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Voters resoundingly OK diamond plan

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Bremer	109	14
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Source: Chickasaw County Auditor's Office

Almost 86 percent say yes to using general-obligation bonds to fund new baseball, softball complex in Plainfield

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield voters evidently liked the thought of saving up to \$1 million in interest payments as they overwhelmingly approved selling general-obligation bonds to help pay for a new baseball and softball complex in Plainfield.

Tuesday's election results, which are unofficial until their final canvass by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors later this month, showed that 292, or 85.4 percent, of voters voted yes on the measure

while 50 voters, or 14.6 cast no ballots. The measure needed at least a 60 percent approval rating to pass.

"We got it done, and we're absolutely thrilled," Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty said Wednesday morning. "I think voters realized that we shouldn't leave that kind of money on the table and wanted to pay off the bonds quicker and save a bundle on interest costs."

No matter how Tuesday's vote had turned out, the district had planned to use its SAVE Fund, often

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Spring's here!

OK, forget the weather, but spring sports have started as Nashua-Plainfield's Jordyn Frost competes in the 4x400 relay at the Wartburg Indoor track and field meet on Monday.

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Supervisors compromise on max levy

Board agrees to cut tax-asking for RSB but 'super majority' will still be needed for approval

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Friday hammered out a compromise on its 2023-24 budget and tax levy — one that will still require a "super majority" vote to approve it.

Three days later, during their regular weekly meeting, the board voted to set a public hearing for Monday, March 20, on a proposed maximum tax-asking that would include a 1.99 percent increase to its General Basic (GB) and General Service (GS) and an 11.38 percent increase to the tax-asking for Rural Services Basic (RSB).

During Friday's meeting, the board spent more than three hours discussing a fourth and final budget amendment to the budget for this fiscal year that ends on June 30, as well as the GB/GS and RSB tax-asking for next year.

Supervisors needed to know how the budget amendment would affect ending fund balances before they could tackle next year's budget.

Board members learned that the budget amendment wouldn't be as severe as first expected.

Before Friday's meeting, for example, supervisors thought the Sheriff's Office was going to need an amendment for \$247,000, but by Friday, that number had been reduced to less than \$164,000.

That helped supervisors feel comfortable with dedicating \$385,000 of its ending fund balance to lower the tax-asking for General Basic/General Supplemental from \$4,828,844 to \$4,443,844, which represents just under a 2 percent increase from the current year GB/GS tax-asking of \$4,357,196.

The bigger challenge for supervisors, though, came with the county's Rural Services Basic tax-asking, which the board had for weeks discussed. At one point, board members were proposing a 21.97 percent increase to the tax-asking, and before they tackled RSB, County Attorney David Laudner said it was important that they understood that state law is clear on tax-asking increases.

Basically, if either of the levies generates more than a 2 percent increase, it must receive at least

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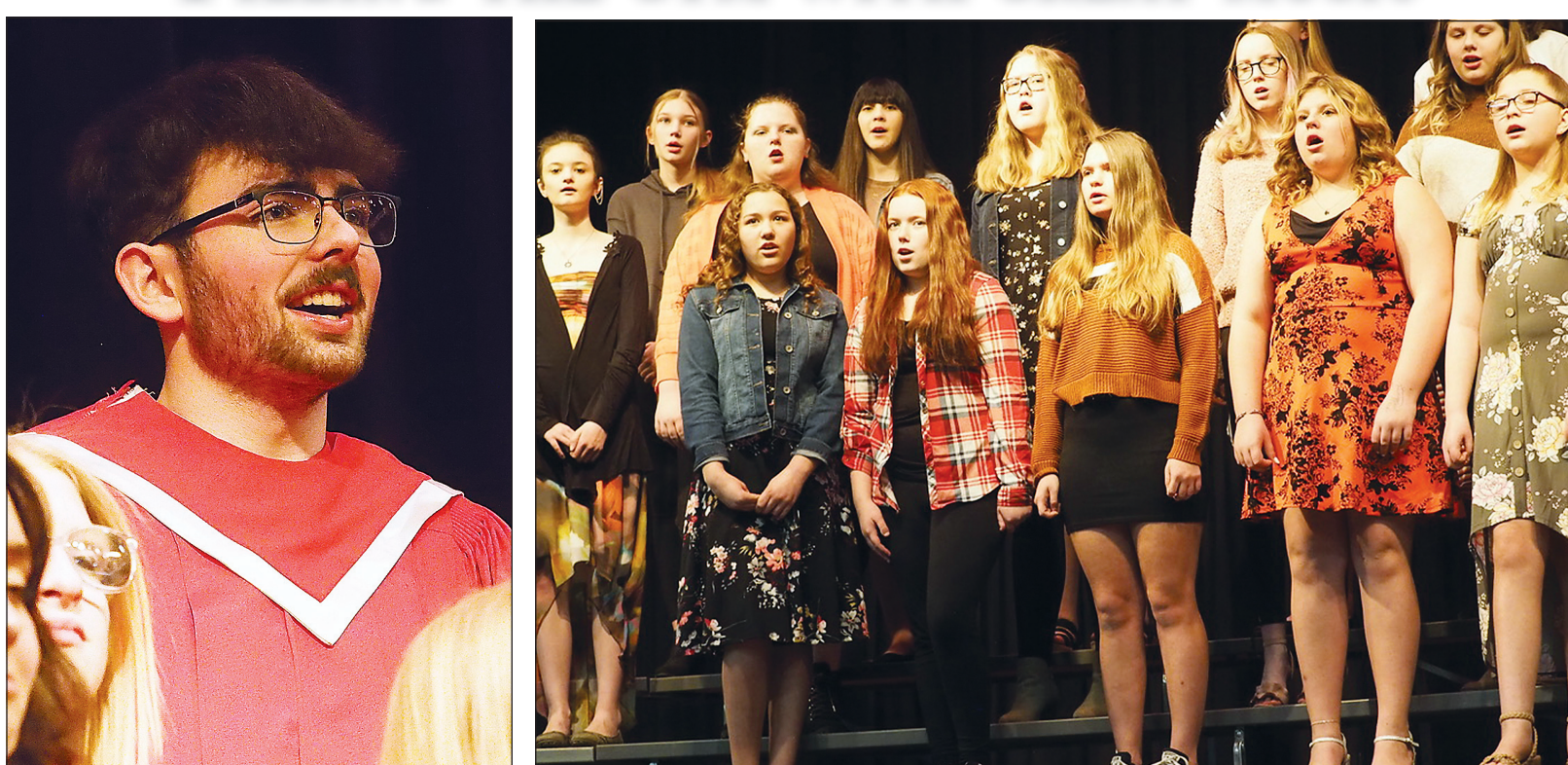


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Members of the Nashua-Plainfield Concert Band (above) perform during the annual Mid-Winter Concert that was held last week and included students in grades 7-12, including Concert Choir's Blaine Brannon (below left) and students in the Seventh and Eighth Grade Chorus (below right).

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FILLING THE GYM WITH GREAT MUSIC



County leaders get ambulance, pipeline updates

Chickasaw County EMS director says service off to a good start but third rig is still needed

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw EMS Director Joel Knutson told his bosses, the Board of Supervisors, on Monday that the county-owned ambulance service is "where we expected to be."

During a department update, Knutson said the service has responded to 150 calls since beginning service on Jan. 1 and that the department's budget is about 10 percent below where he figured it would be heading into its third month of operation.

"We've covered every request that we've been asked, either 911 or inter-facility transfers that's been in our county," Knutson told supervisors and then added in an interview later in the day that about two-thirds of the calls have been 911 calls and about a third have been inter-facility transfers from MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

"We're busier than I thought we would be," Knutson said Monday afternoon, "but what has really been awesome is all the support we've gotten. That, to me, has been really nice. I wouldn't say it's a surprise, but we've had a nice start to this thing."

Knutson told supervisors in the morning that he had heard back from Klocke Emergency Vehicles about purchasing a third used ambulance for the service. Klocke has several 2010 models available and Knutson said "tentatively our name is on one of them, with the ability to back out, if we so choose."

Later in the day, he again stressed the importance of having a third "back-up" vehicle available.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
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Sunday, March 12

We're springing ahead this weekend so don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you hit the hay on Saturday night!

Legislative forum set for March 18

A meeting with area legislators will be held on Saturday, March 18 at the Chickasaw Event Center, 301 N. Water Ave. in New Hampton.

State Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville and State Rep. Charley Thomson, R-Charles City, have been invited to the program.

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Seriously, Old Man Winter!

Traffic makes its way along the Avenue of the Saints north of Nashua Thursday, when the area was under a winter storm warning that the National Weather Service issued for a large swath of north-central and Northeast Iowa.

Diamond measure gets widespread support

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referred to as the “state penny,” to pay for the \$3 million project that will include two new varsity field with lights, a concession stand, press boxes and two new youth diamonds. But the School Board brought the question to voters because general-obligation bonds come with lower interest rates than regular SAVE bonds.

The measure passed easily in all four counties in which the district is located. Approval rates were 92.3 percent in Butler, 88.6 percent in Bremer, 83.6 percent in Chickasaw and 76.4 percent in Floyd.

The new complex will be built on the grounds of the old Plainfield school building, which closed after the 2017-18 school year and will allow Nashua-Plainfield to join the rest of the Top of Iowa Conference East Division schools in having baseball and softball playing their home games in the same town.

Currently, the Huskies’ softball team plays in Plainfield while the baseball team plays on a field in Nashua owned by the Big 4 Fair Board, but that field does not have lights, which means both Nashua-Plainfield varsity diamond teams play their home games at the same time. At other conference schools, the varsity softball games are at 6 p.m. while the varsity baseball games kick off at 7:30 p.m.

“We’re really excited to get a field with lights and it also means a lot — even though we knew we were going to go forward either way — with how many people supported this,” Nashua-Plainfield baseball coach Levi Miller said. “It’s



Drawings courtesy of Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools

An artist rendition shows parts of the new baseball and softball complex — including the baseball diamond (above) and softball seating area, concession stand and press box (below) being planned for Plainfield.



going to be a really nice facility our school and our communities can take pride in.”

Liechty said Wednesday that the district would continue to work with its bond consultant, Speer Financial, and that work

on the project could begin earlier than originally expected. He said construction on the new softball field could begin during the upcoming season.

“That has to be the priority because with baseball, we at

least have the option of playing in Nashua in 2024,” he said, “but the idea is to have it all ready to go that season. We’re going to get to work and we appreciate the support our communities gave us.”

Voters easily pass Hawkeye Community College bond referendum

Voters overwhelmingly favored Hawkeye Community College’s \$35 million general obligation bond referendum

on Tuesday in support of three future facility projects that come with expectations of bolstering Iowa’s workforce and

addressing community needs. According to unofficial results, the measure passed with the 4,562 votes, or 75.2 percent.

A total of 6,063 people voted during the special election across all or parts of Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy and Tama counties.

At least 60 percent of the voters needed to approve of the bond measure in order for it to pass and, now that it’s gone through, President Todd Holcomb said he felt “humbled that the community believes in us.”

“We’re very excited. It’s a vote of confidence in our college and the future plans to meet the needs of our students and

our business and industry partners,” he said moments after the results came in.

It will have no effect on residents’ property tax rate because it’s a 10-year renewal of the levy already in place through the year 2025. Currently, the owner of a \$200,000 home pays \$2.40 per month.

As part of the first phase, Butler Hall will be renovated and expanded to increase offerings and better accommodate vocational and trades programs, apprenticeships, and certifications under one roof.

The projects came as part of Hawkeye’s master facilities plan, the result of a multi-year development process to identify the facilities needed to best meet student and community needs.

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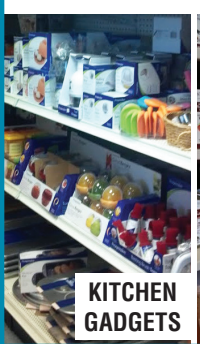
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Supervisors face challenge when it comes to RSB

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two-thirds approval from the board. Because Chickasaw County has five supervisors, that means a resolution that included a greater than 2 percent increase will need four votes.

“Bottom line is that you’ll be voting on one resolution,” Laudner said, “and if either of the levy rates exceed 2 percent, you have to have four votes on the resolution itself. ... I just want to make sure we’re all on the same page. It’s not going to be two separate votes — one only needs three and one needs four — you’re going to need four for the resolution itself if either of the two tax-askings exceed 2 percent.”

Supervisors then went to work on RSB, which supervisors had reached a consensus earlier this year would see a tax levy rate of \$3.60 per \$1,000 valuation.

Supervisor Jake Hackman, who has expressed opposition to the rural tax-asking, reiterated his concerns and found support from both Travis Suckow and Scott Cerwinski, the two newest members of the board.

“I would rather see 2 percent growth,” Suckow said and Cerwinski quickly agreed.

“I think we all would,” Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said, “but is that financially responsible?”

He pointed out that the county not only must fund its portion of a new department, the county-owned ambulance service, but also expressed concern over depleting the RSB reserve fund.

“I don’t get it,” Kuhn said. “We’ve talked about it how many times, how low the ending fund balance is, and now we’re not going to help with the ending fund balance so was the ending fund balance really an

issue or a concern?”

Laudner pointed out that the board had already agreed to fund a little more than \$2,257 million from its RSB fund and that represented an increase of \$192,000 in the tax-asking, a 9.3 percent increase.

“We’re back to where we were six weeks ago,” the county attorney said. “There’s no way you can do it unless you significantly back fill with ARPA, deplete your reserves completely or raise taxes, tax-asking. What combination of those three levers are you willing to pull?”

Board members had already agreed to use \$217,000 in the county’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$65,000 of the county’s local-option sales tax (LOST) to cover part of the almost \$500,000 that is the county’s portion of the ambulance budget.

On Friday, they agreed to use another \$55,000 of LOST funds, which means RSB will pay about \$162,000 of the ambulance bill in the new fiscal year. Coupled with the \$16,000 less that Secondary Roads will receive thanks to the passage of a new law recently that lowered valuations, board members agreed, some more reluctantly than others, to lower the RSB tax-asking from \$2.51 million to \$2.3 million, which would lead to a tax-levy rate for RSB of \$3.31935 per \$1,000 valuation.

The \$2.3 million tax-asking would give RSB a reserve fund of about \$210,000 and would also increase tax-asking by more than 11 percent, which means the board on March 20 would still need four yes votes to pass the maximum levy.

Under state law, once a maximum levy is passed, the Board of Supervisors can’t adopt a higher tax-asking but it can lower them.



Photo courtesy of Melanie Johanningmeier

All-TIC singers

Nashua-Plainfield’s Concert Choir was well represented in the Top of Iowa Conference Honor Choir, which put on a performance at North Iowa Area Community College late last month. Nashua-Plainfield’s contingent included (front row, from left) Quintyn Boehmer, Ellie Woodman, Makya Caster, Autumn Nelson, Amy Goerke, Victoria Bunn, Kierrah Montano, Lillie Caster, (second row) Caleb Sinnwell, Payton Howland, Makinzey Brannon, Bailey Kotz, Bailey Bond, Calista McDonald, Choir Director Melanie Johannigmeier, (back row) Blaine Brannon, Dawson Becker and Josslynn Glaser.

Pipeline has secured 92 percent of land it needs in county

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“We need a third reliable truck,” he said. “You know, it comes down to if we have a flat tire, we’re talking a day or two with just having one truck and that takes us out of inter-facility transfers. I’ve said all along we need a third rig, and nothing’s really changed my mind on that.”

Asked by Supervisor Jake Hackman about how often Chickasaw County EMS has had a paramedic available, Knutson told board members that “I wouldn’t say a 100 percent of the time but I will say it’s 90.”

He added that he’d like to keep the “application process” open and that his goal was to find at least a couple more ALS paramedics to help fill in gaps in the scheduling.

Knutson’s department update came after the board received more information on the progress of the proposed carbon pipeline that, if approved, will run through the county.

Ben Fuller of Summit Carbon Solutions, the company proposing to build the carbon pipeline that will run through five states — Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota — told county leaders that the purpose of the pipeline

— “whether you agree with it or not — is to keep ethanol plants viable and competitive looking into the new regulations that are impending and the push for net zero.”

As of Feb. 28, the pipeline has received voluntary easements for 18.21 miles of the 20.23 miles, or just a tad under 92 percent, that the pipeline will cover in the county. That’s up from the 82 percent that he reported in October, and on Monday, Fuller said Carbon Solutions has paid out more than \$4.1 million to county residents whose property is affected by the pipeline.

Fuller added that in the state, the com-

pany has reached voluntary agreements with about 66 percent of the 452.45 miles the pipeline will cover in Iowa.

He did concede that the timetable for construction has been pushed back in that the company, which had hoped for Iowa Utilities Board approval by this summer, won’t receive approval until at least late in the year, which would mean construction would begin in early 2024.

“They anticipate a year,” he said. “We’ll see. I’ve been in the business for 20 years and that’s a very aggressive scheduling, but if they put the resources to it, it is possible.”

Blood drive to be held March 28

LifEServe Blood Center will hold its monthly blood drive from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28 at the New Hampton Community Center.

Those willing to donate blood are encouraged to make an appointment by calling 800-287-4903, texting LIFESERVE to 999-777 or by visiting lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Voters urged to respond to ‘Change of Address’ process

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate has announced that the annual National Change of Address process to maintain the accuracy of Iowa’s voter registration records is underway.

Notices are being mailed to 90,948 registered voters in Iowa who have filed a change of address with the U.S. Postal Service during the past 12 months.

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The mailing is being conducted at the direction of Secretary Pate to ensure full compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

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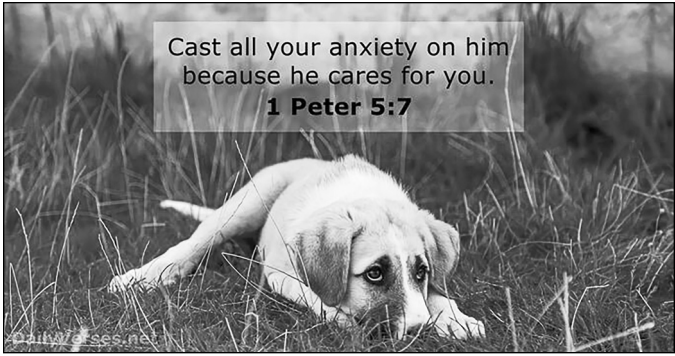
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Why we mark Lent

Many Christians have heard of Lent, but do all know what it means? According to Merriam-Webster, Lent means “the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by the Roman Catholic, Eastern, and some Protestant churches as a period of penitence and fasting.”

Between Ash Wednesday and Easter, many Christians observe a 40-day period known as Lent. This name comes from the “Old English lencten springtime, spring” and “from West Germanic langitinaz long-days or lengthening of the day.”

Popularly regarded as a fasting period, there are many ways to make the Lenten period meaningful without missing meals.

So what is Lent, and why should one take part? Does every participant follow a strict Lenten plan of rigid self-denial? Let’s look at some of the most popular questions regarding the Lent season.

When Does Lent Start?
Lent begins each year on Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter Sunday. This year Lent began on Feb. 22, and it will end on Holy Saturday, which falls on April 8 in 2023.

Ash Wednesday falls after Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday, traditionally a time of confession and indulgence before fasting begins.

Meaning of Lent
Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. That’s not a feeling of shame but an awareness that sin separates us from God and of what it cost Him to be reunited with us. “Shame has its place, but feeling shame over sin is not the same thing as repentance from sin” because “our tempter can take our obedience to God and turn it into a source of pride.”

Repentant sinners “seek [...] cleansing from sin, but also freedom from shame.” True repentance leads” to a “180-degree change of [...] direction” and requires “true brokenness,” but repentance starts with “regretful acknowledgment of sin with commitment to change.”

That is why conflating Lent with New Year’s resolutions is dangerous. This time of fasting should not add religious encouragement to a difficult goal: to lose weight, stop watching pornography, or to give money to charity. “Lent is [...] an opportunity to contemplate what our Lord really did for us on the Cross.”

Resolutions focus on meeting self-set, self-motivated goals rather than goals established by God and may even rebel against His purposes. Resolutions reflect a desire for autonomy from God instead of recognizing that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19) and the work of the potter, to be regarded as precious (Isaiah 64:8).

Resolutions simply focus on the “self,” not Christ. Lent is an excellent time to give up one’s own resolutions and listen for God’s leading. Where God’s lead might be more difficult than any fast and Christians realize that they cannot do anything in their own strength either: only the grace of God is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9).

What to Give Up for Lent
Lent is a time of inner reflection, self-sacrifice, denial, and repentance. If something has a grip on you, more than likely, it’s become unhealthy.

It may or may not be an idol. Lent season is an opportunity to grow closer to God, to remember Jesus’ life and death, and to focus more on him and less on ourselves and our busy schedules. Fasting, or abstaining, for certain activities and items in our lives can help us focus on the life and sacrifice of Jesus.

Here are 10 popular ideas for what to give up during the lent season: Social media, sugar, alcohol, online shopping, clutter, complaining, TV, video games, soda and eating out.

Reward of Lent
Greater intimacy with God is the reward of sacrifice. His love and one’s salvation are not reliant on denying oneself chocolate or beer, but idolatry stands in the way of worshipping the one true God.

These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often.

Christians who observe Lent correctly anticipate deeper intimacy with the Lord, which is the blessing; they do not expect rewards such as more favorable answers to prayer or the resolution of health concerns.

What Are Your Motives for Observing Lent?
Is Lent a matter of obedience to tradition or obedience to God? A means of achieving works-based salvation or of giving praise and thanks to Christ that He finished that work for eternity? A way to achieve a resolution or a means of growing closer to the Father?

Undertaking something difficult (giving to charity, serving the poor, abstaining from certain foods, memorizing Scripture) makes one feel needy and weak; humble: the perfect posture from which to approach God Almighty.
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Huskies will rely on depth to score

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That means one doesn’t necessarily need to read between the lines to understand when Sudol says his Huskies have plenty of potential this spring – he means it.

“They’re talented, yet they work hard and they just do what we ask. We’re going to go further than we’ve ever went before just because of the leadership of these seniors,” said Sudol. “It’s a great group of guys. The freshman are so fortunate to have such a good group leading them.”

Sudol has a solid crew – up and down the lineup. The secret to the Huskies’ success this year may be where Sudol decides to position his primetime players on relays and where a spark may be ignited to make another serious run toward state.

“I thought that the talent was there, it’s just a matter of actually piecing it together. Some of these guys have only been at it for a week,” said Sudol.

N-P qualified four events to state in 2022 and two seasons ago it seemed like the Huskies darn near brought the whole squad down to Des Moines. N-P rocketed nine events down to Drake Stadium in Sudol’s fifth year and don’t be surprised if that number reaches double-digits in 2023.

At least that’s the plan. “We’ve had one of the most successful years in my opinion in Nashua-Plainfield. Our goals are elevated to another level, where we want to do something that we’ve never done,”

said Sudol. That to-do list includes a Top of Iowa Conference championship, something Sudol also can’t recollect when N-P last reeled in one of those league titles.

“We have guys that are going to score us team points in areas that we’ve never had,” said Sudol.

Sudol’s Huskies were on display for the first time this season at the Wartburg Indoor meet earlier this week. There were plenty of top-notch performances, like Husky senior Kaden Wilken’s fourth-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles. Wilken ran a 8.36 in the finals. That time was 8.84 last year at Wartburg for Wilken – who ran the anchor leg on N-P’s state qualifying shuttle hurdle relay team a season ago.

If Bo Harrington’s senior track season plays out like his hoops season did this winter – watch out.

Harrington flew out of the gates in the first meet of the season with a 2:08 anchor-leg clip in the 4x800 – which Nashua-Plainfield won in 9:05 with the remaining squad of freshman Jase Hansen, senior Devin Johnson and junior Dylan Blanchard.

“Bo ran phenomenal. To run a 2:08 for his first time running an 800 for us was everything you could ask for,” said Sudol.

The Huskies bested 14 other teams in the event on Monday – schools like West Des Moines Valley, Waukee, Iowa City West, Ottumwa and Ankeny Centennial.

Yeah, this was a big win for the Huskies.

“The 4x800 and the 4x400 were two events we really wanted to focus on because we think those are going to be two of our better teams this year. We wanted to compete at a high level. We feel like we really have some good 400 and 800 runners,” Sudol added.

N-P’s 4x400 relay placed fourth in a time of 3:46 with the contingent of Titus Evans, Eli Kalainoff, Joel Winters and Harrington.

Husky senior Aiden Lamborn



Kaden Wilken



Dylan Blanchard



Aiden Lamborn



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
N-P’s Jake Smith (right) battles Iowa City High’s Brom Leopold down the stretch in the 400 dash at the Wartburg Indoor on Monday.

– a two-time state qualifier and school record holder in the high jump – placed second in the event with a leap of six feet. Detzin McMurrin of Waterloo West won the event as he leaped over the bar at 6-2.

Sudol is blessed with a deep lineup – that’s means plenty of new faces should make their mark in 2023 for the Huskies.

“We’ve got guys out that I never expected to go out and they’re going to help this team,” said Sudol. “The depth is phenomenal.”

Sudol said witnessing the N-P girls track team make history last spring as they brought home the first ever girls state championship was priceless.

Sudol is hoping a little of that magic rubs off on his squad – or maybe it already has.

“Winning is contagious. That’s what we have going on right now,” said Sudol. “It’s going to be a lot of fun to be a part of this track team – boys and girls. We can accomplish anything. We’ll see what happens.”

N-P runs once more indoors this season when they travel back down to the Wartburg

Indoor at Waverly to compete on the same track on Tuesday, March 21. The outdoor season kicks off a week from that date on Tuesday, March 28 at St. Ansgar.

- WARTBURG INDOOR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS**
- 55 meter dash prelims - 25. Navari Williams 7.3, 34. Luka Mueller 7.78.
 - 55 meter hurdles prelims - 3. Kaden Wilken 8.53, 14. Landon Foelske 9.81.
 - 55 meter hurdles finals - 4. Wilken 8.36.
 - 200 dash - 33. Carson Chyma 29.67, 34. Brady Lensing 30.36.
 - 400 dash - 31. Jake Smith 1:05.99, 37. Brexton Bird 1:12.49.
 - 800 run - 20. Braeden Mitchell 2:28.64, 22. Caleb Lentz 2:32.09.
 - 1,600 run - 25. Luke Paplow 6:03.74, 27. Benjamin Percy 6:50.45.
 - 3,200 run - 22. Levi Winters 13:03.47.
 - High jump - 3. Aiden Lamborn 6, Cal Levi NH.
 - Long jump - 24. Jase Hansen 15-8.5, 28. Matthew Malven 14-6.
 - Shot put - 26. Jackson Zwanziger 32-3.5, 31. Isaac Jones 30-6.25.
 - 4x200 - 15. Blaine Brannon, Tyler Zimmer, Devon Blanchard, Jack Hall. 1:51.2.
 - 4x400 - 4. Titus Evans, Eli Kalainoff, Joel Winters, Bo Harrington 3:46.35.
 - 4x800 - 1. Hansen, Devin Johnson, Dylan Blanchard, Harrington 9:05.6.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES
February 27, 2023
The Board convened on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of media, Kathy Shekleton, Custodian Dave Gorman, Engineer Roman Lensing, Terry Johnson, Bridget Edson and Macro & Kozlowski, LLP Carl Salmons by phone.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for February 27, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from February 21, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Public Comment: Attorney Laudner gave update on the Overland Group, LLC who is purchasing 910 E Main Property.
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to enter close session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(c) “(t)to discuss strategy with counsel in

matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in the at litigation.” Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried at 9:12 AM.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to exit close session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(c) “(t) o discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in the at litigation.” Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried at 9:35 AM.
No action taken.
Discussion of Handicap access at the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve 81 hours of OT/ Comp Time for Secondary Roads Employees Effective March 3, 2023 payroll period, make change in Chickasaw County handbook when revise and pending Human Resource approval. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chair’s signature to Enter Premises Agreements 1 & 2 with Genevieve Costigan for Chickasaw County Bridge

Replacement Project L-FY24-01--73-19 on Vanderbilt Ave (Sec. 15, T95N, R11W) Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to amend motion approving the purchase of 2023 Mack Granite GR64F Dump Truck for \$254,323.98 originally approved during the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 11, 2022 to reflect the actual cost of \$260,551.00 Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Discussion on potential funding options for replacing the West storage bay portion of the New Hampton Secondary Roads Maintenance Shop.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for Jerico Jo’s for a term of 12 months starting March 15, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Discussion on Tyler Technologies Amended Contract.
Discussion on marking paid on claims before they come to the board room.
Budget Work Session
Discussion of having a meeting March 3, 2023 to work on the 4th budget amended for FY 22-23 and FY 23-24 Budget.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve claims in the

amount of \$203,550.90. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll with a check date of February 24, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior bills in the amount of \$233,164.00. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bills in the amount of \$16,885.88. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Committee Assignments
Supervisor Kuhn February 23- Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments
Supervisor Hackman- February 22- CSS
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:17 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.
Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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NOTICE

Greenwood Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 • 7:00 pm
At Nashua Fire Station
114 Greenwood Ave., Nashua, Iowa

Invenergy

Notice of Public Information Meeting for Wind Farm and Electrical Substation Construction

Chickasaw Wind Energy Center LLC, an affiliate of Invenergy LLC, has scheduled a Public Information Meeting on **Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 at 7:30pm CST** to outline plans for start of construction in Chickasaw County. This meeting will be held at the Chickasaw Events Center (301 N Water Ave, New Hampton, IA 50659). This construction includes civil work, road upgrades, turbine erection, underground collection trenching, etc. to install the wind turbines. The meeting will be “station” style and will have several different subject matter experts ready to answer any questions you may have about the project. If you are unable to attend, our home office is located at 17 W Main St. in downtown New Hampton and are available for questions Monday through Thursday 9:00AM to 5:00PM CST.

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The photos will be displayed on our website nhtribune.news and will be featured in the March 23rd issue of the New Hampton Tribune and the March 24th issue of the Nashua Reporter during Ag Week.

Call the New Hampton Tribune office 641-394-2111 with questions

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
County Name: CHICKASAW COUNTY County Number: 19

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/20/2023 Meeting Time: 09:25 AM Meeting Location: Boardroom-Second Floor of Courthouse located at 8 E. Prospect, New Hampton, IA 50659
Contact Person: SHEILA SHEKLETON Contact Phone Number: (641) 394-2100

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.
County Website (if available) County Telephone Number
www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov (641) 394-2100

		Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2022/2023	Budget Year Effective Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax FY 2023/2024	Proposed Percentage Change
Taxable Valuations-General Services	1	943,418,389	951,098,388	951,098,388	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Basic	2	3,301,964		3,328,844	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Supplemental	3	1,055,232		1,115,000	
Requested Tax Dollars-General Services Total	4	4,357,196	4,357,196	4,443,844	1.99
Estimated Tax Rate-General Services	5	4.61852	4.58123	4.67233	
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	6	676,719,511	692,906,716	692,906,716	
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Basic	7	2,065,067		2,300,000	
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Supplemental	8				
Requested Tax Dollars-Rural Services Total	9	2,065,067	2,065,067	2,300,000	11.38
Estimated Tax Rate-Rural Services	10	3.05158	2.98030	3.31935	

Explanation of increases in the budget:
Line 1. Increase in countywide valuation Line 2. General Basic at the levy of 3.50-Increase in daily operations and salaries Line 3. General Supplemental-Increase in FICA-IPERS- Health Insurance and General Liability Insurance Line 7. Rural Services Basic-Increase in levy due to the addition of the EMS services to the County and increase in daily operations
If applicable, the above notice is also available online at:
www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

The above tax rates do not include county voted levies, mental health and disabilities services levy, debt service levy and the rates of other local jurisdictions.
Regarding proposed maximum dollars, the Board of Supervisors cannot adopt a higher tax asking for these levies following the public hearing.
Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming year.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
CHICKASAW COUNTY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The CHICKASAW COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

Meeting Date/Time: 3/20/2023 09:10 AM Contact: SHEILA SHEKLETON Phone: (641) 394-2100

Meeting Location: Board Room, Second Floor Courthouse
8 E Prospect
New Hampton, IA 50659

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	6,694,445	0	6,694,445
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	21,203	0	21,203
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	325,850	0	325,850
Net Current Property Tax	4	6,347,392	0	6,347,392
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	500	0	500
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	10,200	0	10,200
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	915,093	0	915,093
Intergovernmental	8	5,602,293	1,512,000	7,114,293
Licenses & Permits	9	23,233	0	23,233
Charges for Service	10	871,971	0	871,971
Use of Money & Property	11	66,927	0	66,927
Miscellaneous	12	294,305	0	294,305
Subtotal Revenue	13	14,131,914	1,512,000	15,643,914
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	2,498,061	714,807	3,212,868
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	16,629,975	2,226,807	18,856,782
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	4,460,361	163,950	4,624,311
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,641,131	12,000	1,653,131
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	10,000	-10,000	0
County Environment & Education	21	871,302	1,837	873,139
Roads & Transportation	22	7,244,413	475,205	7,719,618
Government Services to Residents	23	554,321	7,787	562,108
Administration	24	2,285,023	22,000	2,307,023
Nonprogram Current	25	5,000	0	5,000
Debt Service	26	478,060	0	478,060
Capital Projects	27	1,764,356	1,495,000	3,259,356
Subtotal Expenditures	28	19,313,967	2,167,779	21,481,746
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Tranfers Out	29	2,498,061	714,807	3,212,868
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	21,812,028	2,882,586	24,694,614
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-5,182,053	-655,779	-5,837,832
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2022	33	8,944,876	3,065,222	12,010,098
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	3,637,144	0	3,637,144
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	125,679	2,409,443	2,535,122
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2023	40	3,762,823	2,409,443	6,172,266

Explanation of Changes: Line 8. Secondary 1,500,000 Swap Bridge BROS-SWAP-CO19 ANTICIPATED START APRIL AND PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS \$12,000.
Line 18. Sheriffs \$163,950 increase Salary and benefits, new motor vehicle, boarding of prisoners and fuel
Line 19. Public Health \$12,000 additional grant
Line 20 MHDS \$10,000 wrong fiscal year should of been in fiscal year 2021-2022 (correcting resolution 7-25-22-55)
Line 21 overpayment of Libraries.
Line 15 & 29 are Transfers in /out \$714,807
Line 22 Secondary Road-Road clearing decrease 72,800 (correcting resolution 7-25-22-55) changes due to increased in prices for 2023
Line 23. Treasurer \$7,787 increase salary and benefits
Line 24. Auditor \$5,200 Increase in salary and benefits, Heritage Center \$16,800 increase in building maintenance , feasibility study, and increase in utilities
Line 27. Secondary Roads \$1,490,000 Swap bridge Conservation \$5000 White Tail
Line 33. Adjust beginning fund balance for July 1, 2022

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New Hampton Lions Club
breakfast set for this Sunday

The popular New Hampton Lions Club Pancake & French Toast Breakfast will be held this Sunday at the New Hampton High School cafeteria.

The 51st annual breakfast will run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and tickets are are \$8 in advance at \$8.50 at the door; a free will offering is suggested for children 12 and under.

Advanced tickets may be purchased from Nossbisch In-surance in New Hampton or from any Lions Club member.

All proceeds will be used for various Lions projects, pro-grams and scholarships.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES
March 3, 2023

The Board convened on Friday, March 3, 2023, at 8:30 AM with mem-bers Breitbach (on phone), Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of media, Engineer Roman Lensing

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the agenda for March 3, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breit-bach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hack-man. Motion carried.

Discussed 2022 updated building Summary of values from Heartland.

Budget Work Session
Discussed max levy for property val-uations.

Supervisor Kuhn left 11:08 AM
Supervisor Kuhn returned 11:30 AM

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to adjourn at 11:44 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secre-tary to the Board

No. 22780
03/09/23 NH 03/10/23 NR

Notice to Bidders
Project M-2023-1

Chickasaw County will receive sealed bids for **LIMESTONE RESURFACING** until 10:00 A.M., CDT, on the 27th day of March 2023, at the Office of the County Auditor, Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specifications and bidding documents may be obtained from the Office of the County Engineer, Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa 50659.

A certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid, or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety, shall be submitted with the bid.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities, or to readvertise for bids, if the best interest of the County will be served thereby.

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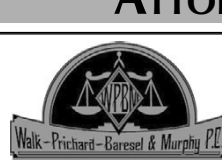
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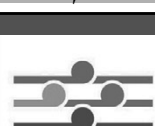
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Dawson Becker and Matthew Malven (left) play their trumpets with the Concert Band while soloists Ellie Woodman, Bailey Kotz and Payton Howland (above) sing “Single Voice; Solitary Flame” with the Concert Choir.



Bailey Bond (left) plays the clarinet with the Concert Band, Addison Drewelow and Paityn Berry (above) sing with the Middle School Choir and Lily Eiffler (right) plays the trumpet with the Jazz Band.



MID-WINTER CONCERT PHOTOS
BY THE REPORTER’S KELLY TERPSTRA



Joel Winters (left) takes to the drums, soloists Dana Downing and Natalie Feldman (above) sing with the Middle School Choir and Hailey Winters (right) performs on the tuba with the Middle School Band.



Christopher Kalvig (left) plays the French horn with the Middle School Band, while Scott Stroud (above) directs the Concert Band that includes Jennifer McLeland (right) on drums.



Huskies begin defense of state crown

Huck's remarkable 4x400 anchor leg highlights season opener

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Observers might not have noticed where Tipton's Alivia Edens was on the track when Kadence Huck grabbed the stick in the 4x400 relay at the Wartburg Indoor on Monday.

Let's just say the Tipton Tiger had a comfortable lead. So could anybody in attendance at the season-opening indoor meet really be that surprised when Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck hunted her down at the finish line?

Not really. Because that's exactly what happened in the penultimate relay earlier this week in Waverly as Huck demonstrated in her marquee event just how explosive she really is after she came from behind for the stunning blue-ribbon result.

With a more than cozy cushion – Edens lost that advantage in the blink of an eye. Huck – the sophomore defending state champ in the open 400 – blew past Edens at the tape to cap a remarkable finish for her Huskies.

The time was 4:33.4 and featured junior Ellie Eick in the leadoff spot, followed by freshman Jalissa White, who handed off to junior Jordyn Frost.

Huck stole the show, though. Huck's split was a scintillating 58.9. She ran a school record time of 57.35 in the 400 dash to win the Class 1A state crown roughly 10 months ago when she was a freshman. She also helped bring home the bronze medal in the 4x400 that same wondrous week in the third week of May that saw the Huskies win it all.

Huck and Frost are hold-overs from that third-place state 4x400 relay. N-P also won the sprint medley and distance medley to help secure the Class 1A crown over Madrid – 59 to 54.

Edens, a junior, placed 13th in open 800 in the Class 2A state meet last year.

Huck also won the open 400 in 59.55 – smoking the nearest finisher by over four seconds. Second place went to Ottumwa junior Vanessa Simmons (1:03.73).

"Kadence puts a lot of time in all year long. She is a tremendous athlete that has logged many, many miles. She is determined to leave a mark," said Huck.

Huck provides the star power for N-P head coach Amber McCall – a seasoned assistant coach who took over for head coach Jessi Mahnesmith this season.

That doesn't mean that these Huskies don't possess a considerable amount of talent – because they do.

Frost placed eighth in the high jump (4-6) and freshman Eden Lamborn was eighth in the shot put (28-8).

The Huskies graduated key senior performers Breanna Hackman (field events), Makenzie Foelske (sprints), Abbie Hyde (sprints), Rylee Weiss (sprints), Jennah Carpenter (long distance) and Kara Levi (long distance) – important cogs that either medaled in individual events or where mainstays in the lineup.

At least early on in a season that will culminate quickly, McCall is stressing the little things right out of the gates for her young squad.

"Considering we have only had two weeks of practice, we wanted to make sure the athletes felt prepared and ready. We still have a lot to focus on and to learn skills-wise, but we felt that they handled it very well again considering we have only had two weeks of practice with two snow days in there as well," said McCall.

White anchored the fourth-place 4x800 relay, which ran a time of 11:48.88 with the group of Eick, freshman Kami Hannemann and sophomore Amberley Gerholdt.

N-P now has a barometer to gauge where it's at in the second week of March in what will be the northeast Iowa school's first defense of a championship in the sport of track and field.

"The first indoor meet was a good starting point for us to see where we are currently at for our first meet/start of the season. We look forward to continuing to improve as the season goes on," said McCall.

N-P sophomore Marleigh Lowe led off the 4x200, followed by freshman Elayna O'Neill, Gerholdt and freshman Abi Prugh. Those Huskies engi-



N-P freshman Jalissa White gives Kadence Huck (above) a hug after the Huskies won the 4x400 relay at the Wartburg Indoor on Monday and Kami Hannemann (below) runs in the open 400 dash.



neered a 13th-place showing in 2:13.02.

"We were very happy with the way the team performed for their first meet of the season – considering we have only had two weeks of practice. They rocked it! I'm very proud of all of them," said McCall.

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800 run - 22. Sara Buba 3:22.71, 25. Emma O'Neill 3:39.09.
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Long jump - 20. Kamryn Zimmer 9-2.5.
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Nashua-Plainfield's Bo Harrington runs the anchor leg in the 4x400 relay at the Wartburg Indoor on Monday.

N-P opens season at Wartburg Indoor

Husky head coach likes team's leadership

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Chase Sudol couldn't remember how many years he's been the head boys track coach at Nashua-Plainfield while standing beside the indoor oval on the campus of Wartburg College Monday evening.

For the record – it's seven, not that anybody's counting.

"I don't know what it is. Back when Evan Kalainoff was a freshman was my first year," said Sudol on trying to recall when he took over his Husky track program.

So Sudol's been around the block a few times and long enough to know a good team when he sees one – that's for sure.

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