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Chickasaw County residents turns their attention to the screens in the courtroom during a presentation by County Assessor Ray Armel at the beginning of a public hearing on the county's max levy that was held Wednesday night.

Supervisors get an earful on tax asking

County residents speak out again 18.95 percent jump, tell board it needs to differentiate between 'needs' and 'wants'

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The 50 or so residents who turned out Wednesday evening for Chickasaw County's public hearing on its maximum tax levy sent a message to the Board of Supervisors: An 18.95 percent increase in tax-asking by the county is unacceptable.

For almost an hour, residents not only challenged the supervisors to lower its tax asking for the fiscal

year but also expressed their frustrations on the confusing nature of Iowa's property tax laws, which they said were further exacerbated by a letter property owners received as part of new law passed by the Iowa Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law last year.

"On one hand, you get the letter and it looks like your property taxes are going to go down and then you read in the paper it's 19 percent

going up," New Hampton resident Darlene Schwickerath said. "It's hard for us lay people to understand that."

Supervisors opened Wednesday evening's meeting by having County Assessor Ray Armel explain the property-tax system, and as he did in a story that appeared in last week's Reporter, he said the letter the county sent out detailing levy rates proposed by counties, cities and schools would affect property

owners is "deceiving."

"The Department of Management has said it is deceiving because they utilized \$100,000 value for both years ... and we all know that property values usually increase."

He pointed out that "If the values increase, levy rates stay the same and the rollback stay the same, taxes will go up."

And Armel readily admitted

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Precipitation was beautiful, sight, wasn't it?

Recent rain, snow couldn't have come at a better time for farmers

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Sure, the heavy wet snow and the rain made for some interesting travel Sunday and Monday, but it was, in the words of our area's ISU Extension agronomist, absolutely perfect.

"This has been a welcome few days," Terry Basol said from his office at the Northeast Iowa Research Farm that is located near Nashua. "I know a lot of guys, a lot of growers, who didn't mind this one bit."

By the time the latest system cleared out of the area late Tuesday, Nashua had received more almost 1.7 inches of precipitation in a span of six days, and for the only the second time since February 2023, it looks like we're going to finish the month with above-normal precipitation.

The timing, too, was perfect for area growers

SEE WEATHER, 4



Nashua Women of Today to hold annual Easter Egg hunt Saturday

The Nashua Women of Today is gathering its eggs and filling them with candy, and in a matter of minutes Saturday morning, those eggs will be "devoured" by area children during the organization's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The event is set for 10 a.m. sharp and will be held at the Husky Wellness Center.

Seven county candidates will be on primary ballot

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County voters, at least those who live within the boundaries of District 4 and who are registered Republicans, will have a contested race during the June 4 primary.

And a fall rematch between District 3 Supervisor Jake Hackman and former Chickasaw County Auditor Joan Knoll is all but a certainty.

Those two nuggets are probably the most newsworthy after the primary filing period came to a close this past Friday. A trio of candidates — Hackman and Knoll for the District 3 seat

SEE PRIMARY, 3



Photo courtesy of Suzy Turner

Nashua-Plainfield students who competed at the district National History Day district contest in Cedar Falls Monday included (front row, from left) Cooper Mitchell, Carter Smith, Jackson Mehmen, Ellie Sudol, Lydia Chester, Mia Schmitt, Emilie O'Neill, (second row) Alyson Reints, Serena Gallmeyer, Connor Sullivan, Ava Kirk, Elexa O'Neill, Kadence Huck, Paige Franzen, Grace Dietz, (back row) Jordyn Frost, Maci Malven, Jena Peterson, Caleb Sinnwell, Titus Cerwinski, Callahan Levi and Alison Mehmen.

Nashua-Plainfield students make history at NHD contest

Twenty-two students, 12 projects all advance to state contest after stellar showing at Sullivan Brothers National History Day district

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield National History Day program has experienced plenty of success over the past two-plus decades.

It has had district champions, state champions, national placewinners and national champions, but Monday, the 22 students who make up this year's team did something no other

Nashua-Plainfield group has done.

They had a "perfect" day at the Sullivan Brothers NHD district contest that was held at the Central Rivers AEA in Cedar Falls. All 22 students, representing 12 projects, advanced to the state contest that will be held next month in Des Moines.

"This is the first time in my 21-year tenure as the National History Day advisor at NP that we've advanced every single project to the state

contest," National History Day advisor Suzy Turner said. "Better yet, the students were talking on the bus ride home about the ways they wanted to improve their projects between now and the April 15 state contest submission deadline."

Presenting projects that they began early last fall, Nashua-Plainfield students brought home

SEE HISTORY DAY, 3



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Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Scott Cerwinski opens a public hearing on the county's max levy during a meeting that was held Wednesday evening in the courthouse's courtroom.

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County to use opioid funds to bring program to area schools

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors took the first step Monday in spending money the county has received as part of a national settlement of an opioid lawsuit.

The board gave County Attorney David Laudner, a member of the county's Opioid Committee, its blessing to go ahead with the first step in implementing the Too Good for Drugs program into at least three area schools.

Laudner said committee members agreed to bring the nationally-recognized program to fourth-graders at New Hampton, Nashua-Plainfield and Sumner-Fredericksburg.

"This is a good program, we thought. It came highly recommended from Pathways," Laudner told supervisors during their regular weekly meeting. "It's a national program. ... It's a legit thing, it's not just kind of stop in with an officer for a half-hour."

The county has received about \$84,000 in settlement funds and will continue to receive more money in coming years, but there are federal requirements on how the funds can be used.

Laudner said the first step in bringing Too Good for Drugs to area schools is to hire a trainer "to teach our officers — both city [police] and [county] deputies who are going to be interested — the program so that they can go into the schools and teach the programs themselves. It will be team taught with someone from Pathways."

He said that the committee's request will have "zero impact on your budget."

Supervisor Travis Suckow did ask Laudner about students from Lawler.

"They have a bunch of kids who go to Turkey Valley," he said, and Laudner said he would reach out to both Turkey Valley and Winneshiek County officials to see what they were doing with their opioid funds.

Laudner said if all goes well, the committee hopes to have the program up and running either this fall or sometime during the 2024-25 school year.

Too Good for Drugs is a 10-session program, and Laudner said each session lasts for an hour.

The website for the program says it teaches five essential character development skills to build self-efficacy, promote healthy development and academic success. Those aims include setting reachable goals, making responsible decisions, bonding with pro-social others, identifying and managing emotions and communication effectively.

County gets decent news when it comes to 2024-25 rock bids

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors received somewhat good news when they joined County Engineer Roman Lensing Monday morning to open rock bids for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

The low bid of \$2,042,468.42 was submitted by Bruening Rock Products of Decorah. The bid was about \$17,000 lower than Lensing estimated.

He told board members that the contract also allows the county to purchase more rock for the same "unit price" if it chooses to do so but also lets the county receive the same "unit price" if it chooses to purchase less rock because of budgetary reasons.

— By Bob Fenske

Wartburg to hold senior art show

The Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery at Wartburg College will offer a new exhibition featuring work by Wartburg seniors.

An opening reception will be Thursday, April 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and will include remarks from the artists and light refreshments.

The student artists, all senior graphic design majors in the fine arts program, have been enrolled in the spring senior seminar session. Working under the direction of Barbara Fedeler, they have produced bodies of work representing the culmination of their careers at Wartburg.

Resident: Tax-asking increase by the county 'not sustainable'

HEARING: FROM 1

Wednesday night that Iowa's property tax system is complex. Property values can change from year to year, but so, too, does the rollback which actually sets the actual tax value of property. In Chickasaw County, for example, the average home in some cities and townships will actually have a smaller tax value next year than it did this year.

Supervisors, though, set their max levies higher this year than they did last year. While General Basic remained the same at \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation, the maximum allowed by state law, the proposed General Supplemental levy increased by more than a \$1 per \$1,000 valuation and the proposed Rural Services Basic's max levy jumped by almost 50 cents per \$1,000 valuation to \$3.70100.

And that means many property owners in the county would see healthy increases to the county portion of their property-tax bills if the max levy is part of the final budget and levy the county must certify by April 30.

And that didn't sit well with numerous residents, including Arnie Boge, who represented the Nashua area for 24 years on the Board of Supervisors before retiring in 2010.

"Nineteen percent is not sustainable," he said. "A closing comment is can't we just live within our means? Do what needs to be done to balance the budget and not raise the taxes that kind of percentage. I do appreciate that the cost of inflation and the cost of things are going up, but 19 percent can't be sustained."

He asked board members if they "sit down and discuss amongst yourself what you have for new dollars? If you don't, you ought to." Boge added that during the meetings he's attended since last spring that he believes board members haven't differentiated between the county's needs and wants.

"Now, we've all been down that path with our children and whatever we have for responsibilities," he said. "We have to place a different value on the wants and the needs based on what you have to work with."

Other residents chided the board for decisions it has made in the past year, and one subject that consistently came up was the board's decision late last summer to pay more of the costs for family health insurance plans.

"I do believe the county should provide adequate benefits for the employees," Jeremy McGrath said. "I'm just concerned about the fact that the decision was made before we knew how we were going to pay for it."

Fredericksburg resident Doreen Cook echoed McGrath's comments.

"They said, 'Well I guess I should have done my due diligence because I didn't know what it was going to cost us.' That's not benefiting the taxpayer at all," said Cook, who also said board members have not done their due diligence in setting salaries for some of its county employees.

She expressed frustration about the contract with Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson that board members agreed to on Monday. Knutson currently receives \$60,000 a year to serve as the director of the county-owned ambulance service and also is paid an additional \$31 per hour if he takes on a paramedic shift. Starting July 1, though, he will be paid \$80,000 a year and be required to work at least 60 hours every two weeks and will not be paid for taking on additional shifts.

Cook also said that the county "seems to start its employees at the highest rate ... even though they've never worked a day in that office. ... You need to be more responsible, much more responsible."

For the most part, the discussion remained civil during the meeting that was held in the courthouse's third-floor courtroom, and one county resident interjected a little humor into the proceedings.

Rural New Hampton resident Steve Kurash told the board that he felt they needed to "phase in" the family health insurance premium, but when he was done with his talk on the budget, he didn't sit down.

My last comment really isn't with the budget but I'm going to say it while I have this [microphone]," Kurash said as the courtroom erupted in laughter. "How about road rock on my road? I mean the wind turbine people didn't do me any favors, I've got potholes so I just want to throw that out there ... if you have a couple extra truckloads, put them on 160th."

But in the end, the message the board got Wednesday night and that its members will discuss at this coming Monday's meeting is that the tax-asking is simply too high.

"That tax asking was 3,040,088 when I left six years ago and now you're well over \$6 million," Boge said.

"Try to work back through this process and have some trimming done and try to trim 75 percent of this tax-asking out of your budget," he said. "And then set a levy and then let your department heads manage their budgets because they'll work with you."

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‘Rain likely’ may be two most favorite words for area farmers

WEATHER: FROM 1

who have been dealing with severe drought conditions since last spring.

“We’ve been able to get a lot of work done in our fields this month,” said Basol, referring to applying manure and anhydrous ammonia, “and it’s not slowing planting down at all. I mean I can’t tell you how much we needed this. It’s great, great, great, and if you had more room, I’d throw a few more greats into it.”

As of Thursday morning, Nashua had received 2.5 inches of precipitation in March, far above slightly above the normal 1.66 inches it normally receives

in the month. The only other month since February 2023 in which Nashua has received above average precipitation was in January, when the city received 1.35 inches, about two-tenths of an inch more than it normally gets in the first month of the year.

Still, more is needed — much more.

“But this is going to really help us going into planting season,” Basol said. “Honestly, though, if it wants to do this through say April 11 every single day, none of us are going to complain.”

And for once, the drought picture in the Nashua area took a turn for the better when the

U.S. Drought Monitor released its weekly report.

While all of Floyd County and much of Chickasaw and Bremer counties are still enduring extreme drought conditions, for the first time since last summer, there are pockets in the area that have been downgraded to “severe” drought.

“Severe is better than extreme,” Basol said, “because at least we’re heading in the right direction.”

Te recent weather, especially Sunday, presented some challenges to those out and about.

Highways for the most part were slushy and several vehicles slid off roadways but no major accidents were reported.

And those who decided to

shovel Sunday got a workout because they were moving more water than snow.

It was much worse, though, north of New Hampton, where snow fell for much of the day on Sunday and led two school districts — Crestwood and Decorah — to call off classes on Monday.

And while we appear to be done with snow, at least for a while, more rain is in the forecast, beginning on Easter Sunday and through at least the early part of the workweek.

“I just looked at the forecast for [Nashua] on Monday,” Basol said, “and I see the words rain likely. Trust me, there are a lot of farmers who think rain likely are the two best words in the English language right now.”

FINALLY, A LITTLE PRECIPITATION ‘NORMALCY’

Here are the precipitation totals for Nashua for each month in the past 12 months (bold indicates above normal):

	Normal	Actual
April 2023	3.79	1.85
May 2023	5.12	1.93
June 2023	5.89	1.63
July 2023	4.74	1.17
August 2023	4.42	1.50
September 2023	3.64	3.30
October 2023	2.75	2.16
November 2023	1.81	0.29
December 2023	1.51	1.08
January 2024	1.13	1.35
February 2024	1.24	0.39
*March 2024	1.66	2.50

* Through March 27

SOURCE: National Weather Service, La Crosse, Wisconsin

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES March 18, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Jeremy McGrath.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for March 18, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Abstained: Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Discussed payment of fees to cemeteries for maintenance of Veterans' Grave.

Public comment. Assessor Raymond Arnel discussed the HF718 mailings and put together spreadsheets of the impact of the proposed levy rate for school, city, township, and county on a Rural, Urban and Residential example.

Discussed Secondary Roads' updates with Engineer Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Permission to Enter Premises for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project (FHWA BR#112870) with John R. Martin/Anna M. Martin and authorize Chairman's signature. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve Permission to Enter Premises for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project M2024-02 with Thomas J. Zeien/Cynthia S. Zeien and authorize Chairman's signature. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the purchase of a trailer for \$18,745.00 per the Chickasaw County Purchase Policy for the Secondary Roads. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve 28E County/City Cooperative Agreement for a Locally Let PCC Paving Project on Kenwood Ave. from 210th St. to U.S. Hwy. 18 and authorize Chairman's/Auditor's signatures. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, and Cerwinski Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to acknowledge the hiring of James Ludwig, Mechanic for Secondary Roads starting on March 26, 2024 per union contract. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion with EMS Director Joel Knutson about Tri-State Adjustments, Inc. for a collection service for the EMS.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 03-18-24-15 A RESOLUTION

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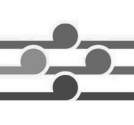
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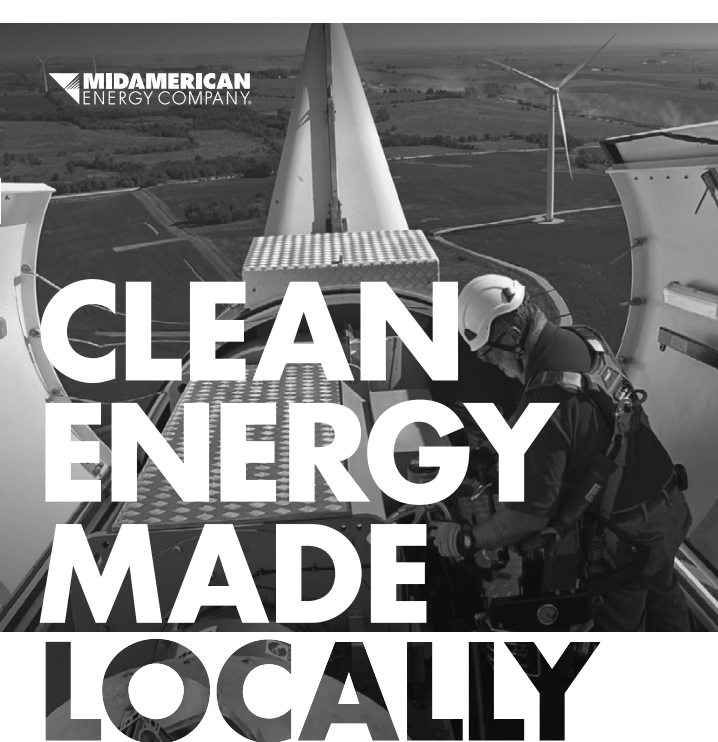
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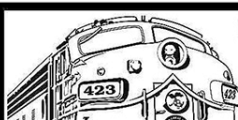
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the 13-man roster — they welcome back plenty of experience; in fact five-sixths of the Huskies who took the course for last year's Top of Iowa Conference East Division and Class 1A sectional tournaments are back for some more walks around the course

this spring.

In addition to Bouillon, juniors Dawson Glaser and Cal Levi and sophomores Devon Blanchard and Tyler Zimmer return.

And the Huskies will have plenty of depth as the roster also includes juniors William Lindeland and Blake Wahl, sophomores Eli Kalainoff, Trent

Rodruck and Kaden McMichael and freshmen Christopher Kalvig, Lucas Sinnwell and Dawson Peterson.

"I think they're ready to get out there, play a round and see where they're at," Trost said, and his Huskies will hopefully get a chance to do that on Monday when they're scheduled to play Charles City and Osage at Charles

City's Cedar Ridge Golf Course. "You can get a lot of things done here [inside at the Husky Wellness Center], but you need to get outside, on a course, to really see where you're at. You can only hit into a net so long."

Whenever the season does start, though, Trost wants to see his players post scores that don't resemble a wind-

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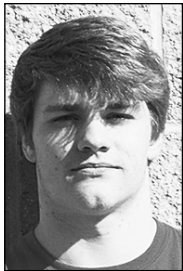
"Obviously, we want to lower the score throughout the season," he said, "but I think our guys know that at the very least we have to find some consistency. We can't be bouncing all over the place. It's just as frustrating for them as it is to me to go low 40s one day and then in the 50s the next day."

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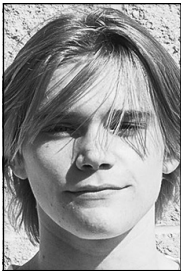
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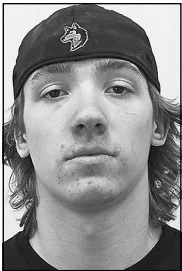
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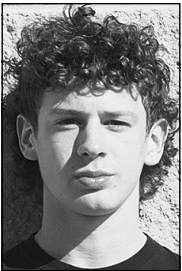
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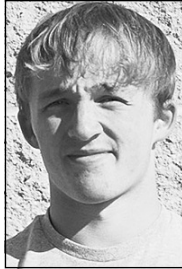
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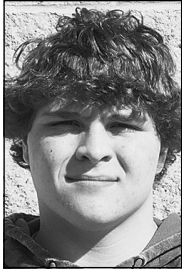
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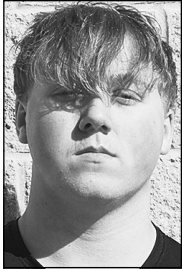
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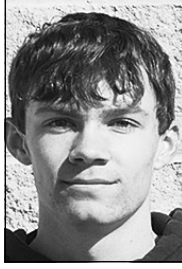
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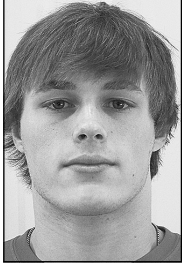
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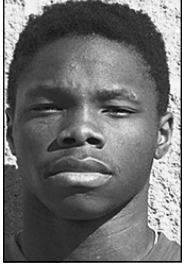
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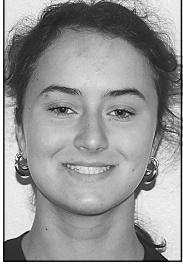
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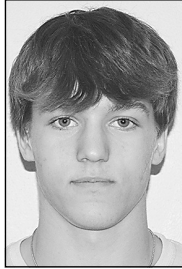
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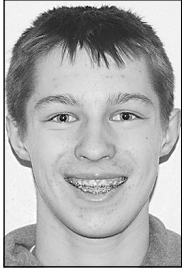
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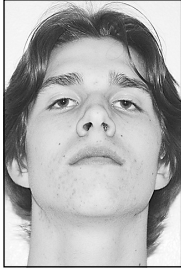
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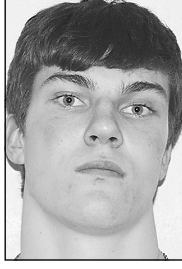
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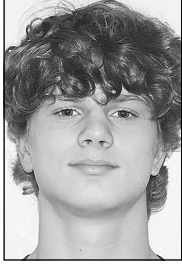
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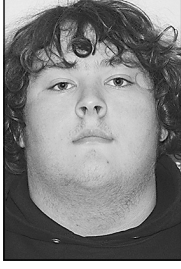
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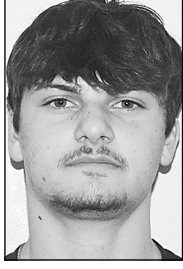
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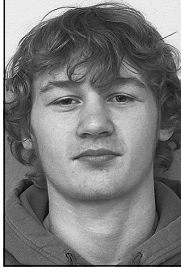


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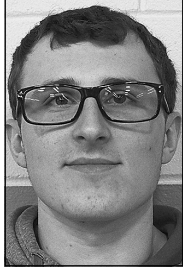


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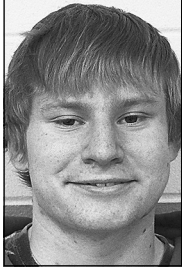
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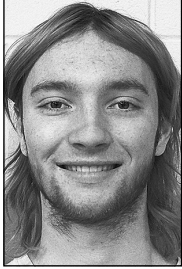
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

City Council Chambers, City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in special session March 25, 2024 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with Mayor Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher and Dan Zwanziger. City Clerk John Ott was present along with 2 guests.

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the agenda. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson S./M/C. RC: all ayes

Public Hearings

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to open the public hearing for the FY'24/25 Proposed Property Tax Levy. S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 6:01PM.

Mayor Kelleher asked if there were any comments from the public. One citizen inquired about the debt service levy and how much the council was going to levy in taxes to pay the debt service for the dam repairs and how much would be used from the existing debt service fund. City Clerk Ott reviewed the Proposed Property Tax Levy and the effects of property taxes using different levy amounts for the debt service levy. The council discussed the different options that city clerk Ott had compiled. No final decisions were made. The council will discuss the proposed property tax levy and the FY'24/25 budget at the next regular council meeting which will be held on April 1st. After discussion, S. Johnson/M to close the public hearing. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 6:31PM.

There was no other business. J. Johnson motioned to adjourn. S. Johnson seconded. M/C. the meeting was adjourned at 6:31PM. Roll Call: all ayes.

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
March 11, 2024
Nashua-Plainfield JH/HS Commons
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 7:02 am by President Pat Lentz. Present: Laura Folkerts, Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Patrick Lentz. Also Present: Superintendent Todd Liechty, Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer, JH/HS Principal Dean Youngblut, and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.

II. Approve Agenda
Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approve the Consent Agenda
Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the consent agenda including previous board meeting minutes, bills for payment, monthly financial reports, the hire of Johnelle Williams as Preschool Paraprofessional, and the resignation of Randi Griffin as H Volleyball Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Cash Flow Report
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the Cash Flow Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Welcome Visitors and Hearing of Delegations
None

VI. Administrative Reports
The Administration went over their reports with the Board.

VII. Approve Teacher Computer Replacement
Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the Teacher Computer Replacement in the amount of \$52,485. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Preliminary Review of FY25 School Calendar
The Board reviewed the preliminary FY25 School Calendar. No action was taken.

IX. Set Public Hearing for FY 25 School Calendar and Hours
Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to set the Public Hearing for the FY25 School Calendar and Hours for April 8 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Set 2nd Public Hearing for FY25 Budget
Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Lara Lawrence to set the 2nd Public Hearing for the FY25 Certified Budget for April 8 at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Approve Local Risk Pool Contract for FY25
Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the contract with the Local Government Risk Pool for FY25. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Preliminary Review of FY25 Tax Rate
The Board reviewed the preliminary FY25 Tax Rate. No action was taken.

XIII. Approve select board policies
Motion by Lara Lawrence, Second by Chris Hagen to approve Board Policies 505.2 and 505, forgoing the 2nd reading. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Approve Early Graduation Request
Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the early graduation requests. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. Full Day Preschool Idea Presentation
Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer presented an option of a full-day preschool program for the 2024-2025 school year to the Board. No action was taken.

XVI. Adjourn
Lara Lawrence adjourned at 8:03 pm, seconded by Laura Folkerts. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8 at 7 pm in the MS/HS Commons.

Ashley Ratliff
SBO/Board Secretary
Pat Lentz
Board President

Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District
BOARD VENDOR REPORT
03/25/2024

Vendor Name, Vendor Description
Amount

AGVANTAGE FS INC, GAS & DIESEL FUEL 3,770.40

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC 932.88

ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO. MILK/DAIRY 3,634.19

AUCHSTETTER, KATHY, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 49.78

BIG FOUR FAIR ASSN, DIAMOND RENT 600.00

BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET 125.00

CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC, CLEANING SUPPLIES/EQUIP 8,543.42

CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES 534.15

AGENCY, CENTURY LINK, TELEPHONE/FAX 413.56

CINTAS CORP, CLEANING SERVICE 167.42

CITY OF NASHUA, WATER & SEWER 600.47

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS OF IOWA, FFA REGISTRATION80.00

CULVER-HAHN ELECTRIC SUPPLY ELECTRIC SUPPLIES 222.60

FAREWAY STORES, INC., FOOD/SUPPLIES 389.55

HERFF JONES, INC., DIPLOMAS 61.48

HOTSY CLEANING EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 7,600.00

IA ASSN OF SCHOOL BOARDS, MEMBERSHIP 450.00

IFIXIT, TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES 1,625.42

IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET 2,303.15

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC, ATHLETIC DUES & FEES . 132.00

ASSOCIATION, IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSN, MEMBERSHIP & ENTRY FEES 255.00

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSN MEMBERSHIP & ENTRY FEES 63.00

IOWA SCHOOLS EMP BENEFITS ASSN, LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE 2,898.31

IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY CO, ATHLETIC SUPPLIES 1,413.00

JENDRO SANITATION SERVICES, GARBAGE COLLECTION . 790.00

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, GENERAL/MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 32.46

KAY L CHAPMAN, CPA PC, AUDITOR FEES 4,450.00

LIECHTY, TODD, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 288.20

MARCO, COPIER LEASE PAYMENT 1,091.63

MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO, FOOD/SUPPLIES 15,705.97

MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE, ARCHITECTURAL FEES 4,331.00

MCCONE FOODS, INC., FUNDRAISING SUPPLIES 3,392.00

MENARDS, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 374.31

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY 6,552.83

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD FOOD SERVICE 1,292.80

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE/NASHUA, ADVERTISEMENTS ... 19.62

REPORTER, NOTABLE, INC. (KAMI) CURRICULUM 990.00

OELWEIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, PROM DJ SERVICES 200.00

DISTRICT PAN-O-GOLD BAKING, NUTRITION FOOD 1,299.06

PEDERSON PLUMBING, PLUMBING SERVICES 236.64

PETERS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION 75,037.51

RATLIFF, ASHLEY 175.54

RIEMAN MUSIC, MUSIC SUPPLIES 42.99

ROCKLER WOODWORKING & HARDWARE, INDUSTRIAL TECH SUPPLIES 66.26

RUDD ROCKFORD MARBLE ROCK, ENTRY FEE / EDUCATIONAL 140.00

SCHOOL, SERVICES S & T COLLISION, TRANSPORTATION REPAIRS / 367.09

PURCHASES, SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES 70.32

SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, GENERAL/MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES 77.87

SHREDDER, THE, SHREDDING SERVICE 54.00

STAPLES, SUPPLIES 58.15

STOREY KENWORTHY, SUPPLIES 14.70

SU INSURANCE COMPANY, EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN INSURANCE 18,355.00

SWISHER & COHRT, P.L.C., LEGAL SERVICES 111.00

Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District
BOARD VENDOR REPORT
03/25/2024

Vendor Name, Vendor Description Amount

T & K TRACTOR REPAIR, TRANSPORTATION REPAIRS 211.03

T-J SERVICE INC, EQUIPMENT REPAIR 239.96

TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC, MEDICAID BILLING SERVICE 293.43

TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, TECHNOLOGY-ADMINISTRATIVE 122.85

TRIPOLI COMMUNITY SCHOOL, ENTRY FEE / EDUCATIONAL 7,920.80

SERVICES, UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA-REGISTRATION 55.00

GBPAC, WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK SCHOOL DIST, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES / ENTRY 15,189.82

FEE, Grand Total: 196,514.62

No. 23812
3/29/24

Former Husky standout helping coach boys track team

dash and up) and make sure the Huskies are well-equipped to take on the state's best. Wilken placed 20th in the open 400 at state as a senior and competed in a couple relays (4x400, 4x800) at state during his Husky career.

"I'm glad to be back. I'm definitely happy to help some kids succeed like I was helped when I was back in high school," said Wilken. "It's definitely fun making it down to state."

Sudol has two other assistant coaches on his staff – Nick Henningsen (sprints) and Jay Connor (hurdles, high jump, specialty events).

"There's four of us. You wouldn't think you would need four coaches for a track team, but it really helps out with us four. We have all of our individual ways we run the track team," said Wilken.

The N-P girls and boys teams have each run twice at the Wartburg Indoor this month. There's significant down time in track and field – which means you have to be ready at a moment's notice when your name is called for an event. That includes thinking a race will be run even when you thought two days prior the meet would get wiped out by a weather forecast that can change on a dime.

"From the first day of practice we have been preparing for the Iowa weather. We knew it would flip. The group of ladies that we have are extremely

focused, though. Not too many times do we have to remind them to get back on task," said McCall.

During the times that N-P is still at practice, but not working out – that's where each head coach gets creative.

"They know the weekly practice plan ahead of time and know our expectations. We do try to incorporate fun activities and skill work so it is not all heavy running," said McCall.

It's that balancing act between working hard and still being able to have lighthearted moments away from the oval that makes preparing for when the meets really start to count not seem like such a daily chore.

"Knowing to have fun, but at the same time knowing to have fun and succeed," said Wilken. "Track is 100 percent a team sport – at the same time it's an individual sport. You have a very high chance to make it to state in track if you really push it and you really work hard at what you want to do."

Sudol seconded what Wilken had to say about staying focused and not get-

ting complacent.

"The kids are still working hard. That's the biggest thing – with boys it's just keeping their interest in track where running every day, that can get difficult," said Sudol. "The boys are interested right now."

Sudol and Wilken each mentioned a fun "task" – if you want to call it that – that other track teams do as well now and again. Area cross country squads are also known to partake in the exercise, which helps build chemistry and tighten the team bond.

It's called a scavenger hunt.

Wilken explained that coaches will pick five destinations to run to – an example would be Casey's convenience store, out by the Avenue of the Saints. Whoever completes those treks to those chosen locations the fastest, wins the contest. A team of say, four or five athletes, has to have photo documentation to prove they succeeded in achieving their goals.

Connor perhaps summed it up best. "You have to have a picture of every-

one in the picture, that way you don't have three or four high-performance people do all the work and the other ones just hide under the bridge and they show up and say, 'tough workout,'" smiled Connor.

On a more serious note, McCall described what her Huskies go through in a normal practice in between meets on a chosen day. She said her squad has been able to get outside and practice more this season than any other under her direction, which included last week.

"Monday we did a lot of skill work – long jump drills, high jump drills, hurdle drills, handoffs, med ball/agility/speed workouts, shuffling/back pedaling," said McCall. "Our distance girls were outside for a 1-2 mile run. Tuesday we were all inside doing a stair circuit workout, but I think it is extremely important to continue to practice outside as we will (besides two indoor meets) perform outside. It is important for our muscles to be trained and ready to go in that situation, as well as our lungs. It is the best way to be prepared for meets."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed NASHUA-PLAINFIELD School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Location of Public Hearing: Nashua-Plainfield CSD 612 Greeley Street, Nashua, IA MS/HS Commons

Date of Hearing: 04/08/2024

Time of Hearing: 06:30 PM

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 24/25 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

		Budget 2025	Re-est. 2024	Actual 2023	Avg % 23-25
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,143,802	3,032,305	2,899,438	% 4.1
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	55,059	54,503	116,883	% -31.4
Income Surtaxes	3	287,703	258,748	128,662	% 49.5
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	325,000	320,000	206,714	
Earnings on Investments	5	63,115	84,900	70,104	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	150,000	148,000	178,522	
Student Activities and Sales	7	183,500	179,500	204,594	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	228,800	216,850	295,072	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	4,394,028	4,191,983	4,148,799	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	15,003	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	702,035	708,040	878,011	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	0	0	40,807	
Title I Grants	14	67,000	69,468	71,080	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	283,000	280,000	588,120	
Total Revenues	16	9,898,045	9,544,297	9,826,806	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	2,935,537	0	
Transfers In	18	519,350	580,324	330,567	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	10,417,395	13,060,158	10,157,373	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	4,190,027	3,831,753	3,995,027	
Total Resources	23	14,607,422	16,891,911	14,152,400	
*Instruction	24	5,810,000	5,958,589	5,964,467	% -1.3
Student Support Services	25	225,000	252,478	246,925	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	220,000	235,000	309,312	
General Administration	27	340,000	340,698	312,645	
School Administration	28	370,000	368,954	338,566	
Business & Central Administration	29	395,900	350,796	254,891	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	882,000	851,500	713,840	
Student Transportation	31	495,000	590,000	510,049	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	2,927,900	2,989,426	2,686,228	% 4.4
*Noninstructional Programs	32	490,000	475,167	429,703	% 6.8
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	1,935,537	1,900,000	321,186	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	514,350	575,324	301,630	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	331,635	284,028	286,866	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	2,781,522	2,759,352	909,682	% 74.9
Total Expenditures	36	12,009,422	12,182,534	9,990,080	
Transfers Out	37	30,000	519,350	330,567	
Other Uses	38	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	12,039,422	12,701,884	10,320,647	
Ending Fund Balance	40	2,568,000	4,190,027	3,831,753	
Total Requirements	41	14,607,422	16,891,911	14,152,400	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		10.82001			

No. 23821
3/29/24

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

City of: NASHUA

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Council Chambers City Hall Meeting Date: 4/15/2024 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property

16.33998

The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is

3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Phone Number
(641) 435-4156

City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME
John Ott

	Budget FY 2025	Re-estimated FY 2024	Actual FY 2023	
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	801,629	798,418	823,645
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	801,629	798,418	823,645
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	226,403	272,844	240,389
Licenses & Permits	7	13,100	10,450	0
Use of Money and Property	8	107,300	74,100	123,153
Intergovernmental	9	235,502	231,658	368,662
Charges for Fees & Service	10	1,061,115	990,800	1,050,676
Special Assessments	11	10,000	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	139,750	134,750	190,761
Other Financing Sources	13	3,750,000	1,913,000	400,250
Transfers In	14	375,528	433,471	421,472
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	6,720,327	4,859,491	3,619,008
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	318,550	476,872	546,437
Public Works	17	408,758	489,616	344,726
Health and Social Services	18	11,551	11,551	10,586
Culture and Recreation	19	326,068	338,365	235,758
Community and Economic Development	20	56,250	45,300	55,249
General Government	21	190,408	166,524	154,687
Debt Service	22	402,100	108,963	133,822
Capital Projects	23	3,836,527	1,979,500	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	5,550,297	3,616,691	1,481,265
Business Type / Enterprises	25	861,635	795,354	751,784
Total ALL Expenditures	26	6,411,912	4,412,045	2,233,049
Transfers Out	27	375,528	433,471	421,472
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	6,787,440	4,845,516	2,654,521
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-67,113	13,975	964,487
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	4,753,782	4,739,807	3,775,320
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	4,686,669	4,753,782	4,739,807

No. 23823
3/29/24

N-P track teams itching to head outdoors

Opening of outdoor season pushed back to next week after St. Ansgar meet called off Tuesday because of the cold

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

When it comes to weather in Iowa, everybody has a take. As well they should as the unpredictable mood that Mother Nature has been in lately will turn any storm watcher into armchair meteorologists. The Nashua-Plainfield track teams found out what temps in the 30s and heavy wind can do to a season opening outdoor track meet. It's called push it back, reschedule for a later date and hope for the sun to shine with more palatable running, throwing and jumping conditions when the Huskies can better perform.

For N-P head coach Amber McCall and her defending state runner-up Huskies – the St. Ansgar co-ed meet this past Tuesday that was called off would have been a chance for her squad to compete against other area teams amongst the unpleasant elements. A blanket and a hoodie when not competing would have almost certainly been a prerequisite in order to take on such a frigid environment for late March as the one that materialized earlier this week. That meet didn't take place because of the inclement weather and was rescheduled for Monday, April 8. "I was honestly surprised the meet

was postponed. I kept telling the girls to be ready and that Saint Ansgar will run their meet no matter the weather. We have been there at meets during really, really cold nights," said McCall, who helped lead N-P to its first ever state title in girls athletics in 2022 with a 1A state team title in track. While McCall and her Huskies were on standby and ready to roll – so were Chase Sudol and his N-P boys squad. Although Sudol isn't going to lose any sleep in missing out on that scheduled first outdoor meet of the season up north on the Saints' home oval. He knows there'll be plenty of opportunities down the road to get his Huskies battle-tested for a state run come May.

"It's too cold now," said Sudol. "That would have been rough. I wasn't disappointed at all to have it cancelled to not have to go up there and compete in that. There's nice weather coming. We're going to be fine – no point in rushing things this early. There's lots of nice days ahead." There will be at least two outdoor meets on the Huskies' plate next week – barring unforeseen circumstances such as a dip in the predicted mercury or bothersome precipitation mucking up the two track squads' plans again. "Obviously, we want to get out and compete and see what some of these young guys can do," said Sudol. "We've got plenty of time. Next week we'll get

two meets in." Sudol is confident his squad will kick start the outdoor season next week in a co-ed meet on Tuesday at Osage and another scheduled run at Hudson on Thursday. The N-P girls will more than likely travel to Hampton-Dumont-CAL next week Thursday based on the current weather forecast. Sudol has just over 30 athletes out for track this year and one former star runner of his – 2022 N-P alum Drew Wilken – has hopped on board to help out as an assistant coach this spring. Sudol is happy to have him as he'll work with long-distance runners (400

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Paige Frazen lines up a putt during a meet held at the Nashua Town and County Club last spring.

HUSKY GIRLS MAY LACK QUANTITY BUT THEY HAVE PLENTY OF QUALITY BACK

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Almost all the ingredients are in place for the Nashua-Plainfield girls golf team to make another state tournament run this spring. The Huskies have a "hammer" in junior Paige Franzen. They have two players – senior Natalie Sinnwell and junior Faith Franzen – who blossomed into solid, top-notch golfers in 2023. Nashua-Plainfield also has another player, senior Payton Howland, returning who teed it up at last year's Class 1A state tournament. All that's missing right now is that fourth scorer to replace Autumn Nelson, who graduated a year ago, but longtime Nashua-Plainfield coach Jeff Trost believes that player is on the Huskies' roster. Howland, he says, has shown marked improvement since last spring, and two newcomers – sophomores Paisley McCain and Elayna O'Neill – have shown promise.

"I'm pretty confident that we can find that fourth," he said. "Payton's game has improved a lot, and both Paisley and Elayna have potential with this game. It might take a little time, but I like our chances of finding that fourth by the time it matters." Trost will be the first to admit that it helps having a No. 1 player like Paige Franzen, who had a brilliant end to her 2023 season. After falling to North Butler's Reagan Mulder in a playoff at the Top of Iowa Conference East Division tournament and taking second to Mulder in the first round of the Class 1A regional, Franzen vaulted her game to a new level. She claimed medalist honors by nine shots over Mulder at the final round of the regional and then powered her way to a fourth-place finish at the state

meet that was held at Cedar Pointe Golf Course in Boone. "Paige is as determined and focused golfer as I've ever coached," Trost said. And that's saying something, for Trost is now in his 44th year coaching golf at Nashua-Plainfield. "She brings everything she has to every meet and, more importantly, to every practice," Trost said. "If Paige shoots an 80 – like she did at the regional final last year – she's the kind of golfer who thinks it should have been a 75. Her drive, like I said, I've been around awhile but I've had very few golfers with that kind of focus and determination." And last year's success is just that – last year's. Trost told the story of a day earlier this week when Franzen had a chance to attend a Blake Shelton concert in Moline, Illinois, but during the day, the veteran coach received a text from her. She was staying home; she didn't want to miss golf practice. "I told her I really didn't have a problem with her going," Trost said, "but at practice, she said she was putting golf first. ... That's the kind of athlete Paige is, and not too many high school kids are like that." Franzen, though, isn't a one-girl team. Her cousin, Faith Franzen, finished a solid 28th at the state tournament a year ago while Sinnwell burst onto the scene with a breakout senior season. "They put a lot of work into their games," Trost said, "and then when they had some success early, you could kind of see their confidence just blossom. That's a fun part of this game when you see kids realize that if they can shoot low once, they can do it again and again." And now the six girls who make up the Huskies' golf team

are ready to get outside and play. "We need some February, early March weather," Trost said with a laugh. "That first week, we were outside all the time, but we've been pushed back inside lately. They're ready to play a round."

And hopefully, they'll get that chance next week as the Huskies open the season on Monday with a triangular at Cedar Ridge Golf Course in Charles City and then play their home opener at the Nashua Town and Country Club in a triangular against Central Springs and Rockford.

Consistency is key goal for N-P boys

Huskies may have just one senior on their roster, but they return plenty of experience

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

During a recent Nashua-Plainfield boys golf practice, longtime Husky coach Jeff Trost walked up to one of his student-athletes and talked about the importance of consistency. It doesn't really matter whom the player was because Trost will tell you that it's a lesson he's tried to impart to virtually every single player on his 2024 roster. "I told him, 'You never hit the ball the same way. You address the ball differently every time, your stance is different, your grip is different,'" Trost said, "and honestly, I could have went on and on. That's been

the challenge with our boys in recent years." Summed up: The Huskies have been consistently inconsistent. Don't get Trost wrong; he enjoys coaching this group of boys, but if he had a magic wand, there's no doubt he would wave it and, presto, the Huskies would be consistent with each shot and each round. "We work on it, we talk about it, we harp on it," he said, "and if we ever find it, I think we have the potential to have a nice little golf team." The good news is that while the Huskies are young – Wyatt Bouillon is the lone senior on

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Wyatt Bouillon is the lone senior on the Huskies' boys golf roster this spring.



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ON TAP FOR OUR N-P HUSKIES	
MONDAY	
Boys and girls golf vs. Charles City and Osage, Cedar Ridge Golf Course, Charles City, 4 p.m.	
TUESDAY	
Boys and girls track at Osage Coed Invitational, 4:30 p.m.	
THURSDAY	
Boys and girls golf vs. Central Springs and Rockford, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.	
Boys track at Hudson Invitational, 4:30 p.m.	
Girls track at Hampton-Dumont Invitational, 4:30 p.m.	
MONDAY, APRIL 8	
Boys and girls golf vs. Osage and West Fork, Sunny Brae Golf Course, Osage, 4:15 p.m.	
Boys and girls track at St. Ansgar Early Bird Coed Invitational, 4:30 p.m.	