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County attorney: City owns dam

Laudner says he's encouraged that Nashua is working to clean up paperwork

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner concedes it is "ambiguous" but he told the Board of Supervisors on Monday that he believes the city of Nashua does own the dam located in the city.

And Laudner told board members he's hopeful that the ambiguity will soon be cleared up.

The issue of the dam ownership has been a hot topic for several months after the board approved giving the \$50,000 of county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the city for engineering

costs to fix ongoing issues with the dam that creates Cedar Lake, a cornerstone of Chickasaw County's second largest city.

"As of now, the county, the Assessor's Office, the Auditor's Office for the last 30 some years have all been treating it as though Nashua owns the dam," Laudner said. "I

don't see anything in here to controvert that, particularly knowing what the intent is and particularly knowing that the city attorney and the city of Nashua are going to work on cleaning up and fixing the

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Libraries seek 6% increase in county funding

Two county facilities, including Nashua's, facing loss of levies

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County librarians not only asked the Board of Supervisors for more money but they also made a plea Tuesday to county leaders to advocate for their facilities with area state legislators.

Five of the six county librarians made their pitches during a meeting on Monday and told supervisors that they, along with county library board members, are asking the county to up its contribution to them by 6 percent.

But two of the library directors — Nashua's Heather Hackman and New Hampton's Carrie Becker — are facing an even bigger challenge than just inflation.

That because of a bill that made its way through the Iowa Legislature this past spring.

Under House File, 718, libraries will see the amount collected for libraries from voter-approved levies reduced each year and be phased out in 2029. The library levy accounts for 20 percent of the annual budget for the New Hampton Public Library and 12.6 percent of the annual budget for the Nashua Public Library.

During the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, Nashua Library Director Heather Hackman urged the five board members to lobby local legislators to get HF 718 changed during the 2024 session.

"We ask that you help us by contacting our state legislators and that they propose and support an amendment to House File 718 that would restore the library levy to the cities and honor the wishes of the voters and who voted them in," she said. "If a funding increase is something the county can't support, please understand the impact. Services,

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
November 5, 2023

Just a little friendly reminder to turn those clocks back an hour before you head to bed this Saturday night!



Decision day is Tuesday

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Nashua voters will have plenty of options to choose from Tuesday when they head to the polls for the every-other-year municipal and school elections.

Seven candidates are seeking three full four-year terms on the City Council while another pair of candidates are vying for a two-year term.

Early voting began on Oct. 18 at the Chickasaw

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Nashua area residents and families (above) take part in the annual Trunk or Treat put on by the Nashua Women of Today Sunday, when these Viking fans (below) celebrated a big win over the Packers by decorating their trunk with a football theme. **See TRUNK OR TREAT PHOTOS, Page 8**

HOT TIME AT HALLOWEEN EVENT

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

There were football players, superheroes, princesses and even a witch or two.

Oh, one couldn't miss Shrek's donkey, either. But all the costumed consumers of confectionaries that took part in Nashua's 10th Annual Trunk or Treat on Main did one thing on Sunday afternoon — bagged the candy!

This was what you would call a little pre-Halloween trick-or-treating that was right up a sweet tooth's alley.

Of course, those that made the trek to see Shrek and the many colorful characters that lined the streets of downtown Nashua got some goodies to take home and all in attendance had a good time.

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Congresswoman feels for area farmers after a growing season in drought



U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson (third from right) poses with MBS Family Farms staff members during a visit to the area on Tuesday morning. Pictured are Sue Kobliska, Laura Schmitt, Karmen Mehmen, Hinson, Kerri Mehmen and Cara Jensen.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

During visits to Nashua's Bradford House and Plainfield farm, Hinson says that progress is being made on a new Farm bill

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Crops suffered to a staggering degree on Iowa's farmland this past summer.

Extreme drought, often times rated out as exceptional in this portion of the state, enveloped fields of corn and soybeans and drastically altered their yields.

That was one of the reasons U.S. Representative Ashley Hinson made the trek up north on Tuesday to visit MBS Family Farms in Plainfield — a business owned by the Mehmen family since 2005 — after also spending some time at the Bradford Guest House in Nashua as part of Hinson's efforts to highlight the tourism industry in her district.

Hinson is in her second term

as a Republican congresswoman from Marion who represents Iowa's Second Congressional District. She talked about the challenges that her constituents — many of them farmers — are facing with rising production costs and the unpredictable weather patterns brought on by Mother Nature.

"The lack of rain is a real problem, but that's where technology advancement can help things to be more precise," said Hinson, a West Des Moines Valley High School grad that left a career as a broadcast TV journalist in 2016 and entered into the realm of Washington, D.C. and big-time politics three years ago.

She has gotten to know the

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Briefs

Little Brown Church to hold supper, barn dance tonight

The Little Brown Church is sponsoring a barn dance tonight and all proceeds from the event will benefit Operation Christmas Child, an organization that has a goal to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

The Little Brown Church event will be held at River Ranch Camping, 2575, Cheyenne Ave., and will include a pulled pork supper from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and a dance that will include both square dancing and line dancing, led by DJ Gary Smith from 6 to 10 p.m.

Freewill donations will be accepted and church officials are emphasizing that children are welcome to the event and that there will be no alcohol at the dance.

Circus in Nashua is postponed until May

Due to what Big 4 Chamber of Commerce President Val Joihnson called "unforeseen circumstances," The Giant Bubble Circus that was supposed to be in Nashua on Saturday has been postponed.

All pre-purchased tickets will transfer to the new date, which is now May 4, but those who would like a refund can return to the places they purashed them to receive one.

Quilter to present program at Clarksville library

The Clarksville Public Library (103 W. Greene St.) will be hosting quilting legend Heidi Kaisand for a special quilting program and trunk show on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m.in the library's lower level.



Kaisand was an editor for Better Homes & Gardens American Patchwork & Quilting, a sales manager for APQS and is now the shop owner of Hen & Chicks Studio in Conrad.

Library officials are emphasizing the program is for both quilters and "non-quilters" will also enjoy this program!

The library is handicapped accessible and refreshments will be served.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Library directors (from left) Cathy Humpal (Lawler), Heather Hackman (Nashua), India Watson (Ionia) and Carrie Becker (New Hampton) share a light moment during a meeting with the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday morning.

New state law to phase out library levies

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not just books, will be eliminated."

Becker agreed during an interview following the meeting, and she lamented the possibility of her library's voter-approved levy being taken away.

New Hampton and Nashua are among 97 libraries throughout the state that receive funding from special library levies.

And without those levies?

"That means I have to shorten my hours and lay off people," Becker said in an interview Monday afternoon. "It's frustrating because it was kind of done over the cloak of darkness. ... It, to me, is a slap in the face of our voters who approved our levy."

During Monday's meeting, the librarians asked county leaders to raise the county allotment from \$124,337.50 this year to \$131,797.75 in 2024, saying supervisors' funding of libraries wasn't even keeping pace when inflation was at historically low levels several years ago.

"We've been doing the same or more with less," New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker said, "and the fact is the increases we've received from you have not kept up with inflation. ... Costs of everything go up, and we're not keeping pace."

She used two different inflation indicators — one from usinflationrate.com and the other from a government website — to back up her contention. In 2017, the inflation rate was between 1.85 and 2 percent and libraries received a 1.16 percent increase from supervisors. In 2018, inflation was between 1.9 and 2.15 percent and libraries actually saw their funding from the county drop by 0.28 percent.

Becker, though, said inflation has really outpaced county funding the past two years. In 2021, her sources showed the inflation rate was between 3.55 and 7 percent, and county funding remained the same. And a year ago, when inflation was between 6.15 and 6.5 percent, county funding for libraries increased by just 1.5 percent.

During her presentation to the board, Ionia Library Director India Watson emphasized that libraries "are more than just books" and touted the programs her facility and others offer residents.

COUNTY SPENDING ON LIBRARIES

Here is what Chickasaw County has allotted to libraries in the county since 2014.

2014.....	\$104,993
2015.....	\$115,493
2016.....	\$118,958
2017.....	\$120,338
2018.....	\$120,000
2019.....	\$121,800
2020.....	\$122,500
2021.....	\$122,500
2022.....	\$124,337.50
2023.....	\$131,797.75*

* The amount the Chickasaw County Library Association is requesting this year from supervisors, who did not take any action on the matter during Monday's meeting.

And Watson added that libraries provide "economic development" to the communities they serve.

"Libraries statistically are likely to attract new businesses, and they increase property values within the radius of the library," she said. "They improve the overall quality of life for citizens regardless of their age, color, gender or abilities by offering free information, education, recreation and connections."

Watson added that all the county's libraries are "still facing an increase in needs and demands for the people who are hit hardest by the changing economy and that is children and the elderly."

The members of the Chickasaw County Library Association — which include facilities in Nashua, New Hampton, Alta Vista, Fredericksburg, Ionia and Lawler — had to fight for the 1.5 percent increase they received in county funding this year.

At one point, supervisors were considering giving libraries \$100,000 — a decrease of 18.4 percent from the \$122,500 they received in 2022 — but librarians and patrons from throughout the county lobbied hard during a Board of Supervisors meeting that had to be held in the courthouse's courtroom to accommodate the crowd.

Board members eventually reversed course and upped the allotment from the Rural Services Basic fund by 1.5 percent.

Supervisors are cool to idea of adding sheriff's sergeants

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver made his sales pitch to add sergeant positions to his department, but on Monday at least, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors weren't in a buying mood.

They didn't necessarily kill the idea, but they said they wanted to get through negotiations on a new contract with the union that represents sheriff's deputies and other staff members.

Shawver's proposal is to name two deputy sergeants, who would serve in "leadership roles" underneath himself and Chief Deputy Zach Nosbisch.

"It would allow them more of a leadership role for the department, giving them more responsibilities," Shawver said. "It would give some of our younger officers someone to go to initially. We would still oversee the department obviously, but I think this is would be a good step for us."

Shawver said he came to the supervisors because the first step in the process would be approaching the union to discuss adding the sergeant positions to the union contract, but board members tapped the brakes on the plan, at least for now.

The sheriff told board members that he envisioned a \$2 per hour raise for the sergeants and that "right now, I don't think we'd need a budget amendment" to go forth with the plan.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said that although he understood that Shawver's plan would grow leadership within the department, but added that "I'm concerned that we're getting possibly too top-heavy with the amount of employees we have."

Other supervisors weren't as opposed to the plan as Kuhn, but Supervisor Jake Hackman wanted more information on what other counties were doing when it came to sergeant posi-

tions. And supervisors also wanted to discuss the proposal during union negotiations before moving ahead with Shawver's proposal.

In other news from Monday's board meeting:

- Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal gave board members more information about the water testing that has to be done at the Heritage Center, the county-owned building that is just south of New Hampton's city limits.

During a meeting on Oct. 23, Steve Breitbach questioned if the county was required to test the water daily at the building that houses a number of county and non-profit offices.

Humpal explained that the county must send water samples in once a month for testing, but because it adds chlorine to the water at the Heritage, it must take daily samples and report the results of those tests once a month to the state.

"We're not sending something to be tested every day," Humpal said, "but we do have to do samples daily. ... I just want everyone to be clear on what we're exactly doing."

The county is exploring paying for the city of New Hampton to extend its water line to the Heritage, in part because of the cost of testing, but the two sides are at an impasse when it comes to the county paying for a larger water line and an auto-flusher that the city wants installed.

- Board members also hashed out details with Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson about the release of bidding specifications for remodeling work that needs to be done to add living quarters to the county-owned ambulance station that is located just to the north of the downtown area in New Hampton.

Bid specs were sent out last week, but those interested in bidding on the project can pick up copies at the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office. Bids are due by Nov. 27.

The Value of Physical Therapy

Did you know that Physical Therapy can be valuable for a patient in multiple ways? The first way is what most people think of – physical therapy can help decrease pain and return to activities. This is true; however, there are many other ways, as pointed out by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), that physical therapy can "help" or add value to a person's life. Below are a few examples of how choosing physical therapy for problems many people face, based on an evidence-based report provided by the APTA, "The Economic Value of Physical Therapy in the United States."

Osteoarthritis of the Knee: Pain, poor ability to do day to day tasks such as walking in a grocery store, and stiffness are often experienced with osteoarthritis of the knee.

Financial Value of Choosing Physical Therapy:

- an average **net benefit of \$13,981** compared to steroid injections

Additional Patient Benefits:

- Physical therapist provided patient education to reduce the risk of opioid addiction
- Avoiding the expenses of steroid (cortisone) injections and surgery (when appropriate)
- Improved ability to walk, balance, strength and flexibility - which lowers the chance of other health conditions and costs

Low Back Pain: Acute low back pain is common for adults and often affects the ability to live the lifestyle they desire and requires expensive treatments

Financial Value of Choosing Physical Therapy:

- An average **net benefit of \$4160** when physical therapy is used to treat acute low back pain

Additional Patient Benefits:

- Physical therapist provided patient education about what can cause low pain which could help the patient avoid re-injury in the future
- Pain control without the use of prescription pain medication

Fall Prevention: Older adults are at major risk for falls which can lead to broken bones, emergency department visits, and even death.

Financial Value of Choosing Physical Therapy:

- An average **net benefit of \$2,144** compared to not participating in fall prevention programs

Additional Patient Benefits:

- Better ability to walk due to increases strength and balance
- Decreased risk for broken bones due to falls

Stress Urinary Incontinence:

Physical therapy is a money saving treatment to help patients with stress urinary leakage, avoid injections, and lingering side effects.

Financial Value of Choosing Physical Therapy:

- An average **net benefit of \$10,129** compared to using injections to treat urinary leakage due to stress

Additional Patient Benefits:

- Avoid the unwanted side effects and costs of medications
- Better results compared to injections

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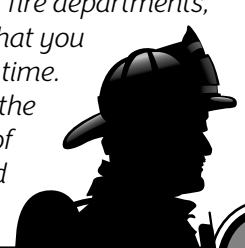
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Thank You

The family of Tony Hoffman will be forever grateful for the tremendous amount of kindness and concern shown during this very difficult time. There are no words to express our heartfelt thanks.

As a tribute to his legacy of love for service, extend a helping hand. Share a genuine smile. Do anything that brings a spark of joy into someone's life.



The family of Tony Hoffman

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Beverly Bailey, 91

Beverly Bailey, age 91 of Nashua, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at Chautauqua Guest Homes No. 2 in Charles City. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, with the Rev. Drew McHolm presiding. Interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Nashua, with Brian Sullivan, Mark Bailey, James Hampton and Chris Beckley serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation will continue an hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

Online condolences for the Bailey family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Beverly Mary Bailey, affectionately known as Bev, passed away peacefully at Chautauqua Guest Homes in Charles City, Iowa, on Oct. 28, 2023.

Born on Aug. 1, 1932, in rural Nashua, Bev lived a life characterized by love, passion and generosity. Beverly Mary Sudol, daughter of Jake and Ethel (Chadwick) Sudol, spent her entire life in the Nashua area.

After graduating from Nashua High School in 1951, she pursued her passion for education at Warburg College and graduated with a teaching degree. Bev dedicated her pro-



Bev Bailey

fessional life to nurturing young minds, first at the local country school, Richland Grove, and then at Fredericksburg Elementary School, from where she retired after years of dedicated service.

On June 27, 1954, Bev united in marriage with Donald Henry Bailey, and they were blessed with three children — Terry, Anita, and Kirk. Bev was not only a devoted mother but also an active member of the community. She helped on the farm, worked tirelessly in 4H, Junior Federated Club, Pythian Sisters, Farm Bureau and Bradford Homemakers Club. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, and she was a lifelong member of the Little Brown Church.

After retirement, Bev and her husband Donald found joy in running a gift shop at the Little Brown Church and participat-

ing in flea markets.

Family was the heart of Bev's world, and she reveled in being a part of all her children and grandchildren's activities. Bev and Donald also found a second home in Edinburg, Texas, where they wintered after retirement, establishing lifelong friendships.

Bev is survived by her three children, Terry (Cindy), and Anita (Tom) Sullivan, both of Nashua, and Kirk (Deb) of Charles City. She was a beloved grandmother to six grandchildren, Matthew Bailey, Leslye Bailey, Tanya (Jim) Hampton, Brian (Andrea) Sullivan, Mark Bailey, and Megan (Chris) Beckley. Bev also had the joy of being a great-grandmother to six great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Alex Hampton, Aiden and Connor Sullivan and Weston and Wyatt Beckley. She is also survived by her brother, Orlin (Deb) Sudol, and sister-in-law, Barbara Sudol, both of Nashua.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, Jake and Ethel (Chadwick) Sudol; her husband, Donald, in 2007; her granddaughter, Teresa Sullivan; and her brother, Jerry Sudol.

Beverly Bailey's life was a testament to her love for family, passion for education and dedication to her community. Her generous spirit touched all who knew her, and she will be deeply missed.

Her legacy of love and commitment will continue to live on through all who were blessed to have her in their life.

Betty Lou Orric, 82

Betty Lou Orric, age 82 of Nashua, died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023 at her home.

No formal services will be held.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua have been entrusted with Betty's arrangements.

Online condolences for the Orric family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Betty was born on April 14, 1941, in Charles City, Iowa, to her proud parents, Les and Ruth McMangle.

She attended high school in Nashua, ultimately graduating in 1959. During her school years, Betty's natural musical talent began to shine.

Little did anyone know that her passion for music, particularly her love for the organ, would become such an integral part of her life.

Music was Betty's greatest source of joy, and her nimble fingers graced countless keyboards throughout her lifetime. She had a profound love for all types of music and was known for her extraordinary talent on the organ. Betty shared her musical gift with the community, playing at numerous wed-



Betty Orric

dings and funerals, where her melodies provided solace and celebration to those who needed it most.

Beyond her passion for music, Betty had an adventurous spirit. She had a love for travel and often embarked on exciting journeys, exploring new places and creating lasting memories. Her adventurous side extended to her fondness for the occasional visit to the boat in Marquette, where she enjoyed testing her luck in the world of gambling.

In the later chapters of her

life, Betty's journey led her to a loving partnership with Chuck Orric. Their story began at the Nashua Country Club, where Betty managed the establishment and found her soulmate in Church.

Their love blossomed and culminated in a beautiful union at the iconic Little Brown Church in Nashua, a place where so many love stories have been sealed.

Betty Orric touched the lives of many with her music, her adventurous spirit, and her unwavering love. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends, and her music will continue to bring joy to those who were fortunate enough to experience it.

Betty is survived by two sons, Clark Baldwin of Tennessee, and Doug (Amy) LaBounty of Nashua; four grandchildren, Ashley LaBounty of Nashua, Christine LaBounty of Garner, Emily (Zach) Ptacek of Elma, and Andrew Slick of Boyd; and three great-grandchildren, Cohen Smith, Oliver Ptacek and Rosie Ptacek.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Chuck Orric.

“Small” T, lack of a period leads to dam confusion

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problem.”

The problem is in paperwork that dates back decades.

In an agreement between Iowa Public Services, the forerunner to Mid-American Energy, and the city that was signed in 1987, it is clear that IPS was agreeing to convey the hydro-electric power plant and dam to the city.

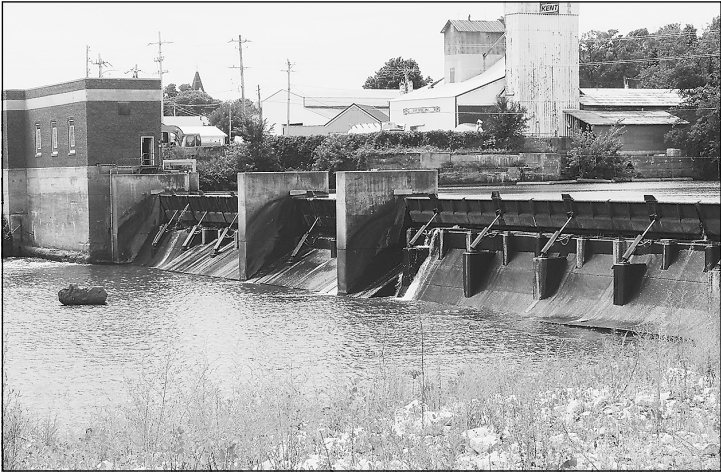
The agreement includes a property description, “except the east seventy (70) feet south of the mill race of said lot.” But it also states the conveyance is “for the land and “together with the hydro-electric power plant and dam located thereon.”

But four years later, the deed issued states the property description, followed by “except the East Seventy (70) feet south of the mill race of said lot together with the hydro-electric power plant and dam located thereon.”

“When they transposed over to the actual deed, whoever transposed that, got rid of the period and the capital T and merged that into one big sentence in one big paragraph,” Laudner said. “That’s where the confusion arises, in my opinion.”

Laudner, though, said that because the two documents are confusing — “since reasonable people can read it differently” — intent comes into play.

“The bottom line is then if it is ambiguous, then you get to use all the intrinsic evidence, which means all the other stuff, to prove what the actual intent was,” the county attorney said. “I think it’s very clear what the intent was. There’s zero doubt in my mind, the intent was to transfer the [dam]. They raised the \$400,000 to fix it up. Four



Reporter file photo

Nashua officials are working on resolving issues over the city’s dam ownership that was caused by mistakes made in the deed paperwork that was issued more than 30 years ago.

years later, they did the deed. Someone just made an error transposing it over onto the [deed]. There’s no question in my mind ... I think the intent was clear, to transfer it over.”

Laudner said that he has been in contact with Nashua’s city attorney, David Skilton, and has been told that the city

“is in the process of working with Mid-American to get a new deed to not only to clean up mess forgetting a period and a capital T. ... He’s working with Mid-American to clean up someone’s error. I’m optimistic that in a couple of months that deed will get signed and filed and all this can be put to bed.”



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News from the Nashua Public Library

The Nashua Public Library is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We can be reached by phone at 641-435-4635, and you can reserve books online as well through our online catalog, call the library if you need help by going online to <https://nashua.biblionix.com/catalog/>.

The library is now offering notary services to patrons. Our library director is now a notary public through the state of Iowa. If you need notary services, make sure to stop into the library or call to ensure our library director is available.

Upcoming events at the Nashua Public Library include:

- Wednesday, Nov. 8: Library Board meeting at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 11: Closed in observance of Veterans Day.
- Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023- LEGO Day at the Library, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 18: Lunch with Sheila Craig, “Remembering the Apron” program, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 20: Pajama’s & Pancake Children’s program, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 22: Family Movie Day at the Library (Movie to be announced closer), 3 to 5 p.m., sponsored by CPPC and the library.
- Saturday, Dec. 2: Santa’s Workshop at the library as part of Christmas in Nashua; more details to come in the Reporter later this month!

Some of the new books we have at the library include:

- Bright Lights, Big Christmas by Mary Kay Andrews
- No Reserve by Felix Francis
- Obsession by Stuart Woods
- Judgement Prey by John Sandford
- Midnight at the Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan
- Santa & Company by Fern Michaels
- The Night House by Jo Nesbo

Briefs

MercyOne to hold free skin cancer screenings this month

MercyOne New Hampton Family Medicine is offering free skin cancer screenings in November. Living in a rural Iowa community, we see a higher rate of skin cancers and increased skin cancer factors. This makes screening much more important for our population.

The ACS advises a skin screening if you notice:

- Any change on your skin, especially in the size or color of a mole or other darkly pigmented growth or spot, or a new growth
- Scaliness, oozing, bleeding, or change in the appearance of a bump or nodule
- The spread of pigmentation beyond its border, such as dark coloring that spreads past the edge of a mole or mark
- A change in sensation, itchiness, tenderness, or pain

Residents can call 641-394-2151 to schedule an appointment.

Lynch companies to honor area veterans on Nov. 10

The annual Lynch Family Companies’ Veterans’ Day Celebration will be held on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Winneshiek Co. Fairground, 900 East Main Street in Decorah.

Serving Lynch barbecue and beverages from 4 to 6:30 p.m. to veterans, active military, National Guard and Reserves and their families, veterans

- The Armor of Light by Ken Follett
- Second Act by Danielle Steel
- Christmas Cooking from the heart 2023
- The 12 dogs of Christmas by Susan Wiggs
- The Exchange by John Grisham
- Christmas at the Shelter Inn by Rae Anne

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- The Last Exchange by Charles Martin
- Taste of Home Grandmas Favorites 2024
- The Perfect Holiday by Debbie Macomber
- Not that Fancy by Reba McEntire
- The Heirloom by Beverly Lewis **Large Print**
- Finding Us by Tracie Peterson **Large Print**
- 12 months to Live by James Patterson
- **Large Print**

New DVDs & Blu-Rays that were recently added to the library collection include:

- Hocus Pocus (DVD)
- Winnie the Pooh A Very Merry Pooh Year (DVD)
- Winnie the Pooh A Very Merry Pooh Year (BLU-RAY)
- Are you there God? It’s me Margaret (DVD)
- Ruby Gillman – Teenage Kraken (DVD)
- Spider-Man Across the spider verse (DVD)
- The Little Mermaid (DVD)
- The Little Mermaid (BLU-RAY)
- Mickey & Friends (DVD)
- Mickey & Friends (BLU-RAY)
- Haunted Mansion (DVD)
- Haunted Mansion (BLU-RAY)
- Son in law (DVD)
- Beauty & the Beast – The Enchanted Christmas (DVD)
- Have yourself a Goofy little Christmas (DVD)

The library recently received a monetary donation in memory of Margaret Campbell by Scott and Tracy McGregor, and we thank the McGregors for remembering Margaret.

— Compiled by Nashua Public Library
Director Heather Hackman

will also receive a Lynch BBQ meat and seasonal gift package.

Twenty \$1,000 drawings will be held at 6:15 p.m. for veteran, active military, National Guard or Reserve members. The 20 winners will each get to decide which non-profit, military-based group their funds will be directed to. One entry can be made per person, winners do not need to be present but must attend in person to sign their name.

Please RSVP to 563-776-3046 or email Ja-mee.Schmitt@lynchfamilycompanies.com.

New Hampton chamber kicks off holiday season Saturday

Ready or not, the holiday shopping season will kick off in New Hampton on Nov. 4 as the New Horizons-Chamber is sponsoring a Holiday Open House, with activities, treats and specials from local businesses.

Starting at 9 a.m. that day, there will be six locations around town with various vendors.

They include:

- Maker’s Market at St. Josephs Gym, 200 N. Maple 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (30+ vendors)
- New Hampton Fall/Winter Craft and Vendor Show at the Chickasaw Event Center, 301 N. Water Ave. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Craft Crawl at the Pubz four locations: Butch’s - 4 E. Main St.; Dak’s Tap - 9 S. Walnut Ave.; New Hampton Municipal Utilities - 112 E. Main St. and Awards ‘n Time - 13 E. Main St.

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Guest View

Protective and cyber security measures ensure Iowa elections are safe and secure

Voting is one of the most important duties a citizen can undertake. Protecting the integrity of the vote across Iowa is of the utmost importance, and the state's holistic approach to election security is a critical component to that. Iowa is ranked in the Top 3 nationally for Election Administration, in huge part thanks to the state's layered approach to protective and cyber security.

While each single layer of security is vital, the integration of each layer is crucial in ensuring security and integrity of Iowa's elections.

In each of Iowa's 99 counties, elections are conducted independently with ample safeguards in place. Partnerships between the Iowa Secretary of State's Office, federal security agencies, private sector companies, and local election officials allow for collaboration and innovation and further strengthen election security and the varied layers of protection required.

Protection goes beyond the days leading up to an election and those following. When not in use, voting equipment is stored in a facility accessible only to authorized election personnel. Before voting starts, each piece of voting equipment undergoes logic and accuracy testing, and they are secured with tamper-evident seals.

In every Iowa county, rigorous pre-testing of election equipment allows officials to attend to any challenges well before Iowans head to the polls. Every ballot tabulator is tested in view of the public ahead of the election. Sample ballots are tested on voting machines to ensure tabulators are working properly and recording votes correctly. Every tabulator produces a paper receipt of the vote totals that can be matched to the paper ballot totals to ensure accuracy.

Another layer of protection requires all 99 counties to conduct a hand count audit after every election. One randomly selected precinct in each county must conduct a hand count of votes, which is compared to the machine count to ensure its accuracy. Last election, post-election audits in all 99 counties verified the accuracy of the machine count.

Further protective and cyber security measures are instituted at all levels of an election. This includes an extensive chain of custody of records for ballots and all voting equipment. Election equipment and ballots are transported to and from polling places securely with tamper evident packaging, and each transfer is documented. Every person involved in transfers has taken an oath to uphold state election laws and protect the security of the election.

Threats to Iowa's election security are always evolving, including cyber threats. Every election in our state uses paper ballots. While paper ballots cannot be hacked, bad actors continue to spread false or misleading information online and use cyberattacks to further sow doubt in our elections process. Firewall protection, intrusion detection, and 24/7 monitoring of websites and databases allow us to proactively stop bad actors from getting through.

We are proud of Iowa's holistic approach to election protective and cyber security enacted by state and local election officials. We recognize that collaboration is key in protecting the integrity of the vote, and we're constantly adapting processes and enhancing security measures to keep up with evolving threats. Each November, Iowans can head to the polls knowing that their vote is safe, secure, and importantly, heard.

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Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is the chief commissioner of elections for the state of Iowa. Matt Masterson is the former chairman of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and a previous election security official with the Department of Homeland Security.



Pate



Masterson

Letter to the Editor

We need to stop sticking it to taxpayers with these bonds

I keep reading the articles in the Charles City Press newspaper for and against the proposed school bond. While our farm and home are in Chickasaw County, we live within the Charles City school district.

Currently we pay nearly 60 percent of our property taxes to support education and believe that a good education is vital. I also know taxes are necessary as well.

Currently there is bond debt incurred by the closure of the Middle School in Charles City. Placing further debt, coupled with a jail bond and EMS as essential service is just a lot of expense on already burdened taxpayers.

I'm guessing if you add it all up, that debt could be near plus or minus \$40 MILLION.

Please slow down on this idea of tax and spend, and then borrow-bond for even more. I can only wonder why maintenance/improvements haven't been done over the years.

I have asked at least two school officials if this bonding process could be slowed down. They indicated they could live within their means. There may be a need for changes in the administration to get it done.

The school building isn't as important as what goes on inside the building. Mostly, I agree with the thoughts of Mr. Scrimger and Mr. Holme. Please vote!

Arnie Boge, Ionia

Nine seeking four Nashua City Council seats

ELECTION: FROM 1

County Auditor's Office and will conclude on Monday, when the office closes at 4:30 p.m.

Residents who requested ballots be mailed to them are reminded that for their botes to count, they must have their ballots to the Auditor's Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

For those of us who like to go vote "in person," polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and

Nashua voters will cast their ballots at City Hall.

The seven candidates seeking four-year terms on the council include incumbents Jake Johnson and Samantha Johnson, along with challengers Brandon Christensen, Beth Henningsen, Brittany McDonald, Allie Wesselmann and Dan Zwanziger.

Incumbent Hal Kelleher is being challenged by Nick Henningsen for a two-year term.

Trunk or Treat just one of many events put on by Women of Today

TRUNK OR TREAT: FROM 1

Those Halloween revelers – young and old – made sure to bundle up as the mercury hovered right around freezing with an overcast sky. Couple those chilly temps with a steady wind and it was easy to see why winter coats were the preferred garment of choice.

While the trunk or treat was much colder than last year's balmy 70 degrees and sunshine – it's Iowa after all. One can't complain too much about Mother Nature and her unpredictable weather plan when there's free treats to haul in and then take home to devour.

The Nashua Women of Today put on the event and it's been a blast for kids and adults alike to get in the Halloween spirit and make candy cane dreams come true for the over 300 attendees (that number includes pets as well) that braved the elements and brought home a bag of delectable sweets.

"It's a safe place for everybody. Some kids – this is what their parents will let them do and then just maybe around the neighborhood," said Nashua Women of Today Secretary Jennifer Lantz. "New Hampton, Charles City, Ionia – all of them come over. I don't know about today, it's kind of cold."

The somewhat "frigid" conditions outside didn't stop the long line that backed up near Main St. right before 3 p.m.

The weather could have been worse.

"It has been," said Lantz. "Rain, snow, sleet – we've had it all. The one year it was really nice out, like in the 70s. You just



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua Women of Today members Jennifer Lantz (left) and Angie Dietz pose for a photo during their organization's annual Trunk or Treat event that was held Sunday.

never know."

Lantz has been a member of the Nashua Women of Today for five years now. She stood outside the entrance to the fun-filled get-together with Nashua Women of Today President Angie Dietz. The pair both wore pink "Backwood Barbie" sashes to help lighten and live-up the mood on a cold and dreary day.

Dietz said there was around 20 trunks and some featured interactive games to play before you got your Snickers bar or bag of Skittles. That's not an "official" total, though.

"They kept on coming in, so we didn't count," said Lantz about the trunks that took part in one of the many events that

the Nashua Women of Today help organize and run.

The reason to start Nashua's Trunk or Treat was simple – it gives trick-or-treaters options.

"I know we started it because we wanted a safe place for everybody to be able to just walk through and not have to worry about it for Halloween night," said Dietz. "We get a lot of other towns."

But the trunk or treat also gives kiddos the chance to get a double dose of candy. Nashua and Plainfield each held their trick-or-treat night on the actual date of Halloween – this past Monday, Oct. 31.

"They get two nights of candy," said Lantz. "What's bet-

Hinson sad over Speaker of the House fiasco but supportive of new leader

HINSON: FROM 1

Mehmens over the years – specifically Kyle and Kerri Mehmen, co-owners of MBS Farms, along with Kyle's parents, Stan and Karmen Mehmen.

There's obviously good years for farmers and not-so-good years. This past harvest – which isn't done quite yet for the Mehmens – won't be breaking any records anytime soon, that's for sure.

"We have the worst crops in four counties," said Kyle. "We're at the epicenter of it."

But MBS still makes due, despite a harvest that took a major hit because of the drought.

"Our operation and our subsidiary businesses support 20 employees," said Karmen.

The Mehmens run a state-of-the-art farming operation that involves quite a few acres of land farmed across northeast Iowa and surrounding counties.

Hinson hopped into one of MBS' combines early Tuesday morning to oversee the land that Kyle, MBS's General Manager, and his staff all help oversee in some form or fashion.

"I had a chance to go out in the combine with Kyle. We talked about precision agriculture and how that has really changed the industry – specific to times like right now where we're in a drought where yield is really going to matter," said Hinson.

What Hinson saw was a lot different than this region of the United States endured during its last substantial drought – which happened 11 years ago.

"The last really severe drought we had was 2012. Our average yields where we ended up that year – compared to where we will end up this year – it's like a third again more," said Mehmen. "It's down a lot. It's still not good, but in 2012 we were going over a crest of a hill where the soils weren't very good. I said this would be 100 percent zero – nothing. We at least have something coming into the combine."

That's progress in the midst of hard times where the prolonged lack of moisture led to some farmers cutting their corn crop to feed their livestock – the yield was so bad or burnt to the point of no recovery.

Rain is going to be absent from time to time. That's why

modern machines, advances in seed technology and conservation practices have helped produce a better yield. There's also programs, provided by the federal government, that can go a long ways to help farms a lot smaller than the Mehmens stay above ground and not foreclose.

Not that the Mehmens don't appreciate assistance as well from the government to help feed the nation. Any amount helps – no matter the size of the operation.

That's where Hinson comes in.

The U.S. Farm Bill has yet to be passed and with it comes aid and help in the form of \$6 billion for farmers and consumers of the fruits of these modern-day agriculturalist's labor.

"The Farm Bill itself expired Sept. 30, but most of the provisions that would really affect our farmers in the district aren't in place until the end of the year," said Hinson. "We have a little bit of grace period here in the next few weeks to kind of get things done."

The bill features food assistance (SNAP/EBT), community programs, crop insurance programs and conservation funding that can benefit farmers and citizens of America in any number of ways.

The Farm Bill is up for vote every five years and was first implemented in 1933.

"We are working through the appropriations bills process. I think we're going to have two or three of those on the floor this week," said Hinson. "We had a little hiccup there in the middle when we had the Speaker battle. That's settled now. So our job is to get the appropriations bill done. With that said, both of these are happening concurrently."

Hinson is speaking of newly elected Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, who after several failed attempts to nominate and get the proper number of votes for other candidates, was finally sworn in to replace former Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy last week.

"I'm just happy we are united behind a House Speaker. We can get things moving again," said Hinson.

Hinson was a backer of McCarthy, but thinks Johnson has what it takes to lead the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I was a big proponent of Kevin McCarthy. I think he was doing a good job and helping us pass these bills. Some of the very people who voted to oust him were some of the same people who were trying to hold back progress. I'm sad about where we ended up, but I think also Mike will do a great job. He has good conservative values and will help us negotiate the most conservative legislation that we can get through."

Hinson, along with Missouri Congressman Mark Alford – himself a former TV news reporter and anchor – are both writers on a team supporting the passage of the Farm Bill. That means states like Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio are all in their territory and getting support from Alford and Hinson to make the Farm Bill a reality so it can be passed.

"There are a couple of us that are really helping to lead the charge to make sure we can get this done," said Hinson.

MBS has utilized Conservis for the last 15 years. That's a company out of Minnesota that provides resource planning software to farmers such as the Mehmens that has real-time applications that farmers can reap the benefits from.

"It's evolved a lot," said Kyle. "You wouldn't even recognize it. It's always updating and always new. Early on, we were part of the development team. We were a pilot."

Karmen Mehmen explained what Conservis allows her farm

ter than that?"

Lantz wanted to remind those that are just starting to get in the festive, holiday spirit to remember that Christmas is just around the corner. Of course, Thanksgiving still needs to be celebrated, but it's never too early to plan ahead to make sure one is ready for the when Christmas trees will go back up and presents will be bought for loved ones and family members or friends.

"Santa Letters – we'll start advertising on that on our Nashua Women of Today Facebook page," said Lantz. "Santa's workshop will be during Nashua's Christmas on Main."

The Iowa Women of Today was formed in 1985 and three years later Nashua started its own local chapter.

The Nashua Women of Today gives out high school scholarships to graduating N-P seniors and also put on last spring's Easter egg hunt in Nashua, as well as an N-P Elementary Bike Rodeo.

Which trunk reigned supreme and hauled in the "Most Creative Trophy" award?

Why that would be "Shrek and Friends", followed by honorable-mention nods going to the Nashua Clinic, Cedar Point Church and Lincoln Savings Bank.

The Nashua Women of Today meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Members of Nashua's chapter are Jonnie Becker, Nicole Jones, Karen McDonald, Joy Shatek, Andrea Sullivan, Sarah Sudol, Kayla Wolf, Angie Dietz (President), Jennifer Lantz, (Secretary) and Val Johnson.

operation to do better.

"There's a lot of people that have software for financial data, but this is production data that is handheld, on your phone and we put work orders into Conservis and when the boys get to a certain farm – it recognizes what farm it is. They pull up their work order and they know exactly," said Karmen.

With the advent of computers that help humans farm and science actually changing the physical characteristics of seed – there is still trial and error and adjustments that need to be made.

"Seed technology has changed immensely and conservation practices," said Kyle. "It's certainly not a one-size-fits-all. You don't just get to flip a switch and say hey, 'this all works right now.' The improvement isn't linear. There's setbacks."

But in the end, it's the bond between landowner and politician that is perhaps just as important as rain is to a bountiful harvest.

"I am not a farmer, clearly. I don't foresee myself entering into that field. What I do need is I need people who are actually in the field to tell me their perspective on how policy can help them and how policy can hurt them," said Hinson. "That context is really important when I do have a minute to have an impact on a farm bill to make sure the legislation is what it needs to be coming out of the final process."

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 09, 2023 MS/HS COMMONS 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Pat Lentz. Present: Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, and Chris Hagen. Absent: Laura Folkerts Also present: Superintendent Todd Liechty, 6-12 Principal Dean Youngblut, Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer, Athletic Director Suzy Turner, and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.
2. Adoption of Agenda
Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to adopt agenda as presented with the addition of Approving the Bond Counsel and Disclosure Engagement Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Consent Items
Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Chris Hagen to approve the consent item, including September board minutes, invoices, and financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Cash Flow Report
Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the Cash Flow Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Visitor Correspondence – None
6. Action Items
Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Chris Hagen to approve the Modified Allowable Growth for Limited English Proficient in the amount of \$34,603.75. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Chris Hagen to approve the Modified Allowable Growth for the Special Education deficit in the amount of \$66,200.19. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Chris Hagen to approve the open enrollment request for Jasmine Troge. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the 2nd read-

- ing of selected board policies. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Chris Hagen to approve the out-of-state trips for National History Day to Fort Scott, Kansas and College Park, Maryland. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the bids for obsolete equipment. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Chris Hagen to approve the Resolution to participate in the Iowa Government Risk Pool for natural gas. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Cody Jensen to approve the HR sharing agreement with Central Rivers AEA. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Cody Jensen to approve the fundraisers for Elementary and MS/HS Leader in Me. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Chris Hagen to approve the Early Retirement Package for FY24. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff presented the Financial Health Report to the board.
- Motion by Chris Hagen second by Lara Lawrence to approve the Bond Counsel and Disclosure Engagement Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Reports
The Administration shared their reports with the Board.
- Chris Hagen adjourned at 8:41 p.m., seconded by Cody Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The next regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the MS/HS Commons.
- Ashley Ratliff SBO/Board Secretary Nashua-Plainfield CSD
Pat Lentz Board President Nashua-Plainfield CSD

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Schools to celebrate Veterans Day next Friday

Nashua-Plainfield junior high students thank area veterans for their service following the 2022 Veterans Day programs, and this year’s schedule will be similar to past years.

Veterans are invited to Nashua-Elementary School for a program put on by younger students at 8:30 a.m. and following, they will head to the high school gymnasium for the program put on by members of the VFW Ralph Nicholson Post 6792 that begins at 10 a.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend either or both of the events.

Huck finishes 67th at state meet

N-P junior won six meets this season and re-broke her own school record

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Kadence Huck had a splendid season this fall in the sport of cross country.

While the Nashua-Plainfield junior hasn’t brought home state titles yet like she has the past two seasons in track and field – it was another banner run for the Husky superstar out on XC courses throughout the state.

Friday’s cold and blustery state jaunt around Lakeside Golf Course over in Fort Dodge isn’t going to change that fact one bit.

Huck – a winner of six out of the 11 meets she competed in this year – finished in an uncharacteristic spot in her final race of 2023.

Huck put a cap on a record-breaking season and was looking to make it back-to-back years of attaining all-state recognition. She finished in 10th place (19:27) at state as a sophomore.

It just wasn’t in the cards this go-round.

Even by Huck’s standards – her 67th-place finish among 158 runners was a shocking turn of events to say the least.

“Unfortunately, she had an off day on Friday and left Fort Dodge very disappointed. My heart hurt for her because she had some big goals and if things would have gone right, there is not a doubt in my mind she

would accomplish them. It just wasn’t her day,” said N-P head coach Jenn Kalainoff.

Huck – who ducked under 19:00 at the South Winneshiek Invite last month to re-break her own school record – clocked out at 21:01 at Fort Dodge.

“Unfortunately, even the best athletes have off days and that’s what happened,” said Kalainoff.

The state’s best runners were faced with temps in the upper 30s and windy conditions at Kennedy Park for day one of competition for Class 4A and 1A.

Huck ran at 2 p.m. in the small-school class girls’ race and was in ninth place after the first mile was put in the books. Then she slipped to 27th after mile two of the 5K (3.1 miles) race that handed out medals for the top-15 individual finishers.

“Kadence has had an incredible season. I reminded her that one race does not define her success,” said the N-P head coach.

Huck was competing in her third state meet as she crossed the finish line in 48th place as freshman in 2021. Her time that year was 21:38.

The Husky multi-sport standout headed into her third consecutive state meet as the winner of her qualifier over at Pioneer Town & Country Club in Manly on Thursday, Oct. 19. Her blue-ribbon time was 19:38 – 22 seconds faster than runner-up Claire Zweibohmer of Riceville.

Huck finished second in a time of 20:32 at the TIC meet, held on the campus of NIACC in Mason City back on Oct. 12.

Her best time ever came at that aforementioned South Winn Invite on Oct. 3. Her gold-medal run saw her cross



Photo courtesy of Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield junior Kadence Huck runs at the state meet in Fort Dodge on Friday at Kennedy Park.

the tape in 18:58.

If you’re walking or driving around Nashua – at dusk or dawn – you might catch a glimpse of N-P’s best runner ever putting in some miles on her shoes as she continues to try to get better in her training regimens and offseason workouts that span the entirety of the town of 1,500.

It’s that determination and strength of character to settle for nothing but the best that keeps Huck chugging along and aiming for the top – even when setbacks happen.

“I am so proud of her – her drive for success and the work she puts into it in the offseason. I know this will drive her

even more for track season and her final XC season. I am very proud of Kadence and I hope she remembers that she has made her coaches, teammates, family and the NP community very, very proud,” said Kalainoff.

Huck has won five individual state titles in track. She helped N-P to its first ever girls state championship in any sport with the 1A prep track and field crown in 2022. This past spring, helped by Huck’s three state titles – the Huskies finished state runner-up.

Noelle Steines of Calamus-Wheatland won the 1A girls race for the third year in a row with a time of 18:22.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

October 23, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Breitbach (arriving at 9:05 A.M.) Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Engineer Roman Lensing, Terry Johnson, Kathy Shekleton, Fredericksburg Community Development Corporation Brad Steege and Lonnie Schult, Public Health Director Lisa Welter RN, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Custodian Dave Gorman, EMS Troop Chief Joel Knutson.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for October 23, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn, Hackman Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from October 16, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Abstained: Hackman Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded Cerwinski to dissolve The County Health Insurance Advisory Committee. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Cerwinski, Suckow, and Kuhn. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

No public comment. Fredericksburg Community Development Corporation, Brad Steege and Lonnie Schult would like a to request \$2,000.00 per new employee for Fredericksburg Locker to move to Fredericksburg and have a store front along with catering service.

Public Health Director Lisa Welter went through an annual report along with updates.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to acknowledge hire of Julia Shekleton for the Registered Nurse position at \$27.08 per hour to start on October 30, 2023 for Public Health. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge hire of Nichole Ackerson as the new Civil Clerk/Sheriff Assistant at \$24.15 per hour effective November 27, 2023 per union contract for Sheriff's department. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Engineer Roman Lensing gave department updates.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve

10-23-23-77 WHEREAS, Chapter 321.236 and 321.237, Code of Iowa provides the Board of Supervisors authority to cause to be erected regulatory signs in accordance with standards established by the Iowa Department of Transportation; and **WHEREAS**, it has been recommended by the County Engineer & Secondary Roads Department to control traffic at the following intersections; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Engineer & Secondary Roads Department is directed to install Stop Signs to control traffic at the following locations: **Ivanhoe Ave. & 150th St. Intersection** Install Stop Sign at the Northeast corner stopping Westbound traffic on 150th Street at the intersection. Install Stop Sign at the Southwest corner stopping Eastbound traffic on 150th St. at the intersection. **Jasper Ave. & 150th St. Intersection** Install Stop Sign at the Northeast corner stopping Westbound traffic on 150th Street at the intersection. Install Stop Sign at the Southwest corner stopping Eastbound traffic on 150th St. at the intersection. **Kenwood Ave. & 150th St. Intersection** Install Stop Sign at the Northeast corner stopping Westbound traffic on 150th Street at the intersection. Install Stop Sign at the Southwest corner stopping Eastbound traffic on 150th St. at the intersection. **LaSalle Ave. & 150th St. Intersection** Install Stop Sign at the Northwest corner stopping Southbound traffic on LaSalle Ave. at the intersection. Install Stop Sign at the Southeast corner stopping Northbound traffic on LaSalle Ave. at the intersection. **This Resolution will take effect upon adoption.** ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Breitbach Cerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor. The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowagov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Final BROS-COI 9(111)--5F-1 9 on 310th St over East Fork Wapsipinicon River (Section 34, T94N, R12W) and authorize Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' signatures on cover sheet. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Stryker LUCAS Device ProCare Invoice and ARPA for payment with EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Discussed employment contract between Chickasaw County and EMS Director Joel Knutson. Attorney David Laudner is going to draw up a new contract for six months to be co sistent with the new fiscal year.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by

Suckow to allow the Veterans' Day Program to be held on the Coult House lawn on November 11, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed project priorities; Heritage renovations for Public Health, Heritage City of New Hampton water hookup, and EMS building renovations.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve lease agreement for Childcare Resource & Referral of Northeast Iowa at the Heritage Center and authorize chair signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed uses for Opioid funds. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to direct the auditor to advertise open Board/Commission seats ending December 31, 2023 in the county official newspapers. Applicants need to apply by December 15, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the Chickasaw County Handbook that will take effect January 1, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn. Nays: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve prior claims \$15,840.04. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve claims \$78,718.97. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll checks dated October 20, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments Supervisor Cerwinski-October 20-First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Supervisor Hackman - October 19-County Social Services Supervisor Kuhn - October 19- INRCOG Executive & October 19 INRCOG RT A

RECESSED: 11 :47 AM.

RESUMED: 11 :52 AM.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Class B Retail Alcohol License 12-month term for Bobbi & Stacy, LLC. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Nays: Cerwinski Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11 :53 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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NEWSPAPER CLAIMS REPORT 10/13/23 THRU 10/27/23

Vendor Name	Total Payments
20/20 FX	\$1,368.00
ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS	\$997.60
AFLAC	\$494.98
AG VANTAGE FS	\$1,380.33
AIRGAS USA, LLC	\$270.15
AMAZON	\$375.30
ANDERSON, BRANNON	\$280.00
ANGELL ELECTRIC	\$515.57
ASHLEY JACKSON	\$21.95
AT & T	\$89.64
AWARDS 'N TIME	\$24.95
BLACK HAWK COUNTY	\$37.05
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$368.90
BLAZEK CORPORATION	\$1,190.12
BMC AGGREGATES	\$7,502.30
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	\$135.80
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS	\$9,723.73
BUCKY'S	\$200.00
BUTLER CO REC	\$57.30
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE	\$119.97
CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION	\$347.76
CENTURY LINK	\$33.95
CERWINSKE, SCOTT	\$148.03
CHEMSEARCH	\$590.70
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF	\$927.06
CHICKASAW CO TREASURER	\$3,340.34
CHICKASAW CO TREASURER	\$46,879.78
CHICKASAW CO TREASURER	\$654.54
CHICKASAW CO TREASURER	\$750.12
CINTAS CORPORATION #762	\$120.25
CINTAS CORPORATION NO 2	\$170.31
CJ COOPER & ASSOC	\$400.00
COLLINS, JANE	\$129.69
COM-TEC	\$173.68
CROELL	\$1,664.00
CROGHAN + RUSSELL	\$3,375.00
CULLIGAN	\$38.20
DEERE, MISTIE	\$367.46
DIAMOND MOWERS	\$513.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	\$350.20
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEM	\$175.00

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTES	\$1,650.00
ESCHWEILER, ANITA	\$5.60
ESO SOLUTIONS	\$5,142.79
FAREWAY STORES	\$64.65
FAYETTE COUNTY	\$2,450.00
FIRST AID CORP	\$118.16
FLICK, TAMMY	\$175.54
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF	\$3,315.00
FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF	\$187.50
GAGE PLBG & HTG	\$971.72
GLAXO SMITH KLINE	\$587.83
HAMPTON EQUIPMENT	\$138.28
HEALTHCARE FIRST	\$104.74
HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES	\$1,920.00
HENRY ADKINS & SON	\$709.06
HOEY, KEITH	\$627.78
HOLIDAY INN-AIRPORT	\$772.80
HUGEBACK FUNERAL	\$725.00
I & S GROUP	\$9,578.00
INOVALON PROVIDER	\$566.64
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$493.50
IPERS	\$36,116.69
ISAC AD&D	\$8.10
IWWA	\$75.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$1,404.74
KAHN TILE SUPPLY	\$1,164.70
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES	\$2,327.00
KIME, ANDREA	\$4.59
KIME, JENNY	\$458.50
KNUTSON, ANN	\$58.96
KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK	\$61.60
KWIK TRIP - FLETCOR TECHNOLOGIES	\$75.51
LAMPSON-BAST, SHELLY	\$299.99
LAWLER, CITY OF	\$119.33
LAWSON PRODUCTS	\$479.61
MARTIN BLASTING & PAINTING	\$890.00
MARV & ZIPS REPAIR	\$37.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL	\$404.35
MCSHANE, SHELLEY	\$356.32
MEGAN LESTER	\$168.99
MERCY HEALTH SERVICES	\$155.00
MID TECH SERVICES	\$17.54
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	\$121.43
MID-WEST ROOFING COMPANY	\$1,233.29
MIENERGY	\$293.06
MOTOR PARTS AND EQUIPMENT CORPORATION	\$125.68

MULLER, WENDEL	\$500.00
NASHUA REPORTER	\$40.00
NEW HAMPTON AUTO BODY	\$99.95
NEW HAMPTON ELECTRIC	\$250.50
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE	\$464.00
NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF	\$4,597.80
NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORP	\$635.09
NORTHERN IOWA THERAPY	\$10,320.00
ON TRACK SIGNS	\$6,308.25
OVERHEAD DOOR	\$543.77
PARADIGM BENEFITS	\$2,830.00
PAULUS, JUDY	\$167.03
PETERS, WENDY	\$234.61
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	\$47.22
QUADIENT LEASING USA	\$628.05
RAPID PRINTERS	\$674.83
RILEY'S	\$443.36
S & T COLLISION CENTER AND AUTO	\$1,286.74
SANOFI PASTEUR	\$20,036.12
SAVE RITE MEDICAL	\$42.52
SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE	\$128.49
SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON	\$2,472.34
SOUTH WATER AVENUE APARTMENTS	\$1,100.00
STAPLES	\$315.94
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	\$14.50
STATE OF IOWA/STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER	\$4,755.00
STEVE BOOS	\$650.00
SUPERIOR LUMBER	\$40.09
SUPERIOR WELDING	\$537.79
TAMI PRIES	\$284.99
TREWINS PUMPING SERVICES	\$175.00
TURKEY RIVER WINDOW CLEANING	\$1,440.00
U.S. CELLULAR	\$1,550.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$945.01
VISA	\$81.85
VISON	\$25.00
WAYSON, INDIA ANN MAY	\$241.38
WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP & PART	\$2,078.00
WELTER, LISA	\$389.21
WOLF, JANE	\$112.66
Grand Total:	\$230,552.27

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Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 5:30pm- 10 pm Barn Dance Hosted by Little Brown Church at River Ranch Campground

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- Night Market 6 pm to 10 pm Bradford Guest House, Nashua

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 5:00pm- 6:00pm Girls Basketball Open Gym NP Gymnasium-High School

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Bremer Co. Health Dept. Foot Clinic

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 10 am Weekly Wednesday Story Hour for ages 3-5 with adult supervision at Plainfield Public Library

• After School Wednesday Wonders School at the Plainfield Library for all elementary aged children

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- Soup Supper, Compass Community Outreach Center, 5:30-7:30
- Drew & Jesse 7:00-10:00 Bradford Guest House
- 5:30-7:30 Plainfield Days Hot Beef Supper at Methodist Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 8:00am- 8:00pm Youth Wrestling Tournament NP Gymnasium-High School

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- Financial Wellness Series 6:00-7:00 Husky Wellness Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 10 am Weekly Wednesday Story Hour for ages 3-5 with adult supervision at Plainfield Public Library
- After School Wednesday Wonders School at the Plainfield Library for all elementary aged children

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. Riceville @ Nashua-Plainfield Husky Wellness Center 8th grade boys will play first
- Rick and Ron 7:00-8:00 pm at the Bradford Guest House
- Plainfield Library Movie Day 2 pm & 7pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 10:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @

Decorah High School

- Gravel Travlin Shop Hop 10 to 3pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. West Fork MS @ West Fork Middle School (Rockwell)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Tripoli @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Tripoli @ Nashua-Plainfield High School

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 10 am Weekly Wednesday Story Hour for ages 3-5 with adult supervision at Plainfield Public Library
- After School Wednesday Wonders

School at the Plainfield Library for all elementary aged children

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. North Butler @ North Butler Elementary - Allison
- 4:15pm Wrestling: Boys JH Game vs. Multiple Schools.. @ NFV MS, Elgin
- 5:00pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Central Community Junior-Senior High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Rockford Senior @ Rockford High School

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 10 am Weekly Wednesday Story Hour for ages 3-5 with adult supervision

sion at Plainfield Public Library

- After School Wednesday Wonders School at the Plainfield Library for all elementary aged children

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 6:00pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Multiple Schools @ Newman Catholic High School
- 6:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV Quad vs. Multiple Schools @ Newman Catholic High School

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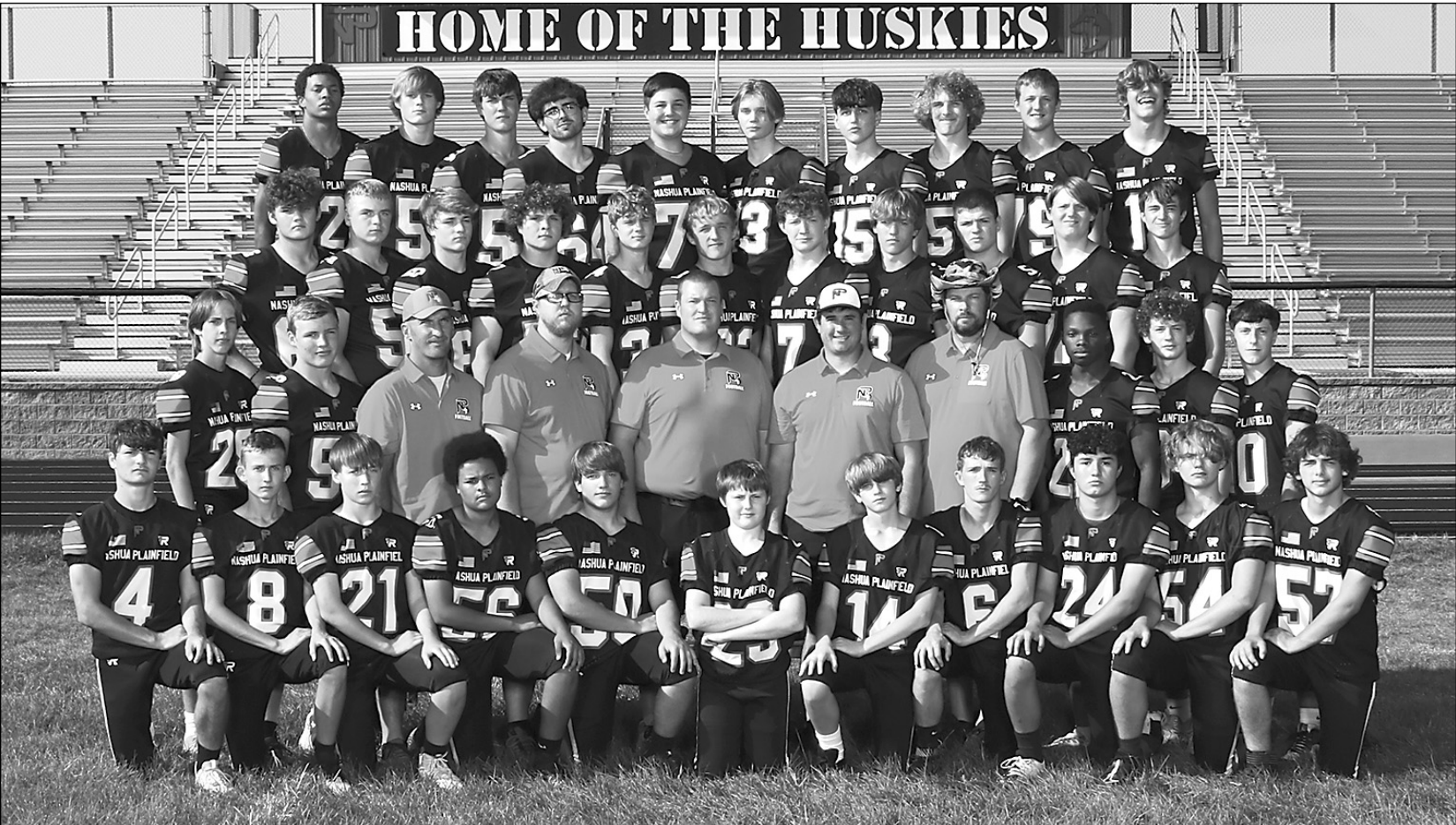
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Thank you to our Nashua-Plainfield student-athletes for representing our school and our communities so well this autumn

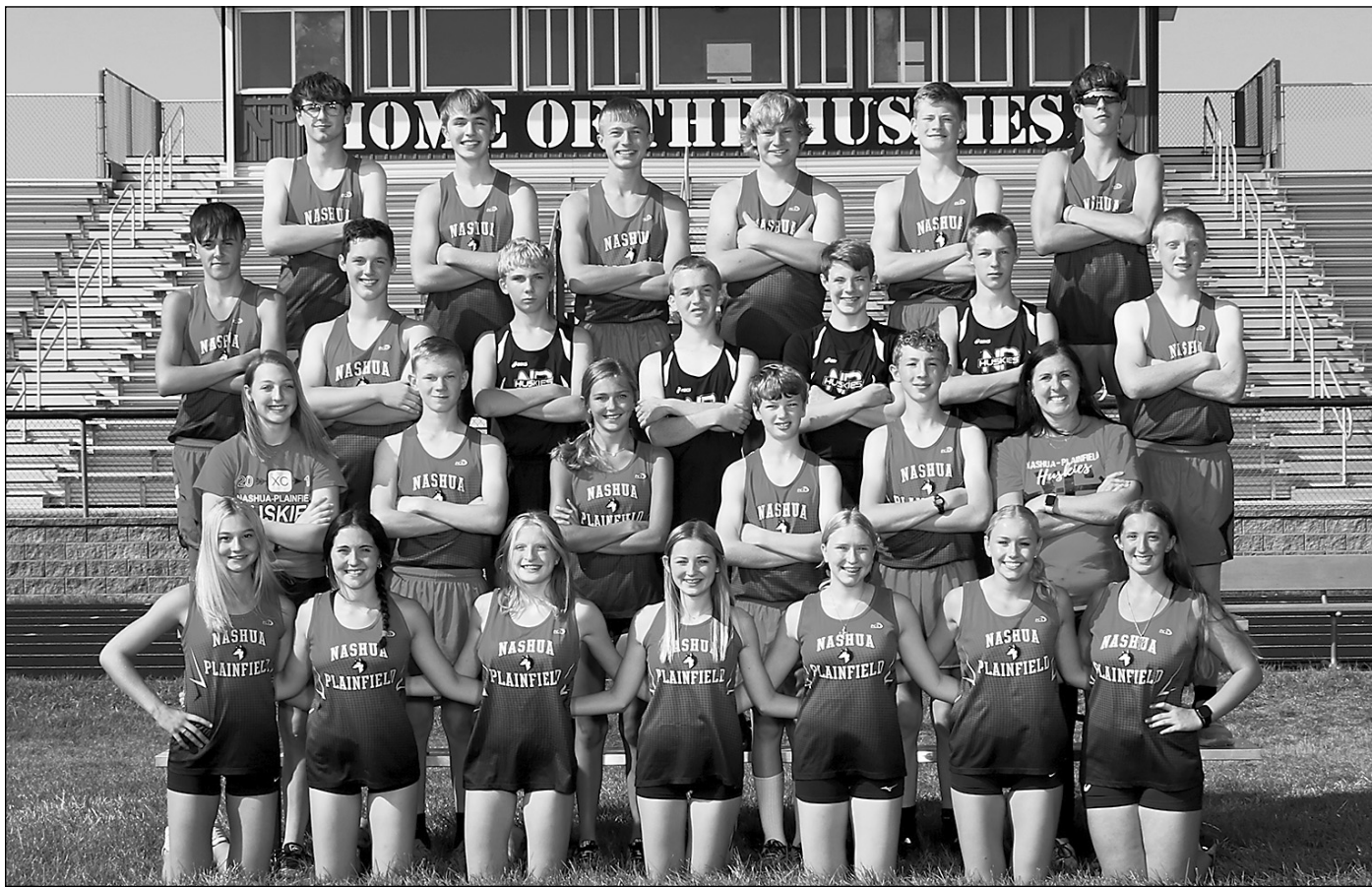


Husky Football

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield football team this past fall included (front row, from left) Tyler Zimmer, Braeden Mitchell, Miles Carpenter, Quintyn Boehmer, Eli Cerwinske, Dawson Peterson, Clayden Gerholdt, Hayden Munn, Aidyn Iriarte, Jack Hall, Lucas Lentz, (second row) Christopher Niedert, Aiden Sullivan, coaches Chase Sudol, EJ Runice, Andrew Christensen, Taylor Wedeking, and Nick Henningsen, Navarii Williams, Landon Foelske, Tucker Franzen, (third row) Jaxon McDonald, Beau Morris, Dylan Blanchard, Isaac Jones, Lucas Sinnwell, Aiden Gelner, Jackson Carey, Devon Blanchard, Cameron Cleveland, Michael Stroud, Matthew Malven, (back row) Trae Geise, Tate White, Trent Rodruck, Chlyme Brannon, Titus Cerwinske, Karson Chyma, Ty Berger, Eli Kalainoff, Dawson Becker and Titus Evans.

Husky Cheerleading

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield cheer squad this past fall included (on the ground) Annabel McDonald, (standing) Myranda Webster, Bailey Bond, Amberley Gerholdt, Madelyn Hennings, Natalie Sinnwell, Ellie Eick, Payton Howland, Maci Malven, Brooke Russell, Destany Jordan, Rilynn Henningsen, Makenna Bouillon, Lanee Wilharm and Bella Dietz.



Husky Cross Country

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield cross country team this past fall included (front row, from left) Kadence Huck, Marleigh Lowe, Lillie Caster, Jalissa White, Amberley Gerholdt, Ellie Eick, Bailey Bond, (second row) coach Jennah Carpenter, Caleb Sinnwell, Lexi Weiss, Connor Sullivan, Luke Paplow, coach Jennifer Kalainoff, (third row) Brexton Bird, Brady Lensing, Benjamin Percy, Nick Hulbert, Carson Mundorf, Christopher Kalvig, Sam O'Neill, (back row) Caleb Lentz, Avery Mueller, Jase Hansen, Maverick Dietz-McDonald, Jake Smith, Cal Levi.



Husky Volleyball

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield volleyball team this past fall included (front row, from left) manager Abi Schmitt, Jennifer McLeland, Jordyn Frost, Kami Hannemann, Paige Franzen, Rilynn Henningsen, Makenna Bouillon, manager Natalie Sinnwell, (second row) Madison Wahl, Dana Downing, Braylee Schaufenbuel, Maci Malven, Elayna O'Neill, Ava Kirk, Adeline Thompson, Rachel Paplow, (back row) Nevaeh Bloker, Myranda Webster, Alison Mehmen, Jalyann Pratt, Lily Eiffler, Josslynn Glaser and Hannah Brahn.

Thanks to Michelle Skarpness Photography for the great team pics!

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Snapshots from a cold, but fun, Trunk or Treat!



The good news for Kansas City Chiefs' fans is Travis Kelce showed up to the event on Sunday, but the "Swifties" were disappointed as there was no sign of Taylor Swift at Nashua Women of Today's annual Trunk or Treat.

Trunk or Treat photos by the Reporter's Kelly Terpstra



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