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## County to help city with dam

Supervisors vote to use \$50,000 of ARPA interest to assist Nashua with project

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors by the thinnest of margins agreed Monday to contribute \$50,000 to the city of Nashua, which is trying to figure out what the next step is for its troubled dam. Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer told

board members that the city has agreed to spend almost \$180,000 for a full analysis to “determine what has to be done.” The city spent more than \$1 million two years ago on dam repairs, but issues have cropped up since.

“I don’t really know what I can say and what I can’t say,” Anthofer said, “but if you see the big piece of

concrete sticking up out of the water. That’s what’s getting reviewed.”

He added that if “we have to move it, that is \$1.3 million.” He pointed out that the lake created by the dam has shoreline that is not within the city limits of Nashua, which is why he was requesting county help.

“I don’t know what you have for a budget,” Anthofer said. “I know

we’re all struggling.”

Asked if the city still had some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds left, Anthofer said it did but that it was “not a ton — not enough to cover that.”

Supervisor Jake Hackman

**SEE DAM, 5**

## N-P runner adds to her legend with three Drake medals

Coach says she’s ‘in awe’ of Huck after sophomore runs to three top-five finishes

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**  
Of the Reporter

The list of superlatives could go on and on. Kadence Huck’s stellar performance in front of a packed house last week at the Drake Relays was in one word — jaw dropping.

That’s just part of the praise bestowed from her Nashua-Plainfield head coach — Amber McCall — after the sensational sophomore medaled three times in her running events on the famed blue oval down in Des Moines.

Huck clearly demonstrated she’s one of the best runners in the small-school class — if not the top dog in all of Class 1A on the girls side after her brilliant run amongst the state’s best.

She’s also one of the finest runners in the entire state of Iowa.

Need proof?

Huck’s medal winning jaunt around the track — she placed fourth in the open 400 and was fifth in each the 800 and 1,500 runs — sets the stage for what could be a tour de force show of

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield High School Concert Choir Director Melanie Johannngmeier (above) leads her singers during a song at Tuesday night’s Spring Concert. **SEE CONCERT PHOTOS, Page 2**



Photo courtesy of Amber Carter

Kadence Huck wears her three medals as she poses for the must-take photo by the “Bulldog” at the Drake Relays last weekend.

## ON TO THE NEXT MUSIC CHAPTER

JOHANNINGMEIER, LONGTIME NASHUA-PLAINFIELD VOCAL MUSIC EDUCATOR, PREPARES TO STEP INTO RETIREMENT

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter



Longtime Nashua-Plainfield music educator Melanie Johannngmeier smiles after she is presented with flowers and a card by her middle school students.

It’s not that Melanie Johannngmeier has any regrets when it comes to her impending retirement, but one doesn’t do something for 33 years and not feel something as the end nears.

“I’ve been fortunate to spend my entire career in a great district,” the Nashua-Plainfield vocal music teacher said, “and I’ve worked with a lot of great people — teachers, administrators and, most of all, students — so in that respect, yes, it’s hard.”

She paused and smiled before continuing. “But I’m ready, and I have plenty of things that will keep me active. I’m not heading to the nursing home, or even the recliner.”

She is comfortable with her decision to call it a career, but three-plus decades of teaching, leading concerts and traveling to honor choir events near and far means Johannngmeier is feeling all the “feels” as the 2022-23 school year comes to a close.

During Tuesday night’s Spring Concert, she fought a losing battle with the tears when she

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## A great week to celebrate our library

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School fifth-graders pose for a class picture in front of the State Historical Society of Iowa’s Mobile History Museum that was parked near the Nashua Public Library last week when it celebrated National Library Week.

Library Director Heather Hackman said both the history museum and the PBS Kids’ Steam Trailer were big hits, as were the other activities that took place during the annual celebration that wrapped up in Nashua on Saturday with the showing of “Minions: The Rise of Gru.”

Photo courtesy of Heather Hackman



## City Council receives update on bandshell

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**  
Of the Reporter

While there were important decisions made at last Monday’s Nashua City Council meeting — sometimes the most important developments out of the Council Chambers are updates on an exciting project for the town of Nashua.

Construction of the Baldwin Bandshell is coming along nicely according to Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell.

Sinnwell addressed the Nashua City Council this past Monday on the progress of the new structure that will be a focal point for citizens of the

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Makinzey Brannon and Makya Caster (left) sing a duet with the Nashua-Plainfield High School Concert Choir while Band Director Scott Stroud (above) leads his high school students during the school's Spring Concert.

# Shining the light on our talented musicians!

Nashua-Plainfield celebrates its grades 6-12 vocalists and instrumentalists with back-to-back Spring Concerts



Concert Choir members Quintyn Boehmer, Dawson Becker, Blaine Brannon, Caleb Sinnwell and Victoria Runge sing "Songs of the Old West;" 7-8 Band members Karli Steere and Chloe Fundermann (above) play their flutes; and for one of the songs, Principal Karl Smith and teachers Katherine Ortmayer and Deedie Cerwinski (below) accompany the band with, yes, drills.



Members of the Nashua-Plainfield High School Girls Ensemble (above) sing "For the Beauty of the Earth" while earlier in the evening, the 7-8 Choir (right) takes the stage to perform.



CONCERT PHOTOS BY KELLY TERPSTRA



Hannah Percy (left) plays trumpet with the Concert Band, Bailey Kotz and Autumn Nelson (above) sing with the Concert Choir and percussionist Hadlee Rosenbaum (right) performs with the Sixth-Grade Band.



Scott Stroud (left) directs the 7-8 Band while Katelyn Wolf and Ellie Sudol (above) play their clarinets with the Sixth-Grade Band.

# Jane Jeanette Meier, 87

Jane Jeanette Meier, age 87 of Readlyn, passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the home of her daughter-in-law in Waterloo. She had been under the loving care of family and hospice.

Jane was born on May 8, 1935, the daughter of Elmer and Leona (Judas) Kuethe. She was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn. She attended Readlyn Schools and graduated from Readlyn High School in 1953.

Jane married Orville Meier of Frederika on December 13, 1953. They were the parents of three children – Thomas, Sherri and Steven. She worked at Bob's IGA for several years and later at Bestline Pizza. She also did childcare in her home.

Jane enjoyed gardening and canning or freezing the vegetables grown. She also was a great cook and loved hosting family holiday gatherings.

She enjoyed doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, reading, board games, watching TV, league bowling, and biking. She was part of the women's circle at Zion Lutheran Church and was active in the Readlyn Historical Society.

Jane is survived by a daughter, Sherri (Eugene) Nieman of Nashua; a daughter-in-law, Cathy Meier of Waterloo; five grandchildren, Adam (Liz) Nieman of Osage, Derek Nieman of Charles City, Travis (Abby) Nieman of Parkersburg, Chelsea Meier Lima Nobre de Queiroz (Fellipe Lima Nobre de Queiroz) of Fresno, California and Emily (Ian) Hubrig of Independence; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Judy Henn of Readlyn; a brother,



Jane Meier

er, Wayne Kuethe of Shell Rock; a sister-in-law, Grace Kuethe of Readlyn; and many nieces and nephews.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Orville in 1979; sons, Steve in 2018 and Tom in 2020; her brother, Dale Kuethe; two brothers-in-law, Harlan Heineman and Arnie Henn; and a sister-in-law, Barb Kuethe.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Jean Rabary officiating.

Visitation was held on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn and will continue for one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Readlyn Historical Society or the Readlyn Library.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn is assisting the family.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Workers begin another day putting together what will be the Baldwin Bandshell in Cedar View Park.

# Water Over the Dam Days planning continues

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community that rests on the Cedar Lake. Sinnwell informed city officials with the good news – the bandshell should be ready by the time one of Nashua's premier festivals takes place – the Water Over the Dam Days.

The Water Over the Dam Days (WODD) takes place from Thursday, June 22 to Sunday, June 25. Whether it's a trapshoot at night, an inaugural hot-dog eating contest or a horseshoe tournament – WODD has a plethora of new and exciting things to date late next month.

The bandshell – which is currently being constructed near Cedar Lake – will provide Nashua with a host of opportunities to utilize the acoustical shell that will be more than just a place for music to be played and heard.

"If everything goes well with the block this week, we could be filling it this weekend," said Sinnwell. "Then we'll form it up and then pour a cement cap and then get the back on, then the rafters and everything."

Sinnwell said the fill will be donated by Hannemann Construction. He also men-

tioned that the electrical portion of the project still needs to be finished, but headway has been made.

"We should be moving along really nicely," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell said beer tents/beer garden also are planned to be set up near the bandshell for WODD.

"Everyone assured me it was going to be done, so I'm going to start working on the liquor license," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell said that a ceremony to honor the bandshell and the Baldwin family is also in the works in the near future.

There will be downtown WODD events scheduled on Thursday, June 22 like the 2023 WODD Prince, Princess and Queen contests. There will also be bands playing live music throughout the week, and a blocked-off Main St. where Big Willie's Tavern will be serving drinks during a Thursday Night Street Dance.

"We used to do that years ago. We're kind of expanding that," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell mentioned activities in the park on Friday and Saturday will be similar to what's taken place in year's past.

Back this year will be the 2nd Annual Mini-Triathlon – which will feature a three-

mile bike ride, a half-mile kayak and a one mile run/walk.

The Little Brown Church is planning on holding a Sunday worship service in the park during WODD and there could be a breakfast that morning as well.

The month of June will also begin on a fun-filled note in Nashua with a little kid's fishing tournament on Saturday, June 3.

Sinnwell said that the park cleanup will more than likely begin this week.

Council members approved a general obligation loan agreement to borrow up to \$3.75 million for paying costs of constructing dam improvements and sanitary sewer improvements.

A resolution was passed that amended a code of ordinances for water meter fees. The third and final reading was forgone. The ordinance will take effect after publication as provided by law.

The city is replacing endpoints and water meters throughout the city.

The changed ordinance would charge citizens or homeowners who don't get their endpoint/water meter replaced on or before June 20, 2023.

The fee is a \$40 monthly fee until that meter or cellular endpoint is installed.

## Briefs

### Waverly Health Center honors Nashua woman with Values Award

Six members of the Waverly Health Center (WHC) team – including a Nashua resident – have been named March/April Spotlight on Values Award winners.

Nominated by co-workers, patients and members of the community, these individuals are examples of WHC's values in action.



Welter

Cherri Welter of Nashua, outpatient medical services, was recognized for the value of enthusiasm.

"Cherri's role in the scheduling and management of the outpatient medical patients is critical to the department and the WHC facility," her nominator wrote. "Each time I reach out to her, she always has a positive vibe and is happy to help. Her communication regarding schedule changes or cancellations is always appreciated. If she doesn't know the answer to the question, she takes time to investigate and gets back to you that same day. Even during her busiest days, she maintains a positive attitude and is truly an asset to WHC!"

WHC has adopted six values which include compassion, enthusiasm, excellence, innovation, integrity and leadership. The Spotlight on Values program recognizes WHC employees, volunteers and physicians for demonstrating these values. Patients, visitors and employees are encouraged to submit nominations for the WHC Spotlight on Values honors. Nominations can be submitted at any Spotlight on Values ballot boxes placed throughout the health center.

### Wildflower Walk to be held next Wednesday

Have you ever experienced the wonders of the Spring woodland wildflowers?

Join Chickasaw County Conservation at Howard's Woods to see what is out there on Wednesday, May 10, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

### Ernst staff to be in county May 11

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) recently announced her office will be holding traveling office hours in every county throughout the state during the month of May.

The staff will be in Chickasaw County Thursday, May 11, at the New Hampton Public Library from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to answer questions and help constituents with any issues they have.

Senator Ernst will not be at the traveling office hours.

Postal workers taking part in 'Stamp Out Hunger' on May 13

The National Letter Carrier's Association is partnering with nationwide organizations to host their 30th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Event.

On Saturday, May 13, residents in any of the following Iowa counties are asked to place nonperishable food items in their mailboxes: Allamakee, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy, Howard, Mitchell, Poweshiek, Tama, and Winneshiek.

These donations will be picked up by local postal carriers and donated to the

United States, and as one of the 10,000 food agencies involved in receiving donations from this event nationwide, the association is grateful for every dona-

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Syphilis is a sexually transmissible infection (STI) that may have no symptoms. If not treated, it can cause serious, long-term health problems. Syphilis can also be passed on to sexual partners or to an unborn baby during pregnancy. Thankfully, it's easy to test, treat and cure! If you're sexually active, make sure that getting tested for syphilis is part of your regular health routine.

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# Sheriff's Office wants to get on 'same page' with cameras

## Shawver makes a pitch to lease in-car, body cameras; supervisors approve EMS director's RFP for a third ambulance

By Bob Fenske  
editor@nhtrib.com

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver has had it happen to him and his deputies before. They go to court to testify and they're asked if they have a body camera? Yeah. What's wrong? It didn't work. So on Monday, Shawver and Chief Deputy Zach Nobschich approached the Board of Supervisors about their concerns with both the in-car and body cameras the office has and presented a solution — lease seven new body cam-

eras, seven new in-car cameras and a cloud storage system from Motorola Solutions. The total cost of the five-year lease would be \$99,700, with \$24,100 due the first year and \$18,900 due in years two through five. "The biggest thing is everybody has the same system," Nobschich said. "You're not dealing with multiple systems and multiple devices. Especially with our cameras — in-car and body cams — those are what cover us liability wise, not only the officers but the county as well."

The best part of the deal, according to Shawver, is that the equipment would be under a no-fault warranty throughout the lease, and in the third year, officers will receive new body cameras. "The warranty, that was a big selling point for us," Shawver said. He and Nobschich both said going to a leasing program will help with budgets because for five years, the Sheriff's Office would know up front what its annual costs are for cameras. Shawver said that he felt his 2023-24 budget could take on the \$24,100

leasing costs without a budget amendment. Supervisors were supportive of the lease but held off on approving it until County Attorney David Laudner could review the lease to make sure it fit within the county's purchasing policy. Also on Monday, the board approved the request for proposals put together by Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson for a used ambulance the service would like to buy as a "backup" rig to the two new ambulances the supervisors purchased this past fall. The RFP is asking dealers to submit

bids on 2010 or newer ambulances with gasoline engines. It also requests that a warranty be in place for the module body and interior cabinets and that an ambulance be outfitted with power-load cot. The price range, the county is willing to pay, according to the RFP that will be sent out, is up to \$180,000. The proposal passed on a 4-1 vote, with Jake Hackman casting the lone dissenting vote because dealers can submit bids via email, which he said concerns him when it comes to a sealed-bid process.

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### Newest National Honor Society members

The Nashua-Plainfield National Honor Society recently inducted 11 new members, and they include (front row, from left) Amberley Gerholdt, Bella Dietz, Paige Franzen, Kadence Huck, Jayden Rinken, (back row) Faith Franzen, Caleb Jensen, Cal Levi, Dylan Blanchard, Luke Paplow and Caleb Sinnwell.

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### Registration for ISU Extension summer day camps is open

Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach and Chickasaw County 4-H is offering several summer days camps for all K-3 graders starting in June and going through July. Extension is also offering one for 4-6 graders and one for 7-12 graders. These camps are open to everyone and include:

- **Bugs! A Creepy Crawly Adventure:** This camp involves fun, hands-on activities that teach basic science principles and will be held Tuesday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Nashua at Big 4 Fairgrounds. Cost is \$15.

- **Magician's Laboratory:** The camp will explore gravity, reactions, optical illusions and learn about the science behind the magic. It will be held Tuesday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in New Hampton at Mikkelson Park. Cost is \$15.
- **Slimy, Goopy, Gross:** This day camp will involve fun hands-on activities that teach basic science principles. It will be held Tuesday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in New Hampton at Mikkelson Park. Cost is \$15.
- **Fun at the Fair!** Learn more about being a 4-H member, history of the fair, games, and even a tour of the fair-

- grounds! The camp is set for Thursday, July 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Nashua. Cost is \$10.
- **Unfortunate Camp!** This camp will explore the science behind inventions, we will study reptiles and get creative with interesting projects, and will be held on Thursday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.
- **Experimenting with Drones!** Youth will examine the rules and regulations for operating drones in Iowa and will identify the ways drones can be used in a career

or hobby. Learn the proper ways to handle and maintain a drone. Of course we will be flying drones as well. The camp is set Thursday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Garnant Park in New Hampton. Registrations are due by two weeks before each day camp. You can find registration forms on our website: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/chickasaw/summer-day-camps-registration-open> or contact Jenna Steffen, Chickasaw County Youth Outreach Coordinator, or Patrick Dirks, County Youth Coordinator at 641-394-2174 or email [xchickasaw@iastate.edu](mailto:xchickasaw@iastate.edu).

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**MONDAY, MAY 1**

- 4:00pm Track: Girls JH Game @ North Fayette Valley High School
- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet @ Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly Riceville joining in
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet @ Pioneer Town and Country Club Riceville joining in
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet @ Nashua-Plainfield High School

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**

- 6:00pm Spring Concert NP Gymnasium-High School 6th-8th Grade
- 6:00pm Spring Concert NP Gymnasium-High School

**THURSDAY, MAY 4**

- 4:00pm Track: Girls Varsity Conference @ Nashua-Plainfield HS
- 4:00pm Track: Boys Varsity Conference @ Nashua-Plainfield HS
- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet @ Nashua Town & Country Club
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet @ Nashua Town & Country Club

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

- 8am - 5pm daily Goodwill trailer Parked North of City Plainfield City Hall

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

- 8am - 5pm daily Goodwill trailer Parked North of City Plainfield City Hall
- 10am - 3pm Spring Gravel Travelin Shop Hop
- 10:30pm - 11:30pm Magnolia Maggie Rivers at the Nashua Public Library

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

- 8am - 5pm daily Goodwill trailer Parked North of City Plainfield City Hall

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

- 10:00am Golf: Girls Varsity Conference @ Highland Park Golf Course, Mason City
- 10:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Conference @ Round Grove Country Club
- 4:00pm Track: Girls Varsity Rain Date @ Nashua-Plainfield HS
- 4:00pm Track: Boys Varsity Rain Date @ Nashua-Plainfield HS
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet @ Central Springs High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet @ Central Springs High School

**TUESDAY, MAY 9**

- 4:30pm Track: Girls JH Meet vs. Osage @ Osage High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys JH Meet vs. Osage @ Osage High School
- 6:00pm Elementary Concert NP Gymnasium-High School

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

- 10:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Sectionals @ Nashua Town & Country Club Class 1A Sectional

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**

- 10:00am Golf: Girls Varsity Regionals vs. IGHSAA @ TBA
- Class 1A Regional 1st Round
- 4:15pm Track: Girls JH Meet vs. North Butler @ North Butler HS
- 4:15pm Track: Boys JH Meet vs. North Butler @ North Butler HS

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

- 9am - 11am Clover Kids Club NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 10am - 11pm Monthly Coffee with the Council at the Nashua Public Library

**MONDAY, MAY 15**

- TBD Track: Girls Middle School Conference @ North Butler
- TBD Track: Boys Middle School Conference @ North Butler HS
- 10:00am Golf: Girls Varsity Regionals vs. IGHSAA @ TBA Class 1A Regional Final
- 10:00am Golf: Boys Varsity District vs. Newman Catholic @ Highland Park Golf Course, Mason City Class 1A District
- 6pm - 7:30pm YQCA NH/ Chickasaw County Extension

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**

- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Extension Council Meeting NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 6:30pm Music Awards Banquet NP Commons - High School

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

- 6:30pm NP Baccalaureate
- 7:30pm NP Awards night

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

- TBD Track: Girls Varsity State vs.

IGHSAA @ Drake Stadium

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**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

- 2pm & 7pm Plainfield Library Movie Day - A Man Named Otto
- Tom & Sue's on Main open
- TBD Track: Girls Varsity State vs. IGHSAA @ Drake Stadium
- TBD Track: Boys Varsity State vs. IHSAA @ Drake Stadium

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

- Tom & Sue's on Main open
- 10am - 12pm 4H Fair Write-Up Workshop NH/ Chickasaw County Extension
- TBD Track: Girls Varsity State vs. TBA @ Drake Stadium
- TBD Track: Boys Varsity State vs. IHSAA @ Drake Stadium

**MONDAY, MAY 22**

- 12:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity State vs. IHSAA @ TBA Class 1A State 1st Round
- 4:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Rockford Senior @ Nashua-Plainfield High School NP Baseball Field - Nashua
- 6:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Rockford Senior @ Nashua-Plainfield High School NP Baseball Field - Nashua
- 6:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Rockford Senior @ Nashua-Plainfield Middle School - Plainfield
- 7:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Rockford Senior @ Nashua-Plainfield Middle School - Plainfield

**TUESDAY, MAY 23**

- 9:00am Golf: Boys Varsity State vs. IHSAA @ TBA Class 1A State Final Round
- 5:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs HS
- 6:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Central Springs @ CS HS
- 7:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs High School
- 7:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs High School

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**

- 5:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Northwood-Kensett CSD @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. HS Baseball
- 6:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Northwood-Kensett CSD @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. HS Softball
- 6pm - 7pm Plainfield Library BINGO
- 7:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Northwood-Kensett CSD @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. HS Baseball
- 7:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Northwood-Kensett CSD @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. HS Softball

**THURSDAY, MAY 25**

- 10:00am Golf: Girls Varsity State vs. IGHSAA @ Boone Cedar Pointe Golf Club Class 1A State 1st Round
- 5:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Hampton-Dumont-CAL @ Hampton-Dumont High School
- 7:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Hampton-Dumont-CAL @ Hampton-Dumont High School

**FRIDAY, MAY 26**

- CC/NP Trapshooting Banquet at the Floyd County Youth Enrichment Center. Contact 515-835-2443 for ticket or more info
- 10:00am Golf: Girls Varsity State vs. IGHSAA @ Boone Cedar Pointe Golf Club Class 1A State Final Round
- 4:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Nashua-Plainfield High School NP Baseball Field - Nashua
- 6:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Nashua-Plainfield High School NP Baseball Field - Nashua
- 6:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Nashua-Plainfield Middle School - Plainfield
- 7:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Nashua-Plainfield Middle School - Plainfield

**MONDAY, MAY 29**

- 8am - 4:30pm Office Closed NH/ Chickasaw County Extension

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**

- 4:00pm Baseball: JV Game vs. St. Ansgar @ Nashua-Plainfield High School NP Baseball Field - Nashua
- 6:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. St. Ansgar @ Nashua-Plainfield High School NP Baseball Field - Nashua
- 6:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. St. Ansgar @ Nashua-Plainfield Middle School - Plainfield
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- After a very successful National Library Week celebration, we have a number of upcoming events at the library — including the following:
- Saturday, May 6: Magnolia “Maggie” Rivers author visit, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
  - Wednesday, May 10: Library Board meeting at 7 p.m.
  - Saturday, May 13: Coffee with the Council, 10 to 11 a.m. Join two council members once a month at the Nashua Public Library for coffee, donuts and discussion. They will be there to listen to your concerns and hear your solutions.
  - Saturday, May 13: Mommy & Me Tea, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; children preschool through grade 5 and their mothers (or grandmothers) can enjoy tea, stories, art, food and fun! Sign-ups are required, and the **last day to sign up is May 6**. To sign up you **MUST** call the library @ 641-435-4635 or stop in during open business hours. Messages/comments on Facebook event or post will not be accepted.
  - Monday, May 29, 2023: Closed in observance of Memorial Day.
  - Tuesday, June 6: Dementia program from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.; you can become a “Dementia Friend” by attending a one-hour information session to learn about living with dementia and the simple things you can do to support someone living with dementia. This session is free and open to the public.
  - Saturday, June 10: Coffee with the Council, 10 to 11 a.m. Join two council members once a month at the Nashua Public Library for coffee, donuts and discussion. They will be there to listen to your concerns and hear your solutions.
  - Wednesday, June 14: Library Board meeting at 7 p.m.
  - Saturday, June 24: Meet and greet with the LORAX! Our friend the LORAX will be on our parade float for Water Over the Dam Days and will be available after the parade at the library and other events during the day. If you see him make sure to stop and take a picture with him.
  - Saturday, July 8: Coffee with the Council, 10 to 11 a.m. Join two council members once a month at the Nashua Public Library for coffee, donuts and discussion. They will be there to listen to your concerns and hear your solutions.
  - Saturday, July 8: Author visit from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. by Sara Broers, who has written “100 Things to Do in Iowa Before You Die.”

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- Some of the new books we have at the library:
- Earth's the Right Place by Elizabeth Berg
  - On the Line by Fern Michaels
  - 48 Clues by Joyce Carol Oates
  - Loyalty by Lisa Scottoline
  - Hiss & Tell by Rita Mae Brown
  - Homecoming by Kate Morton
  - The Unofficial Cookbook of Dollywood
  - Backstreet Boys 30th Anniversary
  - Taste of Home: Grandmas Favorites 2023
  - Simply Lies by David Baldacci
  - My Heart Will Find You by Jude Deveraux
  - The Fourth Enemy by Anne Perry
  - Lebron
  - Standing in the Shadows by Peter Robinson
  - City of Dreams by Don Winslow
  - Dark Angel by John Sandford
  - Joe Burrow Story
  - The Loner by Diana Palmer
  - Shadow of a Death by Heather Graham
  - Summer on Sag Harbor by Sunny Hostin
  - Breakneck by Marc Cameron
  - Where are the Children Now? by Mary Higgins Clark
  - The Way of the Bear by Anne Hillerman
  - Strawberry Lane by Jodi Thomas
  - Count Down by James Patterson **\*\*Large Print\*\***
  - I Will Find You by Harlan Coben **\*\*Large Print\*\***
  - The House of Wolves by James Patterson **\*\*Large Print\*\***
  - Storm Watch by C.J. Box **\*\*Large Print\*\***
  - Fields of Beauty by Lauraine Snelling **\*\*Large Print\*\***
  - Remember Me by Tracie Peterson **\*\*Large Print\*\***
  - The Cliff's Edge by Charles Todd **\*\*Large Print\*\***
- Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman



Photos courtesy of Heather Hackman  
Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman (above) points to Nashua's location on the Mobile History Museum, which along with the Steam Trailer (inset) were two big draws as Hackman's facility celebrated National Library Week with a variety of fun-filled and educational activities to community members.

## Supervisors pledge funds for dam project

DAM: FROM 1

said he felt the county could help the city with funds from the interest it has received from its own ARPA funds. “I understand the economic development of that dam, of that lake,” he said, “and that brings a lot of people into the county.” Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said another possibility was using county betterment funds but pointed out that the account “is strapped.” He also expressed concern about “opening that box” that would lead other cities to request county help, although Kuhn did concede the Board of Supervisors has contributed funds to various city trails, pools and other projects in the past. Anthoner said the analysis consisted of both engineering and having divers check out the issues with the dam, and Supervisor Scott Cervinske, whose district includes Nashua, made the motion to contribute \$50,000, pending the approval of a budget amendment, to the city effort. “To me, that's a perfect need right now of the [ARPA] interest,” Hackman said. “Everybody needs, I get that, but I also realize it's a big need for that part of the county.” He went on to say that supervisors have supported municipal pools and trails in the past so he saw no issue with helping the city with the dam. Cervinske, Hackman and Travis Suckow supported the motion while both Kuhn and Steve Breitbach voted no.

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# BEEF MONTH



## Iowa beef by the numbers

Total Cattle Inventory in Iowa (as of January 1, 2022; +4.1%)..... 3,850,000  
 State Rank All Cattle and Calves (January 1, 2022) ..... 7th  
 Cattle on Feed in Iowa (January 1, 2022; 0.0%)... 1,170,000  
 State Rank Cattle and Calves on Feed (January 1, 2022) ..... 4th  
 Yearly Fed Cattle Marketings (2021; -2.3%)..... 1,682,000  
 Number of Feedlots (2017 Census)..... 5,485  
 Number of Cattle Operations (2017 Census) ..... 25,367  
 Number of Farms with Beef Cows (2017 Census) ... 19,171  
 Number of Beef Cows (January 1, 2022; +7.6%)... 925,000  
 State Rank Number of Beef Cows (January 1, 2022)... 10th  
 Number of Farms with Dairy Cows (2017 Census) .... 1,592  
 Number of Dairy Cows (January 1, 2022; +2.3%).. 225,000  
 State Rank Number of Dairy Cows (January 1, 2022).. 12th  
 Cash Receipts from Cattle and Calves (2021) .....\$4.096 Billion  
 Iowa Jobs Directly Related to the Cattle Industry (2021)..... 17,507  
 Iowa Jobs Indirectly Related to the Cattle Industry (2021)..... 9,370  
 Iowa Jobs Induced by the Cattle Industry (2021)..... 5,498  
**In 2021, Iowa's cattle industry contributed in excess of \$7.32 billion in business activity to Iowa's economy**  
 Sources: Department of Economics, Iowa State University; Iowa Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 2022 Cattle Inventory Report and 2017 Census of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).



New Hampton High School alum Nolan Webster stands in the pen with his cattle on his family's farm that is located just to the east of Jerico.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

# LIVING THE DREAM

NOLAN WEBSTER FOLLOWS THE PLAN HE DEvised LONG AGO

By Bob Fenske  
Of the Reporter

Nolan Webster had a plan. He followed it to a proverbial T. And so as he stood in the corral with his cattle this past Sunday afternoon, the smile was genuine; after all, he's living the life he planned for himself when he was just a kid. He's farming. He's raising cattle. He's home. "When I graduated from New Hampton," Webster said, "I knew I was going to go to college, but I also knew I wanted to come back. It wasn't trying to come back; it was really I'm coming home." The 2015 New Hampton High School graduate earned a degree in ag studies and agronomy at Iowa State, and when



Nolan Webster posed for a photo with his grandfather, Bob Webster, during the 2009 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

Photo courtesy of Denise Webster

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# BEEF MONTH



Nolan Webster (left) poses with a calf named Ruby in June 2007, and eight years later, the then New Hampton FFA president shares a light moment with the rest of the officer team during the organization's annual meeting.

## Cattle represents 'own thing' for young farmer

**WEBSTER: FROM 6**

he walked across that stage in December 2018, the plan was executed. He landed a job with AgVantage FS as an agronomist and began farming with his dad, Mike, and his uncle, Jim.

But as much as Webster loves working in the field and producing crops, he wanted more. He wanted his "own thing," and so he followed in the footsteps of his late grandfather, Bob Webster, and became a cattleman.

"I'd been farming with Dad and Jim," Webster said, "but I've always liked livestock, and Grandpa always had cattle. I've always liked cattle better than pigs — don't get me wrong, I love a good pork loin and my bacon — but if I was going to do my own thing, get into something, it was going to be cattle."

Today, he raises feeder cattle. The animals that come into his "yard" weigh between 600 and 700 pounds, and he, as the name implies, feeds them, fattens them up, if you will. It may not be dairy, but make no mistake about it, feeder cattle are a time commitment.

Webster makes daily visits to Webster Farms which is located a few miles to the east of Jerico, where his grand-

mother, Ann, still resides. He feeds, waters and beds the cattle. He makes sure they're staying healthy, which can be a challenge, especially with the kinds of winters Northeast Iowa has endured the past couple of years. And, of course, he stops in and talks with Grandma almost every day.

"I think she was probably the most for me doing this," he said with a laugh, "because she knew I'd be out here all the time. I make sure to at least go into the house to say hi, but seriously, it's one of my favorite parts of my day."

His operation has slowly grown. When he first started raising cattle, his herd numbered around 10, but as he talked at Webster Farms on a cool, gray Sunday afternoon, more than 50 cows were gathered in the pen. Webster's operation includes about half indoor cover and half outdoor cover.

Winters, though, are challenging, especially with the wild temperature fluctuations that the past two seasons have brought.

"It's hot and cold — OK, warm for winter," he said with a laugh. "You're at 30 degrees one day, zero the next, and so the air is damp. We don't like it as people, and cattle, they're no

different. We can all get used to it if it just stays the same, but then again, it's Iowa, right?"

**WEBSTER'S INTEREST** in agriculture — and cattle, for that matter — began at an early age.

He was always going to the farm with his dad, and his grandfather, Bob Webster, raised cattle. One of the prized pictures in the Webster household is one taken in July 2009, when Nolan and Bob were photographed together with a cow at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show. It would be their last show together, for Bob passed away in December of that year.

"He was a great grandpa, and he — along with Dad and Jim — they taught me a lot about farming, a lot about agriculture," he said. "They led me to it, really, and I just had a

passion for it ever since." During high school, Webster was active in the New Hampton FFA program, serving as its president.

"I think one of the things that we learned is that it's important to give back, to advocate for ag," he said. "For me, FFA just kind of reminded me why I wanted to farm, why I wanted to work in agriculture."

His FFA advisor, Jim Russ, said he's proud to see FFA alumni like Webster become advocates for the industry. Webster is on the board of the Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association and also involved with the Farm Bureau.

"If we don't tell our story about agriculture," Russ said, "I always tell the kids, 'Who will?' People think that milk

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Nolan Webster's feedlot is housed on the grounds of Webster Farms, which was established by his great-grandfather in 1920.

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# BEEF MONTH



Bob Fenske/Reporter  
Nolan Webster makes his way to his grandmother's home after finishing up chores with his cattle on Sunday.

## Spring is busy time of the year for agronomist, farmer, cattleman

**WEBSTER: FROM 7**  
comes from a carton, that steaks and pork chops come from the store. I think one thing I'll always remember about Nolan is that he spoke well. He had a passion for agriculture and he wanted to pass that on to people so they could understand what all goes into it."

**AT THE AGE** of 26, Webster is, in a word busy. He works as an agronomist at AgVantage FS' Sumner office, he farms with his father and uncle and he's raising his cattle. And while his herd is small by some standards, he's off to a good start. "I'm out here every day — doing chores, making sure they're staying healthy, bedding and feeding," he said.

"When it comes to the health of the cattle, I want to be offensive, not defensive." He also gets a little help — and sometimes, some friendly advice — from his dad. "He's my herdsman," Webster said with a laugh, "and he always says this is your project, but he'll give me advice, too. You know, I'm a kid really, so sometimes it's hard to take advice from your dad, but seriously, I appreciate it. I know he wants what's best for me." The planting season obviously is up and running, which means Webster, the agronomist, is busy, as is Webster, the farmer, and Webster, the cattleman. "I'm loving every minute of it," he said. "Am I busy? Heck yeah, but this is what I've always wanted to do."



## 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 earlier this year. The association not only promotes beef but also provides a variety of scholarship and educational opportunities to area schools throughout the year.

Photos courtesy of Carol Speicher

## Huxley establishment has state's top burger

By ANN THELEN AND KYLIE PETERSON  
Iowa Beef Industry Council

When Marianne and Matt Pacha moved to Huxley six years ago, they immediately felt at home with the sense of community the central Iowa town of 4,500 provided. The intersection of community and family values with a desire to create a restaurant with a hometown feel led the Pachas to develop and open Flight Bar + Grille in 2022.

With a name inspired by the local Ballard school district's mascot — the Ballard Bombers — the restaurant offers a first-class experience with its elite menu, including "The Foundation," which was crowned this year's Iowa's Best Burger. Other menu items give a nod to the aviation theme with Flight Fries with house-made aioli sauces, Bomber Sliders, the Flight Club and a kids' menu for pilots in training, featuring Jet Sliders named for the town's youth football program mascot.

**2023 Iowa's Best Burger**  
"Our Foundation is a double-smash burger with cheddar cheese. It includes mustard aioli, lettuce, tomato, caramelized onions and is topped with thick-cut bacon served between a beautiful and buttery brioche bun," explains Katie Boughey, executive chef and kitchen manager. "We use simple seasonings — salt and pepper — to let the beef's flavor be the star of the burger." The burger features 80% lean, fresh ground beef — the ideal ratio for creating outstanding flavor. The never-frozen and Midwest-sourced beef is rolled into a meatball and then smashed straight on the grill with a steak weight to give it a crisp crust.



the inspiration for the burger's name, and it's been in place since we opened Flight. It's important to us to give back to the community, and this is one way we can contribute." In the Pachas' first year of business, they donated more than \$3,000 to the Ballard Education Foundation, which funds its local schools, the Ballard Community School District. After being named a Top 10 Iowa's Best Burger Finalist, they shattered their one-month record by raising \$700 for the Ballard Education Foundation. The designation as Iowa's Best Burger comes after a two-phase competition sponsored by the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and Iowa Beef Industry Council. The first phase is based on votes from the public. For a month, burger lovers voted for their favorite Iowa burger online, submitting nearly 6,500 votes representing more than 500 restaurants. At the end of the month, the 10 restaurants with the most votes are declared the "Top 10." From there, several anonymous judges visit each of the restaurants, scoring the burger patties based on taste, doneness and presentation.

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## Some tasty recipes to enjoy healthy beef!



### Irish Hills Reuben Burger

**INGREDIENTS**  
 1 lb 90% Lean Ground Beef  
 8 ounces Deli Corned Beef  
 1 teaspoon ground black pepper  
 1 teaspoon granulated garlic  
 8 ounces sauerkraut, drained  
 4 Swiss cheese slices  
 4 Tablespoon Thousand Island dressing  
 4 hamburger buns

**COOKING DIRECTIONS**  
 Combine Ground Beef, pepper and, garlic in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick patties.

Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 8 to 10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 7 to 9 minutes) until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally. About 2 minutes before burgers are done, place buns, cut sides down, on grid. Grill until lightly toasted. During last minute of grilling, top each burger with cheese slice.

**Cook's Tip:** To prepare on stovetop, heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place patties in skillet; cook 12 to 15 minutes until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally.

**BURGER BUILD**  
 Line Top bun with 1 tablespoon thousand island dressing. Next place the burger patty on top the bottom bun and top with 2 ounces sauerkraut & 2 ounces corned beef. Close the sandwiches and serve with sides

1/4 cup red onion, diced  
 1-15 ounce canned corn, rinsed & drained  
 1 cup cherry tomatoes, cut in-half  
 1/3 cup Italian dressing  
 2 Tablespoon fresh basil, chopped  
 2 Teaspoon granulated garlic  
 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
 1 teaspoon kosher salt

**Marinade**  
 2 Tablespoon vegetable oil  
 2 Tablespoon fresh lime juice  
 3 Tablespoon water  
 2 teaspoon garlic, minced  
 2 teaspoon sweet paprika  
 1-1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
 1 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1 teaspoon onion powder  
 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

**COOKING DIRECTIONS**  
 Combine Marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef Skirt Steaks & marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn steaks to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally.

Combine tomatoes, corn, red onion, basil, garlic, Italian dressing, salt and pepper in a medium bowl; cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

**Cook's Tip:** Whole grilled corn on the cobb can be used in place of canned. Place 4 corn cobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, 10 to 14 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 8 to 10 minutes) turning on all sides. Remove corn and let cool. Carefully cut corn kernels from cob and let cool.

Remove steaks from marinade; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 7 to 12 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 8 to 12 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Carve steaks diagonally across the grain into thin slices; season with salt, as desired.



### One Pot Lasagna Pasta

**INGREDIENTS**  
 1 pound Ground Beef (93% lean or leaner)  
 1 medium zucchini, chopped (about 1-1/2 cups)  
 1 jar (24 to 26 ounces) garden-style pasta sauce  
 2 cups water  
 1/2 teaspoon pepper  
 6 ounces uncooked mini bow tie (farfalle) pasta (about 2-1/8 cups)  
 2/3 cup reduced-fat ricotta cheese  
 1 cup reduced-fat shredded mozzarella cheese  
 Thinly sliced or chopped fresh basil

**COOKING DIRECTIONS**  
 Preheat oven to 375°F. Heat ovenproof 5 to 6-quart Dutch oven or stockpot over medium heat until hot. Add Ground Beef and zucchini; cook 8 to 10 minutes, breaking beef into small crumbles



and stirring occasionally.  
**Cook's Tip:** Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed Ground Beef. Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F. Color is not a reliable indicator of ground beef doneness.

Sit in pasta sauce, water and pepper. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat. Stir in pasta. Spoon heaping teaspoons ricotta cheese over top of sauce. Slightly swirl ricotta into sauce, not mixing in completely.

Cover and bake in 375°F oven 10 minutes. Uncover. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese.

Bake 7 to 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. Let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle with basil before serving.

**Skillet-Stovetop Method:** Prepare recipe as directed above using 12-inch nonstick skillet and adding uncooked pasta with pasta sauce, water and pepper in step 2. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally.

Reduce heat; cover and cook on stovetop 8 to 11 minutes (13 to 15 minutes for regular bow tie pasta) or until pasta is tender, stirring once. Remove from heat. Swirl ricotta into sauce as directed in step 2. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Cover and let stand 5 minutes or until mozzarella cheese is melted.

**Cook's Tip:** Six ounces uncooked regular bow tie (farfalle) pasta (about 2-1/3 cups) may be substituted. Increase uncovered baking time to 10 to 13 minutes.

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### Cowboy Marinated Skirt Steak with Corn Salad

**INGREDIENTS**  
 1-1/2 pounds beef Skirt Steak, cut into 4 to 6-inch pieces

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# Departing school doesn't mean Johanningmeier is leaving music behind

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was honored with a bouquet of flowers and a card, and she'll probably deal with some more emotions this Tuesday at the elementary school's final concert of the year.

"It's been a wonderful run," she said, "and I'm going to miss my kids. I'm going to miss them a lot. It's the right time for me, don't get me wrong, but I've loved teaching so even though I know I'm ready for this next chapter in my life, there are times it hits me."

She grew up in the small Northeast Iowa town of Monona and graduated from MFL High School before attending Wartburg College.

Music was always a passion for her, and truth be told, it still is. She studied music therapy and music education at Wartburg, and after completing her student teaching, she spent a year interning in the therapy field.

Education, though, was calling her, and in 1990, she accepted a position with Plainfield Community Schools. A few years later, the district began whole-grade sharing with Nashua and eventually the two districts consolidated.

Johanningmeier has done almost everything as a music teacher — teaching K-12 vocal music, and directing bands and choirs.

"I think the only thing I haven't done in my career is 5-6 band," she said, "but everything else, I'm pretty sure I've covered."

At Nashua-Plainfield, she eventually settled into the role of K-12 vocal



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

## Longtime Nashua-Plainfield music educator Melanie Johanningmeier directs the Concert Choir during the Mid-Winter Concert this past March.

teacher. She has watched her students through the years literally grow from kindergartners into young adults. The techniques used to teach kindergartners, obviously, aren't the same as the ones used to lead a high school choir.

The goal for Johanningmeier is the same. She wants her students to appreciate music.

"Music lasts a lifetime. You can sing and play an instrument at 50," she said, "and most people can't play

football at 50. My husband coaches everything so it's not that I don't like athletics, but it's just a reality."

She has often reminded her students that there are plenty ways to appreciate music — from performing to being a "consumer."

"Think about it," she said, "everytime we get into a car, we turn on the radio, right? Music is with us all the time."

It will remain with Johanningmeier even after she walks out of Nashua-

Plainfield for the final time.

She serves as the music director at St. John Lutheran Church, performs with the Charles City Singers and plays in the Charles City Municipal Band. She sings and plays the clarinet and organ. And she's always up for a new "playlist."

"One of the things that touched me was when one of my seniors said their favorite memory was 'all of us singing in the [Suburban] with Mrs.

Johanningmeier' on the way to a concert," she said. "We had so much fun, and I remember that day, I remember saying, 'I want that playlist.'"

She'll take other great memories with her. The all-state singers, the trips to Chicago and New York, the "always great co-workers" and just seeing the progress her students have made created memories that will last a lifetime.

Then again, retirement doesn't mean she's "turning off" music, for hers is a musical family. Husband Eric, a math teacher and instructional coach at Charles City High School, is a standout singer, and both their sons — Colin, who lives in the Phoenix area, and Carter, who will graduate from Wartburg this month — are just as musical, if you will, as their parents.

Retirement means she can devote more time to the church, and she will continue to sing, as well as play her clarinet and the organ.

That final walk out of the school that she's called home for 33 years, though, could be difficult, but she already has a coffee date scheduled for Aug. 23, the first day of the 2023-24 school year.

As she talked about her career and the memories she made, one of her student, Jennifer McLeland, walked past Johanningmeier's office.

"I don't want you to go," McLeland said and gave her teacher a hug.

"Jennifer's always so happy, and I'll say this," she said. "It's the students, more than anything, I'll miss the most. They're the ones who made this, at least for me, such a worthwhile career."

## N-P golf teams get to start their postseasons on home course

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three-shot victory over the Panthers as Paige Franzen finished as medalist runner-up with a 51 while Autumn Nelson had a 57, Faith Franzen chipped in with a 54 and Natalie Sinnwell finished with a 64.

The quad victory came after Nashua-Plainfield shot its two best rounds of the season by posting back-to-back 20s.

Paige Franzen shot a career-low 44 to earn medalist honors at Northwood and Nelson had her best round of the season — a 49, which was just one shot off the career-best 48 she shot in April 2022 — to lead the Huskies to a two-shot victory over Mason City Newman. Faith Franzen and Sinnwell rounded out the Huskies' scorers with a 55 and 56, respectively.

Trost said he was especially happy with the play of Nelson, his team's lone senior.

"She's got some things figured out," the veteran coach said. "She went through a rough patch there where she had a couple scores that were a little elevated for her. That was nice to see her bounce back. She put in the effort and put in the time to get better and correct some stuff. She's a hard worker."

A day later, Nashua-Plainfield matched itself but had to settle for a third-place finish as Grundy Center finished with a 170 and Crestwood fired a 202. Paige Franzen led the Huskies with a solid 46, but it marked the first time this season that she didn't finish either as the medalist or medalist runner-up.

"It's almost to her detriment that she wants to be perfect," said Trost. "I keep telling her. You're okay is really good. She wants to be perfect and golf is not a perfect person's game. Sometimes you just hit a bad shot."

The boys, meanwhile, continued its season-long struggle with consistency.

The Huskies shot a 195 on Friday and was led by medalist Dawson Glaser, who fired a career-best 43, and despite the wind, the Huskies had a 204 in Manly on Monday, when Ty Berger led the way with a 45 and Devon Blanchard added a 46. Those were both career-low rounds.

The inconsistency, though, that has plagued the Huskies has left both their coach and his golfers frustrated.

"If you ever figure out which team is



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## Nashua-Plainfield's Ty Berger, one of three Huskies to post career-low rounds last week, gets ready to hit a tee shot during a home meet held last month.

going to show up," Trost said, "let me know because we'll get them in the lineup real quick."

Glaser said the Huskies need to focus on their games.

"They just gotta be out here. That's the only way you develop a scoring feel," the sophomore said. "You don't get better sitting at home in front of your computer or watching TV. It's a commitment to getting better."

That commitment will be needed next week when the boys head to Greene Monday for the TIC meet and then play host to the sectional tournament on Wednesday.

The girls also play their conference meet on Monday, when they travel to Mason City, and like the boys, Nashua-Plainfield's girls will open the postseason at home on Friday when the first round of a 1A regional will be played at the Nashua Town and Country Club.

### THURSDAY TRIANGULAR AT NORTHWOOD

Girls scores - Nashua-Plainfield 204, Mason City Newman 206, Northwood-Kensett 230.

Medalist - Paige Franzen (NP) 44.  
N-P scores - Franzen 44, Autumn Nelson 49, Faith Franzen 55, Natalie Sinnwell 56, Payton Howland 70.

Boys scores - Northwood-Kensett 191, Nashua-Plainfield 195, Mason City Newman 208.

Medalist - Dawson Glaser (NP) 43.  
N-P scores - Glaser 43, Ty Berger 53, Devon Blanchard 50, Cal Levi 50, William Lindeland 52, Tyler Zimmer 59.

### FRIDAY GIRLS TRIANGULAR AT NASHUA

Grundy Center 170, Crestwood 202, Nashua-Plainfield 204.

Medalist - Avery Dirks (GC) 39.  
N-P scores - P. Franzen 46, Nelson 55, F. Franzen 51, Sinnwell 52, Howland 79.

### MONDAY QUADRANGULAR AT MANLY

Girls scores - Nashua-Plainfield 230, Central Springs 233, Riceville 263, Rockford 273.

Medalist - Cooper Klaahsen (CS) 51.

N-P scores - P. Franzen 51, Nelson 57, F. Franzen 58, Sinnwell 64, Howland 80.

Boys scores - Rockford 195, Central Springs 199, Nashua-Plainfield 204, Riceville 231.

Medalist - Adam Wyborny (ROCK) 43.  
N-P scores - Glaser 55, Levi 58, Blanchard 46, Berger 45, Wyatt Bouillon 58, Lindeland 58.

## Coach lauds her runner's efforts at Drake Relays

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athletic prowess in two weeks from now at Iastate where the Husky standout will more than likely continue a storied re-write of the record books at her alma mater.

But if there's anyone that could top her already stunning string of amazing finishes at Drake on the same track in two weeks — Huck would have to be your best bet.

Huck's ferocious competitiveness may be her most indelible trait.

Don't doubt her — that's for sure.

"What an incredible adventure that Kadence had at the Drake Relays. It's hard to put into words. It's incredible. I'm just absolutely in awe for her and just so, so dang proud of her," said McCall, who helped guide the N-P girls track squad to the state title last year in Class 1A.

Huck managed a PR in both the 800 and mile run and almost eclipsed her career-best in the open 400 — an event she raced to a state title in as a freshman.

Her first time running at Drake against all four classes in the state of Iowa was simply brilliant.

"When Kadence was running the 800 and the 1,500 and we were seeing her split times — it was jaw dropping. We're so proud of her and her performance!" said McCall.

To give observers an idea of how difficult it is to medal at Drake in one event — let alone three — Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Sidney Swartzendruber sported the top time headed into the open 800 and finished 14th, two spots from last place in the event. Sidney's twin sister — Addison Swartzendruber — did defeat Huck in the 400 dash — just edging the hall of fame Husky — 57.29 to 57.56 — for third place. Sidney Swartzendruber, a junior, placed runner-up in a 56.87.

"What a huge accomplishment this was. Making it to the Drake Relays in an event is a big deal. Kadence didn't just make it in an event, she made it in three, and she didn't just make it in three events, but she medaled in those three events making school history here at NP!" said McCall.

What was Huck's crowning achievement last week in Des Moines? That may well have been her final run late Saturday afternoon in the 1,500 — where she shattered her school record by a whopping 12 seconds in that mile jaunt around the oval. Huck's fifth-place time of 4:38.36 was just four one-hundredths of a second behind fourth-place Keelee Leitzen of Dubuque Hempstead. Huck's previous best in the 1,500 came at the Comet Relays (4:50.59) in Charles City — a race she used to qualify for Drake right before the cutoff time to

make it to Des Moines.

"The competition in the 1,500 was incredible, as was the 400 and 800! What a talented bunch of ladies in those events, Kadence included obviously. The Drake Relays is the best of the best and seeing those ladies push one another in those races as well as other races was amazing," said McCall.

Huck's first race at her first-ever Drake Relays was on Friday afternoon in the 800. She capped her award-winning Friday four hours later in the 400.

Huck's fifth-place time in the 800 run was 2:12.82. She was clipped at the tape once more by Leitzen (2:12.82) — who nipped the Husky sophomore at the tape by just two one-hundredths of a second.

Of course, one would be remiss not to remind anyone that wondered how Huck got to this elite level in the state in such a relative short amount of time.

Two words — hard work.

And plenty of God-given ability. "What an incredible experience for her. Kadence works hard and when she sets goals: she sets them high and she's going to do whatever it takes to accomplish them. Congratulations to Kadence. She puts the time and effort in that it takes to be the best and it's awesome to be able to watch it pay off for her," McCall added.

## 'Turning' weather doesn't dampen spirit at run for mental health

BY BOB FENSKE  
Of the Reporter

The drizzle was falling and the wind was blowing when Dawn Heying asked the question last Friday evening.

"How many people still want to run or walk?"

Scores of hands went up, and she couldn't help but laugh as she said, "You're all nuts."

Yet, the number of people who turned out to the annual Everyone Hurts Their Fight Is Our Fight 5K warmed the heart of Heying, the New Hampton resident who has been instrumental in an organization that advocates for suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

"I was amazed, just utterly amazed, considering the weather," she said. "It was beautiful until 4 p.m. and then it turned so quickly I was just hoping a few people would come out. To see the number of people supporting us — not just the runners, the walkers and the bikers, but everyone — it means the world to all of us."

Everyone Hurts is a 501c3 non-profit organization that was started after Heying's daughter, Brittney, died from suicide in the summer of 2020. This year's run was held two days before what would have been Brittney's 26th birthday, and her mother admitted that she felt the "feels" this year more than she did during the first two years the event was held.

"I'm not sure why this year hit harder than it did the first couple of years," Heying said, "but I think one of the things we've all learned is that it doesn't get easier, it just changes, if that makes sense. What helps is knowing that there is a community out there that supports you, that wants to take on the issue. We have such a great committee, and we know that the best way to move forward is to try to make a difference."

And Everyone Hurts has done just that in its short but fruitful life.

The organization has awarded scholarships to area residents who are working on getting into mental health fields, it has helped fund guest speakers for both the community and its schools, it helps those who can't afford treatment get it and in the past year, it has made packets and delivered them to area funeral homes to help those grieving.

Everybody Hurts is also starting a grief program for those affected by suicide that will be held the fourth Sunday of every month, beginning in June.

Its biggest annual fundraiser is the run it held this past Friday, and despite Mother Nature's challenges, the shelter house where the opening ceremonies were held was packed to hear comments from a number of speakers, including family psychiatrist mental health nurse practitioner Sara King, who emphasized the need to reach out.

"We are not alone," she said, "and I think that's one of the things that we have to get across. If you're struggling, reach out. If you know someone who is struggling, reach out. I can't stress that enough. It's like anything in life, when you can walk through something with someone else, it's so much easier."

And then came the run/walk/bike, which was won by New Hampton eighth-grader Sophie Glaser, who finished one second ahead of New Hampton High School junior Leander Reicks.

The reality, though, is everyone was a winner on Friday.

"Even though it was hard, it was emotional," Heying said, "it felt really good to know that we were raising money for a good cause, a great cause. And we were spreading the word that you're never alone."



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Runners take off at the start of the Their Fight Is Our Fight 5K that was held this past Friday.

# Huskies continue upward trajectory

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
Of the Reporter

It's the same squad as last year, but it's different.

If that makes any sense, just talk to Nashua-Plainfield junior trapshooter Dawson Demro.

He'll fill you in on the details. Demro is one of five members of the N-P trapshooting team that competes with Charles City this spring out on the shooting range.

All five are back from a year ago on the split CC/N-P squad coached by Mike Oleson. Those Huskies include Demro, juniors Micaiah Groothuis, J.R. O'Neill and sophomores Nic Brase and Cam Cleveland.

It's a year older, a year better for the bunch.

Again, just listen to Demro describe the successful season the Huskies have managed to compile in 2023 so far.

"We've all been doing a lot better. One of the parents looked at scores from a year ago from when he had shot. Our team score had gone up by like 20 or 30 days," said Demro.

N-P shot a 182 (13th overall in the team standings) last Thursday versus New Hampton, Waverly-Shell Rock and Charles City in Fredericksburg – the Chickasaws' home shooting range. What makes that total amazing by the Huskies' standard is that they did it with just four shooters.

Groothuis led the way with a 48, Brase fired a 47, Demro shot



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## Nashua-Plainfield junior Micaiah Groothuis competes in a triangular in Fredericksburg last week Thursday.

a 45 and O'Neill accumulated a 42 out of 50 possible clays taken down.

Two days later at the Cresco Invite, N-P placed 12th with a 201. Demro (45), Groothuis (44), Brase (40), O'Neill (37) and Cleveland (35) continued their upward swing of getting better and improving in a season that is the longest out of all the prep spring sports in the state of Iowa.

"Last year I think maybe once we shot above a 200 as a team score. We've already done that a couple times this year," said Demro.

N-P has also added five middle-school shooters to its squad – something they didn't have a year ago.

"We've expanded a little bit, but the high school team is staying the same," said Demro.

N-P was supposed to take

on South Winneshiek at the Nashua Fish and Game Club on Monday, but that meet was cancelled. The Huskies took on Osage at home on Thursday.

What's Demro favorite part of trapshooting – outside of knocking down clays from the sky with his shotgun?

"You get outside a lot. You get to talk to a lot of people you wouldn't have normally met," said Demro.

## N-P hasn't won conference title in track since 2004

### BOYS TRACK: FROM 14

times really come down."

N-P has also won the season-opening St. Ansgar Coed and the N-P Coed meet last month.

Do Sudol and the boys have enough left in the tank to take down Osage and claim the Top of Iowa Conference crown?

Don't count these Huskies out. They ran the TIC meet on Thursday in Nashua.

"That's our goal. We haven't beat Osage, but we've beat Saint now three times," said Sudol. "Our goal is to try to bring home a conference title tomorrow night. We'll see if we can make it happen or not."

The Huskies haven't won a conference meet since 2004 according to Sudol, in his seventh season as N-P head coach.

N-P will compete without one of its key relay runners in senior Joel Winters on Thursday at the TIC. Sudol is hoping to get the Husky standout back by the time the qualifier in Northwood rolls around next Thursday.

"We're a little banged up now. Joel Winters is out until – for sure districts – and hopefully we get him back for that. It kind of hurts losing him in some relays. He kind of messed up his foot a little bit," said Sudol.

N-P also ran last week Thursday at the Simon Relays in Dike, hosted by Dike-New Hartford. The host Wolverines won the meet with 183 points. Iowa Falls-Alden was second (153) and N-P was third (90) – one point better than fourth place St. Ansgar (89).

N-P's shuttle hurdle relay continues to shine out on the oval this spring with the pairing of seniors Kaden Wilken, Aiden Lamborn, Bo Harrington and junior anchor Titus Evans. That relay won each of their races at Dike and at the Cowpath on Monday. The squad has the sixth-fastest time in Class 1A (1:02.92).

"Coach (Jay) Conner, he's got those hurdle guys rockin' and rollin'," said Sudol. "If we ever run our best race – that team is scary. The seniors on that team want it pretty bad."

Wilken PR'd with a second-place finish in the 110 hurdles in 15.89 at Dike. Evans was fourth in 16.55.

N-P won the 4x800, distance medley and the sprint medley at the Cowpath. The sprint medley relay ran a near season-best time of 1:40.86 with the squad of freshman leadoff Navarii Williams, sophomore Aiden Gelner, Lamborn and Evans.

"We're getting that sprint med finally clicking. We're hoping that relay can kind of be a home-run hitter for us these last two weeks," said Sudol.

N-P freshman Blaine Brannon was second in the open 400 at the Cowpath in a time of 55.98. Fellow Husky freshman Eli Kalainoff was right behind him in third place – just two one-hundredths of a second back in third place (56.01).

N-P junior Dylan Blanchard placed fourth in the 800 run at the Cowpath with a PR of

2:16.57. Husky freshman Jase Hansen was also fourth in that event at Dike in season-best time of 2:17.82.

Levi Winters, a senior, placed runner-up in the two-mile run (3,200) with a time of 12:07 at Nashua on Monday.

Lamborn was first in the high jump with a leap of 5-10 at Nashua.

Striving to be the best – no matter the situation or what is at stake.

**SIMON RELAYS TEAM SCORES**  
Dike-New Hartford 183, Iowa Falls-Alden 153, Nashua-Plainfield 90, St. Ansgar 89, Central Springs 76, Tripoli 68, Janesville 47, Waterloo Christian 25.

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS**  
100 dash - 6. Navarii Williams 12.0, 15. Cam Cleveland 13.51.

200 dash - 7. Williams 24.86, 10. Blaine Brannon 25.2.

400 dash - 7. Brannon 57.2, 800 run - 4. Jase Hansen 2:17.82, 6. Dylan Blanchard 2:25.13.

1,600 run - 8. Caleb Sinnwell 5:48.39, 10. Luke Paplow 5:54.12, 3,200 run - 3. Levi Winters 12:27.12, 4. Sinnwell 12:28.69.

110 hurdles - 2. Kaden Wilken 15.89, 4. Titus Evans 16.55, 400 hurdles - 11. Braeden Mitchell 1:12.33.

4x100 - 6. Cleveland, Brady Lensing, Jake Smith, Jack Hall 56.25, 4x200 - 5. Williams, Aiden Gelner, Joel Winters, Aiden Lamborn 1:38.16.

4x400 - 3. Evans, Eli Kalainoff, J. Winters, Bo Harrington 3:37.61, 4x800 - 3. J. Winters, Harrington, Hansen, Blanchard 9:04.32.

Sprint medley - 4. Williams, Gelner, Lamborn, Evans 1:40.3, Distance medley - 2. Wilken, Gelner, Kalainoff, Hansen 4:03.04.

Shuttle hurdle - 1. Wilken, Lamborn, Harrington, Evans 1:03.65, High jump - 4. Lamborn 5-6, 7. Trae Geise 5-4.

Long jump - 8. Wilken 16-8.5, 9. Geise 16-6.

Shot put - 13. Isaac Jones 31-1.75, 14. Maverick Dietz-McDonald 31, 15. Dawson Becker 29-11, 20. Hunter Hackman 26-1, Zander Lentz DQ.

Discus - 9. Jackson Zwanziger 92-2, 11. Kalainoff 86-3.

**COWPATH RELAYS TEAM SCORES**  
Nashua-Plainfield 139, St. Ansgar 123, North Fayette Valley 108, Dunkerton 60, North Butler 57, Janesville 55, Clarksville 46.

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS**  
100 dash - 4. Williams 12.42, 8.



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## N-P's Luke Paplow (left) and Caleb Sinnwell run in the 3,200 run in the Comet Relays at Charles City.

Easton Richards 13.17, 200 dash - 4. Brannon 25.31, 6. Williams 25.68.

400 dash - 2. Brannon 55.98, 3. Kalainoff 56.01.

800 run - 4. Blanchard 2:16.57, 6. Hansen 2:17.98.

1,600 run - 4. L. Winters 5:36.61, 5. Caleb Lentz 5:37.99.

3,200 run - 2. L. Winters 12:07.1, 3. Sinnwell 12:11.6.

110 hurdles - 2. Wilken 16.11, 3. Evans 16.49.

400 hurdles - 9. Mitchell 1:10.16, 4x100 - 8. Richards, Lensing, Hall, Smith 51.48, 9. Avery Mueller, Karson Chyma, Matthew Malven, Geise 52.9.

4x100 (Throwers) - 6. N-P 1:02.87, 4x200 - 3. Williams, Brannon, J. Winters, Lamborn 1:39.8, 10. Richards, Brody Devries, Hall, Smith

1:49.27, 4x400 - 2. Harrington, Kalainoff, J. Winters, Evans 3:36.17.

4x800 - 1. J. Winters, Harrington, Hansen, Blanchard 9:07.23, 5. Mitchell, Mueller, Paplow, Brexton Bird 10:28.13.

Sprint medley - 1. Williams, Gelner, Lamborn, Evans 1:40.86.

Distance medley - 1. Brannon, J. Winters, Harrington, Hansen 4:00.39.

Shuttle hurdle relay - 1. Wilken, Lamborn, Harrington, Evans 1:03.49.

High jump - 1. Lamborn 5-10, 3. Geise 5-6.

Long jump - 3. Geise 17-8, 6. Wilken 17-4.25.

Shot put - 11. Jones 31-2, 12. Z. Lentz 30-10.

Discus - 8. Kalainoff 100-11, 10. Zwanziger 83-9.



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## N-P sophomore Marleigh Lowe competes in the 100 hurdles at the New Hampton Coed.

## Frost takes first in high jump

### GIRLS TRACK: FROM 14

N-P's meet on Friday in Greene at the North Butler Invite wasn't exactly 70 degrees and sunny, either. The Huskies placed in ninth place (41) at that meet.

N-P sophomore Kadence Huck – fresh off her superb performance at the Drake Relays last week where she medaled in three events (400, 800, 1,500) – swept her marquee individual races at the Cowpath.

She won the 400 dash in 58.63, the 800 run in 2:29 and the mile run in 5:07.32. Huck beat the nearest finisher – runner-up Mily Schilling of Dunkerton (5:47) – by almost 40 seconds in the mile run.

The Huskies distance medley squad of Jordyn Frost, Ellie Eick, Jalissa White and Huck won the race in 4:33.06 – over 19 seconds faster than second-place St. Ansgar (4:52.76).

Frost finished first in the high jump (4-9) at North Butler and was second in the event at home on Monday with a leap of 4-7.

N-P sophomore Marleigh Lowe ran a PR in the 100 hurdles in a time of 19.57 at home. That was good for fourth place.

"She's been working hard on those hurdles and I'm so happy to see her hit that PR mark and so excited for her to continue to drop time," said McCall.

Myranda Webster, a junior, came up huge in the discus on Friday with a heave of 84-5.5 – also a personal best. That toss placed her ninth.

"This girl works tremendously hard and is so awesome taking time and helping the younger athletes. She's a true leader, so seeing her hit that mark was just awesome!" said McCall.

White, a freshman, hit a PR in the 800 run (2:54). That clip allowed her to finish sixth.

Frost (29.54, seventh place) and Eick (30.57, ninth place) recorded their fastest times of the season in the open 200 at North Butler.

**NORTH BUTLER LADY BEARCATS INVITE TEAM SCORES**  
St. Ansgar 140, Sumner-Fredericksburg 101, South Hardin 87, Jesup 74, North Butler 68.5, Turkey Valley 57, Tripoli 48, Rockford 44,

Nashua-Plainfield 39.5.

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS**  
100 dash - 11. Elayna O'Neill 14.91, 15. Emily Becker 15.42.

200 dash - 7. Jordyn Frost 29.54, 9. Ellie Eick 30.57.

400 dash - 12. Emma O'Neill 1:34.63.

800 run - 6. Jalissa White 2:54.46, 1,500 run - 6. O'Neill 7:49.92.

400 hurdles - 9. Marleigh Lowe 1:28.96.

4x100 - 10. Becker, Paisley McCain, Abi Prugh, Elayna O'Neill 1:02.01.

4x200 - 8. Becker, Amberley Gerholdt, Prugh, El. O'Neill 2:11.45.

4x400 - 4. Jordyn Frost, White, Gerholdt, Eick 4:57.97.

4x800 - 3. Gerholdt, White, Kami Hannemann, Eick 11:58.39.

Sprint medley - 10. Becker, Prugh, El. O'Neill, Lowe 2:17.66.

Distance medley - 5. Frost, Eick, White, Gerholdt 5:11.93.

High jump - 1. Frost 4-9.

Long jump - 7. Kamryn Zimmer 10-7, 7. Hannemann 10-7.

Shot put - 5. Eden Lamborn 31, 15. Myranda Webster 24-5.

Discus - 9. Webster 84-5.5, 16. Lamborn 63-7.

**COWPATH RELAYS TEAM SCORES**  
St. Ansgar 178, North Fayette Valley 85, Nashua-Plainfield 74, Clarksville 64, North Butler 57, Dunkerton 56, Janesville 35, Rockford 29.

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS**  
100 dash - 8. El. O'Neill 15.27, 12. Becker 15.71.

200 dash - 9. Gerholdt 31.75, 12. Prugh 33.46.

400 dash - 1. Kadene Huck 58.63, 7. Hannemann 1:14.22.

800 run - 1. Huck 2:29.2, 10. Em. O'Neill 3:43.73.

1,500 run - 1. Huck 5:07.32, 4. White 6:11.58.

100 hurdles - 4. Lowe 19.57.

4x100 (Throwers) 2. N-P 1:18.67.

4x100 - 8. Lowe, Becker, Prugh, El. O'Neill 58.97, 13. Bailey Bond, Zimmer, Brooke Russel, Jayla Patten 1:06.06.

4x200 - 4. Frost, El. O'Neill, White, Eick 2:01.71, 11. Bond, Sara Buba, Zimmer, Patten 2:17.03.

4x400 - 6. Gerholdt, Hannemann, Buba, Lowe 5:06.7.

4x800 - 4. Gerholdt, Em. O'Neill, Buba, Hannemann 12:50.31.

Sprint medley - 6. Frost, El. O'Neill, White, Eick 2:07.8.

Distance medley - 1. Frost, Eick, White, Huck 4:33.06.

High jump - 2. Frost 4-7.

Long jump - 5. Hannemann 12-5, 6. Zimmer 11-6.25.

Shot put - 3. Lamborn 32-1, 12. Webster 25-2.

Discus - 10. Lamborn 67-1, 13. Webster 64-7.

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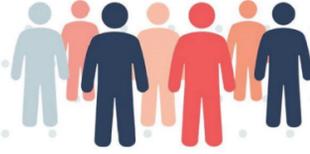
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# It's do-or-die time for N-P

Huskies head to TIC meets Monday, boys host sectional Wednesday, girls home for regional

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

There are two high school golf seasons — the regular season and the now-it-really-matters season.

And Nashua-Plainfield, after taking on Mason City Newman and St. Ansgar Thursday night is on to that second season — one that begins with the Top of Iowa Conference East Division meets on Monday and continues with the Class 1A boys sectional tournament Wednesday and the first round of the Class 1A girls regional tournament on Friday.

And the Huskies closed out the regular season by playing quite a bit of golf ... sometimes in less-than-pristine conditions.

Nashua-Plainfield's girls team claimed a triangular victory at Northwood last Thursday, played a very competitive round of golf in a girls-only meet Friday and then beat three teams and the conditions to claim a quadrangular on Monday.

"It was tremendously windy," Nashua-Plainfield coach Jeff Trost said about Monday's meet, and he probably wasn't doing justice to the weather conditions his Huskies faced at the relatively "open" Pioneer Town and Country Club in Manly.

And despite shooting a 230 — its worst score since April 11 — the Huskies eked out a

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**Nashua-Plainfield senior Autumn Nelson (above) makes a short putt while the Huskies' Dawson Glaser hits an iron shot from the fairway during a meet at the Nashua Town and County Club last week.**



## Huskies stay home for TIC East meet!

Nashua-Plainfield athletes (clockwise, from top) Kadence Huck, Navarii Williams, Amberley Gerholdt and Jase Hansen compete at the Top of Iowa Conference East Division meet Thursday in Nashua.

The Huskies enjoyed the beautiful weather on an 80-degree day as the N-P boys finished fourth (103 points) in the team standings and the Husky girls placed sixth (62).

Nashua-Plainfield crowned several conference champions, including Kadence Huck (400, 800, 1,500) and the Husky girls distance medley relay.

N-P senior Aiden Lamborn won the high jump for the Husky boys with a leap of six feet.

Osage beat St. Ansgar, 147-146, to win the boys title.

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Nashua-Plainfield's boys track team poses for a picture after claiming the title at the Cowpath Relays Monday night.

## Husky boys reign at home

N-P claims Cowpath Relays to win third team title of the season

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**  
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The cheers never get old. There might have been a few hoots and maybe one holler or two at last Monday's Cowpath Relays in Nashua as Husky fans rooted on their Nashua-Plainfield boys track team.

But in all seriousness, let's hope the loud ovations and post-game celebrations continue all the way down to Des Moines and the state track meet later this month for Chase Sudol's talented Top of Iowa Conference team.

N-P added one more team title trophy to the mantelpiece in 2023 after claiming first place at the Husky-hosted Cowpath Relays.

This has been quite a run for the boys from N-P as the Huskies have now won three meets this spring.

"The effort was definitely there and the performances out of everyone was everything I could ask for," said Sudol.

The heavy wind that permeated most athletic events in the state of Iowa on Monday also made its presence known at the Cowpath. So engineering a top time on a blustery and cool spring night was going to be a

challenge.

N-P weathered the storm — so to speak — and came away with 139 team points. That was 16 points better than runner-up St. Ansgar's team total of 123.

"It was rough conditions. It wasn't going to be a night where we were going to run our best times, but it was just going to be a matter of how we competed against St. Ansgar and some of the other schools that were there. They stepped up to the challenge. We looked good," said Sudol. "I think if you have a beautiful night, some of those

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mindset and remember that everyone is competing in the same conditions," said McCall.

N-P placed third at the Cowpath Relays with a team score of 74. St. Ansgar ran away with the team crown (178), while North Fayette Valley finished runner-up (85).

While the weather conditions were less than ideal on Monday — you didn't hear a peep out of the Huskies about what felt like gale-force winds at times while competing.

"I'm very proud of the girls. Both conditions of weather were not the best. The girls do their thing. They go compete. Obviously, it's a lot more fun when the weather is nicer, but the girls don't whine or complain to Coach Toni (Stewart) or I and we appreciate that so much. They just go do their thing and compete," said McCall.

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