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Nashua-Plainfield FFA seniors (above) share a light moment with the chapter's advisor, Heidi Hull, during the "hanger ceremony" at Saturday's annual meeting and banquet, where chapter officers (below) get ready to start the program.

PLENTY TO CELEBRATE, PLENTY TO DO

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD FFA MARKS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET, PREPARES FOR STATE CONFERENCE



BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

In some ways, the annual Nashua-Plainfield FFA annual meeting and banquet represents an ending. In other ways, though, chapter members are just getting started.

Still, there's a reason the banquet takes place in March. Make that reasons.

First, FFA members are exceedingly busy in April and May. Second ... well, let Nashua-Plainfield FFA Advisor Heidi Hull explain.

"The other reason is that then we're not taking farmers out of the field. If we had it later [in the school year], that might be a

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City tax rate going up but won't be close to max levy

Nashua City Council holds quick, quiet public hearing; tax rate now is going up by just 1.2%

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The city portion of Nashua residents' property tax bill will be going up next year, but here's the good news: The hike isn't going to be anywhere near what a legal notice published earlier this month showed.

"You publish high, but I think the council's goal all along was to find ways to make sure that wasn't the final rate," Nashua City Clerk John Ott said Thursday, a few days after the council held one of its shortest meetings. "You can always go down from the [max levy] but once that's published, you can't go up."

So in the March 7 Reporter, the city published its max-levy public hearing notice that included a 9.2 percent increase in its tax-levy rate and an 11.3 percent hike in its tax-asking.

But by this past Monday, when the council held that public hearing, the numbers were a little more — make that, a lot more — palatable.

Ott said the council is now considering a tax-levy rate increase from \$16.33998 per \$1,000 valuation for this year to \$16.52887 per \$1,000 valuation for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Under the current proposed levy rate, that means the city will take in \$823,600 in property taxes during the fiscal year that begins July 1, up 3.1 percent from almost \$799,000 the city will receive during this fiscal year.

Almost all of that increase will go to the city's debt service fund to help pay for recent repairs made to the dam.

In its max-levy notice, the council blamed the large increase on not only the dam but also the fact that the city needed to levy more for FICA, IPERS and other employee benefits. On Thursday, though, Ott said the city will use reserves to cover the benefit costs in 2025-26!

SEE CITY COUNCIL, 2

N-P qualifies busload for National History Day state competition

Powerhouse program has 11 of its 12 projects advance from regional meet

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Here's a quick summary of how Monday's National History Day regional competition went for Nashua-Plainfield: Different location; same success.

The Sullivan Regional may have moved to a new home at the University of Northern Iowa this year, but Nashua-Plainfield's powerhouse program didn't really skip a beat as 11 of the 12 projects advisor Suzy Turner's students entered earned top-three finishes and qualified for the state contest that will be held next month in Ames.

The N-P team still delivered the same high-level performance as it has in past years," Turner said. "I'm extremely proud of the great work the kids have done. The extra hours they put in after school and on weekends, as well as their commitment to continuous improvement, really shines through on contest day."

Six Nashua-Plainfield projects completed by 13 students — Paige Franzen, Cal Levi, Kadence Huck, Ava Kirk, Elexa O'Neill, Jackson Mehmen, Connor Sullivan, Braylynn Brase, Mykah Hall, Emilie O'Neill, Ellie Sudol, Elizabeth Kalvig and Cora Arias — claimed first place while Titus Cerwinski, Melissa Hampton, Warner Huck,

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Photo courtesy of Suzy Turner

Nashua-Plainfield students who competed in district competition pose for a photo at the University of Northern Iowa on Monday, and the students included (front row, from left) Warner Huck, Braxton Johnson, Alexis Folkerts, Cooper Mitchell, Emilie O'Neill, (second row) Ellie Sudol, Lydia Chester, Mia Schmitt, Halle Carpenter, Braylynn Brase, Melissa Hampton, Ava Kirk, Elexa O'Neill, Mykah Hall, Cora Arias, Elizabeth Kalvig, (back row) Titus Cerwinski, Jackson Mehmen, Connor Sullivan, Cal Levi, Kadence Huck, Paige Franzen, Blaire Brase and Ronan Bond.

Nashua-Plainfield students to exhibit art at New Hampton museum on Sunday

One March event is still on tap for the Carnegie Cultural Center in New Hampton before a flurry of April events begin. Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools will host its art exhibition this Sunday at the museum from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

On Thursday, April 3 the center will hold a crockpot cooking class from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Space is limited and may be claimed by calling 641-394-2354.

On Saturday, April 5 a course in card making will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the center. Space is limited so registration can be made by calling the above number or email info@carnegiculturalcenter.org.

The next day, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. Chalk Painting with Amy Kuehn will take place. Two options are available, a “two bunnies and one egg” for \$15 or a “birdhouse and a bird” for \$35. Call to register There will be a Spring Tea Party on Sunday, April 13 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., “Lego Creations” will be presented on April 20 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and there will be a Sunday story hour on April 27 at 1:30 p.m.



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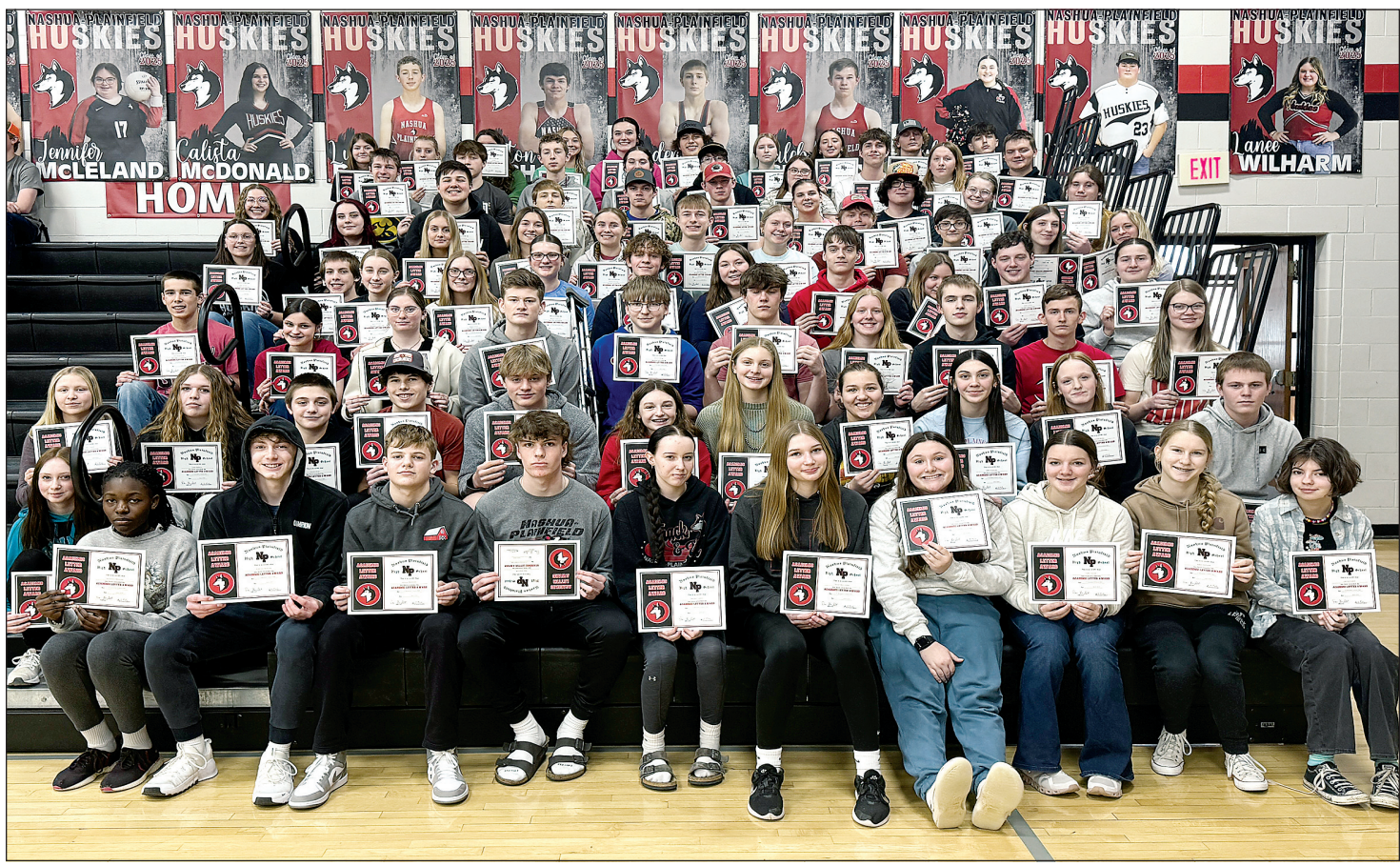
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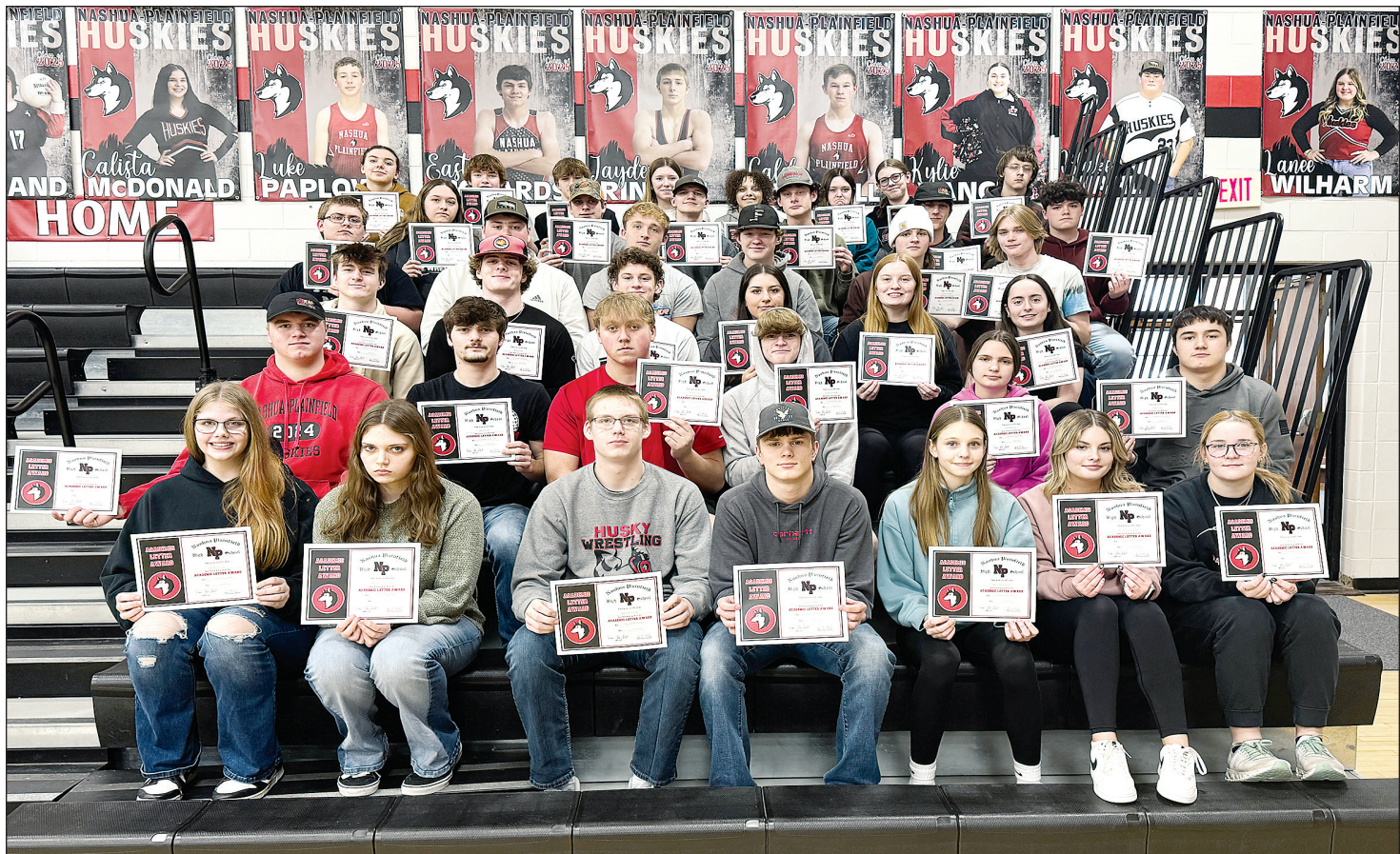
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Jenn Kalainoff

That’s a lot of academic achievement in one gym!

Nashua-Plainfield students who made the A (above) and B (below) honor rolls during the fall semester pose for pictures after an assembly that honored academic achievement was held earlier this month.



N-P alum achieves milestone in her real estate career

To the Reporter

Alannah Richards, a realtor with the Stewart Realty Company, has recently achieved another significant milestone in her developing real estate career.

As of March 2025, Richards is now a licensed broker associate in the state of Iowa. She successfully passed the National and State Broker examination in January and has officially received her license.

Richards’s national and state coursework included contract law and contract writing, trust accounts, appraisal and market analysis, real estate law and agency law, finance, real estate office organization, administration and human resources; real estate technology and data security, and ethics and safety issues for brokers and others.

Attaining a broker designation in real estate allows an agent to own and operate their own office together with expanded education and leadership opportunities.

Richards puts her skills to work in each and every transaction she completes.

“I love helping clients achieve their real estate dreams, whether that is to buy their first home or sell their property,” Richards said. “The journey to become a broker associate has given me practical skills and knowledge that I must possess to assist my clients in obtaining their real estate goals.”

Richards is a native of the Charles City area, graduating from Nashua-Plainfield



Richards

High School in 2021.

She worked as a marketing specialist and agent assistant at Stewart Realty Company during her junior and senior years in high school, before pursuing her business degree at Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque.

She received her Iowa real estate salesperson license while attending college and worked primarily in the Dubuque area.

Richards returned home after college to build her business and focus her real estate career here in Northeast Iowa.

She can be contacted at Stewart Realty Company by phone at 641-228-1111 or 641-229-7722, email at Alannah@StewartRealtySells.com or by visiting her Facebook page: Alannah Richards – REALTOR.

Public hearing on max tax levy rate lasts for just three minutes

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

The reasons the percentage of the city’s levy rate doesn’t match the percentage of its tax-asking increase are varied, but most notably, the city’s total valuations ticked up a bit and changes were made by the state to the rollback.

“It is complicated,” Ott said. “It can be hard to explain because there are so many things that change from year to year. I know what we have here, though, is a lot better for taxpayers than what [was published].”

Adding to the confusion is the new form that the state requires taxing entities to publish and mail to property owners. A year ago, the state had those entities included the tax bill on \$100,000 residential properties and \$300,000 commercial properties that did not have a valuation increase.

However, now the state requires those tax-asking entities to use those properties valued at \$100,000 (residential) and \$300,000 (commercial) during the current year but gives both types of properties a 10 percent increase in the

upcoming fiscal year.

In Nashua’s case, the form shows a 13.87 percent city tax-bill increase for a residential property and a 15.32 percent city tax-bill hike for a commercial property.

That’s misleading, Chickasaw County Assessor Ray Armel said a few weeks ago at a Board of Supervisors meeting because since this is not a “re-valuation year,” about 94 percent of the properties in the county will not see any valuation increase.

Still, Nashua city leaders weren’t quite sure what to expect on Monday when the

council held the first of two budget-related public hearings. In the end, not a soul turned up for the 6 p.m. meeting.

Ott gave council members a quick update on the budget, and at 6:03, the meeting was adjourned.

“I don’t think anyone should get used to three-minutes council meetings,” Ott said with a laugh. “I doubt that’s going to be the norm.”

The council will hold its next meeting on April 7, and the city is required to have its budget and tax levy for 2025-26 certified by the end of the month.

Supervisors get good news when they open county’s rock bids

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors received some good news on Monday when it opened rock bids for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Two companies, BMC

Aggregates and Bruening Rock Company, provided bids and County Engineer Roman Lensing said the county’s proposed budget was in line with the bids opened on Monday.

“I will tell you guys that for the most part it appears to be in line with my estimate, plus or minus,” Lensing said, “so we should be good on budget as long as the budget passes.”

Bruening had the low bid at \$1,669,034.43 while BMC’s bid came in at \$1,759,969.60, but Lensing asked the board members to hold off on awarding the contract until next week.

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Supervisors hint that Chickasaw County RSB, GS tax-levy rates may inch down a bit

During a much ‘quieter’ public hearing on county’s max levy, residents tell county leaders that they believe they should look at selling at least one county-owned building

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

It wasn’t anything like last year when it came to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors’ public hearing on its max tax levy.

Monday’s hearing, in short, paled in comparison to the one held on March 27, 2024.

Instead of holding it in the courtroom, it was held in the cozy confines of the board room. Instead of an almost two-hour hearing, Monday’s lasted all of 17 minutes.

Not that supervisors didn’t get a few comments, but the difference between requesting an almost 19 percent increase in tax-asking and calling for a 3 percent increase was plainly evident Monday morning.

About 10 county residents attended Monday’s hearing that dealt with the maximum tax-levy rates county leaders are considering for the budget year that begins on July 1, and three residents actually had more questions about school taxes than county ones.

“A lot of people think that when they write that check to the Chickasaw County treasurer, that we control that those values, those tax-askings,” Board Chairman Jake Hackman said. “We don’t.”

In a later meeting — under state law, the only item that can be on the max-levy meeting agenda is the public hearing — supervisors hinted that at least two of the levies they control, Rural Services Basic (RSB) and General Supplemental (GS) could inch down by the time the board certified its budget and tax levy next month.

The issue, though, remains General Basic (GB), which state law requires to have a maximum levy rate of \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation.

One county resident, Mike Murray, expressed frustration about the six positions that we will be cut from the county.

“My main concern is the cut of employees [because] of the shortage of money in the county,” Murray said. “You have to get that money from somewhere, I think, to keep those employees going. Can you find

anyplace to get it?” Hackman’s answer was an emphatic no.

“The levy rates are maxed out. Our tax base is not growing,” he said. “It does not help the shortfall, especially when people signed up for exemptions of military and 65-plus. That’s less revenue coming in on property tax. ...

“We either have to grow the tax base or cut the amount of service that this county is used to.”

Two county residents — Robert Shatek and Dixie Zeien — also called on the county to sell the old Hugeback-Johnson funeral home building that is now home to the County Attorney’s Office and Emergency Management Agency and utilize more of the Heritage Center.

“There’s quite a bit of space at the county home, I think that’s quite the expense to operate both buildings,” Shatek said.

“Those are two buildings and there is not much activity going on in either one,” Zeien added a few minutes later. “Can they be consolidated?”

During its regular weekly board meeting, which started 13 minutes after the public hearing ended, Hackman went through what he hoped will be the timeline for the remainder of the “budget season.”

The board chairman said he hopes the board this Monday will approve setting the public hearing for the 2025-26 budget for April 14, which will give the county enough time to publish the legal notice in its two official newspapers next week.

He also said he felt that the GS levy rate could come down slightly and expressed the same opinion about RSB.

During the more-than-one-month-long budgeting process, the county has cut more than \$1 million from proposed budgets to help alleviate a relatively large gap between projected revenues and expenditures in GB.

During that process, six positions — three at Public Health and Homecare Services and one each from the Treasurer’s, Auditor’s and Sheriff’s Office — were eliminated. That means

the county won’t be paying its share of six health insurance policy premiums, IPERs and other benefits that are covered by GS.

Hackman also pointed out that the projected RSB budget has a 25 percent ending fund balance and that includes a portion of the county’s two payments for Chickasaw County EMS.

Supervisors in February reached a consensus to raise the RSB levy rate by three cents, from \$3.52 to \$3.55 per \$1,000 valuation, but Hackman argued that the county doesn’t need the increase levy rate that is paid by rural property owners.

“We set our max levy rates. We can go down,” Supervisor Steve Breitbach said. “I’d be willing to look at it next week

when we get more numbers. I think we can drop RSB and GS some, but let’s make sure.”

Board members took no action on the budget but agreed to try to get the public hearing set on Monday.

Still, as Hackman pointed out, it’s been a challenging budget year, and he talked about what he and Supervisor Travis Suckow heard at a recent

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau meeting.

“I still heard don’t raise property tax, but don’t cut the service that they use or we use or that I use,” he said, “but that’s hard to do when you’re sitting in these chairs because every service is needed by somebody, right? That’s what makes this tough when our max levy has been maxed out for years.”

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed NASHUA-PLAINFIELD School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Location of Public Hearing: Nashua-Plainfield Community School District 612 Greeley Street Nashua, IA 50658 JH/HS Commons	Date of Hearing: 04/07/2025	Time of Hearing: 06:00 PM
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The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 25/26 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 2026	Re-est. 2025	Actual 2024	Avg % 24-26
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,310,458	3,088,237	3,017,423	% 4.7
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	54,115	54,088	106,896	% -28.8
Income Surtaxes	3	485,686	292,300	260,936	% 36.4
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	443,346	435,667	389,484	
Earnings on Investments	5	65,836	64,871	96,823	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	45,309	44,643	186,257	
Student Activities and Sales	7	177,124	176,228	231,546	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	143,487	143,172	426,721	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	4,466,202	4,478,811	4,191,983	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	14,089	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	802,491	790,631	865,195	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	40,917	40,917	606	
Title I Grants	14	66,241	66,241	76,797	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	581,922	574,476	361,110	
Total Revenues	16	10,697,223	10,250,282	10,211,777	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0	
Transfers In	18	540,350	570,157	504,483	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	25,834	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	11,237,573	10,820,439	10,742,094	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	4,129,892	4,034,893	3,897,748	
Total Resources	23	15,367,465	14,855,332	14,639,842	
*Instruction	24	5,993,364	5,613,162	5,946,631	% 0.4
Student Support Services	25	260,000	231,433	240,325	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	430,515	395,691	200,934	
General Administration	27	280,000	261,167	312,362	
School Administration	28	310,000	292,841	343,080	
Business & Central Administration	29	333,795	352,134	332,920	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	992,675	810,961	758,807	
Student Transportation	31	527,568	498,939	529,174	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	3,134,553	2,843,166	2,717,602	% 7.4
*Noninstructional Programs	32	505,922	472,245	445,425	% 6.6
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	402,609	504,515	172,896	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	510,350	510,701	529,819	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	226,977	251,301	284,028	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,139,936	1,266,517	986,743	% 7.5
Total Expenditures	36	10,773,775	10,195,090	10,096,401	
Transfers Out	37	530,350	530,350	504,483	
Other Uses	38	0	0	4,065	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	11,304,125	10,725,440	10,604,949	
Ending Fund Balance	40	4,063,340	4,129,892	4,034,893	
Total Requirements	41	15,367,465	14,855,332	14,639,842	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		10.94864			

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2025
Nashua-Plainfield JH/HS Commons
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order (Quorum)
Present Patrick Lentz called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Present: Laura Folkerts, Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Patrick Lentz. MS/HS Principal Dean Youngblut, Superintendent Jay Marley, and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.

II. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)
None
III. Approve the Consent Agenda
Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Cody Jensen to approve previous board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Bills for Payment
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Chris Hagen to approve the monthly bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Monthly Financial Reports
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Personnel Recommendations
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Chris Hagen to approve the resignation from Pam Erbe-Lines as K-12 School Librarian. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Spotlight in Education
Mrs. Wheeler highlighted their DECA success at the state level and their exciting opportunity to compete at the national level.

V. Administrative Reports
Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer’s report was shared with the district by Superintendent Jay Marley. MS/HS Principal Dean Youngblut went over his report with the board.

VI. Review and Information ONLY
NPESP Initial Opening Proposal
NPESP presented their initial proposal to the board.

VII. Review and Consider Approving Board Policy 605.3R1 and 103 1st and 2nd

Reading (Annual Review Needed)
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Cody Jensen Motion to approve the 1st and 2nd readings of Policies 605.3R1 and 103. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Review and Consider Approving/Allowing National History Day to travel to Maryland for National Competition (Board Policy / Insurance purpose)
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Chris Hagen to approve History Day to travel out of state to Maryland for their National Competition. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Review and Consider Approving FY 26 Technology Budget & On-Going Technology Cycle
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Lara Lawrence Motion to approve the yearly technology purchases, not including the computer refresh. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Review and Consider Approving Service Agreement North Central Iowa Education Consortium & Ed Klamfoth Consulting
Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Chris Hagen to approve the Service Agreement with North Central Iowa Education Consortium. Motion carried

unanimously.
XI. Review and Consider Approving Exempt Session for Preparation for Collective Bargaining per Iowa Code ~ 20.17 (Negotiations Strategy)
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Lara Lawrence to approve going into an exempt session for preparation for collective bargaining per Iowa Code 20.17. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Review and Consider Approving H21 Group Bid of Sports Complex Dug-out equipment (Player Benches, Storage Rack, & Bat Rack holders)
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Chris Hagen to approve the H21 Group bid of the dugout equipment in the amount of \$28,209. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Review and Consider Approving AEA Purchasing Food Cooperative Purchasing Programs for School Food Service
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Cody Jensen to approve the AEA Purchasing Food Cooperative Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Review and Consider Approving Iowa Local Government Risk Pool (Iowa LGRP) Natural Gas Renewal
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Cody Jensen to approve the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. Review and Consider Approving Frontline Renewal for Analytics Solutions for FY26
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Chris Hagen to approve the Frontline renewal for Analytics Solutions for FY26 in the amount of \$14,033.25. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. Review and Consider Approving HLT Fund Raising Request with Kwik Trip / Kwik Star
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Cody Jensen to approve the HLT Fund-raising request. Motion carried unanimously.

XVII. Review and Consider Approving 3 year Agreement with UNI Educator Preparation Program
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the 3 year Agreement with the UNI Educator Preparation Program. Motion carried unanimously.

XVIII. Review and Information ONLY Baseball & Softball Complex Update
Superintendent Jay Marley shared an update on the baseball and softball complex. No motion was made.

XIX. Review and Information ONLY Open Enrollment Trends
Superintendent Jay Marley shared with the board that we have 5 new applications out and 4 new coming in. No motion was made.

XX. Review and Information ONLY Preliminary FY 26 Tax Rates
Superintendent Jay Marley and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff shared with the board the preliminary FY26 tax rates. Ashley also shared with the board how they got to that tax rate. No motion was made.

XXI. Review and Consider Approving Lawn Care Service for Sports Complex
Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Cody Jensen Motion to approve the lawn care service bid for the sports complex from Green Image in the amount of \$24,856. Motion carried unanimously.

XXII. Superintendent’s Report
Jay Marley went over his superintendent report with the board.

XXIII. Set Meeting Dates: 1st Budget Hearing March 24 / 2nd Budget Hearing April Meeting
Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Chris Hagen to approve the 1st Budget Hearing for March 24 at 6:00 pm and the 2nd Budget Hearing for April 7 at 6 pm, with moving our regular April Board Meeting to April 7 as well. Motion carried unanimously.

XXIV. Adjourn
Chris Hagen adjourned at 7:31 pm, seconded by Laura Folkerts. Motion carried unanimously.

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F’burg daycare to hold fundraiser Sunday

Fun in the Son Day Care and Preschool, Fredericksburg, is having a dinner, silent auction, and bake sale on Sunday, March 30, from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Community Center.

The menu includes lasagna, garlic bread, green beans, desserts, and beverages. A freewill offering will be taken for the meal.

The silent auction consists of items contributed by local businesses and individuals. Anyone wishing to contribute an auction item or baked goods for the bake sale should contact Janiece Kramer at (563)237-6117.

Fun in the Son Day Care and Preschool is a nonprofit, state licensed Christian child care center. Proceeds from fundraisers are used for building maintenance and day care and preschool programming and supplies.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’
MINUTES March 17, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 9:08 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinski, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Engineer Roman Lensing, Board of Health Joan Knoll, Terry Johnson, Assessor Raymond Armel, Jeanne Heit, Nancy Franzen, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Kathy Shekleton, Bonnie Keller
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda for March 17, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for meeting on March 10, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Public Comment: A letter was read by Board of Health member Joan Knoll. Discussion on the re-audit for the City of Nashua. Public comment by Terry Johnson

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve EBS Administration Agreement for claims run-out for Chickasaw County for Flex Program and to end EBS Flex on June 30, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve renewal of current plan for healthcare for FY25-26 with a 5% increase. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Carter. Nays: Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion failed.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Alternate Plan 17 Healthcare for FY25-26, renewal of Life Insurance, and renewal Dental Insurance. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman. Nays: Breitbach, Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-25-14 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR A TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE AND FOR A TOWNSHIP CLERK WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 359.46 requires the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors to establish compensation for a township trustee, and Iowa Code section 359.47 states that a township clerk shall be compensated at the same rate of pay as a township trustee; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Su-

pervisors shall establish an hourly rate for a township trustee while engaged in official business and may establish a minimum daily pay rate for the time spent by a township trustee attending a scheduled meeting of township trustees; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors intends to establish both the mandatory hourly rate as well as the discretionary minimum daily pay rate, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to Iowa Code sections 359.46 and 47 the hourly rate for a township trustee and for a township clerk while engaged in official business is set at \$1.00 per hour and the minimum daily pay rate for the time spent by a township trustee and by a township clerk attending a scheduled meeting of township trustees is set at \$50.00 per meeting, effective immediately, and that this Resolution replaces Resolution #03-09-20-21. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a township trustee and a township clerk requesting compensation shall submit a completed timesheet to the Chickasaw County Auditor, and that the Chickasaw County Auditor shall make said payment at least once each quarter during each fiscal year. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 17th day of March, 2025. / ss/ Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach Carter, Cerwinski, Hackman Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor’s office and on county’s website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve appointment of a Safety Coordinator, Ranae Carey, Secondary Roads, to be paid \$2,000.00 per year from General Services. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.
Discussion on the progress of repair of the Heritage Center due to water damage.

Budget work session:
Public comment by Board of Health Joan Knoll, Jeanne Heit, and Nancy Franzen

No committee assignments.
Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 10:59 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton,
Secretary to the Board

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N-P coach lauds senior's leadership

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 8

clocking out at 2:15.46 to win the event. Second-place Brogan Evans of Mason City was far back off the senior Husky's pace with a 2:28.77.

Huck just fell under – by a minuscule four one-hundredths of a second – the required 800 time of 2:15.5 or what is called a Blue Standard and was able to automatically qualify for Drake.

Huck cracked the Drake Relays field in the mile run as well at the Wartburg Indoor No. 1 meet with a time of 4:42.64.

“She is on a mission this season and is beyond determined. This is the first season that Kadence has knocked out a Blue Standard indoors and for her to knock out two is so exciting,” said N-P head coach Amber McCall.

Huck, who will run at Oklahoma State later this fall, is no stranger to Drake.

Huck just missed out on qualifying for Drake in the mile run last spring. She placed third in the open 400 last year at Drake and was also third in the 800 run. Huck medaled in the 400 dash (fourth), 800 run (fifth) and 1,500 run (fifth) at Drake as well when she was a sophomore in 2023.

McCall talked about Huck's desire to be the best out on the oval – which centers around fine-tuning her immense talent and year-round training.

“It is a true statement of the hard work she has put in all year round,

every single day. Kadence knows what it takes to be one of the best athletes in the state. She is very committed and that is what it takes. We're very, very proud of her and so excited to see what is to come!” said McCall.

Several other Huskies are laying down a foundation of success that should be fun to watch this season as well in freshmen Kelly Cerwinske and Eva Foelske. Both those ninth-graders ran in the 4x200 along with senior Marleigh Lowe (leadoff leg) and Huck, who anchored the eighth-place relay in a time of 1:55.87.

Cerwinske also has plenty of room for improvement, as does Foelske, in the long jump. Cerwinske leaped 13-9, good for 17th place. Foelske jumped 12-5 and finished 32nd.

“I am excited to see what our group of freshmen can add to our team this season. Kelly had a really great night at Wartburg. She jumped 13-9 with having the whole board left to use,” said the N-P head coach. “Eva had the whole board left also, so just like Kelly, I am excited to see what her long jump can be at once we get those steps down.”

Lowe, a senior, finished 28th in the 55 hurdle prelims with a time of 10.66.

“Marleigh has been a huge leader for us. She has taken the younger hurdlers under her wings and has helped them tremendously,” said McCall.

N-P junior Eden Lamborn, a state qualifier in the shot put last year,



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Nashua-Plainfield's Rachel Palow runs a leg of the Huskies' 4x800 during an indoor meet at Wartburg College earlier this month.

placed 12th in the event with a toss of 30-7.75.

N-P sophomore Rachel Paplow, freshman Emma Hinders, junior Jade Maia-Gicquel and sophomore Manuela Jimenez ran to a 19th-place clip of 4:55.14.

“This season we have to foreign exchange students: Manuela and Jade. They are so willing to try whatever crazy we throw at them with most of it being new to them. They are rocking it and I couldn't be more proud of them and their willingness!” said McCall.

The Huskies open the outdoor season at the St. Ansgar co-ed meet this coming Tuesday.

“I am ready to get outside and put a full lineup together to see where we are currently sitting at this point of our season. We will be strong within field events and filling every event (as long as we stay healthy),” the N-P head coach said.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

55 dash prelims - 40. Serena Gallmeyer 8.83, 52. Brooke Russell 9.91, 55. Jennifer McLeland 13.64.
55 hurdles prelims - 28. Marleigh Lowe

10.66, 44. Rachel Paplow 12.62.
200 dash - 48. Gallmeyer 33.29, 52. Abi Schmitt 35.28.
400 dash - 44. Victorious Mirembe 1:21.37, 48. Bailey Bond 1:41.81.
800 run - 1. Kadence Huck 2:15.46.
1,500 run - 21. Emma Hinders 6:16.54.
High jump - 17. Manuela Jimenez 4-6.
Long jump - 17. Kelly Cerwinske 13-9, 32. Eva Foelske 12-5.
Shot put - 12. Eden Lamborn 30-7.75, 27. Chloe Fundermann 25-11.25.
4x200 - 8. Lowe, Foelske, Cerwinske, Huck 1:55.87.
4x400 - 19. Paplow, Hinders, Jade Maia-Gicquel, Jimenez 4:55.14.

Husky seniors run well in distance race

BOYS TRACK: FROM 8

The dilemma he'll be faced with is which ones – meaning who goes where?

That's a “problem” that many coaches would love to have.

“We've always kind of focused on relays with him, but it may be something this year where we need to look more at some individuals to see if we can have some team success, but also some individual success as well,” Sudol added about Hansen and his other athletes.

Two of Sudol's seniors – long-distance runners Caleb Sinnwell and Luke Paplow – are shining bright on the big stage in their final season out on the oval.

Paplow ran a career PR in the mile run (1,600) this past Tuesday in a time of 5:18.55 (14th-place). His previous career best was 5:38.59. Sinnwell was 18th overall in the 1,600 in 5:32.86, almost 13 seconds better than his prior lifetime best of 5:45.54.

“I thought that was probably his best he had every run in the mile,” said Sudol about Paplow's eight laps around the 200-meter indoor track. “His consistent speed that he had the whole time and the effort he was putting in – the kid was pushing him pretty hard. Luke battled the whole race and really ran a phenomenal race. He had a lot of fight in him. Now it's just continuing to improve that time and set some goals and see what he can do.”

N-P's 4x400 relay finished eighth in 3:49.97 with the team of junior Landon Foelske, Hansen, junior Jake Smith and freshman anchor Zeke Kalainoff.

Sudol feels Kalainoff is one of

those gold nuggets.

“That kid's got some talent there that we're going to look to hopefully use and bring his times down,” said Sudol.

The Huskies' 4x800 relay of freshman Andrew Schmitt, along with juniors Brexton Bird, Braeden Mitchell and Avery Mueller crossed the finish line in 9:32.88. That put them in 10th place.

Sudol was happy to see Zimmer and Blanchard perform well in the 55-meter hurdles. Zimmer – who DQ'd in the event at the first Wartburg Indoor earlier this month – placed 12th in 9.03 and Blanchard was 13th in 9.13.

“Both of them ran really well and neither one of them really likes highs,” said Sudol. “Them being the guys that do golf and track, I told them every chance I get I gotta have you doing hurdles. They both ran clean races.”

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

55 dash prelims - 28. Kamden Chyma 7.23, 31. Eli Kalainoff 7.28.
55 hurdles prelims - 12. Tyler Zimmer 9.03, 13. Devon Blanchard 9.13.
200 dash - 41. Ty Berger 26.81, 47. Miles Carpenter 27.48.
400 dash - 11. Jase Hansen 55.46, 17. Jake Smith 57.14.
800 run - 26. Connor Sullivan 2:28.11, 42. Nick Hulbert 2:54.28.
1,600 run - 14. Luke Paplow 5:18.55, 18. Caleb Sinnwell 5:32.86.
High jump - 19. Andrew Schmitt 5-4, 25. Zeke Kalainoff 5-2.
Long jump - 32. Landon Foelske 16-2, 41. Lucas Sinnwell 14.25.
Shot put - 23. Jaxon McDonald 37-6.25, 31. Zander Lentz 34-7.25.
4x200 - 24. Benjamin Percy, Chris Niedert, Carson Mundorff, James Corathers 1:53.22.
4x400 - 8. Foelske, Hansen, Smith, Z. Kalainoff 3:49.97.
4x800 - 10. Schmitt, Brexton Bird, Braeden Mitchell, Avery Mueller 9:32.88.

Women Marketing Cattle course in Decorah starts April 8

The Farm Management Team at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering three Women Marketing Cattle courses this spring. One of those will be held in Decorah on April 8. Women Marketing Cattle begins at 5 p.m. with a light meal at the Winneshiek County Extension office. The course starts at 5:30 p.m. and concludes by 8:30 p.m., each Tuesday night for three weeks. The lead instructor is Joseph Lensing. The registration fee is \$25.00.

This women-centered program offers an opportunity to meet area cattle producers and learn with others in a comfortable setting. A team of instructors will provide different perspectives.

This course is about capturing more value from beef production by understanding the true costs of production and developing an overall marketing strategy. Instructors will compare and contrast different market channels and pricing strategies. Sales at weaning, backgrounding, and finishing will be discussed. A refresher on carcass value and its relationship to price will be included.

Producers will learn how they can utilize futures prices to help them manage price risk and develop a marketing plan. They will learn more about livestock risk insurance plans, diversification, and other risk management tools. Producers will gain new insights and access tools to help them analyze and understand profitability.

The course includes an interactive market simulation activity. Class members will work together in small groups to practice news skills and try out a marketing strategy.

“We will take producers through a marketing year simulation where they will make key decisions and discover how those impact their profitability,” stated Joseph Lensing, Farm Management Specialist.

Registration for the courses includes meals and course materials. Registration scholarships are available by writing to Madeline Schultz at schultz@iastate.edu.

More information about this and other programs for women can be found at the ISU Extension and Outreach Farm Management Team Women in Ag Program at www.extension.iastate.edu/womeninag.

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Nashua-Plainfield FFA members Marleigh Lowe and Brady Lensing talk to guests while Elayna O'Neill (right) reveals the students who earned chapter degrees during the annual meeting and banquet Saturday evening.



Nashua-Plainfield FFA Advisor Heidi Hull and two of her officers, Cale Jensen and Easton Richards (above), enjoy a short break during the banquet where (below, from left) Emerson Franzen, Rachel Paplow, Jena Peterson and Lucas Lentz received chapter degrees.



More FFA Banquet photos in next week's Reporter!



FFA students gearing up for State Leadership Conference

FFA: FROM 1

problem," she said. "Yes and no, it's an 'ending,' but this is the perfect time to have it."

So as the chapter members, their families and faithful supporters gathered in the high school gymnasium Saturday evening, they had plenty to celebrate, all the while knowing there was still plenty to do.

They marked another exceptionally successful year for Nashua-Plainfield FFA, which, with its 50 members, is the largest student organization at the school. And Hull and her students also knew they had plenty to look forward to in the coming months.

There's the State Leadership Conference in June in just a couple of weeks. There are the host of upcoming competitions. There are the four county fairs — Chickasaw, Bremer, Butler and Floyd — that have Nashua-Plainfield FFA members in various shows. And, of course, there is the Iowa State Fair that takes place in August in Des Moines.

In other words, FFA is a year-round deal.

Hull is understandably proud of Nashua-Plainfield's chapter, one that in recent years has produced two North Central FFA District officers — Lukas Bucknell and current District President Caleb Lentz, a Nashua-Plainfield graduate who now attends Des Moines Area Community College.

On Saturday, the chapter honored its eight seniors — Nic Brase, Bailey Bond, Zach Hauser, Cale Jensen, Marleigh Lowe, Easton Richards, Jayden Rinken and Luke Paplow — with the "hanger ceremony," one that symbolizes it's time to hand up their blue corduroy coats as their FFA careers, at least when it comes to high school, comes to an end.

The chapter also handed out awards, recognitions and chapter degrees, and



Pat and Brittney Lentz pose for a photo after receiving the Blue & Gold Award during Saturday's banquet.

Hull said while every year is different, she found this year's FFA members to be "fairly self-motivating and willing to put the work in" to make Nashua-Plainfield's FFA chapter one of the best in the state.

When the banquet came to a conclusion on Saturday evening, though, chapter members had plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. During the North Central District Convention, Cale Jensen earned a gold rating and advanced to the state competition in the job interview division while Elayna O'Neill and Alison Mehmen did the same with their "reporter's scrapbook."

Jensen also is one of four state finalists in the Iowa FFA Stars Over Iowa Award Program in the area of agricultural production, and the state's overall winner will be announced at the State Leadership Conference that is set for April 14-15.

The conference also includes the start of a number of other competitions for Nashua-Plainfield students.

But for an evening, at least, the banquet represented a chance to relax and celebrate.

"We have a lot of students who put a lot of time into FFA," Hull said, "and I do love seeing them grow throughout their years in it."



Numerous awards were handed out during Saturday's banquet, including (clockwise from top left) Greenhand Degrees, Academic Achievement Awards and Chapter Scholarship Awards. Receiving Greenhand Degrees are (from left) Hunter Brase, Jackson Mehmen, Emerson Richards, Cole Scharnhorst and Natalie Feldman. Honored for Academic Achievement were (from left) Cale Jensen, Easton Richards, Luke Paplow, Marleigh Lowe, Bailey Bond and Jayden Rinken. Chapter Scholarship Awards went to (from left) Grace Dietz, Alison Mehmen, Elayna O'Neill, Brady Lensing and Braeden Mitchell.

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It's another 'Blue Standard' day for N-P superstar



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Marleigh Lowe (above) gets a clean start out of the blocks while Jade Maia-Gicquepl (right) competes in a relay during an indoor meet earlier this month.

Huck wraps up Drake qualification in the 800; Husky coach says she's ready to take her girls team outdoors

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Kadence Huck is not messing around.

The Nashua-Plainfield star track and field athlete has wasted little time in positioning herself for yet another medal at the prestigious Drake Relays next month.

Never before had Huck – bearer of eight state titles won in Class 1A – hit a Drake Relays Blue Standard indoors.

Until this year.

Huck will look to put a cap on a brilliant career at N-P – where she holds every school record in her marquee events – when the state meet



Huck

kicks off in mid-May. But before that happens, all four high school classes in the state of Iowa will converge on the famed blue oval down in Des Moines in late April for the 115th running of the Drake Relays. The celebrated event that has played host to historic world-class athletes such as Carl Lewis, Jesse Owens and Wilma Rudolph is one of the top track and field events in the United States and brings together professional, collegiate and prep stand-outs together on one track.

Huck made it two-for-two in qualifying for the 800 and mile runs at Drake in each of the Huskies' two meets thus far at the Wartburg Indoor on March 10 and just last Tuesday in Waverly on the campus of Wartburg College. Earlier this week Huck blistered the field in the open 800 by

SEE GIRLS TRACK, 5



Horde of Huskies is ready to head outdoors next week

Nashua-Plainfield boys put finishing touches on indoor season with solid effort at Wartburg

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

The numbers just keep going up for Chase Sudol and his Nashua-Plainfield Huskies.

At this rate, comfortable seating arrangements might be at a premium when the N-P boys track team travels to St. Ansgar this coming Tuesday for its outdoor season opener.

That means the yellow school bus that drives the Huskies to each and every meet this spring should be packed.

Plan on it.

Sudol said he now has 46 kids out for the Class 1A squad after three more athletes decided to give track and field a go in 2025.

For the uninformed as far as how school size and enrollment numbers matter on the prep level – any roster pushing 50 for a small-school class track team in the state of Iowa is a lot. “We had a few come on late,” said Sudol. “It’s been good. It’s contagious when you got guys that are out and other kids want to come.”

Sudol’s horde of Huskies put a wrap on the indoor season with their second showing at the Wartburg Indoor this month on Tuesday. But really what those indoor meets do is set the stage for running under a clear blue sky and bright sunshine – obviously predicated on Mother Nature cooperating when the calendar flips over to April next week.

That means almost all of Sudol’s runners, jumpers and throwers will be at his disposal when Tuesday rolls around – barring any unforeseen injury or illness. The sheer number of kids suiting up that will put on a Husky uniform is an indicator that with that much depth

on his roster – Sudol has an opportunity to mine several diamonds in the rough or shiny gold nuggets.

It’s time to start digging. “When we got 46 guys out, I think you’re bound to have some talent,” said Sudol. “You get them in a variety that they’re able to do, we’re going to be able to put together a pretty good outdoor lineup.”

N-P may sport a long contingent of athletes, but the Huskies only sport four seniors – Ty Berger, Luke Paplow, Caleb Sinnwell and Cal Levi. With that said, four of Sudol’s tracksters will pull double duty in Levi, Berger and juniors Devon Blanchard and Tyler Zimmer, who also play golf.

Needless to say, this should be an exciting season for all involved with the Huskies out on the oval.

“We’re young, but these kids work. I love it,” said Sudol. “I think we’re going to be a surprise team that people aren’t gonna necessarily predict to be what we are.”

One star for N-P that has already been “unearthed” is junior Jase Hansen, who almost came up with a career PR in the open 400 at Wartburg. Hansen clipped out to a 55.46 – just three one-hundredths of a second off his career-best of 55.43. That encouraging time saw him cross the tape in the 11th spot.

“Jase works extremely hard. That kid can accomplish anything. I expect him to get better and better. It’s just a matter of what we want to put him in,” said Sudol.

Sudol has the luxury and option – not only with Hansen – to run numerous standout athletes in a vast array of events.

SEE BOYS TRACK, 5



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Caleb Sinnwell (above) takes the baton from teammate Andrew Schmitt while the Huskies' Zeke Kalainoff (below) steals a look at the clock as he nears the finish line during a meet at Wartburg College earlier this month.



On Tap for Our N-P Huskies

TUESDAY

Trapshooting vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, 4 p.m.

Track at St. Ansgar Early Bird Co-ed, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Trapshooting hosting

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MONDAY, APRIL 7

Golf vs.

Charles City

and Osage,

Cedar Ridge Golf Course, Charles City, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Trapshooting at New Hampton, 4 p.m.

Track at Osage Coed, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Girls track at Hampton-Dumont Relays, 4:30 p.m.

Boys track at Hudson Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Golf at St. Ansgar, Acorn Park, 4:15 p.m.

Trapshooting hosting meet, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Trapshooting at Turkey Valley Invitational, 8 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

Golf vs. Mason City Newman and Osage, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Trapshooting vs. New Hampton, 4 p.m.

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

Track at Nashua-Plainfield Coed, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Golf vs. Northwood-Kensett and West Fork, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Track at the New Hampton Coed Invitational, 4:30 p.m.



IHSAA to move boys state basketball tournament to Ames in 2027

To the Reporter

A century after playing championships inside State Gym, the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and Iowa State University (ISU) will enter a new era together in 2027, when the state boys basketball tournament will move to James H. Hilton Coliseum.

An initial five-year agreement with support from Discover Ames will place the five-day, 32-team boys' tournament inside Hilton Coliseum as the first-of-its-kind multi-use CyTown district is developed at the Iowa State Center and slated to come online in 2027.

“We couldn’t be more excited about what this opportunity will offer our student-athletes, schools, and supporters as they experience an elite basketball environment at Hilton and an awesome new tournament community in CyTown and Ames,” IHSAA executive director Tom Keating said. “Our sincere appreciation goes to everyone who has helped make this possible at

Iowa State University, Discover Ames and Cyclone Athletics.”

Lauded as one of the nation’s finest college basketball venues, Hilton Coliseum boasts consistently strong attendance for the Cyclones’ men’s and women’s basketball programs with a capacity of 14,267, and the programs annually rank among the national leaders in home attendance.

ISU will make facilities at Hilton and the attached and updated Scheman Building available for the IHSAA event.

Opened in 1971, ISU Athletics installed a new state-of-the-art video board, LED ribbon boards and an audio system ahead of the 2024-25 season, and has also completed upgrades to its team locker rooms within the facility.

The Scheman Building is in the midst of a significant renovation which has created new hospitality spaces for Cyclone contests as well as other special events that the facility attracts.

The surrounding CyTown district

– announced in 2022 and expected to be up and running in 2027 – will feature space for retail, food and beverage, common areas, and a 200-room Marriott hotel, The Cardinal.

“On behalf of Iowa State University, thank you to the IHSAA board, Tom Keating, and Tom’s staff for deciding to bring the Athletic Association’s state basketball tournament to Ames to experience Hilton Magic,” Iowa State Director of Athletics Jamie Pollard said. “We are excited to host this great event and our staff looks forward to working with the IHSAA to make this special for the athletes, coaches and fans whose teams reach the state tournament each year.”

“This is a major win for Iowa State University and our communities’ hotels and restaurants,” he added.

“It is a great example of the new economic opportunities that CyTown can bring to the Ames community. This will be the first of many such opportunities our community will have in future years.”

PBS to broadcast three IHSAA tourneys

For the first time ever, three Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) championships in football, wrestling, and basketball are coming to Iowa PBS.

The state’s public broadcasting network will produce and broadcast finals from the three most-watched boys’ high school sports starting in fall 2025-26.

Through a multi-year initial agreement, each of the selected championship events will appear on statewide Iowa PBS and stream for free through both Iowa PBS and IHSAA.

“The stories of Iowa student-athletes, teams, coaches, and communities are at the center of our Iowa PBS Sports coverage,” said Andrew Batt, executive director and general manager at Iowa PBS. “We are excited to extend our award-winning, in-depth broadcasts to the IHSAA and mutually ensure statewide access of these games across all 99 counties of Iowa and beyond. Every Iowan deserves an opportunity to witness these athletes pursue a championship on our state’s most extensive broadcast and streaming network.”

Iowa PBS’s live broadcast and streaming of IHSAA championship sports will be in addition to the statewide network’s existing coverage of Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union championships for various sports.

While IHSAA’s wrestling championships have history with Iowa PBS, football and basketball will be making modern era debuts in 2025-26.

Wrestling’s most recent public media broadcast came in 2002, while football finals made two recorded appearances in 1984 and 1985.

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