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Dam fix may cost Nashua more

Council OKs spending \$3,000 for survey to see if there are additional issues with dam

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

A \$700,000 repair job to fix scour at Nashua's hydroelectric dam may incur more cost after the city's engineering firm recommended a survey to explore more areas underwater to detect potential, as well as additional, dam issues with the apron that

may need to be repaired.

That was the important, albeit a tad worrisome news that came out of Monday's Nashua City Council meeting this week.

City officials talked with Bryan McCombs, a structural engineer with Shuck-Britson, via a teleconference call and he described a situation that is currently a developing

with no concrete answer as of yet.

Boomerang Construction, a civil contracting firm based out of Anamosa, is putting the finishing touches on placing concrete blocks to fix scour at the dam. McCombs stated his firm advises a survey to be conducted to find out if there is even more scour outside the original scope of work that was not there

during the previous underwater inspection.

"The contractor is out there and they're almost done with the work. What they brought up was a potential scour area on the downstream face of that sheet pile wall," said

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Nashua firefighters fight billowing smoke as they put water on a barn fire about halfway between Nashua and Charles City on Wednesday afternoon.

Firefighters battle blaze and the cold

Four fire departments respond to barn fire about halfway between Nashua and Charles City

By BOB STEENSON
Of the Charles City Press

Firefighters from four area departments responded to a barn fire Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 19, about halfway between Nashua and Charles City.

Nashua Fire and Rescue, the Charles City Fire Department, Colwell Fire Department and Ionia Volunteer Fire Department were called to the blaze at the intersection of County Road 240 and Windfall Avenue, about 4¼ miles northwest of Nashua and about a mile inside Floyd County.

Nashua Fire Chief Tom Johnson said the barn, which contained hay and equipment, was a total loss. He said a block heater in the metal-sided building may have caused the fire.

Firefighters were on scene for 3 to 3½ hours,

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County budget remains challenge for the supervisors

Board members voice frustrations as they try to come up with solution to riddle that is GB

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday reached a consensus on the maximum 2025-26 tax levies they will set for the three funds they control, but during a lengthy discussion, the five board members made little progress on how to deal with reducing the amount of expenditures.

Board members, though, did express frustrations with a storm of social media activity last week that took place after they asked questions about the county's home care programs.

During a Feb. 11 meeting, Board Chairman Jake Hackman pointed out that the county is required by state law to have Public Health programs, but he and other supervisors asked Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter and board members questions about the department's home care programs.

"We all know we can't cut Public Health," Hackman said Tuesday. "It's a state law; we have to have Public Health."

Board members said they took numerous phone calls about the discussion last week, and they expressed frustration that, according to them, those posting on social media did not have all the facts.

"I want the public to realize, yes, this is a hard job [and] you elected us to do this job. It's not always fun," Supervisor Issac Carter said. "But remember that we're people, we have children out there that are in the public as well, so when you're bad-mouthing us by not getting all the information and our children hear that and bring it home, that's not fair."

Fellow Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said the bulk of the calls he took last week had a similar theme.

"Everybody said, don't cut the department I use," he said.

On Tuesday, the two lone budget reductions

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Libraries get plenty thrown at them by county, Legislature

Nashua director says reduction in funding from county and obscenity bill in Des Moines makes for 'scary' times

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

These are, as Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman succinctly put it Thursday afternoon, trying times.

"Libraries are facing some real challenges," she said as she checked out three books for a patron. "It's a crazy time, I guess that's the only way to put it."

Those challenges are coming from both the county and the state levels.

Start with the county level as libraries, including Nashua's, recently learned that they will in all likelihood see the funding from the county decrease when the new fiscal year begins on July 1.

In January, the Board of Supervisors reached a con-

sensus to grant the six county libraries — Nashua, Alta Vista, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and New Hampton — the 6 percent increase in funding librarians had requested during a meeting in early December.

But board members last week backtracked on providing \$139,700 in funding for 2025-26 and instead reached a new consensus that will set county funding for libraries at \$124,338, the same amount it provided during the 2023-24 fiscal year and a reduction of 5.7 percent from the \$131,798 the facilities received from the county for the current fiscal year.

"It's disappointing. I understand it, they have a tough job to do and they need to cut budgets," Hackman said, "so I get

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Cheering on the Huskies at state!

Nashua-Plainfield cheerleaders are matside lending their support to the Huskies Wednesday afternoon during the Class 1A state wrestling tournament that will continue at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines through Saturday evening.

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After a lot of winter, time for heat wave

Area will leave double-digit below zero temps behind, forecasters say we should see 40s soon

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

We've got three numbers for you — 43, 47 and 44 — that we think you're going to enjoy, especially after we've endured a week of winter.

Those are the forecast high temperatures for Nashua Monday through Thursday, and we'll bet the proverbial farm that you can't wait for a little heat wave; after all, area residents not only dealt with snow last week but then had to deal with five straight days in which temperatures reached double digits below zero.

Granted, we didn't get a lot of snow — officially, Nashua received an inch of snow last Wednesday and another couple inches on Friday — but the latter snowfall almost qualifies as a "big snowstorm" in this strange winter of 2024-25 when just 7.6 inches of the white stuff has fallen on Nashua.

Still, between the snow and the arctic blast that hit the area beginning on summer, it's actually looked and most definitely felt like the season for the past week or so.

And it created plenty of headaches for both school administrators and road workers.

On the school front, the start time for last Saturday's Class 1A district meet in Monona was pushed back 2 1/2 hours, and Nashua-Plainfield students also experienced their second virtual learning day on Tuesday because of the cold.

On the road front, Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing told the Board of

Cold enough for ya?

Here are the high and low temperatures in Nashua since Sunday. The averages, by the way, are 31 and 15 at this time of the year.

	High	Low
Sunday	7	-12
Monday	-6	-19
Tuesday	1	-19
Wednesday	-3	-10
Thursday	12	-11

Supervisors that crews were out and about in the county for five days because of the snow and winds that created some drifting.

The National Weather Service office in La Crosse, Wisconsin, had daily reminders on its website dealing with just how dangerous the cold can be for both humans and animals during a week that saw a high temperature on Monday of 6 below and two overnight lows of 19 below.

But like we said, it's about to warm up, beginning on Saturday when the high temperature is forecast to be 27. By Sunday, we're crack the freezing mark and on Monday, we'll see the 40s ... at least if forecasters aren't wrong.

As one Nashua resident put it during a stop at a convenience store on Thursday, "I might stop by in shorts on Monday."

OK, maybe that's pushing it, but the 40s beat the you know what out of what we've experienced this week.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman checks out three books for a patron Thursday morning.

Library director hopes latest county 'consensus' holds

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that. What's concerning to me and all of us librarians really is what happens if it's the \$100,000 [in total funding] that they've talked about."

If the latest consensus "holds," Nashua would see its county funding drop by a little more than \$1,000, but if supervisors certify a budget in which the county provides \$100,000 in funding for libraries, it would see a decrease in county funding of a little more than \$5,400.

Hackman said that her facility can find \$1,000 in savings without cutting hours or programming but said if it has to make up the \$5,000-plus, patrons would be affected.

That's going to be every library," she said. "Every library is going to have to think about if they drop down to that amount — hopefully they don't — taking away some hours, taking away some of their programming. It's not good across the board for any of us."

State law requires that counties levy 6.75 cents per \$1,000 valuation for library services, which in Chickasaw County's case would mean the minimum it must fund libraries is \$48,284.

"That would be a disaster," Hackman said. "I don't want to sound overly dramatic, but if that happens in Iowa, you'd see

Grant will assist Nashua's summer reading program

The Nashua Public Library recently received a \$1,000 grant from Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC).

Library director Heather Hackman said the money will be used for her facility's annual summer reading program.

"Funding like this helps us provide unique experiences, free programming, reading materials, etc., to the youth in this area and their families," Hackman said. "It also gets the youth engaged in reading and helps students maintain reading levels throughout the summer and hopefully finding a love for reading for years to come."

— By Bob Fenske

libraries close.

"It would really affect the smaller libraries, no question about that. ... Again, I know [supervisors] have a really tough job, but I would hope people see the benefits libraries bring to our county."

And funding isn't the only issue facing libraries. The other big challenge is

Mayor says he will 'pick up' snow removal, animal control ticketing

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

McCombs. "It's a little bit concerning because it wasn't there with the previous underwater inspection. But to find out what was actually there, we would need to do a survey."

Terracon Consultants is overseeing the work that is being done by Boomerang, who won the bid for \$763,000 to essentially repair a hole in the dam.

The survey's cost is \$3,000, which all City Council members voted on to approve.

"Currently, there's 19 extra block. That may lower," said McCombs. "But if we have those extra block and depending on what the scour is, there may be the ability to snug those up through the wall where those aren't going to be affected by any type of water flow and end up down river."

Also on Monday, the City Council changed its policy concerning at-large code of ordinance violations.

Instead of holding hearings to discuss those potential violations of animals that may cause harm or inflict bodily injury, the city unanimously voted to issue citations. There would be two warnings prior to a \$500 fine given to the offending party that owns the animal.

"I will be picking up ticketing for snow removal and animal control," said Nashua Mayor Hal Kelleher.

City Council members decided to utilize the sheriff's report as the first warning. The city would then send a written warning to the dog owner notifying them of the offense if the matter is not resolved. In the written warning, the party involved would then be made

aware of another violation with the result being a monetary fine.

Nashua Water/Wastewater Superintendent Nick Henningsen gave his monthly report to the Council and he stated that three million gallons were pumped in January and 2.2 million gallons were billed for. That means there were around 900,000 gallons of water loss for the city in that month span.

Henningsen said two leaks were a large reason for the water loss. He also stated that the leak along Highway 346, which happened just recently, was a water main that has never been located. He said there were three four-inch mains within several feet of each other and there were no shut-offs on the line.

Henningsen alerted citizens of Nashua of disposing of flushable wipes down the toilet. He

a bill making its way through the Iowa Legislature that would remove protections for schools and libraries, making them subject to Iowa's obscenity laws without exemptions for education, art or history.

If the bill passes, the Iowa Library Association points out that librarians could face misdemeanor or felony charges, as well as civil lawsuits over materials in the library.

"The [association] put out something yesterday that I think shows you how far this could go," Hackman said. "Say you found it obscene that we had books on the New York Yankees, we could get sued. I know that sounds far-fetched, but do we really want to go there?"

The association, in a Facebook post, on Monday called the bill "dangerous" and said it would "have a chilling effect on libraries and schools, undermining Iowans' First Amendment rights and opening the door to censorship and legal liability for educators and library professionals simply for doing their jobs."

The association said obscenity is already defined by law and said it must be defined by the courts, "not by political pressure."

Hackman agreed. "It's pretty scary," she said, "and it's just hard to believe that we as a state want to go down this road."

Briefs

Scholarships available from Community Foundation of NEI

The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa (CFNEIA) is excited to announce that applications are open for its 2025 scholarship program, offering over \$700,000 in awards to support students pursuing higher education.

The deadline to apply is 8 p.m. on March 12, 2025. Scholarships are available to high school, college, and adult students, with varying criteria such as financial need, academic performance, and community involvement.

For more information and to apply, visit www.cfneia.org/scholarships.

Questions can be directed to Staci Mueller at 319-243-1359 or smueller@cfneia.org.

ISU dean's list

More than 11,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester dean's list.

Students named to the list must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Area students named to the list are:
Ionina: Greta Glaser, Senior, Accounting, B.S.; Grace Maloy, Sophomore, Horticulture, B.S.

Nashua: Kylie Dietz, Senior, Agricultural Studies, B.S.; Kara Levi, Junior, Horticulture, B.S.; Autumn Nelson, Junior, Marketing, B.S.; Jackson Zwanziger, Sophomore, Agricultural Engineering, B.S.

Kirkwood dean's list

Kirkwood Community College has released its dean's list for the fall semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Nashua's JR O'Neil was named to the list.

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Public safety personnel come together to help one of their own

Rescue Squad, firefighters, EMA and EMS volunteer labor to construct a wheelchair ramp for former police officer

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

As far as Nick Jurgensen and Jeff Bernatz are concerned, emergency services personnel make up a big family, and this past weekend, that family helped out one of its own. Members of the New Hampton Fire Department, Chickasaw County Rescue Squad, Chickasaw County EMS and Chickasaw County Emergency Management Agency spent their Sunday constructing and installing a ramp at the home of former Sumner Police Chief Dennis Cain who was injured in the line of duty more than a dozen years ago.

"It doesn't matter if you're a police officer, a firefighter, a Rescue Squad member or on the ambulance crew," said Jurgensen, the first assistant chief for the New Hampton Fire Department, "it's a family. We all get along, we all work together. This was a big family giving back to one of our own. Dennis might be retired, but he'll always be one of us."

Bernatz, Chickasaw County's EMA director, agreed.

"Public safety, we are all a big family," Bernatz said, "and when Nick called me, it was like let's round up some boys and get this done."

The back story begins years ago in Sumner, where Jurgensen grew up and was fast friends with Ryan Cain.

"Dennis was a great guy and I remember him giving us these little football cards with law-enforcement officers," Jurgensen said of Ryan's father, "and then life takes you in different directions but Dennis is one of those guys I'll always remember from growing up."

Cain was shot during a high-speed chase after two men robbed a bank in Maynard in October 2012, but over the years, Jurgensen remained in touch not only with Ryan but also Dennis, who eventually retired and moved to New Hampton. During

a visit to the Cains' home last Wednesday, Jurgensen learned that the family was in need of a wheelchair ramp.

"So I told them, let me do some digging and see what we can come up with," Jurgensen said.

He reached out to folks like Bernatz, EMS Director Joel Knutson and fellow firefighters, including Jason Kuehn, who works at a Pro Build in Waterloo.

"We met Thursday, Jason did his thing, was able to get the material at cost, we rallied the troops," Jurgensen said, "and we built it on Sunday and installed it that day, too. It was awesome to see so many people come together to help Dennis, to help one of us."

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the volunteers worked together, although several EMS and Rescue Squad members were called to a car accident scene during the building of the three sections that make up the ramp.

By mid-afternoon, the work was complete, and on Monday, Jurgensen said Kuehn had a little work to do on the ramp but that would be completed after he got off of work.

For Bernatz, the construction and the installation of the ramp was one of those feel-good stories.

"You think about how fast this came together and it just shows you the kind of people who are involved in emergency services," the EMA director said. "We have guys who cross over — you've got firefighters who are Rescue Squad members, you've got ambulance people who are firefighters. We're all inter-mixed I'd guess you could say, and when there's a need, people come running."

The speed of the process was still inspiring to Jurgensen.

"Wednesday to Sunday," he said, "that's pretty amazing, but that's what happens when people come together for a common goal. It's pretty cool."



Firefighters from four area departments, including Nashua, battle a barn fire between Charles City and Nashua Tuesday afternoon.

Bob Steenson/Charles City Press

Firefighters called back to the scene on Thursday

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said Johnson, and they were called back to the scene on Thursday a little before 6:30 p.m. because the fire had rekindled.

The temperature at the time was 4 degrees, and he said that made it more difficult to work the scene.

"It was chilly, not going to lie," Johnson said. "We've had colder days with fires, but it was dang frigid. It's never easy at a fire scene, and it's tougher when you have weather like we had for this."

The fire produced billowing clouds of smoke that surrounded the building in the frigid temperature, and Johnson said the burning hay made it difficult to get at the fire.

Part of the effort involved shuttling water to the farmstead to fight the fire.

"We worked well together, and a lot of that is that we've worked together a lot before this," Johnson said about the fire departments that responded to the scene.

"In this day and age, mutual aid is really important, and we appreciate the help we got from the other fire departments," he

said. There was a good turnout of Nashua firefighters, but having four departments at the scene

"helped out a lot," said Johnson. — Reporter Editor Bob Fenske contributed to this report.

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Sheriff, after request from supervisors, withdraws proposal for additional deputy

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made were the Public Health Board's decision on Friday to cut 1 percent of its 2025-26 expenditures and Sheriff Ryan Shawver's agreeing to drop his proposal to add an additional deputy to his office during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

"After seeing these budget constraints, I know that you want another deputy for safety," Supervisor Breitbach said to Shawver, "but as things are, would you consider withdrawing your request for another deputy?"

Shawver said he expected the question and agreed he would withdraw his request.

SUPERVISORS DID make progress on setting the so-called max levies for General Basic (GB), General Supplemental (GS) and Rural Services Basic (RSB).

In reality, they have no choice when it comes to GB because state law won't allow the county to raise its GB rate of \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation, but supervisors said they would also keep the same GS rate of about \$1.92 per \$1,000 valuation.

"We jumped a lot last year; we can't jump again," Breitbach said.

But three supervisors — Breitbach, Carter and Cerwinski — said they would like to inch the RSB rate up by 3 cents, to \$3.55 per \$1,000 valuation.

"I'd be in favor of inching up a little bit because I'd hate to have a big jump," Breitbach said. "It makes everybody real uncomfortable when you jump a lot. Do we need some cushion? That's the question."

Carter agreed. "If we don't do 3 cents then we could be in a mess next



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver makes a point as he discusses his office's 2025-26 proposed budget during Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

year, maybe 10 cents," he said. "These guys are going to swallow this 3 cents a little easier than they are going to 10 or 15 when we get into this mess. That's my reasoning for it. Do I like raising it? No. Is it a need? Yes, right now, it is."

LITTLE PROGRESS, though, was made on reducing expenditures in the 2025-26 budget, especially when it comes to GB, which like GS, is funded by both urban and rural property owners.

Currently, the county would be a little more than \$383,000 short of the benchmark it has often used in the past when it

comes to an ending fund balance representing 25 percent of its expenditures.

GB would also spend more than \$768,000 more than it takes in without any further budget reductions, which board members said would be akin to "kicking the can down the road" without further budget reductions.

"Well, we're going to have to do something. If it isn't this year, then it's going to have to be next year," Suckow said and then later in the meeting added, "I just think we need to rip the Band-Aid off, guys."

Recent laws passed by the Iowa Legislature give the coun-

ty little hope that, unless a large amount of new valuations come into the county, they will be able to raise more property tax revenue for GB in future years.

In other words, cuts not made for the 2025-26 budget could exponentially increase in following years.

Board members spent a considerable amount of time discussing possible staff reductions — ranging from positions inside the courthouse to home care. They also appeared to come to the conclusion that it was up to the board to make those decisions.

"If we bring [department heads] in and say, 'Hey, can you

Supervisors will hold public hearing March 3 on county budget amendment

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 3, for an amendment to its 2024-25 budget.

Board members voted unanimously to hold the hearing on the county's second budget amendment of the fiscal year. It will be held at 9:10 a.m. during the board's regularly scheduled meeting on March 3.

The proposed amendment will allow the county to transfer \$300,000 from its General Supplemental (GS) fund to General Basic (GB), will allow several departments to use money obtained from grants received after the budget was certified last spring, will allow the Secondary Roads Department to move up a bridge project into the fiscal year that ends June 30 and give the supervisors authority to pay bills to repair damage done to the Heritage Center when a water pipe burst in December.

Although the budget amendment would lower the ending fund balance by about \$79,000, Board Chairman Jake Hackman said a lot of the budget amendment is "revenue backed," meaning most of the additional spending is not tied to local tax dollars.

do your job with less people?' They're all going to say no," Carter said. "So at this point, do we look at any personnel in each department and we have to say, 'You have to lose these two or three people?' It is what it is. None of us want to do it, obviously."

Hackman said that he thought what he was hearing from his fellow board members was that they wanted to move ahead with tackling budget issues this year.

"I think I'm hearing is not to kick it down the road again," the board chairman said.

Breitbach said he understood why elected officials and department heads were protective of their employees, but he added that "just because the job is needed, doesn't mean we can afford it."

BOARD MEMBERS also discussed — and discarded almost immediately — the idea

of having each department cut a certain percentage, what Auditor Sheila Shekleton called a "weighted average" — from their proposed budgets.

"You have a county attorney who has already submitted a budget with a decrease of 13 percent," Hackman pointed out, "and then he has to cut \$20,000 more?"

In the end, board members agreed they still have time to come up with budget solutions, however painful they will be.

Hackman pointed out that, as of now, the plan is to have its public hearing on the max tax levy on March 20 and to certify its budget by the April 30 deadline.

But the reality, he said, is that expenditures for the 2025-26 budget won't actually be set in stone until supervisors appropriate the amount of money departments can spend, and that won't happen until June.

Briefs

Soil Health Economics workshop to be held March 11

The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be hosting a Soil Health Economics workshop at St. Joe's Gym in New Hampton on Monday, March 11, to discuss investing in a sustainable future on the farm.

Keynote speaker Rodney Rulon, a farmer from Indiana, will discuss how he's developed a successful no-till/cover crop program on his farms while maintaining production economics.

Two local farmers, Tim Daly and Knute Severson, will then discuss their soil health journeys with economics in mind. This workshop is a free event and open to the public.

Dough & Joe Bakery donuts will be offered in the morning, followed by a complimentary lunch from U2 BBQ.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude around 3 p.m.

For more information visit your local NRCS office or call Ann Voelker at 641-228-2725, Ext. 3.

Pre-register by Feb. 26 for pesticide training recertification

Iowa State University and Outreach Chickasaw County office will host an Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, March 5. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 115 N. Broadway Ave, New Hampton. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before Feb. 26 and \$60 after Feb. 26. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

The course will provide continuing instructional credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 3O, 3T, and 3OT. The IDALS-required topics to be covered are pesticide use and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehension; and pests, pest management; and pesticides.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses being offered by the PSEP team can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/psep.

Legislators to provide update on session during March 1 meeting

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 Chickasaw County Farm Bureau is sponsoring the forum.

Pre-register by March 12 for certified handlers continuing ed

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County will host a Certified Handlers Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for Wednesday, March 19. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 115 N. Broadway Ave, New Hampton. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins on the day of the program are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before March 5 and \$60 after March 12. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for certified handlers.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Assessing Jurisdiction: CHICKASAW COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/5/2025 Meeting Time: 05:00 PM Meeting Location: Chickasaw County Community Services Building 260 East Prospect Street New Hampton, IA 50659

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their 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 Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.

Contact Name: Raymond Armel Contact Telephone Number: (641) 394-2813

	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual	FYE June 30, 2025 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2026 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To be Raised By Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	496,851	570,790	620,200		504,048	558,098	45,098	0	521,052
2. FICA				0	0	0	0	0	0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. TOTAL	496,851	570,790	620,200	0	504,048	558,098	45,098	0	521,052

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.54058
Virtual Meeting Information:

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- AG VANTAGE FS INC, BRUSHING CHEMICALS-SEC RDS 219.70
- AHLERS & COONEY, P.C., HR SVCS-COUNTY DEPTS 1,800.00
- ALLIANT ENERGY, ELEC-CONSV/SEC RDS IONIA SHOP 149.80
- ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTLS-SEC RDS 98.49
- AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, MOUSE & KEYBOARD/EVIDENCE ROOM GUN RACK-SHERIFF 529.93
- AT&T MOBILITY, PH SVC-EMS44.96
- BARBARA J. BANTZ, TRANSCRIPT FEES-CLERK OF COURT 147.00
- BIG FOOT ENTERPRISE, STOCK PARTS-SEC RDS 57.51
- BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT GAS OUTSIDE SHOPS-SEC RDS 2,775.96
- BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COMPANY, PARTS/STOCK PARTS-SEC RDS 36.50
- BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, BLANKETS/IV SOLUTIONS/TUBING-EMS 1,416.38
- BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, WINTER SAND CONTRACT-SEC RDS 8,388.90
- BUTLER CO REC, ELEC-CONSV/OLD LANDFILL/911 622.89
- BUTLER BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., PH/INTERNET-MULT CTY DEPTS 1,266.99
- C. H. MCGUINNESS CO. INC., STEAM TRAP REPAIRS @ CRTHS-GEN SVCS 3,464.98
- CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC, OUTSIDE ENG BRIDGE RATINGS-SEC RDS 8,387.00
- CARD SERVICES, OFFICE SPPLS/RADIO EQUIP/MV/EDU/LODGING-EMA/911 1,272.38
- CASSIE KILCHER, C.KILCHER MLG REIMB-SHERIFF 226.80
- CCDA, 2025 DUES-CONSV 100.00
- CHAD HUMPAL, MEAL REIMB-CONSV 34.08
- CHICKASAW CO RECORDER, 2 CANOE REGISTRATION-CONSV 41.30
- CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF, JAN25 COURT FUNDS/POSTAGE REIMB-SHERIFF 1,031.41
- CINTAS CORPORATION #762, FIRST AID RESTOCK/UNIFORMS/CUST SPPLS-SEC RDS 2,529.51
- COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER, COURT RELATED SVCS 41.08
- CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, DIESEL FUEL NH/POWER WASH-ER-SEC RDS 227.23
- CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, WATER/COOLER RENTAL-ATTY/AUDITOR/TREAS/SEC RDS 161.57
- DAVID KRIVACHEK, CUST SPPLS-JAIL/CSB/CRTHS 240.00
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- DONALD W KOSHATKA, TRACK-LOADER REPAIRS-CONSV666.80
- DON'S TRUCK SALES INC, PARTS/STOCK PARTS-SEC RDS 2,825.38
- DOUGLAS KIEL, PRTS/LABOR FOR HOSE REEL BRAKE-EMS 384.35
- E O JOHNSON CO INC, COPY OVERAGES FROM CONTRACT-SEC RDS 128.16
- ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, LODGING/SAFETY ITEMS/FUEL-CONSV 890.31
- ERIC M BARKER, TV MOUNT/INSTALL-EMS 390.00
- EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC, WATER TESTING-CONSV 53.50
- FAREWAY STORES INC, POP MACHINE/WATER-CRTHS/HERITAGE 90.35
- FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, FUEL/DIESEL-SHERIFF/CONSV/SEC RDS 2,639.74
- FARMLAND HARDWARE, GENERAL SPPLS-SEC RDS 10.99
- FASSTENAL COMPANY, HARDWARE-SEC RDS 182.62
- FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, FUEL/DIESEL/PARTS-SHERIFF/EMS/SEC RDS 6,763.91
- FLOYD-MITCHELL-CHICKASAW SOLID WASTE MGT AGENCY, DISPOSAL OF PAINTS/CORROSIVES/PESTICIDES-CONSV 549.00
- FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, FBURG SHOP UTLS/INTERSECTION LIGHT-SEC RDS 106.79
- HLW GROUP LLC, OLD LANDFILL PROF SVCS 3,791.54
- HOMETOWN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL-CSB/CRTHS/JAIL/LEM/HERITAGE/EMS 283.87
- IACME, DUES (4)-MED EXAMINER 400.00
- IDALS-STATE APIARY PROGRAM, BEEHIVE MAINT-CONSV 200.00
- ILLOWA CULVERT & SUPPLY CO, STOCK CULVERTS-SEC RDS 31,117.80
- INDIA WATSON, MEI SVC-MED EXAMINER 243.20
- IOWA ASSOC. OF NATURALISTS, 2025 SPRING IAN WORKSHOP-CONSV 76.00
- IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, CIRCUIT SVCS-911226.00
- IOWA COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSOCIATION, 2025 SUMMER SCHOOL-RECORDER 200.00
- ISAC, TRAINING-CONSV/ASSR 310.00
- ISACA DISTRICT 2 AUDITORS, 2025 DUES-AUDITOR 20.00
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- JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, WALL PLATE/SEALANT/BOLTS-CONSV 11.02
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- KWIK TRIP INC, FUEL-CONSV/

- SHERIFF/HERITAGE/JAIL/EMS/EMA 5,041.42
- L & R MANUFACTURING LLC, PARTS-SEC RDS 809.41
- LAWSON PRODUCTS INC, ELEC PARTS/SPPLS-SEC RDS 1,327.71
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- NASHUA REPORTER, PUBLICATIONS-BOS 1,237.59
- NATIONAL TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, SOAR TRAINING (3)-SHERIFF 2,103.00
- N-EAR INC, DISPATCH HEADSETS-SHERIFF 1,549.90
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- PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC, PEST CONTROL-CONSV35.33
- PRICHARD LAW OFFICE, PC, CRT APPT ATTY/ANNUAL REPORT-CLERK OF COURT977.00
- R & R WELDING INC, PULL OUT TRAY PCS/TRUCK 252-EMA 22.43
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Seven-point move key to sending Rinken to semifinals

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Rinken came up with an escape at the 1:55 mark of the final period to lead 4-0 before taking Delagardelle to his back in what amounted to a seven-point move (takedown plus near-fall points), which ended up being the match-clincher.

"Jayden, he's got enough experience and common sense not to bite on basically what they were trying to throw out there," said Frost. "They were trying a lot of fake shots - a lot of movement. They didn't want to make contact. We had to get closer and reel him in."

Husky 113-pounder Nic Brase had his state title dreams dashed after ninth-seed Cael Stricker (42-9) of Lisbon stunned the N-P senior with a reversal and near-fall points late in the match to advance to the semis by a 10-7 decision.

Brase, the No. 1 seed in his weight class and now 50-6 on the season, led 6-1 after one period, but got caught and put on his back with 57 seconds left in the match for a six-point move (reversal plus back points). That stunning reversal of fortune sends Brase to the backside today, where he'll take on Maxon Monat (41-8) of North Tama in the consolation round.

"You gotta have a lot of composure to stay out there. Brase's in the same kind of situation. We got out of sync there a little bit and stuff. We got a little tired. Thirteen has been a heckuva cut for him to get down there," said Frost. "We just couldn't get it done in the end there."

Brase placed fifth at state as a sophomore and seventh as a junior at 113 pounds. He walked off the mat clearly dejected after Stricker pulled the upset. The mark of a true champion - as Frost knows all too well - is to bounce back after the chips are down and your top goal is no longer on the table.

"He's going to have to earn it," said Frost. "We gotta go home. We gotta regroup. Obviously, it's going to sting. We gotta a lot of time now. We got 24 hours, basically to refocus, eat something and maybe not hold the weight so tight."

N-P juniors Devon Blanchard (46-19) and Eli Kalainoff (34-7) stayed in line for a medal as they both advanced on to day three on Friday with huge wins. Both Husky standouts are competing in their second state meet.

Blanchard pinned Ethan Bauer (37-14) of Coon Rapids-Bayard in his first consolation match (second round) in 3:18 at 157 pounds and edged Central Springs' Caden Gibbons (29-9) by a score of 9-5. The pair have duked it out several times this season with all the matches being close.

Blanchard faces Chase England (45-7) of Lenox in a fourth-round consolation match Friday. England is seeded 10th - Blanchard is listed at No. 14.

Kalainoff (190 pounds) dominated Caleb Christensen (43-13) of Nodaway Valley by technical fall (17-1) then proceeded to stick Woodbine's Lucas Olson (33-7) in 1:00 in his final matchup on Thursday.

Kalainoff, seeded 17th, battles No. 6 seed Emmetsburg's Ryan Wirtz (32-5) to start Friday's second session.

"They're doable. The matches we wrestle are going to be tight," said Frost about Kalainoff and Blanchard's opponents on Friday.

N-P freshman 106-pounder Lincoln Huck impressed the large crowd in attendance at "Well" that braved the frigid



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield coaches Ben Kalainoff and Al Frost (above) talk with Eli Kalainoff during a "blood timeout" while the Huskies' Jayden Rinken (right) works for a takedown during his quarterfinal match against Don Bosco's Kanaan Delagardelle Thursday afternoon.



temperatures with a crazy finish to his match versus Josh Nelson (37-17) of Nodaway Valley. Huck shocked Nelson with a five-point move (takedown, near-fall two points) right in the front of the scorer's table with just four seconds left to claim a 13-10 decision.

"Lincoln Huck did great. He got two matches. It's pretty tough to get two wins down here," said Frost.

Landon Bell (20-10) of Highland pinned Huck (47-15), which ended the rising star's tournament.

N-P freshman Jagger White (38-25) wrapped up his tournament at 120 pounds, as did Husky sophomore Kolbie Vance (32-21) in the 126-pound weight class. Both wrestlers went 0-2 over the course of the first two days of the tournament, which feature 24-man brackets.

TOP 10 TEAMS AND N-P THROUGH THURSDAY
Don Bosco 107.5, Alburnett 83.5, Wilton 63.5, Woodbury Central 51.5, Jesup 48, Riversside 46.5, Osage 44.5, Underwood 42.5, West Branch 42.5, Lisbon 41, 16. Nashua-Plainfield 34.

WEDNESDAY FIRST ROUND
106: Lincoln Huck dec. Cooper Frost (Wapsie Valley), 4-2.
120: Taylor Kibbee (Janesville) maj. dec. Jagger White, 13-0.
126: Davis Bramman (Riverside) pinned Kolbie Vance, 3:08.
157: Devon Blanchard maj. dec. Carter Wilgenbusch (East Buchanan), 12-4.
190: Hayden Heun (Underwood) OT dec. Eli Kalainoff, 10-7.

WEDNESDAY SECOND ROUND
106: Ethan Humphrey (West Branch) pinned Huck, 0:46.
113: Nic Brase pinned Hunter Hodina (BGM), 2:46.
132: Jayden Rinken tech fall JJ Callahan (Alburnett), 16-1.
157: Zane Mullenix (Pleasantville) pinned Blanchard, 0:58.

THURSDAY SECOND ROUND CONSOLATION
106: Huck dec. Josh Nelson (Nodaway Valley), 13-10.
120: Max Millage (Earlham) tech fall White, 16-1.
126: Jasper Sonberg (Osage) pinned Vance, 1:39.
157: Blanchard pinned Ethan Bauer (Coon Rapids-Bayard), 3:18.
190: Kalainoff tech fall Caleb Christensen (Nodaway Valley), 17-1.

THURSDAY QUARTERFINALS
113: Cael Stricker (Lisbon) dec. Brase, 10-7.
132: Rinken maj. dec. Kanaan Delagardelle (Don Bosco), 11-0.

THURSDAY THIRD ROUND CONSOLATION
106: Landon Bell (Highland) pinned Huck, 4:48.
157: Blanchard dec. Caden Gibbons (Central Springs), 9-5.
190: Kalainoff pinned Lucas Olson (Woodbine), 1:00.



Nashua-Plainfield's Kolbie Vance takes a shot to the leg of Riverside's Davis Bramman during a 126-pound first-round match Wednesday night.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbart, Carter, Cerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Suckow. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Kathy Shekleton, EMS Director Joel Knutson

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbart to approve the agenda for February 10, 2025 with changes: Moving 9:10 AM, 9:40 AM, 10:15 AM, 10:30, and 11:00 AM to Tuesday Meeting, February 11, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Carter, Breitbart, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbart to approve the meeting minutes from February 3, 2025 and February 4, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Breitbart, Carter, Hackman. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Discussed bids and estimate from Heartland Insurance Company for repair plans for water damage at the Heritage Center. No action taken and additional agenda will be posted to go through the bids on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

No public comment. Motion by Breitbart, seconded by Carter to approve installing emergency lights in the courthouse and approve Angell Electric's bid of \$873.63 for installation. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbart, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Discussed compensation for Stapleton Township Clerk and Township Trustees and no action was taken.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbart to approve and authorize chair's signature on a Memorandum of Understanding with Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling (MACH) for vehicle tracking for the EMS. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Breitbart, Carter, Hackman. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Discussed budget amendment #2 for FY24-25. Budget work session.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbart to approve payroll check date February 7, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Breitbart, Carter, Hackman. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbart, seconded by Carter to approve prior bills in the amount of \$104.88. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbart, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbart to approve claims in the amount of \$160,331.76. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Breitbart, Carter, Hackman. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Supervisor Breitbart, January 27, First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbart to adjourn at 9:41 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Carter, Breitbart, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

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

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Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the agenda for February 11, 2025 and the addition agenda for February 11, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussed FY25-26 budget with Public Health Director Lisa Welter.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve Law Enforcement Contract for the City of Fredericksburg and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinske, Breitbart, Carter, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbart to approve Law Enforcement Contract for the City of Nashua and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: Ayes: Carter, Breitbart, Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve Drive Through Contract for the City of Basset and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Carter, Breitbart, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbart, seconded by Cerwinske to approve Drive Through Contract for the City of Ionias and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbart, Cerwinske, Suckow, Carter, Hackman. Motion carried.

Carter to approve Drive Through Contract for the City of North Washington and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbart, Carter, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve Dispatch Contract for City of New Hampton and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Carter, Breitbart, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed FY25-26 budget with Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Discussed FY25-26 budget with Veterans Affairs Commission Member Katy Kuehn.

Discussed FY25-26 budget with Conservation Director Chad Humpal. Recessed: 10:43 AM Resumed: 10:46 AM

Discussed FY25-26 budget request of \$178,150.00 with EMA Director Jeff Bernatz. Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to give EMA \$130,000.00 from General Supplement.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Cerwinske to award the repair of the Heritage Center to the lowest bidders: Dungey's Furniture & Flooring - \$12,506.00, Gage Plumbing & Heating, Ince - \$6,450.00, Reicherts Carpentry - \$4,550.00, and Stanton Electric LLC - \$2,833.00. Total-\$26,339.00

Discussed Landfill stipend that a Supervisor received with citizen Terry Johnson. Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have Supervisor Cerwinske donate \$356.00 by February 14, 2025.

Discussed FY24-25 budget amendment #2.

Budget work session.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 12:34 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET Board of Supervisors of CHICKASAW COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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Meeting Date/Time: 3/3/2025 09:10 AM Contact: SHEILA SHEKLETON Phone: (641) 394-2100

Meeting Location: Boardroom, 2nd floor of the Courthouse, 8 E Prospect, New Hampton, IA 50659

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on February 17, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanjizger. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Nick Henningsen Water/Wastewater Supervisor, Dannon Mohs Nashua Area EMS Chief, and Zade McCall Street Superintendent were present along with 2 guests. Bryan McCombs from Shuck Britson Structural Engineering attended remotely.

Council member Willsher/M to approve the regular agenda after moving item 12(F) Action/Discussion to approve the survey along the sheet pile wall to after citizen comments. J/Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting February 3, 2025; Building Permit:102 Charles City Road; and the Consent Calendar Payment of Claims: (January 31-February 13, 2025) \$43,521.30 + \$10,860.48 (Wages) See Claims Report.

General Fund: \$14,611.42 Urban Revitalization: \$490.00 Road Use: \$4,837.09 Employee Benefit: \$68.02 Economic Development: \$1,000.00 Dam Repair After FEMA: \$12,861.50 Perm Funds: Lib. Watson: \$745.78 Water: \$12,035.96 Sewer: \$7,732.01 Total Funds: \$54,381.78 J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher asked for public comments: There were none. Bryan McCombs wasn't connected, so the council moved on until he got connected.

Hearings/Resolutions: J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to set the Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Levy Rate for a Special Meeting March 24, 2024.

Business of the Mayor: Mayor Kelleher thanked the city guys for their job with snow removal, he wanted to ask the citizens to make sure they keep the area by fire hydrants cleared out, and to let everyone know that he will be issuing citations for parking on the street/public right of way during snow clearing. He will also be issuing citations for Dog at Large Code Violations.

Department Reports: City Clerk Ott reviewed the January financial reports and informed the council that bank reconciliation has been completed and is ready for review. He reviewed the FY'25/26 proposed property tax levy and discussed some of the tax rates for the council to consider for next year's budget. He also discussed the possibility of using some of the remaining ARPA funds for the Parkson Spiral Screen or Jetco SCADA system. He informed the council that those would be appropriate expenses because they were under contract prior to the December 31, 2024, deadline and the Resolution for the use of ARPA funds states that the funds

can be used for the wastewater treatment plant. The council agreed with City Clerk Ott's suggestion.

City Council: They had no information to report. Bryan McCombs from Shuck Britson informed the council about further scouring of the apron that may have occurred outside the current scope of work on the downstream side of the sheet pile wall. Bryan noted that it is a little concerning because it wasn't there with the previous underwater inspection, so to find out what is there the city would need to have a survey completed. He explained that the city currently has about 19 extra blocks and if it is an isolated hole, we may be able to use some of those blocks to fill in the scour area. One council member inquired about the blocks washing downstream because there was nothing to contain them, but Bryan informed him that they would be in a hole, so there would be no way that the water flow would be able to push them downstream. He also noted that that would be part of the repair plan and might not even be a part of the plan, but the survey would let them know what they are dealing with. He informed the council that it would be less expensive to do the survey now while all of the equipment is still here, so he recommended that the council get the survey completed to at least see what the scour area is and then they can decide later if they want to move ahead with a repair plan. After discussion, J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to have the survey completed for an estimated cost of \$3,000. RC: all ayes.

Nick Henningsen Water/Wastewater Supervisor wanted to address the water loss. We pumped 3 million gallons and billed for 2.2 million gallons. There were two leaks which were a large part of the water loss. He also noted that the leak along Hwy 346 was a water main that has never been located. There were three 4" mains within several feet of each other and there were no shut offs on the line. One council member asked if they installed a shut off when they did the dig. Nick said they did not because they needed to get out of there as soon as possible. He noted that the dig isn't done because they are going to have to dig up the gravel and redo the asphalt this spring. He also noted that the leak by well #3 is fixed, but it was another one that they were not able to shut off. He informed the council that Iowa Rural Water has a tool that the city can use to exercise water valves, and they will be exercising valves this spring. He informed the council that the new SCADA system is currently being installed. He talked about the issues with getting the Parkson Spiral screen ordered and set up for installation and the miscommunications that have delayed the project. He discussed a loud motor at the wastewater treatment plant that is burning out at the clarifier, but said we will just have to let it run its course. It could last 2 weeks or 2 years, but it is loud. It is a common motor, so it could be replaced in a couple of days if it does go out. He also vented about the area up by Bayou Dr. that complains about their sewers backing up every time it rains. He said that they probably pulled out 50-100lbs of flushable wipes out of the area and even when they got the sewer

cleared and you could see sewer come through you could see more wipes that would come through the line. He stated that there were probably 200lbs of wipes that came through the system. He noted that it doesn't matter what the city does, if they continue to put wipes down the sewer they will continue to have issues. He said relining may help for a while, but eventually they are going to get stuck again and cause the same problem or they will just get stuck further down the line. Nick also talked about a huge leak down at the mobile home park which is leaking about 80-90K gallons per day. Nick said that the owner is trying to get it fixed and acknowledged his efforts. They found out that the pipe is a PVC type material which isn't permitted because it can't handle the line pressure. He also mentioned that it probably has several cracks in it, but they are working on a resolution to get that fixed as well.

Dannon Mohs Nashua Area EMS Chief discussed trading in our current ambulance for a newer one. He found a 2012 Chevy G4500 with approximately 102,000 miles and includes swapping out the Stryker, but it does not include the decals. The cost of the vehicle is \$38,000 and they would give \$10,000 for our current unit on trade. After discussion, J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve trading in our current ambulance for this ambulance. RC: all ayes.

Zade McCall Street Superintendent gave his monthly report. He informed the council that the leaf spring on one of the dump trucks broke off and so it is getting repaired, but he didn't know how much it was going to cost. He shared information from an estimate from Hannemann Construction to remove the existing doors at the city shed and replacing it with one new 20' x 10' 6" overhead door. This includes removing the block on the exterior of building that runs past the roof and capping it. There would be two 3' sections of wall on each side of the door that will be framed, insulated and steel applied to both sides. The bid includes removing the existing east door, framing up opening, insulating, and closing off both sides with steel. The bid was \$28,800. This will be on the next agenda for further discussion/action.

Heather Hackman Library Director shared a monthly report with the council. Discussion/Action: The council discussed and/or acted on several matters.

The council discussed two waiver of service fee requests. The first one for 600 Wentling St. Mobile Home Park. The leak at this location has not been fixed yet due to the weather. The council wanted to charge their average usage until everything gets fixed and then they will work on a resolution. The next one was 801 Madison St. which had a leak for about 5 days and then it looks like the leak stopped, but there were no repairs completed according to the property owner. After discussion, S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the Request for Waiver of Service Fee for 801 Madison St. RC: all ayes.

City Clerk Ott discussed the nuisance abatement for 123 Lexington Ave. He informed the council of where they are at in the abatement process. He told them that the next steps were to have another hearing and give the property owner the right to appeal, but if the council wasn't ready to move forward with obtaining bids and setting action they shouldn't move forward at this time. Council member J. Johnson asked Mayor Kelleher his thoughts and he said he thought they needed to move forward. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to move forward with the nuisance abatement process. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed the issue with Dog at Large Code of Ordinance violations. City Attorney Skilton had recommended that a photo of the dog outside their property needs to be taken and recommended two or more incidents is best with a warning for the owners after incident #1. He also noted that the letter can be the warning. After discussion, S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to utilize the Sheriff's Report as the 1st warning, but in addition to the Sheriff's Report, the city will write a written warning to the dog owner notifying them of the offense and letting them know another violation will result in a \$500.00 fine. RC: all ayes.

City Clerk Ott talked with the council about the possibility of utilizing a franchise fee vs. LOST for gas and electric bills from MidAmerican Energy. The advantage is that the city would receive all of the revenue from the franchise fee instead of only getting a portion that is divided by the State of Iowa based on population like LOSST. City Clerk Ott will gather more information to present to the council.

S. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve a 3-person team to attend the Iowa Rural Housing Summit April 9-11, 2025. They also approved paying 50% of the hotel for a Chamber of Commerce Member to attend if there aren't 3 council or office staff who are available to attend. RC: all ayes. The cost of an individual to attend is \$321.96 and a 3 person team is \$375.32 because they are trying to encourage community participation.

Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the proposal from Calhoun Burns for Routine Visual Inspection and Reporting for the Charles City Road Bridge FHWA NO. 008480 for \$850,000 and also to approve the Emergency Vehicle and All Systems Overweight Permit analysis and rating work. RC: all ayes.

City Clerk Ott discussed the Derelect Building Grant and asked if the city should apply for the grant and if so, what building they would like to use for the application. J. Johnson/M, and Willsher/S, M/C to approve applying for the grant for 305 Main St. RC: all ayes. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the Veteran's History Worksheet for Use on the Nashua Area Veteran's Website and at the Veteran's Hall Kiosk. RC: all ayes.

City Clerk Ott asked the council to review the Code of Ordinances that he provided, so they can be discussed at the next regular council meeting March 3rd. Other Business: There was no other business. S. Johnson/M to adjourn. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

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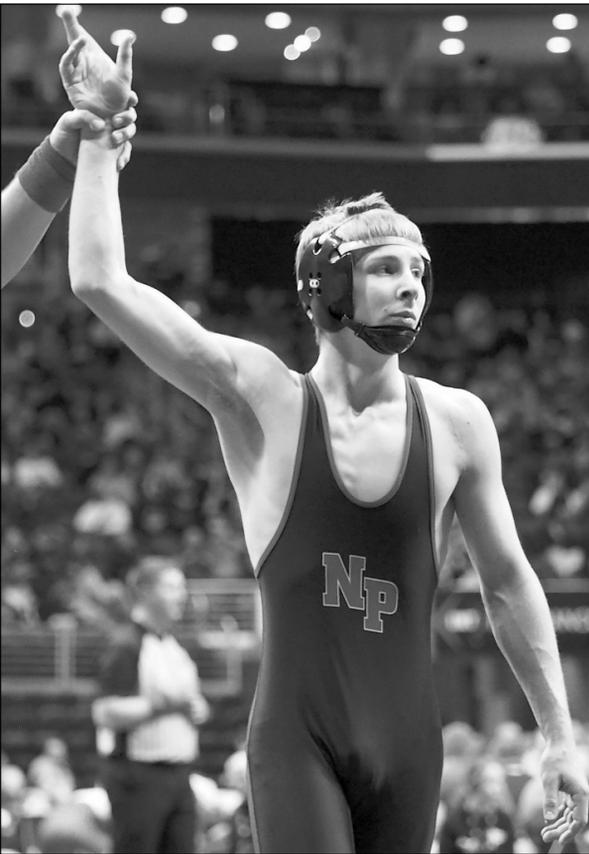
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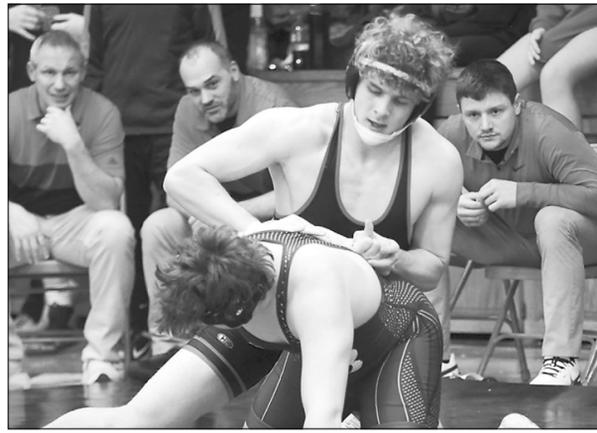
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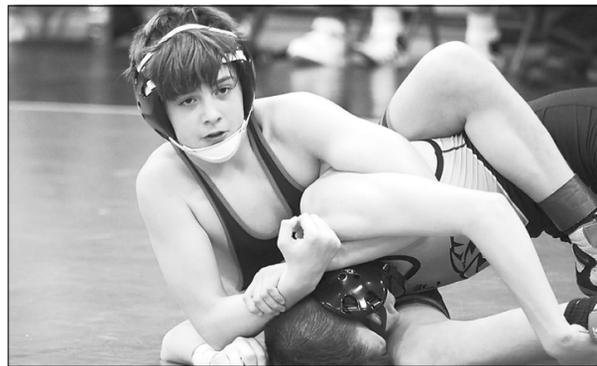
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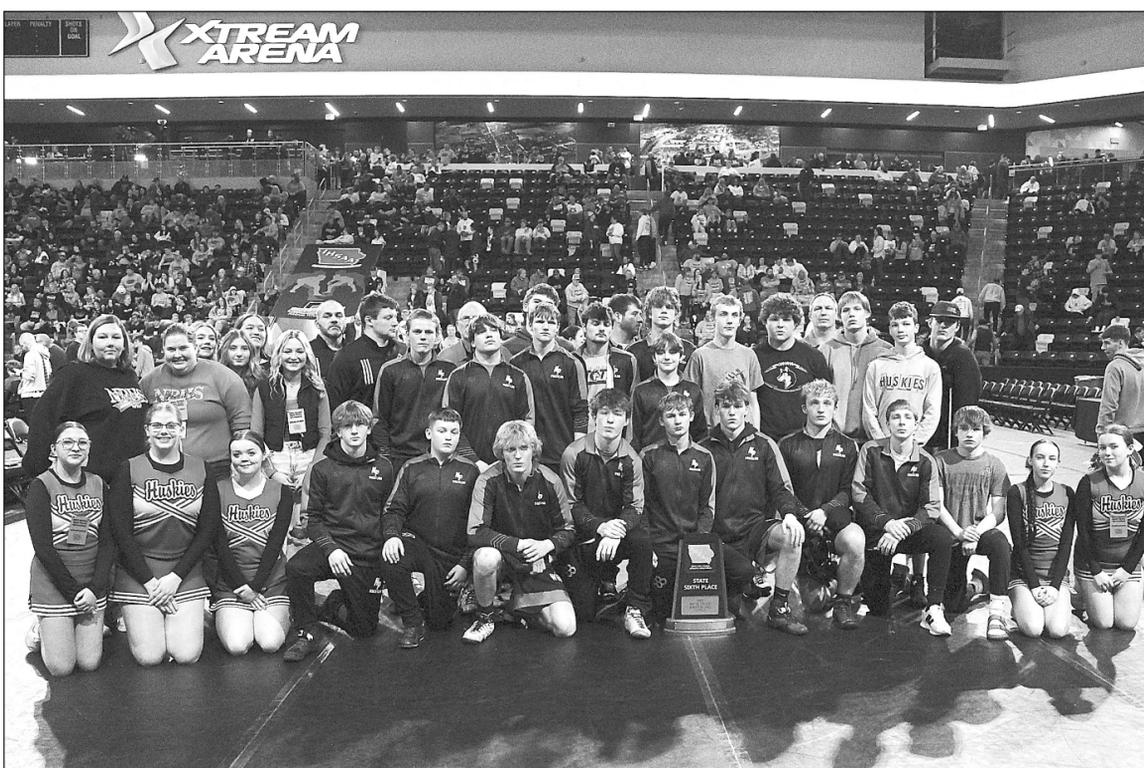
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Huskies experience bittersweet district

Nashua-Plainfield wins team title, sends seven to state but was hoping for more

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

To his credit, Nashua-Plainfield senior Nic Brase has not missed a day of practice in his four years out on the mat for head coach Al Frost.

It showed on Saturday at the Class 1A district meet in Monona, hosted by MFL MarMac.

While several Husky wrestlers fell short of their ultimate goal in the state qualifier – Brase did not.

He wasn't alone as seven N-P grapplers vaulted themselves into the state tournament on a day that Frost summed up in a one word – bittersweet.

Dreams and aspirations of sending double-digit state qualifiers to state like the last two seasons – 23 all told if you're counting, including a school record 13 in 20023 – did not materialize for any number of reasons.

"Some things happen sometimes that you can't control. We went out there and gave it our hardest," said Brase who pinned both his opponents over the weekend in less than a minute. "It's the postseason – anything can happen."

Brase (44-5) is ranked fourth at 120 pounds, but decided to bump down a weight class to 113, where he's placed fifth and seventh, respectively, in each of the last two traditional state tournaments. He is seeded No. 1 at that 113-pound weight bracket in Class 1A.

The expectations are always high at Nashua-Plainfield – a powerhouse program that Frost has built since the late '80s – so when near misses occurred and so-called upsets took place that prevented the Huskies from sending down a horde of wrestlers down to Des Moines, it was a tad disappointing.

"It is bittersweet. I'm hurt for the guys that didn't make it," said Frost. "I'm always that way, though, especially guys that have made it before and they didn't make it this year. That's an emotional situation for me."

But don't get it twisted, the Huskies held their head high in loss and in victory en route to a district championship that produced 197 points.

"It's not like we did anything wrong. The cards just weren't dealt out in the right direction today," said Frost, in his 36th and final season as he'll retire from coaching after "Championship Saturday" is complete later this weekend.

But like almost every district meet that has come before it in a century of prep wrestling in the state – there's pure heartache and the flip side to that coin, ultimate jubilation.

Frost just wished more of his wrestlers would have experienced the latter.

"We didn't peak. We wrestled respectably," said Frost. "I can't take anything away from the guys, but we did not peak. At this time of the year, you just about gotta peak in every performance. We just did not reach that peak moment today."

There were highs – like Brase's 100th career pin that cemented his fourth trip down to "The Well with an aim to medal three years in a row.

"I think anything's possible down there. My main focus is just getting out there and doing what I know I'm capable of," said Brase. "I really want to make the state finals."

And there were lows – like seventh-ranked senior Jackson Carey (26-4) at 165 pounds, who was stunned in the semifinals and exited the tournament without a farewell trip down to Wells Fargo Arena. He's a two-time state qualifier and finished eighth on the podium last year at 157. Not feeling your best and dealing with an ailing shoulder are sometimes opponents that are tougher to face than the one standing in front of you.

"Jackson's sick. It's what we've been battling all year long – over and over and over and over again," said Frost. "It never seems to end. I don't get it. I don't understand what has gone on with immunity systems these days, but we have battled sickness since basically Christmas break. It just continues to go around. That's what took Jackson Carey out. He just doesn't have the strength."

Carey, who put Maquoketa Valley's Dalton Africa (26-24) in a near-fall position early in their semifinal match, found himself on the wrong end of a turn and ended up getting stuck in 2:15 early in the second period. Carey and the coaching staff decided to medically forfeit the rest of the tournament.

"It's definitely probably disappointing for him. It was one of his season-long goals he's been training for all year," said No. 1 ranked 132-pound Husky senior Jayden Rinken (54-0), who will chase his second state title this weekend after thoroughly dominating third-ranked Brock Morris (37-6) of Cascade in his finals match, 13-0. Rinken, like Brase, is seeded No. 1.

But Carey wasn't alone in his pain and frustration – just ask senior 285-pounder Isaac Jones (39-21) or sophomore Luke Zwanziger (43-12) at 138. Their road stopped short of Des Moines and ended on Saturday – but what a season it was for those committed wrestlers in one of the nation's best prep wrestling states.

Jones, a state qualifier last year, lost to two opponents he's beaten before – 11th-ranked Will Howes (37-5) of MFL MarMac and No. 10 Antoni Solovi (40-6) of Postville.

Zwanziger, seeded third, was pinned by Clayton Ridge second seed Kenny Colsch (44-11) in just 51 seconds. He also lost his third-place match to Gavin Kishman (33-16) of MFL MarMac in the third-place match.

"I feel bad for 'Jones.' I feel bad for Luke

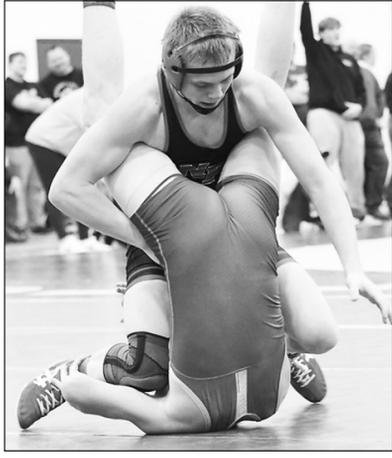


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Nashua-Plainfield's Eli Kalainoff punches his ticket to state with a pin of Cascade's Cason Rausch in the 190-pound true second match.



Nashua-Plainfield's Isaac Jones (above) and Luke Zwanziger (below) compete at what proved to be a highly competitive district meet Saturday.



Zwanziger. Luke has worked his tail off since day one. He's always been there for the team," said Frost. "Jones is the same way. He's beaten those two guys before. You know the heavyweights. Heavyweights can go any direction at any point in time. It just didn't fall in our favor today."

This much is probably true, in a district that N-P had hopes of dominating – the gathering of teams was a lot deeper and better than the one penciled in on paper.

"It was an interesting district. There were so many kids we didn't see throughout the season," said Frost. "There were not opportunities to really scout kids. When our tournament got canceled we lost a couple opportunities to see a couple more teams and not knowing what everybody's got. Sure, you can look at a record, but you can't devise everything from what that record says."

There were also plenty of exciting and a whole host of success stories for N-P like freshman Jagger White (38-23), a 106-pounder according to Frost that bumped up to 120 and will be wrestling at state for the first time.

N-P freshman 106-pounder Lincoln Huck (45-13) will join White as first-timers in Des Moines after placing second in his weight class, just like White.

N-P sophomore Kolbie Vance (32-19) trusted in his skills out on the mat and bounced back after a 7-2 loss to Sumner-Fredericksburg's Sam Egan in the finals to win his wrestleback in lightning-quick fashion with a pin over Jack Kluesner of Dyersville Beckman in just 53 seconds. He will also be wrestling at state for the first time.

"After I lost I stayed out of my head and didn't focus on it. I just stayed positive so I could make it to the state tournament," said Vance. "Confidence is definitely huge. I haven't had a lot of confidence all year until now. It's definitely a confidence booster now that I made it to the state tournament."

Devon Blanchard, a junior, reached a milestone along with several of his Husky teammates as he has now won 100 career victories, as has Jones. Rinken now stands among an elite group in state lore with 200 career victories, something less than 30 prep wrestlers all-time can say in Iowa.

Blanchard (43-18) qualified for state for the second year in a row at 157.

N-P junior Eli Kalainoff (32-6), who was hurt last year and did not wrestle at districts, will also be making a return trip to Des Moines at 190 pounds. He cracked state as a freshman at 160 pounds. Kalainoff, who was also feeling ill Saturday, picked himself off the mat, dusted himself off and returned to state-caliber form after getting pinned by Clayton Davis (40-13) of Maquoketa Valley in the third period (5:57) of the semis.

Kalainoff, seeded second and ranked 12th, would pin No. 1 seed Anthony

Harrington (30-5) of Midland in his third-place match. He lived to see another day as he was allowed a wrestleback and took full advantage by sticking Cason Rausch (29-17) of Cascade in the first period. That win by fall produced one of the biggest roars from the Husky contingent of fans that made the haul over near the Mississippi River.

"I was not feeling the best this morning. People could probably tell how they saw me wrestle today. That's not at all what I should have wrestled. I got the job done, now it's get back to work and get ready for state," said Kalainoff.

Kalainoff got to it quickly after the loss to Davis by pinning Juan Garcia (8-6) of Postville in just 28 seconds in his consolation semifinal match.

"All the coaches and Frost were telling me, keep grinding – keep working," said Kalainoff. "There's always a chance that I could get third and have a chance at a wrestleback, which I did. It was hard coming back from losing a semis' match to a kid I should have beat."

Rinken will look to remain unblemished this year and join his older brother Garret Rinken (2023 N-P grad) as the only two-time state title winners in N-P history.

"In the finals match I knew he was pretty highly regarded in the rest of the state. I just go out there and wrestle my match and hopefully it traces over to the state tournament next week," said Rinken.

As bad as Frost felt for those who didn't make it, by the time Saturday's meet ended he was already looking ahead to the trip to Des Moines.

"We gotta refocus, obviously, on a smaller number of kids than I thought we'd get," said Frost. "Now we gotta go down there and go to the next level."

CLASS 1A DISTRICT TEAM SCORES
(Number of state qualifiers in parenthesis)
Nashua-Plainfield (7) 197, Dyersville Beckman (3) 120, Sumner-Fredericksburg (3) 105.5, MFL MarMac (4) 96, Maquoketa Valley (4) 88.5, Clayton Ridge (1) 79, Cascade (3) 78, Postville (2) 65, Midland (0) 55, Bellevue (1) 46.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS
(State qualifiers in bold)

106 - Lincoln Huck placed second. Semifinal - Huck dec. Michael Elmers (SF), 1-0. 1st Place Match - Jesus Lara (CR) pinned Huck, 1-07.

113 - Nic Brase placed first. Semifinal - Brase pinned Braxton Wilcox (SF), 0:32. 1st Place Match - Brase pinned Tacoma Thompson (MFL), 0:44.

120 - Jagger White placed second. Semifinal - White maj. dec. Nathan Rickels (MID), 11-2. 1st Place Match - Jase Jones (SF) pinned White, 5:07.

126 - Kolbie Vance placed second. Semifinal - Vance tech. fall Gael Torres (POST), 17-1. 1st Place Match - Sam Egan (SF) dec. Vance, 7-2. 2nd Place Match - Vance pinned Jack Kluesner (DB), 0:53.

132 - Jayden Rinken placed first. Semifinal - Rinken pinned Linkan Suckow (SF), 1:40. 1st Place Match - Rinken maj. dec. Brock Morris (CASC), 13-0.

138 - Luke Zwanziger placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Zwanziger pinned Wyatt Tracy (MD), 1:54. Semifinal - Kenny Colsch (CR) pinned Zwanziger, 0:51. Cons. Semi - Zwanziger pinned Ryder Larson (SF), 1:06. 3rd Place Match - Gavin Kishman (MFL) dec. Zwanziger, 10-7.

144 - Lucas Sinnwell placed fourth. Quarterfinal - Sinnwell pinned Aiden Harms (BELL), 2:58. Semifinal - Shawn Brunsman (DB) tech. fall Sinnwell, 18-2. Cons. Semi - Sinnwell pinned Rylan Graves (MID), 0:29. 3rd Place Match - Anthony Sandoval (CR) won in sudden victory over Sinnwell, 11-8.

150 - Tyler Zimmer did not place. Quarterfinal - Zimmer pinned Isaiah Burns (POST), 0:27. Semifinal - Kalvin Manternach (CASC) maj. dec. Zimmer, 15-3. Cons. Semi - Rylan Schroeder (MFL) pinned Zimmer, 1:09.

157 - Devon Blanchard placed second. Quarterfinal - Blanchard pinned John Martins (MFL), 1:10. Semifinal - Blanchard pinned Steven Roling (DB), 1:00. 1st Place Match - Jake Hiland (BELL) maj. dec. Blanchard, 13-2.

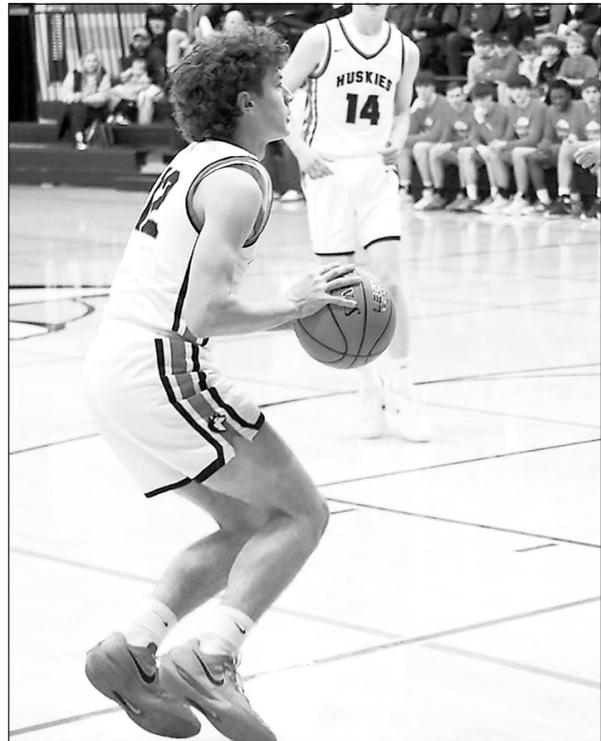
165 - Jackson Carey did not place. Quarterfinal - Carey pinned Colson Friederick (CR), 0:23. Semifinal - Dalton Africa (MV) pinned Carey, 2:15. Cons. Semi - Jordan Cannon (SF) won by medical forfeit over Carey.

175 - Aiden Gelner placed third. Quarterfinal - Gelner pinned Blayne Tharp (BELL), 3:40. Semifinal - Gelner won in sudden victory over Dane Ballou (MID), 13-10. 1st Place Match - Noah Henderson (SF) tech. fall Gelner, 19-3. 2nd Place Match - Cody Hageman (DB) dec. Gelner, 10-3.

190 - Eli Kalainoff placed second. Quarterfinal - Kalainoff pinned Brian Roeder (DB), 0:23. Semifinal - Clayton Davis (MV) pinned Kalainoff, 5:57. Cons. Semi - Kalainoff pinned Juan Garcia (POST), 0:28. 3rd Place Match - Kalainoff dec. Anthony Harrington (MID), 10-3. 2nd Place Match - Kalainoff pinned Cason Rausch (CASC), 1:27.

215 - Jaxon McDonald placed third. Quarterfinal - Nicholas Cox (CR) pinned McDonald, 4:24. Cons. Semi - McDonald pinned Dracen Howe (MFL), 2:53. 3rd Place Match - McDonald tech. fall Cox (CR), 17-0. 2nd Place Match - Sam Acevedo (POST) pinned McDonald, 1:55.

285 - Isaac Jones placed third. Quarterfinal - Jones pinned Bayne Manternach (CASC), 1:22. Semifinal - Jones pinned Erik Boge (DB), 5:07. 1st Place Match - Will Howes (MFL) dec. Jones, 4-1. 2nd Place Match - Antoni Solovi (POST) dec. Jones, 6-3.



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Nashua-Plainfield's Landon Foelske (above) gets ready to take a shot and teammate Trent Rodruck (below) drives into the lane during Monday's playoff game.

'Little things' cost Huskies in first-round playoff exit

Boys Hoops: FROM 10

game. That was a bloody game," said Mueller. "If we can't score 40 to win that ... it was tough."

Nashua-Plainfield scored its lowest point total of the season, sans a 52-29 loss at home versus Osage that started the Huskies' five-game losing streak to the end of the season.

"I felt like North Butler played their best game they've probably played all year at the right time. They did. They played well. Defensively, they were really good," said Mueller. "Offensively, they did enough. They made enough plays out there."

It was clear from the get-go that the third game in the season series between these two TIC East foes was going to be more or less a defensive, slow-down game that was brutal on the blocks. The score was tied at 18-18 at halftime.

"We couldn't get out on the breaks, other than maybe one earlier in the game," said Mueller. "We just had a hard time getting in a rhythm out there like we normally do. They did a good job of making everything difficult."

N-P won the first meeting between the close-proximity rivals in Nashua by a score of 45-44 in the last game before Christmas break. North Butler returned the favor in the regular season finale, winning 53-48 the week prior to the district tilt in a game where N-P's best all-around player and leading scorer, Matthew Malven, did not play because of an ankle injury sustained against West Fork.

Malven, who averaged over 15 points a game in 2024-2025, finished with six points on 2-for-6 shooting. He was also 2-for-6 from the charity stripe. Mueller didn't think his star guard not being at full strength played a major role in the outcome of the final game of the season for N-P.

"I don't think that was a factor in the game," said Mueller. "He would have told me if he couldn't go. He looked good to me that he was going to play."

N-P (12-10) raced out to an 8-0 lead over the Bearcats from the opening tip and looked to run away and hide. North Butler's Brody Wangness' deep 3-pointer from the wing that beat the first-quarter buzzer would end up looming large, as NB trailed just 12-7 headed into the second period.

Wangness would tally 13 points to lead the Bearcats in scoring.

N-P junior forward Jake

Smith's deep 2-point jumper just inside the 3-point arc gave N-P a 22-18 lead with 7:21 left in the third period.

The game would go back and forth the rest of the way with several lead changes and ties. N-P junior center Trent Rodruck's putback tied the game at 36-36.

As with almost every nip-and-tuck game, every "minor" aspect of the game usually ends up affecting the larger, overall outcome.

"How important are little things in a game like that, though?" said Mueller. "The missed free throws and you miss a shot inside that we normally make. You can't do that stuff and expect to beat really good teams."

N-P juniors Avery Mueller and Landon Foelske led the Huskies in scoring with nine points apiece. Foelske finished with 10 rebounds and Mueller sank two out of his 3-point attempts.

"They did two things to us really well. We had a hard time getting 3's and we had a hard time getting to the rim," said the N-P head coach. "Usually, you get one or the other. If a team defensively can do that to you, it's going to be a rough night on offense."

Despite the loss and the difficult end to the season, it was a very promising year for the Huskies, who will return its entire starting lineup. The squad sports an impressive junior class that will only look to get better in the offseason and when regular season games start back up this coming November.

"This team's got all the parts. I've had a lot less talent on teams than this. They're going to be one of the more talented teams in the conference. Can they come together, put their egos to the side and do what's best every play for the team? That's probably our biggest thing," Mueller said.

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Matthew Malven 2-6 2-6 6, Landon Foelske 3-9 2-4 9, Jake Smith 2-14 0-0 4, Jase Hansen 2-6 1-2 5, Avery Mueller 3-5 1-2 9, Braeden Mitchell 0-1 0-0 0, Trent Rodruck 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 13-43 7-16 38.

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

Rebounds - Foelske 10, Smith 5, Rodruck 5, Mueller 5, Malven 2, Hansen 2.

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

Steals - Hansen 3, Smith 2, Malven 1, Rodruck 1.

Blocks - Malven 1.



North Butler delivers heartbreak to Huskies

Late Bearcats' bucket ends N-P boys' season

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

In a knock-down, drag-out fight, the claws of the Bearcats were too sharp for these Huskies.

North Butler junior Jax Throne scored his lone bucket of the game with just a few ticks left on the clock as the Bearcats stole one from the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies Monday evening in district play by a 38-36 score.

Thorne's wide-open layup conversion was especially painful for the Husky faithful as the N-P 5-9 guard was wide open on the layup under N-P's hoop after an inbounds pass was delivered on time with three seconds left.

North Butler head coach Austin Guerrero had burned a timeout with six seconds left to set up the game-winner. The Bearcats gained possession of the ball with 11 seconds remaining in regulation after a Husky turnover on the other end.

"That's the thing, we just own up to it," said N-P head coach Matt Mueller, about the defensive lapse as the clock wound



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Jase Hansen (above) throws a pass while teammate Matthew Malven (below) looks down the court during Monday's Class 1A district game.

down. North Butler stole N-P's ensuing inbounds pass after the game-winner and the Bearcats stormed the court after the celebratory nail-biter was registered in their win column.

"That was a hard-fought

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Devon Blanchard picks up nearfall points against East Buchanan's Carter Wilgenbusch during his first-round match at the Class 1A state wrestling tournament Wednesday night.

Huskies keep four alive at state

Rinken moves into semifinals; Brase, Blanchard, Kalainoff still in hunt for medals at 1A meet

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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He's back!!!

Top-seed and No. 1 ranked Husky senior Jayden Rinken left little doubt as to who's the man to beat at 132 pounds in Class 1A as the Nashua-Plainfield grappling star picked up the pace in the third period to launch himself into the semifinals on Thursday afternoon at the state wrestling tournament in downtown Des Moines.



Rinken

Rinken earned an 11-0 major decision over Don Bosco's Kannan Delagardelle (18-11). Rinken beat Delagardelle 4-0 in the opening round of his first state title run as a sophomore back in 2023.

"He's a tough kid. He knows how to wrestle. He definitely knows what I wanted to do so he could defend it," said Rinken, whose older brother is current UNI 125-pounder Garret Rinken, who won two state titles for himself at N-P.

Rinken, a state champ at 106 pounds as a sophomore, will look to climb the ladder and reel in a second state crown just like his older sibling did at N-P. His penultimate match before the finals is versus Breyden Scheffers (40-4) of I-35 in the semis today (Friday).

"It was definitely emotional because I wasn't able to compete like this last year," said Rinken. "I'm super glad I can compete this year."

Rinken was stopped short of his goal of back-to-back state crowns last year as a junior as he hurt his shoulder at state duals and ended up medically forfeiting the rest of his traditional state tournament in 2024.

"I'm trying to get this for myself. It's also an accomplishment for him to try to go out and prove myself again," said Rinken about his head coach Al Frost, who is putting the finishing touches on his final season at N-P.

Frost has led the Huskies to two state dual crowns (2004, 2012) in his 30 plus years of leading one of the state's best small-school class programs and announced before the season that he is retiring from coaching after this week.

Rinken, now 56-0, encountered something on Thursday he hadn't experienced all that much this season in the first three minutes of a match - a goose egg.

His bout with Delagardelle was scoreless after the first period. Rinken led 3-0 after period two and worked a near-fall position to help alleviate some of the pressure during the match and close it out in the



Nashua-Plainfield's Nic Brase (above) works on turning BGM's Hunter Hodina during his first-round 113-pound match while 106-pound teammate Lincoln Huck (below) works for a takedown against Wapsie Valley's Cooper Frost Wednesday night.



final two minutes. "They wrestled us the way that they needed to wrestle," said Frost. "They stayed away. They kept bouncing around. They kept trying to goat us into making a mistake." SEE STATE, 5



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