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Supervisors keep their chairman

Kuhn will continue to lead board but members agree they must work together

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors avoided sailing into “unchartered territory” Monday, meaning Matt Kuhn will remain as the board’s chairman.

Supervisors and members of the public spent almost 30 minutes

talking about the position during the meeting, which came a week after Supervisor Travis Suckow said Kuhn needed a “timeout” and the board needed new leadership.

The discussion not only included comments about Kuhn but also Supervisor Jake Hackman. The two engaged in a “back-and-forth” argument during an April 4 meeting over

comments Hackman allegedly made to Kuhn during a recess the day before, and it was that argument that led Suckow to make his comments on April 10.

The discussion began with Kuhn reading a letter he wrote that appears in this edition of the Tribune as a Letter to the Editor.

“I want to start off by apologizing

for how my frustrations were perceived by some regarding our meeting on Tuesday, April 4th,” he said. “However, I am not apologizing for bringing to light in a public meeting the conversation Supervisor Hackman had with me during

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Nashua will change water companies

City Council approves one-year deal with ION to replace PeopleService

By KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

Nashua City Council members voted Monday at a regular City Council meeting to retain the services of ION Solutions – a Muscatine-based water/wastewater operator – to help run its Water/Wastewater Department.

The ION services proposal, which is a one-year contract that would run from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024, would charge \$7,385 a month to conduct such operations as daily data collection at Nashua’s water/wastewater facility. That contract comes out to over \$88,000 a year annually.

ION will perform all daily operations, required maintenance and repair to the water/wastewater treatment facilities.

ION would also report data via collection samples to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The company would also be on-call for all emergencies at the plant.

New Council member Jake Johnson said there is a 60-day out provision in the contract should the city choose to remove itself from the agreement with ION.

Nashua is currently under contract with PeopleService to do those tasks with the water/wastewater facility.

The city of Nashua did not renew its contract with PeopleService – a water and wastewater company based out of Omaha. PeopleService was asking for a new contract that would come out

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N-P student to celebrate prom

Nashua-Plainfield High School students will get all dressed up Saturday as the school celebrates prom.

The grand march will take place at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium and doors will open at 6:30.

Admission is a buck, and all proceeds will help cover prom expenses.



Photo courtesy of Heidi Hull

Nashua-Plainfield High School FFA members who earned their Iowa Degrees at the 95th Iowa FFA State Convention included (front row, from left) Makayla Asche, Ellie Woodman, Kendall Bailey - Pint, Sheyenne Bergmann, (back row) Bo Harrington, Landon Pratt, Joel Winters, Aiden Lamborn and Jackson Zwanziger.

SHINING AT STATE FFA!

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STUDENTS ENJOY A HECTIC FEW DAYS AT ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION IN AMES

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

Put it this way, the Nashua-Plainfield FFA chapter packed a lot of activities into the state convention that wrapped up its three-day run on Tuesday in Ames.

“It was a lot of fun, we learned a lot but there’s a reason we’re a little tired right now,” FFA Advisor Heidi Hull said Thursday morning. “There weren’t a lot of down times, but I think and I hope the kids had a fun experience.”

From touring Jack Trice Stadium

to packaging meals for Meals from the Heartland to learning results to hearing from keynote speaker Chris Norton – a motivational speaker who shared his story of being severely injured in a Luther

SEE CONVENTION, 2

It's Iowa, why not experience all four of the seasons in week

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

Go back a week.

You were picking up a copy of the Nashua Reporter and asking those near you, “Hot enough for you?”

Hey, we know the old saying about Iowa weather – if you don’t like it, don’t worry, it’ll change in a minute – but what we’ve experienced in the past seven days is kind of ridiculous, don’t you think?

We went from summer last Friday to fall on Saturday to winter Sunday evening to spring – as in spring showers

– on Thursday.

One week, four seasons, nice job Mother Nature.

Start with last Friday, when our temperatures topped out in the 80s for a third consecutive day.

The cool down came Saturday and by Sunday night, we were seeing snowflakes in the air, and although it didn’t amount to much in Nashua – an inch or so – it was a reminder that we’re never really out of the woods when it comes to Old Man Winter.

The good news for us is that

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Traffic moves along the Avenue of Saints near the Nashua exit on another rainy, dreary Northeast Iowa day.

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Supervisors lean toward going alone on new ‘jail’

Board wants to explore building holding facility at current jail location

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

It’s looking less likely that Chickasaw County and the city of New Hampton are going to come together to build a new law enforcement center and a 24-hour holding facility that would replace the current jail located across the street from the courthouse.

While it’s still possible, the county appears to be getting proverbial “cold feet” when it comes to forming a Joint Authority Board with the city, but the Board of Supervisors did learn on Monday that they do face a deadline of sorts on fixing the issues in the current jail.

“When it gets to be a lot of safety issues, that’s really the breaking point of things,” State Jail Inspector Delbert Longley told board members, “and to be real honest about it, you guys are not really that terribly far away from that.”

Longley, who joined Monday’s meeting by phone, said he would not put the closing of the facility on a definitive timetable, but he also cautioned supervisors that “there could be something that happens today that could change my perspective on that completely.”

The inspector made his comments a week after three Nashua area residents – former supervisors Arnie Boge and Tim Zoll and former Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Deputy Doug Strike – urged the supervisors to “slow down” on forming a Joint Authority Board and to look at not including the New Hampton Police Department into the new facility.

A majority of the board members appeared to agree on Monday as two supervisors, Scott Cerwinske and Travis Suckow, said they opposed creating a Joint Board Authority, while a third, Jake Hackman, said he was “on the fence.”

“I’d rather see us, if we want to

SEE JAIL, 5



Photos courtesy of Heidi Hull
Nashua-Plainfield was represented in the Iowa FFA Band by (left) J.R. O'Neill, Aiden Sullivan and Ellie Woodman while Jordyn Frost (above) sings with the Iowa FFA Choir at the organization's annual convention that was held earlier this week in Ames.



Nine N-P students receive Iowa Degrees

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football game and his long, courageous battle to walk again — to attending the annual BBQ and Fun Night to having four members show off their musical talents to nine students receiving their Iowa FFA Degrees, the convention was, in a word, hectic.

The highlight, though, may have been the sheer number of Iowa Degrees Nashua-Plainfield students earned. Makayla Asche, Kendall Bailey-Pint, Sheyenne Bergmann, Bo Harrington, Aiden Lamborn, Landon Pratt, Joel Winters, Ellie Woodman and Jackson Zwanziger were among the 682 students from around the state who received Iowa FFA's highest honor, which is given to only about 5 percent of FFA students.

- To earn an Iowa Degree, students must:
- Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
 - Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education above the ninth-grade level.
 - Have a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program that earned and invested a combination of dollars and hours that are the equivalent value of \$1,500 and/or 375 hours in excess of scheduled class time.
 - Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement as well as a proficient scholastic record while in high school.
 - Have participated in at least 25 hours of community service, within at least two different community service activities.

Three students — J.R. O'Neill, Aiden Sullivan and Woodman — represented Nashua-Plainfield in the Iowa FFA Band while a fourth, Jordyn Frost, sang with the Iowa FFA Choir.

Nashua-Plainfield students also received a number of gold and silver ratings at the convention.

Earning gold ratings were Harrington,



Nashua-Plainfield FFA members (left) help package meals and join students (above) from around the state in taking the field during a tour of Jack Trice Stadium on the campus of Iowa State University.

Lamborn, Winters and Zwanziger in farm business management; and Grace Dietz and Braeden Mitchell in greenhand quiz.

Earning silver ratings were Caleb Lentz for treasurer's book; Sullivan for secretary's

book; Caleb Lentz, Cale Jensen, Alison Mehmen and Dietz in ag biotechnology; Kallyn Lentz in ag discussion; and Jensen, Brady Lensing, Elayna O'Neill and Emma O'Neill in team ag sales.

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it was far worse elsewhere — parts of Allamakee and Clayton counties awoke to an eight-inch snowfall, which led to numerous school districts to call off classes.

It also made for treacherous driving for those Nashua residents who had to commute to work Monday morning, especially if they had to travel to the east.

Still, the moisture is good news for area farmers, who will enter the planting season — hopefully sooner rather than later — with solid soil moisture profiles.

According to the latest USDA Crop and Condition Report, 86 percent of topsoil and 90 percent of subsoil in Northeast Iowa has either adequate or surplus moisture, by far the best of the nine districts in the state. And those numbers do not include Thursday's one-inch rainfall.

Still, for those of us who like spring, it's been kind of elusive

this year. It's either too hot or too cold and rarely just right.

And the weekend doesn't look all that spring like as highs won't make it out of the 40s and lows are expected to dip into the 20s.

At least, however, the chance of snow showers has been taken out of the forecast for Saturday.

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NIACC breaks ground on new Career Center

Charles City facility will serve several area school districts, including N-P

By Bob Steenson
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Ground was ceremoniously broken Friday morning on the new NIACC Career Center that will be built in downtown Charles City to provide technical training to students from seven area high schools. The ceremony – complete with local, regional and state representatives and dignitaries, hard hats and gold-painted shovels – didn’t actually turn over any dirt, but did mark the beginning of what is expected to be a year-long construction period.

Dr. Steven Schulz, president of the North Iowa Area Community College, said that initial construction will be mostly on the 9,500-square-foot addition being built onto the south part of the existing NIACC Charles City Center at 203 Brantingham St. That construction is supposed to begin this week. The remodeling of the entire interior of the existing building is expected to begin in August, Schulz said.

The event began inside the NIACC Charles City Center Friday morning, with Schulz introducing local and area school superintendents and school board members; NIACC administrators and board of directors members; representatives of the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Workforce Development; and representatives of Woodruff Construction, which won the bid on the project.

“Thanks to a combination of a \$1 million grant from the Department of Education, bond revenue, donations from our local banks, businesses, the city of Charles City and generous individuals and organizations from our seven school districts, the new NIACC Career Center is planned to open in the summer of 2024,” Schulz said. “In fact, March 30 is the tentative date. We’re going to hope that we can hit that and that the weather behaves.”

The project is a partnership among NIACC and two other community colleges, Northeast Iowa Community College and Hawkeye Community College; and seven school districts, Charles City, Clarksville, Nashua-Plainfield, North Butler, Osage, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock and Riceville.

This is the second career center for high school students that NIACC is building. The first, in Forest City, was the first career center built in Iowa after legislation was passed making funding available for technical training to reach all corners of the state.

NIACC was awarded the first \$1 million state grant, for the Forest City center, and is the only community college to win two \$1 million grants, the second being for the Charles City Center, Schulz said.

The community college worked with Iowa Workforce Development to identify



Bob Fenske/Tribune

NIACC President Steven Schulz talks about the college’s new Charles City Career Center last week.

the skills most in demand in the region according to job openings to develop the four technical training areas that will be offered.

Advanced manufacturing is the first area, Schulz said.

“This program will expose students to a wide variety of skills necessary to work in advanced manufacturing, and they’ll leave here with basically one year of college programming under their belts. Whether they stay or go into the workforce, they’re going to take skills and certificates with them,” Schulz said.

“Construction trades is the second area. The housing shortage is the topic of every economic development and chamber and community meeting going on, and we hope to fill some of those jobs with these students. Again, they’ll complete almost a full year of this program and then they’ll be able to come to NIACC to get some additional certificates at the end if they so choose,” he said.

“Information technology – this has honestly been the most challenging one for us as well as other community colleges across the state. But the jobs are there, the income is great, so we’re going to start working on developing programmers for local industry,” Schulz said.

“And finally, health care academy. So we’ll have a health care academy here, and we’ll start to build your future health care professionals right here,” he said.

“Do we have it right?” Schulz asked. “We’ll see. The same four technical areas in Forest City are growing.”

Patti Hanson, NIACC’s dean of continuing education and director of economic development, said the four areas align very well with NIACC classes that will be available to students who want to continue technical training after they graduate from high school.

“NIACC Continuing Education is here to support you in all your training needs from personal development to continued

professional development and customized training developed for individual businesses, needs and situations,” Hanson said. “It’s what we do and that’s what we’re here to provide to all of you in the surrounding area and here in Charles City.”

Jeremy Varner, division administrator with the Iowa Department of Education, said the state has been working for quite a while to ensure that students get consistent equitable access to high quality current technical education.

“I’m really excited to be back here in north Iowa, on this beautiful Friday for the groundbreaking of this transformational project,” Varner said. “The Charles City regional center will expand student access to career pathways in some of north Iowa’s most in-demand fields.”

Varner said the Charles City project was possible because of all the groups that are working together “to insure that students in North Iowa have access to those high quality career programs that would be cost-prohibitive for any one partner to do on their own.”

“The programming in advanced manufacturing, construction, health care, information technology – students are going to have access to college credit at no cost and developing skills necessary for careers in businesses right here in north Iowa,” Varner said.

Calling the project “truly wonderful,” Varner continued, “Certainly when it’s open next fall we’re going to be up here, and we’ll want to showcase this as a model for elsewhere in the state, because others will be looking to emulate this work.”

Schulz concluded the indoor portion of the program before moving outside to the hard hats and ceremonial shovels.

“What I told the superintendents when we went down this road, building this thing is the easy part, to be honest,” Schulz said. “It’s sustaining it over the next 25 to 50 years that will take all of us in this room to make sure that this building gets worn out.”

Max Reeves, 80

Max Reeves, age 80, of Nashua, died Monday, April 10, 2023, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Bethany Alliance Church in Charles City with the Rev. Coutler Page officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Bethany Alliance Church in Charles City, prior to the memorial service.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements.

Max was welcomed into the world by his parents, Glenn and Ada (Finney) Reeves, on Aug. 7, 1942, in Danville, Illinois, a small city located near the border with Indiana. He was the third of the Reeves’ four children and grew up with his two sisters and one brother in Danville.

Growing up, he loved to play baseball and was a standout centerfielder at Danville High School.

He married Diane Clippinger on June 19, 1959, and then attended Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Owatonna, Minnesota, where he graduated with degrees in Bible studies and early childhood development.

While his goal at the time was to become a school administrator, Max found his calling in food service. He worked for Servicemaster, which was later bought out by Aarmark, for years, mostly at hospitals in the Midwest but he also spent about 15 years as the food service director at his alma mater.

Max and Diane had four children – Tracy, Jeff, Jeni, and Eric – who will always remember their dad “whistling” all the time, sometimes whistling the same song throughout the entire day!

They had a Dad, however, who was a hard worker, often working two jobs to support his family.

In addition to working in food service, he owned a catering business called Kustom Katerers in Owatonna, Minnesota. Max was an excellent cook and an outstanding baker, known for his cinnamon



Max Reeves

rolls, German chocolate cake, artisan breads and cookies.

Max lost Diane to cancer in 2003, and after her death, he was working at Allen Hospital in Waterloo, where he met Diane Copenhaver, who worked in the hospital’s purchasing department. They were married on June 12, 2004, and after Max took a job at the Waverly Health Center, the couple moved to Nashua.

He loved to go antique shopping, especially when he could buy things that reminded him of his childhood – often telling Diane that this “was just like what my grandmother had,” and he was proud of his 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Max had a deep and strong faith. He was a member of the Bethany Alliance Church in Charles City, and he will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

They know today that Max is at peace in a far better place and will greet them one day in the future.

Max is survived by his wife, Diane of Nashua; his children, Tracy (Paul) Schaefer of East Palatka, Florida, Jeff (Sue) Reeves of Sheffield, Jeni Berg of Lyman, South Carolina, and Eric (Janice) Reeves of Marysville, Michigan; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and his two sisters, Pat Beresford of Danville, and Glennnda (Ron) Shipley of Youngstown, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Diane Clippinger; grandson, Orion in infancy; and his brother, Dale Reeves.

Steven ‘Steve’ Thompson, 69

Steven “Steve” Thompson, age 69 of Nashua, passed away Monday, April 17, 2023.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Steven Alan Thompson, the son of Roy and Alice (Underland) Thompson, was born on Oct. 3, 1953, in Austin, Minnesota.

He attended schools in Austin.

Steve was a hog farmer for over 25 years. He loved mechanics and working on engines.

Living family members include his girlfriend, Cyndi Cordes; son, Tim (Solmari) Thompson; daughter, Tina (Brandon) Evans; grandchildren, Titus and Taytum Evans, Topanga Thompson (Hunter Nehls), Trevor, Ava, Lucias and Braddock Thompson; great-granddaughter, Juniper Nehls; stepchildren, Jacquelynn Ward, Mary Forry, and Jack Ward; many step-grandchildren; two sisters, Bev Wacek and Sandy Kramer; brother, Ron Thompson; along with



Steve Thompson

many nieces and nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Tanya; Janice Thompson and Margaret Leslie; sister, Kris; and brother, Dave Thompson.

Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home, Charles City, is in charge of local arrangements. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

Council sets public hearing to fund dam, sanitary sewer improvements

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to over \$22,000 a month that the city would have to pay for its services on a yearly basis.

Nashua unanimously voted earlier this month to create a full-time Public Works employee position that would replace outgoing and current Water/Wastewater Superintendent Nick Henningsen, whose contract with PeopleService was not renewed. Henningsen has been Water/Wastewater Superintendent for the past eight years and he stated his last day of work in Nashua will be April 28. Matt White will be taking over for him after that date.

The Council will hold a workshop to discuss the full-time Public Works employee position on Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.

The Council needs to create a job title, description and qualifications of the position.

Council members also set a public hearing date to enter into a general obligation loan agreement to borrow up to \$3.75 million for paying costs of constructing dam improvements and sanitary sewer improve-

ments. That public hearing date is set for May 1.

A \$6,000 inspection for divers to explore underwater upstream from the dam was approved. Council members decided to conduct this inspection as the divers are currently working on the dam downstream.

A resolution was passed to hold the first reading of amending a code of ordinances for water meter fees. The second hearing is set for May 1.

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Chairman: Supervisors must put the county first

To the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors and county residents, I want to start off by apologizing for how my frustrations were perceived by some regarding our meeting on Tuesday, April 4th. However, I am not apologizing for bringing to light in a public meeting the conversation Supervisor Hackman had with me during our recess the previous day.

I feel people should be held responsible for their actions. If I did or said something wrong, I should be held accountable. If a fellow board member or citizen says something, they too should be held accountable as well. As elected officials, we are representatives of our constituents, who deserve complete transparency.

The reason I brought our conversation up in a public meeting was because I asked Supervisor Hackman if he would be bringing this conversation up at our next meeting. Supervisor Hackman informed me that he would be.

I am tired of being called names and in my opinion, yelled at. I have previously informed Supervisor Hackman that I have a name. Specifically at our October 24th, 2022, board meeting.

What caused further frustration at Tuesday’s meeting was when Supervisor Hackman started to deny the comments, he had made just the day prior. If I don’t want the public to hear what I say, especially in the boardroom, I do my best not to say it at all. I’m not sure why there appears to be a discrepancy in the conversation we had.

Supervisor Suckow, you mentioned asking for the chair to take a timeout. This is not a game; timeouts are for games. This is, however, exactly what I see going on between the board in collaboration with select individuals from the public. Games. I’m attempting to call out and stop this behavior. Instead, I am being asked to step down as chair.

It was stated at the April 10th meeting that if we have a problem with someone, we should address it one-on-one. I believe that statement to be true. I, however, am at the point where the public needs to start seeing the actions of the board. This behavior cannot continue to be tolerated. Which is why I have started calling it out and other discrepancies. We are here to work together to benefit Chickasaw County across party affiliations.

We all have our own opinions and aren’t always going to agree. The boardroom is where we need to share our opinions and discuss at that point, not wait until the last possible date. I find it frustrating that when a board member is absent, other board members have taken the opportunity to bring up issues that are irrelevant and cause drama without the person involved being able to contribute to a constructive conversation.

We have department heads that feel like they must sit at our meetings the entire time because as soon as they leave, a complaint from the board will come forward. Instead of supervisors calling department heads to address concerns one-on-one, they bring it forward in a meeting so the public witnesses it. Can you imagine being publicly shamed as a regular part of your job?

Why are we not able to trust our department heads and assume goodness of intentions when they are performing their job? I have done my best to try and call up department heads so they can be present when being talked about. County employees want to bring their concerns forward but are worried about retaliation and how they will be treated afterwards by the board.

Earlier this year we discussed how much we would fund the libraries in the county for the next fiscal year. The decision was made to keep the funding the same as the previous year. It was brought to my attention that there were members of the board having conversations taking place outside the boardroom after that decision was made. It was stated we didn’t follow a proper procedure to set the amount of funding and it would be brought up at the opportune time. However, these concerns were not given directly to the board chair by the member with the concern to rectify the issue. After hearing about this, I brought it up in a board meeting on January 30th, 2023, and received 20 questions about why we would make a motion.

I am trying to run a transparent board and plan to continue. However, I feel like I’m constantly getting undermined. This issue started last year when I became chair and has only gotten worse since I was nominated to be chair again this year. I think a lot of the issues come down to control which has been stated numerous times in our recent meetings. Some board members appear to get away with saying whatever they would like without consequence, while others are supposed to be held to a standard when convenient. We need to work together as a board for Chickasaw County, not one’s individual self to advance personal agendas.

I will continue to stand up for what is right and just. The citizens of Chickasaw County deserve a board of supervisors who can work together to champion progress, support our county employees, and make decisions that are in the best interest of our community. As a board, we need to put our differences aside and refocus our priorities to make the betterment of our county #1. Whether I continue as chair or not, I will strive to make our constituents proud and best serve our county.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn

WHC leaders: Volunteers critical to hospital

National Volunteer Week is observed April 17- 22, 2023. At Waverly Health Center, we would like to express our gratitude to all of the individuals who currently volunteer or have volunteered for Waverly Health Center in years past. We are blessed to celebrate 116 volunteers this year.

We could not fully meet WHC’s mission, nor do what we do, without the wonderful hospital volunteers and Auxiliary Gift Garden.

Volunteers give support for hospital staff, a smile as a greeting for visitors, baby blankets and caps for all newborns, a prayer, a listening ear, help when needing to find your way around the hospital and doing whatever is needed at the time! Volunteering is a choice – a generous choice – that these exceptional men and women have made on behalf of the organization. We’re proud to recognize our volunteers’ roles in improving the patients’ experience.

Volunteerism is shown to be good for our health – the connections with others and the act of helping others provide meaning and purpose in our lives helps our sense of well-being. So as we observe National Volunteer Week this year, we thank our volunteers for their service, empathy and compassion, and for their selfless dedication to the patients and mission of WHC.

Waverly Health Center CEO Jodi Geerts and Volunteer Services Manager Melinda Pitt

Cerwinski: Board needs to be more professional

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our recess the previous day.” Kuhn brought up a number of issues he has had with Hackman and also said it was time for the board to stand up and support the county’s department heads. He concluded by calling on all board members to put the county interests ahead of their personal agendas.

“As a board, we need to put our differences aside and refocus our priorities to make the betterment of our county No. 1,” Kuhn said. “Whether I continue as chair or not, I will strive to make our constituents proud and best serve our county.”

Kuhn then read an email from Fredericksburg resident Doreen Cook, who this was unable to attend the meeting. Cook said that she had talked to all the board members on April 4 and that she felt it was time for Kuhn to step down as chairman. If he chose not to, she asked that Suckow, who represents the Fredericksburg and Lawler areas, “rescind” his Jan. 3 vote for Kuhn and request a vote on a new chairman.

“Our county has had to endure the unprofessional behavior of the Board of Supervisors, and as I stated then, it has to stop,” Cook wrote. “I’m not laying blame on any one member of the Board of Supervisors, as it does take two to tango. I do believe that this can’t continue and requested that Matt step down from the leadership role as chairman of the Board of Supervisors and request that Scott [Cerwinski], the vice chairman, be made chair. The county taxpayers deserve better from our supervisors.”

Supervisor Steve Breitbach said Suckow’s words during the April 10 meeting sounded much like Cook’s, but the supervisor stood by his statement.

“My words last [Monday], which are right here,” he said. “Those are not her words, these words right here are mine.”

A number of supervisors spoke out on the need for the board to improve when it came to the members’ behavior. Board member Scott Cerwinski was especially pointed with his comments.

“I don’t know what went on when none of us were in the boardroom,” he said. “I do feel that it probably should not have been brought up by the chairman at a public meeting. It should have been taken outside and discussed if there was an issue. I do feel, as supervisors, have made a joke of Chickasaw County with the actions that have gone on here for quite a few years. I would say we need to act much more pro-



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Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn reads from a prepared statement Monday during a discussion on the future of his leadership of the board.

fessional moving forward no matter what this board decides today.”

But one member of the crowd said Hackman, not Kuhn, deserves the blame for the decorum issue at board meetings.

“I would also tell you that there is not a person in this room who doesn’t know where this problem is emanating from. It’s emanating from that chair over there,” Lawler resident and businessman Kurt Croell said as he pointed to Hackman. “It’s just one petty thing after the other. You are totally disagreeable with anything that comes along.

“The rest of the board should say, ‘We’ve had enough, Mr. Hackman, sit in your corner, talk all you want, but we’re not going to listen to that.’ Now that’s what the rest of the board, I think, should do.”

He added that everybody he has talked to in the county “will be quite content and happy when Mr. Hackman’s term is up and is off the board.”

One resident, Kathy Shekleton, who attends board meetings on an almost weekly basis, spoke out in favor of Hackman.

“You don’t get along at all. You argue just because, just because you don’t like Jake, you just argue because it’s Jake,” she said. “It seems like everything falls on Jake’s shoulders no matter what it is. He knows what he’s talking about, he does his research. So if people bitch because he speaks out that things should be done, he knows what he’s doing.”

Hackman said there are a number of things lacking when it comes to Kuhn’s leadership — saying the chairman often doesn’t get documents to the board until the day of meetings. He also claimed Kuhn had defied an order by a chief judge to hold courthouse security meetings.

“I’ve told you this many times,” he said to Kuhn, “the chief judge [has ordered] that the chair is supposed to call a courthouse security meeting and you have not called one in the last 15 months. ... That’s what the public don’t see [with] your leadership role. That’s a court order by a chief judge of this district, failed by the chair.”

County Attorney David Laudner told supervisors that “you’re in totally uncharted territory” when it comes to replacing a chairperson during the middle of a calendar year. He said he believed Iowa Code allowed for the supervisors to replace the chairman, but he added that the Iowa Attorney General’s Office felt that supervisors could be opening themselves to potential litigation.

Laudner said that “certainly the Attorney General’s Office has discouraged and basically encouraged me to encourage you to find more constructive ways to address whatever the problem may be.”

And supervisors evidently agreed, as no motion to remove Kuhn as chairman was forthcoming.

“I’m not in favor of making any changes right now with the chairman,” Breitbach said. “I think it would be a mistake. I think going forward, we should try to work together better.”

Cerwinski said that constituents in his district only asked him about “what’s going on up there in New Hampton” after reading the story in the paper.

“Both of the people who have asked me to have Matt step down aren’t even in my district,” Cerwinski said, “so I would not support a motion to remove the chair today.”

Hackman defended himself, saying that he asks a lot of questions because “I’m just doing my job for every citizen, every property owner, of this county.”

Finally, Kuhn asked his fellow board members if there were any motions they wanted to make. None were made, which means Kuhn will stay on as chairman.

Kerry Jean Kestner, 61

Kerry Jean Kestner, age 61 of Nashua, died Saturday, April 15, 2023, at her home.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 10, 2023, starting at 2:00 p.m. at Cedar View Park in Nashua.

Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Kerry Jean Kestner, a spirited, interesting, and adventurous woman was born on Nov. 26, 1961, in Park Rapids, Minnesota. Kerry lived a life full of excitement and exploration that left a lasting impact on those who knew her.

Kerry graduated from Nashua High School in 1980 and went on to attend Ellsworth Community College. Her strong work ethic and dedication led her to a successful career at the Hormel Institute in Austin, Minnesota, where she worked for over 20 years. Following her time at Hormel, Kerry continued her professional journey at Fairway Outdoor Advertising for several years, contributing her talents and skills to their team.

An avid fisher, Kerry found joy in casting her line in various locations, including memorable trips to Leech Lake and Lake of the Woods. Her love for the outdoors extended to boating and spending time in nature, where she found solace and happiness. Kerry’s adventurous spirit led her to obtain her pilot’s license, a testament to her willingness to explore new heights and embrace challenges.

Kerry’s interests were not limited to the outdoors; she was also a skilled pool player



Kerry Kestner

who relished a good game and enjoyed sharing a drink with friends. Her lively and engaging personality made her the life of the party, and her presence was always a welcome addition to any gathering.

Kerry’s legacy is one of laughter, adventure, and love, and she will be deeply missed by those who were fortunate enough to know her. As we remember Kerry, we celebrate a life well-lived and the many moments of joy and excitement she brought to those around her.

Kerry is survived by two children, Brandon Ruck of Farmington, Missouri, and Laura Ruck of Licking, Missouri; two brothers, Terry (Robin) Johnson of Nancy, Kentucky, and Jerry (Juanita) Johnson of Dakota City; one sister, Sherry (Jackie) Wilken of Nashua; and three grandchildren, Ryleigh, Braydon, and Caden.

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What is Occupational Therapy:

Occupational therapy is a discipline that focuses on helping patients accomplish all the tasks that are necessary for activities of daily living. These may be homemaking, caregiving for others, cleaning, taking care of yourself, shopping, driving, and so much more.

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- Trigger Finger
- Neurological Disorders
- Traumatic Brain Injuries
- Generalized Weakness

Occupational Therapists can also be seen treating patients in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and in the patient's home. Often, they are helping patients adapt and

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Taylor Tips: Happy Occupational Therapy Month

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‘There’s More to the Story’ theme of National Library Week that starts this coming Monday

stuffed animal off at the library any time before 5:30 p.m. and pick them up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the next day. Please send a small blanket with your stuffed animal. And only bring a stuffed animal you can sleep without!

- Also beginning on Monday and running through Saturday, the PBS Kids - STEAM Trailer that is full of interactive, hands-on STEAM-based activities that will spark curiosity in every child. The STEAM trailer travels to communities throughout the state, often in conjunction with area libraries. We will have activities out of the STEAM trailer on display for you to explore and play with inside the library. If weather permits some of the activities will be outside during open library hours.

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“We would love to see the community come out and support this event,” the press release said. “If you would like more information or would like to volunteer or donate you can contact us on Facebook under Everybody Hurts <https://tinyurl.com/3vx8yz9r> or call 641-330-4687.”

The state inspector also made a point to remind supervisors that work done on the current facility can lead to the county getting “in over your head a lot quicker than you might think you would” because once remodeling work is done on the detention center, the entire facility must be brought up to current state jail standards.

Instead, Wilde proposed that his company come up with a price it would charge to only look at using the current site as a county-only building. Supervisors agreed, and Wilde said he would bring a quote back for next week's meeting.

The Iowa Legislature is currently considering a bill — amended HF1 — that would only allow bond elections to be held during general elections in even-numbered years. If that bill gains traction, is passed and signed into law, it would mean the earliest a referendum on a center and holding facility could take place is in November 2024.

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Nashua-Plainfield shooters on the Charles City/Nashua-Plainfield trapshooting team include (from left) Dawson Demro, Micaiah Groothuis, J.R. O'Neill, Cam Cleveland and Nic Brase.

Photo courtesy of Sarah O'Neill

Trapshooters off to a good start

Nashua-Plainfield joins together with Charles City to form unique team in ‘mental’ sport

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Experience matters in life, and the Nashua-Plainfield trapshooters are proof. With all five varsity shooters back, the N-P kids that are part of the combined Charles City/N-P team are having a solid start to the season — posting a season high 215 last week during a meet with Turkey Valley and New Hampton. Micaiah Groothuis led the way for Nashua-Plainfield as he fired a 48 to tie for second, but he won a shoot-off with Hunter Kruse of Turkey Valley. Both shooters hit 18 clays in the shoot-off and then Groothuis hit three straight to top Kruse in sudden death. But what coach Mike Oleson really likes to see is the improvement made by J.R. O'Neill and Cameron Cleveland, who both joined the team last season.

“They’ve definitely gotten better this year,” said Oleson. “They’ve been in the running for a good part of the meets.” But all five members of the team — be it veterans like Groothuis, Nic Brase and Dawson Demro or the relative newcomers to the sport like Cleveland and O'Neill — have come on strong for a program that hosts its home meets at the Nashua Fish and Game Club. Oleson has been a part of the Charles City/N-P program for eight years and has served as its head coach for the past four years. Ask him about the key to success in the sport, and he'll probably point at his head. “Trapshooting — they’ve always said it’s 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical,” said Oleson. “That’s 100 percent truth. Any body type — they can go up there and shoot just as well as anybody.” And although his squad is comprised

of students from both Charles City and Nashua-Plainfield, they compete separately, which gives them a chance to compete in meets without any other opponents. “We’re actually very unique because we can host our own shoot and we don’t have to shoot against anybody and that will be considered an official meet,” said Oleson. “There’s been a few times we’ve actually had to do that.” But for the most part, Charles City/N-P competes against other schools from around Northeast Iowa, as they did on Thursday when it hosted a meet against Waverly-Shell Rock. Team members also know how to get up early on Saturdays, as they compete in invitationals pretty much every weekend. This Saturday, the team heads to the Fredericksburg Sportsman’s Club for the New Hampton Invitational, and the first shots will be fired at 9 a.m.

N-P coach appreciates extra work golfer putting into game

GOLF: FROM 10

make this team go if the Husky junior can consistently notch rounds in the 50s. “Natalie was just ecstatic with her score,” said Trost. “Going into her goal was to get in the low 60s. She was really excited. That was good to see because she’s been working hard.” That work included an 18-hole practice round last Saturday at the Nashua Town & Country Club amongst weather conditions that weren’t exactly spring-like. “It’s a lot of credit to her. She puts in the time. In fact Saturday she was out there in the cold. She played 18 holes in that stuff,” said Trost. “You couldn’t ask for a nicer lady all-around. Her dedication is second to none. She does it the right way.” The Huskies shot a 223 at Round Grove County Club in Greene last week Thursday. The host North Butler Bearcats won that quadrangular with a score of 217. Paige Franzen was crowned medalist with a 45. The N-P boys have had its fair share of ups-and-downs this season and fired a 201 at home on Tuesday — which was 21 strokes back of first-place Central Springs (180). Northwood-Kensett placed runner-up with a 191. The Huskies’ season-low (197) this year came at Sunny Brae Golf Course in Osage on April 10. N-P freshman Devon Blanchard fired a 49, as did sophomore Ty Berger at the most recent home meet. “He’s getting more consistent and that’s what I like to see,” said Trost about Blanchard’s early-season performance out on the links. “He’s staying out

of a lot of trouble.” Husky junior Wyatt Bouillon fired a 51 and N-P sophomore Dawson Glaser ended up with a 52 at home. N-P’s team total at Greene was 205. Rockford won the meet with a 193 and the Bearcats (195) finished runner-up. Glaser carded a 53 in Greene, while Bouillon finished with a 50. Blanchard (52) and sophomore Cal Levi (50) also carded rounds in the low 50s on the road at the quad. N-P’s individual rounds have been — for lack of a better word — unpredictable. “You never know what you’re going to get. It’s been kind of struggle in those regards,” said Trost. “When’s Dawson going to show up and get his game together? Right now he’s struggling with his confidence and he’s struggling with ball striking.” N-P’s scheduled road meet at West Fork on Thursday was postponed because of inclement weather.

NORTH BUTLER QUADRANGULAR
Girls team scores - North Butler 217, Nashua-Plainfield 223, Rockford 273.
Medalist - Paige Franzen (NP) 45.
Nashua-Plainfield scores - Franzen 45, Autumn Nelson 58, Faith Franzen 54, Natalie Sinnwell 66, Payton Howland 80.
Boys team scores - Rockford 193, North Butler 195, Nashua-Plainfield 205, Clarksville 219.
Medalist - Nolan Resser (NB) 40.
Nashua-Plainfield scores - Dawson Glaser 53, Wyatt Bouillon 50, Ty Berger 58, Devon Blanchard 52, Cal Levi 50, Tyler Zimmer 57.
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD TRIANGULAR
Girls team scores - Nashua-Plainfield 213, Northwood-Kensett 228, Central Springs 243.
Medalist - F. Franzen (NP) 51.
Nashua-Plainfield scores - F. Franzen 51, P. Franzen 51, Nelson 53, Sinnwell 58, Howland 76.
Boys team scores - Central



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Faith Franzen watches her tee shot during a Nashua-Plainfield meet held earlier this month in Charles City.

Springs 180, Northwood-Kensett 191, Nashua-Plainfield 201.
Medalist - Eric Coleman (CS) 43.

Nashua-Plainfield scores - Glaser 52, Bouillon 51, Levi 55, Blanchard 49, Berger 49, Kendrick Huck 56.

Sports Briefs

Huskies’ football slate includes non-district game with St. Ansgar

Nashua-Plainfield’s football team will open the 2023 season with a game at Postville and will also play North longtime conference rival St. Ansgar in a non-district game. The Iowa High School Athletic Association announced schedules for all of the state’s high school football teams last week for both the 2023 and 2024 seasons. After playing the Pirates on Aug. 25, the Huskies will open Class A, District 3 play with a home game against North Tama before hitting the road for two district games — against BCLUW on Sept. 8 and AGWSR on Sept. 15 — before returning home for a non-district date with the Saints on Sept. 22. The Huskies then head back into district play with a home game against South Winneshiek on Sept. 29. After playing a road game at North Butler, the Huskies will wrap up the regular season on Oct. 13 with a home game against Wapsie Valley. The schedule will remain the same in 2024, save for the home teams will switch.

IHSAA, Girls Union announce Class 1A track qualifying sites

Although nothing is set in stone yet, it appears Nashua-Plainfield’s track teams will be heading to Northwood for the Class 1A state qualifying meet on Thursday, May 11. The Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa High School Athletic Girls Union recently announced the host schools for this year’s qualifying meets. They include ACGC, Belle Plaine, BGM, Edge-wood-Colesburg, Lawton-Bronson, Madrid, North Union, Northwood-Kensett, Southwest Valley and WACO. In every other year in which Northwood-Kensett has been a state qualifying host, it has been Nashua-Plainfield’s destination. Team assignments will be made late this month or early next month.

ON TAP FOR OUR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES FRIDAY

Girls golf vs. Crestwood and Grundy Center, Nashua Town and Country Club.
Boys track at North Butler Relays, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Boys and girls track at Sumner-Fredericksburg Coed, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Golf vs. North Butler and St. Ansgar, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

Golf vs. Northwood-Kensett and Mason City Newman, Northwood Country Club, 4:15 p.m.
Boys track at Dike-New Hartford Relays, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Girls track at North Butler Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 1

Golf vs. Riceville, Central Springs and Rockford, Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly, 4:15 p.m.
Track at Cowpath Relays, Nashua, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Track at Top of Iowa Conference East Division meet, Nashua, 4 p.m.
Golf vs. St. Ansgar and Mason City Newman, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8

Girls golf at Top of Iowa Conference East Division tournament, Highland Park Golf Course, Mason City, 10 a.m.
Boys golf at Top of Iowa Conference East Division tournament, Round Grove County Club, Greene, 10 a.m.
Track at Central Springs Coed, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Boys golf at Class 1A sectional meet, site to be announced, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Track at Class 1A state qualifying meet, site to be announced, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Girls golf at first round of Class 1A regional tournament, site to be announced, 10 a.m.

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Nashua-Plainfield's Natalie Sinnwell (above) watches her putt head to the hole while Devon Blanchard (below) keeps an eye on his ball as it heads to the green during a meet last week at the Nashua Town and Country Club.

N-P girls post low score of the season

Huskies post four scores in the 50s to win triangular; boys continue to be unpredictable

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

“The Fantastic Five” is a superhero team created by Marvel Comics that fights evil in the world and represents good in the universe.

Like their previous counterparts – the super-power laden “Fantastic Four” – they work together as a whole, but without one – the crime-fighting squad probably doesn’t exist.

The translation to that dynamic is that legendary Stan Lee’s creation is greater than the sum of its parts.

There’s a similar parallel to golf – although one might question the Human Torch’s ability to handle an iron shot from 100 yards out and place it properly near the cup.

Four consistent scores are needed to win most meets prep golfers undertake – five is even better, although obviously only a quadrant of scores count for a final team tally.

The Nashua-Plainfield girls golf team might not be fantastic yet, but if Tuesday’s home round is any indication – these Huskies could be possessing some super powers of their own if they continue their upward trajectory.

In golf terms – that means scores are trending down with low numbers carded on several holes.

N-P shot a two-year season low for nine holes (best N-P score post-pandemic) as a team with a 213 at the triangular. That score outdistanced opponents Northwood Kensett (228) and Central Springs (243).

“That’s the first time we’ve had four girls in the 50s,” said N-P head coach Jeff Trost.

Folks need to remember the Huskies didn’t qualify for a team score two seasons ago

back in 2021 when just three players comprised N-P’s squad – Maddy Rodruck, Autumn Nelson and Natalie Sinnwell.

Nelson and Sinnwell remain on the roster and they’ve been joined by sophomore cousins – Faith and Paige Franzen – who had to break a tie with a card-back to determine who was the meet’s medalist.

Faith Franzen won that card-back and shot a season-low 51. It’s been a pretty impressive start to the season for Faith, who like the majority of her teammates, has put in overtime hours in an effort to get better.

“Faith’s been trending down,” said Trost. “Most of it with Faith comes down to confidence. The second thing with her is bouncing back from a poor stroke or a poor result on a shot.”

While Paige wasn’t exactly beaming after coming into the clubhouse with a score in the low 50s – she’s been in the 40s twice already this year – she realizes the individual sport of golf is also a team-orientated endeavor. Franzen’s carded 51 was still low enough for N-P to win the meet.

“She was a little bit upset about that,” said Trost about Paige’s score. “She had a couple holes where she took a larger number than she probably should have.”

Nelson continues to strive to sink her score into the 40s – which she hasn’t done as of yet – but her 53 at home on Tuesday is knocking on the door.

“Autumn has finally got back to where I thought she could be consistently,” said Trost.

It was Sinnwell’s score of 58 – especially if she can lower it even further – that will really

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Titus Evans (above) celebrates a season-best time by the Huskies' shuttle hurdle relay team that included Kaden Wilken (below) at the New Hampton Coed Invitational last week.

HURDLING TO GREATNESS

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD QUARTET SHOWS ITS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH AT NEXT MONTH'S STATE MEET

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Kaden Wilken is hoping the third time’s a charm for his Nashua-Plainfield shuttle hurdle relay team this year at state.

Of course the Huskies still have to qualify in the event next month in order to try to tame the blue oval down in Des Moines at Drake Stadium.

But after last week’s runs by the super-fast squad – the Huskies are thinking medal.

Heck, if all goes well in front of a jammed-packed crowd down in Des Moines in the month of May at state – is a state title within reach?

N-P appears to have the hammers to do just that – but it will take a near-flawless run to the finish in order to reel in the state’s top hardware.

“I’m really proud of our team with the shuttle right now,” said Wilken, a senior who has run anchor on N-P’s last two state shuttle hurdle teams.

Those state results were less

than spectacular as N-P finished 22nd last year and 21st in 2021.

“We had a great time, but we got worse when we got to state,” said Wilken. “I think this year is a little bit different. There’s three seniors on the team and one junior, so when we get to state we want to actually place. That’s our goal. We want to finish good this year.”

We’ll find out sooner than later if the Huskies can improve on those previous state finishes as the N-P quartet of seniors Wilken, Aiden Lamborn, Bo Harrington and junior Titus Evans made a mad dash last week in attempt to qualify for the Drake Relays.

While the Huskies missed that target time and Drake Blue Oval Standard in order to be able to run on the famed blue track next week – N-P is sitting pretty in the event in Class 1A.

“Coach (Jay) Conner has spent a ton of time with these

SEE BOYS TRACK, 8



N-P sophomore continues posting blazing time on the track

Huck puts herself in position to qualify for three events at Drake; Huskies put together solid meet at New Hampton

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Noelle Steines is considered royalty in most circles out on the prep cross country course in the state of Iowa.



Huck

She’s not too shabby out on the prep oval, either – but neither is Kaden Huck.

Steines – the two-time reigning state cross country champ in Class 1A from Calamus-Wheatland – broke the all-time mark for fastest clip as a freshman in

2021. She’s also the defending state champ in the 3,000 run in track and field and sported elite state finishes last year in the 1,500 run (second) and 800 run (third).

Huck – N-P’s superstar sophomore – took her down last Saturday in Iowa City and set the stage for what should be a fascinating finish a month from now at Drake Stadium should the two behemoths in their sport lock horns once more at this year’s state meet.

This much is for sure – they’ll meet again next week at the Drake Relays.

Huck – who won the open 400 Class 1A championship last year and led her Huskies to the state team title – has hit another gear in her quest to be the best.

The bar has been set awfully high by the Husky standout and she’s even exceeding her own expectations.

“My time was better than what I expected it to be and wanted it to be. I can’t ask for much better, I guess,” said Huck, who placed 10th overall in the 1A state cross country field last fall.

Huck’s performance through the first half of the season has left N-P head coach Amber McCall – well, darn near speechless. She almost couldn’t find the right words or phrase to describe the times Huck has been able to put up with a large part of the regular season still remaining.

“Oh gosh. Wow! Her accomplishments are absolutely incredible. I feel like incredible isn’t a strong enough word. It’s just outstanding. To already meet the blue oval standard for two events and have the potential of three events for the Drake Relays is just tremendous! We are so excited and so

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Kami Hannemann (above) hands the baton to Jalissa White in the 4x800 while Elayna O'Neil (below) runs her leg of the 4x200.

