday

Can't wait to see those migratory song birds return in the spring?

Come on out to the Twin Ponds Nature Center on Thursday, Feb. 6, to build your own bluebird box. This way you will be prepared for their return.

The 6 p.m. event is presented by Chickasaw County Conservation Board Naturalist Matt Crayne and will be held at the center located between Ionia and New Hampton.

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How long will it stay there?

The car that is being used for the Nashua Park Board's annual "Car Drop Contest" sits on the lake near Veterans Park this past Saturday, and although the recent warm temperatures may have some who picked a "later date" worried, the good news is that a lot of ice was "made" earlier this month ... and temperatures are expected to return "winter normal" next week.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

That's a pretty nice temperature for the penultimate day of January, don't you think?

History shows us that we shouldn't put shovels away

WEATHER: FROM 1

the city has recorded just 4.1 inches of snowfall this season, and for those who just want to get in a snowmobile ride or break out the cross country skis, this has been, so far at least, a bleak season.

If this keeps up, Nashua would set a record for least amount of snowfall during a winter season.

And the month is ending almost spring like. High temperatures reached the 50s both Tuesday and Thursday and are expected to be in the 40s through the end of the weekend before winter reality — at least temperature wise — returns.

A big snowstorm, though, doesn't appear to be on the near-term horizon, but for snow-lovers — and snow-haters alike — history shows us that there's still hope or despair depending on what side of the fence one sits.

In 2018, for example, Nashua had just 6 inches of snow by the time Feb. 1 rolled around, and then the city received 7.7 inches

in February and was hammered the next two months with 17.4 inches of snow in March and 16.3 in April.

Still, if this year turns out to be another "snow dud," it will mark the third year in the past four that the Nashua area will experience well-below-normal snowfall.

The city usually receives about 35 to 40 inches of snow but in 2021-22 just 18.6 fell and last year, the city received a mere 17.5 inches.

Maybe Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Jay Marley said it best last week during an interview in which he was discussing the fact that the district had its first "weather cancellation" of the 2024-25 school year because of the extreme cold that hit the area on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

"It is weird to be this late in the season and not really having to deal with any snow," he said, "but this is Iowa and sooner or later — it might be this year, it might be next — we're going to get blasted and everyone will wish it was like this year."



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Supervisors may waive ambulance payments even if balance drops below \$750,000

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

comes to reserve funds is to have it be around 25 percent of expected expense, but he asked his fellow board members “are you happy with a 17, 20 percent [reserve] or shooting more for more of a 30 percent or 25 percent?”

“I’m OK with the 17 or 19 because I really feel like we are not going to have the EMS payment,” Breitbach said, “so that will come back to the ending

fund balance.

“I just think the feeling I get with this board is we don’t need that much money in the ambulance fund.”

“That’s where I’m at,” Hackman said.

Supervisors earlier in the meeting had discussed the possibility that the board may waive a quarterly payment for both the county and the six cities that have 28E agreements for Chickasaw County EMS to provide ambulance service to

them even if the department’s fund slips under \$750,000.

The reason, Hackman said, is that by not waiving the quarterly payment that would automatically trigger two consecutive payments and Hackman pointed out that two consecutive payments would drive the fund balance to \$1.3 million to \$1.4 million.

“And I don’t think we need to have that kind of balance,” he said.

Currently, the supervisors

have agreed to budget for two quarterly payments — with about \$108,500 from RSB and \$160,000 from the county’s local-option sales tax fund.

Board members have also indicated that they support giving 100 percent of the first \$3.0375 per \$1,000 valuation to the Secondary Roads Department, up from the 95 percent the department received this year, but they indicated they may cut the road clearing funding from \$110,000

to \$55,000.

They also reached a consensus on giving the county’s libraries a 6 percent increase in their funding as Breitbach, Cerwinske and Carter all expressed support for the increase.

Cerwinske, though, said he’d feel more comfortable with a 25 percent reserve fund. Ditto

for Suckow, though he quickly added that “I don’t want to raise the levy rate, either.”

In the end, board members said they would consider studying the numbers, but one thing remained fairly certain — board members have no appetite to raise the RSB tax-levy rate.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR Chickasaw COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
William Dooley, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR 003265
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE
TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of William Dooley, Deceased, died on or about January 4, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on January 23, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’
MINUTES January 20, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, January 20, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinske 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, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Ionia Mayor Randy Taylor, Assessor Raymond Armel, Helping Services for Youth & Families, Executive Director Carson Egglund and Trish Johnson, Nashua Attorney David Skilton, Custodian Dave Gorman and Treasurer Matt Ysbrand

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the agenda for January 20, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 13, 2025 and January 14, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Carter to approve Department and Safety Meetings for 2025 at the Community Service Building: March 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM, June 9, 2025 at 1:00 PM, September 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM, December 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge waiving April 5, 2025 quarterly installment payment that the cities are obligated to make to the EMS Department. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Terry Johnson addressed the Board of Supervisors. Attorney David Laudner gave an update on the Nashua Dam.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve request for Public Comment Form- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinske, Carter, Hackman. Nays: Breitbach. Motion

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
City Council Chambers, City Hall

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

Action/Discussion

The City Council discussed wages/benefits, lake/dam, Mayor/Council, debt service, and economic development.

After discussion, S. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve renewing the same Health Insurance Plan (Wellmark myBlue HDHP Silver PPO) when the plan renews in March 2025. RC: all ayes.

There was no other business. J. Johnson motioned to adjourn. S. Johnson seconded. M/C, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM. Roll Call: all ayes.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Chickasaw County Emergency Management Commission

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/12/2025 Meeting Time: 06:10 PM Meeting Location: 260 E Prospect St New Hampton, IA 50659
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the County Coordinator.

	Actual FYE June 30 , 2024	Estimated FYE June 30 , 2025	Proposed FYE June 30 , 2026
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE:	1	381,847	234,396
REVENUES:			
County Contribution	2	100,000	130,000
Other Revenues	3	31,499	34,688
Total Revenues (2+3)	4	131,499	164,688
EXPENDITURES:			
Administration and Operations	5	118,890	162,046
Capital Outlays	6	160,060	90,000
Total Expenditures (5+6)	7	278,950	252,046
Total Ending Fund Balance	8	234,396	147,038

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Chickasaw County 911 Service Board

The 911 Service Board of the above named jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/12/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: 260 E Prospect St New Hampton, IA 50659
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of budgeted receipts and expenditures on file with the 911 Service Board Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished upon request.

	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2025 Re-Estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed Expenditures	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2026	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2025	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Surcharge
1. Surcharge Fund	243,162	474,305	474,305	0	-23,013	276,292	0	0	175,000
2. Operating Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	243,162	474,305	474,305	0	-23,013	276,292	0	0	175,000

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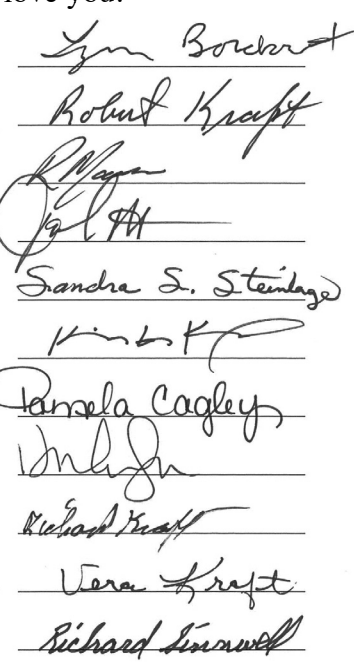
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N-P hopes to pack gym at regionals

DUALS: FROM 8

Wednesday before the dual postseason starts this coming Tuesday with regional competition, N-P received the ninth-place ranking in 1A.

That means the 25-5 Huskies will have to hit the road and travel to No. 8 Lake Mills if N-P wants to advance to its fourth-straight dual state tournament in 2024-2025.

Each of the three prep wrestling classes in Iowa award home regional dual sites to the top eight teams in 1A, 2A and 3A, which means the Huskies will have to jump in the bus and pound pavement. The trip to regional duals is well over an hour away to potentially stake on Lake Mills for the third time this season away from the friendly confines of N-P's home gym, affectionately known as the "Dawg Pound" to many Husky fans.

They'll be no home cooking this year and that also means the Huskies will have to wrestle an extra match in the regional semis in order to have the chance to take down the host Bulldogs.

"We gotta be able to wrestle and go for broke," said Frost, who led the Huskies to a fourth-place finish at state duals last winter and he helped guide the Huskies to a third-place trophy in 2022-2023.

Not only did N-P not get a home date, they'll have to wrestle an extra opponent as the host teams receive a bye in the opening semifinal round of regionals. The Huskies open regionals with No. 23 West Lyon, with the winner taking on Lake Mills for the right to state.

"Obviously, it's going to be in their house so that makes it a little bit tougher," said Frost. "We're used to wrestling on the road in a lot of different situations."

N-P has had a lot of success up at Lake Mills in recent



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield head coach Al Frost yells instructions to one of his wrestlers at a home meet earlier this year.

years – most notably in 2023 when the Huskies broke the school record by sending 13 district wrestlers (all but one weight class) that competed in Winnebago County to the traditional state meet down in Des Moines.

N-P split with Lake Mills in the regular season. The Huskies topped LM, 41-36, in a season-opening quad hosted by the Bulldogs, but head coach Alex Brandenburg's talented bunch turned the tables on N-P with a 45-29 victory at the Battle of Waterloo last month.

Husky fans represent their wrestlers as well as any team in the state and Frost is imploring all that follow N-P wrestling to pack the gym at Lake Mills for what should be a great night of high school wrestling with a state berth on the line.

"We need some fans in the stands. This is going to be an exciting dual. Obviously, we got West Lyon first. We're not putting the cart in front of the horse," said Frost. "We gotta go in with a full head of steam. We

gotta go in with just as much intensity and confidence and aggressiveness as we did at conference."

Both Frost and Brandenburg are among the select few coaches in the state who have achieved 500 dual wins.

Lake Mills finished second at last Saturday's Top of Iowa Conference meet, three points ahead of No. 6 Osage. N-P won the meet for the first time in school history with 249.5 points, 32.5 points better than the runner-up Bulldogs.

Lake Mills actually beat Osage in a head-to-head dual earlier this year by a score of 37-35. The Green Devils wrestle the winner of No. 11 Denver and 15th-ranked Alta-Aurelia in the regional dual finals on Tuesday.

Osage – the defending Class 2A state dual champ who bumped down a class this year – beat N-P, 47-30, at a dual in Nashua earlier this month.

The state dual meet will take place on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Xtream Arena in Coralville.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield girls wrestling teams watches the action out on the mat in a home dual on Senior Night earlier this season.

Patten back out on mat for Huskies

GIRLS WRESTLING: FROM 8

Patten (4-11) was back in action after missing some meets during the regular season and she earned a first-period fall over Madelyn Thompson (28-17) of West Marshall in 54 seconds in her consolation match.

Franzen, now 6-17 on the year, lost both her matches by fall to No. 4 Kayma Burleson (30-7) of Clear Lake and Abigail Young (22-11) of Spencer.

TEAM SCORES
Decorah 220, Osage 197.5, Mason City 173.5, Waverly-Shell Rock 139.5, Dallas Center-Grimes 130, Algona 119.5, Clear Lake 106.5, Spencer 106, Sumner-Fredericksburg 82.5, Crestwood 73, Charles City 71.5, Humboldt 59, Fort Dodge 48, West Marshall 42, Denver 33, Emmetsburg 27, Nashua-Plainfield 20, North Butler-Clarksville 11, Northwood-Kensett 11, Waterloo Columbus 8, West Fork 4, St. Ansgar 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS
130: Jayla Patten did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Pieper Lester (CL) tech fall Patten, 26-7. Cons. Round 1 - Patten pinned Madelyn Thompson

(WM), 0:54. Cons. Round 2 - Harper Graff (WSR) tech fall Patten, 18-2.
145: Nevaeh Bloker placed fifth. Champ. Round 1 - Bloker pinned Dayton Cleghorn (Hu), 0:09. Quarterfinal - Alexa Heflin (CL) pinned Bloker, 3:10. Cons. Round 2 - Bloker pinned Cameron Thiele (Cr), 1:51. Cons. Round 3 - Bloker pinned Raelynn Meitner (SA), 0:22. Cons. Semi - Allie Van Der Molen (DCG) pinned Bloker, 3:28. 5th Place Match - Bloker pinned Charlene Prazak, (MC), 0:14.
170: Emerson Franzen did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Kayma Burleson (CL) pinned Franzen, 0:49. Cons. Round 1 - Abigail Young (Sp) pinned Franzen, 5:25.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Avery Mueller brings the ball up the court versus Central Springs.

N-P forces 25 steals vs. Panthers

BOYS HOOPS: FROM 8

start on those guys. We probably executed as well on offense as we have all year with getting the ball inside," said Mueller. "Playing inside-out basketball – that's the best we've looked offensively."

N-P's leading scorer – junior guard Jase Hansen (16.9 ppg) – scored a game-high 26 points against St. Ansgar. Many of those buckets – he made 12-18 shots from the floor – were run outs that led to fast break layups.

Malven hit for 17 points and Hansen led the Huskies in scoring (18 points) against one-win Central Springs (1-16, 0-11).

Trent Rodruck – N-P's junior center – had two solid games against those aforementioned league foes as he netted 10 points against the Panthers and eight points versus St. Ansgar. He's a reliable presence down low when called upon and is a stabilizing force on the blocks that can quickly change the complexion of the game.

"Saint's physical and we threw him in there. He's like an immovable object in there," said Mueller. "He just eats people up down there so other people can get the rebound sometimes. He was on last night. Him and Jake (Smith) looked so good together out there."

Smith is a 6-3 stretch-four forward, meaning he can knock down outside shots and he's also adept near the rim. Smith continues to lead the conference in field goal percentage with an almost 61 percent clip. Smith averages right around 10 points a game and he was right around that average in the last two

games as he combined to score 22 points on 9-17 shooting. He also collected 20 rebounds.

N-P's other starters – junior guards Landon Foelske and Avery Mueller – have also played key roles in the Huskies' resurgence this season.

Foelske – who averages 9.5 points per game – is N-P's spark plug at point guard and arguably the team's best defender. He's also a proficient playmaker and distributor of the basketball as he averages right at four assists a game.

"Landon has really been creating easy opportunities for his teammates," said Matt Mueller.

Avery Mueller is a role player that stands 6-2 and can knock down daggers from long range as well as have a tremendous impact on the defensive side of the ball.

Avery Mueller – like everyone of his teammates – knows his role according to the N-P head coach. That's perhaps the secret to N-P's success this season.

"It's throw it to the open guy and have each other's back is what's been getting so much better as the year went on," said the N-P coach.

Matt Mueller talked about his son Avery, who is a microcosm of the team in that he knows not to do much out on the floor and always wants to include his teammates in on a winning play.

"He sacrifices every game. He's going to shoot maybe three, four shots most games and they're wide open shots," said Mueller. "He's not going to do anything that's going to hurt the team. On assist-to-turnovers he's really good and that's

why he's in there. He plays really good defense and I just trust him with the ball."

The Huskies came up with 25 steals against Central Springs with Smith and Malven each coming up with six apiece.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 77, CENTRAL SPRINGS 45

CS	6	15	14	10	-	45
NP	21	21	23	12	-	77

Matthew Malven 6-16 3-6 17, Landon Foelske 3-7 0-2 6, Jake Smith 5-9 0-0 12, Jase Hansen 8-17 0-0 18, Avery Mueller 2-6 0-0 5, Ty Berger 0-1 0-0 0, Cal Levi 2-4 0-0 4, Braeden Mitchell 1-3 0-0 2, Carson Mundorf 0-0 0-0 0, Navarii Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Tucker Jacobs 1-3 0-0 3, Brexton Bird 0-2 0-0 0, Trent Rodruck 4-6 2-6 10. Totals 32-74 5-14 77.

3-point field goals - Smith 2-3, Hansen 2-8, Malven 2-10, Mueller 1-5, Jacobs 1-3, Berger 0-1, Levi 0-1, Mitchell 0-2, Bird 0-2.

Rebounds - Smith 11, Foelske 7, Malven 6, Rodruck 6, Hansen 5, Mueller 4, Jacobs 3, Berger 2, Levi 1, Bird 1.

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

Steals - Malven 6, Smith 6, Foelske 4, Hansen 4, Mueller 3, Berger 1, Rodruck 1.

Blocks - Levi 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 75, ST. ANSGAR 51

NP	25	15	18	17	-	75
SA	9	10	12	20	-	51

Malven 9-17 3-3 23, Foelske 1-6 1-2 4, Smith 4-6 1-2 10, Hansen 12-18 0-0 26, Mueller 0-3 0-0 0, Berger 1-1 0-0 2, Levi 1-2 0-0 2, Mitchell 0-2 0-0 0, Mundorf 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Bird 0-0 0-0 0, Rodruck 3-6 2-4 8. Totals 31-61 7-11 75.

3-point field goals - Malven 2-7, Hansen 2-7, Foelske 1-1, Smith 1-1, Mueller 0-2, Mitchell 0-1.

Rebounds - Smith 9, Foelske 7, Mueller 7, Malven 5, Hansen 5, Levi 1, Bird 1, Rodruck 1.

Assists - Mueller 7, Malven 5, Smith 5, Foelske 3, Hansen 3, Rodruck 2, Berger 1, Mitchell 1.

Steals - Malven 2, Hansen 2, Smith 1, Williams 1, Rodruck 1.

Blocks - Malven 1, Mueller 1.

Glaser hits first 3-pointer of year

GIRLS HOOPS: FROM 8

in a clunker of a game for the Huskies where Central Springs won 36-23 – was a definite stamp of approval that maybe, just maybe these Huskies have arrived.

"We came out guns blazing. It was really good," said N-P junior forward Elayna O'Neill, who scored 13 points in Smith's revamped offense that saw N-P double-team Central Springs' leading scorer – 6-2 senior Kaci Crum.

Lowe, who sank three out of four shots from beyond the arc – none bigger than her four-point play in the game's opening minutes – talked about her game-high 16 points, which tied her with Crum, who also hit that point total on 5-7 shooting.

"I think the biggest thing was once I made the first one and got fouled and got the four-point play right off the bat – I think that really set the tone for everyone else's momentum," said Lowe. "We took care of the ball the best we've taken care of the ball in forever."

Smith talked about a key facet of any basketball team – not turning the ball over. The Huskies came into the game averaging right at 25 turnovers a game. They reduced that number to 17 against Central Springs and the results of that ability to take care of the basketball reaped huge rewards.

"Maybe it was the 97th day of saying it in a row that finally got through their head. It's something we preach every day and they finally got it right," smiled Smith.

Conversely, N-P collected 26 steals and forced 36 Central Springs turnovers.

N-P hit just eight shots in 39 attempts back on Jan. 9 in the first meeting between Central Springs (7-9), which sits in fourth place in the TIC East with a 5-6 league mark.

"The first time we played those guys we scored 23 points. Their defense is always good.

It's tough. It's always a struggle to score against it," said Smith. "We couldn't score. We were missing layups in that game and missing free throws. We were not getting looks and we turned the ball over a ton. Tonight, it's just the exact opposite."

The second time around versus the Panthers saw the Huskies nail 23 shots from the floor – five of them 3-pointers. Four Huskies scored in double figures alongside O'Neill and Lowe.

N-P senior guard Kadence Huck – right near the top of the leaderboard in the state in terms of total steals – almost registered a triple double with 14 points, 12 steals and eight rebounds.

"We had a game plan to run more of a five out or a four-out offense against these guys and try to pull them away from the hoop a little bit more," said Smith. "We literally had four hours to work on what we were going to do with implementing it. Man, Wednesday night when we installed it, it looked pretty ugly and last night it was looking better."

N-P center 6-1 center Josslynn Glaser drilled her first 3-pointer of the season as she took her smooth game out to the perimeter. She finished with 10 points.

"Josslynn's been working on her outside shot," said Smith. "We thought with Josslynn's athleticism on the outside we could pull (Kaci) Crum away a little bit and kind of exploit them that way."

Smith talked about Lowe – who along with Huck, Glaser and Paige Franzen were freshmen when the 2022 N-P team lost to eventual state champ Algona Garrigan in the game before the small-school class regional final.

"She hit three 3's at Newman on Tuesday and she hit three more tonight," said Smith about Lowe. "Man, she's just so damn tough on defense like always."

N-P (8-9, 4-7) continued to play well – even in a loss – on

Tuesday on the road at conference front-runner St. Ansgar (12-4, 10-1). The 15th-ranked Saints had to do everything in their power to pull out a 50-41 victory that was a back-and-forth game and wasn't indicative of the final score. St. Ansgar led 41-38 with roughly three minutes remaining and N-P led 14-9 early on in the game.

"The girls played really well and competed the whole game," said Smith about the Saints' contest.

N-P closes out the regular season in the next few weeks. The Huskies host Osage tonight (Friday), then travel to Waterloo Christian on Monday. It's Senior Night for the Huskies on Friday, Feb. 7 at home versus West Fork and the regular season finale is slated to go down at North Butler on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 60, CENTRAL SPRINGS 29

CS	4	8	12	5	-	29
NP	15	13	18	14	-	60

Elayna O'Neill 6-13 1-3 13, Kadence Huck 6-19 2-6 14, Josslynn Glaser 4-10 1-2 10, Marleigh Lowe 4-9 5-7 16, Paige Franzen 3-8 0-0 7, Eva Foelske 0-0 0-0 0, Callie Jensen 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Emeri McCumber 0-0 0-0 0, Manuela Jimenez 0-0 0-0 0, Natalie Feldman 0-0 0-0 0, Kelly Cerwinski 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-59 9-18 60.

3-point field goals - Lowe 3-4, Glaser 1-2, Franzen 1-4, O'Neill 0-1.

Rebounds - Huck 8, O'Neill 6, Franzen 6, Lowe 5, Glaser 3, Feldman 1.

Assists - Franzen 4, O'Neill 2, Huck 2, Lowe 2.

Steals - Huck 12, Lowe 6, O'Neill 4, Franzen 3, Glaser 1.

ST. ANSGAR 50, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 41

NP	14	11	3	13	-	41
SA	12	10	13	15	-	50

O'Neill 5-12 3-4 13, Huck 4-9 7-10 16, Glaser 0-3 0-0 0, Lowe 1-8 2-2 5, Franzen 2-13 1-2 7, Foelske 0-0 0-0 0, McCumber 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 12-57 13-18 41.

3-point field goals - Franzen 2-12, Lowe 1-4, Huck 1-8.

Rebounds - O'Neill 13, Huck 10, Glaser 3, Lowe 3, Franzen 2, Foelske 1.

Assists - Huck 4, O'Neill 2, Franzen 2.

Steals - O'Neill 3, Lowe 3, Huck 1, Franzen 1, McCumber 1.

Blocks - Glaser 1.



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Husky girls turn the tables on Central Springs



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Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck (above) looks for an open teammate while teammate Josslyn Glaser (below) gets off an inside shot in a game against Central Springs last Friday night.

N-P boys get back on track with a pair of TIC victories

Huskies get off to quick starts to beat Panthers, Saints

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

In what could be considered a landmark or watershed moment in Matt Mueller's tenure as the Nashua-Plainfield boys basketball coach, last year's 72-56 win at Osage would fit the definition of a program-defining triumph.

The third-year Husky head coach will have one more crack at the fleet-footed and super athletic Green Devils this winter and this time around there's a lot more at stake.

Pride will be on the line and a push toward the upper reaches of league supremacy will also be on the table when the 12-3 Green Devils roll into the "Dawg Pound" tonight (Friday) in Nashua.

What's different about this year's N-P team the second time around against Osage?

For starters, Mueller's improved TIC East squad is a year older and wiser in a 2024-2025 campaign that has seen this up-and-coming bunch win 12 games so far with just four games to go before district play begins next month.

The facts are the facts, though, and if N-P is going to knock off the Green Devils for a second time in as many seasons, it may take a season-best effort.

Osage (8-2 in conference play) dominated the Huskies in their worst loss of the season in the last game before Christmas. The Green Devils – led by super-duper good guards Quinn Street and Madden Uhlenhopp – bombarded N-P with 16 three-points en route to a 75-51 thrashing.

The Green Devils are on a five-game win streak – highlighted by a destruction of



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Jace Hansen gets off a shot from a tough angle during the Huskies' win over Central Springs last week.

Bloker places at Mason City as Husky girls gear up for regional mat tournament

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield girls wrestling team put a wrap on the regular season this past Saturday as the Huskies competed in the Upper Iowa

Invitational at Mason City. Three Husky wrestlers hit the mat in juniors Jayla Patten (130), Nevaeh Bloker (145) and Emerson Franzen (170).

Bloker ran her record to 34-14 on the year with a fifth-place showing

Nashua-Plainfield plays complete game in win over Panthers, give league-leading Saints fits before falling

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Marleigh Lowe had to correct herself on Friday night.

It wasn't a mistake so much as remembering and honoring previous Husky hardcourt legends.

On an evening when the Nashua-Plainfield senior guard scored a career high point total in an emphatic and resounding 60-29 win at home over Central Springs – Lowe couldn't help but hearken to the past.

"This is probably the best game we've played all year – a few years actually," said Lowe. "I think that's the best game our team has played since those five seniors – like 'Kenzie and 'Hack."

Lowe was referencing the 2021-2022 N-P girls hoops team that went 14-10 and reached the Class 1A

regional semifinals with five starting seniors – Makenzie Foelske, Breanna Hackman, Abbie Hyde, Jaycie Bilharz and Jennah Carpenter, who now goes by Jennah Winters and is in her first year on N-P head coach Josh Smith's staff as an assistant coach.

"It was everybody," said Smith about the contribution to the big win for his program. "Everybody was a threat every time they were on the floor."

This game was a long time coming for Smith's Husky girls hoops program, who struggled through a two-win season a few years back and improved in the rebuild last winter with six victories.

Friday night's success against a Panther squad that held N-P to a season-low point total two weeks ago

SEE GIRLS HOOPS, 7



Photos courtesy of Jenn Kalainoff
Nashua-Plainfield seniors Nic Brase (above) and Jayden Rinken (below) look to finish off takedowns during Saturday's Top of Iowa Conference tournament that was held in St. Ansgar.

Huskies claim TIC mat crown

N-P's Brase, Rinken, Zwanziger win individual titles as Huskies run away from Bulldogs, Osage

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The hunter became the hunted and that's a nice spot to be in with even bigger tournaments right around the bend.

With peak performances darn near across the board, the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies took down the Top of Iowa Conference meet on Saturday in St. Ansgar.

This is a wrestling squad that appears to have slipped it into another gear.

No other team could boast more than N-P's winning point total of 249.5. Central Springs and Lake Mills were contenders, but were relegated to looking up in the team standings in order to identify No. 1 on the leaderboard. Not even mighty Osage could hold a candle to what ended up being one of Al Frost's more memorable moments in his storied coaching career.

Never before had Frost's Huskies called themselves champions of the TIC – until now.

For the first time in school history the Huskies rose to the top of the ladder to win the league get-together – which has been in existence since the 2015-2016 athletic season.

A decade is a decent amount of time, but there was no time like the present for the Huskies to come up aces.

"It was an exciting day," said Frost, who will put the finishing touches on his 36th and final season in the coming weeks with all eyes on his award-winning program.

Just how far will Frost's 1A power go?

The ceiling's pretty high right now.

"We looked like we should be looking. We should be looking more aggressive, more intense, more excited, more enthused. For the most part we had that style of wrestling



in most matches up and down the lineup," said Frost.

Frost had not led his team to a league crown since 2013 when the Huskies rose to the top of the podium stand to win their 11th straight Corn Bowl Conference tournament.

But this commendable effort to snare the TIC title has a different feel altogether in 2025 as Frost Huskies' will look to send him out a winner and cement a mat legacy that started in 1989 when the N-P head coach took over the Plainfield wrestling program.

"Everyone we had in the lineup scored points. That's the key thing," said Frost. "It was a great team effort of picking up bonus points and finishing the tournament strong."

In order to create some sort of semblance of what went down at the league meet in the coming weeks on a bigger

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IHSAA sends N-P on the road for regional duals

Huskies take on West Lyon, winner to meet host Lake Mills for a trip to state tournament

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The Huskies are headed north.

So far north in fact that if the team bus doesn't stop in a timely manner at its required

destination, the tires will run out of real estate and enter into Minnesota.

Those are the facts and Al Frost's Nashua-Plainfield wrestlers are going to have to deal with it if they want to keep their dual season alive.

In what was probably deemed a surprise move by many – including almost all N-P grappling fans – Frost and his perennial-power squad were on the outside looking in this week after the Iowa Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association

(IWCOA) released its Class 1A rankings, which directly influences the small-school class' regional pairings.

In the final dual ratings released by the state on

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ON TOP OF THE TOP OF IOWA		
Here are the final team standings, with number of individual champions, from Saturday's Top of Iowa wrestling tournament:		
	Champs	Points
Nashua-Plainfield	3	249.5
Lake Mills	2	217
Osage	2	214
Central Springs	3	191.5
Forest City	0	144.5
West Hancock	2	129.5
North Butler/Clarksville	0	124.5
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	1	107.5
St. Ansgar	0	88
North Union	0	74.5
Eagle Grove	0	73
Mason City Newman	0	48.5
Northwood-Kensett	1	34.5
West Fork	0	12