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Trees on properties located along Cedar Lake shine brightly this past Saturday afternoon as we were able to enjoy a plethora of fall colors, but the bad news is that it's going to feel a little like winter in coming days in the Nashua area as high temperatures are forecasted to be in the 30s this weekend and stay there early into next week.

Firefighter always put his department, community first

FIREFIGHTER: FROM 1

Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he later passed away from his injuries. Ionia Fire Chief Derek Day said Monday that Hoffman will be dearly missed not only by his fellow firefighters but also the community of Ionia, where he owned a cabinet and door business. "He was a great guy to be around, and he'd do anything for anyone," Day said. "He did a lot for our fire department, but

he also did a lot for our town, too. The thing about Tony is all you had to do was ask, and he'd be there. Whatever you needed for however long you needed, he was there to help." Hoffman had served 17 years as a member of the Ionia Fire Department, and on Monday, the department posted several statements on its Facebook page. "Due to a tragic accident yesterday, we lost one of our very dedicated firefighters," one post read. "This huge loss is and will be felt by many."



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
The American flag flies at half-staff at the Ionia Fire Department on Tuesday afternoon after the passing of firefighter Tony Hoffman on Sunday.

Library holds second event for candidates

MEET AND GREET: FROM 1

becoming the city's mayor. The question came up during the first Meet and Greet that was held last Wednesday, and all six candidates — Brandon Christensen, Nick Henningsen, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Allie Wesselmann and Dan Zwanziger — at that candidate forum flatly rejected the idea.

Ditto for Brittany McDonald on Saturday, when she and Kelleher, who were both unable to attend the Wednesday Meet and Greet, met with a small group of voters at the library. Kelleher, though, left the door open to the possibility of becoming Nashua's next mayor.

"If the council asked me, I would really consider it," he said. "I would need to attend training, I'm sure, but if I was asked, I think I would do it. I'm focused on being on the council right now, don't get me wrong, but it's something I would be interested in."

Kelleher is currently serving as the city's mayor pro tem and has done so since Mayor Alex Anthofer submitted his letter of resignation, effective immediately, at an Oct. 16 City Council meeting.

The longtime City Council member is seeking a two-year term on the council and is facing Henningsen for that seat in the Nov. 7 election while sixth candidates — Christensen, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, McDonald, Wesselmann and Zwanziger — are seeking the three four-year terms that will be decided in next month's balloting. A seventh candidate, Beth Henningsen, is also on the ballot but was unable to attend the library sessions.

About 20 residents attended Wednesday's session, but that number dramatically dropped when it came to the Meet and Greet on Saturday, which in fairness was held on an almost perfect autumn day.

Both candidates in attendance on Saturday sounded themes similar to what was heard from the candidates who appeared at the Wednesday Meet and Greet — including keeping council meetings as professional as possible and trying to help Nashua grow.

N-P schools will be closed next Friday

Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools students and staff will get a three-day weekend, beginning next Friday, Nov. 3. Because the district will be holding parent-teacher conferences on Monday and Thursday, the day off is a comp day for teachers.

Briefs

Early voting continues at Auditor's Office

Those who don't want to wait until Nov. 7 to cast their ballots in this year's school and city elections can vote early at the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office.

Early voting is taking place during the office's regular business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Those who have requested absentee ballots by mail are reminded that they must arrive in the Auditor's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

Five Star shares profits with co-op owners

Five Star Cooperative has announced a profitable fiscal year 2023, and that it will share its success with its members and reinvests in the local economies.

Five Star officials say a patronage of \$3,584,871 has been extended to its owners, solidifying their commitment to enhancing the well-being of their members.

Five Star Cooperative serves members residing across 14 counties in North Iowa, where this substantial injection of funds bolsters local economies and uplifts the communities they serve.

This substantial distribution includes \$1.2 million in immediate cash payouts, reinforcing what Five Star officials say is "their unwavering support" for their members.

Additionally, \$2.3 million will be allocated as owner equity, fostering a sense of shared ownership and investment in the cooperative's continued prosperity.

Notably, in August, they disbursed \$1.7 million in deferred dividends and payments to individuals who are no longer actively farming or have reached the age of 85, exemplifying their inclusive approach to benefit all members.

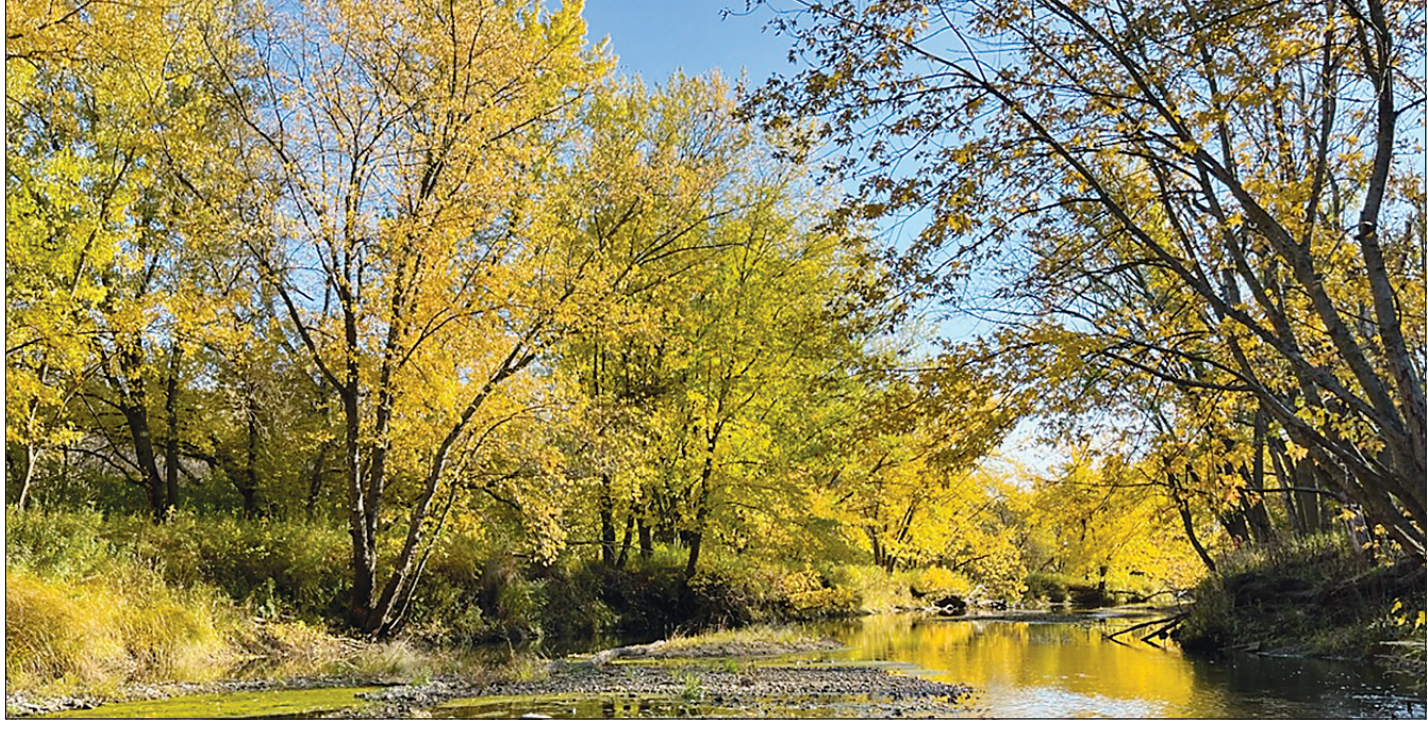
Five Star currently has 18 locations, including one in Nashua.



Bob Fenske and Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Too beautiful not to share

We know we ran a pretty large "fall color" photograph on the front page of this edition of the Reporter, but seriously, for anyone who doubts the beauty of our little corner of the world — especially in the fall — our rebuttal are these photos taken last week at Nashua's Cedar View Park (above) and one of Crane Creek (below) near Jerico in northern Chickasaw County. So as we deal with our first extended cold spell this weekend, we thought these would be good to share.



Three board members remain committed go giving \$600,000 of county's ARPA funds to Secondary Roads

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson told the board Monday that he expects the living quarters project will be sent out to bidders sometime this week and they'll have 30 days to submit bids.

An architect is currently working on plans to renovate the Heritage so that Public Health has space in the building but has yet to offer an estimate on how

much it would cost to move the county agency from its current home.

Kuhn has expressed concerns that the county can't afford to do all three projects, especially after the Board of Supervisors, on a 3-2 vote, agreed to earmark \$600,000 of its remaining ARPA funds to a road project that will be determined by the county engineer.

"My question on the EMS building renovations is there any possibility of using any capital funds? I really would

prefer not to," Kuhn said. "I think the ARPA ship has sailed. Are we going to depend solely on whatever's left out of the \$67,000 [in ARPA funds] plus donations, if we have to cover a difference, I guess."

County resident Terry Johnson, who attends numerous board meetings, asked the board members if it would consider taking a step back from the decision to give ARPA funds to the Secondary Roads Department?

"I've talked to people in the public," he said, "and the thought is that \$600,000 was a little premature."

But the three supervisors — Hackman, Suckow and Cerwinski — who supported the \$600,000 for Secondary Roads all said they will stand by their votes.

In the end, no decisions were made on Monday, although board members want Kuhn to find out if the city would consider paying for the bigger pipe

since it would benefit New Hampton, not the county.

Breitbart expressed reservations about the water project, saying that maybe it was time for the county to decide to use its existing well water source.

"I know we have to test it, but I'm not sure we have to test it as much as some people think," he said. "It's a lot of money, just so we don't have to test it."

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Thank You

Trying to find the words is hard when there's so much we want to say. We can't thank each and every one of you enough for the love and support you've shown us before and after Kaden's passing. It's truly overwhelming. You've all brought us to tears more times than we can count. From the extremely thoughtful messages, cards, gifts, prayers, flowers, people stopping over, the drinks and food, the everyday supplies, the green ribbons put all around town, and just the amount of hugs and people checking in daily is all so amazing. A very special thank you to: Pastor Darin Cerwinski and Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Homes for the BEAUTIFUL services for Kaden, you honored him so well. To the N-P High School and their staff for allowing us to have the services at the school and allowing time for students and staff to attend. To the Chickasaw Country Sheriff's Department, the Nashua EMS, the Nashua Fire Department, the area news channels & surrounding communities and people on Facebook for doing everything to help find Kaden. To our awesome family at Wilken & Sons, they kept everything going when we weren't there and are still continuing to do so, they are all so amazing and we're incredibly lucky to have them! And finally to our WONDERFUL family and friends, you guys are our rocks, we couldn't get thru this without you all. You have no idea how much you mean to us and how thankful we are that you're in our lives! Small towns are absolutely amazing, especially in times like this, we wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Please remember to always be kind, you never know what someone may be going through.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

- Andy, Sara and Drew Wilken



Light Refreshments will be served.

Dementia Education

November 2nd at 2pm

A free 1-hour session led by a Dementia Friends Champion. You'll learn some basics of dementia such as what dementia is, what it's like to live with and disease, and some tips for communicating with people who have dementia. This session is paired with Dementia Live which offers a unique inside-out understanding of dementia as well as the aging process.



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Darlys Dietz, 91

Darlys Dietz, age 91 of Nashua, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, at The Suites at Western Home Communities in Cedar Falls.

A celebration of life will be taking place at a later date, at the fairgrounds in Nashua.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Darlys was born on Nov. 26, 1931 on a farm in Jesup, Iowa to Claire and Merna (Sangster) Zuck.

She met and married Marvin Dietz on June 16, 1950, at the Little Brown Church. They welcomed six children — Randy (Colleen) Dietz of Cedar Falls, Rick (Lucille) Dietz of New Jersey, Rhonda (Dennis) Riley of Galena, Illinois, Rose (Jim) Carlin of Omaha, Nebraska, Reed (Theresa) Dietz of Nashua and Renea (Brad) Hawbaker of Nashua.

Darlys worked at all local elections and was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Nashua.

Darlys was a very active mom



Darlys Dietz

who never missed a game or school activity. Her grandkids and great-grandkids were the love of her life. They all loved coming to grandma's house.

She is survived by her six kids; grandchildren, Denise, Kelli, Kiara, Eric, Keri, Sarah, Kyle, Zach, Michelle and Amanda; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Marvin; and brother, Richard.

Anthony ‘Tony’ Hoffman, 43

Anthony “Tony” Hoffman, age 43 of Ionia, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023, from injuries sustained in an accident.

The funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia with the Rev. James Goerend presiding.

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at St. Boniface Church in Ionia.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Tony's arrangements.

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

Work on the Avenue of Saints near Floyd almost complete

By BOB STEENSON

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Good news for those of us traveling to and from Mason City: The finish is in sight for the elevated interchange project under construction at the main intersection of the Avenue of the Saints in Floyd.

Work crews have poured the concrete this week on the currently closed westbound two lanes, causing frequent travelers through the area to wonder how quickly those lanes will be reopened.

Pete Hjelmstad, District 2 field services coordinator with the Iowa Department of Transportation, said they are still shooting for the finish date they gave two years ago when primary construction began — by Thanksgiving this year.

Paving the mainline actually goes very quickly once it begins, Hjelmstad said, but there are still several parts of the project left to be finished.

“There are smaller pours. They have to do the ramps yet. There’s shoulders that have to be put on the main line yet, so, yeah, there’s still a lot of work left,” he said.

Overall, he said, the project has gone very well.

“Obviously the dry weather helped us,” Hjelmstad said. “It wasn’t the best for the farming industry, but it did definitely kept things going on our end.”

Although the interchange will be fully open to traffic within several weeks, there may still be some work left to finish next year.

“I would guess there will be some type of landscaping or seeding,” Hjelmstad said. “In some projects we do something called dormant seeding, where we seed it when it’s not going to grow, but it’s in the ground and ready to germinate next year when it gets the moisture it needs. But then the contractors still have responsibilities to making sure that it does grow.”

Hjelmstad added, “I know I’ve said it before, but it’s so true. We appreciate everybody’s

patience, and especially now, when it looks like, ‘Hey, open that sucker up.’ There’s still quite a bit of work that needs to be done, but we are doing everything we can to meet that goal of having it open by Thanksgiving.”

The Floyd intersection had been at grade level since the Avenue of the Saints had been built in 1999, and over the years it had been the site of many accidents, including some fatalities.

In 2017 the Iowa Department of Transportation approved constructing an elevated interchange at the site, at a cost that has turned out to be about \$25 million, including additional rights-of-way purchases.

Construction began on the eastbound lanes in the spring last year, when traffic was redirected to the westbound lanes so the first bridge could be built over the intersection.

That part of the project was finished last fall and the new bridge opened for winter traffic.

In the spring this year the westbound lane was closed and westbound traffic diverted to share the two lanes on the south side of the highway as the second bridge was constructed.

When the project is completed there will no longer be any at-grade intersections with the Avenue of the Saints in the immediate Floyd area.

All access with the Avenue to Highway 218/Monroe Street headed north through Floyd and to County Road T44/Quarry Avenue headed south from Floyd will be by ramps.

Other previously existing at-grade intersections in that area have been closed since construction began and will remain closed when the divided highway and elevated interchange are complete and reopened to normal traffic use.

The project is being funded by the Iowa DOT, including using increased revenue from the extra 10 cents per gallon fuel tax that was enacted in the state in February 2015.



Bob Steenson/Charles City Press

Workers lay concrete on the westbound lane of U.S. Highway 18/Iowa 27 west of Floyd Thursday morning as construction nears completion on the multi-year elevated interchange project. The Iowa Department of Transportation said the westbound lane is expected to reopen and the interchange to be in full use before Thanksgiving.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

A farmer works on his fall tillage on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in a field located just to the north of Highway 346 between Highway 63 and Nashua.

Farmers enter the harvest home stretch

By BOB FENSKE

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Terry Basol couldn’t help but laugh when the ISU Extension agronomist was asked about the latest USDA’s Iowa Crop and Progress Report that showed 59 percent of corn and 78 percent of soybeans have been harvested in the Northeast Iowa District.

“Yeah, there must be a lot of fields north-east of you that haven’t been taken out,” he said, “because I’m telling you right now, it’s pretty hard to find a soybean field still standing around New Hampton and corn isn’t all that far behind.”

The Northeast Iowa District includes Chickasaw, Bremer, Winneshiek and Fayette counties and is supposedly lagging behind the North Central District, where 65 percent of the corn and 96 percent of the soybeans have been harvested.

“I’d say Chickasaw and Bremer, for sure, are a lot closer to those North Central numbers,” Basol said. “The fact is you don’t have to drive around too long to find the guys doing their post-harvest field work. ... A lot of stuff has gotten done in the last month.”

Basol on Tuesday sounded a refrain he’s often used during the 2023 harvest season: Yields continue to be all over the place, especially with corn. But Basol added that area growers have been pleasantly surprised with soybean yields, especially in a growing season in which drought was so prevalent.

“I’m still amazed at what the guys are getting from their bean fields,” he said, “and I think they’d say the same thing. We were really worried about that, and even after we got some of our first reports, we were wondering if they would hold. Well, they have for the most part.”

And while Basol and the growers he works with are grateful that Mother Nature has given them enough clear days to get their crops out of their fields, they’re also appreciative that recent rainfall has been more near normal than it was this past summer.

In September, Nashua received 3.3 inches of rain, just a shade lower than the 3.45 inches the weather station normally receives in the month.

Through the first 24 days of October, rainfall at the weather station in Nashua was at 2 inches, slightly below the normal 2.35 inches Nashua receives during that time period.

“Everything helps,” Basol said. “We’ve at least gotten a start on replenishing our soil moisture profiles for next year. We have a long way to go, but right now, we’re taking everything we can get.”

School district searching for temporary home softball field

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before becoming a reality.

Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty said Wednesday night that Peters Construction, the Waterloo company whose bid of \$3.279 was accepted by the School Board last month, will begin “moving dirt” at the old Plainfield school site next week. He added that work on the facility that will include new high school baseball and softball fields, concession stands, press boxes and two youth diamonds will kick into high gear next spring.

But he also said it’s “official” that the diamonds won’t be ready in time for the 2024 season.

“The contractor has told us that they won’t sod the fields until next August,” he said, “so obviously, we’re not playing here next year. But the wait is going to be worth it because we’re going to have a really nice facility.”

Nashua-Plainfield currently plays its home softball games in Plainfield while the baseball team plays its home contests in Nashua on a diamond that is located on land owned by the Big 4 Fair Board. The baseball diamond does not have lights, which means not only is Nashua-Plainfield the lone Top of Iowa Conference East Division school that must play baseball in the late afternoon and early evening but it is also the only division school that plays its two summer sports in different towns.

“You go to some of these other schools and it’s so nice to be able to watch both games, or at least keep an eye on both games, because they’re diamonds are right next to each other,” Nashua-Plainfield School Board President Pat Lentz said. “That was a big thing, but we also knew that we really did need to upgrade our facilities.”

Lentz said that the old school site in Plainfield provided the perfect answer.



Drawing courtesy of Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools

An artist rendition shows how the new baseball and softball complex will be laid out on the site of the old school building in Plainfield.

“We owned the land, that was a big thing,” he said, “but it also, I hope, shows our commitment to Plainfield, too. ... It’ll bring a lot of people to town, not just for the varsity games, but we’ll have the morning games, too, and we think the youth diamonds will be used a lot.”

The district’s voters in March overwhelmingly approved selling general-obligation bonds to fund the project, and those bonds will be paid back by the school’s SAVE Fund, which means property taxes in the district won’t be affected by the project.

But the diamond complex hit a road bump in May, when the low bid for the project came in at around \$4.5 million, almost 50 percent higher than the engineer’s estimate.

Back to the drawing board district officials went, and the revamped project went back out for bids once again.

Liechty said Wednesday that the bonds will cover all but \$150,000 of the project, and a fundraising committee is going to work on raising at least that amount.

“Honestly, if we can get to \$500,000, it would be great

because we could do a couple of extra things,” Liechty said, “but we’re definitely going to have to get \$150,000 and I feel confident that we will be able to do that.”

The chair of that fundraising committee, longtime Nashua resident Greg Henn, said plans are already in the works for several fundraisers.

“We know how important this project is not just for the baseball and softball teams but also for the district and the communities,” he said. “It’s exciting to see it all come together.”

The new complex will include a varsity baseball diamond on the east side of the property and the softball diamond will actually “move” a bit to the west. The two youth diamonds will be located on the land that used to be home to the Plainfield Pirates’ football team.

The biggest challenge for next year is finding a home for the Huskies’ softball team, and

Lentz said the School Board is working on finding a temporary home diamond for the team. He said one possibility is using a youth diamond that is located near Nashua-Plainfield’s current baseball diamond.

“We’re working on it,” he said, “because obviously, it’s tough if you make a team play on the road all summer. It’s just one year, we have to keep reminding ourselves of that.”

And come 2025, Plainfield will become the permanent home for the Huskies’ diamond teams.

“We can’t wait,” Geise said. “It’s great for our community, and we think it’s going to be great for our school district.”

Those words were music to Liechty’s ears.

“I’m glad they’re excited,” he said. “We’re putting in a big investment to Plainfield, and we’ve been really appreciative of the partnership we have with the city on this.”



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Nashua City Council candidates make their pitches to the voters

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua voters will have some choices to make when they head to the polls on Nov. 7 for the municipal and school general election as nine candidates will be on the ballot for four City Council seats that are up for election.

Three of the terms are for four years and seven candidates are seeking the full terms to the council. They include two incumbents — Jake Johnson and Samantha Johnson — and five challengers, Brandon Christensen, Beth Henningsen, Brittany McDonald, Allie Wesselmann and Dan Zwanziger.

Meanwhile, incumbent Hal Kelleher is being challenged by Nick Henningsen for a two-year term. The only current City Council member not up for election is Ernie Willsher, while the fifth current council member, Tim Malven, is not seeking re-election.

The Reporter asked the candidates who attended the Meet and Greet sessions to fill out questionnaires in an effort to give voters more information when they head to the polls. Here are their answers:

Brandon Christensen

Occupation: Truck driver, home daily. I also do lawn care and snow removal on the side.

Family: Fiancé Sara and 2 beautiful kids. Daughter Stormie is 15 and my son Liam is 11 months old.

Past leadership experience: I've done second-shift lead at a previous employment, farm performance working

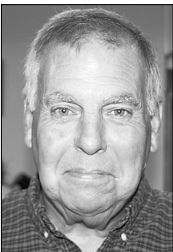
independently to get things done and experience with town clean up after natural disasters.

What are the three biggest issues facing Nashua and how would you tackle them? 1. Nashua has become a ghost town and has been dying before I existed. Growing up, we had a hardware store, grocery store, family owned restaurant, etc. In my opinion, Nashua needs a facelift to bring more attractions and entertain more possibilities of businesses (food, coffee shop, activity center, etc.)

2. Cost of utility bills are always rising in town. There is a water loss that clearly needs attention. Extra charges need to be shown to the community that they are being used properly. They could be used for storm sewer on the Bradford side of town, fixing the streets in town, or towards rebuilding main street.

3. Main Street has become a sore eye of Nashua. There are buildings that have become a major safety hazard that need attention. Other buildings need to be maintained and cleaned up. This will bring more attention to future businesses that will boost our town's attraction. The city has a chance to potentially receive grants and that would be something to look into or other funding possibilities.

What in your eyes makes Nashua the place you want to live and/or raise a family? I was born and raised in Nashua and I would like to give my children the same opportunities I had. This town has the ability to rebuild itself with



Zwanziger



Wesselmann



McDonald



Kelleher



S. Johnson



J. Johnson



Henningsen



Christensen

the help of our community and its citizens. All towns are and should always be a community built environment.

Nick Henningsen

Occupation: Wastewater operator with the New Hampton Water Department.

Family: Wife, Beth; daughters, Aubrey and Rilynn; son, Tate.

Past leadership experience: Football and track coach; helped with city projects like the splash pad.

What are the three biggest issues facing Nashua and how would you tackle them? Dam/lake - We need to figure out the plan and go with it, quit trying to sue everyone because we hired the wrong people.

Infrastructure - We need to budget for this and start a five-year plan. Re-line or replace so many a year. Rehab some man-holes each year. Roads need resurfaced and repaired, but we need to budget for that.

Identity - What are we? A destination city or a bedroom community? Whichever we are, embrace it and do projects to enhance that identity. And quit wasting money on things that don't move us forward.

What in your eyes makes Nashua the place you want to live and/or raise a family? Nashua is a great little community, we moved here a little over nine years ago and have loved the open arm acceptance. We had opportunities to move to different towns because of my job, but I turned down promotions to stay in Nashua. I love my community.

Jake Johnson

Occupation: Floyd County assistant to the county engineer.

Family: Wife, Jenna; children, Tucker (10), Gwen (8) and Haiden (3).

Past leadership experience: Appointed to the City Council in March 2023.

What are the three biggest issues facing Nashua and how would you tackle them? Getting the situation with the dam taken care of. This includes making the repairs needed and determining the ownership issue. I believe the ownership issue is on the way to being corrected. The new plans for the repairs are moving forward with a design that was recently presented to the council that the engineering firm is moving forward with it.

The city infrastructure, we need to start making upgrades to our infrastructure system. Water mains need to be replaced, sewer lines need to be either lined or replaced and

streets need to be replaced or overlaid. We need to start doing a small amount each year or setting aside money to do a bigger project in a few years. But more then likely the only way to do these improvements is through a bond, which cannot be determined until we have a cost for the dam repairs.

Main Street, the condition of the buildings on Main St. Some of the buildings are owned by the city and some are privately owned. The issue here is coming up with the money for the project just like with the infrastructure. Which cannot be figured out until we know the cost of the dam.

What in your eyes makes Nashua the place you want to live and/or raise a family? Nashua is home, I was born and raised here, my parents and grandparents are from here, my wife and her family are from here. Nashua is full of great people that I have been privileged to be around my entire life. We chose to raise a family here so that our children could have the same experiences growing up that we had.

Samantha Johnson

Family: I am married with five children and little fur babies.

Past leadership experience: I am running for re-election after serving two years on the council.

What are the three biggest issues facing Nashua and how would you tackle them? Lack of communication - finding more options to reach out to the community.

The "look" of Nashua - cleaning up nuisance properties and main street. Finding owners and holding them responsible.

What in your eyes makes Nashua the place you want to live and/or raise a family? I grew up in a small town and that's how I want my children raised. When a tragedy happens, the community rallies together in support for them. That's the biggest blessing one could ask for is support.

Hal Kelleher

Occupation: Retired after a career in the U.S. Air Force and working at Nashua-Plainfield schools.

Family: Wife, Judy; daughter, Deb; and son, Randy.

Past leadership experience: Current city councilman, attended Iowa League of Cities training; 22 years military service.

What are the three biggest issues facing Nashua and how would you tackle them? Main Street recovery: Continue to move forward with these efforts. There are

many avenues to accomplish this — funding, recruitment of businesses to come into these spaces and many other hurdles in demolishing commercial buildings currently owned by the city and deed holders. There have been considerable efforts into this by many with much more to be done. I would like to remain a part of these efforts. Numerous ideas have been recently brought forward in these matters.

Continue with dam and impoundment (lake) improvements, repairs and city park, campground improvements.

Begin stronger enforcement (while working with citizens) of municipal codes and updating current ones as required. We should be proud to show off our community wherever you go in town. First impressions go a long way in the public's eye and are hard to change.

What in your eyes makes Nashua the place you want to live and/or raise a family? I have lived in many communities, states and countries in my career, but I graduated and enlisted while living here. I received the Reporter many years when I was away, and folks always wanted to look through it and wonder at what a great little place to be from. As I stated, I have been many places and seen much, and after my USAF retirement, my family and I feel blessed to have lived here for the past 22-plus years. Taking in account all the pluses and minuses, I wouldn't live anywhere else.

Brittany McDonald

Occupation: Occupational therapist at MercyOne Northeast Iowa Medical Center.

Family: Husband, Dale Lundquist; daughter, Isabella McDonald (5); and dog, Harley.

Past leadership experience: Lead occupational therapist, served as clinical coordinator for inpatient/outpatient therapy services for a large hospital system in Kenosha Wisconsin. Served on hospital committees such as process improvement, employee engagement, safe patient handling and served as Clinical Instructor for Level 1 & 2 occupational therapy interns.

What are the three biggest issues facing Nashua and how would you tackle them? Budget/fiscal responsibility: Work with the welcome center to bring in weddings and gathering events. Work with Nashua parks on the campground, possibly using a reservation system with payment online. Encourage citizen workshops to brainstorm ideas to bring events in.

Public safety: Work with Chickasaw county sheriff department to address increase in citizen concerns of speeding, running stop signs especially at high traffic times. Addressing complaints of nuisance/loose animals.

Maintenance of city assets: Look at current state, brainstorm activities that would improve situation (upgrades, etc)

What in your eyes makes Nashua the place you want to live and/or raise a family? Purposeful connection: neighbors know your name, wave to each other passing by and lend a hand to shovel when the weather is bad.

Nashua is a close knit community and you can have confidence in raising your children in a safe, friendly environment. Nashua has a wonderful lake with great beach area and a great park board that puts together great events to support our citizens.

We moved from a town of 70,000 people and have enjoyed the slower pace of life, you're able to focus more on experiences than materials. Nashua has a great school system with exceptional teaching staff that really make your children feel valued and they want them to succeed.

Allie Wesselmann

Occupation: Floyd County

Medical Center infection preventionist and employee health director.

Family: Husband, Zach; children, London (12), Lincoln (7) and Hazel (5).

Past leadership experience: Nurse director role at hospital for the last three years, chair coordinator for FCMC Daisy Award (internationally recognized foundation honoring extraordinary nurses) and past leadership roles also include charge nurse and preceptor in a variety of different nursing roles ranging from step-down cardiac cadre to inpatient psych.

What are the three biggest issues facing Nashua and how would you tackle them? In no particular order.

Communication - this is a two part issue. I feel that council meetings need structure and set guidelines or work processes. This would make meetings more efficient and effective. It would also allow the citizens to know expectations, and there can be no discrimination accusations. An example would be nuisance properties. Establish a process in which the first complaint/concern would be a verbal warning. Second, after X number of days, a written warning. Third, after X number of days, implement a penalty fee. Fourth, if at any point in the process, the resident takes action to resolve the nuisance, the process would start over.

Also communication to the community. In attempts to get more community involvement and buy-in, I would like to look into alternative communication options, including offering remote access to council meetings. There are various platforms for this so that it can be achieved. Emergency communication needs to be investigated. Look into more effective ways to get essential information out — i.e., boil order implementation. Social media is great, but not everyone is able to use this form of communication. We need to strengthen communication capabilities to enhance preparedness and collaboration.

Water/Wastewater Management: Now that the management and maintenance has stabilized, we anticipate some financial challenges to get our system back to optimal utilization. I urged the council to be proactive in planning and funding — i.e., Looking for grant opportunities. What resources are available to relieve some of the financial burden we anticipate. Take a proactive approach to issues we know

What in your eyes makes Nashua the place you want to live and/or raise a family? I grew up in Nashua, moved away for 10 years to live a bigger city life and gain a variety of experiences. Once becoming pregnant with my son, I started to think about what I wanted for my child.

What environment and morals did I want? I had the best childhood and feel the connection growing up in a small town provides. Nashua has a sense of belonging and potential. I want my children to have this same experience as I had growing up here.

Dan Zwanziger

Occupation: Retired from the city of Nashua.

Family: Wife, Lisa; three grown children, Alex, Abby and Alli.

Past leadership experience: Owned by own trucking business for almost 30 years.

What are the three biggest issues facing Nashua and how would you tackle them? Water and sewer lines need to be repaired or replaced; streets need repair and we need to make a 5, 10, 15 year plan to do this; and have people work together for the better of all.

What in your eyes makes Nashua the place you want to live and/or raise a family? The endless potential — the lake, parks, small businesses make Nashua a great place to live.

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NOTICE OF BOND SALE

Time and Place of Sale: Sealed bids or electronic bids for the sale of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023, of the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District, in the Counties of Chickasaw, Bremer, Butler and Floyd, State of Iowa (the "Issuer"), will be received in the Superintendent's Office of the District until 11:00 A.M. on November 13, 2023. The bids will be publicly opened at that time and evaluated by the Superintendent, Board Secretary and Municipal Advisor and referred for action at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sale and Award: The sale and award of the bonds will be held at the Board meeting scheduled at 7:00 P.M. on the same date.

The Bonds. The bonds to be offered are the following: general obligation school bonds, SERIES 2023, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,000,000 to be dated December 12, 2023 (the "Bonds").

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10/27/23

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES October 16, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Hackman Absent. 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, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, and Kennan Sede.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for October 16, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from October 9, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, and Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve Semi-Annual report for Treasurer's office dated September 30, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Opened sealed bids for car and truck for Sheriff's office.

Open Bids for 2016 Dodge Ram Sheriff: McCarty-\$6,201.00

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to go with Buddy McCarty's bid of \$6,201.00 for the 2016 Dodge Ram truck. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Open Bids for 2017 Dodge Chargers Sheriff: McCarty-6,501.00, Emergency ReMarketing-\$4,12.18, Ringwood Motors-\$5280.00, David Hageman-\$5226.00

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to go with Buddy McCarty's bid of \$6,501.00 for the 2017 Dodge Charger. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed the jail inspection report dated September 28, 2023.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve Final Plans for V18 PCC Overlay Project (STP-SC019(113)-SE-19) from U.S. Hwy. 18 North approximately 8.6 miles to the South City Limits of the City of Alta Vista and authorize Chickasaw Board of Supervisors signatures on cover sheet. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve lease agreement for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services at the Heritage Center and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, and Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussion on the updates on the water connection project for the Heritage Center.

Discussion on the updates on Heritage relocation study for Public Health.

Discussion on the move for DHS to the Heritage Center.

Discussion on the open Medical Examiner Investigator position and the Board of Supervisors had a consensus to advertise the position in the official County newspapers (New Hampton and Nashua Reporter) the week of October 16, 2023. The board will review on November 6, 2023.

Discussed the pictures or filming of the Courthouse.

Discussed the updates of the Chickasaw County Handbook.

Discussed the transfer from Rural Basic Services Fund to Secondary Roads Fund.

Budget Amendment #2 work session. Committee Assignments

Supervisor Cerwinski-October 12-Heartland Insurance

Supervisor Suckow – October 13-North Iowa Juvenile Detention

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:11 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, and Kuhn. Absent: Hackman.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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Huskies lose a playoff ‘battle’ with Lake Mills

FOOTBALL: FROM 8

That made three-consecutive playoff berths for the Huskies – one more game that sees N-P conceivably cracking the state field next year will tie the school record for the best string of qualifying for the postseason (four, 2011-2014). N-P raced out to a 4-0 record this year for its best start since a 10-2 season in 2014. The state took notice as N-P reached as high as No. 8 in the AP prep poll.

Sure, the Huskies (5-4) lost four out of their last five games this fall, but how many prep football programs dealt with what Nashua-Plainfield did this season?

There were probably some squads, but not many. Every teams deals with their own unique problems (injuries, absences, etc.) and hurdles along the highway – once again, overcoming pitfalls and painful moments is never easy. N-P also went 5-4 last season and lost in the first round of the playoffs to No. 1 West Hancock – 44-16. The Huskies graduated a decent-sized senior class from that winning squad – many of them key leaders on the team.

Sullivan repeated a phrase he’s obviously said more than once.

“After last year – the seniors we lost – no one thought we’d forget this far,” said Sullivan.

One such senior from that 2022 N-P football unit – all-district performer Kaden Wilken – passed away unexpectedly prior to the Huskies’ game versus South Winneshiek.

That devastating loss left a football team and a community in mourning and wondering how to move forward themselves.

These Huskies attempted to heal the heartache of losing a loved one and pulled out an uninspiring and extremely emotional 26-12 victory over dis-trict rival North Butler the following week to clinch a playoff berth.

White – who missed the game versus South Winn because of an ankle injury sustained in the ranked clash against No. 1 St. Ansgar – had this to say about a season that like life, is filled with ups-and-downs.

“With that whole situation – we knew Kaden was a competitor and he loved to compete. I feel like after that – we put a lot of the season on him,” said White. “We did it for him, because he would have loved to been here and seen it.”

As far as how the game went down against Lake Mills

– there’s plenty to discuss. Both teams recovered a fumble and led to each team’s first score.

“We started off the way we needed to. We got the fumble to start and we went down and we scored,” said Christensen.

That score came in the first quarter and was off a 17-yard pass from senior signal caller Tucker Franzen to sophomore wideout Devon Blanchard. The Huskies appeared to convert on the two-point conversion, but the officials said no dice.

“We actually got the two-point conversion. The ref admitted he made a mistake, so we should have had two points there,” said Christensen, who just capped his fourth season as N-P head coach.

A fumble by senior running back Titus Evans – who led all rushers with 115 yards – on N-P’s next series came back to bite the Huskies. Evans ripped off a big run of 35-plus yards after receiving a screen pass and advanced the ball all the way down near the 10-yard line before Lake Mills recovered the fumble. There was also a holding call on the play, so if N-P would have retained possession, the ball would have been marked back near the 30-yard line of Lake Mills.

“I was running with a full head of steam and I didn’t really think anybody was behind me, but the ball got punched out,” said Evans.

Lake Mills (8-2) would end up scoring after that fumble on a six-yard run by Beau Kaufman with 6:42 left. The Bulldogs converted on a couple fourth-down plays on that successful series. Evans intercepted the two-point pass.

A fake punt – not designed – on 4th-and-14 also went awry for N-P and the Bulldogs capitalized by scoring on that next possession after the turnover on downs.

White managed to get six yards on the improvised punt play – but was still eight yards short of a first down that would have moved the chains.

“That wasn’t a called fake punt,” said Christensen. “They snuck an extra guy in and Tate saw that and thought it was going to get blocked so he just took off. That play didn’t decide the game.”

Logan Bacon hit a home run with a 34-yard scoring scamper with 4:17 left in the first half to make it 13-7 after the Bulldogs’ made good on the extra-point kick.

“We stopped what they’re good at. That’s maybe the frustrating part. We didn’t let them run it right down our throats.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield’s seniors – (above, from left) Titus Evans, Hayden Munn, Aiden Sullivan, Trae Geise, Tucker Franzen, Tate White and Dylan Blanchard – pose for one final photo while Devon Blanchard and Aiden Gelner (below) pursue a Lake Mills player on a kickoff return during Friday night’s playoff game.



Other than the one pitch, triple-option – we just got caught inside and that’s what you can’t do on the pitch,” the N-P coach said.

N-P held LM to 138 yards rushing, but it was the Bulldogs’ passing game that would really hurt the Huskies.

“They had to beat us with the pass and I think if you would ask any of our coaches or any of our guys if they have to beat us with the pass we felt pretty good. They were able to do that pretty well,” said Christensen.

Lake Mills led 13-6 at the break, but a shanked punt that went for just one yard because of heavy pressure from the Huskies’ special teams gave N-P excellent field position at mid-field with 3:22 left in the third

quarter. Evans’ 21-yard gain up the middle with 1:31 left in the third gave N-P a first-and-goal at the Bulldog 10. N-P had a third-and-goal from the 7-yard line, but a false start pushed the Huskies back five yards. On fourth down, an incomplete pass to Evans on a screen fell to the ground to force a turnover on downs.

N-P did not back down as the Huskies rush defense rose to the occasion to force another Lake Mills punt.

The Huskies received the ball again near the 50-yard line and did something about this time.

“The second half I was proud of the way we rallied together, because it’s really easy to get your head down when go down 13-6,” said Christensen.

Evans broke free again on the first play of the drive for 40 yards – all the way down to the LM 10-yard-line. After an Evans’ five-yard blast, Aiden Gelner punched it in from five yards out for N-P’s second score. Evans made good on the two-point conversion and it was, 14-13, Huskies with 8:54 to play.

“Offensively, I think once we got our confidence, things really got going,” said Christensen. “They don’t have the depth, not that we have depth, either, but what they have is quality there. There line is good.”

Lake Mills responded and the Bulldogs did it with their passing game – which is impressive as the purple-and-gold clad squad from Winnebago County runs a flexbone, triple-option offense.

A jump ball on the right sideline was reeled in by Garrett Ham for 25 yards. Ham wrestled the ball away from Franzen to come up with the huge haul with 6:43 left.

The biggest play of the night if you were a Bulldog fan came on 4th-and-5 from the Husky 15.

Hayden Helgeson lollipopped a ball toward the right corner of the end zone that Bacon caught for six points to make the score 20-14, Lake Mills. The Bulldogs made good on a two-point pass to Carter Christianson and the score was now widened to seven – N-P down, 21-14, with 3:47 remaining in the game. Now the Huskies would need to not only score a touchdown, but more than likely convert on its own 2-point play as N-P had not attempted an extra-point kick all season.

Evans continued his stellar game by returning the ensuing kickoff right sideline all the way to near midfield. The 34-yard scamper almost went to the house as he was just pushed out of bounds.

The Huskies set up shop at their own 47-yard line and Gelner was able to pop off a big gain of 18 yards to place the ball at the LM 12.

The Huskies would get no further to the goal line as a hook-and-ladder play on 4th-and-18 did not gain the required amount of yardage to keep the drive going.

The turnover on downs with 58 ticks left on the clock allowed Lake Mills to kneel down on its offensive series and rush off the field in celebration.

“This was a battle. I think If this game’s played 10 times it’s probably five and five – the way I see it,” said Christensen.

Lake Mills (8-2) plays at No. 1 St. Ansgar (10-0) tonight (Friday) in the Round of 16 playoff round. St. Ansgar

defeated the Bulldogs – its district foe – in the regular season, 31-6.

Evans finished with 1,019 rushing yards on 146 attempts for a seven-yard average this season. Evans scored eight rushing TDs.

Gelner finished with 902 yards rushing for a six-yard average. He scored 10 rushing TDs this year. He came up with 74 yards on 15 carries against Lake Mills.

White led all tacklers in the game with 11.

Evans gave props where props were due to a fanbase that had his back as well as the entire Husky Nation.

“The fans are just phenomenal. They all brought their “A” game up in the stands cheering us on. They supported us all year long. They came to all the away games. They just kept coming – even after the losses,” said Evans. “It’s a great community here.”

Along with Evans, White, Sullivan and Franzen – Husky seniors (all starters) that played their last football game at N-P were Trae Geise, Hayden Munn and Dylan Blanchard.

“Every last game hurts. This one hurts a little bit more,” said Christensen. “These are the seniors I’ve had for four years.”

LAKE MILLS 21, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 14				
LM	0	13	0	8 - 21
NP	6	0	0	8 - 14

FIRST QUARTER
NP - Devon Blanchard 17 pass from Tucker Franzen (2 pt. play failed)

SECOND QUARTER
LM - Beau Kaufman 6 run (pass failed) 6:32
LM - Logan Bacon 34 run (Nash Delger kick) 4:17

FOURTH QUARTER
NP - Aiden Gelner 5 run (Titus Evans run) 8:54
LM - Bacon 15 pass from Hayden Helgeson (Carter Christianson pass from Helgeson) 3:47

TEAM STATS		
	LM	NP

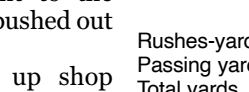
Rushes-yards 43-138 37-193
Passing yards 107 69
Total yards 245 262
Att-Comp-Int 12-8-0 9-4-0

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing - Aiden Gelner 18-74, Titus Evans 16-115, Tucker Franzen 2-0, Tate White 1-4.
Passing - Franzen 4-9-69.
Receiving - Evans 2-42, Devon Blanchard 1-17, Trae Geise 1-10.
Tackles - White 11, Aiden Sullivan 7, Isaac Jones 6.5, Evans 6, Jackson Carey 6, Geise 5, Blanchard 5, Tyler Zimmer 3.5, Trent Rodruck 3, Dylan Blanchard 2, Franzen 2, Matthew Malven 2, Hayden Munn 2, Gelner 1.
Tackles for loss - Jones 2, Evans 2, White 1.5, De. Blanchard 1, Sullivan 1, Carey 0.5.
Sacks - Evans 1.
Fumble recoveries - De. Blanchard 1-0.
Kickoff returns - Geise 3-48, Evans 1-34.
Kickoffs - White 3-130.
Punt returns - Evans 2-13.
Punts - White 3-124.

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STATE OF IOWA				
2023				
FINANCIAL REPORT				
FISCAL YEAR ENDED				
JUNE 30, 2023 CITY OF NASHUA, IOWA				
DUE: December 1, 2023				
NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.				
ALL FUNDS				
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	823,645		823,645	810,903
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	823,645		823,645	810,903
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	240,389	0	240,389	242,795
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	14,200
Use of Money and Property	120,200	2,953	123,153	92,250
Intergovernmental	368,662	0	368,662	1,498,865
Charges for Fees and Service	207,882	842,794	1,050,676	945,900
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	188,211	2,550	190,761	86,150
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	660,396	161,326	821,722	1,704,150
Total Revenues and Other Sources	2,609,385	1,009,623	3,619,008	5,395,213
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	546,437		546,437	417,544
Public Works	344,726		344,726	1,453,085
Health and Social Services	10,586		10,586	12,500
Culture and Recreation	235,758		235,758	288,580
Community and Economic Development	55,249		55,249	60,000
General Government	154,687		154,687	199,656
Debt Service	133,822		133,822	133,746
Capital Projects	0		0	207,000
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	1,481,265	0	1,481,265	2,772,111
Business type activities		751,784	751,784	2,052,875
Total All Expenditures	1,481,265	751,784	2,233,049	4,824,986
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	260,146	161,326	421,472	354,780
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	1,741,411	913,110	2,654,521	5,179,766
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	867,974	96,513	964,487	215,447
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2022	3,350,346	424,974	3,775,320	3,561,043
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	4,218,320	521,487	4,739,807	3,776,490
NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:				
Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds		Pension Trust Funds		
Private Purpose Trust Funds		Agency Funds		
Indebtedness at June 30, 2023	Amount	Indebtedness at June 30, 2023	Amount	
General Obligation Debt	814,792	Other Long-Term Debt		0
Revenue Debt	856,000	Short-Term Debt		0
TIF Revenue Debt	0			
		General Obligation Debt Limit		4,346,918



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Huskies will welcome back two all-conference players

Volleyball: From 8

transition seemed to be easy for her,” said Foelske.

Franzen was picked for the second team after she was selected by TIC coaches to be a member of the honorable mention squad as a sophomore in 2022.

She’s almost like another coach for the Huskies as she’s a very valuable team leader and helps guide her teammates in the right direction as far as what Foelske and her coaching staff want to see our of their players. “She is our “glue,” said Foelske.

Along with her smart and heady play, Foelske mentioned that Franzen’s impact on and off the court, along with junior returnee Josslyn Glaser, N-P’s middle, will be counted on in an effort to improve on the Huskies’ six-win season this past fall.

“Faith and Josslyn’s presence on the court, along with how they work with their younger teammates, should help us to continue to build,” Foelske added.

Franzen was second on the team to sophomore Lily Eiffler’s No. 1 team total of 107 kills. She produced 101 kills and was second on the team with a .076 kill efficiency. Franzen is skilled in all aspects of her game as she racked up 188 digs and is one of the conference’s best servers. She clipped out to an over 96 percent serve efficiency and tallied 23 aces.

“She has become a stronger hitter and passer this year, but I would say her biggest strength is her serve. She can place it short, long or side to side. She doesn’t miss often,” said Foelske.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield’s Paige Franzen (left) was named to the all-Top of Iowa Conference East Division while her teammate, sophomore Kami Hannemann, was an honorable mention pick by the league’s coaches

Hannemann became more adept at her setter position as the year progressed. She was N-P’s libero last year as a freshman. She was fourth overall in the league with 351 assists this fall. Azaria McDonough of Central Springs was the leader in that category with 684

assists, while Aspen Falk of St. Ansgar was second with 614. Taylor Klobassa of Osage was third in the league with 564 assists.

Hannemann was paper-thin percentage points better than Franzen in serve efficiency – 96.5 to 96.3 percent.

Hannemann was also the leader on the team in aces with 33. She came up with 102 digs as well.

Hannemann’s responsibility of setting up the hitters with accurate passes isn’t easy. Foelske thought she held her own.

“She made the switch back to

ALL-TIC EAST VOLLEYBALL		
FIRST TEAM		
Aubrey Hoeft	Central Springs	Sr.
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Jenna Scharper	Osage	Jr.
Kinsey Anderson	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Aspen Falk	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Lindsay Kruse	Saint Ansgar	Soph.
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Paige Prazak	Central Springs	Soph.
Ellyan Ryan	Central Springs	Sr.
Paige Franzen	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Elizabeth Kruckenberg	Mason City Newman	Sr.
Taylor Klobassa	Osage	Sr.
Addison Marcks	Osage	Soph.
Hannah Hillman	Rockford	Soph.
Natalie Bork	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Ava Falk	Saint Ansgar	Soph.
HONORABLE MENTION TEAM		
Cameron Cobb	Central Springs	Jr.
Kami Hannemann	Nashua-Plainfield	Soph.
Sami Kruckenberg	Mason City Newman	Soph.
Lauren Fleshner	North Butler	Sr.
Chloe Costello	Northwood-Kensett	Sr.
Rylie Tabbert	Osage	Sr.
Danika deBuhr	Rockford	Soph.
Amelia Porisch	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Breckyn Dickman	West Fork	Sr.
Player of the Year: Azaria McDonough, Central Springs		
Coach of the Year: Tyler Johnson, Saint Ansgar		

the setting position, so it wasn’t new for her this year, but we asked her to play at the next level of setting. She ran a lot to try and better the ball. She still has some learning to do, but is willing to learn, so you can’t ask for much more,” the N-P head coach said.

N-P finished the season with a record of 6-17. The Huskies won three out of four near the end of the regular season in victories over rival North Butler, Clarksville and West Fork on Senior Night. N-P defeated North Butler a second time this season at its home quad to finish off the regular season por-

tion of the 2023 fall schedule.

N-P (6-17, 3-5) finished in a three-way tie with North Butler (12-18, 3-5) and Rockford (10-15, 3-5) for fifth place in the conference.

Osage (19-17) won the conference with a mark of 8-0 and St. Ansgar (24-6) was second with a league record of 7-1.

The Huskies lost at Dunkerton in the first round of Class 1A regional by scores of 25-14, 25-23 and 25-18.

McDonough, a junior, was named Player of the Year in the TIC East and Coach of the Year went to St. Ansgar’s Tyler Johnson.



Nashua Women of Today ready for another big Trunk or Treat event this Sunday

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Here’s the deal when it comes to the annual Trunk or Treat event put on each year by the Nashua Women of Today: The weather does not play one iota of a factor.

If it’s sunny and warm, there’s a huge crowd. If it’s cloudy and rainy, there’s a huge crowd. If it’s snowing and bone-chilling cold, there’s a huge crowd.

“We worry about the weather, but we probably don’t need to,” Women

of Today member Jennifer Lantz said, “because the one year we had the snow falling, we might have had our biggest crowd ever.”

This year’s event is set for Sunday, with various businesses and organizations setting up along Main Street, beginning at 2 p.m. and trunk-or-treating commencing at 3 p.m.

And trust us — or at least the weatherman — Trunk or Treat 2023 is not going to be held under sunny skies with warm temperatures. Instead, the weather be on the other side of the spectrum as forecasters,

as of Thursday at least, are calling for mostly cloudy skies, a high of 37 and yes, a slight chance of snow showers.

Still, it’s a go; then again, it always is.

“It’s so much fun to see all the kids dressed up,” Lantz said, “and we really appreciate everyone who comes and decorates their trunks. Those get better and better every year.”

Trunk or Treat is just the beginning for Nashua kids, too, as city-wide trick-or-treating is set for Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Down the road in Plainfield, city-

wide trick-or-treating will also be held that evening from 5 to 7.

And just in case our two towns don’t give you enough Halloween,” here’s what other area towns are offering this year:

CHARLES CITY

• The Bridge Church Trunk or Treat, Tuesday at 913 S. Main Street, 6 to 8 p.m.

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• City-wide trick-or-treating, Tuesday, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

NEW HAMPTON

• Carnegie Cultural Center

Halloween Craft Activity with apple cider, Saturday, 10:45 a.m. to noon.

• New Hampton Women of Today annual Spook Walk, Saturday at Mikkelson Park, 3 p.m.

• New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Trick or Treating, Tuesday, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

• Harvest Church Trunk or Treat, Tuesday.

• City-wide trick or treating, Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

WAVERLY

• City-wide trick-or-treating, Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m.



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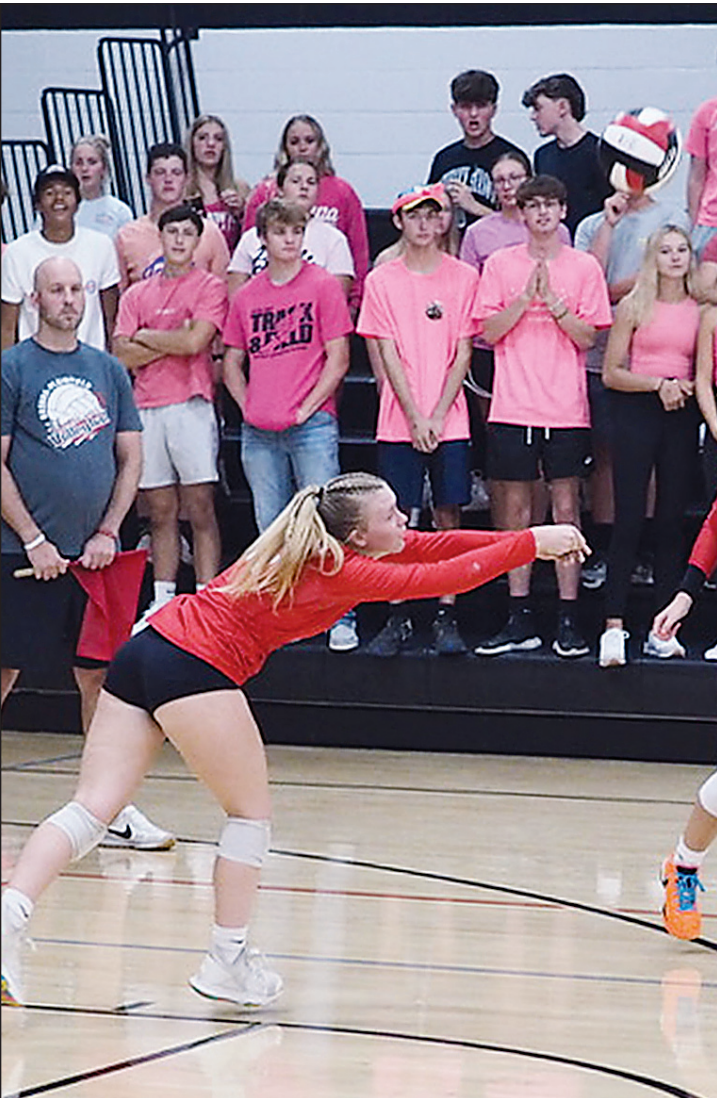
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Nashua-Plainfield's Jalynn Pratt comes up with a dig during a match between the Huskies and Northwood-Kensett early in the season.

Trio of Huskies earn all-TIC East honors

Pratt caps her volleyball career with spot on all-conference first team; Franzen and Hannemann also earn all-league spots

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

A senior, a junior and a sophomore.

Each brought their own distinctive skill set to the court for Mindy Foelske's Nashua-Plainfield volleyball and all three were awarded recently as members of the Top of Iowa Conference East's all-league team.

Husky senior Jalynn Pratt and junior Paige Franzen were each tabbed for their second all-conference honor in their standout careers. N-P sophomore setter Kami Hannemann earned her first selection on the TIC all-league team.

Pratt, a senior, was bestowed with first-team distinction as she was picked on the top squad of the TIC at her libero position. Pratt was named to the honorable mention all-conference team her sophomore season, when she excelled at her outside hitter position.

She made the switch this year to the back row and the libero spot after dealing with a shoulder injury that precipitated the

move. It seemed to be a smooth transition for the Husky, who ended up leading the TIC in digs with 136 in league matches played.

She accumulated 266 digs overall, which put her third behind Ellyan Ryan (368 digs) of Central Springs and St. Ansgar's Kinsey Anderson (279 digs).

"She has had shoulder issues and it affected her swing last season, so when we were working on how to best use her, libero was an easy choice," said Foelske, who has been N-P's head coach and leader of the Husky volleyball program for the past three seasons.

Pratt generated 30 aces, which was second to Hannemann's team-leading total of 33 aces.

Pratt's dedication in the off-season made it easier for her to switch gears and become a worthy contributor on the back row for N-P.

"She played all the way around in year's past and lots of club ball, so making that

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 7



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield senior Tate White hugs his teammate and classmate Aiden Sullivan after the Huskies' season came to an end Friday night with a loss to Lake Mills in the opening round of the Class A state football playoffs.

Stinging loss ends N-P's run

Huskies see season come to a close with a 21-14 playoff loss to Lake Mills



Matthew Malvin (above) makes a tackle while Tate White (below) takes the pitch from Trae Geise on a hook-and-ladder play in Friday's game.



Aiden Gelner finds some running room in the Lake Mills defense in the second half of the Huskies' game with Lake Mills on Friday.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

N-P star runs in Fort Dodge today!

Nashua-Plainfield junior Kadence Huck, shown here running all by herself to the finish line at the Class 1A state qualifier meet last week, runs in the biggest meet of the year today as she takes on the best in her class at the state meet in Fort Dodge. Race time for Huck, who finished 10th at last year's meet, is set for 2 p.m. at Kennedy Park, and we'll have the results online at nashuareporter.com.

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