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It's a packed house around supper time at Nashua City Hall as voters in the Bradford precinct fill out their ballots for the 2024 election on Tuesday.

It's a much-needed Veterans Day for those who served

Nashua VFW quartermaster looking forward to programs at schools on Monday morning

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Dan Bilharz and his fellow Nashua-area veterans always look forward to the twin Veterans Day programs that are held each year at Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools.

But this year, those programs that will be held this coming Monday morning — the program at the elementary school begins at 8:40 a.m. while the observance at the high school is set for 10 a.m. — may very well serve as a tonic for the men and women who have served in the armed forces.

"It's been a tough year," said Dan Bilharz, the longtime quartermaster for the VFW's Ralph Nicholson Post 6792, "so I think, for me at least,

SEE VETERANS DAY, 3



Honoring our vets
Check out our annual Veterans Day Commemorative Edition, to learn how Chickasaw County's veterans service officer found not a job but a passion, and check out a story on an Air Force veteran who is helping mark the graves of long-deceased veterans.

IT'S A RED-LETTER ELECTION DAY

REPUBLICANS HAVE PLENTY TO CELEBRATE AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS ON ELECTION NIGHT

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

It was a good election — a really good election — to be a Republican, and by the same token, it was a horrible election for Democrats.

And it didn't matter if it was local, state or federal, Tuesday's election turned into a red

tidal wave as the GOP's Donald Trump not only earned a return trip to the White House but they also took control of the U.S. Senate, swept to new heights in Iowa and won each of the partisan races in both Chickasaw and Bremer counties.

Start in Chickasaw County, where the rematch turned out not to be a heavyweight

prize fight after all as Chickasaw County voters in District 3 gave Jake Hackman a relatively easy victory Tuesday and a third term on the Board of Supervisors.

"I'm honored that the people of District 3 believed in me and gave me another term,"

SEE ELECTION, 2

Recent rain is just a 'good start' on ending drought

Nashua receives 3 inches of much-needed precipitation; report shows drought downgraded to 'moderate'

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The weather turned on a proverbial dime in the last week as we seemingly went from the "Dust Bowl" to searching for Noah's ark.

But area farmers didn't care because after three months of seeing little rain, we finally got a much-needed dose of precipitation.

"It's a good start," ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol said, "but honestly, it can rain a while. At least we're starting to replenish our soil moisture profiles, and boy, did they ever need it."

And while some of us might want the spigot to

be turned off for a while, the fact is that the recent rainfall — New Hampton officially received a little more than 3 inches of rain between last Wednesday and Tuesday — we're still looking at a major rain deficit over the past three months.

The National Weather Service's reporting station for the city shows that 5.64 inches of rain have fallen in Nashua since Aug. 1, and that's just about half of the rainfall the city normally receives from Aug. 1 to Nov. 6.

But the 3.02 inches of rain that fell recently certainly helped when it came to the U.S.

SEE WEATHER, 3

Still a ways to go

Here are the rainfall totals since Aug. 1 in Nashua:

	Precip	Normal	Percent
August	2.40	4.42	54.3
September	0.22	3.64	6.0
October	1.00	2.75	36.4
November*	2.02	0.45	448.9
Totals	5.64	11.26	50.0

*November's totals and normal are through Nov. 6.

SOURCE: National Weather Service



And that's a wrap on the fall sports season

Nashua-Plainfield senior Kadence Huck is all smiles as she stands on the "awards balcony" following the Class 1A state cross country meet on Saturday morning, while the night before, the Huskies' football team poses for a photo with its Class A state playoffs trophy after falling to Maquoketa Valley in the "round of 16."

Photos by Jenn Kalainoff and the Reporter's Kelly Terpstra

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Floyd County EMS support levy is voted down for a second time

By BOB STEENSON

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For the second time it has been on the ballot, voters in Tuesday's election denied Floyd County the ability to collect a special property tax to support emergency medical services (EMS).

The issue again not only failed to get the 60% majority needed to pass, but it also failed to receive even a simple majority of voters, losing by a count of 3,209 "yes" votes to 3,921 "no" votes, losing 45% to 55%.

In no precinct in the county did the "yes" vote reach the needed 60% mark, although it did pass the 50% mark in all three Charles City precincts, with the highest "yes" vote tally at 54.7% in the Charles City 1 precinct, which is the city limits south of the Cedar River.

In 2022 the margin had been closer, with 48.2% "yes" and 51.8% "no" votes, but still nowhere near the number needed to pass.

Mark Kuhn, chair of the Floyd County Board of Supervisors and a member of the Floyd County Ambulance Commission, said he was disappointed by the outcome.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't surprised. I think everybody needs to kind of let the dust settle and do a more thorough analysis of the vote count," including "where the votes came in at and obviously where they failed," he said.

"We're going to need to look at that because it's an essential service," he said. "I wasn't surprised, but I was disappointed."

Kuhn said he would call for an agenda item at a future Board of Supervisors meeting "to discuss the outcome of the EMS vote and hopefully gather input from members of the now disbanded (Floyd County EMS) Advisory Council and the general public."

City and county officials had called the proposed tax levy crucial to the ability to continue receiving the same level of ambulance service in the county that has been available for years.

The largest part of the money would have been used to pay an annual subsidy to AMR, the private company ambulance provider that says the fees it can collect for providing services do not cover its costs.

That subsidy has increased from \$50,000 in the 2019-20 fiscal year, to \$427,450 this current fiscal year, which is the second year of the current three-year contract with AMR.

Next year the subsidy will climb to \$440,274, and AMR has said it is too early to discuss whether or how much the subsidy might increase again if Charles City and Floyd County want to sign another contract to continue service after June 30, 2026.

Other parts of the levy would have been used to support volunteer ambulance and other EMS services in Greene, Nora Springs and Marble Rock, where the people who run those services say they are struggling to find enough volunteers to stay in operation, and to buy the supplies and equipment they need.

Supporters of the levy, which would have used a county-wide property tax to collect up to \$670,000 per year for five years, have said that without the tax, Charles City and Floyd County will struggle to come up with the funds to support the current level of ambulance service and other EMS services in the county.

It would have been up to the Board of Supervisors to decide how much of the levy to collect and how to use the money each year. The money could only be used for EMS expenditures as specified in Iowa Code. Proponents said it was likely the full amount would not be collected each year unless the AMR subsidy greatly increased.

City and county officials said that because of state limits on the amount of taxes that cities and counties can collect, being required to continue paying large subsidies to AMR will likely mean Charles City and Floyd County will have to look at cutting other services, or else reduce the level of ambulance service available.

AMR currently provides a 24/7 advanced life support ambulance with paramedic service, and a 24/7 basic life support service with emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Members of the Floyd County EMS Advisory Council, which was formed as part of the Floyd County Board of Supervisors' process of declaring EMS an essential service and asking voters to approve an EMS levy, had voted unanimously to recommend that the vote on an EMS levy should be done at a special election in September this year or March next year, rather than at the general election.

They feared many people would be voting at this election primarily to voice their opinion on who they want for president, would not be familiar with the EMS levy question, and would react reflexively with a "no" vote on any question involving taxes.

But county Board of Supervisors members Mark Kuhn and Dennis Keifer argued that the vote was so important and the amount of money potentially being collected so great that the issue needed to be decided by the voters in a general election, rather than the usually much smaller number voting in special election.

Supervisor Jim Jorgensen, who was an ex-officio member of the EMS Advisory Council, voted at the supervisors meeting against holding the EMS levy question at the general election.

Members of the EMS Advisory Council worked during the weeks leading up to the election to explain to potential voters what the levy vote meant and what the potential outcome of its passage or its denial could mean.

Now, with the levy failing, the designation of EMS as an "essential service" in Floyd County that the current Board of Supervisors had passed, becomes void.

A future Board of Supervisors could try another vote, but it would need to begin the essential services designation process from the beginning.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

A voter checks in at the Bradford precinct in the Nashua City Hall meeting room on Tuesday evening.

Election elates Republicans, both near and far

ELECTION: FROM 1

Hackman said after the Republican incumbent turned back a challenge from former Chickasaw County auditor and Democratic challenger Joan Knoll. "We were picking up [campaign] signs today, and people told me that they like that I get involved, that I do my research, I ask questions and I'm a fighter. And I'm going to continue to do that for the next four years."

Hackman garnered 651 votes, or 54.8 percent, while Knoll received 535 votes, or 45.1 percent, from residents of the western half of New Hampton and most of the rural Dayton-Richland precinct.

In 2020, Hackman received 54.2 percent of the vote while Knoll finished with 45.8 percent of the vote.

Hackman was first elected in 2016 and served as the board chairman for three years during his first term in office. He said two priorities he will have for his third term will be to "consolidate our county buildings" and work on a way to "helping out our sheriff so we can get a suitable holding facility."

The race was one of just two contested in the county during an election in which the number of absentee ballots cast surpassed the number of votes cast on election day. Auditor Sheila Shekleton said of the 6,274 ballots, almost 3,300 were from absentee or early voting.

"It went well and we're really appreciative of everyone who made it go smoothly," she said.

"Our staff, our poll workers,

How we voted in the 2024 election

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Donald Trump (R).....8,772

U.S. REP 2

Sarah Corkery (D).....5,014

Ashley Hinson (R).....8,996

STATE REP 58

Gail Allison (D).....1,335

Charley Thomson (R)....2,766

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 1

Pam Egli (D).....2,105

Bob Burkhorst (R).....2,216

COUNTY AUDITOR

Shelley Wolf (R).....12,426

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Dan Pickett (R).....11,394

David Lahmann (NP).....1,887

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Kamala Harris (D).....705,290

Donald Trump (R).....924,143

U.S. REP 2

Sarah Corkery (D).....168,623

Ashley Hinson (R)....231,292

STATE REP 58

Gail Allison (D).....5,776

Charley Thomson (R) ..10,043

sor seat that has been held by Kenneth Kammeyer since 2005. Although Kammeyer didn't seek a sixth term, fellow Republican Bob Burkhorst edged Democrat Pam Egli in a tight race to represent a district that includes four of the five wards in Waverly.

Other highlights from Tuesday's election included:

- State Rep. Charley Thomson, R-Charles City, easily turned back a challenger from Plainfield native and rural Ionia resident Gail Allison to win a second term representing a district that includes all of Chickasaw County and parts of Floyd and Bremer counties.

- Republican U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson won almost 58 percent of the vote in the Second Congressional District to retain her seat.

- The GOP widened its majority in the Iowa House from 64-36 to 67-33 and also appeared to maintain its so-called "super majority" — i.e., having at least two-thirds of the seats — in the Iowa Senate.

- In addition to Trump's win in the presidential race, Republicans also wrested control of the U.S. Senate from Democrats and appeared likely to retain control of the U.S. House as well.

While four Senate races remain "too close to call," the GOP has locked up 52 seats — to the Democrats' 44 — in the upper chamber.

In the U.S. House, Republicans hold a 210-196 advantage with 29 races still undecided. To have a majority in the lower chamber, a party needs 218 seats.

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'Runaway boat' rescued on the Cedar in Charles City

BY BOB STEENSON
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A wide range of emergency responders responded to a boat being stranded on the edge of the Cedar River dam above the Main Street Bridge in Charles City Monday afternoon.

The owner said he had tied up the boat at the small landing by the county courthouse parking lot, and when he turned back he saw the boat had pulled away from the landing.

No persons were on the boat when it pulled away from its mooring and got caught on the dam.

The owner said he thought about going into the water after the board, then decided against the risk.

"I got insurance ..." he said.

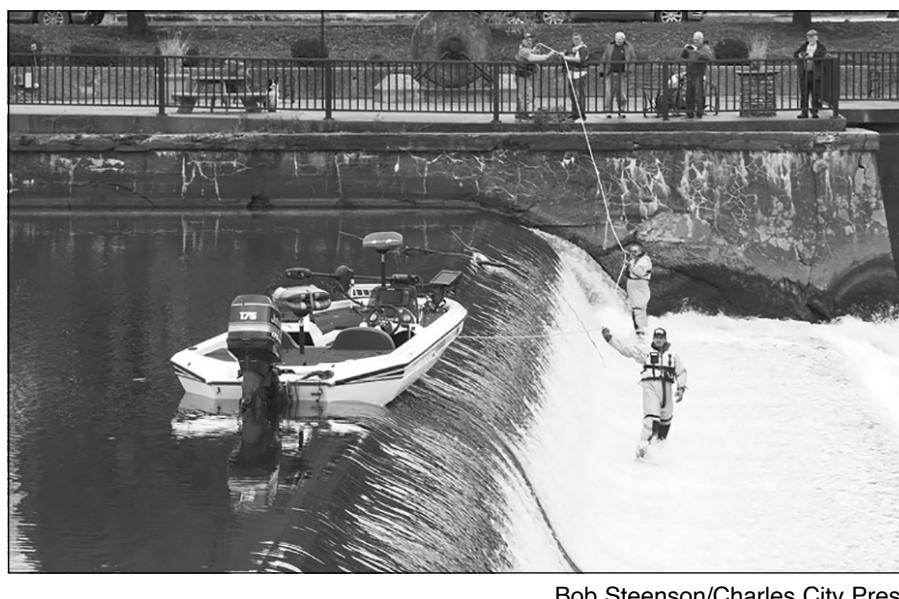
Two Charles City firefighters, Lt. Justin Schuttler and Landon Luft, put on their cold water gear and walked out on the lower ledge of the dam to grab the line attached to the front of the boat, tie it to another rope then take that rope

over to the Mill Race Park observation area on the north riverbank, where other emergency responders were able to grab the rope.

They took the rope down the riverbank to near the Pub on the Cedar, where the Floyd County Search and Rescue truck pulled up and parked.

The rope was attached to the truck's winch line and the boat was pulled back from the dam to the north riverbank, where Luft hopped in and drove it back to the courthouse landing.

The number of responders was due as much to the location and their availability, as it was to a need for more than several helping hands, but it included the Charles City Fire Department, Floyd County Search and Rescue, Charles City Police Department, Floyd County Sheriff's Office, AMR ambulance service, Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Floyd County Emergency Management Agency and Iowa Underwater Search and Rescue, according to Fire Chief Sam Deverell.



Bob Steenson/Charles City Press

Charles City firefighters Justin Schuttler (back) and Landon Luft guide the line from a stranded boat on the Cedar River dam in Charles City to other emergency personnel on shore to begin pulling the boat back to the riverbank.

ISU Extension agronomist says a few more 'soakers' needed

WEATHER: FROM 1

Drought Monitor report that came out on Thursday morning as the level of drought affecting the Nashua and Plainfield areas dropped from "severe" to "moderate."

For farmers, the rain's timing couldn't have been much better. Save for a cornfield here or

there, the harvest was completed before the heavens opened.

"I know I've said it a lot, but I really don't think it affected this year's crop all that much," Basol said, "but I think all the guys were starting to get really worried about what it was going to look like going into next year. To say we needed this is an understatement. And if we can

get a few more good rains in before the ground freezes, that would be great."

The good news is that more rain is in the forecast. After drying out for a few days, showers are in the forecast for Saturday.

The latest USDA Iowa Crop and Condition Report that came out on Monday showed improving soil moisture profiles

as 54 percent of topsoil in the Northeast Iowa District, which includes Chickasaw County, was either "short" or "very short" of moisture, down from 90 percent the week before.

Ditto for subsoils as the percentage of "short" or "very short" dropped from 89 to 66 percent.

"Keep it coming, that's all I

can say," Basol said, "and trust me, I've got a lot of farmers who would agree with me. This has been perfect. It's not the 3 inches from a thunderstorm; this has been the soakers that farmers love."

Veterans Day programs set at both elementary and high school buildings

VETERANS: FROM 1

I'm really looking forward to the programs. They always lift us veterans up and make us feel appreciated."

In recent months, the post signed over ownership of its building to the city of Nashua, and has struggled to remain active as membership continues to decline.

"The city lets us use the building so that's a positive," Bilharz said, "but a lot of folks have put a lot of time and work into our

post and it's tough to let it go. We just don't have the membership anymore."

It's why Monday's programs can't come soon enough for veterans.

The elementary school program is put on by the students while the high school program is hosted by the Nashua-Plainfield FFA chapter, and Bilharz said that both the younger and older students do Veterans Day right.

"They appreciate us," he said, "and that means so much to a bunch of us, especially

guys from my era."

Bilharz served in Vietnam in the early 1970s, and asked how non-veterans can best honor those who have served, he said two words he didn't hear that often when he first came home from Southeast Asia will suffice.

"I think every day really, but especially on Veterans Day," he said, "if you can just say 'thank you,' that's enough. Just to know that people appreciate what you did, that goes a long way."

Briefs

Supervisor chair looks at donating landfill stipend to charity

The chairman of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors may donate a little more than \$600 to a charitable organization as a way to pay back "stipends" he has received as a member of the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill.

The issue came up in September when Scott Cerwinski's fellow supervisors said they did not believe the board chairman should receive pay for serving on the Landfill Board despite Cerwinski sharing a legal opinion that accepting the money was legal.

At the time, Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner said he "respectfully disagreed" with that opinion, and the supervisors reached a consensus that Cerwinski should no longer accept the stipend but they also called on their chairman to return the stipend money — minus the taxes he had paid — he had received.

Cerwinski on Monday told board members that the amount of money, minus taxes, he had received from the stipend was \$606.05, but he also shared with board members that he had talked to "office people at the landfill and a couple of board members have said that the landfill doesn't want it back, so I guess what I will ask ... is it all right if I donate it to non-profit or something like that if the landfill doesn't want it return?"

Although his fellow supervisors didn't give him a clear answer, Cerwinski said he would wait for an official vote by the Landfill Board on accepting a refund of the stipend and if it says it doesn't want the money back, he will pursue donating the funds to a non-profit.

— By Bob Fenske

County EMT course to begin this month, run through March

Starting on Nov. 21 and continuing until March 15, there will be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program — sponsored by North Iowa Community College — held in New Hampton. The 31-session course will run from 6 to 10 p.m. on selected evenings, with mandatory attendance on the first evening. Among the instructors are Chickasaw Co. EMS Director Joel Knutson.

The cost of the program is \$1,279. Visit nicc.edu/solutions/99368 for more information or to register.

"Our program exceeds the National Standard Curriculum for Emergency Medical Technicians by the U.S. Department of Transportation, preparing candidates for pre-hospital care across all age groups and medical emergencies," the release stated. "It covers emergency services overview, EMT roles, anatomy and physiology, medical and trauma emergency management, prehospital considerations, and patient transport. Graduates are equipped for national certification as EMTs through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians."

Senator's staff to have office hours in Chickasaw County next week

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) announced today her office will be holding traveling office hours in every county throughout the state during November and December.

Senator Ernst will not be at the traveling office hours.

Representatives from Senator Ernst's office will be available in all 99 counties to assist Iowans with problems and questions about issues involving Social Security, veterans' benefits, military affairs, passports, immigration issues, and other federal programs.

In Chickasaw County, those office hours are on Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the meeting room of the New Hampton Public Library, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Constituents seeking assistance with federal agencies who are unable to attend the traveling office hours can contact one of the senator's offices directly or submit a casework request online at www.Ernst.senate.gov.

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"Where Quality Prevails"

N-P coach says she'll miss all her cross country seniors

STATE XC: FROM 8

month and four trips to the state meet, including a 10th-place finish as a sophomore.

It also erased the memory of one of the few disappointments in Huck's career — a 67th-place finish at the 2023 meet.

"I'm not going to say I didn't think about it," she said, "but I also knew I had to put that behind me. I just wanted to go out, run my race and have fun doing cross country one final time."

Mission accomplished.

"She came up with her strategy and then executed it," Nashua-Plainfield coach Jenn Kalainoff said. "It's hard to believe that's her last race, at least cross country wise, and I'm not going to lie, that makes me sad. She's a great teammate, and it's so much fun to sit down and talk with her and analyze her races."

"Kadence obviously has a ton of talent, but she's such a hard worker and she really understands the sport."

Huck's final run was remarkably consistent. She ran the first mile in 5:51.5 and was in seventh place. By the two-mile mark, she had moved up to sixth and was part of a large

contingent of runners from the Central Springs state qualifier who earned all-state honors.

Madrid's Katelyn Brandhorst and Madely Grothus finished 4-5, another Madrid runner, Tyra Schupbach, finished 13th and North Iowa's Lauren Hillesland was 15th. That means the Central Springs qualifier, one of eight in the state, had a third of the all-state finishers Saturday.

Huck is far from done when it comes to Husky athletics.

She and her teammates will begin basketball practice on Monday, and this spring, she will take to the track and try to add to her eight state championships before heading off to Oklahoma State to compete in track.

She freely admitted that cross country isn't her favorite sport, yet she also said Saturday's state meet was bittersweet.

"Cross country is so mental," she said, "and it can be a grind sometimes but I love the team aspect of it. It might not be my favorite — OK, it isn't — but I had a blast with my teammates. They were the best, and not being around them next year, that'll be hard. Like, it's going to be weird not having Luke [Paplow] as my training part-

ner. ... All of my teammates helped me get to this point and I can't thank them enough."

Huck is part of a senior class that also includes Paplow, Amberley Gerholdt, Bailey Bond and Caleb Sinnwell, and as Kalainoff closed the book on another cross country season, she lauded the quintet.

"Kadence has obviously had

the most success," the veteran Nashua-Plainfield coach said, "but really, I'm going to miss this whole group of seniors. They worked hard, they were fun to be around with, they were very loyal to the program. That really sums them up."

CLASS 1A TEAM RESULTS
Earlham 91, Madrid 109, Treynor 172, South Winneshiek 173, English

Valleys 175, Sioux Central 181, Alta-Aurelia 192, Lynnville-Sully 203, Panorama 223, Martensdale-St. Mary's 223, ACGC 232, Maquoketa Valley 241, Logan-Magnolia 244, Wapsie Valley 301, Collins-Maxwell 310, Danville 319.

TOP-15 INDIVIDUALS
Lili Denton (Council Bluffs St. Albert) 17:59.3, Nora Peterson (Alta-Aurelia) 18:28.5, Chloe Gossler (Pekin) 18:31.9, Katelyn Brandhorst (Madrid) 19:01.2, Madelyn Grothus

(Madrid) 19:09.6, Kadence Huck (Nashua-Plainfield) 19:11.0, Lauren Krogmann (Starmont) 19:13.0, Marie Yoder (Hillcrest Academy) 19:16.6, Karson Oberender (Martensdale-St. Marys) 19:20.8, Hallie Kelchen (Cascade) 19:23.7, Tyra Schupbach (West Bend-Mallard) 19:26.0, Audra Burbidge (Maquoketa Valley) 19:27.4, Hannah Rockholz (Panorama) 19:32.3, Lauren Hillesland (North Iowa) 19:40.4.

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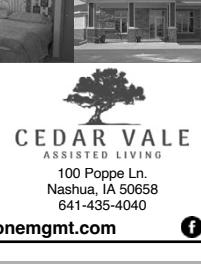


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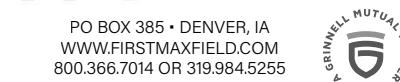
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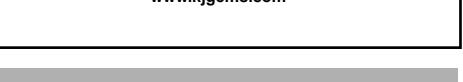


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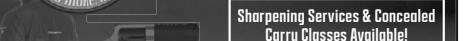
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There's a lot of Husky pride on this page

On this page are 103 Nashua-Plainfield student-athletes, which speaks volumes about the level of commitment our young people have to their school and their community.



Trust us, there are plenty of schools Nashua-Plainfield's size that would kill to have the participation the Huskies do.

So to each and every one of you, we thank you for the dedication and work ethic you showed this autumn, and for those of you who will take the mat and the court this winter, we wish you the best of luck.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD FOOTBALL: The Huskies completed a 6-4 season that included Nashua-Plainfield's first state playoff victory in 10 years. Team members included (front row, from left) Lane Barlow, Eli Cerwinski, Keldan Munn, Hunter Brase, Jagger White, Dawson Peterson, Carter Leach, Quintyn Boehmer, (second row) Clayden Gerholdt, Ethan Franzen, Braeden Mitchell, Cole Scharnhorst, Jackson Mehmen, Aidyn Iriarte, Navarii Williams, Andrew Schmitt, Aiden Gelner, (third row) Tyler Zimmer, assistant coaches Jason Fisher and EJ Runice, head coach Chase Sudol, assistant coaches Nick Henningson, John Granchie, Willie Morris, and Brad Mohs, (fourth row) Kamden Chyma, Wyatt Bearman, Devon Blanchard, Isaac Jones, Cam Cleveland, Jackson Carey, Christopher Niedert, Miles Carpenter, Landon Foelske, (fifth row) Blaine Brannon, Dalton Downing, Matthew Malven, Beau Morris, Maverick Dietz-McDonald, Lucas Sinnwell, Ty Berger, Jaxon McDonald, (back row) Trent Rodruck, Clarence Ensign, Eli Kalainoff, Karson Chyma, Michael Stroud Jr., Avery Mueller, Jake Smith, Zeke Kalainoff and Dawson Becker.

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD VOLLEYBALL: The Huskies continued to show improvement — improving their win total from six to 10 and earning a trip to the Class 1A region quarterfinals. Team members included (front row, from left) Makynlee Dana, Tatum Nelson, Eva Foelske, Paige Franzen, Jennifer McLeland, Josslynn Glaser, Addison Garbes, Paityn Berry, Makenna Bouillon, (second row) Hailey Kirk, Abigail Schmitt, Chloe Fundermann, Nia Jackson, Jade Maia-Gicquel, Claire Kotz, Rachel Paplow, (third row) Hannah Brahn, Lainie Roberts, Kami Hannemann, Callie Jensen, Lexi Harrington, Ava Kirk, Manuela Jimenez, Hailey McIntire, (back row) Victorious Mirembe, Emery McCumber, Elayna O'Neill, Savannah Bloker, Lily Eiffler, Alison Mehmen and Natalie Feldman.

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the way the kids played and the way we showed up and got things done tonight," said Sudol. "Play that game again and it could easily be the other way. It's just one of those things that snowballed. It should be a one score game either way."

The fact is through the first 24 minutes of play the Huskies had outplayed and outworked the 9-1 Wildcats - district champs over in their home base of Delhi, a solid one-and-a-half hours away from the friendly confines of Lloyd Koob Field in Nashua.

"Spiraling events there in the second half otherwise you're right in that football game," said Sudol. "I even thought in the fourth quarter, even if we're down by just six, we gotta chance there. We gotta make a big play."

After an Eli Kalainoff four-yard touchdown run with just 1:14 left before intermission - N-P took a 13-7 lead over the Wildcats - who whacked Columbus, 61-13, in its opening postseason contest. Then for whatever reason, all hell broke loose for the Huskies and again - not in a good way.

That's one way to say the game completely flipped on a dime and got out of hand. To be quite frank, it didn't take that long either as one of the highest scoring teams in Class A caught fire. MV was ignited by a late-scoring drive right before half after the Huskies last score of the game and two fumbles that changed the trajectory of the once close contest.

It took a crazy sequence of events to boot, too, for this game to slip out of N-P's grasp and into the win column for the Wildcats.

To say N-P imploded might be an understatement. But that's with all due respect to the Huskies, who had another fine season under Sudol and won its first playoff game in a decade the week prior against Mason City Newman.

"We stressed all week the turnover battle, the discipline of our football team," said Sudol. "In playoff football those little things are going to be the deciding factor."

N-P's eventual downfall started with a long pass from Brady Wall to Anderson Holtz right sideline. Holtz was wide open after Husky coverage allowed him to reel in the pass and bring the ball all the way down to the N-P one-yard line after the 57-yard pass was completed and the dust had cleared.

"I think one of the guys just slipped and fell," said Sudol.



"This grass is slippery. It was just an unfortunate play."

Wall would pound in a QB keeper from a yard out, but a missed extra point - MV had several of them on this evening - kept the game tied at 13-13 headed into the locker room.

The snowball effect N-P encountered didn't start right away in the third quarter as a Devon Blanchard interception with 7:31 left in the third period gave the Huskies the ball right near midfield. The problem was N-P gave it right back.

The very next play saw the Huskies pull out their bag of tricks and try a double-reverse flea-flicker that did not work. Blanchard's deep pass was picked off by Dylan Knipper at the 7:18 mark of the third quarter. The Huskies defense stood strong, though, and forced a 19-13 lead.

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Two plays later, Rogan Heidt broke tackles, busted toward

Foelske's hands near the goal line.

"He'll be better because of it," said Sudol. "He's a good football player. He'll battle back."

He tried to reel in the loose pigskin on the wet grass and a mass of Wildcat special-teamers smelled blood in the water and pounced. The result was a fumble recovered by MV and a two-yard touchdown run a play later to give the Wildcats a 19-13 lead.

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Sudol had this to say about Foelske, a junior who will be a key returner back for N-P next year in a 2025 season that could reach even greater heights with a stellar 11th-grade class coming back.

"You feel for Landon because he's going to take a lot of blame and guilt. It's one play of a football game," said Sudol. "I told the kids before the game the average football game is 140 plays. There's 140 plays that made up this game, not just that one. Disappointing as it may have been, we just always gotta rally around guys. I talk about kids being family and I'm a big family guy. If someone in the family makes a mistake we gotta bounce back and hold our family in our hands and make a play for 'em."

With total control of the contest and momentum on its side, MV added to its advantage with one more score with just under eight minutes remaining before the game's stoppage.

Kalainoff, a junior, caught a

beautifully thrown spiral from Blanchard for N-P's first score. Kalainoff reeled in the pass under duress because of tight coverage and slid into end zone for 37 yards out.

Husky wideout Matthew Malven also came up with a spectacular catch on good coverage for a 44-yard reception that led to Kalainoff's second score.

Miles Carpenter, a sopho-



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Miles Carpenter and Matthew Malven (left) celebrate Nashua-Plainfield stopping Maquoketa Valley on a fourth-down play while Evan Kalainoff (above) gives the Huskies the lead with a touchdown run late in the first half of Friday's game in Delhi.

the right sideline and was gone for a 37-yard score. That score came at the 10:42 mark of the fourth quarter, meaning MV scored 12 points in the matter of 26 seconds.

more, blocked a punt with two minutes left in the first quarter. N-P also stopped MV on a fourth-and-1 keeper by Wahl with 8:55 left in the second quarter.

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Sudol spoke clearly and

directly to his Huskies after the

game about learning from losses

and becoming better because of

it.

"We're just getting started.

The foundation that was laid

this year - the program's in

good hands," said Sudol. "Guess

what? There's two things I

believe in - raising good kids

and work your ass off and good

things are going to happen to

you. We're going to take a little

time, but we're going to work

our butts off to be back here

next year - at our own place

- and we're gonna win this

round."

It seemed like Sudol's play-

ers would run through a wall

if they could, but the bus had

already started to warm up as

it had to travel back home up

north, where the Huskies will

let their wounds heal and hope

to regroup next fall.

They'll live to fight another

day.

"You guys did a helluva lot

of good things this year," said

Sudol. "Keep your heads up. I'm

proud of each and every one of

you. Know that. You guys had it.

You guys were right there and

bought into everything we said

and everything we could ask."

That taste could well become a lot sweeter in the months ahead for the Husky football program.

"These kids are hungry. They see it. They feel it," said Sudol.

"You can see it in their eyes."

**MAQUOKETA VALLEY 38,
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 13**

NP 0 13 0 0 - 13

MV 7 6 6 19 - 38

FIRST QUARTER

MV - Brady Wall 2 run (Eli Dougherty kick) 5:39

SECOND QUARTER

NP - Eli Kalainoff 38 pass from Devon Blanchard (Landon Foelske kick) 10:04

NP - Kalainoff 4 run (kick failed) 1:14

MV - Rogan Heidt 1 run (kick failed) 0:15

THIRD QUARTER

MV - Heidi 2 run (kick failed) 4:26

FOURTH QUARTER

MV - Dylan Knipper 23 run (run failed) 11:08

MV - Heidi 37 run (kick failed) 10:42

MV - Wall 1 run (Dougherty kick) 7:52

TEAM STATS

NP 9 MV 17

First downs 35-72 34-151

Rushes-yards 89 196

Total yards 161 347

Att-Comp-Int 11-6-2 19-11-1

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STATS

Rushing - Eli Kalainoff 14-53,

Devon Blanchard 11-3, Jackson

Carey 9-22, Navari Williams 3-4.

Passing - Blanchard 6-11-89.

Receiving - Matthew Malven 2-44,

Kalainoff 2-42, Miles Carpenter 2-3.

Tackles - Tyler Zimmer 7,

Blanchard 7, Isaac Jones 6, Carey 5,

Kalainoff 4, Trent Rodru 3.5, Jake

Smith 3.5, Carpenter 2.5, Malven 2,

Landon Foelske 1, Jaxon McDonald

0.5, Dalton Downing 0.5, Ty Berger

0.5.

Kickoff returns - Foelske 6-13.1,

Kalainoff 1-8.

Punts - Kalainoff 6-30.0.

Punt returns - Foelske 3-14.0.

not received the department budgets that were due to him by Wednesday October 30th. The departments can submit them by Wednesday November 13th and the council will review them at the council meeting on November 18th.

Nate Simmwell from the 5-2-1-0 Committee reviewed some of the projects that they have proposed for the 5-2-1-0 Grant including a water station at Pa's Playground; a Pickleball Court to replace the tennis courts at Cedar View Park; Water Filling Station at Library and Cedar View Park; Kayak Launch; Frisbee Golf; and a GaGa Pit. The Chamber in a joint effort with the City and School proposed a school route sidewalk in-fill and crossing improvements. The Committee would like the city to reallocate the \$5,000 that they committed toward signage to the engineering fees for Phase I of the walking trail instead. The project would still need an additional \$28,000 before February.

Nate stated that if the city committed the \$33,000 needed they would fare better in moving forward with the project. This project is estimated at about \$700,000 over the entire two or three phases depending on which option the city chose to do. It was noted that Urban Revitalization or LOST funds could potentially be used for this project. City Clerk Ott

reviewed a project on dredging that was put together by Attorney Skilton. After review, it was determined that City Clerk Ott could look at reaching out to a few companies, but the council was not ready to submit requests for bids as they stated they have a lot of other projects going on currently.

The council discussed a request to use the community message board at the fire station for personal messages. After discussion, J. Johnson/M to not allow personal messages and to leave it for community events only. S. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

The council discussed how to handle properties that do not have water service but have other services. The city has found multiple accounts who have service, but they have no account set up with the city.

S. Johnson/M for the city to send a letter to the property owners and let them know that they need to contact City Hall to get their services set up. J. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

The council discussed a billing issue at 402 Cedar Hill St where there was a mix up with an endpoint being installed on an already active meter. The property owner had been receiving services with no account set up. After discussion, S. Johnson/M to charge the resident for all services that they received, but were not billed. J. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.



ONE FINAL TIME!

Photos courtesy of the Decorah Leader's Becky Walz and Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield senior Kadence Huck leads a pack of runners early in Saturday's Class 1A state meet race and then poses for a picture with her all-state medal at Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge.

Huck ends cross country career with all-state run

BY BOB FENSKO
Of the Reporter

Kadence Huck had a plan, and the Nashua-Plainfield senior executed it perfectly at the Class 1A state cross country meet to exit her career as a two-time all-stater on the course.

A year after struggling to a 67th-place finish at the state meet, Huck cruised around Fort Dodge's Lakeside Golf Course in a time of 19:11 to finish sixth in the Saturday morning race.

"I'm very happy," she said. "It was a good ending. My goal was top-10 and my second goal was top-five, but I can live with sixth."

She paused and smiled.

"And it was a lot better than last year."

Indeed, it was, and it capped a brilliant cross country career that included numerous individual titles at various regular-season meets, claiming her first Top of Iowa Conference cross country title that came in dramatic fashion last

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Matthew Malven (left) hauls in a pass while Huskies' teammate Landon Foelske (above) goes up high to knock a pass away from a Maquoketa Valley receiver during Friday's Class A playoff game.



Nashua-Plainfield's Navarri Williams (above) carries the football on a running play while Devon Blanchard (below) comes up with a tackle during Friday's game in Delhi.



ON TAP FOR OUR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES!

SATURDAY, NOV. 16
Little Huskies Club youth wrestling tournament, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23
Girls varsity wrestling at Decorah Invitational, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26
Girls basketball at Don Bosco, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 2
Boys basketball at Rockford, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Huskies fall in playoffs

Maquoketa Valley pulls away for a 38-13 win in round of 16

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The pain was real, but the fight will be remembered long before the heartache ever will.

The taste was bitter for the Nashua-Plainfield Husky football squad in its 38-13 playoff loss at Maquoketa Valley on Friday.

The end didn't go as planned for Chase Sudol's up-and-coming bunch, but the start for N-P, oh that start.

Before the Wildcats and former Husky head coach Andrew Christensen moved on to face

third-ranked St. Ansgar (9-1) Friday in the quarterfinal round of Class A postseason play, No. 7 Maquoketa Valley was on the ropes versus Sudol's team – and not in a good way.

"We had it. We were there. That's all I can say," said Sudol. "Now we have to refocus and move forward with this program."

That's playoff football in a nutshell and obviously Sudol understands how quickly an elimination contest – and any game for that matter – can go south and in a hurry.

Because that's exactly what

happened in this Round of 16 bout that saw the underdog Huskies take control of the contest with a 13-7 lead, only to see the host Wildcats rip off big play after big play en route to 31 unanswered points and a convincing victory.

Most pundits across the state will look at the final score and come to a concise and succinct conclusion and they'd be wrong more often than not if they didn't really know how this exciting game went down.

"The score doesn't represent

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