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'Vital' community meeting set for Tuesday

Residents will have a chance to offer Nashua City Council input, especially on Main Street improvements

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Val Johnson passionately believes in Nashua's untapped potential, and she's hoping scores of other residents agree with her and will turn out for what she calls a "vital" community meeting on Tuesday night.

"With the Little Brown Church, with the lake, with the welcome

center, with the parks we have," Johnson said, "there's no reason our Main Street isn't full. I really believe that, but we have to come together and make our voices heard."

Tuesday's meeting is being put on by Nashua Matters, and is designed to give the City Council input before it makes any decisions. Johnson said that the meeting will touch on proposed ordinances, proposed pol-

icy changes, proposed planning and, maybe most importantly, helping Nashua build a lasting legacy.

Flyers for the meeting call it an "Urgent Nashua Community Meeting," and be it urgent, vital or any other word you can come up with, Johnson is hoping that residents will turn out at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center to voice their opinions on the future

of Chickasaw County's second-largest city.

"We're on a four-lane highway," Johnson said, referring to the Avenue of the Saints, "and we have so much going for us."

"Towns our size don't have the amenities we have,

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It's a great night to be a Husky!

Nashua-Plainfield fans (above) celebrate a pin by the Huskies' Luke Zwanziger during the Class 1A regional duals final on Tuesday night, although a few fans — notably youngsters Cash Sudol, Khloe Sudol and Kai Demro — seem way more interested in their Ring Pops than what's taking place on the mat!

The Huskies rolled to a 70-12 win over Emmetsburg to qualify for the state duals for a third straight year and will head to Coralville on Saturday, when they open the tournament with a meet against Lake Mills ... and here's hoping they have Ring Pops at Xstream Arena, right?

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
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County leaders close to consensus on rural tax levy

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nothing is set in stone, but the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday reached a consensus to budget only two "payments" for the county-owned ambulance service.

The four supervisors in attendance — Chairman Scott Cerwinski was at the State Capitol on Monday — agreed to budgeting two quarterly contributions to Chickasaw County EMS during a budget work session devoted to the 2024-25 Rural Services Basic

SEE SUPERVISORS, 2



It's still winter, correct?

"Mount Nashua" is fast turning into a hill as our spring-like weather continues on Thursday, when temperatures rose passed the 50 mark.

The recent warm weather forced the Nashua Park Board to cancel all of Winterfest's outdoor activities this past Saturday, and the calendar may say it's February but it sure looks like March outside these days.

And our warm weather will continue as highs are expected to be in the 40s at least through the middle of next week.

Bob Fenske/Reporter



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua’s downtown area will be the focus of what organizers are calling an “urgent” community meeting that will be held Tuesday evening at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center.

Meeting will focus on the future of Nashua

MEETING: FROM 1

but we have to take advantage of them. And we really haven’t.”

She’s hoping Tuesday’s meeting will jump start not just the discussion but the action she says are needed to attract businesses and industry to the city. And while she expects Tuesday’s meeting to be one in which residents focus on Main Street, she said everyone is welcome.

“Anyone with ideas about how to better our town,” she said, “we want to hear from you.”

In a three-page letter Johnson sent to the City Council last month, she urged city leaders to look ahead and begin the planning process to revitalize the city.

“We need full planning mode,” she wrote, “before any more hasty decisions are made on behalf of the city. Past decisions have not been made with the future betterment of the city at mind, only those that benefit ‘right now’ and have cost the city not only opportunity, but hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

During an interview this week, Johnson,

who also serves as the president of the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce, reiterated what she wrote in the letter to the council — namely, that the city must take immediate action in “deciding if there is a future for business on Main Street or if there is not.”

She believes there is, and she’s hoping her fellow Nashuans agree and will turn out on Tuesday.

“We have a future, I believe that with all my heart,” she said Wednesday evening, “but we have to stop just saying those words and start acting on them.”

New Hampton not sure about partnering with county on road project

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

If Chickasaw County moves ahead with a road project on Kenwood Avenue south of Highway 18, it will have to be a shared with the city of New Hampton.

County Engineer Roman Lensing told the Board of Supervisors on Monday part of the road lies within that city’s limits, and his rough guesstimate is that New Hampton would be responsible for about 29 percent of the repaving project on the .67 mile stretch of road.

Basically, because Croell Inc. is located within the city limits of New Hampton, the city is responsible for basically half of the road for 2,016.5 feet.

The rub, though, is this: New Hampton can’t afford to take on any new projects.

“I’ll be blunt about it,” New Hampton Public Works Director Casey Mai told board members Monday morning. “We don’t have the money for it. We have

a 5- to 10-year capital improvement plan that we lay out projects that was put in place the last couple of years. Right now, I’ve got four streets that we’re looking at possibly redoing over the next two, three years.”

Mai said that, in his opinion, those streets have a higher priority.

“These streets are in more dire need right now,” he said. “We have actual infrastructure that lies beneath the road. Water mains, sewer mains, storm water mains that need replacing.”

Lensing said he talked with Mai last week about Kenwood and how the two entities could come up with a way to complete the project, and on Monday he explained that if the project cost \$600,000, the city would be responsible for \$179,000 of that cost.

“I don’t think they have the money right now to just say, ‘Here you go, here’s a check.’ I don’t know if they have the money to say in five years, can we pay it off yearly? Or 10

years.”

Lensing said that Kenwood was just one option of where the Secondary Roads Department could use the \$600,000 in county American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) funds that supervisors voted to give to the department last year.

The stretch of Kenwood Avenue discussed was built in 1976 and had an overlay in 2002, and Lensing said he believes it’s a roadway that needs attention.

“We need this project done,” he said, “but I totally understand the difficulties for New Hampton to afford it with their current plans.”

At the same time, he said the county needs New Hampton on board.

“I don’t advise you guys say, ‘Don’t worry New Hampton, you don’t have to reimburse us for your portion of the roadway,’” he said. “Now, you’re setting precedent for every project that we go through in the future.”

After a lengthy discussion,

one in which included putting the ARPA funds into the county’s Farm to Market program, Mai agreed to discuss it with the City Council, but he also stated that the city, like the county, has a limited budget for its roads and infrastructure. He pointed out that his city’s Road-Use funds were depleted by \$130,000 a year ago to remove ash trees in the city’s right-of-way.

He added that the bulk of the city’s Local Option Sales Tax dollars are currently earmarked for the county-owned ambulance service that serves New Hampton through a 28E agreement with the county.

“It’s tight, but I also know we want to be good partners with the county, too,” he said. “I appreciate Roman coming to me and laying it out. I just don’t know right now.”

Lensing said he would continue to get the stretch of roadway surveyed and come up with “more concrete numbers so New Hampton at least knows what it’s going to cost.”

Supervisor, director spar over EMA budget

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

(RSB) levy rate, which in all likelihood will be going up by 20 or so cents during the next budget year.

They also decided that they would give Secondary Roads 95 percent of its allotment — up from 85 percent a year ago — from RSB, discussed the possibility of not giving county libraries an increase in county funding and came to an agreement to use \$100,000 from the county’s Local Option Sales Tax fund to help pay for the ambulance service.

Under the 28E agreements the county signed with six cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — the county does not have to make a contribution to the ambulance fund but it also can’t require the cities to pay more than the agreements state.

The risk for the county is that the ambulance service would cost more to run and then it would be on the hook to pay those additional costs.

The 28E agreements, though, also state that the county is required to “waive” the cities’ quarterly payments if the EMS fund has more than \$750,000 in it for two consecutive quarters. As of Jan. 15, the fund had almost \$990,000 in it, and as of Monday, the balance in the fund was just \$2,000 shy of \$1 million. So even if the county does approve a budget amendment today (Thursday) that would use \$180,000 of those funds to remodel Chickasaw County EMS’ ambulance station to include living quarters, it is likely that the fund will still be above \$750,000 on April 15.

That led to a lengthy discussion on how much the county should put into the fund during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Supervisor Matt Kuhn suggested that the county make at least two payments, “possibly” three, but all the supervisors agreed that whatever the county contributes will not all be put into the fund at the beginning of the fiscal year, which board members approved last year.

“We’d set the money in the budget until need be,” Supervisor Jacob Hackman said. “If you do that, that’s going to blow that number [the EMS fund balance] up, kind of what happened last year.”

Board members agreed that the 2024-25 budget should include the county setting aside \$268,576 for Chickasaw County EMS, but Hackman pushed hard for the county to use \$100,000 in LOST funds so that the RSB levy wouldn’t take the entire hit for the ambulance service.

Fellow board members agreed, and the discussion moved on to the Secondary Roads allotment.

Kuhn and Board Vice Chairman Steve Breitbach both said they felt the fact that the department will receive \$600,000 in the county’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds was something supervisors should consider.

“I’m just saying with the \$600,000, I’m not in favor of 100 percent,” Breitbach said. “I’d be more in favor of 90 percent or maybe 95 percent.”

And the latter number is what board members eventu-

ally agreed on, but they never did come to a clear consensus on the funding for libraries. Supervisor Travis Suckow suggested that the county only match what it gave the facilities this budget year, instead of the 6 percent increase in funding the library directors proposed when they met with board members late last year.

While Hackman agreed, both Breitbach and Kuhn said they favored the increase, in part because it would be just a blip on the levy rate.

With the increase to libraries, Auditor Sheila Shekleton said the RSB levy rate would be \$3.51112 per \$1,000 valuation while keeping the funding the same as this year, the levy rate would be \$3.50044 per \$1,000 valuation.

“I think without an increase last year, 6 percent is fair,” Breitbach said.

The board still has time to change its mind, but deadlines are looming. The board must be ready to send out its maximum levy to county property owners by March 15, and on Monday, supervisors voted to hire Mail Service Inc. to help with what is a new requirement counties, cities and schools must follow.

That’s the date the county must send out a letter to property owners that detail those levies. And under the new law that begins with this budget season, counties must collect all the data from other government entities and, along with their own data, send those to property owners.

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During the workshop, board members also discussed the Emergency Management Agency’s budget, and that led to some sharp exchanges between EMA Director Jeff Bernatz and Hackman.

Bernatz said state code states that the Emergency Management “Commission shall set the budget,” and that the county’s commission, which includes representatives of each of the county’s cities and a member of the Board of Supervisors, is requesting \$252,000 for its 2024-25 budget.

But Hackman has long railed that the city do not provide any funding for emergency management and that the supervisors have the ultimate authority to determine how much it levies for emergency management.

“Jake says it every year that I can walk in here with a \$1 million budget,” Bernatz said, “but I have respect for you and the taxpayers that I don’t do that. I have a respectful budget and I explain to you what that budget is for and what that covers.”

Bernatz said board members weren’t following the law when it comes to emergency management, and when Hackman stated that “none of the cities have skin in the game,” Bernatz said he wasn’t arguing that fact but that [the Emergency Management Commission members] “did follow the law and the procedures and that’s where we’re at today. ... We’ve been having the same conversation for the past five years.”

No final decisions were made, but Hackman said he was worried about the General Services levy and that “trying to set up for GS is going to be hurting us and we’re going from a \$1.1 levy rate to X.”

Iowa State University dean’s list

More than 10,800 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2023 dean’s list.

Students named to the dean’s 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.

Ionia: Michael Francis Davis, 4, Mechanical Engineering; Greta Mary Glaser, 4, Accounting; Joel M. Winters, 2, Management Information Systems.

Nashua: Alivia Anne Bixby, 1, Agronomy; Aiden Richard Lamborn, 1, Mechanical Engineering; Autumn Nelson, 1, Marketing; Jackson J. Zwanziger, 1, Agricultural Engineering.

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Budget amendment passes on a 5-0 vote

AMENDMENT: FROM 1

All three supervisors — Board Chairman Scott Cerwinske, Travis Suckow and Jake Hackman — who voted for that motion continued to defend their September votes on Thursday. They pointed out that four cities — Alta Vista, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — all came to the county and asked for ARPA funds.

“I’ll tell you, I told a mayor that I was ready to take the whole works and get rid of it, because I was sick and tired of everybody wanting the money,” Suckow said. “When Jake brought that up, I liked that idea.”

“When it was brought up, I thought it was a good idea,” Cerwinske said, “just because of the money we had taken away from Secondary Roads last year. It was a good place to put it. It’s taxpayer money, and our roads need, we all know our roads need as much money and as much work as we can give them.”

Supervisors, though, removed the \$600,000 from the budget amendment once they understood that they could still transfer the money to the Secondary Roads Department at a later date and agreed to remove the item from the bud-

get amendment.

“Hopefully, within a couple of weeks,” Hackman said, “we can transfer that in house to the infrastructure fund or a project that is designated.”

Hackman also felt that the service agreement on EMS equipment should come out of the EMS budget and not from ARPA, despite the fact that board members in 2022 voted to use ARPA funds for the three-year agreement.

“That bill should have been paid then, and not now,” said Hackman, who made a motion to have the service agreement paid for by the EMS Department and not with ARPA funds. That motion, though, failed with only Hackman and Suckow supporting it.

A few minutes later, board members approved, by a unanimous vote, the rest of the budget amendment that was published in mid-January and included items like directing grant money to various departments, paying for higher health insurance costs the county incurred after supervisors last year approved paying parts of family premiums for county employees and allowing the EMS Department to use its budget to pay \$186,000 of the remodeling costs for the ambulance station.



Bob Steenson/Charles City Press

Jeff Germundson has again opened a redemption center in Charles City, this time at 1200 Fisher St. The business is currently open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Got cans? Charles City redemption center is now open, with limits

By Bob Steenson
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A can redemption center is available again in Charles City, run by a familiar face. Jeff Germundson told the Press he has opened Floyd County Redemption Center at 1200 Fisher St., which is north of the railroad tracks off of Lane Street, about four blocks west of Main Street.

Right now the business is limited to cans and plastic bottles only, and three large bags per customer per week, he said.

Germundson has a can-counting machine so customers’ bags can be processed quickly and the customers paid, but then the cans must still be sorted by hand so they can be returned to the different beverage companies.

That’s why he has to limit the number of

cans he can take in, he said.

The first few days he has been open he has been swamped with customers, he said, but the customers still don’t have to wait long because of his machine.

The hours currently are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Germundson said he also wants to give back to the community.

A fenced bin is available in front of the building for people to drop off cans that will be redeemed as a donation to the Messiah Food Pantry.

Germundson started Worth County Recycling in Manly in the summer of 2019. After the More BS redemption center in Charles City closed he took over that company’s location on the east side of Charles City, along U.S. Highway 18, in August 2022.

But he said he soon found the space in that building was inadequate and there were problems getting trucks in there to take away the cans and bottles, so he closed that location.

Germundson moved his Manly business to Hampton last May.

He said he soon started having problems with neighbors there because he bought a building in an area with homes, even though the area was zoned for business. The city also complained that trucks to pick up the cans were traveling over streets that were not rated for truck traffic, and threatened to start ticketing the trucks.

He got tired of dealing with the hassles and closed that business in September, he said.

And now he has moved back to Charles City.

Briefs

Tree identifying course Feb. 3

Do you enjoy a good walk in the woods? Do you like to identify trees when you are outdoors? Do you wish you could identify trees with confidence in the winter? If this sounds like you, then a program on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Twin Ponds Nature Center in Chickasaw County might interest you.

The Winter Forestry Field Day will focus on methods to identify native, and non-native trees and shrubs. The 1-2-hour field day will consist of a pleasant (and possibly chilly) walk through the woods surrounding the nature center. Organizers will use some tried and true methods of identifying trees in the winter, such as: branch structure, bark, buds, leaf scars, and others. This will be a fun and informal walk, and the floor will always be open to any questions relating to forestry.

Local enthusiasts, professionals, and casual nature enjoyers alike are welcome. Questions may be directed to Maison Hubrig, WMI Forestry Specialist, 1811 240th St., Ionia, IA 50645. His number is 563-608-0086 or email him at Maison.Hubrig@dnr.iowa.gov.

Hawkeye graduates

Hawkeye Community College released its list of December 2023 graduates.

Those from the area include:

Ionia: Kristen Pitz, Associate Degree Nursing, AAS.

Nashua: Emarae Carey, Psychology, AA; Kendrick Huck, Welding, certificate, honors; Paige Ripley, Natural Resources Aide, certificate, high honors.

Cheesemaking workshop next month

If you’d like to try your hand at cheesemaking or simply want to improve your knowledge of this culinary science, plan to attend a cheesemaking workshop March 12 in northeast Iowa.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Iowa State Creamery are teaming together to offer a three-hour program at the Dubuque County extension office.

The “Home Cheesemaking Workshop” will cover the essentials of sanitation, equipment and supplies and hands-on cheesemaking. Supplies and lessons are included, with pre-registration due by March 5. Participants will be making queso fresco cheese.

The workshop will run from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and participation is limited to 25. A fee of \$25 covers supplies.

The session will be presented by Sarah Canova, business administrator for the Iowa State Creamery. Canova holds a Master of Business Administration and a bachelor’s in food science from Iowa State.

Sheriff appreciates cowboys’ support for K9 unit

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Denise Ascherl smiled as she was asked how she ended up in Lawler this past weekend.

“It seemed like a good idea at the time,” the first-grade teacher said during a break in the Cowboy Poetry program Saturday evening, “and then I got on stage, and I was thinking to myself, ‘What did I get myself into?’ But it’s been fun; it’s something I really enjoy and the Cowboy Poetry people, it’s like a family and they’ve welcomed me into it.”

And family may be the hallmark of the annual event in Lawler that was started by a New Hampton couple, Gerry and Marilee Mashek and taken over by the Lawler Lions Club several years ago.

The jokes are for the most PG at worst, the music’s good and the annual event raises money for worthy causes throughout the area. This year’s event, which was held Friday and Saturday at the Starlite Ballroom, benefited the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office’s K-9 unit.

Sheriff Ryan Shawver, whose office also provides law enforce-



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver shares information about the county’s K9 unit at Cowboy Poetry that was held Friday and Saturday in Lawler.

ment coverage to the city of Nashua, was appreciative.

He spoke during intermission both nights and thanked those who turned out for the event. Shawver, who served as the K9 handler for the Sheriff’s Office from 2014 to 2019, said that no taxpayer money goes to the unit; instead, it is entirely supported by donations.

“I can’t thank the Lions and Cowboy Poetry enough,” he said. “We’ve been blessed with great support from countless donors throughout the years, and trust me, having a K9 unit greatly helps our department and the public.”

The stars of the show, of course, are the cowboys ... and cowgirls.

This year’s performers included R.P. Smith, Jake Riley and Brooke Turner. They sang, they shared the poems and fired off more than a few corny, yet good, jokes.

And Turner brought a guest, the above-mentioned Ascherl, and he couldn’t help but give her a bit of a hard time during one of their “sets” on Saturday night.

“You know, she’s a first-grade teacher,” he said with a mischievous grin, “so you know what that means? Practice, homework if you will, was not an option. It was mandatory.”

For Ascherl, the chance to perform with Turner was too good to pass up, although she was the first to admit that the old butterflies were floating before she took the Starlite stage on the opening night of the 2024 Cowboy Poetry celebration.

“I’m thankful the people up here are forgiving,” she said with a smile, “because I was shaking a little bit when I got up there. But Brooke made it so easy for me, he’s so quick on his feet, and once we started playing our guitars and singing, it was just like we were practicing. It was a wonderful experience.”



Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 4:45pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. West Fork @ West Fork High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game (Time Changed) vs. West Fork @ West Fork High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. West Fork @ West Fork High School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- TBD Wrestling: Boys Varsity State TBA vs. IHSAA @ Coralville, Xstream Arena State Duals

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JH

- Game vs. West Fork MS @ West Fork Middle School (Rockwell)
- 5:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game (Rescheduled from 01-09-24) vs. Rockford Senior @ Nashua-Plainfield HS NP Gymnasium-High School
 - 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game (Rescheduled from 01-09-24) vs. Don Bosco Catholic @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
 - 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game (Rescheduled from 01-09-24) vs. Rockford Senior @ Nashua-Plainfield HS NP Gymnasium-High School

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 5:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. North Butler @ Nashua-Plainfield HS NP Gymnasium-High School
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. North Butler @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. North Butler @ Nashua-Plainfield HS NP Gymnasium-High School

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 1:00pm North Central District FFA Review Night Nashua-Plainfield High School In classrooms
- 10-11 am Story Hour ages 3-5 at Plainfield Public Library

- 3-4 pm Wednesday Wonders all Elementary aged children Plainfield Public Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 7-10 pm Mitch Laue Bradford Guest House

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- Plainfield Days Supper Bowl Take & Bake Pizza Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity State TBA vs. IHSAA @ Wells Fargo Arena - Des Moines
- 10-11 am Story Hour ages 3-5 at Plainfield Public Library
- 3-4 pm Wednesday Wonders all

Elementary aged children Plainfield Public Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity State TBA vs. IHSAA @ Wells Fargo Arena - Des Moines

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity State TBA vs. IHSAA @ Wells Fargo Arena - Des Moines

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JH Game vs. Tripoli @ Tripoli High School Girl/Boy double header
- 4:15pm Wrestling: Boys JH

Meet vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 10:00am Sub-District FFA Contests @ Rockford

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 10-11 am Story Hour ages 3-5 at Plainfield Public Library
- 3-4 pm Wednesday Wonders all Elementary aged children Plainfield Public Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 10-11 am Story Hour ages 3-5 at Plainfield Public Library
- 3-4 pm Wednesday Wonders all Elementary aged children Plainfield Public Library

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Briefs

Nexus ag youth scholarships now available

Newly formed Nexus Cooperative will award five \$1,000 Ag Youth Scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending any two or four-year college.

Eligibility requirements are that the high school senior graduates in the spring; is a legal U.S. citizen or permanent resident; majoring in or planning to major in an agriculture related field; and the student, parent or grandparent of the student must be a patron member of Nexus Cooperative.

Interested students can contact their High School guidance counselor, Ag instructor-FFA advisor or visit www.nexus.coop for an application. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2024. Mailing address is: Nexus Cooperative; Ag Youth Scholarship Program; 615 Union Street, Stacyville, IA 50476. Failure to enclose all required information, sign the application or meet the deadline date will result in disqualification.

More information and continued updates can be found by visiting, www.nexus.coop/scholarship.

Life Line Screening to be in New Hampton Feb. 12

Residents living in and around New Hampton can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

The Chickasaw Event Center will host this community event on Feb. 12. The site is located at 301 N Water Avenue in New Hampton.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, which is related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; kidney and thyroid function and more

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City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
City Council Chambers, City Hall
The Nashua City Council met in special session January 31, 2024, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with Mayor Kelleher presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger. Samantha Johnson was absent and there was one vacant council seat. City Clerk John Ott was also in attendance. There were no guests in attendance. Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the agenda. Willsher/M. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 3 Ayes, S. Johnson absent (one vacant council seat).

Action/Discussion
The City Council discussed the proposed budget amendments for FY’24 and the proposed budget for FY’25.

There was no other business. J. Johnson motioned to adjourn. Willsher seconded. M/C: the meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM. RC: 3 Ayes, S. Johnson absent (one vacant council seat).

*pending approval by council John Ott, City Clerk

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES January 22, 2024
The Board convened on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Suckow, Kuhn, Czerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Breitbach. Chairperson Czerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Nashua Public Library Heather Hackman, New Hampton Public Library Carrie Becker, Fredericksburg Public Library Jackie Kush, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc (SHE) Rustin Lingbeek, Assured Partners Brian Huinker and Jay Fjelstul, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for January 22, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Czerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the additional agenda for January 22, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Czerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 15, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Czerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn. Abstained: Czerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Discussed wages for Friday January 12, 2024 when the Courthouse closed due to weather and decided to follow handbook. Due to weather. If an employee's office is closed during work hours, then the employee will not be paid for those hours unless the employee elects to use vacation, casual days, or compensatory time to receive a full paycheck.

Public Comment. Librarian Carrie Becker gave insight to a letter she sent the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Czerwinske wanted to remind Chickasaw County of the Winter-fest in Nashua January 27, 2023

Discussed with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc (SHE) Rustin Lingbeek the Heritage water project.

Discussed with Assured Partners Brian Huinker the difference between health benefit consultants and the board is looking to go out for RFP's for health insurance.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve RESOLUTION #01-22-24-04 RESOLUTION FOR A COUNTY TO AWARD CONTRACT & DELEGATE CONTRACT SIGNING IN DOC EXPRESS WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the PCC Overlay Project STP-S-CO19(113)—5E-19, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as PCC Overlay Project — On V18, from U.S. Hwy. 18 North approximately 8.6 miles to the South Corporate Limits of the City of Alta Vista; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought necessary professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting' and WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Chickasaw County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board to accept the bid from Croell, Inc. in the amount of \$4,216,487.16 and awards to associated contract(s) to the same; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged

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Nashua-Plainfield's Paige Franzen (above) goes up for a shot while teammate Maci Malven (below) looks down court during the Huskies' game against Waterloo Christian.

Husky girls looking to turn things around before postseason

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Just three regular season games remain for the Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball team this winter.

Left to check off on the to-do list this year for the Huskies is to win their first conference game of 2023-2024 and extend their season past Thursday, Feb. 8 when they travel to Gladbrook-Reinbeck (12-7) to begin Class 1A regional play.

While there's been some highs and lows this year — which every team deals with — N-P (4-14, 0-12) will look to finish out strong with a game at West Fork on Friday, followed by a non-conference clash with Don Bosco on Monday. Then it's Senior Night at home versus North Butler this coming Tuesday.

N-P lost at Northwood-Kensett (7-11, 5-7) last week Thursday by a score of 56-17. The following night on the road at Osage on Friday, the Green Devils raced out to an early lead to claim a 46-35 victory. N-P hosted Waterloo Christian (14-6) this past Monday and the Regents came away with a 59-29 triumph.

N-P's leading scorer and one of the top steals leaders in the entire state — junior Kadence Huck — sat out the Waterloo Christian game after injuring herself in the Osage game after she slid on the floor for a loose ball.

“Her chin hit the floor pretty good and a girl kind of landed on top of her,” said N-P head coach Josh Smith.

Smith said he's hoping to get Huck — who averages almost 15 points a game to go along with over seven rebounds and almost seven steals a game — back for the West Fork game.

N-P has struggled to put the ball in the hoop this season, but in the second half versus Osage — it was a different story.

Osage (11-6, 8-3) led 28-8 at intermission, but N-P closed strong and cut that final deficit



to 11 points by the time the final horn sounded.

“Scoring's been an issue lately for us. At Northwood it was really an issue the entire game,” said Smith. “Osage it was an issue in the first half. We came out in the second half and out-scored them 27-18.”

One player that has really come on strong down the stretch is sophomore forward Elayna O'Neill.

She produced 14 points and nine rebounds against the Green Devils and registered a double-double versus the Regents. She was tough to handle down low as she ended the contest with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

O'Neill's improved play has gotten her more court time and it seems she's just starting to scratch the surface of her ability to give defenses fits.

“Tonight you saw the Elayna O'Neill that we've been seeing at practice all year,” said Smith. “The first part of this year it felt like whenever she got into the game it was noticeable nerves.

The last couple weeks she's really flipped the switch.”

O'Neill averages just under three points a game, but her aggressive presence down low bodes well for not only the rest of the season for the Huskies, but for future ones as well.

“Getting her the ball in the high post and everybody working off her has been something that's really been successful,” said Smith. “She's definitely earned herself more minutes with the way that she's been playing.”

Huck scored nine points against N-K and ripped down 11 rebounds. She netted seven points against Osage.

Paige Franzen, a junior, scored six points against the Green Devils.

Ava Kirk, a sophomore point guard, tallied six points against Waterloo Christian courtesy of her two made 3-pointers. Husky junior guard Marleigh Lowe also generated six points against Osage.

The Husky defense held Waterloo Christian to zero

points in the final period.

While N-P will more than likely end the season with more losses than victories, Smith said his squad keeps a positive mindset and keeps striving to get better.

“They've had good attitudes all year. We've got a good group,” said Smith.

NORTHWOOD-KENSETT 56, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 17
NP 3 3 8 3 - 17
NK 19 9 12 16 - 56
Ava Kirk 1-8 0-0 3, Kadence Huck 3-11 3-6 9, Myranda Webster 0-3 0-0 0, Jalyynn Pratt 0-4 0-0 0, Paige Franzen 0-7 0-2 0, Elayna O'Neill 1-3 0-1 2, Bailey Bond 0-1 0-0 0, Kristen Lee 0-0 0-0 0, Maci Malven 0-4 0-0 0, Marleigh Lowe 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 6-46 3-9 17.
3-point field goals - Lowe 1-4, Kirk 1-8, Pratt 0-2, Franzen 0-3, Malven 0-3.
Rebounds - Huck 11, Malven 6, O'Neill 6, Lowe 5, Franzen 4, Kirk 3, Pratt 1.
Assists - Huck 2, Franzen 1, Malven 1, Lowe 1.
Steals - Huck 4, Lowe 4, Kirk 2, Franzen 2, Malven 1.
Blocks - Huck 1.

OSAGE 46, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 35
NP 2 6 12 15 - 35
Osage 9 19 11 7 - 46
Kirk 1-5 0-0 2, Huck 3-11 1-2 7, Webster 0-2 0-0 0, Pratt 0-6 0-0 0, Franzen 3-8 0-0 6, O'Neill 7-13 0-3 14, Malven 0-6 0-0 0, Lowe 2-5 2-5 6. Totals 16-56 3-10 35.
3-point field goals - Lowe 0-2, Pratt 0-3, Kirk 0-4, Malven 0-5.
Rebounds - O'Neill 9, Huck 8, Malven 6, Franzen 5, Lowe 4, Pratt 2, Webster 1.
Assists - Huck 4, O'Neill 4, Kirk 2, Pratt 2, Franzen 1.
Steals - Huck 7, Lowe 7, Franzen 1, Pratt 1.
Blocks - Huck 2.

WATERLOO CHRISTIAN 59, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 29
WC 19 24 16 0 - 59
NP 7 7 10 5 - 29
Kirk 2-7 0-0 6, O'Neill 5-13 1-4 11, Lowe 0-3 2-4 2, Pratt 0-5 2-6 2, Franzen 1-9 0-0 2, Webster 0-0 2-2 2, Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Lee 0-0 0-0 0, Malven 0-2 0-0 0, Jennifer McLeland 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 10-45 7-16 29.
3-point field goals - Kirk 2-7, Lowe 0-1, Malven 0-1, Pratt 0-4.
Rebounds - O'Neill 10, Franzne 7, Malven 4, Lee 3, Kirk 2, Lowe 2, Pratt 2, Bond 1, McLeland 1.
Assists - Malven 2, Franzen 2, Pratt 2, Lowe 1, Webster 1, Lee 1.
Blocks - Lee 1.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXTENSION Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
The CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXTENSION will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024				
Meeting Date/Time: 2/20/2024 06:00 PM		Contact: Amanda Tuupper		Phone: (641) 394-2174
Meeting Location: ISU Extension & Outreach Chickasaw County Office 115 N Broadway Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
County Agricultural Extension Education	345,700	140,000	485,700	facility expense increase
Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	
Tort Liability	5,000	0	5,000	
Total	350,700	140,000	490,700	

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXTENSION							
The Extension Council of the above named County will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget as follows: Meeting Date: 2/20/2024 Meeting Time: 06:05 PM Meeting Location: ISU Extension & Outreach Chickasaw County Office 115 N Broadway Ave., 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 Extension Council Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 674-A) will be furnished upon request.							
Contact Name: Amanda Tupper				Contact Telephone Number: (641) 394-2174			
FUND	FYE June 30, 2023 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2024 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2025 Budget Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2025	Estimated FY 2025 Beg. Balance	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	Estimated Utility Tax Replacement and Property Tax Dollars
1. County Agricultural Extension Education	344,764	483,258	397,672	168,822	209,594	270,752	279,000
2. Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	26,683	26,683	0	0
3. Tort Liability	2,917	7,300	7,300	3,002	4,302	5,823	6,000
4. TOTAL	347,681	490,558	404,972	198,507	240,579	276,575	285,000
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$							0.29589

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Hansen, Geise notch career highs in scoring for the Huskies

Boys Hoops: FROM 8

coach will be the first one to tell you that's on him.

"I had probably made that more difficult. I've had it too where we throw the ball underneath the hoop and it gets stolen. That's the worst thing you could do in that situation is throw it near your basket," said Mueller.

The plan was for seniors Tucker Franzen and Trae Geise to play quarterback and receiver – just like they did last fall out on the gridiron. Franzen was to throw a baseball pass – almost the length of the court to Geise – to run out the clock or at least draw a foul. The problem was the pass fell "incomplete" as it grazed off Geise's hands clear on the other end of the court and out of bounds.

That meant Waterloo Christian (14-5) had a chance to tie the game with a three-point play, but had to go the length of the court to do it. The inbounds play was caught by Wagner at mid-court near the baseline with around two seconds left. There at center court, he quickly dribbled twice and launched a long 3-pointer from about 25 feet out – not far from the Husky logo near the center circle.

The desperation heave looked "true" right off Wagner's hands.

"It was a long shot. It was straight-on," said Mueller. "That thing hit the front of the rim and I'm like if that thing doesn't go in, it's a miracle because it looks dead-on. We were fortunate that didn't go into overtime."

N-P pulled off the 72-69 victory over Waterloo Christian after Wagner's theatrics didn't play out as the ball just slid off the iron.

Wagner finished with 32 points. He averages over 27 points a game.

N-P sophomore Jase Hansen – aided by WC's decision to impose a triangle-and-two "junk defense" in order to slow down Matthew Malven and Franzen – capitalized with more open looks than he normally sees.

He made them as he finished with a career-high 30 points and strung together four-consecutive made buckets down the stretch in a key point in the game with 3:40 remaining in the thrilling, back-and-forth contest.

In a game that saw a whopping 22 lead changes – Hansen put N-P in front for good at crunch time with three "daggers" from beyond the arc he made in succession.

"They just told me shoot the ball – even if you have a hand up on me," said Hansen. "You need shooters in these type of moments. Honestly, I felt like I was on fire."

His fourth-consecutive bucket – a baseline leaner – once again found the bottom of the net and gave N-P its biggest lead of the game, up 68-61 with less than four minutes left.

"They left Jase so it was basically like shooting in open gym for him and Jase will shoot damn good in open gym," said Mueller. "It's just like playing horse out there for him."

While WC's change in philosophy on defense opened up scoring opportunities for Hansen, it also seemed to benefit Geise – who poured in a career high 23 points, including a dunk in the first half.

Hansen nailed half of his 20 field goals and was an incredible 8-14 from 3-point land.

The first victory of N-P's mini two-game win streak was easily the victory of the year as the Huskies took down conference leading Osage (16-2, 12-1) on

"If I would have put a hundred bucks down on that thing, I'd be a millionaire with the odds of that thing happening, probably."

— MATT MUELLER, ON N-P'S ROAD WIN AT OSAGE

the road last Friday. The upset was by a substantial margin as well as N-P won by 16 points in the stunner – 72-56.

Which begs the question – what just were the odds for N-P to pull off the win on the road versus the heavily-favored Green Devils, let alone win by double-digits away from home against one of the best teams in the league?

Not very good as there probably weren't all that many people that would have guessed or put money on the line to make such a bold prediction.

Mueller agreed.

"If I would have put a hundred bucks down on that thing, I'd be a millionaire with the odds of that thing happening, probably," laughed Mueller.

N-P's defense limited Osage to just 2-20 from beyond the arc. Conversely, N-P drilled half of its 20 three-point attempts. Out of those 10 makes from downtown – Malven hit five out of six and finished with 16 points.

But it was also the emergence of sophomore Jake Smith – who notched a career-high 19 points against the Green Devils – that has anyone that has watched or followed N-P play this season – extremely excited.

NORTHWOOD-KENSETT 74, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 59

NP 16 14 11 18 - 59
NK 23 20 21 10 - 74

Tucker Franzen 7-9 1-2 20, Trae Geise 6-10 0-0 12, Matthew Malven 1-7 0-0 3, Landon Foelske 0-6 0-0 0, Jase Hansen 3-10 0-0 8, Ty Berger 0-2 0-0 0, Avery Mueller 0-2 0-0 0, Braeden Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0, Navarii Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Cal Levi 1-1 0-0 2, Trent Rodruck 3-5 0-0 6, Jake Smith 4-8 0-0 8, Tucker Roberts 0-0 0-0 0, Hunter Hackman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-61 1-2 59.

3-point field goals - Franzen 5-6, Hansen 2-8, Malven 1-4, Geise 0-1, Foelske 0-1.

Rebounds - Geise 8, Smith 7, Malven 3, Mueller 2, Rodruck 2, Foelske 1, Franzen 1.

Assists - Malven 6, Franzen 2, Geise 2, Hansen 1, Rodruck 1, Smith 1, Hackman 1.

Steals - Hansen 4, Foelske 3, Smith 2, Geise 1, Malven 1.

Blocks - Geise 1, Foelske 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 72, OSAGE 56

NP 11 24 13 25 - 72
Osage 15 16 14 11 - 56

Franzen 5-12 1-2 15, Geise 5-12 15, Malven 5-10 1-2 16, Hansen 2-5 1-2 5, Rodruck 0-2 0-0 0, Foelske 1-4 0-0 2, Smith 9-11 0-0 19. Totals 27-56 8-18 72.

3-point field goals - Malven 5-6, Franzen 4-9, Smith 1-1, Geise 0-1, Hansen 0-3.

Rebounds - Geise 12, Malven 11, Smith 7, Hansen 3, Franzen 2, Foelske 1.

Assists - Geise 5, Malven 5, Foelske 3, Franzen 3, Hansen 1, Smith 1.

Steals - Smith 2, Geise 2, Franzen 2, Malven 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 72, WATERLOO CHRISTIAN 69

WC 17 14 20 18 - 69
NP 18 15 20 19 - 72

Franzen 3-5 0-0 7, Geise 8-9 7-11 23, Malven 1-5 3-4 5, Hansen 10-20 2-2 30, Smith 2-5 1-2 6, Foelske 0-4 0-0 0, Rodruck 0-0 1-2 1, Hackman 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 24-50 14-21 72.

3-point field goals - Hansen 8-14, Franzen 1-2, Smith 1-3, Hackman 0-1, Foelske 0-2.

Rebounds - Geise 7, Smith 5, Hackman 4, Hansen 4, Malven 4, Franzen 2, Foelske 1.

Assists - Malven 5, Hackman 4, Hansen 3, Foelske 2, Geise 2, Franzen 1, Smith 1.

Steals - Franzen 4, Geise 4, Malven 1, Foelske 1.

Blocks - Hackman 1, Geise 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Tucker Franzen (above) puts up a shot in traffic while teammate Matthew Malven (below) tries to eye the basket as a Waterloo Christian defender tries to draw a charge foul.

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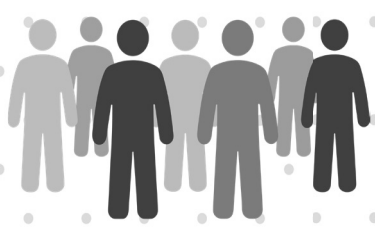


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N-P hopes third time is charm against Lake Mills

REGIONAL DUALS: FROM 8

N-P faced the winner between Emmetsburg and No. 22 Central Springs in the opening semifinal round of the regional dual. That matchup was competitive, despite the 19-point margin of victory for the E-Hawks over the Panthers at 46-27.

The Huskies will head into state duals with a ton of momentum after ripping off eight-straight pins at one point against Emmetsburg – who themselves have a strong tradition like the Huskies with 14 state duals appearances and two state titles (just like N-P).

“Momentum’s huge in duals. Once you start getting pins and big wins it gets the crowd into it and it makes it more fun,” said Sullivan, who started out the night with a powerful pin over Nick Paxton in 2:39 at 215 pounds.

N-P will gun for its third state title under the direction of Frost – who helped engineer state dual crowns in 2004 and 2012 in his 30-plus years of coaching at his alma mater.

Obviously, N-P will take on much tougher opponents this Saturday than what the E-Hawks brought to the table in the regional final.

The Huskies first step in climbing the ladder to snare another team trophy – just like last year – will begin with a northern Iowa opponent N-P knows all too well this winter.

And not in a good way – at least in terms of head-to-head wins and losses in 2023-2024.

N-P hits the mat Saturday morning at 9 a.m. sharp against No. 4 seed Lake Mills (23-6) – which beat N-P the two times they’ve faced this season. The first win (46-30) by the Bulldogs came in the season opener at Mason City Newman. The second defeat (41-34) at the hands of Alex Brandenburg’s purple-and-gold clad squad came at the Battle of Waterloo.

But this is a much different Husky squad than what Lake Mills faced clear back in 2023 – the main reason being the Huskies now have a full lineup and appeared to hit on all cylinders Tuesday evening.

“We work all year for this moment,” said White, who capped the match with an impressive major decision at 190 pounds over No. 11 Ryan Wirtz, 14-3. “We got great guys in the room and we go at it every day. That helps a lot.”

Bottom line – and yes, it’s one match – but the Huskies looked hungry and dynamic.

“This and West Hancock were definitely statement duals for us,” said Sullivan, who was ranked earlier in the season by IAawrestle and is 31-6 on the year.

Emmetsburg won only two matches – each by two of their four ranked wrestlers.

Gage Jorgenson, rated No. 6 at 285 pounds, pinned Husky junior Isaac Jones in 3:50. That tied the score at 6-6, but it was all downhill from there for the E-Hawks.

N-P went on to win nine matches in a row before sixth-ranked Justin Wirtz stuck senior Dylan Blanchard in a competitive match at 165 pounds that stopped the bleeding.

By that time it was good morning, good afternoon and good night because the door was already slammed shut and the pin party was in full celebration mode for Frost’s Huskies.

“The 215 match was a good starting weight for us because we could get some big wins early and get the momentum rolling,” said Sullivan. “By the time we got around to those top guys with those tough matches they could just go out and wrestle. The pressure was off by that point because the dual was locked up.”

N-P junior 157-pounder Jackson Carey (24-8) pounced on his E-Hawk opponent early and often. The result was a match that saw Carey in attack mode from the get-go and his opponent – Bradyen Yates – was unlucky he wasn’t stuck in the first period. Carey settled for a win by fall in 2:16.

“It’s just a mentality. It was a huge crowd tonight. You just go out there and take it to ‘em,” said Carey.

Sullivan had this to say about Carey’s battle-tested will to never let up and let his biceps do the talking.

“You don’t go upper body with him, that’s for sure,” smiled Sullivan about Carey’s ability to take opponents down to the mat and create pins. “He had a beautiful throw against Webster City.”

After Blanchard’s loss – it set the stage for the most highly-anticipated match of the night.

That would be at 175 pounds between the E-Hawks’ No. 2 Jace Nelson-Brown and third-ranked Titus Evans.

The bout was a rematch from last year’s 170-pound state semifinal which saw Nelson-Brown shatter Evans’ dream of competing for a state title with a 4-2 triumph in sudden victory. The pair also wrestled when Evans was a sophomore at the 2022 state duals in Des Moines. Nelson-Brown pinned Evans in that consolation-semifinal match.

Like a heavyweight bout right after the opening bell had rung, the two upper-weight standouts looked to try to throw haymakers. Evans landed a big shot with a takedown in the first 10 seconds of the match, but after Nelson-Brown escaped, he landed awkwardly on his knee and fell to the ground right in front of the scorer’s table.

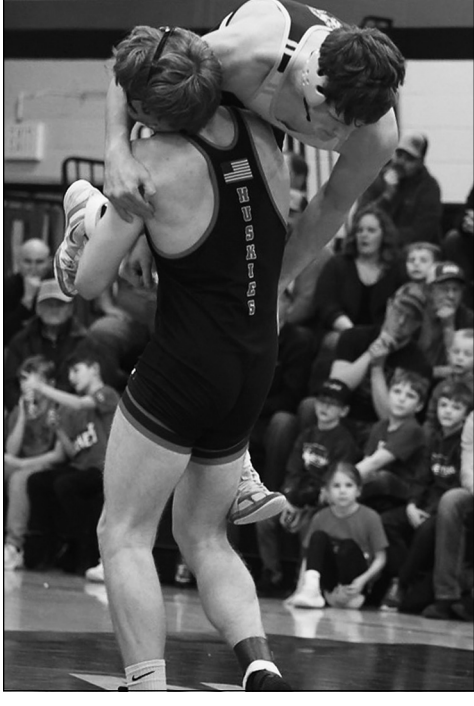
Evans (23-0) would thus win this third installment of the rivalry by medical forfeit. “The dual meet was already not in question. We had it wrapped up, so we needed a good match. Titus went out and wrestled very solid. They got in a scramble and unfortunately that guy’s knee buckled,” said Frost. “Regardless, I hope the kid is okay.”

A potential fourth meeting between



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N-P’s Jackson Carey (above) locks in a cradle and Dylan Blanchard (below) lifts his opponent off the ground during Tuesday’s regional duals.



the two football stars out on the gridiron should be just as intense and exciting should Nelson-Brown regroup and remain healthy enough to qualify for the traditional state tournament at districts on Saturday, Feb. 10.

“There’s no need to take a chance in this kind of match, but I do wish that match would have went full-out because Titus needs experience and he needs that kind of match,” said Frost.

N-P earned two of its pins from No. 1 ranked Jayden Rinken (44-0) at 120 pounds and in the previous match as No. 4 Nic Brase (39-2) wasted little time in coming up with a pin in 1:45 over C.J. Rodriguez. Rinken’s win by fall took a little bit longer as it materialized in 2:16 over Lincoln Wilcoxon.

Husky senior Hayden Munn (126) – who is 30-13 – worked a first-period fall, as did Luke Zwanziger (132) and Tyler Zimmer (138) in a stretch of dominance that seemed to be just getting primed for a fantastic finish.

Devon Blanchard – a sophomore that is 33-12 this winter – clinched the match with his pin over Gavin Dodd at 2:26 in a 144-pound tussle.

By then the E-Hawk fans may well have been thinking – does the Husky crowd ever take a break from cheering?

Not with this much on line.

White was in fine form as he consistently got to his shots and cranked up the offense to roll past his opponent in the final match of the night. Even with less than five seconds remaining on the clock – White scored another take down as the final few seconds ticked away at Emmetsburg’s dual season.

“Frost always pushes us to keep going – score as much points as we can,” said White. “That’s what I tried to do. I knew there was time left on the clock. I said what’s one more? I went out and got it.”

Sullivan – along with four other seniors in the varsity starting lineup – will look to keep the ball rolling and bring home some hefty hardware at the Xtream Arena in Coralville, the site of the state duals for the second year in a row. N-P placed third at state duals a year ago.

That means N-P has a little unfinished business to take care of this weekend.

“It felt like we weren’t at full strength all year. Whether someone was out or hurt, whatever the case may have been – sick, not wrestling well. Everyone was out there to win tonight, no matter who they were wrestling or what it said on paper. Everyone out there had the intention that they were going to win their match,” said Sullivan.

The Huskies picked up a triangular on its schedule and wrestled against No. 17 Webster City and Forest City last week Thursday. The Class 2A Lynx topped N-P, 39-35, but the Huskies were without the services of Evans and White, who is ranked sixth at 190 pounds. The Huskies throttled Forest City, 71-6.

N-P won its fourth team title last week Saturday at the Doug Trees Bearcat Invite. The Huskies won the meet with 221 points, while Lake Mills was second with 188.5 points.

Lake Mills has 11 state dual appearances and N-P has nine. The Huskies placed state runner-up in three-consecutive seasons (2008-2010) to Don Bosco. Frost also guided N-P to a third-place dual finish at state in 2006.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 71, FOREST CITY 6

215: Aiden Sullivan (NP) pinned Peyton Klein, 1:18. 285: JT Kelso (FC) pinned Isaac Jones, 3:25.

106: Connor Sullivan (NP) pinned Myles Henn, 0:48. 113: Nic Brase (NP) pinned Deegan Moore, 3:18. 120: Jayden Rinken (NP) pinned Andrew Hofman, 4:37. 126: Hayden Munn (NP) pinned Tyler Fox, 0:44. 132: Luke Zwanziger (NP) pinned Ben Norland, 2:53.

138: Tyler Zimmer (NP) dec. Aiden Frascht, 5-2. 144: Devon Blanchard (NP) tech. fall Dominic Ohmart, 16-0. 150: Aiden Gelner (NP) pinned Noah Brones, 3:13. 157: Jackson Carey (NP) pinned Kobe Umbaugh, 0:28. 165: Dylan Blanchard (NP) pinned Brody Cooper, 2:28. 175: Eli Kalainoff (NP) pinned Cale Lorenzen, 0:36. 190: Maverick Dietz-McDonald (NP) dec. Brock Good, 9-5.

WEBSTER CITY 39, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 35

285: Landon Griffin (WC) pinned Jones, 1:30. 106: C. Sullivan (NP) pinned Angel Ramirez (WC), 4:48. 113: Linden Phetxoumphone (WC) dec. Brase, 9-2. 120: Rinken (NP) pinned Ridge Berninghaus, 1:49. 126: Carson Doolittle (WC) pinned Munn, 3:12. 132: Dawson Bertran (WC) dec. Zwanziger, 6-4. 138: Gavin Wynkoop (WC) pinned Zimmer, 3:50.

144: De. Blanchard (NP) tech fall Blake Berninghaus, 16-0. 150: Tristan Mason (WC) dec. Gelner, 6-4. 157: Elijah Cerwinski (NP) won by forfeit. 165: Carey (NP) pinned Isaac Firsching, 2:26. 175: Luke Estlund (WC) pinned Dy. Blanchard, 5:20. 190: Carson Bertran (WC) pinned Dietz-McDonald, 1:50. 215: A. Sullivan (NP) pinned Eli Estlund, 2:32.

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Nashua-Plainfield 221, Lake Mills 188.5, West Hancock 156.5, North Butler/Clarksville 145, Rockford 24, West Fork 0.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

106: Connor Sullivan placed fourth. Round 1 - Lucas Oldenkamp (LM) pinned Sullivan, 0:51. Round 2 - Carl Shew (NBC) pinned Sullivan, 1:30. Round 3 - Ozzy Smith (WH) pinned Sullivan, 5:01. 113: Nic Brase placed first. Round 2 - Brase pinned Briggs Muth (WH), 0:44. Round 3 - Brase pinned Weston Miller (NBC), 0:54.

120: Jayden Rinken placed first. Round 1 - Rinken tech fall Carter Helgeson (LM), 27-11. Round 2 - Rinken pinned Kolbie Vance (NP), 3:00. Round 3 - Rinken tech fall Jack Bartels (NBC), 28-13.

120: Kolbie Vance placed second. Round 1 - Vance pinned Jack Bartels (NBC), 1:50. Round 2 - Rinken (NP) pinned Vance, 3:00. Round 3 - Vance pinned Carter Helgeson (LM), 2:46.

126: Hayden Munn placed second. Round 1 - Munn maj. dec. Royce Peterson (LM), 13-4. Round 2 - Munn pinned Aiden Morrison (NBC), 2:23. Round 3 - Jacob Larson (WH) pinned Munn, 1:10.

132: Luke Zwanziger placed third. Round 1 - Landon Price (LM) pinned Zwanziger, 1:43. Round 2 - Tanner Arjes (NBC) pinned Zwanziger, 0:39.

138: Tyler Zimmer placed third. Round 1 - Zimmer pinned Payton Malchow (Ro), 1:18. Round 3 - Teague Smith (WH) pinned Zimmer, 1:35. Round 4 - Zimmer pinned Stroker Koop (NBC), 3:55. Round 5 - Steve Brandenburg (LM) pinned Zimmer, 3:51. Round 6 - Zimmer tech fall Carter Christianson (LM), 17-0. Round 7 - Zimmer pinned Jaxson Miller (NBC), 5:53.

144: Devon Blanchard placed first. Round 1 - Blanchard dec. Caleb Skogen (LM), 3-2. Round 2 - Blanchard pinned Devon Griffin (NP), 1:53. Round 3 - Blanchard tech fall Jacoby Subject (WH), 21-4. Round 4 - Blanchard pinned Alex Baltres (Ro), 0:57. Round 5 - Blanchard pinned John Fjeld (LM), 2:25. Round 7 - Blanchard pinned Peyton Knoll (NBC), 3:00.

144: Devon Griffin placed seventh. Round 2 - Blanchard (NP) pinned Griffin, 1:53. Round 3 - Griffin pinned Alex Baltres (Ro), 4:25. Round 4 - Peyton Knoll (NBC) maj. dec. Griffin, 16-8. Round 5 - Jacoby Subject (WH) pinned Griffin, 3:46. Round 6 - John Fjeld (LM) pinned Griffin, 1:35. Round 7 - Caleb Skogen (LM) pinned Griffin, 2:49.

150: Aiden Gelner placed second. Round 1 - Gelner pinned Cole Cross (Ro), 1:15. Round 2 - Gelner pinned Ryland Litzenberger (NBC), 3:03. Round 3 - Cody Cox (LM) dec. Gelner, 7-3.

157: Elijah Cerwinski placed second. Round 1 - Kellen Smith (WH) pinned Cerwinski, 0:56. Round 2 - Cerwinski dec. Austin Stene (LM), 3-2. Round 3 - Cerwinski pinned Eli Smith (LM), 0:45.

165: Dylan Blanchard placed second. Round 1 - Blanchard pinned Noah Bloedel (LM), 1:23/ Round 3 - Beau Kaufman (LM) dec. Blanchard, 5-4.

175: Titus Evans placed first. Round 1 - Evans pinned Alex Bacon (NBC), 2:36. Round 2 - Evans pinned Ethan Lawson (LM), 1:55. Round 3 - Evans dec. Creighton Kelly (WH), 11-9.

190: Maverick Dietz-McDonald placed fourth. Round 1 - MaKade Bloker (NBC) pinned Dietz-McDonald, 0:44. Round 2 - Kale Zuehl (WH) pinned Dietz-McDonald, 1:47. Round 3 - Andrew Grunhovid (LM) pinned Dietz-McDonald, 6:52.

215: Aiden Sullivan placed second. Round 1 - Wyatt Hanna (LM) dec. Sullivan, 8-4. Round 2 - Sullivan pinned Joe Koehler (Ro), 2:19. Round 3 - Sullivan dec. David Smith (WH), 3-2.

285: Isaac Jones placed first. Round 1 - Jones pinned Rex Ross (NBC), 1:56. Round 2 - Jones pinned Calvin Rognes (LM), 1:55. Round 4 - Jones pinned Jakobe Anderson (LM), 0:16. Round 5 - Jones dec. Mitchell Smith (WH), 8-4.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 70, EMMETSBURG 12

215: A. Sullivan (NP) pinned Nick Saxton, 2:39. 285: Gage Jorgenson (E) pinned Jones, 3:50. 106: C. Sullivan (NP) won by forfeit. 113: Brase (NP) pinned CJ Rodriguez, 1:45. 120: Rinken (NP) pinned Lincoln Wilcoxon, 2:16. 126: Munn (NP) pinned Jackson Wilcoxon, 1:31. 132: Zwanziger (NP) pinned Dayton Strohmam, 1:35.

138: Zimmer (NP) pinned Gage Ditch, 1:24. 144: De. Blanchard (NP) pinned Gavin Dodd, 2:26. 150: Gelner (NP) pinned Creighton Zeigler, 2:18. 157: Carey (NP) pinned Bradyen Yates, 2:16. 165: Justin Wirtz (E) pinned Dy. Blanchard, 4:26. 175: Evans (NP) won by injury default over Jace Nelson-Brown. 190: White (NP) maj. dec. Ryan Wirtz. 14-3.



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Nashua-Plainfield coaches and wrestlers wait for Eden Lamborn (headgear) to wrestle on Friday at Mason City

Huskies’ Lamborn falls one match short of state meet

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The last match of the night – which put a cap on last Friday’s super regional at Mason City for all of the hundreds of wrestlers from almost 50 teams involved – was Nashua-Plainfield’s Eden Lamborn versus Mason City’s Aniyah Smith.

The loser’s season would come to an end and the victorious grappler would advance herself to the state tournament in Coralville.

The end is always bitter-sweet.

Unfortunately for Lamborn (235) – who had a fine season – her fourth-place match at the Region 8 state qualifier went the way of the Riverhawk wrestler by fall in 3:47.

Lamborn didn’t hang her head, but proceeded to walk off the mat to meet her teammates and coaches a little before 6:30 p.m. in the evening on a long day for everyone that took part in one of the four regional sites across the state.

“That was the first time we’ve seen her,” said N-P head coach Reece Reams about Lamborn’s final opponent of the 2023-2024 season.

Smith (17-24), just a freshman and the No. 32 seed at state in her weight class, would go on to wrestle top-ranked senior Olivia Huckfelt of Spencer on Thursday morning in the opening round. The Mason City heavyweight grappler lost by fall in just 34 seconds to Huckfelt (42-0) – who is the defending state champ at 235 pounds.

No matter what seed Lamborn (21-9) would have been had she advanced to the second sanctioned state girls wrestling meet in Iowa history, she can be proud of completing a terrific season in just her second year of competition.

Reams – himself a wrestler for Al Frost’s Huskies and a 2015 N-P alum – broke down Lamborn’s sophomore campaign, which came awfully close to ending at state.

“She just looked a little bit more confident,” said Reams. “Body positioning – she’s starting to get a little bit better there, too. She walks off with a smile, which is always nice – win or lose. She keeps her spirits up.”

Lamborn went 2-3 at Mason City and worked her way to two pins – each coming versus Danika Reiser of Waukon. Lamborn’s first pin (3:35) over Reiser came in the quarterfinals and advanced her to the semifinal round. There she faced Decorah’s Madysen Lippe, who went on pin Lamborn in 51 seconds. Amelia Sirola of Okoboji defeated Lamborn in her first wrestleback on the backside as she came up with a pin over the Husky in 40 seconds.

Lamborn kept her season alive in the “blood round” by getting her second pin over Reiser in the fifth-place match. That win by fall came in 4:20.

Reams brought just three wrestlers (all sophomores) to the regional meet at Mason City, including Lamborn.

Husky 145-pounder Nevaeh Bloker (19-15) wrestled down

a weight – she wrestled the majority of her matches at 155 pounds this winter – and went 2-2 on the day.

Her wins came against Chloe Crow of Dubuque Senior and Kiana Grell of Mason City. Each victory came by fall came in the first period as Bloker stuck Crow in 1:08 and took it to Grell with a lightning-quick pin in just 16 seconds.

Reams spoke about what Bloker needs to do better next year to put herself over the top and reach the state tournament.

“Body positioning is a big one, which is typical. She’s only a second year,” said Reams. “If she can stay off her knee – she likes to wrestle off her knee – that gets her in a bad position a lot of the time.”

Jayla Patten (1-10) – who wrestled at 125 pounds – lost both her matches. She lost by major decision (11-2) to Decorah’s Stella Grinna. She exited the tournament with a loss by fall (2:18) to Claire Rye of the North Central Trailblazers in her first consolation match.

With the super regionals comes pressure in the survive-and-advance tournament format.

“It’s different. There’s a lot more at stake. It’s the time of the year you have to win matches,” said Reams.

Reams spoke about a challenging day at the super regional site where dreams come true for some grapplers and others are stopped short their goals.

“Obviously not the way we wanted it to go,” said Reams. “We saw a lot of good things – a lot of improvements. We saw a lot of good chain wrestling. We saw things coming together.”

Reams talked about a season in which his girls showed they’ve come a long way.

“We vastly improved from last year. That was the biggest upside is we’re starting to look like wrestlers,” said Reams. “We don’t look like roly-polys anymore. We’re actually moving around and we have some fight in us.”

REGION 8 TEAM SCORES

Decorah 254, Mason City 205, Williamsburg 194, Osage 190, Dubuque Hempstead 144, Crestwood 143, Dubuque Senior 138, Waukon 124, BCLUW-SH 109, North Central Trailblazers 87, St. Ansgar 79, AP-GC 64, North Fayette Valley 61, South Winneshiek 59, Okoboji/HMS 51, North Butler-Clarksville 46, Ogden 40, Urbandale 40, Iowa Falls-Alden 35, Ballard 33, Eagle Grove 33, Nashua-Plainfield 24, Center Point-Urbana 17, Belle Plaine 0, West Bend-Mallard 0.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

125: Jayla Patten did not place. Champ. Round 1 - Stella Grinna (Dec) maj. dec. Patten 11-2. Cons. Round 2 - Claire Rye (NCT) pinned Patten, 2:18.

145: Nevaeh Bloker did not place. Champ. Round 2 - Bloker pinned Chloe Crow (DS), 1:08. Quarterfinal - Taya Hollingsworth (BCLUW-SH) pinned Bloker, 1:18. Cons. Round 4 - Bloker pinned Kiana Grell (MC), 0:16. Cons. Round 5 - Ava Bossom (Wauk) pinned Bloker, 3:16.

235: Eden Lamborn placed fifth. Quarterfinal - Lamborn pinned Danika Reiser (Wauk), 3:35. Semifinal - Madysen Lippe (Dec) pinned Lamborn, 0:51. Cons. Semi - Amelia Sirola (Ok/HMS) pinned Lamborn, 0:40. 5th Place Match - Lamborn pinned Reiser (Wauk), 4:20. 4th Place Match - Aniyah Smith (MC) pinned Lamborn, 3:47.



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N-P’s Nevaeh Bloker (145) wrestles at super regionals.



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Husky boys pick up win of the year

N-P goes on the road to stun Osage, tops Waterloo Christian

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Matt Mueller rolled the dice on Monday night at home versus Waterloo Christian and one of the state's leading scorers – Drew Wagner. It's a good thing Mueller's not a betting man – because he almost came up snake eyes. We'll get to placing that "hypothetical wager" later on. With a three-point lead against Wagner's Regents and the clock dipping underneath five seconds in the final period after Waterloo Christian cut Nashua-Plainfield's lead to a single possession with a steal and putback – Mueller diagrammed a play. And it didn't work, but the N-P boys hoops head

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Jake Smith keeps an eye on a defender as he gets ready to put up a baseline shot in a game against Waterloo Christian on Monday.

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Aiden Sullivan started it. Tate White finished it. The in between? Stellar, stupendous and superior. Pick your adjective, because if Al Frost's Huskies wrestle like they did at regional duals Tuesday night this coming weekend – watch out Coralville and any Class 1A opponent that attempts to get in their way. Nashua-Plainfield (21-7) qualified for state duals on Saturday with an emphatic performance against an outgunned and over-matched Emmetsburg squad that is rated 12th by the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA). The Huskies – who will compete for the third consecutive season at state duals (which ties a school record) – are listed as the No. 5 team according to the IWCOA's latest rankings in the small-school class. Taking nothing away from the E-Hawks, but this was just not

HUSKIES ROCK THE HOUSE WITH DOMINANT EFFORT AGAINST E-HAWKS



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Jayden Rinken gets in on both legs of Emmetsburg's Lincoln Wilcoxon as he works for a takedown while teammate Devon Blanchard (below) finishes off a pin of the E-Hawks Gavin Dodd during the Class 1A regional duals on Tuesday.

their night. The squad from the Twin Lakes Conference in northwestern Iowa didn't seem to stand a chance as the underdog – much less wrestle two matches to survive and advance to the round of eight at state this weekend. "These guys proved themselves

that we are well-deserved to be down there," said Frost. "There was no question or doubt." In front of a packed house and energized hometown crowd that was as per usual – loud and proud – N-P flexed its muscles from the get-go and rolled to a 70-12 rout

over the E-Hawks. "The intensity was good. They were focused and I think they're listening. They're confident and they're believers. Right now we're believing," said Frost. SEE REGIONAL DUALS, 7



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Spirited run comes up short Nashua-Plainfield's Eden Lamborn works to turn Waukon's Danika Reiser on her way to a win in the fifth-place match at the super regional that was held in Mason City last Friday. See STORY, Page 7

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