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Council approves new stop signs

Signs to be placed north of high school; city leaders discuss variety of topics during meeting

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Stop and go – and don’t forget to look both ways and utilize the proper turning signals if need be.

Citizens of Nashua will have two new places in town to use their vehicle’s brakes and halt at new stop signs that will be placed on Panama

Street – north of Nashua-Plainfield High School.

The Nashua City Council passed a third and final reading of an amended ordinance on Monday that will place four-way stop signs on Panama Street at the intersections of Andrews and Greeley streets.

In addition to those new stop signs, the city also voted on and

approved the decision to remove the four-way stop sign at Lexington Avenue and Greeley.

Those four-way stop signs at those intersections will be put in place after the amending of the Chapter 65 of the Code of Ordinances Stop or Yield Required is published as provided by law – which was today (Friday, March 8).

The city of Nashua approved a new law enforcement services contract with Chickasaw County last month at a price tag of \$125,000, which consists of 1,750 annual hours of patrol from the county.

It was made known at
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Supervisors move ahead with water project at Heritage

Board members get good news on road bids, discuss how to proceed with wind farm TIF

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County leaders moved ahead Monday with the plan to bring “city water” to the Heritage Building Center.

Supervisors voted 3-2 to continue the process of awarding a contract to connect the county-owned building located just south of New Hampton’s city limits to the city water supply during a meeting in which they also authorized the county engineer to move ahead with three road projects and discussed what’s next if they decided to proceed with using tax-increment financing (TIF) funding of future building and road projects.

Start with the water at the Heritage, which is currently home to several county and non-profit organizations.

For months, board members have been divided on hooking into the city of New Hampton’s water supply.

During its Feb. 26 meeting, the board receive six bids for the project, with the low bid of \$143,838.75 coming from Popp Excavating, an Osage firm.

During the public hearing on Monday to discuss the public improvement project, both Sheriff Ryan Shawver and resident Terry Johnson spoke

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Time to spring ahead!

Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead before “hitting the hay” Saturday night as Daylight Savings Time is set to begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday.

Bingo Night to raise funds for diamond project

The Nashua-Plainfield Lions Club is offering a chance for residents to play a little Bingo and support the new baseball and diamond complex.

Tonight’s Bingo Night at the B, formerly the Bradford Guest House, is set to begin at 6 p.m. and proceeds for the event will go to the project that will be completed in time for the 2025 baseball and softball seasons.

Voters last year approved allowing the district to use its local-option sales tax fund to pay for the project that will include the construction of varsity baseball and softball diamonds, as well as two youth diamonds, but additional funds are needed.

Groundbreaking for the more than \$3.1 million project was held last fall, and construction has started and will run through the end of this summer.



A night to celebrate our musicians!

Nashua-Plainfield High School’s Concert Band (above) plays under the direction of Director Scott Stroud while Nashua-Plainfield 7-8 Choir Director Rebecca Marty (left) salutes her singers after their performance during the Mid-Winter Concert that was held on Tuesday evening. The “double concert” included middle school band and choir students performing first and then high school singers and instrumentalists taking the “stage.

Photos by Kelly Terpstra

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Speaker: Suicide prevention starts with focusing on mental health awareness

Louisiana woman shares her story with students at area schools

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Emma Benoit’s golden rule — one she shared with area residents and high school students this week — is simple.

Silence will never keep you safe. And for several hours during three appearances in Chickasaw County this week, the 23-year-old Louisiana woman shared her remarkable story that is detailed in a documentary film, “My Ascension” that she says she made to raise mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

And while the film and the comments she made at two appearances in New Hampton and one at Nashua-Plainfield High School were, at times, raw, her story, she passionately believes, is worth telling.

On June 7, 2017, the then 16-year-

old Benoit shot herself in an attempt to take her own life. And while she is often confined to a wheelchair because of the injuries she suffered, Benoit has become a fierce mental health advocate — helping to bring Hope Squad, a school-based suicide prevention program to her home state of Louisiana and speaking to groups around the county — so that others do not have to endure what Benoit and her family have.

And silence, in the vivacious 23-year-old’s mind, is not an option.

“If you’re going through something — I don’t care how big or small it is in the grand scheme of life — use that as an opportunity to grow,” she said. “Everything we go through in our lives is part of the journey so we can use everything we go through as an

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Emma Benoit talks with students at New Hampton High School on Wednesday, a day before she spoke and shared her story with students from both Nashua-Plainfield and Clarksville.



Natalie Feldman (left) plays the saxophone with the 7-8 Band while Tim Mitchell (above) directs the Nashua-Plainfield High School Concert Choir during the Mid-Winter Concert that was held on Tuesday in the school gymnasium.

Celebrating our N-P musicians!

From vocalists to instrumentalists, students shine at the Mid-Winter Concert



Rebecca Marty (above) directs the 7-8 choir while Luke Paplow (right) performs on trumpet with the Nashua-Plainfield High School Jazz Band.



Percussionist Emma O'Neill (left) performs with the High School Concert Band, which also featured clarinet players Rachel Paplow and Bailey Bond (above left), Kyla Beatty (above right) plays the flute with the 7-8 Band and Dakota Lane (right) sings a solo with the 7-8 Choir.



Trumpet players Lane Barlow and Lyla Burrichter (above) play with the 7-8 Band while saxophonists Cal Levi, Aubreigh Stroud and Titus Cerwinski (right) play with the Nashua-Plainfield Jazz Band at Tuesday's Mid-Winter Concert.

Mid-Winter Concert photos by the Reporter's Kelly Terpstra

County offers New Hampton five-year, interest-free loan to complete Kenwood project

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

out against proceeding with the project. Shawver said “something needs to be done, but at what level is my only question?”

He pointed out that putting a water filtration system into the building would be between \$12,000 and \$15,000 a year.

Johnson questioned the need for the project, but Supervisor Jake Hackman once again expressed his support for the project.

“So I put this public hearing to the test of a county purpose,” he said, “and I 100 percent agree that there is county purpose for this low bid ... Anybody needs to go tour the storage tanks for the sprinkler system, all the pumping system, all the pumping system would be eliminated. The well would be eliminated, the three pressure tanks would be eliminated. A lot of the plumbing would be eliminated. They are corroded, they are probably at their time of aging out of usage.”

He also said that the bid received from Popp “shocked all of us” and that the county would be foolish to not move ahead with the project.”

Fellow supervisor Steve Breitbach continued to voice opposition to the project.

“I’ve voiced my opinion before on this,” he said, “and I don’t think a wise choice of taxpayer money at this point in time. I think the water’s fine, and we have a lot of other things we need to use the money on.”

After a discussion that lasted for almost 20 minutes, Hackman moved to have County Attorney David Laudner draw up the contract with Popp to move ahead with the project, and Hackman, Travis Suckow and Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski voted to move ahead while Breitbach and Matt Kuhn casting the two no votes.

BOARD MEMBERS did receive some welcome news when County Engineer Roman Lensing reviewed bids for three projects as two of them came in well under estimates.

Lensing said that the low bid of \$1.22 million to replace a bridge on 310th Street that runs over the East Fork of the Wapsipinicon River on the county line with Bremer came in at just 67.7 percent of the estimate.

“This is good news,” Lensing said of the low bid for the project that will be a joint one with Bremer County. “Basically, we saved \$300,000 roughly that would have been coming out of our bridge program. Now, we can carry that on to future bridges.”

Lensing also shared that the bids for LED stop signs to be placed at select spots in the county also came in lower than expected. He explained that the county had received a grant for up to \$90,000 to install the stop signs, but the low bid came in at just under \$66,000.

“We got some insanely low

bids,” Lensing said. “In hindsight, I wish we would have added more locations but that’s too late to do. Our estimate was just over \$90,000 or just under \$90,000, depending on which one you looked at. ... Still, I was very happy with that letting as well.”

The third bid, though, wasn’t the charm, but Lensing said he felt it was important that the county accept the low bid of \$171,833.10 for a paving marking program, which was about 5 percent over the estimate.

Supervisors agreed, and like the bridge and stop sign bids, they unanimously agreed to award the pavement marking contract.

Lensing also updated the Board of Supervisors on the proposed Kenwood Avenue reconstruction project that would run from Highway 18 south to 210th Street. The engineer has expressed his support to using the \$600,000 of ARPA funds that was designated to Secondary Roads for the project.

But because the city of New Hampton owns a portion of the road, it would have to be a joint project between the county and city. New Hampton Public Works Director Casey Mai has said that the city is willing to work with the county, but it would need to have an agreement in place to pay back the county because it has other projects already in the works.

Supervisors agreed Monday to send a 28E agreement to the city in which the county would agree to the city paying for its portion of the project over a five-year period with no interest.

SUPERVISORS ALSO spent a decent amount of time Monday talking with Ahlers & Cooney attorney Jason Comisky about setting up an urban renewal plan that could lead to TIF funds generated by the new Chickasaw Wind Farm being directed to road projects and several county-owned buildings.

At a recent meeting, supervisors learned that three of the four buildings that had been part of a blight study were found to qualify as “blighted.” The three buildings include the Sheriff’s Office, a county shop and the old landfill building located near Twin Ponds Nature Center.

Board members have discussed the possibility of using TIF funds to pay some or all of the costs to remodel the current Sheriff’s Office building and construct a new 24-hour holding facility.

Comisky reminded board members that whichever way they proceeded, they would need to receive approval from cities if the buildings or roads that TIF money is directed to are within a two-mile radius of the cities.

Board members agreed to have the county’s TIF Committee meet and bring back recommendations at a later date.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Members of the Nashua City Council look over documents during their meeting that was held at City Hall on Monday evening.

Park Board has a lot going on its ‘world right now’

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

Monday’s regular City Council meeting that the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Department will no longer enforce snow parking or any other city ordinances under this new contract that will take effect on July 1, 2024.

The Sheriff’s Department will investigate complaints related to dogs and dangerous animals running at large. The City will have the final decision and will be responsible for issuing an ordinance violations.

Nashua Park Board member Dennis Niedert gave an update to the Council on developments and future happenings that are taking place in Nashua.

“We have a lot of stuff going on in our world right now, you might say,” said Niedert.

The Park Board is planning on holding a Blues, Brews and BBQ event on May 18. There’s a UTV ride start and end in the park, as well as the DeJa Blue Band that will perform.

There will be a beer tent, similar to Water Over the Dam Days, as well as Big Foot’s BBQ – which will be selling food – at the event.

“It’s kind of a Dam Days kick-off,” said Niedert. “It’s a ‘Mini Dam Days.’”

One of the main projects that the Park Board is working on is constructing a dance floor for the new Baldwin Bandshell in Cedar View Park.

“Our sights now are on a dance floor,” said Niedert.

Niedert mentioned that the board would like to use the city crew for site prep if available and that limited funds for the dance floor have been raised currently.

“We’re looking for some funding and Jake (Johnson) had mentioned that there were some ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, I don’t know if that would apply here?” said Niedert.

The recent less-than-winter-like weather conditions

hurt Nashua’s fundraising effort for the addition to the bandshell after the third annual Winterfest was scaled back because of the lack of snow and cold temps.

“Unfortunately, Mother Nature kicked us right in the tush with Winterfest. That was our goal was to put all of that into this. It didn’t happen,” said Niedert.

There will be benches for a retaining wall on the dance floor and Council member Samantha Johnson brought up the idea of someone purchasing/donating the benches or even sponsoring them.

“Getting them a plaque that we can attach to the back of it,” said Samantha Johnson about the benches.

Niedert also said the park board is interested in doing some “Thursday’s in the Park” once a month in July and August.

Council member Jake Johnson said he was interested in using the rest of the ARPA funds – approximately \$66,000 – to get the dance floor done and finish a water and electrical project to upgrade the campgrounds.

“We’re talking \$25,000 electrical,” said Jake Johnson.

Nashua was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the New Hampton Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Committee that will go to that electrical project.

Council members unanimously voted Mary Lumley as camp post of the campground.

Niedert would also like to utilize the city’s planned new website to get the word about Park Board projects and updates with the city of Nashua.

“Facebook is limiting us on what we can do for advertising,” said Niedert. “We needed a better media forum to get the public aware of what’s going on. We want people to know what we’re doing. We want people to know we’re working on the lake. We want engagement.”

WODD is slated to take place from June 27-30.

Niedert said the Park Board is planning on opening the campground in Nashua on April 17.

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- March 7: Small-Scale Poultry Management
- April 11: Manure Management for Small Farms
- May 9: Sheep and Goat Management: Starting Your Flock
- June 13: Maximizing Pasture Potential: Multispecies Grazing Strategies
- Aug. 29: Sheep and Goat Breeding Management: Maximizing Your Flock's Potential
- Sept. 12: Working with an

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- Oct. 10: Private Well Stewardship for Well Owners
- Nov. 14: Small Orchard Management
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Supervisors, after quibbling over how to pay for it, give OK to EMS remodeling project

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors finally gave the go-ahead to remodeling the Chickasaw County EMS ambulance station so that it will include living quarters for its drivers, paramedics and EMTs. But it took some quibbling to get the deal done and the contract with Stanton Electric, which will serve as the construction manager of the project, was approved by just a 3-2 vote because board members couldn't reach a consensus on how they wanted to pay for the almost \$175,000 project.

None of the board members had issues with the contract that Stanton Electric owner Chuck Stanton and County Attorney David Laudner had drawn up, but the meeting turned testy when it came to what funds would be used to complete the project.

At a meeting earlier this year, board members had agreed to use a combination of the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the EMS Department's budget to pay for the project, but after a motion was made to approve the contract, Supervisor Jake Hackman said he wanted the project to be paid for solely with EMS funds.

Asked by resident Terry Johnson what had changed, Hackman offered a quick and succinct reply.

"I've changed my mind," he said.

"All the time, as long as we've heard about this project, we were going to get ARPA funds," Johnson said, "but we keep reversing and kicking the can down the road again and now you want to cut them out of the ARPA fund? I find that disgusting."

Hackman, in reference to the fact that ARPA funds were used to purchase ambulances and equipment for the county-owned ambulance service that began running on Jan. 1, 2023, offered his rebuttal.

"Mr. Johnson, our ARPA funds have funded this EMS from the start," he said.

Supervisor Matt Kuhn, who made the original motion to approve the contract, said he found it interesting that not only did supervisors agree to allocate \$600,000 of ARPA funds to the Secondary Roads Department but that another \$217,000 of ARPA funds were used to fund the rural portion of the ambulance service costs for this fiscal year.

"What's funny is that doesn't get brought up," Kuhn said.

Board members then voted 3-2 — with only Hackman

and Travis Suckow voting in the affirmative — to reject Hackman's amendment.

Kuhn then clarified his motion to approve the contract with Stanton Electric — using \$64,000 of ARPA funds with the EMS Department budget covering the rest of the costs.

The contract requires that sub-contractors Country Carpentry, Mic's Plumbing and Heating, Stanton Electric, Midwest Floors and TSI Iowa be employed on the project, and their costs, along with interior finish work and other project costs — like a dumpster, clearing, storage trailer and blue prints — add up to \$156,414.

The contract also calls for Stanton Electric to receive a 5 percent construction management fee of \$7,821 and a 3 percent bond of \$4,927 for a total of \$169,162.

Stanton told supervisors he also had a \$5,500 contingency fee, and the contract calls for the construction manager to return to the supervisors if that contingency is exhausted.

Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski also read a letter from Fredericksburg resident Doreen Cook, who voiced her opinion that those on the first crew should be required to be at the station and not at their homes when they are on duty.

Hackman also had questions about a recent social media post on the Chickasaw County EMS Facebook page in which the department acknowledged receiving a \$5,000 donation from Milkhouse Candles that "will go towards the construction of living quarters for our hardworking staff."

Hackman said he believed that \$5,000 should be accounted for in the project cost, but in the end, the board decided not to include that donation and further investigate the nature of the donation.

Finally, board members voted on Kuhn's clarified motion, with Kuhn, Steve Breitbach and Cerwinski voting for it.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Mary Link, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003199
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary Link, Deceased, who died on or about January 25, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 27, 2024, the undersigned was appointed executor of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

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ORDINANCE 354
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY NASHUA, IOWA, 2019, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES STOP OR YIELD REQUIRED

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 65:02 STOP REQUIRED is amended by adding a new paragraph Amended by adding a new paragraph 65:02(24) entitled Stop Required, Lexington Avenue; Section 65:04 FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS is amended by removing 65:04(1) Lexington Avenue and Greeley Street and adding two new subsections 65:04(6) Andrews Street and Panama Street and 65:04(7) Greeley and Panama St.

65:02. STOP REQUIRED, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

65:02(24). Lexington Avenue. Vehicles traveling on Lexington Avenue shall stop at Greeley St.

65:04 FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION, which is hereby amended to REREFORME:

65:04(1) Lexington Avenue and Greeley Street. Vehicles approaching the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Greeley Street shall stop before entering such intersection.

65:04(6) FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION, which is adopted to read as follows:

65:04(6). Andrews Street and Pan-

Legal Notice
CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
February 27, 2024

The Board convened on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 8:30 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Kuhn Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Bridget Edson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton, Engineer Roman Lensing, Country Carpenter Lester Glaser, Deputy Sheriff Zach Nossbisch, Conservation Director Chad Humpal

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for February 27, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to direct the County Attorney, David Laudner, to draw up a contract with Stanton Electric to be the contract manager for the Chickasaw Emergency Facility Interior Remodel Project estimated cost of \$175,104.00 estimated date of completion July 15, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Budget Work Session

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:50 AM. Roll Call: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:
Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
February 26, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Kuhn and Hackman Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Popp Excavating Kevin Popp, Ellingson Co Travis Anderson, JQ Construction Austin Cuveller, Steege Concrete David Lahr, Short Elliott Hendrickson (SHE) Rustin Lingbeek, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Arnel

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for February 26, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from February 22, 2024 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve New Hampton Golf & Country Club Class C Retail Alcohol License for a term of twelve months. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Breibach, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair Signature on an agreement for Dispatch Services for the City of New Hampton. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman and

Kuhn. Motion carried.
No Public Comment
Bid opening for proposed Heritage Water Project
Bidder , 5% Bond..... Bid Amount
Brian Nettleton Excavating, X \$202,875.00
Ellingson Drainage, X..... \$179,565.00
JQ Construction LLC, X.... \$179,547.12
Popp Excavating INC, X.... \$143,838.75
Wynn Compny LLC, X.... \$209,970.00
Steege Concrete, X..... \$183,268.00
Peterson, X \$174,922.00

Bids were taken by Rustin Lingbeek to go through and recommend a bidder on Monday, March 4, 2024.

Engineer Roman Lensing gave updates for Secondary Roads.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve Resolution 02-26-24-08 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCELS 2023-19, 2023-20 AND 2024-4 IN THE NE1/4 AND SE1/4 OF SECTION 13 ALL IN

TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 26 th DAY of February, 2024 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of

PARCELS 2023-19, 2023-20 AND 2024-4 IN THE NE1/4 AND SE1/4 OF SECTION 13 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WAS presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of

PARCELS 2023-19, 2023-20 AND 2024-4 IN THE NE1/4 AND SE1/4 OF SECTION 13 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA Has now been considered and

should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chair-man is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26 th DAY of FEBRUARY, 2024. /s/ Scott Cerwinski, Chairman, Aye; Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski Absent: Hackman and Kuhn. /s/ Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior bills \$6,046.39. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve claims in the amount \$62,418.93. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve payroll checks dated February 23, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments
Supervisor Cerwinski, Floyd, Mitchell, Chickasaw County Landfill, February 13.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 9:56 AM. Roll Call: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Hackman and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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CITY NAME: NASHUA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF NASHUA - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

CITY #: 19-166

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/25/2024 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Council Chambers City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

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Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Property Tax	Certified 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Tax	Effective Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Property Tax	Proposed 2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service		48,308,778		48,888,644		48,888,644
Consolidated General Fund		423,909		423,909		428,997
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit		0		0		0
Aviation Authority		0		0		0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance		76,579		76,579		99,615
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.		0		0		0
Unified Law Enforcement		0		0		0
Police & Fire Retirement		0		0		0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)		54,056		54,056		19,598
Other Employee Benefits		101,844		101,844		19,598
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)		32,608		32,608		33,000
Taxable Value for Debt Service		48,308,778		48,888,644		48,888,644
Debt Service		106,704		106,704		394,009
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX		795,700		795,700		994,817
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE		16.47113		15.60878		20.34860
Taxable Value for City Ag Land		904,958		928,285		928,285
Ag Land		2,719		2,719		2,788
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE		3.00375		2.92906		3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed						
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year 2023/2024	Certified	Budget Year 2024/2025	Proposed	Percent Change	
City Regular Resident		900		943		4.78
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year 2023/2024	Certified	Budget Year 2024/2025	Proposed	Percent Change	
City Regular Commercial		900		943		4.78

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

The biggest factors affecting the city tax rate is due to the debt service which increased due to the loan for the dam repair. One additional factor is the expected 30% increase in premiums for property and liability insurance.

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on March 4, 2024, at Council Chambers in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger, City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott; Park Board Representative Dennis Niedert, Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Brian Glasgow Water/Wastewater Operator from ION Environmental Solutions and Isaiah Corbin from INRCOG were present along with 6 guests.

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the regular agenda after amending to remove Resolution for Pre-Levy for dam repair. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting February 19, 2024; Alcohol/Liquor License Renewal Kwik Trip; and Consent Calendar: Payment of Claims (February 16-29, 2024) \$103,857.28 + \$9,579.90 (Wages). Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher called for public comments: There were none.

Isaiah Corbin from INRCOG (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Government) came to speak to the council about the services they provide and tools that are available to the council currently, potential tools as well as some things that wouldn't be feasible for the council to do. These discussions were mainly in relation to Nashua's Main St.

Hearings/Resolutions

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the 3rd and final reading of Code of Ordinance #354 Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter #65 Stop or Yield Required. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:25PM. After discussion, S.

Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:27PM. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to adopt Ordinance #354 Amending the Code of Ordinance Chapter #65 Stop or Yield Required. RC: all ayes. Ordinance #354 Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter #65 will go into effect after publication as provided by law.

Mayor Kelleher reminded the council of the public hearing set for April 18th for the FY'23/24 budget amendment and the FY'24/25 Proposed Property tax Levy Rate public hearing set for March 25th.

Permits:

J. Johnson/M to approve the building permit for 228 Sample St. with the condition that either no floodplain permit is needed or after an appropriate floodplain permit is approved. Furthermore,

he didn't think that a demolition permit was needed, so he also added that if a floodplain permit is needed to apply the application fee for the demolition/excavation permit to the floodplain permit application fee and if a floodplain permit is not needed to refund the demolition/excavation application fee. S. Johnson seconded the motion. M/C. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:

Mayor Kelleher wanted to thank Hunter Hackman for donating the pickleball equipment. He also wanted to let the citizens know that he will be starting inspections of Zone 2 for nuisance properties this week. He informed the citizens that the Chamber Banquet will be held on March 16th.

Department Reports

City Clerk Ott informed the council that the curb stop at 124 Woodbridge has been fixed. He also asked the council if they would be interested in adding a waiver of liability clause to our current Snowbird Policy, for citizens who wanted their water turned on before they return home. The council did not want to add the waiver of liability and will continue to only turn the water on if there is someone present at the property.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that we need new signs at the 800 block of Madison and Woodbridge. He also let the council know that the guard rail has been fixed where someone ran into it. The Lutheran Church had inquired if the city was interested in the property by the water tower. The council indicated that they would take over the property if the church wanted to give it to the city, but they were not interested in purchasing it at this time.

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There were no council member comments.

Ryan Shawver presented the amended FY'24/25 Chickasaw County Sheriff's contract with the changes that were approved by the council on February 19th and approved by the County Board of Supervisors on February 20th. The new contract has a contract fee of \$71.50/hour for 1750 annual hours for a total cost to the city of \$125,125. This is a flat fee and if the Sheriff's Department is in Nashua more than 1750 hours there would be no additional costs to the city. Under the new contract, the Sheriff's Department will no longer enforce snow parking or any other city ordinances. They will investigate complaints related to dogs and dangerous animals running at large related to Iowa Code Chapter 351 (Dogs and Other Animals); however, the city will have the final decision and will be responsible for issuing any ordinance violations.

Brian Glasgow presented the monthly water/wastewater report. He informed the council of the work that needs to be completed on the SCADA system at the wastewater treatment facility. The repair proposal was \$17,661 to complete system programming to match

existing SCADA controls and monitoring functions/features with complete on-site installation and operator training. Any additional work or upgrades to the system will be billed in addition to the proposal.

Dennis Niedert presented the monthly park board report to the council. He talked about some of the projects the park board has been working on. They would like to add a dance floor at the band shell. They were requesting some of the ARPA funds to use for that purpose. He talked about the park board putting on a Blues, Brews, and BBQ's event in May. The park board asked the city to pay for the insurance for the beer garden. No decision was made.

Discussion/Action

The council discussed and/or voted on multiple items.

Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to join the Mayor's Association for an annual membership fee of \$30. Their mission is to develop and support creative and effective leaders by providing education, mentoring, and mutual support to benefit the cities they serve and be a voice for collective action statewide. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed the extension for the rehoming of the dog at 821 Main St. Mayor Kelleher mentioned that the H.E.A.R.T Animal Shelter will take dogs that need a new home. City Clerk Ott will talk with Attorney Skilton and add it to the agenda for March 18th for further discussion.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to offer some relief to citizens who ran their water in January during the really cold days to keep their pipes from freezing, but only if they called ahead prior to running their water. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott said that there were about ½ dozen people who called in and said they were going to run their water. J. Johnson asked city clerk Ott to use an average usage as the city has done in the past to calculate how much relief to give residents for excess usage.

City Clerk Ott reviewed the proposed FY'24/25 budget and the timeline for the budget process. He would like to set the hearing to adopt the budget at the meeting on April 1st and set the hearing date for April 15th for adoption of the FY'24/25 budget.

There was no other business.

S. Johnson/M to adjourn, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Pending Approval by Council

John Ott

CLAIMS REPORT (FEB 16-29, 2024)

VENDOR REFERENCE.....AMOUNT

LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK.HSA ... \$1,500.00

AVESIS, VISION MAR'24.....\$100.79

BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC \$39,940.00

BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, WA-LEAK ON LAKESHORE

.....\$97.07

CHICKASAW COUNTY TREASURER, PARKS-PA'S PLAY-GROUND PROP TAX \$174.00

CRONIN, SKILTON, SKILTON , DAM-LEGAL FEES \$358.80

DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP , WA-BOLTS/CLAPS FOR REPAIR PREP \$562.40

DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, DENTAL INS-MAR'24 \$334.58

FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, ST-POWER WASHER KEROSENE..... \$27.94

MCLEARY, CHAD \$7,385.00

JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE , CITY-GAR/REC-FEB'24 \$12,247.49

KATRINA'S HELPFUL HOUSE CLEANI, WC-CLEANING JAN'24 \$684.78

LEROY'S REPAIR, PARK-SERVICE SAWS \$122.25

MARC ,PARKS-RR SUPPLIES ODOR NEUTRAL..... \$157.65

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY , GAS/ELEC FEB'24 \$7,205.75

NASCO , WC-SUPPLIES \$328.49

ON TRACK SIGNS, PARKS=CARDROP BANNER \$160.00

OTT, JOHN, WA/SE/CH-PHONE/CLOUD BACKUP \$150.00

PCC, AMB-NOV'23 BILLING SERVICE \$328.82

PEDERSON PLUMBING, WC-REPAIRS GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM \$12,247.49

RAPID PRINTERS , CH-COUNCIL NAME PLATE \$25.50

ROI ENERGY,LLC , CITY BLDS L.E.D UPDATE..... \$39,940.00

SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN, DAM-LEGAL EXP REPAIRS JAN'24 \$6,164.10

U.S. POST OFFICE , WA/SE/REC-PERMIT FEE..... \$320.00

BLUE CROSS WELLMARK, HEALTH INS MAR'24 \$6,459.76

IPERS , REGULAR IPERS...\$3,858.00

IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT, FED/FICA TAX \$2,683.64

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX..... \$372.28

Accounts Payable Total ... \$103,857.28

Payroll Checks \$9,579.90

***** REPORT TOTAL *****

..... \$113,437.18

GENERAL FUND \$37,447.55

LAKE/DAM \$6,429.94

URBAN REVITAL \$10.00

ROAD USE \$3,994.49

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT \$2,137.18

ARPA Funds Covid 19 ... \$39,940.00

WATER \$11,490.27

SEWER \$12,068.75

TOTAL FUNDS \$113,437.18

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Speaker makes plea for basics when it comes to mental health awareness

EMMA: FROM 1

opportunity to grow and learn and become better and more equipped and more strong.”

In New Hampton on Wednesday, students watched more than an hour of “My Ascension” and then had the opportunity to ask Benoit questions.

She unflinchingly answered all of them.

Benoit told students that in addition to “silence will not keep you safe,” she has two more rules that she follows diligently.

First, there is her “24-48” mantra that goes like this: “If it bothers you for 24 hours, speak up within 48 hours.”

She challenged both the students and the adults in the gymnasium to embrace it, saying about that “there is no reason why you should be lingering on a feeling or handling an emotion all by yourself. If it’s a big deal to you, it’s a big deal to you.”

And the other rule is one that we’ve all heard countless times: It’s OK not to be OK. But she also said that she tells people, especially teenagers, that they must embrace failure.

“Failure is necessary. It is important to fail,” she said. “How are you going to grow and learn if you don’t mess up? How are you going to learn and grow if you don’t fail? Failure is not the enemy. Giving up is.”

Benoit asked students to identify those people they can trust, that they can take a problem, too, and she also said that she worries that Americans rely too heavily on medication when it comes to dealing with depression and anxiety, two challenges that led her to that suicide attempt almost seven years ago. “Again, I’m not a doctor, I’m not a medical professional. I

just have experience, I’ve taken medication before and it works for some people and it doesn’t work for other people,” she said. “It might be a solution for you, based on your diagnosis and your struggles, but it’s not the fix all. It’s not the end-all, be-all solution. If it were, I wouldn’t be here. I wouldn’t be here sharing my story. We would all just see a psychiatrist and take medication, right?”

Instead, she made a plea to “get back to the basics and start to identify what is your sleep like, what is your nutrition like, how much sunlight do you get, what is the fulfillment in your life look like for you, how much social media exposure are you having? All of these factors, these every-day factors that affect us, ... that do come into play when we think about mental health struggles and challenges.”

Benoit also made a plea to end the stigma when it comes to mental health issues; in fact, she said those suffering from mental health issues who seek therapy are no different than those who obtain a gym membership to improve their physical health.

“You’d be like, ‘Hey, that’s awesome, I’m happy for you, good for you, bro’ ... but when someone says, ‘I’ve been consistent at therapy, I’ve been consistent on my coping skills, I’ve making sure that I’m reminding myself to do the things that I’ve learned,’ you don’t get the same response,” she said.

“Therapy is nothing different than a gym membership for your brain.”

Benoit also asked students to be on the lookout for behavior changes in their friends and to be willing to be there for those who are having a hard time finding the right balance in

their mental health.

“If you put it on the table and say, ‘I’ve noticed x, y and z, I’m really worried about you, just know I’m here for you, I’m a safe place for you to come and talk to.’ ... Maybe your can share your experience, your own struggles. You, and I really mean this, can make a huge

difference.”

Much has changed in her life since that fateful June day back in 2017.

Benoit has taken steps although she has accepted the fact that she will never fully recover from the gunshot that changed her life. But she said she now lives a life with pur-

pose. She is engaged and will get married a year from now.

Still, her message was simple. Life isn’t perfect; it never will be.

I actually struggle the same amount, if not maybe a little more, in my current life with things — with challenges, emotions, struggles,” she said. “The

difference now, versus then, I’m just stronger. Mentally, I am the strongest I’ve ever been and that is because of my efforts in therapy. ... It takes work.”

She paused for a moment.

“The basics take work, trust me, I know that now,” she continued, “but trust me, it’s worth it. You’re worth it.”

Taking on the double-edged social media sword

Ask suicide survivor Emma Benoit about social media, especially when it comes to teenagers, and the Louisiana woman who is a fierce advocate for mental health awareness and suicide prevention has a quick answer.

She believes Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat, X and other social media sites are double-edged swords.

“It’s good because it allows you to connect with each other and see what each other is doing and keep that level of friendship in existence when you’re at home and not at school with your peers,” she said. “But at the same time it’s also really dangerous and harmful. ... What I had to come to realize was that social media was a trigger for my insecurities ... it was really toxic for me. It made me really feel inferior, it made me not good enough, it made me feel like I was doing wrong with myself. It made me really jealous, which then turned into bitterness.”

Yet, the 23-year-old Benoit hasn’t completely shied away from social media sites, but her advice, especially to teens, is to “consume” what they need from the sites.

“For me, that’s the positives, the affirmations and all that can be good,” she said. “Remember, you get to decide what you’re going to consume. Leave the rest behind.”

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Misunderstood March is a mercurial month

March is a misunderstood month in my mind.

No offense to anybody that was born in March – which my father was – but I just don’t get the third month of the year.

It’s perplexing in its own weird way or kind of like an enigma wrapped inside a riddle – if that makes sense to you, because I’m still scratching my head about this month.

I’ve read online (yes, take that with a huge grain of salt) – that March is one of the least-favorite months for people who pay attention to this sort of thing or crank the months accordingly to their preference.

February is somewhere around the bottom third of this tier-ranking system for me as well.

But March is, well, March – that goofy month that is all over the place.

March is without a doubt – overlooked, underrated, under-appreciated, but still hated by many.

I’ll tell you why.

Let’s start with what I don’t like about it.

My biggest complaint with March – it’s so unpredictable, keeps me guessing and the weather in this part of the nation is infuriating during this month.

Make your mind up March!!! Is it spring, summer, winter or fall??? How ‘bout all four!!!

If I’m going to pick a month that ranks near the bottom, it’s March. And if we’re making lists – February is dead last.

Sorry Punxsutawney Phil, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine’s Day, “Fat Tuesday,” Ash Wednesday and all the other important dates and holidays in this cold and lonely month (not counting this year’s February weather).

January, you’re not far behind.

But March, that’s where I can pinpoint my angst. January and February I get. March, not so much. It wants to act like spring, but then reverts back to winter in the harshest way possible with sleet, snow and wind.

Speaking of wind – March and April are statistically the windiest months of the year, at least in the midwest. I’ll take heavy rain over wind any day.

And depending on the temperature and wetness – snow.

Sure, March has St. Patrick’s Day and the start of spring. Oh, don’t forget Easter this year, because it falls on March 31.

The middle of the month on March 15 signifies the Ides of March – or to some the anniversary of the assassination of Julius Caesar. That’s a big one for you history buffs out there or those experts on the Roman Empire.

There’s plenty of fun days in the month of March as well, like National Sloppy Joe Day (March 18) or National Ravioli Day (March 20).

My favorite? – it’s a tie between National Goof off Day (March 22) or National Puppy Day (March 23). Palm Sunday (March 24) is the day after National Puppy Day, which is also World Meteorological Day.

Who knew there were this many important days in March???!!!!!???

Rolls eyes.

Now before I go off on green beer or weird looking leprechauns – just know that there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow with all this nonsense in March.

I was born in May – yeah, come at me.

But March does end well – kind of like the “in like a lion, out like a lamb” saying that I’ve heard over and over again about this schizophrenic month.

What saves March from gathering dust underneath all the other months at the bottom of the scrap heap is MLB Opening Day and “March Madness.”

Sports keep this month on life support and not entirely dead to me.

Have I overstepped my boundaries and gone overboard a little too much on my criticism and lambasting of this mercurial month?

Probably.

I’ll end with this.

To be honest, I don’t think March gets enough credit compared to such “high-profile” four-week, 30-day periods on the calendar like July, October or December.

And that’s because of college basketball and professional baseball – because they end and begin simultaneously.

There is no more of an exciting time period than when the conference tournaments start in

college hoops play and the beginning of the NCAA men’s and women’s tournament.

Let’s cut right to the chase – I don’t care if my bracket is busted.

I just want to see coaches jumping up and down, buzzer-beaters galore with a few “onions” and “man-to-man” splashed in from the legendary voice of CBS’ Bill Raftery.

“Send it in big fella,” Raftery rejoices.

Upsets would be nice, too, because you know Cinderella needs to wear that slipper.

I try to write a column every year about this sacred time that signifies winter may just be in our rear-view mirror.

Then there’s Opening Day – which is hands-down one of my most revered and respected sports “holidays.”

Wait, wait, wait. Let’s pump the brakes a tad here.

Since MLB has gone global now and has been for quite some time – I forgot when the “actual” first MLB games will be played. That’s a two-game series on March 20-21 in Seoul at the Gocheok Sky Dome between the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers.

The first MLB pitch thrown in North America will take place on Thursday, March 28 between the Milwaukee Brewers and New York Mets at Citi Field over in Queens.

Have the requisite nachos, hot dogs and pretzels on standby if you don’t already. That means mustard (no ketchup), rock salt and jalapenos are the proper condiments for this ballpark fare that any true, die-hard diamond follower understands.

So Iowa Hawkeye hoops fans, get ready to cheer for Caitlin Clark one last time in her black and gold jersey.

Iowa State men’s basketball followers – root on those Cyclones to perhaps their first ever Final Four appearance since 1944.

Drake, UNI and all roundball teams in between – this is your moment to shine.

One more thing, if Sunday’s Ohio State-Iowa women’s basketball showdown wasn’t cool enough – did you check out the stands?

Sure, the action on the court saw Iowa’s own – the superstar Clark – become the all-time leading scorer in Division I hoops history – but a Major League Baseball Hall of Famer made an appearance?

One of the greatest power pitchers ever – Nolan Ryan – was checking out the hoops action on Sunday and witnessed a legendary moment in Iowa City as Clark passed “Pistol Pete” Maravich to claim the No. 1 spot as college basketball’s greatest Division I scorer.

Travis Scott – one of the most famous rappers around – also strolled into Carver Hawkeye Arena and rooted on the Hawkeyes!!!

Evan “Jake from State Farm” – sporting a black and gold Clark vest – was there!!!

A hero of Clark’s growing up – legendary Connecticut Husky and four-time WNBA champ, Maya Moore – was also in attendance on Sunday. Clark “fangirled” big time before the game after meeting Moore.

It was awesome to see Lynette Woodard there as well – whom Clark surpassed as the all-time best points leader in major women’s college basketball play just a few days prior. Woodard was the “unofficial” points leader as she played college basketball prior to the NCAA recognizing the sport in 1982.

Also remember, Woodard and Maravich achieved their remarkable records prior to the implementation of the 3-point line in 1986. To make Maravich’s record even more amazing – he only played three years of college basketball for LSU (1967-1970) because freshmen weren’t allowed to play varsity games back then. It wouldn’t be until 1972 when freshmen could play on varsity basketball and football teams.

While you’re soaking in all the basketball action – don’t forget, March is Women’s History Month.

Maybe I do like the month of March after all?



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N-P sophomore Jase Hansen begins the first leg of the 4x800 relay at the Wartburg Indoor in Waverly on Monday. Hansen, along with Dylan Blanchard, Braeden Mitchell and Tucker Franzen, placed 10th in a time of 9:39.

Newcomers ready to make splash for N-P

BOYS TRACK: FROM 8

history again last spring.

Evans was the “hammer” on last year’s shuttle hurdle relay squad that medaled for the first time ever at state. Evans anchored the shuttle hurdle to a seventh-place finish in the finals (1:02.13).

Evans is the only returnee back from that historic squad as Kaden Wilken, Bo Harrington and Aiden Lamborn have all graduated.

Evans qualified for the finals in the 55-meter hurdles on Monday and placed eighth (8.6).

“He’s special,” said Sudol.

Sudol said Evans will take a crack at competing in the long jump and high jump this season as well to maximize his athletic capability.

“I always say with my best athletes that I do a disgrace to them if I can’t get them to state in more than one event,” said Sudol. “If I can’t get him to state in something I’ve kind of failed as a coach.”

Evans ran the opening leg on the 4x400 relay at Wartburg, which placed 14th overall in a time of 4:05.18. That squad

was comprised of Evans, senior Dylan Blanchard, sophomore Jase Hansen and senior Tucker Franzen.

The Husky 4x400 finished 22nd last year at state in 3:39.5 and like the shuttle hurdle – Evans is the lone returnee in that event as well.

N-P’s 4x800 ran to a 10th-place time of 9:39 with the foursome of Hansen, Blanchard Braeden Mitchell and Avery Mueller.

These young guys have developed along really well. It’s finding the right spot for them and seeing what we can do with them is the big thing. We just haven’t had enough time to get it all fitted in yet,” Sudol added.

Husky senior Trae Geise jumped to a 10th-place result in the long jump (18-4.5).

“Trae Geise looks really good in the long jump,” said Sudol.

N-P junior Luke Paplow produced an 11th-place finish in the 3,200 run (11:45).

Jake Smith, a sophomore, ran twice around the track indoors for a 13th-place showing in the open 400 with a time of 59.77.

“Jake has been a pleasant

surprise on how well he’s running,” said Sudol.

N-P soph Navarii Williams ran to a 27th-place finish in the 55-meter dash prelims (7.25).

“Navarii looks faster than last year. I think he’ll be a kid that we can get something done with as well,” said Sudol.

While it’s still too early to tell, sophomore Eli Kalainoff could be a big contributor to the track squad this year. He’s still recovering from an ankle injury suffered last fall in football, so his running contributions are still up in the air.

One thing is for certain – Kalainoff will give it a go in the discus.

Kalainoff anchored Nashua-Plainfield’s state qualifying 4x800 relay, which placed 18th at state a year ago in 8:38. Blanchard and Hansen also ran on that team.

“I think that’s something he can be really good at,” said Sudol about Kalainoff in the discus. “Hopefully, we can get him down to state in that. We’ll see. With his running...we’ll see where that takes us this year as the season gets going.”

Give these Huskies some time to sort things out, because

when they do – good things could happen.

“There’s a lot to be seen yet,” said Sudol. “We just gotta figure it all out.”

WARTBURG INDOOR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

55 meter dash prelims - 27. Navarii Williams 7.25, 34. Easton Richards 7.55.

55 meter hurdles prelims - 7. Titus Evans 8.55, 23. Clayton Gerholdt 10.62.

55 meter hurdles finals - 8. Evans 8.6.

200 dash - 28. Aiden Gelner 26.53, 37. Miles Carpenter 29.29.

400 dash - 13. Jake Smith 59.77, 34. Brady Lensing 1:09.62.

800 run - 24. Caleb Lentz 2:28.28, 30. Brexton Bird 2:35.17.

1,600 run - 24. Caleb Sinnwell 6:02.09, 28. Carson Mundorf 6:26.17.

3,200 run - 11. Luke Paplow 11:45.57, 22. Connor Sullivan 14:04.15.

High jump - Devon Blanchard NH. Tyler Zimmer NH.

Long jump - 10. Trae Geise 18-4.5, 22. Tucker Franzen 16-10.

Shot put - 24. Zander Lentz 35-4.75, 34. Isaac Jones 29-4.

4x200 - 20. Lensing, Benjamin Percy, Christopher Niedert, Quintyn Boehmer 2:12.33.

4x400 - 14. Evans, Dylan Blanchard, Jase Hansen, Franzen 4:05.18.

4x800 - 10. Hansen, Dy. Blanchard, Braeden Mitchell, Avery Mueller 9:39.67.

Husky sophomore Patten one to watch this spring for N-P

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 8

the all-time best state record time in Class 1A of 55.75, set by Ellie Herzberg of Mason Northwest Webster in 2013.

Carder ended up setting the open 400 dash school record at Waukee with her blistering early-season pace at Wartburg. Carder did not compete at state in Class 4A in the open 400.

“It was an exciting race! I love seeing her compete at such a high level. Having that type of competition at such a high level is awesome to witness and so good for her,” said N-P head girls track coach Amber McCall.

This isn’t the first time Huck’s been clipped at the wire in the last year.

Huck finished second by just one-hundredth of a second in the 1,500 (mile run) to Calamus Wheatland’s Noelle Steines at state in 2023. Each broke the 1A state record in that epic jaunt around the oval. Huck lost 4:35.44 to 4:35.43. That victory enabled Steines and her Warriors to win the 1A state team title. N-P was looking to repeat as state champs in the small-school class and finished runner-up in the team standings.

“That hundredth of a second last year at state – that one hurt,” said Huck.

Huck, as stated before, is a five-time state title winner (twice in the open 400, open 800, distance medley (2022), sprint medley (2022)).

She’s hoping to bump up that gold medal total considerably this spring.

“I’d like to hit four golds this year,” said Huck.

The only other time Huck usually runs against a large conglomeration of big schools like Waukee is at the Eastern Iowa Track and Field Festival – held in mid-April at Iowa City West.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter Waukee’s Anjelena Carder (left) and N-P’s Kadence Huck duke it out in the open 400 at the Wartburg Indoor.

“I ran against big schools, but the only competition I had was Noelle (Steines). Here – lots of big schools. I think it’s a really good place to start,” said Huck about the mid-season meet hosted by the Women of Troy in Iowa City.

Large schools like West Des Moines Valley, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids Xavier, Waterloo West and Waukee Northwest were in attendance on Monday at Wartburg on the girls side of competition.

Nashua-Plainfield’s 4x400 relay placed third in a time of 4:32 with the likes of sophomore Lily Eiffler, seniors Ellie Eick and Jordyn Frost, along with Huck at the anchor spot.

Waukee Northwest won the 4x400 in 4:18 and Valley was

runner-up in 4:28.

Frost is hoping to crack the state meet in the high jump. She placed seventh with a leap of 4-8 on Monday.

“Hitting 4-8 at the first meet is amazing! Jordyn has looked so strong this season. Her time trial times were impressive. I see her holding key positions for us this season. I’m so excited to see what the rest of her senior year holds for her,” said McCall.

N-P’s 4x200 relay squad of Frost, Eick, junior Amberley Gerholdt and sophomore Jalissa White placed 13th in 2:06.

Husky sophomore Eden Lamborn really impressed in the season opener with a fourth-place showing in the shot put (32-11.5). That was over four

feet farther (28-8) than she threw at last year’s Wartburg Indoor.

N-P senior Myranda Webster threw 26-11.75 in the shot put, which saw her come in as the 16th-best thrower in that event.

“I’m so proud of both of them. They have been working extremely hard already this season. They are so disciplined. They do the right thing even when no one is watching,” said McCall.

Jayla Patten, a sophomore, placed 15th in the 55-meter dash prelims (8.12) and 20th in the open 400 with a time of 1:15.38. She was also 11th in the long jump with a leap of 14-2.

“Jayla had a great first varsity meet all around. She is going to put up some big numbers for us this season. The girl has so much potential,” said the N-P head coach.

The N-P boys and girls track teams will compete back at Wartburg in another indoor meet on Tuesday, March 19. The Huskies’ season opener for the outdoor track season is slated to take place at St. Ansgar at a co-ed meet on Tuesday, March 26.

WARTBURG INDOOR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

55 meter dash prelims - 15. Jayla Patten 8.12, 29. Serena Gallmeyer 8.77.

200 dash - 33. Maci Malven 33.78, 35. Abi Schmitt 34.4.

400 dash - 2. Kadence Huck 58.92, 20. Patten 1:15.38.

800 run - 25. Rachel Paplow 3:14.15, 28. Rilyn Henningsen 3:20.93.

1,500 - 28. Makenna Bouillon 7:07.31.

High jump - 7. Jordyn Frost 4-8.

Long jump - 11. Patten 14-2, 24. Kamryn Zimmer 9-8.5.

Shot put - 4. Eden Lamborn 32-11.5, 16. Myranda Webster 26-11.75.

4x200 - 13. Frost, Ellie Eick, Amberley Gerholdt, Jalissa White 2:06.8.

4x400 - 3. Lily Eiffler, Eick, Frost, Huck 4:32.72.

The Huskies are off and running

Huck takes second in a blazing fast 400 as Huskies kick off track season

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Two laps around the track. It didn't even seem like it took that long – because if you blinked more than once you were gonna miss a fantastic finish.

All eyes zoomed in on the finish line at the indoor track at Wartburg College in Waverly on Monday afternoon to witness what even the most novice track and field follower could tell was shaping up to be a photo finish.

And the 400-meter dash duel between Nashua-Plainfield junior Kadence Huck and Waukee senior Anjelena Carder didn't disappoint.

In what will almost certainly – barring an unforeseen and unlikely circumstance – be a preview and glimpse into what may well be another showdown next month in Des Moines, the two top-notch athletes from opposing classes turned on the burners.

The result was two of the fastest times in the Iowa prep track indoor season early on as Carder just edged Huck at the tape by just eight one-hundredths of a second – 58.84 to 58.92.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Makenna Bouillon (left) runs the 1,500 while Braeden Mitchell (above) runs a leg of the 4x800 for the Huskies during an indoor meet at Wartburg College that was held Monday.

her cap to the purple-clad Waukee standout that came from behind to track her down.

"I should have had another kick," said Huck. "She caught me a little off guard. It's fine. It is what it is."

The potential rematch next time around won't be run on Wartburg orange, but likely on the famed blue oval of Drake Stadium at one of the most prestigious relays in the nation.

Those two blazing-fast times will obviously stick and qualify the elite runners for the 114th running of the Drake Relays in late April in that event.

Carder and Huck's times are currently listed as the second and third-fastest times in all classes in the state according to gobound.com.

Huck's feeling after the loss to Carder was a mixed bag – that's

because she accepts nothing but the best.

"I wanted to run like around a high 57. I wasn't happiest about my time, either. It's fine. It's a good start to the season," said Huck.

But that open 400 race at the Drake Relays – of which Huck is the two-time defending Class 1A state champ in – will have all but one out of the top 10 return if they're all able to qualify later this spring. The high school events at the Drake Relays feature all classes.

Huck re-broke her own school record in the open 400 last year at state with a sizzling time of 55.94. That's nearing

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‘Different team’ takes track for Nashua-Plainfield boys

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The Nashua-Plainfield boys track squad made history last season.

The Huskies will look to continue what has been a good run recently out on the oval this spring with several new faces that will attempt to win another district championship in 2024.

That's exactly what the Huskies did last spring for the first time in school history.

"It's going to be hard to duplicate what we did last year," said

N-P head coach Chase Sudol.

"The thing I'll say about the team we've got this year is they work extremely hard in everything we do. Everything we ask – they do. They don't complain."

Sudol said he has 32 kids out for the sport this year and many of those runners/jumpers/throwers that are on his roster were competing at the Wartburg Indoor in Waverly this past Monday – which officially kicked off the season.

"Those are good numbers," said Sudol. "I thought the kids competed well. It's just a matter of finding out what positions we're going to put guys in."

Scoring points for a team tally and qualifying individuals down to state are separate entities in and of themselves – but the Huskies should be able to do a little bit of both in the coming months.

"It's going to be different things that we're going to be good at this year," said Sudol. "Last year we may have been good in certain areas. There's plenty of success to be had, it's a matter of where we're going to have it at and what we're going to do with it. It'll be fun."

It's still awfully early in terms of knowing exactly where athletes will be slotted in order to get the best out of them.

"We've got two-and-a-half months is the way I look at it," said Sudol. "I'm not getting too excited yet. If it was May 1st, I might be excited."

One key athlete that is back for N-P is senior Titus Evans – who helped the Huskies make

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