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Super majority OKs max levy

Board votes 4-1 for 11.38% increase to tax-asking from rural property owners

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors found its super majority Monday and approved the county's maximum levy for the 2023-24 fiscal year that begins July 1.

But board members passed on setting the last of two required public hearings for next year's budget and tax levy.

Still, Monday's approval of the so-called max levy was critical to

keeping the budget process on track.

Under state law, the first of two public hearings is held before a county can approve the maximum amount of tax-asking - the total amount of property taxes the county will collect. Once the max levy is approved, a county can lower the tax-asking but it can't raise it.

Under the proposal supervisors considered Monday, the county's tax-asking for General Basic and General Services was \$4.44 million, a 1.99 percent increase from the

\$4.36 million the county received from property owners for GB and GS this year.

But because the proposed budget's tax-asking for Rural Services Basic jumped 11.38 percent - from \$2.07 million this year to \$2.3 million next year - state law required the supervisors to approve the max levy with yes votes from at least two-thirds of the board's members.

During Monday's meeting, just two residents - New Hampton's Jeremy McGrath and

Fredericksburg's Doreen Cook - spoke and both said they felt there were ways the county could cut its budget.

McGrath took aim at the board's decision late last year to give elected officials 9 percent raises.

"I would just like to give you my opinion where I could possibly see that levy reduced," McGrath said. "I

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City Council returns to full strength with newest appointee

Council member appoint Jeff Johnson to fill vacancy created by Dean's resignation

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Jake Johnson was selected by a unanimous vote the second time around to fill out the remaining open spot on the Nashua City Council at last Monday's meeting.

Nashua city officials chose to appoint Johnson - the assistant to Floyd County Engineer Jacob Page - as opposed to a more expensive special election.

Johnson replaced Rhonda Dean - who moved to Des Moines and presided over her last meeting on Feb. 20. The city had 60 days to replace Dean.

There were three candidates that said they were interested in filling out Dean's seat - which began in 2022. There was Johnson, a 2005 Nashua-Plainfield High School grad and son of Tom Johnson - a former Nashua City Council member and current fire chief of Nashua's Volunteer Fire Department. The other two candidates for the open Council seat that were in attendance at the meeting were Nicole Hammen and Ali Wesselmann.

Tim Malven, who was also appointed in 2022 to the Council to replace Alex Anthofer - Nashua's current mayor - talked about the decision to appoint Johnson, who worked for Charles City for the past eight years as a GIS/Planning Coordinator.

"This is a tough decision for me guys, it really was. There's gonna be four vacancies this fall and anybody can put their paperwork in. I tussled with it all day today, where to go," said Malven. "I leaned to Jake because I know he's got connections to the county engineer - works for the county engineer. He's got some direct access to knowledge of grants available, things like that,

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Jax Mohs and Harmony Iriarte show off the "dragons" they earned during Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School's recent fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

HEARTS IN THE RIGHT PLACE

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD ELEMENTARY TEACHER, STUDENTS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Harmony Iriarte and Jax Mohs may be young, but they know just how much hearts can hurt.

So when their Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School physical education teacher, Jill Kalvig, decided the school would take part in the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge, they went to work.

And they had plenty of company, too, as students in grades K-5 smashed - and we mean absolutely demolished - their teacher's goal to have the school raise \$6,000.

By the time all the pledges were turned in on March 10, Nashua-Plainfield students had raised a whopping \$17,285.24 for the American Heart Association, and the school was led by a third-grader named Harmony and a kindergarten named Jax.

Iriarte raised \$1,147 from family and friends while young Mr. Mohs was just \$37 behind the school leader.

"I was totally blown away," Kalvig said. "It was really fun to see the kids excited not only about what we were doing in class but also really taking up the challenge and helping people."

For some, though, it was a little more personal.

Take Harmony Iriarte, for example. Her father, former Nashua Police Chief Jeremy Iriarte, passed away last spring after suffering a heart attack. He was just 33 years old and left behind a wife and four children.

"I wanted to do something nice for my dad," she said, "and we had a lot of friends who made donations."

Young Jax, meanwhile, was born with cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscle that makes it harder for the heart to pump blood to the rest of the body.

He showed off the "dragons" he received for raising certain amounts of money and said he had "fun" doing the challenge.

"He's probably a little too young

SEE CHALLENGE, 2

First-grader Breck Morris shows off his jump-roping skills during a recent physical education class.

Consultant says county should build 'holding' jail

Samuels Group study: Joint law enforcement center could be built for around \$13.2 million

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

A consultant hired by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, with assistance from the New Hampton City Council, recommended Monday night that the county build a new "holding-facility jail" to replace the current jail that, as Samuels Group employees put it, "is approaching the end of its useful life."

Samuels Group officials made their recommendations during a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the City Council, and said the estimated cost for a new law enforcement center that would house both the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office and the New Hampton Police Department and jail was \$13.24 million.

They added that if the county wanted a "full-scale" jail, the additional cost would be \$9.23 million, which would bring the total project cost to about \$22.47 million.

But they emphasized that while the site they considered - across South Linn Avenue from the Pub at the Pinicon and Morris Landscaping - has room for a jail, they did not believe the county should build it.

SEE JAIL, 3

Nashua-Plainfield students go 'intensive' to put on the 'The Wizard of Oz'

Students in grades 3-11 who auditioned for roles on Monday spend a hectic week of rehearsing to put on a pair of performances Saturday

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield students are about to show us how you can put on a play in a week.

The school's Drama Department has

partnered with Prairie Fire Children's Theatre to put on "The Wizard of Oz" this Saturday, and here's the cool part - students didn't know their roles until Monday.

"It's really intensive, but the kids are doing a great job," Nashua-Plainfield

Drama Director Claudia Velez-Rice said. "It's been so neat to watch how far they've come in such a short amount of time."

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre is a professional touring theatre company based in Barrett, Minnesotam and

has been bringing a theatrical experience to communities across the upper Midwest since 1987.

Prairie Fire tours a variety of original musical adaptations of classic tales.

Here's how it works: Two actors/directors arrive in town on a Sunday

evening, hold auditions the following day, select a cast and rehearsals begin immediately.

After five days of rehearsals, they put on a show or two; in Nashua-

SEE PLAY, 3



Photos courtesy of Carol Speicher

Cattlemen have plenty to celebrate

Member of the Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors — (front row, from left) Nick Peterson, Carol Speicher, JoAnne Tupper, Nolan Webster, (middle row) Andy Glaser, Scott Glaser, (back row) Griffin Poppe, Chet McGregor, Kirk Lynch, Scott McGregor and Robert Lines — pose for a photo during the organization's annual meeting that was held at the Pub at the Pinicon in New Hampton earlier this month.

During the meeting, six students received scholarships from the association, and they included (front row, from left) Eadie Suhr, Norah Orthaus, Ashley Rosonke, (back row) Trevor Peterson, Landon Pratt and Bo Harrington.



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Supervisors approve fourth amendment to 22-23 budget

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Monday what board members said will be their fourth and last amendment to its 2022-23 budget.

Inflation issues, the start-up of the new county-owned ambulance service, the county taking over the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center and other pressing needs have led the four budget amendments, and the latest one included a \$163,950 increase to the Sheriff's Office to cover salary and benefits, a new vehicle, the boarding of prisoners and the high cost of fuel.

Supervisors worked out the details of the budget amendment during a meeting on March 6 because they wanted to know what the county's ending fund balances would be to help the budget and tax levy for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

"They were so comforting"

My Mom, Perri, was the kind of Mom that welcomed everybody in. But when she got some tough news, she was hesitant to invite 'hospice' into her life.

Once we learned that their service wasn't about dying but living well now, it opened her mind. They really got to know our family, and it felt like Mom was their only patient. That was so comforting."

— Bryan Earnest, son

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Kindergartners Marshall Glaser and Everson Sudol have some fun on balance boards during the Kids Heart Challenge at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School

Elementary students learn a lot about the heart during challenge

CHALLENGE: FROM 1

to really know," his mother, Jennifer Mohs, said, "but a lot of people know he's been through a lot and wanted to support him. For Jax, it's mostly about the dragons on his bracelet. That definitely makes him smile."

The Kids Heart Challenge replaced Jump Rope for Heart program that was a staple for years, and Kalvig said not only did kids do a lot of jump roping and other physical activities, but they also learned a lot about their own hearts.

"We talked about how your heart is a muscle," she said, "and you can take care of it by not just being active but by eating healthy, getting enough sleep and having a good mindset."

The American Heart Association is near and dear to the physical education instructor's heart. She talked about how research done by the American Heart Association allowed her father, Bruce Christopher, to have a much less invasive triple bypass in 2010.

"All of us know someone who's had heart disease or had a heart attack," she said, "but it's still deeply personal when you go through it with someone you love. For me, to know that the research done by the heart association helped by dad so much, programs like this mean

a lot."

And now the students of Nashua-Plainfield Elementary are enjoying the spoils of their victory, if you will.

They reached all the school's goals, and for \$2,000, they will get an extra Friday recess. For \$4,000, they will get extra roller skating time, and for reaching the \$6,000 mark, they will have a neon dance party.

The top homeroom — Sara Duhrkopf's third-grade classroom that includes Iriarte — earned a popsicle party for raising \$2,112.09, which just edged the \$2,086.36 that second-graders in Dana Frerichs' classroom raised.

And the top fundraisers in each grade also enjoyed a pizza party on Wednesday.

Harmony Iriarte, meanwhile, is ready to do it all over again next year when she's in fourth grade.

"I just want to help people," she said and then looked at her teacher. "That's why we did this, right Mrs. Kalvig?"

In its promotional flyer for the Kids Heart Challenge, the American Heart Association says that for every \$50 raised, a life is saved.

Do the math — take \$17,285.24 and divide it by 50 — and, trust us, Harmony, your school helped a lot of people; in fact, your school saved the lives of 345 people.

And that's pretty cool.



Third-grade friends (from left) Jenny Wolf, Walker Bearman, Peyton Sudol, and Andrew Kalvig have fun seeing who can jump the longest.

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Samuels Group President Sid Samuels makes a point as he discusses a potential new law enforcement center and jail during a joint board meeting of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors and the New Hampton City Council Monday night.

County portion of new jail is around \$10.41 million

JAIL: FROM 1

They also broke down the costs so that the county would know that it's portion of the center would cost around \$10.41 million while the city's police department would be an additional \$2.81 million.

And Sid Samuels, the group's founder and president, said the facility being proposed had gone through six revisions and provided for the needs of the county.

"Our recommendation every time — it's never changed — is to build for the county," he said, "so that when you go out and ask for a bond and someone comes from the public and says, 'Are you truly looking out, are you really taking care of us?' Absolutely. You're designing and constructing a facility that takes care of the needs for the residents of Chickasaw County."

MONDAY NIGHT'S presentation was broken down into three parts — a review of the existing facility that was built in 1957, come up with a solution and determine the cost of that solution.

The Samuels Group's Greg Wilde told city and county leaders and a crowd of about 50 residents that his group found 17 primary issues with the current jail facility. They ranged from issues with the sally port, booking rooms, holding cells, the lack of classifications and security problems.

The state jail standard, Wilde said, is to be able to classify — or segregate — a minimum of five types of prisoners, and the current jail can only have two classifications. He pointed out that because of the size of the jail and the way it was built, prisoners are often moved into areas that include the facility's IT and laundry facilities.

"If someone really wanted to do some damage," Wilde said, "it would be way, way too easy." He said "there's not a way" to add classifications to the facility because of the "way the facility was created."

Wilde added that it's not just the safety of staff and inmates that is at risk in the current facility.

"We've heard repeatedly that attorneys are getting more and more reluctant to come in here to visit with their clients, just because they're face to face, and if you're delivering bad news to your client, do you want to be face to face?"

Engineer asks for 6% raise, supervisors give him 9% hike

By **BOB FENSKE**
editor@nhtrib.com

Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing came to Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting hoping for a 6 percent raise.

He got it ... and then some.

Lensing laid out his case, if you will, during Monday's meeting by stating that he used the directive from the Board of Supervisors this past fall to department heads to keep their budget increases for the 2023-24 fiscal year to 6 percent.

He also pointed out that the \$116,600 salary he would receive under his pro-

posal would still be below the average of \$121,895.81 from a group of counties, including those that border Chickasaw County, Alamakee and Clayton counties and 10 counties that are similar in size to Chickasaw.

And that average salary doesn't take into account pay raises those engineers will receive this year.

But Supervisor Jake Hackman wasn't sure about Lensing's proposal.

"You've shown to be a leader of the Secondary Roads Department so is 6 percent enough? I know what other counties are paying," he said, "and they're paying a lot more than this. He's proven himself."

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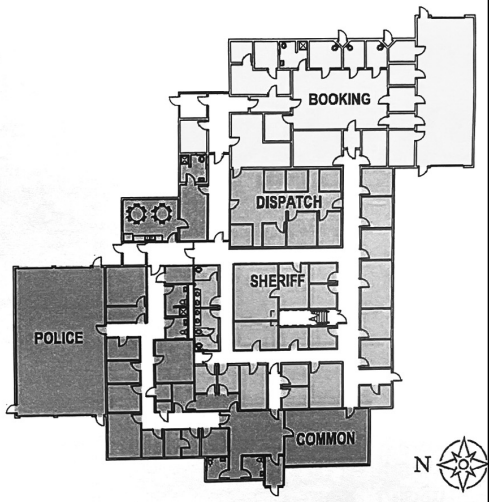
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Drawing courtesy of the Samuels Group

A preliminary design of a proposed law enforcement center and holding jail was part of the packet that the Samuels Group presented during Monday night's meeting.

THE SOLUTION, the Samuels Group believes, is to build a new facility, although officials added that they looked at the current jail site as a possibility.

Wilde told county and city leaders that streets would have to be closed, utilities would have to be moved and that even then, "it is so limited ... it would be almost impossible to squeeze it in."

Samuels Group used the site on South Linn because it is land owned by the New Hampton Industrial Corporation and would be available to the county at no cost, but they, along with Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver, said they looked at other sites — including the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center.

"We took the state jail inspector down there," Shawver said, "and he said you can pump as much money into this place as you want to and I'll never certify this as a correctional facility."

They came up with a facility that would include a booking and holding area, the Sheriff's Office, room for dispatchers and the New Hampton Police Department, as well as a full-scale jail.

But after studying the costs of holding inmates in surrounding counties' facilities, they recommended that the facility only include holding cells.

Shawver explained what that would mean during a typical arrest.

"So what we're proposing, upon initial arrest, the person comes into our facility,"

Shawver said. "They're going to be detained there until court to have their initial appearance hearing. ... At that time, the judge says you're released or you're held on bond. If they can not post bond, then it's our problem to find will Fayette take them? Will Floyd County take them? Will Winneshiek County take them? Will Howard County take them. ... They'll stay with us 24 hours or less; if they're our inmate for longer, they'll go somewhere else."

THE BIG QUESTION, of course, from not only the Board of Supervisors and the City Council but also from residents was the cost and how the facility would be paid off.

If the city decides to move its Police Department into the facility and joins forces with the county, the two entities can form an "authority board" with representatives from each to finance and run the facility. If an authority board asks for a bond referendum, it would need a simple majority of voters to approve it.

But if the city decides to keep its police in its current location — one that Samuels Group found numerous issues with — the facility would cost less because the police portion of \$2.8 million would be removed from the price tag but a bond referendum would need a 60 percent approval rate to pass.

The state jail inspector last fall told county leaders that he was willing to work with the county, but he also said it was important for the county to

begin making plans to correct the deficiencies of the current facility, and along with rising construction costs, that does make time somewhat of the essence.

"If you were to wait and continue to kick that can down the road," Samuels said, "chances are that can is going to get pretty heavy."

He said the best estimate that his group came up with is that the county levy rate would increase by about 68 cents per \$1,000 valuation while city property owners would see taxes increase by about \$1.34 per \$1,000 valuation.

The Samuels Group gave several examples of tax impacts by using real properties in the county, including one that showed a residential property in Nashua that included a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house built in 1911 that's estimated selling price is \$129,000. That property would see an annual tax impact of \$43 a year.

The group said that ag land property in the county would see an additional \$1.06 per acre in taxes each year.

The officials from the Samuels Group said now it is up to the Board of Supervisors and the City Council to decide what they want to do.

They added that the group is willing to sign a new contact with the entities to help with any future referendums and pointed out that the Samuels Group has always been successful in passing a jail referendum on the first attempt.



Betty and Duane Lines

Lines 60th anniversary

Join the family of Duane and Betty Lines in celebrating the couple with a card shower in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on March 31.

Please send cards of congratulations to 3115 280th St., Nashua, IA 50658.

Duane and Betty were married in Readlyn in 1963.

Their family includes children Sandra and Charlie Westervelt, Stanley and Andrea Lines and Shelly and Louie Harrington, all of Nashua. They are also the proud grandparents to eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Nashua-Plainfield drama students have gone long way in just a week

PLAY: FROM 1

Plainfield's case, it's the latter as 19 students in grades 3-11 will take the Nashua-Plainfield gymnasium stage at both 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$5, and Velez-Rice said she hopes community members will show their support for the students who are putting themselves "out there."

"They really have worked hard this whole week," she said, "and I think they've learned a lot. Theater is such a good activity; it will help you with so

much throughout life and I'm proud of all of our students."

Prairie Fire directors and actors not only work with students throughout the week, but they also bring the costumes and the props needed to put on the play. And they went right to work.

Auditions on Monday lasted 2 1/2 hours and as soon as the cast was announced, they held a two-hour rehearsal.

"It has been fun to see how far they come every day," Velez-Rice said, "and I can't wait to see what it will look like on Saturday."

Briefs

Big 4 Chamber of Commerce to hold Awards Night March 31

The first annual Big 4 Chamber Awards will be held later this month, and the event will include some great food, an induction ceremony and presentation awards, entertainment and music.

The event is scheduled to begin with a 6 p.m. social on Friday, March 31, at the Nashua Town and Country Club. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and include a choice of slow-smoked BBQ ribs, southern fried catfish or shrimp or grilled shrimp. The induction ceremony and awards will be handed out at 7:30 p.m. and entertainment and music will follow.

The cost is \$30 per person and RSVPs can be sent to NashuaAreaChamber@gmail.com.

WHC offering heart class April 19

Waverly Health Center is offering Heartsaver, CPR and AED Training for non-health care providers to the public on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. The class will take place in Tendrils Rooftop Garden on the WHC campus.

Fee is \$60 pre-registration and payment are required by calling (319) 352-4939.

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Matthew Ysbrand
Chickasaw County Treasurer



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Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A) is offering Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention classes in Fredericksburg from April 18 through June 8.

Classes will be held at the

Fredericksburg Community Center (151 West Main Street) each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention offers a gentle exercise option that can help reduce

John Charles Birmingham, 67

John Charles Birmingham, age 67 of Nashua, IA, died Monday, March 20, 2023, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua with Pastor Sarah Namukose officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2023, prior to the service at the church in Nashua.

A graveside service will take place at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel of Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements, and online condolences for John's family can be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

John's well-lived life began on Dec. 23, 1955, when his parents, Francis and Ruth (Boulette) Birmingham, welcomed their only son into the world in Montreal, Canada. He grew up with his four sisters in Woodstock, a city of around 40,000 that is known as "The Friendly City" and is located in the southeastern corner of the Canadian province of Ontario.

He attended school in Woodstock and played football and was a standout shot put thrower on the track team, but his father, who ran a Hydrotile plant in Woodstock, was transferred to Nashua. John finished out his junior year in Canada and then joined his family in the United States, where he played football and set the school record in the shot put and was a state meet qualifier for the Nashua Bulldogs before graduating with the Class of 1973.

After high school, John worked several jobs before finding his true calling as a semi driver, and for more than 40 years, he bled diesel — driving his truck all over the country and into Canada. He was



John Birmingham

the consummate truck driver, always getting his loads to their destination both on time and safely, and he won numerous awards, including his company's "Driver of the Year."

As good of a driver as he was, though, John really made his mark in life with his family. Friends introduced him to Nancy Lawson in November 1977, and they began dating, fell in love and were married on March 6, 1982.

Nancy had a daughter, Holly, and the family grew to include three more children — Tim, Andy and Ashley — and they had a one-of-a-kind, larger-than-life father. They remember the anticipation they had knowing Dad was coming home to take them to the Lamplighter, Pizza Hut, roller skating and out for milkshakes. John also had a neat trick to get them to help clean out his truck; he told them that any change they found was theirs and they happily went to work for their father! And their friends loved hanging out at the Birminghams because it was always a party to be around John. He filled every room he ever stepped into with laughter and joy. He had that gift in that he made everyone feel special.

He was an extraordinary father but, if it was possible, he was an even better grand-

pa. Oh, how he loved spending time with his nine grandchildren, and trust us, the feeling was mutual. As one grandchild succinctly put it this week, "He's cool."

One of John's loves was painting, and he delighted in building toy boxes that featured paintings of cartoon characters for his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In his younger days, he loved to go sailing, and he was always a voracious reader, especially Clive Cussler books, some of which he read multiple times. He also liked to cook his special "swill," and while he may not have been the best cook, his trick was to add salsa to everything!

It's hard for us to imagine what life will be like without John. Seeing him in his truck with his bib overalls was something all of us came to treasure, but the memories this man gave all of us — from his wife to his kids to his grandchildren to his friends — will truly last a lifetime. He was, as the Foo Fighters song puts it, "My Hero."

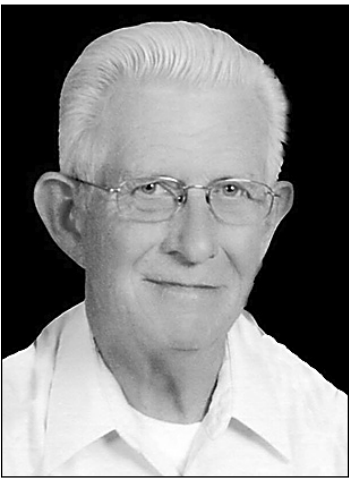
John is survived by his wife of 41 years, Nancy of Nashua; his sons, Timothy Birmingham of Nashua, and Andy (Erin Moran) Birmingham of Des Moines; his daughters, Holly Randell of Ankeny, and Ashley (Matthew) Mundorf of Nashua; the nine apples of his eye, his grandchildren, Austin Birmingham, Kaysen Frelinger-Birmingham, Graham Randell, Clayton Randell, Jocelyn Randell, Carson Mundorf, Chole Mundorf, Dexter Mundorf and Bennett Mundorf; and his sisters, Jane (Wayne) Roberts of Florida, Peg Birmingham of North Dakota, Patricia (David) Mateo of North Carolina, and Pauline (Bryan Schmidt) of Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ruth; and his wife's parents, Tom and Barb Lawson.

Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

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

John Phfy, 83



John Phfy

While working at Collins, a young woman named Mary Lou Lumley took notice of him and the two began dating. They were married on Oct. 27, 1963—beginning an adventure that would last for 59 ½ years.

The couple had two children — Lynette and Steve — and lived in Cedar Rapids for several years before John was transferred to Wichita, Kansas for work in Winter of 1973. During a trip back to Nashua that spring to visit Mary Lou's family, John went up to the Townhouse and came home a few hours later with an announcement: he had purchased the popular bar.

For seven years, he owned and operated the Townhouse. John loved working at the bar and talking with those who stopped into the Townhouse.

After selling the bar, he worked part-time at the Nashua Town and Country Club until one day, the mayor of Nashua asked him if he would consider applying to be a police officer in town. He embarked on a long and outstanding career in law enforcement, rising through the ranks to become Nashua's police chief. His people skills made him a natural small-town officer. He'd talk someone out

of doing something rather than giving them a ticket, and he was especially good with kids.

After 22 years as a Nashua police officer and chief, John wasn't done serving his adopted hometown; instead, he became Nashua's mayor and served the town well for seven years. By his example, he impacted lives and showed residents — both those who had lived in Nashua their entire lives and those who were newcomers — how great Nashua is as a community.

John also was a longtime member of the Ralph Nicholson VFW Post 6792.

But as much as he accomplished in his life, his No. 1 priority was always his family. He loved his wife Mary Lou and he was a great dad to Lynette and Steve. They would go camping and fishing and spent infinite amounts of time playing catch and shooting hoops. He passed on his love for dogs, which were always a part of the Phfy home. He was an incredibly proud grandfather, who loved following their many sports, music, and theater activities.

John was one of a kind, and he'll be terribly missed by his family, his friends and the community of Nashua.

John is survived by his wife, Mary Lou of Nashua; his daughter, Lynette (Duncan Strong) Phfy of Winnipeg, Canada; his son, Steve (Lisa) Phfy of Waverly; four grandchildren, Alex McGregor of Winnipeg, Canada; Mariah (Steven Hamonic) McGregor of Chicago; Aftin (Jacob) Riggs of West Des Moines; and Austin (Abbi Staack) Phfy of Cedar Falls; one brother, LeRoy (Rita) Phfy of Geneseo, Illinois; and one sister, Carolyn Hoerner of Boone.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Dr. Thomas Hoerner; and a nephew, Ricky Phfy.

Supervisors keep EMS homeless for now

Director urges board to hold off locating ambulances at the Heritage

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, over the objections of Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson, came close Monday to making a decision to house the county-owned ambulance service at the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center.

But after a discussion that lasted for almost an hour, the supervisor who made the motion rescinded it.

The debate was pointed at times, with Knutson echoing the thoughts of Jeremy McGrath, the previous ambulance provider, who told board members earlier in the meeting that it would be "crazy" not to have the ambulance based at the Community Services Building.

Knutson once again said that the move to the Heritage would cost the service personnel — saying that two of the eight ALS paramedics have told him that they will leave the service if they are forced to work out of the Heritage and that he believed 50 percent of his "daytime" backup crews would not be able to be on-call.

Fredericksburg resident Doreen Cook, who along with her husband owned the Chickasaw Ambulance Service until 2009, said she was disappointed that the service's employees appeared to be the driving force behind basing the ambulance at the CSB.

"I have heard one Board of Supervisor member say something to the effect that they must not care about this county," she said. "It's not up to the employees as to where it is. When they get hired, they get hired to do a job, no matter where it's at."

But Knutson said that while he understood some of Cook's points, he added that "there's nobody waiting to take their place. In this instance, I'm really asking you guys to listen to the EMS responders that are doing their job."

He added that a move to the Heritage would put the viability of Chickasaw County EMS in question.

"If we want to see this service stay in business and survive, we have to be flexible," he said, and when Cook asked him if he was saying the service could not survive at the Heritage, he answered, "I'm very, very, very concerned that it will not be feasible any longer."

Knutson said that currently, New Hampton residents who live in the city and can meet the response time required by the service can be at home during their shifts. Once the service finds a permanent home, he said those workers will be paid minimum wage if they decide to be at home while waiting for calls.

"Similar size services in our region," he said, "this is the policy they follow."

He said if the move is made to the Heritage, he will lose two employees who provide eight to 10 paramedic shifts a month.

"That means one-third of the month where we [would] have no ALS coverage," he said, "which means we can't take inter-facility transfers, where we make the majority of our funds. And if we have no backup, we [also] can't take transfers."

He said that's because once the first crew is "called out," he would have to have the backup

crew — many whom work other jobs — report to the Heritage because they wouldn't be able to meet the response time the service requires. That would also increase the cost of the service because those backup crew members would be receiving full EMS pay, instead of the on-call pay.

Supervisor Travis Suckow, who represents the Fredericksburg and Lawler areas, remained unwavering, even after Knutson pointed out that if the county purchases a third ambulance and there are enough Fredericksburg residents to staff it that the third ambulance could be in the city 60 to 70 percent of the time.

Suckow pointed out that he drove from the courthouse to the Heritage in just under five minutes and with "that being said and listening to everybody that I've talked to in my area, I think I'm going to make a motion to move things forward — to move this out to the Heritage."

Knutson, however, strongly advised against the board voting on the motion — saying that the board should at least wait for the Samuels Group to complete its study on how much it would cost to base the ambulance at the CSB or the Heritage.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn agreed.

"We're paying the Samuels Group now to look at what this is going to cost," he said, "do you know what it's going to cost?"

"No, I don't," Suckow answered, "but this is a county service and the program that he put up [last week], to me, it looked like everything from the Heritage was quicker."

Yet during his presentation at the board's March 13 meeting, Knutson had told supervisors that a software program he used showed that the "county will have a 74 percent slower response time for 67 percent of our calls if the station is built."

Supervisor Steve Breitbach also was opposed to placing EMS at the Heritage.

"I'm totally against it going out to the Heritage," he said, "mainly because of the volunteers that we have in New Hampton. We're not going to have them out at the Heritage. We just heard from the previous provider that said it should not go out to the Heritage; it should be at the Community Services Building. I think he would know as much as anyone where it should go."

Cook though said she considered herself a former provider and that she was for the Heritage.

Other board members, like Jake Hackman, said they were frustrated because there were no costs attached to the moving of departments.

"How much does it cost to move Public Health [out to the Heritage], things like that, we don't know," he said. "Would I like to consolidate? Oh yes. Do we have enough money to do it all? Probably not."

Suckow ended up rescinding his original motion and made a new one in which the county would ask the Samuels Group to get a proposal to move EMS, Public Health and the Rescue Squad to the Heritage, and Scott Cerwinski seconded it.

"The only thing I'm concerned about," Hackman said, "is did we just throw \$4,800 out the window?"

After more discussion, Suckow again rescinded his motion and board members asked Kuhn to talk with the Samuels Group to see when the original report — the one comparing the cost of housing EMS at the two buildings — would be available.



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Iowa Department of Transportation will begin work on reconstructing westbound lanes on the Avenue of the Saints near Floyd

In other words, Nashua residents making that drive to and from Mason City might want

Pete Hjelmstad, District 2 field services coordinator with the Iowa Department of Transportation office in Mason City, said the plan is to divide the new eastbound lanes of U.S. 18/Iowa 27 into two-way head-on traffic beginning Friday so that crews can start reconstructing the westbound lanes.

That part of the project will be similar to the eastbound construction project that took

Originally planned to begin around the end of the month, Hjelmstad said the schedule was moved ahead a week — “weather permitting.”

The new entrance and exit ramps that were created to get on and off the eastbound lanes will have traffic signals installed, and the ramps will also have two-way traffic during construction to allow access to

“All traffic will use the ramps, just like at the intersection of two two-lane roads,” Hjelmstad said.

He said no detours were going to be needed this year to make the switch from the divided highway to two-way traffic. He said speed would be reduced on that section of the highway and reduced further on

The schedule will be similar to last year, with the new west-bound overpass lanes expected to open in late fall, he said.

At that point the new interchange will be complete, with divided east and west traffic on the Avenue of the Saints no longer having to slow down or face cross traffic entering at grade-level intersections in the Floyd area.

Serious – sometimes deadly – accidents where vehicles pulled out or turned in front of other vehicles entering and

exiting the highway were part of the reason the state decided to spend the \$23 million-plus on the elevated interchange project.

Hjelmstad so far the project has gone very smoothly.

"It's been going well. We were very happy with how things went last year the way traffic moves through there. We hope for the same this year," he said.

"I say it all the time and I hope people don't just let it slide off their back, but watch 511ia.org or the app, because updates get put on there," he said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed NASHUA-PLAINFIELD School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

Location of Public Hearing: MS/HS COMMONS		Date of Hearing: 04/10/2023		Time of Hearing: 07:00 PM	
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 23/24 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.					
		Budget 2024	Re-est. 2023	Actual 2022	Avg % 22-24
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,063,939	2,997,127	2,723,492	% 6.1
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	55,071	56,204	118,300	% -31.8
Income Surtaxes	3	216,104	128,662	252,038	% -7.4
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	199,654	203,654	212,994	
Earnings on Investments	5	44,097	36,661	19,247	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	51,025	48,065	44,200	
Student Activities and Sales	7	182,664	178,509	178,040	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	255,859	264,254	275,480	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	4,259,756	4,148,799	4,047,844	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	14,353	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	766,657	770,739	790,768	
Commercial & Industrial State Replacement	13	0	0	53,415	
Title I Grants	14	69,874	71,083	78,913	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	788,855	835,688	1,086,812	
Total Revenues	16	9,967,908	9,739,445	9,881,543	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0	
Transfers In	18	575,324	330,600	394,185	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	10,543,232	10,070,045	10,275,728	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	3,409,260	3,995,025	3,829,135	
Total Resources	23	13,952,492	14,065,070	14,104,863	
*Instruction	24	6,346,931	6,039,907	5,726,673	% 5.3
Student Support Services	25	252,478	258,684	212,367	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	373,780	363,629	360,760	
General Administration	27	325,698	315,879	294,500	
School Administration	28	369,454	359,875	340,372	
Business & Central Administration	29	307,742	266,301	253,563	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	748,736	701,005	670,653	
Student Transportation	31	666,184	418,109	398,548	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	3,044,072	2,683,482	2,530,763	% 9.7
*Noninstructional Programs	32	390,123	387,940	349,585	% 5.6
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	682,222	603,465	489,816	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	575,674	301,350	335,317	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	320,082	286,866	283,499	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,577,978	1,191,681	1,108,632	% 19.3
Total Expenditures	36	11,359,104	10,303,010	9,715,653	
Transfers Out	37	596,924	352,800	394,185	
Other Uses	38	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	11,956,028	10,655,810	10,109,838	
Ending Fund Balance	40	1,996,464	3,409,260	3,995,025	
Total Requirements	41	13,952,492	14,065,070	14,104,863	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		10.73965			

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With four seats up for election this year, City Council could be ‘wide open’ this fall

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that I think will be very beneficial to us.”

The Council could look vastly different than it does now by the time the calendar flips to 2024.

Four Council seats will be up for election this November. Ernie Willsher – Nashua’s former Police Chief – will see his four-year term run out at the end of the 2025.

Hal Kelleher’s four-year term began in 2020 and along with Malven, Samantha Johnson and Jake Johnson – all see their terms expire at the end of this year.

Samantha Johnson was a write-in candidate and has served on the Council since 2022. She replaced Ashley Ludemann.

Candidates that are appointed generally fill out a council member’s terms until the next election.

“It’s going to be wide open this fall,” said Malven.

The second vote to appoint Jake Johnson was 3-0 – with Willsher abstaining. His daughter is Wesselmann.

Samantha Johnson made a motion to appoint Jake

Johnson and was seconded by Malven. All voted in favor of appointing Jake Johnson, with Kelleher voting no.

Then Willsher chose to appoint Wesselmann, but Nashua City Clerk John Ott said that could be a conflict of interest and Willsher then withdrew his motion to appoint his daughter.

Samantha Johnson then motioned to appoint Jake Johnson and Malven seconded. All Council members – except Willsher, who abstained – voted yes to appoint Jake Johnson.

Jake Johnson immediately took his seat after being sworn in by Ott.

Johnson talked about the remaining nine months of his term and what he’s looking forward to improve in Nashua.

“With our infrastructure right now, a lot of stuff is going to have to be worked on,” said Johnson. “We’ve got the situation with the dam. We’ve got streets that need work. It sounds like the wastewater plant got’s some stuff going up too.

“I’ve got a really good understanding of all municipal utilities and how the bidding process works.”

Nashua Water/Wastewater

Superintendent Nick Henningsen, said that there has now been 330 endpoints installed as of last Monday. He also stated that the city has installed 20 new water meters.

A new water/wastewater

fee was passed by the Council. There will be a \$40 additional monthly fee for any resident who has a cellular endpoint that needs to be changed out and hasn’t had it replaced by June 30, 2023. The fee would also

apply to old meters that haven’t been switched out.

A five-percent wage increase for non-library city employees for Fiscal Year ’24 was also passed.

The Council approved chang-

es to the new city logo, which will have its existing trees in the design be replaced with pine trees.

An estimate of \$3,700 to repair the dock at Cedar Lake was approved as well.

Suckow to authorize participation and signatures for the Additional Opioid Settlement with Allergan, Teva, CVS, Walmart and Walgreens. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to authorize the purchases of a handicap accessible door, not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center on the West side of the building. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed Empower Rural Iowa Grant. No action taken.

Budget Work Session discussion. No action taken

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Cerwinske March 7, Cedar River Watershed Project

Supervisor Breitbach March 7, Upper Wapsipicon River Watershed Project

Supervisor Hackman March 8, Six County Meeting

Motion by Cerwinske seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:58 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Absent- Hackman. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Laura Wickham,
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Nashua-Plainfield Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
March 13, 2023
Nashua-Plainfield MS/HS Commons

The March 13, 2023, regular board meeting of the Nashua-Plainfield Community School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Pat Lentz. Also present were directors Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Laura Folkerts, and Chris Hagen; Superintendent Todd Liechty; Principals Karl Smith and Shannon Wurzer, Board Secretary Brittany McNeil; and two visitors.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Lawrence to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the consent agenda as presented:

A) approval of the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on February 13, 2023.

B) approval of the bills for payment.

C) approval of the monthly financial reports.

D) approval of the personnel recommendations as follows; approval of the hiring of Chris Baldus as JH boys track coach.

E) approval of the fundraisers as follows; HS Softball will be selling water bottles to raise funds for new helmets; Elementary students are accepting pledges/sponsors to raise funds for field trips, playground equipment and other elementary activities; and the Husky Leadership Team will be selling battle of the classes t-shirts to raise funds to support student activities throughout the year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve the February 2023 cash flow report. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no visitors to address the Board.

There were no public comments or questions on the use of ESSER III funds.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Lawrence to approve the modifications to the 2022-2023 school calendar as follows: April 10th will be a student day, (formally professional development day), May 24-26 will be make up days with a noon dismissal for the last student day on May 26th (lunch will be served), May 30th and 31st will be certified teacher professional development days. Support staff will have one contracted day be forgiven with no deduction in pay. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to open the public hearing on the 2023-2024 school calendar at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Liechty reviewed the proposed school calendar. Staff members provided input to administration prior to the board meeting. Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Lawrence to close the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar with the following changes;

*May 23-24, 2024 will be the first two snow make up days

*3rd snow make up day will be the Monday after Easter (April 1, 2024)

*May 22nd as the tentative last student day (prior to snow make up days)

Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager McNeil went through the 2021-2022 annual school audit. She reviewed the noted audit comments, corrective action plans, the districts carryover amounts in categorical funds, and the requirements of a single audit. The single audit was required this year because the district received an influx in federal funding due to COVID/ESSER that was received. A full copy of the audit report can be found on the State of Iowa Auditors website. Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Jensen to approve the final 2021-2022 annual audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager McNeil reviewed the 2022-2023 budget. She has predicted the districts spending authority will decrease by about \$300,000. The spending authority is the number one indicator of a districts financial health. The anticipated decrease is mainly due to the decrease in revenue from the federal level. The past two years the district has received \$952,392.50 in ESSER/COVID funding. This funding will be spent by June 30, 2023 and no additional funding will be received for the 2023-2024 school year.

Business Manager McNeil presented preliminary options for the 2023-2024 certified budget. The Supplemental State aid has been set by the Iowa Legislature at 3%. The published tax rate will be set at 10.73965 and can always be decreased but cannot be increased. The previous tax rate was set at 10.69. Taxable valuations have increased overall by 4.3 million. The slight increase in the tax rate is primarily due to an increase in management levy dollars. The management fund does not support instructional salaries or benefits. It also does not support building projects and improvements.

The management fund expenses include insurance for property, liability, workers compensation, vehicle coverage, equipment breakdown insurance and early retirement incentives.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to set the Certified Budget Hearing for April 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nashua-Plainfield MS/HS Commons. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the 28E operational sharing agreement with Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock CSD to share a Superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Hagen to approve the 28E Business Manager operational sharing agreement with Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock School for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hagen, seconded by Lawrence to approve the 28E Human Resource Coordinator operational sharing agreement with Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock School for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the contract with Alan Feirer for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$13,450. Alan will be conducting professional development with staff members in the content area of building a positive climate and culture. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to post an intent to fill a school board director seat by appointment. This will ensure the open board seat appointment is placed on the election ballot in November if a special election is not requested. Applicants can apply to Board Secretary Brittany McNeil or Superintendent Todd Liechty if they are interested in the position. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative reports were presented.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to enter into exempt session to discuss negotiations. A roll call vote was taken; all yeas. Motion carried unanimously. The board entered into exempt session at 9:08 p.m.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to return to open session at 9:43 p.m. A roll call vote was taken; all yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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approved by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled board meeting.

Patrick Lentz, President
Board of Directors
Brittany McNeil
Board Secretary

Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District
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March 2023
Vendor Name, Vendor Description
Amount

AGVANTAGE FS INC.GAS & DIESEL FUEL..... 5,429.26
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO. MILK/DAIRY 2,960.48
ATLANTIC COCA-COLA,CONCESSIONS/ALA CARTE ITEMS..... 619.62
AUCHSTETTER, KATHY.MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 58.95
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS,TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET 100.00
CEDAR RAPIDS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.STUDENT FEES 2,355.24
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC.CLEANING SUPPLIES/EQUIP 4,958.00
CENTRAL RIVERS. AEA.EDUCATIONAL SERVICES..... 10.00
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LIECHTY, TODD.MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 749.98
MALVEN, PAIGE R. EXPENSES 59.94
MARCO.COPIER LEASE PAYMENT 1,675.00
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MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE.ARCHITECTURAL FEES 38,793.55
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ZWANZIGER, BECKY. REIMBURSEMENT 7.18
SUB TOTAL..... 172,475.57
SALARIES.SALARIES 427,194.75
LIFE INSURANCE.LIFE INSURANCE 408.85
DISABILITY INSURANCE.DISABILITY INSURANCE 554.04
HEALTH INSURANCE.HEALTH INSURANCE..... 1,700.00
BENEFIT ADD.EMPLOYEE BENEFIT 41,900.00
IPERS.RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS 43,371.73
MEDICARE.MEDICARE 6,503.74
SOCIAL SECURITY.SOCIAL SECURITY 27,809.07
SUBTOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES 549,442.18
GRAND TOTAL:..... 721,917.75

No. 22834
03/24/23

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City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Council Chambers, City Hall
The Nashua City Council met in regular session on March 20, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall. A meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Hal Kelleher, Ernie Willsher and Tim Malven. Samantha Johnson came in at 7:03PM and Jacob Johnson was later appointed to the open council seat and was sworn in. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Nick Henningsen and 9 guests were in attendance.

Mayor Anthofer asked for consideration approving the regular agenda. Malven/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: 3 ayes, S. Johnson absent.

Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the consent agenda: Minutes from the Special Council Meeting March 15, 2023, and Payment of Claims (March 2-2-16, 2023), Payment of Claims (see claims report), Total Claims to be Paid \$22,951.21+\$7,573.07 (Wages). Malven/M, Willsher/S. M/C. RC: 3 ayes, S. Johnson absent.

Mayor Anthofer asked for public comments. The Nashua Garden Club mentioned that it has 2 fund raisers each year one selling wreaths and the other a soup supper. They presented the City of Nashua with a banner as a gift. Josh Caster mentioned that we now have 4 EMT's ready when the ambulance service starts.

Mayor Anthofer asked the council for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 23-18 Resolution to appoint a new council member. S. Johnson/M, Malven/S to appoint Jacob Johnson. RC: S. Johnson and Malven aye, Kelleher nay, and Willsher abstained. Willsher abstained due to conflict of interest as one key of the appointees for consideration was his daughter. The motion failed. Mayor Anthofer asked the council if they could make another motion to appoint Jacob Johnson as he had changed his mind. S. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to appoint Jake Johnson to the open council seat. RC: 3 ayes (Johnson, Kelleher, Malven) Willsher abstained for reason noted above. Resolution 23-18 passed

Jacob Johnson was appointed to the open council seat. Jacob Johnson immediately took his council seat after being sworn in by City Clerk Ott. 23-19 Resolution to appoint Jacob Johnson to the FMC Landfill Board. S. Johnson/M, Malven/S,

M/C. RC: 5 ayes.

Malven/M, Kelleher/S, M/C to set a public hearing amending the code of ordinance for operations of all terrain vehicles for April 3, 2023. RC: all ayes.

Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to set a public hearing for April 3, 2023 adopting the FY'24 budget. RC: all ayes.

The council reviewed a billing concern for a landlord who had properties that were occupied, but the tenant never applied for services, so the properties were receiving services that weren't being billed by the city. It is the landlord's responsibility to notify the city of any tenant's moving in and out of their property and any unpaid charges are the landlord's responsibility. After listening to the landlord, S. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to forgive 20% of the bills in arrears to bring 702 Main Street's two remaining units up to date. The motion also stated that if the city finds any charges that were not billed prior to getting these up to date the landlord will not be billed for those services. The landlord understands that moving forward it is their responsibility to notify the city of any tenant changes and file a lien exemption form for any new tenant. RC: all ayes.

Willsher/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the building permit for 515 Brasher St. RC: 5 ayes.

Business of the Mayor: The Mayor had no business to discuss.

City Clerk Ott reviewed the financial reports for February 2023 and informed the council that the February bank reconciliation was completed and ready for review. He informed the council that Pederson Plumbing fixed a leaky toilet at city hall for no charge.

City Council:

Malven noted that some of the initiatives that Nashua is working on will be posted on social media to hopefully keep the citizens better informed. Kelleher thanked those who expressed interest in filling the open council seat. He also stated that there will be several council terms expiring this year and so for those who are interested he encouraged them to get their papers in to run for a seat.

Nick Henningsen presented his monthly report. He mentioned that the council should think about changing the alarm on the generator at the wastewater treatment plant as the alarm is set for the low fuel to come on at ½ tank which means that it won't run startups or tests. He also noted that the city may want to camera the sewer line on Howard St. in the future.

Heather Hackman Library Director gave her monthly report to the council. Discussion/Action

The council discussed several actionable items.

S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to set a bid opening for LMI surveys for April 3, 2023. RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to impose a \$40/month additional fee for any resident who has a cellular endpoint that needs to be changed out and hasn't had it replaced by close of business June 30, 2023. The fee would also be charged to residents with old meters, if they haven't had their meter and endpoint replaced providing the meters are in stock. RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to approve a 5% increase for non-library employee wages for FY'24. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed purchasing or renting a pothole patching machine. New council member Jake Johnson mentioned that a Durapatcher may be a better option. City Clerk Ott will get more information.

Johnson/M, Kelleher/S M/C to have ROI who partners with MidAmerican Energy come and do an assessment to upgrade the city shop, wastewater treatment plant, fire station, welcome center and city hall to LED lighting. RC: 5 ayes.

City Clerk Ott has been visiting with UMB about being a service agent for the bonding when we get to that point in the dam project, but he will need to gather more information. City Clerk Ott also discussed some results of smoke testing that was done by PeopleService. 11 and 41 Bayou Dr. had their down spout connected to the collection system, Henningsen confirmed that 41 Bayou Dr. is fixed and he will look into 11 Bayou Dr. City Clerk Ott noted that 69 Wabash St. which had their sump pump hooked into the sanitary sewer has also been fixed. It was also noted that 9 Lexington had their sewer clean outs with no top on them, which would allow rain water to enter the city sewer system. The report noted that it is recommended that the city send a note to the property owner to correctly cap their sewer clean outs.

Malven/M, Kelleher/S, M/C to approve the estimate from EZ Lake Dock Repair for \$3,730.56. RC: all ayes.

Malven/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve logo changes to the winning logo replacing existing trees with pine trees. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed a nuisance property that has not complied with

abatement procedures. City Clerk Ott will talk to Attorney Skilton about next steps. The council also requested that City Clerk Ott mail a letter to the property owner requesting their presence at the next council meeting April 3, 2023.

Malven/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve City Clerk Ott attending the Iowa Rural Summit as well as paying 100% of the summit cost and 50% of the hotel costs for a minimum of 2 and maximum of 4 Chamber Members. The Summit encourages at least 3 people to attend as the cost for an individual is \$200 and the cost for 3 individuals is \$70/person or \$210.00. RC: all ayes.

Council member J. Johnson discussed some of the changes that have been made to the Chickasaw County Mutual Assistance Agreement that had been proposed by the council. There may not be a new contract for the council to review until June.

City Clerk Ott discussed cashing in some of the CD's that the city has and absorbing the penalty for early cash out because the amount of interest that would be gained with the new rates would make up the difference of the lost interest and penalty within the first couple of months.

Malven/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to cash in the CD's for a better rate and take the penalty due to the overall gain. RC: all ayes.

Council Member J. Johnson reviewed the fire department incident reports from Jan-Feb '23.

There was no other business. S. Johnson motioned to adjourn. Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Pending Approval by Council
John Ott
CLAIMS REPORT (MARCH 2-16,2023)
VENDOR REFERENCE
AMOUNT

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY STREET-OIL/FILTER/HOSE/COUPLER \$250.97
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS.PHONE EXP \$307.50
CHRISTIE DOOR COMPANY AMB GAR DOOR OPERATOR/RECEIVER \$1,708.00
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DIETZ, INC.FIRE/AMB-COMBO LOCK ON DOOR..... \$1,505.16
LEROY'S REPAIR.ST/PARK-CHAIN X3..... \$103.97
MICK GAGE PLBG & HTG, INC

WTR-EVANS RPR 424 BRASHER \$2,944.52
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE NASHUA CH-ANNUAL SUB PAPER..... \$38.00
BLUE LILY CREATIONS BY CANDIDA WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23..... \$63.94
DON BOSS, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23..... \$53.25
JAN CLEMENT,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$51.38
DEUTH, BRENDA,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$56.63
SHERYL DORMAN,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$69.68
FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$42.65
SHARON LEERHOFF,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$113.90
MAAS, ROBERTA C.,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$80.80
MOLLY NEWTON,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$30.00
SENNER, ANN L,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$143.65
S N E L L I N G , M A R -LENE,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$37.50
TERESA STAUDT WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$85.50
LISA STEINLAGE,WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$79.50
SHIRLEY STEVENSON WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$75.00
WORDES CYNTHIA A WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION FEB'23 \$35.20
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY STREET-OIL FILER \$159.20
BODENSTEINER IMP. INC. PARKS-REPAIR Z930 GAS MOWER \$1,215.74
CRONIN, SKILTON, SKILTON ATTORNEY FEES JAN/FEB .. \$378.00
GRAPHIC APPAREL.AMB-SHIRTS \$1,216.00
KATRINA'S HELPFUL HOUSE CLEAN,W-CLEANING JAN'23 \$1,878.00
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S & T COLLISION,FIRE-BATTERIES \$449.90
WEX BANK,CITY FUEL EXPENSES \$917.31
D A N I E L Z W A N -ZIGER,STREET-SOCKET REIMBURSE \$96.03
BAKER & TAYLOR,LIB - BOOKS

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TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX \$337.63
CSG FORTE PAYMENTS WTR/SWR-ACH BANK FEES FEB'23 \$37.75
Accounts Payable Total \$22,951.21
Payroll Checks \$7,573.07
REPORT TOTAL \$30,524.28
GENERAL FUND \$15,621.77
LAKE/DAM \$101.00
URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY) \$18.00
ROAD USE \$3,564.47
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SEWER \$2,158.49
TOTAL FUNDS \$30,524.28

No. 22837
03/24/23

Board chairman supports max levy, despite reservations about RSB ending fund balance

COUNTY BUDGET: FROM 1

think that could at least be cut in half; it would save you quite a bit of money. Six percent may be more reasonable, but I think 9 percent I think is too much, especially since they have so many new ones.”

Cook, meanwhile, questioned the staffing level of county departments. “I also agree with Jeremy,” she said. “I think 9 percent increase is way too much, considering the new people we have in office. The things I don’t hear in the discussion ... that is the cutting of staff.”

She lauded County Attorney David Laudner, who decided not to hire an assistant county attorney, saying he was the lone elected official who had looked at staffing needs. She also said that all county workers should be working 40 hours a week to receive full benefits and if they aren’t working 40 hours, they should be hired on a part-time basis so the county wouldn’t have to pay for their benefits.

Cook said she believed there were other savings possible — including having workers cross-trained between departments in the courthouse.

“So if somebody is gone, somebody from another department can come in and fill in,” she said.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said that one of the reasons the county had increased salaries by 9 percent was because of the smaller pay increases elected officials have received in recent years.

He also expressed concerns about the RSB ending fund balance being just 13 percent of the annual RSB budget. Supervisors in recent weeks agreed to lower the tax-asking from \$2.52 million to \$2.3 million by using more money from its local option-sales tax (LOST) funds to cover the county’s portion of the new ambulance service and by dipping into reserves to cover the costs of the RSB budget.

“I don’t get how the ending fund balance was so low before ... I’m just concerned that we’re backing ourselves in a corner,” said Kuhn, who pointed out that state lawmakers are considering a bill that would limit the increases counties could impose on property taxpayers. “[If that happens], we’re going to be put into a tight spot. I’m just concerned we’re going to back ourselves into a corner.”

But Kuhn did support the max levy when supervisors voted, as did the rest of the supervisors — save for Jake Hackman, to move the budget along.

Hackman, during a break in the meeting, said that he felt supervisors were just asking too much from RSB property owners.

Board members, though, did not set the next date for a public hearing, but hope to do so this coming Monday so they can have the public hearing on April 10.



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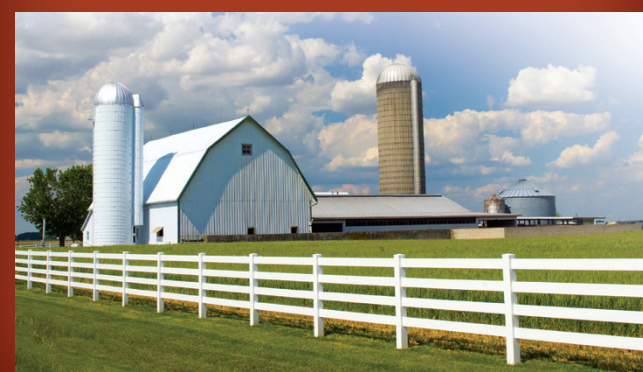
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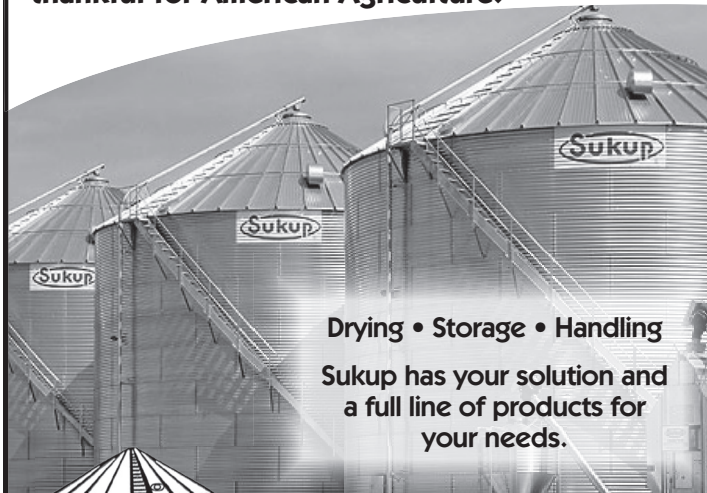
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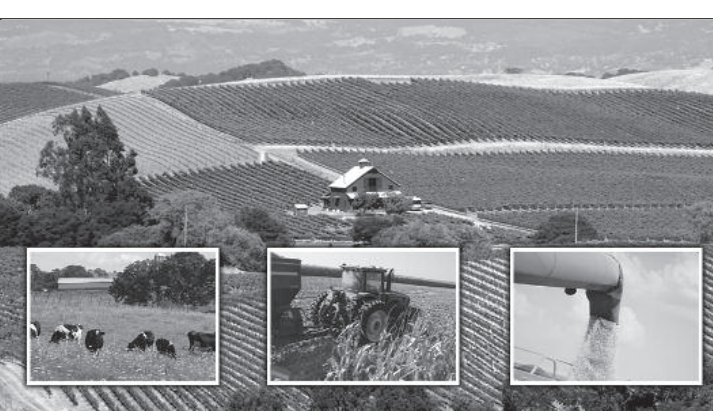
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Spring brings out optimism in farmers

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2022 was the fact that the harvest season — save for a little rain at the start of the soybean harvest — was almost perfect weather wise.

LIKE THE agronomist said, the 2023 growing season is fast approaching, and Basol was asked if farmers would take a repeat of 2022?

"The harvest and the results? Yes," he said. "The rest of the worries? Absolutely not. Seriously, it was a nerve-wracking season last year."

And farmers are going into 2023 still facing some drought conditions. Parts of Chickasaw County remain classified as abnormally dry by the U.S. Drought Monitor, but Basol pointed out the drought is far worse in western Iowa than it is here.

Still, he'd love to see some rain fall in the next month to help build up soil moisture profiles.

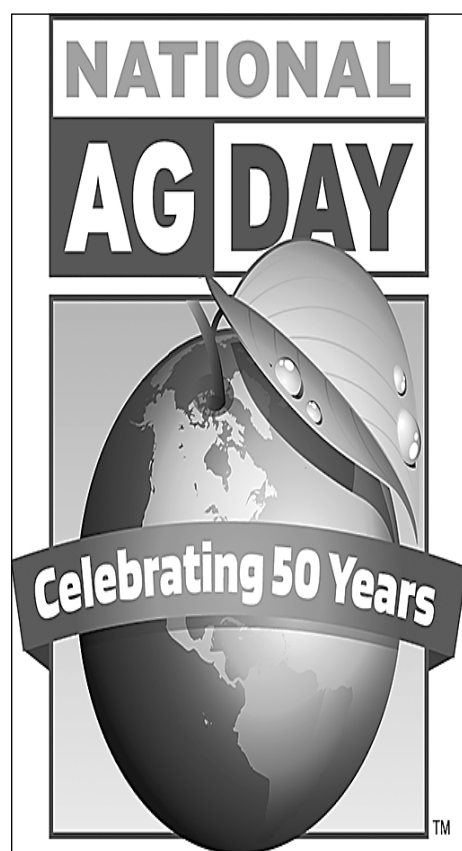
"We're a little low, nothing to panic about but still we could use some nice rains," he said, "and yes, I said rain, not snow."

The other challenge facing growers this year is the high cost of "inputs."

"Commodity prices are average, solid," he said, "but the cost of getting the crop in, that kind of offsets those prices."

Still, he said the farmers he's talked to are ready to get into the proverbial batter's box and see if they can hit one out of the park.

"Everyone's always optimistic in the spring," he said, "and they should be. We weathered the winter storms, the weather's getting nice and you just always feel like it's going to be a good year. And here's hoping it is."



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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Council Chambers, City Hall
The Nashua City Council met in special session on March 15, 2023 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Hal Kelleher, Ernie Willsher and Tim Malven. Samantha Johnson came in at 6:06PM. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Park Board President Nate Sinnwell, Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver and ION Environmental Solutions owner Chad Mcleary were present along with 3 guests.

Mayor Anthofer asked for consideration approving the amended regular agenda moving Chad Mcleary – ION Environmental Solutions after citizen comments. Willsher/M, Dean/S, M/C, RC: 3 ayes, Johnson absent.

Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the consent agenda: Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting February 20, 2023 and Payment of Claims (February 17-March 2, 2023), Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total Claims to be Paid \$86,742.91+\$8,322.00 (Wages). Willsher/M, Malven/S, M/C, RC: 3 ayes, Johnson absent.

Mayor Anthofer asked for public comments. City Clerk Ott mentioned that Roger Stacy had inquired about if the city needed seasonal help.

Chad Mcleary from ION Environmental Solutions discussed a proposal from his company for a new water/wastewater service contract. He explained how his company is different than other contractors. He explained that they don't provide some of the services that are offered by other contractors. ION Environmental Solutions contract is for the service to operate and maintain the water and waste water facilities and includes daily data collection, sample collection, routine maintenance, reporting, and emergency calls. The city would be responsible for meter reads, meter change outs, shutoffs,

located, digs, etc. The contract price was \$7,385/month.

Ryan Shawver Chickasaw County Sheriff reviewed his monthly report. The county was in Nashua 246.5 hours in February.

Business of the Mayor: The Mayor discussed nuisance properties where the owners have been sent a nuisance abatement contract and have not returned the contract. The council will discuss the situation further at the next council meeting March 20, 2023.

City Clerk Ott reminded the council that the city is going to be filling a vacant council seat by appointment at the next council meeting. Allie Wesselmann and Jake Johnson who are both interested in filling the open seat introduced themselves, shared some of their background, and explained why they were interested in becoming a council member. City Clerk Ott requested approval to attend the CCADC meeting and the Emergency Response Plan training both scheduled for March 22nd. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes. City Clerk Ott explained that he had a 2nd conference webinar with the Institute of Decision Making team at UNI and during the meeting they expressed that the City of Nashua needs to focus its efforts on the two big projects (dam project and wastewater treatment plant) and when the project scope and costs are determined for those projects, the city would be better aligned to start working on a comprehensive plan.

City Council:

Kelleher said that he was at the Library for Coffee with the Council last Saturday and no citizens showed up. He wanted to point out that this is a very informal gathering for citizens to come in and share their viewpoints and provide input to the council in an informal setting. Coffee with the Council is held the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10-11AM. He encourages all citizens to attend. Malven stated that someone should put on social media the projects that Nashua is currently working on. He expressed that there are a lot of things working in the background and that citizens who don't read the paper or attend the meetings are not aware of what the city is working on and maybe there would be more involvement if it was posted on social media. Council member Johnson volunteered to do it.

Park Board President Nate Sinnwell gave the Park Board monthly report and informed the council about the plans that they have been working on for the band shell that will be located at Cedar View Park. He stated that if they are able to complete the project before Water Over the Dam Days that it would bring a new look and positive changes to the festivities.

Discussion/Action

City Clerk Ott informed the council about a landlord who had a property that was receiving services, but no tenant had signed up for services. The city has sent a bill for those unpaid services to the landlord and they are requesting some payment relief. The landlord will be at the next council meeting. No decision was made as the council wants to hear from the landlord.

Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the Shuck-Britson Supplemental Agreement for Additional Services #1 – Dam Project. RC: 4 ayes. City Clerk Ott also noted that he has been talking with our bonding attorney as well as some financial service companies about funding options for the dam.

Willsher/M, Malven/S, MC to approve the new water/wastewater service contract proposed by ION Environmental Solutions. Kelleher, Malven, and Willsher aye and Johnson nay. Motion passed. The new contract will begin July 1, 2023.

The council discussed an estimate to fix the walking/bike trail proposed by D&M Asphalt for a cost of \$10,900 which would include filling the cracks and two coats of sealer. For an additional \$300/set it would include an infrastructure patch to get rid of the 6'x8' pothole area. The council discussed looking for grants and other funding sources prior to making a decision.

City Clerk Ott talked about the proposal that Charles City/Floyd County had received from AMR for a new ambulance contract. The 1st year would be \$415,000, 2nd – \$427,450, and 3rd – \$440,274. Charles City/Floyd County are hoping to continue working with Nashua. The proposed cost share of the contract for the city would be based on % of calls that AMR is dispatched to in Nashua. These are very preliminary numbers and cost share discussions.

Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the Mosquito Control of Iowa contract for \$9,035. RC: 4 ayes.

The council discussed participating in the Iowa Rural Summit. City Clerk Ott will talk to Val Johnson Chamber of Commerce President to see how many Chamber members would like to attend. The cost is \$200 per person, but if you bring 3 or more people it is \$70/person. The council will wait to see how many Chamber members want to attend prior to approving funds.

The council discussed the Chickasaw County Firefighting Mutual Aid Agreement. Mayor Anthofer noted some concerns that he had as well as changes that he would like to see implemented. The council agreed with the proposed changes and wanted to get clarification on a few items. Fire Chief Johnson will take it back to Chickasaw County for clarifications and/or revisions.

Malven/M, Johnson/S, M/C to approve the following purchases by Nick Henningsen Water/Wastewater Superintendent. Electric slow start and breaker for well pump estimated cost by Henningsen's Electric \$5,425 and a root saw and nozzle for jet truck approximate cost \$2,200 which will be paid out of the PeopleService maintenance budget. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed assessing possible fees for citizens who don't have a

new endpoint installed by a certain date. This will be discussed more at the next council meeting.	
There was no other business. Johnson/M, Malven/S, MC to adjourn, RC: 4 ayes. The meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.	
Pending Approval by Council John Ott	
CLAIMS REPORT (February 17-March 1, 2023)	
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:
The Agency had total operating receipts of \$1,507,390 for the year ended September 30, 2022, a 17.65% increase from the prior year. Operating disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2022 totaled \$950,862, a 3.18% increase from the prior year.
AUDIT FINDINGS:
Gardiner+ Company reported three findings related to the receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 27 through 30 of this report. The findings address issues such as lack of segregation of duties. Gardiner+ Company provided the Agency with recommendations to address each of these findings.
All of the findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The Agency Board has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Agency's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically deemed as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.
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RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-23-22
A RESOLUTION SETTING
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SELL THE REAL PROPERTY
IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL
2022-48 AND
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC
HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
SALE
WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors proposes to sell to Robert Hansen for \$200.00 the real property identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48, and legally described as a parcel of real property located in part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 18, Township 94 North, Range 14 West of the 5th P.M., in Chickasaw County, Iowa, described as commencing at the center of said Section 18; thence on an autonomous G.P.S. bearing S 89° 44' 31" W (record S 89° 05' 50" W) 795.26 feet along the south line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) to the centerline of Amherst Boulevard; thence N 21° 54' 20" W (record N 22° 33' 01" W) 391.76 feet; thence N 66° 43' 17" E (record N 66° 03' 50" E) 60.28 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard and the northwest corner of Chickasaw County Recorder's Fee Book 2015-0404 and point of beginning of this description: thence continuing N 66° 43' 17" E 159.04 feet (record N 66° 03' 50" E 159.14 feet) along the north line of said County Recorder's Fee Book 2015-0404 to the northeast corner thereof and the westerly right-of-way line of Nashua and Charles City Road; thence north-westerly 303.16 feet along a 196.20 foot radius curve concave southwesterly having a central angle of 88° 31' 55" and chord bearing of N 75° 49' 24" W 196.48 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard; thence S 21° 48' 38" E 119.53 feet along said easterly right-of-way line to the point of beginning, said parcel containing 0.29 acres;
and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.361(2) the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors is required to set forth its proposal to sell the real property in a resolution and publish notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the proposal to sell the real property.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors proposes to sell the real property identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48 to Robert Hansen for \$200.00 and will hold a public hearing on the proposal at 9:10 a.m. on April 3, 2023, in the boardroom on the second floor of the Chickasaw County Courthouse in New Hampton; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public comment on the proposed sale of the real property will be accepted by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to the Chickasaw County Auditor before 4:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Auditor is directed to publish the full text of this Resolution in the newspapers of record on March 23 and 24, 2023, respectively.
HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of March, 2023.
Yes / No
Yes / No Matthew Kuhn, Chair
Scott Cerwinski, Vice Chair
Yes / No
Yes / No
Jacob Hackman
Steven Breitbach
Yes / No
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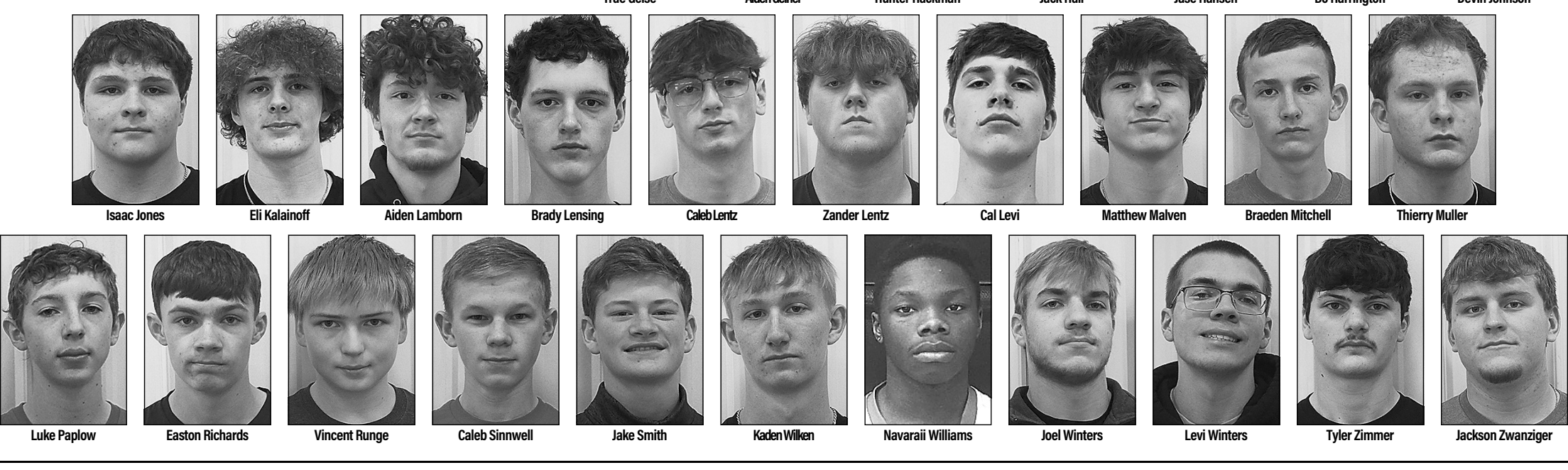
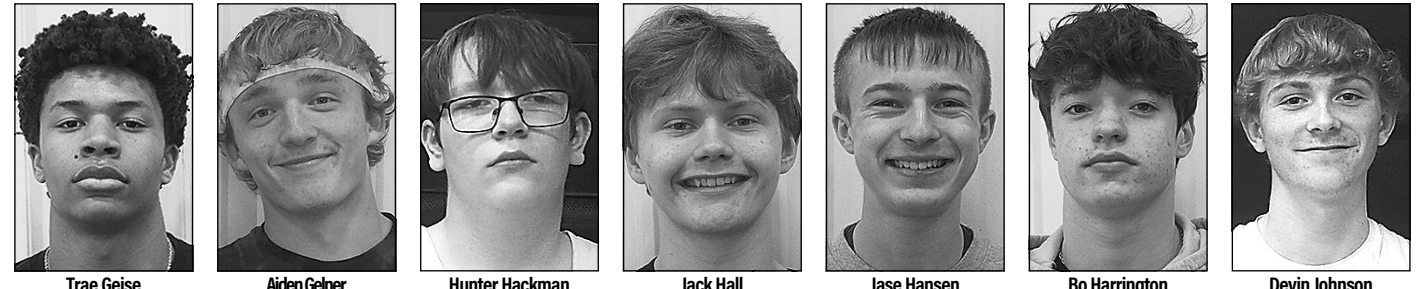
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N-P defensive back Trae Geise returns an interception back for yardage against North Tama last fall.

N-P looks to keep playoff streak alive

FOOTBALL: FROM 16

all return some quality pieces," said Christensen.

The Huskies defeated all prior district foes that have joined the Huskies new district – with the exception of Wapsie Valley. The Warriors defeated N-P, 41-6, in a game that was shortened because of weather.

"Wapsie probably loses the most, but I think they were probably a top 5 team last year that just got a bad matchup, and I believe they had something like 60 kids out for football. Even though we beat the remainder of the teams we can't take anything for granted. We have to worry about being the best team we can be," said Christensen.

N-P topped North Tama, 32-12, blasted North Butler in the season opener by a score of 42-6 and defeated the Comets of BCLUW on their homecoming, 20-6. N-P also dominated AGWSR, 42-8. Grundy Center topped N-P, 35-8.

The Huskies lost in the first

round of the playoffs to No. 1 ranked West Hancock, 44-16.

Grundy Center completed a perfect season by shutting out West Hancock, 27-0, in the title game in Cedar Falls.

N-P has qualified for the postseason in two consecutive seasons in Christensen's fourth year at the helm. N-P returns a bevy of talented players, but also lost several key seniors from a season ago.

In 2020, all teams qualified for the postseason because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In Christensen's first year of guiding N-P in 2020, N-P went 1-7. The Huskies improved to 4-5 the year after.

"I like the direction where the program is headed. I think we've taken some good steps to be a program that can challenge anyone. There is still work to do. I will say two years ago when districts came out we had far more schools wanting to play us non-district. This year it has been more of a challenge finding schools, which I guess is a compliment," said Christensen.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Husky running back Aiden Gelner looks for positive yards as he carries the ball against Wapsie Valley.

New faces ready to shine out on oval

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 16

superior time of 1:02.38.

Huck also won the open 800 at Wartburg in 2:23.04 – just edging out Forest City's Bethany Warren at the finish line. Warren clipped out at 2:23.33.

"Competition's definitely a big thing. Yesterday in my 800 I had somebody pushing me the whole time and I PR'd, even though I started off horribly. I got boxed in," said Huck.

Huck, just a sophomore, is unquestionably the team leader on N-P's squad as an underclassmen and is helping new first-year head coach Amber McCall get the rest of the Huskies up to speed.

"I've been running a lot. I try to keep everybody focused and everybody up – make sure they better themselves," Huck added.

McCall, a longtime N-P assistant track coach for the Huskies, is excited to tackle the challenges that will be set forth before the Huskies in 2022-2023.

"I am proud of our team. The first meet can always be intimidating, especially for our freshman. You could tell they were more relaxed at our second meet and ready to go compete and it did show. We made growth and progress," said McCall.

N-P sports just three seniors on its roster – Halie Pendergraft (first year), Sheyenne Bergmann (who broke her arm recently) and Emily Becker.

Conversely, the Huskies graduated some of the state's best talent in the small-school class in Breanna Hackman, Abbie Hyde and Makenzie Foelske – to name a few.

"I think a lot of them are working really hard. We did lose a lot last year – a lot of seniors," said Huck. "I definitely think it opens up a lot of new opportunities for freshmen and sophomores who didn't get to run as much as they wanted to last year.

The motto this year for the Huskies is "new team, same goal."

"At the start of the season we spend some time early on discussing what we want this season to represent. We had discussion on how last season ended, how we have a brand new team, how we want to give 100 percent, doing the little things right, representing our

Levi Winters cuts time in two-mile run at Wartburg

BOYS TRACK: FROM 16

now that we are some of the best kids in the state, where we gotta come out and show it from the start," said Sudol.

Once such relay that competed on the famed blue oval of Drake Stadium last spring was the 4x400 team – which finished 13th overall. While that squad has only one state returnee back in senior Bo Harrington – the Huskies are still making their mark indoors.

The Huskies finished seventh in the event on Tuesday – about a half a second back of sixth-place Dowling Catholic. Sudol switched the lineup from the last time the 4x400 ran two weeks ago at Wartburg. He had Harrington lead off and junior Titus Evans anchor. Evans led off at the first Wartburg Indoor, while Harrington anchored.

N-P was sitting in third place when Evans took the stick. While he didn't catch the leaders in his heat, Sudol and the rest of his Husky contingent loved Evans' effort in trying to go for the gold.

"He just went for it. The kid was a ways out in front of him, but he didn't slow down and tried getting after it and catching the kid," said Sudol.

N-P's time was 3:44.15 – over two seconds faster than its last run at Wartburg. Freshman Eli Kalainoff ran the second leg of the 4x400 followed by senior Joel Winters.

Nashua-Plainfield was the



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Nashua-Plainfield junior Jordyn Frost runs the 4x400 relay at the season-opening Wartburg indoor meet earlier this spring.

school, program, and community with class and being supportive of each other," said McCall. "When we say 'same goal,' it represents so much more than just track and field itself. It's being well-rounded individuals.

Junior veterans Ellie Eick and Jordyn Frost, along with freshman newcomers Jalissa White, Kami Hannemann and Abi Prugh, will just be a few of the Huskies to watch out for this spring when the outdoor season kicks off this Tuesday at St. Ansgar.

Frost finished seventh in the high jump (4-8) and ran on N-P's third-place 4x400 team last year at state.

Frost led of the 4x400 relay that finished 12th in 4:50 at Wartburg. The rest of the relay was comprised of White, Eick

and sophomore Marleigh Lowe. "A lot of us are focusing on 400s – me, Ellie, Jalissa, Kami, Marleigh, Jordan. There's a lot in there," said Huck.

Eick, Hannemann, sophomore Amberley Gerholdt and White ran in the 4x800. The group ran an 11:50, which saw them finish 14th overall.

N-P freshman Eden Lamborn placed seventh in the shot put with a toss of 30-8.5. That heave was over two feet further than her previous effort at Wartburg.

"That is huge with the big schools we were competing against!" said McCall.

The ceiling's pretty high for these Huskies – even with the loss of such quality seniors from a season ago that helped make history.

"Obviously we made it pretty

far last year. The biggest you can get," said Huck. "There's a lot of new opportunities."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

55 dash prelims - 30. Elayna O'Neill 8.8, 41. Bailey Bond 10.17, Jennifer McLeland 12.21.

Girls 55 hurdles prelims - 34. Emily Becker 11.26, 35. Marleigh Lowe 11.27.

200 dash - 19. Jordyn Frost 30.21, 36. Lowe 32.42.

400 dash - 1. Kadence Huck 58.56, 27. Kami Hannemann 1:15.86, 800 run - 1. Huck 2:23.04, 38. Emma O'Neill 3:37.49.

High jump - 7. Frost 4-8.

Long jump - 30. Kamryn Zimmer 9-6.

Shot put - 7. Eden Lamborn 30-8.5, 23. Myranda Webster 25-9.75.

4x200 - 21. Becker, Amberley Gerholdt, Abi Prugh, El. O'Neill 2:12.71.

4x400 - 12. Frost, Jalissa White, Ellie Eick, Lowe 4:50.25.

4x800 - 14. Eick, Hannemann, Gerholdt, White 11:50.31.

Wilken 8.41, 15. Landon Foelske 9.53.

200 dash - 19. Blaine Brannon 25.42, 24. Aiden Gelnor 26.08.

400 dash - 15. Jase Hansen 58.63, 32. Jake Smith 1:03.76.

800 run - 22. Braeden Mitchell 2:31.27, 26. Caleb Lentz 2:36.86.

1,600 run - 17. Caleb Sinnwell 5:44.37, 29. Luke Paplow 6:06.26.

3,200 run - 19. Levi Winters 12:30.56, 20. Sinnwell 12:48.43.

High jump - 4. Lamborn 6, Cal Levi NH.

Long jump - 25. Trae Geise 16-8, 35. Matthew Malven 14-5.

Shot put - 30. Jackson Zwanziger 32-5.5, 35. Isaac Jones 29-4.5.

4x200 - 18. Jack Hall, Karson Chyma, Brady Lensing, Tyler Zimmer 1:51.38.

4x400 - 7. Bo Harrington, Eli Kalainoff, Joel Winters, Titus Evans 3:44.75.

4x800 - 12. Devin Johnson, Hansen, Dylan Blanchard, Harrington 9:20.59.

matter as much as our time," said Sudol. "I just like to see kids compete this early in the season."

Husky freshman Jase Hansen worked his way to a 15th-place showing in the open 400 dash in a time of 58.63.

Levi Winters, another senior for Sudol, shaved 30 seconds off his time in the two-mile run (3:200). Winters ran a 12:30:56, compared to his 13:03.47 at Wartburg earlier this year.

N-P's 4x800 team of Devin Johnson, Hansen, Dylan Blanchard and Harrington placed 12th overall in 9:20.59.

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Nashua-Plainfield gets a couple of new foes in district

State releases districts for next two years; South Winn, North Butler join Class A, District 3

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Two for two.
That was essentially the swap of teams that took place in the redistricting of the Nashua-Plainfield football squad's Class A, District 3 by the state this week.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association released the eight different districts in Class A on Monday and the Huskies and head coach Andrew Christensen will see many familiar faces again this fall for their district slate.

Two of last year's playoff qualifiers from N-P's district a year ago – defending state champ Grundy Center and Hudson – have bumped up to Class 1A. Those two bigger schools have been replaced by traditional power South Winneshiek and one of the main rivals for the Huskies – North Butler.

"We knew since last year that Grundy Center and Hudson were probably moving up to 1A. I think Grundy Center moving up to 1A will make all coaches in A happy. They return almost everyone from their title team, and Hudson was young last year and improving," said Christensen.

Hudson defeated N-P in the regular season finale last fall, 20-14. That forced the Huskies to travel to Britt and take on top-ranked West Hancock in the first round of postseason play.

Joining South Winn and

North Butler are the same district foes from a year ago for N-P – AGWSR, North Tama, BCLUW and Wapsie Valley. N-P's district is also the same – Class A, District 3.

North Butler went 8-2 two seasons ago, but fell to 3-6 last year. South Winneshiek has gone back-to-back seasons with just two wins in each year, but is a proven commodity in small-school class prep football in the state of Iowa. South Winn went 8-2 in 2020 and defeated N-P in the postseason that year, 42-0.

"North Butler is a rival and will always be a tough game for us. They've been successful in the past. South Winn is a traditional power who has been down the last couple of years, but we know that they will be well coached and play hard. Also if you look at their scores, they played most of their opponents tough, so their record could be a little deceiving," said Christensen.

Wapsie Valley went 7-3 overall in the district and lost to eventual state runner-up West Hancock, 16-9, in the second round of the playoffs. Hudson (4-5, 3-3) earned the third seed out of Class A, District 3 last fall and N-P worked its way to a 5-4 overall mark to snare the final playoff spot in that district.

"It is kind of nice having some of the same teams on the schedule. But, it doesn't mean that they will all stay the same. All the teams still in our district

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

A rarity this spring

Nashua-Plainfield boys track team members Kaden Wilken (left) and Titus Evans lead the Huskies' track team around the track during a practice Wednesday, one of the few days this month when it's actually felt like spring. Both Huskies' track teams are scheduled to start the outdoor season this Tuesday, when they travel to the St. Ansgar Early Bird Coed ... weather permitting, of course.

PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM!

HUSKY BOYS WRAP UP THEIR INDOOR SEASON, READY TO TAKE LARGE TEAM OUTDOORS

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The Huskies have numbers this spring.

That should bode well for all athletics at Nashua-Plainfield, because often times work put in out on the oval during the "offseason" can yield positive results later on the down the road.

One would only need to look at the success of N-P wrestling, basketball, baseball or football to understand the value of what the sport of track and field can offer to its participants.

That's why Chase Sudol is eager to get the outdoor season started.

"That's how we've gotten 40 kids out for track. Just the fact that we get kids to believe that it helps them in other sports," said Sudol. "I think it does. It's been one of the most successful years at Nashua-Plainfield and I truly believe a lot of it has to do with the weightlifting and some of the things that we do during practice. These kids have put the work in."

N-P finished off its second indoor meet of the season at the Wartburg Indoor this past week Tuesday. The Huskies opened the indoor portion of its 2022-2023 season at Waverly in the second week of March and once again proved on the same orange oval that the Huskies have serious contenders in several events.

"These seniors are hard-working kids where they deserve all the success that they're having and continue to have," said Sudol.

N-P has 40 kids out this year, a big lineup for a school the size of Nashua-Plainfield. Many members of Sudol's squad are back for their final season and aiming for a stellar finish – most notably at Des Moines and the state meet.

"We've always been a track team that's gotten better throughout the year, but we always seem once we get to state we kind of are satisfied with just getting there. We're trying to develop that mentality

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Joel Winters runs a leg of the 4x400 relay during an indoor meet at Wartburg College earlier this month.

N-P star sets torrid pace during final indoor meet

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Part of being one of the state's top athletes out on the oval is demonstrating the ability to mentor and lead.

Kadence Huck has those winning attributes down pat in her quest to keep her Huskies right near the top of the Class 1A team standings at the state meet that will take place in a couple months.

Huck – Nashua-Plainfield's star state titleholder – is also looking to master the running part as well.

Give her time, because the Husky school-record breaker is off to a flying start.

Huck lowered her already amazing time in the open 400 at last Tuesday's Wartburg Indoor by dropping the hammer once more.

This looks like it might be a pattern this spring for Huck – who led N-P to its first ever girls state championship in any sport as the Huskies won it all in track field last spring at the Class 1A state prep meet.

Huck ran a 58.56 at Wartburg's third indoor invitational of the season. To put that

winning time in perspective – only two high school runners in the entire state have eclipsed that mark and the outdoor season hasn't even begun yet.

Needless to say, this is Huck's marquee event and it also goes without saying – it's her favorite.

"I'm definitely happy with where I'm at, especially indoors – because there's always more curves, so you have to go harder around," said Huck. "By the end of the season I want to be down in the 56s for my 400. In my 800 I want to be down around 2:15. I'd like to bring two state titles home in those. We'll see."

As far as 400 times that have been submitted to the website Bound, only Addison Swartzendruber of Cedar Rapids Kennedy (57.95) and Gracie Federspiel of Solon (58.52) have run faster than Huck in the open 400.

Huck is the defending state 1A champ in the event, as she won gold in her first crack at the 400 as a freshman. Huck beat Dowling Catholic's Annie Smith in the 400 on Tuesday. The Maroon ran a distance, albeit

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Boys and girls golf vs. Osage and West Fork, Sunny Brae Golf and Country Club, Osage, 4:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Boys and girls golf vs. Clarksville, Dunkerton and Tripoli, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Boys and girls track at Nashua-Plainfield Coed, 4:30 p.m.



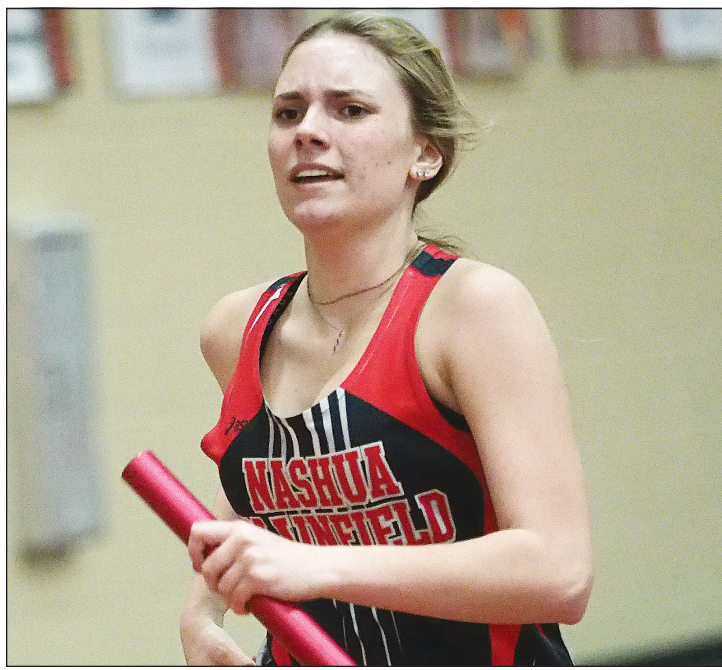
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Nashua-Plainfield's Abi Prugh competes in the 4x200 during an indoor meet at Wartburg.



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