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County inches tax-asking down

Supervisors reduce original RSB levy rate, may approve budget this coming Monday

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

It's still a healthy percentage increase when it comes to Chickasaw County's tax-asking for the 2024-25 fiscal year, but the Board of Supervisors on Monday did a little more trimming Monday morning. After a 30-minute public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 budget and tax levy, board members

reached a consensus to drop the Rural Services Basic (RSB) levy from \$3.70 per \$1,000 valuation to \$3.52703 per \$1,000 valuation, but they held off on approving the budget and tax levy for the fiscal year that starts on July 1 until at least next Monday. Monday's consensus means that the tax-asking of the three main levies — General Basic (GB), General Supplemental (GS) and RSB — will

increase by 14.1 percent next year. When board members approved their maximum levy last month, that increase was 18.95 percent. After the max levy public hearing was held on March 27, board members dropped the GS levy rate by about 30 cents per \$1,000 valuation, a move that dropped the tax-asking increase to 15.89 percent. On Monday, supervisors agreed to move just one sheriff's deputy —

not two — from GB to RSB to come up with the savings in the latter's tax levy rate. The action came after a relatively quiet budget hearing, one in which just one county resident spoke and another submitted a letter to be "read into the record." Former County Auditor

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N-P band enjoys stellar success at state contest

Nashua-Plainfield musicians bring home 11 Division I ratings and three perfect scores from state solo/ensemble contest

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield High School Band members shone brightly this past Saturday when they traveled to North Butler High School in Greene for the Iowa High School Music Association's annual state solo/ensemble contest.

How brightly? Nashua-Plainfield earned 11 superior Division I ratings that included three perfect scores and two more scores that were just one point away from being perfect.

"The students were very prepared and represented our school very well," Nashua-Plainfield Band Director Scott Stroud said. "I am very proud to have such dedicated students."

Madelyn Hennings scored five Division I ratings for an alto sax solo, a piano solo and a soprano saxophone solo and as part of both a percussion choir and a mixed instrumental choir. Hennings' alto saxophone and piano solos earned perfect scores.

Titus Cerwinski recorded Nashua-Plainfield's other perfect score with an alto saxophone solo while both Hennings (soprano saxophone solo) and Aiden Sullivan (alto saxophone solo) missed perfect scores by just one point.

Band members have a couple of busy weeks ahead as they will join other Nashua-Plainfield students on a music trip to Nashville next week and then will return home for the annual Spring Concert that is set for Tuesday, April 30. The 7-8 portion of the concert will start at 6 p.m., and the high school part of the concert will start at 7:30 p.m.

Here are how Nashua-Plainfield students fared at Saturday's solo/ensemble contest.

DIVISION I RATINGS

- Madelyn Hennings, alto sax solo, piano solo and soprano sax solo.
- Titus Cerwinski, alto sax solo.

SEE BAND, 3

It's that Prom time of the year for Nashua-Plainfield students

Nashua-Plainfield High School students are headed to the "Regency Ball" — i.e., the annual Prom event — this Saturday. The grand march will be open to the public. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the march will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 and will go to help defray some of the prom costs.



Nashua-Plainfield students (front) Werner Huck, Lexy Folkerts, (back) Carter Sanderson and Cora Arias take part in a laying of the wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery last week.



Nashua-Plainfield fifth- and sixth-graders pose for a group picture outside the gate at the White House.

FIELD TRIP OF A LIFETIME

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STUDENTS, TEACHERS APPRECIATE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

As Nashua-Plainfield Elementary teacher Keyla Wolf talked about the whirlwind trip to Washington, D.C., that a group of the students in grades 5-6 completed this past Sunday, her proverbial "partner-in-crime," fellow Nashua-Plainfield fifth-grade instructor Shelly Lehman, nodded her head in agreement.

"We have amazing kids," Wolf said, "and they were great throughout the whole trip. I can't say enough about our kids, the way they behave and the respect they showed." The reporter turned to Lehman and she smiled.

"What she said." And thanks to those students, their parents and what both teachers said was the "wonderful community support," a tradition has been born at Nashua-Plainfield. Every other year, Nashua-Plainfield fifth- and sixth-graders will have the opportunity to do what this year's students did.

"We already have a parent meeting set up for May 1 for our 2026 trip," Wolf said. "We knew we wanted to make this an every-other-year thing or at least we were thinking it would be something we'd want to do. But this first trip, well, as soon as we got home, we knew this needs to be a tradition, we knew we wanted to keep giving our students this opportunity."

The students, teachers and the 18 parent chaperones departed Nashua at noon a week ago Wednesday, drove through the night and arrived at the Flight 93 Memorial site early Thursday morning.

From there, they went to Gettysburg National Military Park and took a tour of one of the most famous Civil War battlefields. Late Thursday, they headed to Washington, D.C., enjoyed an evening of bowling and prepared for a hectic, but fun, two days in the nation's capital.

In addition to visiting numerous monuments and museums on Friday, the students also laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

"I'm not going to lie, I was really nervous," said Cora Arias, one of four students who took part in the solemn ceremony, "but I'm glad we did it. The whole trip was really fun, but that's something I'll always remember."

SEE TRIP, 2



Photo courtesy of Iowa Communications Network
Nashua-Plainfield High School junior Cal Levi (third from right) poses with a group of students who were part of the 2023-24 Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council.

N-P student wraps up year as member of Youth Broadband Council

Levi urges students to fill up their activity 'plates' because of the friendships and chance to 'find passions'

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Cal Levi ticked off the list of activities he's involved in and was asked when he slept. "Oh, I manage," he said with a laugh, "but yeah, it gets a little crazy sometimes."

From cross country to basketball to track to band to National History Day to FCCLA to Boy Scouts to church to his latest endeavor — serving on the 2023-24 Statewide Youth Broadband

Advisory Council (SYBAC) — Levi packs a lot into his schedule.

But he has no regrets about diving headlong into so many "extras."

"You know, I've made a lot of really good friends through doing all this stuff, and I think I was able to find out my passions," he said.

"My dad went to high school in Cedar Rapids, and he was in one sport and band, that was it. That's all he could do. That's why I like going to [Nashua-Plainfield]; we get a chance to really explore things at a school our

size that kids who go to bigger schools never get the chance to."

His latest "extra-curricular" was serving on the (SYBAC) — a group that introduces students to technology-related issues, offers them the chance to learn about state efforts and provides them with the opportunity to hear from Iowa technology experts.

His NHD advisor, Suzy Turner, broached the subject of applying for the yearlong program, and "I like to

SEE LEVI, 3



Photos courtesy of Kayla Wolf

Nashua-Plainfield students point to the name of Tim L. Fritze during a stop at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., last week. Fritze, a Nashua native, was 19 years old and a private in the United States Marine Corps when he died in Quang Nam Province in South Vietnam on June 19, 1968.

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Teachers already begin planning for 2026 trip to Washington

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The wreath was made by Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School associate Mary Clausson-Ross, and for the teachers who planned and led the trip, the fact that Clausson-Ross and her husband, Wallace, were able to attend the ceremony was special.

"Wally wanted to make sure Mary could see it so they drove out," Lehman said, "and that's something I'll always remember."



Mary Clausson-Ross and her husband, Wally, drove to Washington to watch Nashua-Plainfield students "lay" the wreath she made at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



And the students found a local connection when they visited the Vietnam War Memorial when they located a Nashua native — Tim L. Fritze — whose name appears on one of the memorial's panels, signifying his death in the war.

"One mom said to me, 'My daughter saw all those names and she just said war is dumb,'" Wolfe said, "but Bonnie Cleveland and the Nashua [VFW] Auxiliary donated to our trip and Bonnie said she just really wanted to make sure our kids found that name. We took the picture and sent it to her right away."

if there is such a thing.

"I'm still tired," Arias said, "but all the stuff we did was really cool. The bus ride not so much, but it was worth it to see all the things we saw."

- Nashua VFW Auxiliary for a \$100 donation.
- R.J. McElroy Trust for a grant to provide partial funding of the trip.
- American Battlefield Trust for providing a history field trip grant.
- Walmart for \$1,000 meal "coverage."
- The Waverly Fareway store for providing apples and bananas for the trip.
- Nashua Water Over the Dam Days/Nashua Fish and Game Club for a night shoot bake sale.
- Nashua-Plainfield athletics and the Husky Wellness Center for middle school basketball concessions.
- Hy-Vee in Waverly for snacks for the trip.

- Rapid Printers in New Hampton for the banner used at fundraising events.
- "And that doesn't include all the people who supported those fundraisers," Wolf said. "Again, we can't say enough about all the people who supported this trip and our kids."

On Saturday, the Nashua-Plainfield contingent visited more memorials and museums before getting on the bus a little after 8 p.m. and beginning the long trip home, arriving back at the school around 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

"The kids slept; the teachers not so much," Wolf said with a laugh, "but it was so worth it. When you have kids like ours, it meant so much to us that we could give them an opportunity like this."

Granted, everyone who made the whirlwind trip dealt with "bus lag,"

Wolf and Lehman said they wanted to make sure to publicly thank those that supported the trip and included a list that included:

- Nashua Water Over the Dam Days freewill donation meal.
- Plainfield Days bounce house supervisor's fundraiser.
- Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association for providing beef sticks for the long bus ride.
- Big 4 Fair grandstand event/gate duty fundraiser.

The Wednesday, May 1, parent meeting is open to families who have students in grades 3-4.

It will be held at 5:15 p.m. at the elementary school, and those who can't make it but are interested in having their children take part in the 2026 trip can call Wolf or Lehman at 641-435-4114 or email kwolf@nashua-plainfield.k12.ia.us.



Nashua-Plainfield students pose at the "Tower of Voices" at the Flight 93 Memorial and at the historical Farnsworth House that has more than 150 bullet holes in it from the Battle of Gettysburg.

Supervisors get remodel update, OK collection service and sheriff security

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors received a construction update on the new living quarters being put in the Chickasaw County EMS building on Monday, and knock on wood, the construction manager said the project is off to a good start.

Chuck Stanton said, among other things, the rough framing is done, work on plumbing and HVAC is going on right now, and the electrical is up next.

"I don't even want to say this," Stanton said, "but we're quite a ways ahead of schedule but anything can change, as we all know, with a construction project."

Since the county-owned ambulance service began in January 2023, crews have been housed in rental quarters — first a house on South Walnut Avenue and now in an apartment in the complex across the street from Fareway.

Supervisors earlier this year approved spending a little more than \$175,000 and having

Stanton lead the crew of mostly local contractors putting in bedrooms, a bathroom and an office for EMS Director Joel Knutson, who currently has a temporary office at the Community Services Building.

Board members also moved ahead with having an outside company, TSA, serve as a debt collector for the service.

County Attorney David Laudner told supervisors that he had no issues with writing so-called "demand letters" to those who haven't paid their outstanding ambulance bills, but he cautioned supervisors that sending out those letters are the "easy part" when it comes to collecting debts.

"The hard part is what happens when they get the demand letter and they call Joel's office or my office and they say, 'Hey we're settle for a 1,000 on a \$3,000 debt.' Who decides whether we take that or what the number should be?"

Laudner used several other examples of questions that could arise if the county did debt collections in house, and added that to him, it

would be "far simpler just to say it's all TSA's responsibility. They collect what they can and they keep a portion of what they [receive]."

"I know it's going to cost the county some money, but it's going to cost us some money going the opposite direction, too, if you're going to have maybe Joel's staff or Joel himself or me or my staff chasing down debtors."

Board members then voted to approve hiring TSA for the service's debt collection.

Also on Monday, board members acknowledged the hiring of Bob Hackman Construction to provide updates to the security and safety of the law enforcement building.

Sheriff Ryan Shawver said currently those who enter the Sheriff's Office have access to both his office and the upstairs offices that his deputies use, and that Hackman's work will keep visitors to the office in a smaller lobby until an employee can get to the lobby.

The work is expected to cost around \$3,200 and supervisors acknowledged that the money would be funded through the county's Custodial Department's budget.



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Bernice Marie Harrington, 92

Bernice Marie Harrington, age 92 of Waverly, passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab in New Hampton.

Bernice was born on Aug. 5, 1931, in Floyd County near Greene, the daughter of Bernard and Elizabeth (Osier) Frascht. Bernice was baptized and confirmed at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Charles City. She attended country school near her home.

On Sept. 6, 1949, Bernice was married in marriage to Francis Leo Harrington at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Nashua. The couple farmed south of Plainfield until November 1993, when they retired from farming and moved into Waverly. Francis died on Dec. 27, 1998, and Bernice continued to live in their home.

Bernice was a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly, where she was active with the C.C.W. She was also active with the Greater Plainfield Community Club.

Bernice was a loving companion to Francis and a wonderful mother to her three daughters, making sure they had their hair permed before every school picture. She enjoyed dressing up and being in the Plainfield



Bernice Harrington

parade.

Her family will miss her popcorn balls every holiday. Raising 300 chickens every summer and butchering them for area folks was great bonding time for her and her daughters.

Bernice is survived by her three daughters, Donna (David) Geerts of New Hampton, Nancy (Riley) Uglum of New Hampton, and Lynette (Roger) Vohsman of Nashua; five grandchildren, Daniel Leichtman, Jennifer (Adam) Schillie, David (Jean) Leichtman, Julie (special friend, Bryan Struchen) Vohsman and Andrea (McKay)

Youngblut; eight great-grandchildren, Nikole Brinning, Isabel Leichtman, Sophie Schillie, Dax Schillie, Ava Leichtman, Bryer Leichtman, Reese Youngblut and Boone Youngblut; and one great-great-granddaughter, Alice Brinning.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Francis Harrington; two sons-in-law, Ted Leichtman and Richard Bahr; a great-grandchild, Hayden Schillie; a sister, Sally Osterman, a brother, Gus Frascht; and her special friend, Loretta Brandt.

A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly, with Father Doug Wathier officiating.

Burial will be held in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Waverly.

The service will be livestreamed on the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes YouTube Page.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary Catholic Church or to Cedar Valley Hospice. Online condolences for Bernice's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

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

Steven Rae Banser, 65

Former Plainfield resident Steven Rae Banser, age 65, died Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at his home surrounded by family in Buffalo, Minnesota.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 20, 2024 at St. John Lutheran Church, Nashua with the Rev. Todd Burrichter presiding. Burial will take place at a later date at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 19, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the church in Nashua on Saturday.

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

Following the annual meeting, the board of directors held an organizational meeting and elected the following officers: Gary Poppe, Ionia, president; Share Brandt, Allison, vice president; Troy Feldman, Greene, treasurer; Tim Schrage, Allison, secretary; and, Allyn Harms, Clarksville, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Butler County REC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative that provides power to more than 6,600 meters to homes, farms and businesses in Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw and Floyd Counties. The co-op is headquartered in Allison.

Big 4 Chamber, foundation bringing unique circus to city

A different kind of circus will put on two one-hour shows at the Nashua-Plainfield High School gymnasium next month.

The Big 4 Chamber of Commerce and the Nashua Community Foundation will welcome "Circus Pop! The Giant BUBBLE SHOW" for two shows — one at 2 p.m.; the other at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

The one-man show that features giant 20-foot bubbles, contortion, fog bubbles, bubbles in bubbles, Houdini's chain escape, and even a kid in a soap bubble!

Tickets are available online at giantbubble-show.com for \$6 (ages 3-12), \$9 (seniors, ages 65 and up) and \$12 (ages 13 to 64). Tickets at the door, if still available, will be \$8, \$10 and \$14.

Sullivan lands Butler County REC scholarship

Butler County REC is awarding a local student with a \$1,000 scholarship from Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bismarck, North Dakota. The student receiving the scholarship is Aiden Sullivan, Nashua.

Aiden, a senior at Nashua-Plainfield High School, is planning to attend the U.S. Military Academy in West Point West Point, New York, for mechanical engineering.

Each year, dependents of members and employees of Butler County REC are eligible to apply for scholarships from Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The scholarships are designed to encourage and recognize the achievements of students living on electric cooperative lines.

The applicant must be a student enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

Award of the scholarship is based on SAT/ACT scores, grade-point average, work experience and participation in school and community activities.

Cedar Valley Hospice wins workplace honor

Cedar Valley Hospice has received the 2024 Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award (GEWA), which recognizes the most engaged workplace cultures in the world. This is the fifth consecutive year Cedar Valley Hospice has received this honor.

Gallup's meta-analysis on team engagement and performance is the most comprehensive workplace study ever conducted, with data on more than 2 million employees in 276 organizations across 54 industries and 96 countries.

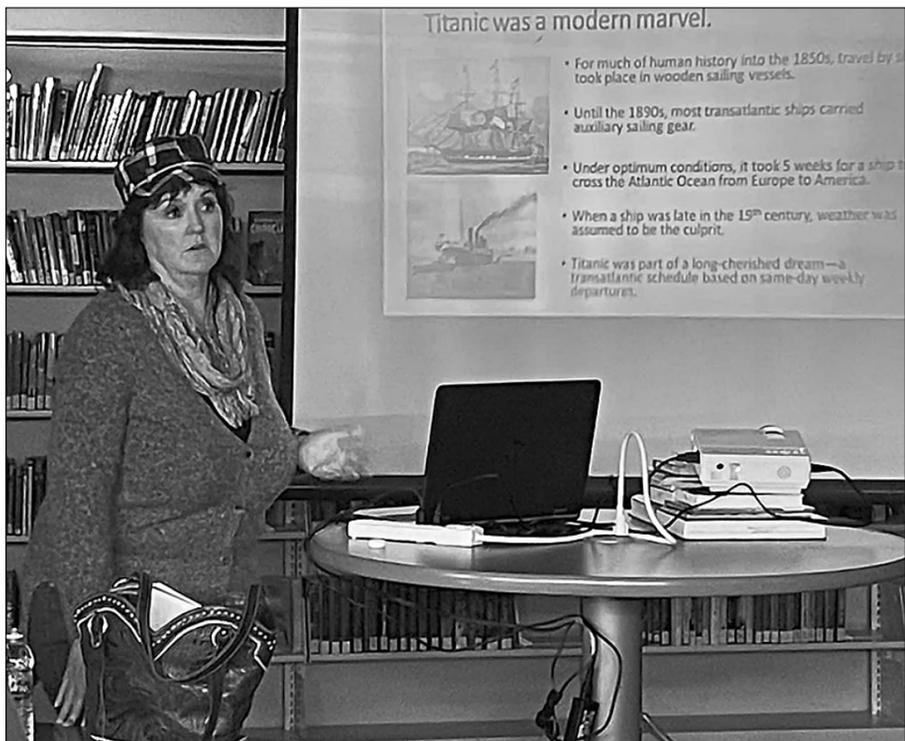


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Learning more about the Titanic

As part of National Library Week, the Nashua Public Library hosted a program last Thursday that provided details about the Titanic. The program was held the night before the 102nd anniversary that the "unsinkable" ship went to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean in one of the most famous shipwrecks in human history. "It was a fantastic program," Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman said, "and we learned a lot about how some of the passengers had ties to Iowa."

N-P student enjoys serving on statewide council

LEVI: FROM 1

mess around with computers and stuff so it sounded kind of cool. And it really was."

Each month, the SYBAC students were introduced to new web development and coding tools, interacted with experts from Iowa-based technology companies, and worked their way through a cybersecurity training certification from Fortinet. In addition, some students completed a community service project where they would speak with elementary students and peers about cybersecurity or work with their school IT help desk.

The ICN developed the SYBAC program to The students meet monthly via video during the school year and learned about a variety of topics, such as:

- Automated driving from the Driving Safety Research Institute of the University of Iowa.
- Telehealth in Iowa from the Iowa Hospital Association.
- Cybersecurity, competitions, and certificates from Doug Jacobson, professor and director of the ISU Center for Cybersecurity Innovation and Outreach.
- The importance of cybersecurity, protecting Iowa's healthcare, government, public safety, and education customers from security incidents.
- ICN's robust and statewide infrastruc-

ture, including the ICN's Firewall and DDoS Mitigation services.

Council members recently finished the program with an "in-person" event in Des Moines, where they were given the opportunity to engage with the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) leadership team, talk with subject matter experts regarding cybersecurity and coding, gain insights into ICN's Broadband Information Center, explore the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines, and witness government in action during an official bill signing in the Capitol rotunda.

In addition to the events on the Capitol Complex, the students were hosted by LightEdge Solutions in Altoona and toured their local data center.

"It was a fun day," Levi said, "and the whole year was a good experience."

Levi, though, still has plenty of activities to keep him busy. There are golf meets to be played, the National History Day state contest to attend, the work on his Eagle Scout project at Pa's Playground, a music trip to take to Nashville, just to name several.

"School would be boring if all I did was come here and go to class and not do anything else," he said. "It's fun to be part of different things. Like I said, it's helped me discover the things I really like."

Band members enjoy stellar solo/ensemble contest

BAND: FROM 1

- Aiden Sullivan, alto sax solo.
- Christopher Kalvig, French horn solo
- Kaden McMichael, trumpet solo
- Hannah Percy, trumpet solo
- Emma O'Neill, xylophone solo
- Percussion Choir: Ty Berger, Cam Cleveland, Madelyn Hennings, Emma O'Neill, Grace Dietz, Karson Chyma, Landon Foelske, Kami Hannemann and Chris Niedert.
- Mixed Instrumental Choir: Jordyn Frost, Calista McDonald, Chris Niedert, Kaden McMichael, Bailey Bond, Aiden Sullivan, Madelyn Hennings, Maverick Dietz-McDonald, Luke Paplow, Hayden Munn, Hannah Percy, Lily Eiffler, JR O'Neill, Elayna O'Neill, Aubreigh Stroud, Titus Cerwinski, Cal Levi, Ty Berger, Cam Cleveland, Emma O'Neill,

Grace Dietz, Karson Chyma, Landon Foelske and Kami Hannemann.

DIVISION II RATINGS

- Chris Niedert, clarinet solo
- Kaden McMichael, clarinet solo
- Maverick Dietz-McDonald, alto sax solo
- Grace Dietz, snare solo
- Cam Cleveland, timpani solo

DIVISION III RATINGS

- Connor Sullivan, alto sax solo

Briefs

Nashua woman honored by Waverly Health Center

Three members — including a Nashua resident, of the Waverly Health Center (WHC) team have been named January/February Spotlight on Values award winners. Nominated by co-workers, patients and members of the community, these individuals are examples of WHC's values in action.



Cmelik-Reams

Cynthia Cmelik-Reams of Nashua, education, was recognized for the value of excellence. Her nominator wrote, "Cynthia is often tasked with just-in-time education and she is always willing and ready to help. Her approach is always positive, professional and patient-centered. Cynthia exemplifies the WHC Service Excellence Standards each and every day. She is excellent at what she does!"

Piper Wild of Waverly, laboratory, was recognized for the value of compassion while Jessica Dewey of Shell Rock, birthing center, was recognized for the value of leadership.

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

Nashua-Plainfield student selected for annual REC Tour

Caleb Sinnwell, a junior from Nashua-Plainfield High School, has been selected to represent Butler County REC at the 2024 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 15-21.

Sinnwell is the son of Butler County REC members Josh and Heather Sinnwell of Nashua. He is active in numerous school and extra-curricular activities and has received many awards and honors throughout his high school career.

While on the Youth Tour, Sinnwell will join students from more than 40 additional electric cooperatives in Iowa and over 1,800 students from across America to explore our nation's capital. Along with meeting their congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., the participants will tour historical sites, explore the Smithsonian museums and cruise the Potomac.

Sinnwell will receive a \$500 scholarship upon entry into an accredited college.

The goal of the Youth Tour and scholarship programs at Butler County REC is to support education and to provide opportunities for youth in rural Iowa.

Butler County REC holds annual meeting

Members of Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative re-elected two incumbent directors and elected one new director at their annual meeting on Wednesday, March 27.

Re-elected were Share Brandt, Allison, and Troy Feldman, Greene. Newly elected was Ken Kappmeyer, Waverly. Almost 500 votes were cast through mail-in ballots.

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Former supervisor tells board that 'low taxes make for happy voters'

COUNTY BUDGET: FROM 1

Joan Knoll, who is seeking the District 3 Supervisor seat currently held by Jake Hackman emphasized that she was appearing as a county resident and chastised board members for not looking at ending fund balances sooner in the budgeting process.

Higher-than-expected fund balances were part of the reason the board reduced its original GS max levy request.

"Shouldn't that have been done earlier, before this first public hearing," Knoll said. "That should have been done at the re-estimates. ... I assume you look at those budgets every single month where they're at, like all the department heads do."

Knoll said her family's personal tax bill — not including "new construction" on the property — will increase by \$400, or more than 24 percent next year.

"Some of the people are not going to be able to afford that," she said. "We have to think about those people, too. ... I don't think the taxpayers will mind if it goes up a little bit, but this is quite a bit of a jump."

Former Supervisor Arnie Boge, who served on the board for 24 years before retiring in 2010, asked Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski to read his "protest" letter during the public hearing.

Boge, as he did at the max levy public hearing, asked the county to reduce the proposed tax increase by at least 77.5 percent, saying "low taxes make for happy voters."

Boge wrote that he understood that "your job is not an easy one" but he also cautioned supervisors that raising ending fund balances will only "kick the can down the road to next year."

There are many property taxpayers who are on fixed incomes. CRP, Social



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors hold their final public hearing on the 2024-25 budget and tax levy during Monday's meeting.

Security and farm rental incomes don't keep up with your growth," Hackman said there were a variety of factors that have led the county "to be where we are at."

He said there was a "huge budget amendment back in July for body cameras and car cameras. I think that cost \$225,000 out of the ending fund balance that was not budgeted for."

He added that there were pay raises approved during the budget year, increased property and liability insurance costs, the decision supervisors made to have the county pay some of the costs of family health insurance policies and the cost of running county

buildings has become more expensive. He said that "building expenses never go down ... I think we have one or two, maybe one, too many buildings owned by the county."

"And the thing we always forget is that we can get the Bypass Basin given to us by the DOT, we can get farmland donated to us, but who's going to maintain it under the county Conservation Department? Wages are not cheap, gasoline is not cheap, tractors are not cheap."

He said he still wants the county to consider having employees take on a little more of their own health insurance premium costs — again suggest-

ing that employees with single plans should pay 5 percent of their premium costs and lower the county contribution for family health plans from 75 percent to 70 percent.

"I brought that back up ... maybe we should tap that brakes on the family health insurance," Supervisor Matt Kuhn said, "and Jake, you said we couldn't do that to our employees ... I don't know how now we can lower that."

Hackman, though, said the county could do it now "because you would do it [at the beginning of] the fiscal year [during] open enrollment."

Although board members decided

to hold off on approving the overall county budget and tax levy at Monday's meeting, they did approve the Iowa DOT Secondary Roads budget and the county's DOT five-year program for the county.

They did so because those two documents, under state law, had to be submitted by Monday, and County Engineer Roman Lensing said if by chance the supervisors tweaked his budget, he would be able to file an amendment to the DOT.

Before adjourning, supervisors discussed the projected ending fund balances for the 2024-25 budget year that include 26 percent of expected expenditures for GB/GS and 20 percent for RSB.

Hackman asked supervisors "do we need it?"

Cerwinski, though, pointed out that the ending fund balance will have to be used to pay property and liability insurance costs, plus get the county through the first three months of the next fiscal year until property taxes are collected.

"You've got a million dollars, but the first check you're going to write is \$600,000," Cerwinski said, "and then you have to get until September. I know it's a lot more than we've had in the past, but things cost a lot more."

Supervisor Steve Breitbach said he felt "we've backed it down quite a ways," and he also pointed out that, "if I'm doing my figuring right, we'll have the second lowest tax rate" among seven Northeast Iowa counties.

Board members will in all likelihood vote on the proposed budget and tax levy this coming Monday, but if a wrinkle develops, they will still have time to act on the budget either late next week or early the following week. That's because under state law, counties have until April 30 to certify their budgets with the state.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY CLAMS-3/30/2024-4/12/2024	7,942.50	EXAM FEE.....	65.00	CIDE-CONSV	79.90	LLC, MARCH MEALS-SHERIFF	150.00	SUPERIOR LUMBER INC, LUMBER	18.69
2020 FX LLC, CONTRACT & DATA SVC-CRTHS/SHERIFF/EMS	428.31	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, INMATE BOARDING FEE-SHERIFF	325.00	KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK, DIESEL & GAS-SEC RDS	7,221.10	NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PH SVC-SHERIFF/EMS/EMA	867.68	TAKE A SHOT LLC, TACTICAL LIGHTING-SHERIFF	4,895.00
CASS LASER ENGRAVING, K9 THANK YOU PLAQUE-SHERIFF	16,636.00	FREDERICKSBURG PLBG & HTG LLC, F'BURG SHOP FURNACE-SEC RDS	4,380.00	KWIK TRIP INC, FUEL-SHERIFF/HERITAGE/CONSV/GEN SVCS/EMS	4,574.26	NEW HAMPTON RED POWER, FARMALL TRACTOR RENT-AL-CONSV	2,500.00	THOMAS, KAYLEE, MLG-SHERIFF	228.87
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AHLERS & COONEY, P.C., MONTHLY SVC FEE/MLG-MULT DEPTS	1,913.90	FULLERTON FUNERAL HOME, PROF FEES/TRANSPORT OF CO RES-MED EXAMINER.....	1,011.00	LAWLER, CITY OF, LAWLER SHOP ELEC-SEC RDS	6.21	NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, SHED UTLS-EMS	270.99	TROYNA, SHIRLEY, LODGING/MEAL-RECORDER.....	375.62
ALLIANT ENERGY, UTLS-CONSV/IONIA SHOP/INTERS LTG.....	162.22	GALLS LLC, CHICKASAW CO PATCHES-EMA.....	160.00	NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER, CCHICKASAW CO TOURISM CONTRACT	1,000.00	U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, CELL PH SVC-CONSV/SEC RDS/EMA	772.19	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, PARTS #22-SEC RDS	153.74
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AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, WINDOW PUNCHES/EQUIP BAGS-SHERIFF	68.62	GLASS TECH, WINDSHIELD INSTALL #27-SEC RDS	249.00	ON TRACK SIGNS, REFLECTIVE NO PARKING DECALS-PUB HEALTH	170.00	VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC, MV MAINT & TIRE REPAIR-SHERIFF	293.65	WEX, FUEL-ASSR	48.92
AT&T MOBILITY, PH SVC-EMS44.94	54.94	HACH COMPANY, CHLORINE FOR CONSV AND HERITAGE	902.56	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC, PEST CONTROL-CONSV	101.53	WINDSTREAM CORPORATION, 911 PHONES	278.48	WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC, 911 PHONES	199.88
AXON ENTERPRISE INC, TASER CARTRIDGES-SHERIFF	2,563.28	HAWKINS INC, WATER CHEMICALS-HERITAGE	282.71	R & R WELDING INC, CULVERT MAINT SPPLS-SEC RDS	51.87	ZIEGLER INC, STOCK PARTS-SEC RDS	74.99	ZIP'S OUTFITTERS, UNI-FORMS-CONSV	234.45
BABCOCK SERVICES, CONCRETE RAMP REPAIR-CRTHS	887.50	HLW ENGINEERING GROUP, OLD LANDFILL-ABANDONED WELLS STUDY	375.00	S & T COLLISION CENTER AND AUTO LLC, OIL CHANGE-SHERIFF	85.51	TOTALS	256,145.23		
BACKFLOW PREVENTION SERV INC, ANNUAL BACKFLOW INS-SP-CONSV	170.00	HOMETOWN TV & APPLIANCE, PARTS/PANS-HERITAGE	30.00	SCHUEHT ACE HARDWARE, PARTS/SPPLS/CUST/BLDGRPRS-MULT DEPTS	1,024.60				
BEAR CREEK ARCHEOLOGY INC, HISTORICAL BRIDGE ASSESSMENT - 300TH ST & 140TH	2,400.00	IDALS STATE APIARY PROGRAM BEE HIVE MAINT-CONSV	200.00	SCOTT PHARMACY INC, MEDICINE-SHERIFF	59.84				
BOB BARKER COMPANY INC, SPIT HOOD-SHERIFF	54.53	IONIA, CITY OF, IONIA SHOP WATER & SEWER	125.00	STANTON ELECTRIC, BLDG IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION-EMS	84,581.00				
BRENNAN CONSTRUCTION CO INC, BROS-C019(109)-8J-19 BLAZEKB BRIDGE FINAL PAYMENT.....	20,671.13	IOWA COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSOCIATION, TRAININGS-RECORDER/TROYNA	170.00						
BUTLER CO REC, NAT GAS/ELEC-CONSV. NASHUA SHOP ELEC-SEC RDS	663.55	IOWA DNR, PERMIT APP-CONSV	30.00						
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., PHONE/INTERNET-MULT DEPTS	1,252.12	IOWA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOC, LEVEL 3 MEMBERSHIP-EMS	350.00						
C. H. MCGUINNESS CO. INC., ANGLE TRAP-CRTHS	101.45	ISACA, ISACA DUES 2024-AUDITOR	250.00						
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC, OUTSIDE ENGINEERING 2023 BRIDGE RATING & INSPECT		V21 DUST CONTROL LLC, DUST CONTROL TPNC & AIRPORT LAKE	1,800.00						
		JENDRO INC, RURAL/RECY/GARBAGE PICKUP-MULT DEPTS	2,945.94						
		JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARTS/PLUMBING SPPLS/HERBI-							

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City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2024, at Council Chambers in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Kelleher presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott and Water/Wastewater Operator Chad McCleary of Ion Environmental Solutions were present along with 2 guests.

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

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting April 1, 2024; Permits: Building; 406 Sample St., 515 Sample St., and 802 Woodbridge St.; Cigarette/Tobacco License; Casey's License Renewal; and the Consent Calendar: Payment of Claims (March 29-April 8, 2024) \$79,369.29 + \$9,330.63 (Wages). Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher called for public comments: There were none.

Hearings/Resolutions

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to open the public hearing for adoption of the FY'25 budget. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:02PM. After a brief discussion, S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:03PM.

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 24-26 Resolution to Adopt FY'24/25 Budget. S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. 24-27 Resolution Approving FY'24/25 Transfers. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. 24-28 Resolution Allocating Use of ARPA Funds. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:

Mayor Kelleher mentioned that he had gone to the Iowa Rural Development Summit and has brought back a lot of valuable information to help move the community forward. He stated that the city isn't going to continue to go backwards, we are going to move forward no matter how small the step is. He talked about the importance of the city getting a comprehensive plan. He didn't have all the information compiled from the meet-

ing but informed the council there would be more to come.

City Clerk Ott reviewed the March financial reports and informed the council that March's bank reconciliation has been completed and is available for review. He reviewed several items from the Deputy Clerk, Hall/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the service fee waiver request for 424 Brasher if the bill is paid in 60 days or an agreement is set up with the city for payment, if the bill isn't paid or an agreement is not set up than the service fee waiver request will not be accepted. The council discussed fixing the curb stop at 1020 Greeley St. The council decided to hold off for now.

City Council

Hall wanted to give a shout out to the city workers for their work along the walking trail.

Street Supervisor Zade McCall gave his monthly report. He talked about different projects that they are working on from fixing a ditch, replacing a sidewalk, filling potholes, and having Heartland complete some patchwork from digs and main breaks.

Heather Hackman Library Director gave her monthly report to the council to review.

Park Board President Nate Sinnwell was not present, but the council discussed a few park items.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S to allow the camp host to utilize whatever campsite they wanted, as long as they followed all of the rules. RC: all ayes.

Chad McCleary from Ion Environmental Solutions was present and informed the council that they won't be renewing their contract with the city. McCleary stated that the requirements from Field Office #1 are going to be too prohibitive. He noted that the city has been great to work with. He told the council that he will work with the city during the transition. The current contract with Ion will end on June 30, 2024.

Discussion/Action

The council discussed and/or acted on several items.

The council discussed the dog at large from 1400 Greeley St. The owner Beth Henningsen was at the council meeting and talked with the council. The council allowed Beth to share her side of the story. She stated that the dog that had been getting away is now being tied up because the shock collar wasn't keeping it home. It would run through the shock. They had another dog who also got away and she explained that the other dog,

which usually doesn't run away must have realized that it didn't have her collar on and so it got away. J. Johnson stated that he didn't want to have another public hearing as he didn't want them to have to get rid of another dog. S. Johnson stated that there haven't been any issues lately and J. Johnson confirmed. City Clerk Ott stated that there haven't been any reported incidences since April 2nd. Willsher stated that they should maybe give it a trial period of 30 to 60 days. Beth stated that she understands and would be super upset if she was her neighbor. She also stated that she is praying that this issue is resolved and if it isn't she will get rid of them herself. The Mayor reiterated Beth's comment that the dog they have been having issues with is physically restrained, Beth confirmed that yes the runner is restrained. The council discussed setting a 30-day probation and if there are any issues they would have to set a public hearing. Mayor Kelleher asked Beth (dog owner) if that would be fair. Beth agreed that it would be fair. Willsher/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to allow a 30-day probation, but if the dogs were out again within 30 days from April 15th the council would have to set a public hearing. RC: all ayes.

After discussion, J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to table discussion on Code of Ordinance Chapter 65 Stop or Yield. RC: all ayes.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to table action/discussion about the questions pertaining to recodifying the Code of Ordinances. RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to look into the process for adding the hotel/motel tax to the November ballot. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed some of the projects that it had approved using ARPA funds for at the previous meeting. S. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve the bid from Inspired Connection Agency to update the city's website and using up to \$5,000 of ARPA funds. RC: all ayes.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the bid from Bockhaus Plumbing and Heating and utilizing up to \$16,000 for 2 - 96% Efficiency RUUD 70,000 BTU 2 Stage furnaces and 2 - 14 Seer 1/2 ton A/C units. RC: all ayes.

The bid amount was \$16,400.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve using up to \$15,000 of ARPA funds for the fire rings for the campground. RC: all ayes. The bid amount was \$14,804, with the labor being provided by the city workers.

Other Business:

Galen and Sandy Franzen wanted to thank the council for amending Chapter #65 Ordinance Stop or Yield.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that there was a packet of information about dredging the impoundment if anyone wanted to review it.

There was no other business:

S. Johnson/M to adjourn, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.

Pending Approval by Council
John Ott

CLAIMS REPORT
(MARCH 29-APRIL 8, 2024)

VENDOR, REFERENCE	AMOUNT
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK, HSA	\$1,200.00
U.S. POST OFFICE, WA-BILLING APR'24	\$252.53
JOSH CASTER, AMB-DRIVER 3/3	373.00
SCOTT CERWINSKE, AMB DRIVER 3/3	\$95.00
DETTMER, CHERYL, AMB-EMT 3/28	\$30.00
FISHER, KARAGAN, AMB-ASSISTANT CREW CHIEF	\$125.00
GERBER, BROOKELYN, AMB-EMT 3/15	\$60.00
GERBER, SHEA, AMB-DRIVER 3/14	\$25.00
KARELS, ABRAM, AMB-EMT 3/3	\$70.00
MOHS, DANNON, AMB-CREW CHIEF	\$95.00
NELSON, TONI, AMB-EMT 3/3600.00	
PAHNISCH, ANDREW, AMB-DRIVER 3/28	\$25.00
SCROGGINS, DEBORAH, AMB-EMT 3/16	\$30.00
SEIDLE, JONATHAN, AMB-DRIVER 3/15	\$25.00
SUDOL, MELISSA, AMB-EMT 3/20	\$30.00
ZENDA VIKTUREK, AMB-DIRECTOR	\$180.00
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, WC-PHONE EXP APR'24	\$304.40
CEDAR LAKE EZ DOCK, 16-COUPLER SET W/ COMPOSIT ROD	\$1,816.00
CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, PD-QTR4FY'24 APR-JUN	\$39,616.25
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION/FANDEL, WC-BATTERY FOR FIRE ALRM PANEL	\$105.80
IOWA DOT, ST-REFLECTOR BEADS FOR PAINT	\$27.04
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CH-IMFOA DUES 24/25 BENEFITTED	\$50.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARK-8/LOGGER ST TOE\$420.88	
MICK GAGE PLBG & HTG, INC, SEJET 809-901 MAIN	\$775.00
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO., SE-JET/CAMERA DAWN/GREELEY/	\$13,090.00
ENTERPRISE MEDIA INC, CH-LE-GAL PUBLICATIONS MAR'24	\$29.85
RAPID PRINTERS, CH-3 BOXES #9 WINDOW ENVELOPE	\$135.00
RILEY'S INC., CH-COPY FEES MAR'24	\$191.82
S & T COLLISION, WA-RED PICKUP	\$2,498.16
T & K TRACTOR REPAIR, TANK STRAPS X3	\$1,079.34
U.S. POST OFFICE, CH/WA/SE/GAR-STAMPS	\$378.00
USCELLULAR, AMB-TABLET & PHONE 2/23-3/22	\$42.24
BAKER & TAYLOR, LIB-BOOKS	\$177.57
BOOK LOOK, LIB-BOOKS	\$678.64
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, LIB-PHONE APR'24	\$38.05
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, LIB-BOOKS	\$72.00
DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLIES, LIB-SUPPLIES	\$114.93
GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC GFC, LIB-OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$393.30
HEATHER M. HACKMAN, LIB-TRAVEL/EDUCATION/MILEAGE	\$233.64
ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOC, LIB-DUES	\$323.34
INGRAM, LIB-BOOKS	\$364.61
NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIB-PETTY CASH (POSTAGE)	\$37.38
THE FAMILY HANDYMAN, LIB-SUB 1 YR	\$24.61
WAVERLY NEWSPAPERS, LIB-PAPER SUB 1 YR	\$80.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, AMB-GEL PAKS/MANOMETER FILTERS OTT, JOHN, CC-WATERLOO	\$68.34
QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL, 5 HR LABOR	\$1,256.00
DON BOSS, FEB	\$7.50
CALICO MEADOW SOAP LLC, FEB	\$15.00
CAPTIVATING CRAFTS LLC, MAR	\$54.61
KAREN CARR, WC-VENDOR SALES Q1	\$15.00
JAN CLEMENT, MAR	\$48.00

DEBBIE L FINNEGAN, MAR	\$9.00
DEUTH, BRENDA, MAR	\$22.50
DORMAN, JOLYNN, WC-VENDOR SALES Q1	\$18.75
SHERYL DORMAN, MAR	\$76.49
FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP, MAR	\$108.87
KATHLEEN HENRY, MAR	\$7.50
ANDREA KING, JAN	\$25.88
LAVENDER AND LEMON, FEB\$2.25	
SHARON LEERHOFF, MAR	\$124.53
LINDA LENZ, MAR	\$36.00
MARY LITTERER, FEB	\$16.50
MAAS, ROBERTA C	\$91.04
MARYLEE MEHMEN, MAR	\$4.50
MILLER, TRISHA, MAR	\$15.00
OLD BRADFORD PIONEER VIL-LAGE, JAN	\$3.00
JANET PETFESH, MAR	\$40.50
DANIELLE SCHELL, FEB	\$56.63
NANCY SCHERER, MAR	\$39.91
SCHUKNECHT, SANDY, FEB	\$42.00
SENNER, ANN L, MAR	\$184.88
SLADEK, CATHERINE, FEB	\$11.25
SNELLING, MARLENE, MAR	\$76.50
TERESA STAUDT, MAR	\$38.25
LISA STEINLAGE, MAR	\$54.75
SHIRLEY STEVENSON, MAR	\$15.00
CURTIS SWINTON, MAR	\$22.50
GLADICE TIDEMANSON, MAR	\$29.25
SANDRA VANCE, MAR	\$15.38
WEINBERG, GREGG, MAR	\$9.75
WORDEN CYNTHIA A, MAR	\$187.20
IPERS, REGULAR IPERS	\$5,585.64
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT, FED/FICA TAX	\$2,497.33
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX	\$348.96
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SWR-SALES TAX MAR'24\$301.74	
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WET-SALES TAX MAR'24	\$1,176.22
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WC-SALES TAX MAR'24	\$111.02
Accounts Payable Total	\$79,369.29
Payroll Checks	\$9,330.63
***** REPORT TOTAL *****	
*****	\$88,699.92
GENERAL FUND	\$57,565.96
ROAD USE	\$1,090.00
PERM FUNDS-LIB WATSON	\$1,066.94
PERM FUNDS-LIBRARY-BERRIE	\$225.88
WATER	\$8,841.18
SEWER	\$19,909.87
TOTAL FUNDS	\$88,699.92

No. 23885
4/19/24

CC/NP coach says future RedTails shooters 'very coachable'

TRAPSHOOTERS: FROM 8

Oleson's program – which he's led for the past five years as head coach. He said trapshooting started in 2005 at Charles City with around 18 kids. He's got 46 out this spring – including middle-schoolers.

"I constantly thinking about different things – getting these kids recognized. For the longest time just local people knew what trapshooting was all about," said Oleson.

Demro was hesitant to go out for the trap squad his freshman year. He realized it was one of the best decisions he's ever made in his life. Demro said he never envisioned a day

like Wednesday where he would be signing on to play college sports, especially in trap.

"No – not at all," said Demro. "It was just kind of something I thought I'd be interested in and just kind of signed on. I didn't want to go out for it to be honest. My mom kind of forced me into it," said Demro. "That would have been the biggest thing I think I ever regretted."

Groothuis, who is home-schooled and is dual-enrolled at N-P, now has a passion to compete in a sport he didn't know all that much about when he first started learning about what it takes to become adept at trapshooting.

"It's taking the next step for

life...being able to do what I love and shoot for college," said Groothuis.

Oleson is a 1988 graduate of Nashua, so obviously this banner day where two N-P student athletes are planning on taking their trapshooting expertise to college, was extra important to him.

"Being a graduate of Nashua,

it's kind of a big deal for me," said Oleson.

Demro and Groothuis have taken their games to another level out on the trap range this spring along with the three other Husky members of the N-P squad in senior J.R. O'Neill as well as juniors Nic Brase and Maverick Dietz-McDonald. N-P has finished in the top three at

meets as a team several times already in 2024, something they did very rarely just a season ago.

"They've both been four-year shooters. They've always been there to help," said Oleson. "They're very coachable. I just think they're great kids. These kids are always up for shooting. You don't even have to ask them

twice."

Demro and Groothuis have invested time and energy into the sport of trapshooting and it has obviously shaped their lives for the better and is paying off in more ways than one.

"It's pretty important to both of us because it's both something we've done for the past four years," said Demro.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES APRIL 11, 2024

The Board convened on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM with Members Breitbach, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Members Suckow and Kuhn absent. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Donna Geerts as Board Secretary, Custodian Dave Gorman, Stanton Electric-Chuck Stanton, and New Hampton Municipal Light Plant-Travis Schumacher.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for April 11, 2024. Roll call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Cerwinski. Absent-Suckow, Kuhn. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Custodian Gorman reported it is an emergency situation to fix the power lines coming into the courthouse. Attorney Laudner reviewed the purchase and procurement policy for Chickasaw County and stated the Board of Supervi-

sors can declare an emergency situation and may authorize emergency purchases in excess of \$10,000. Stanton presented an estimate of repairs.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Breitbach to declare the power source into the courthouse is an emergency situation to the county and to award a bid to Stanton Electric not to exceed \$35,000 and to have Stanton Electric order the products and proceed with construction. Roll call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Cerwinski. Absent-Suckow, Kuhn. Motion carried.

No future agenda items.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:24 AM. Roll call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Cerwinski. Absent-Suckow, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Donna Geerts,
Secretary to the Board

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES APRIL 8, 2024

The Board convened on Thursday, April 8, 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 Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Custodian Dave Gorman, Ahlers Cooney Attorney Ann Smisek (phone).

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for April 8, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from April 1, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the Quarterly Reports ending March 31, 2024 for Auditor, EMS, Recorder, Sheriff and Veteran Affairs. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve Plum Creek Golf Course Association Class C Retail Alcohol License for a term of eight months. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion with Ahlers Cooney Attorney Ann Smisek by phone about having a Chickasaw County Health Care Spousal Exclusion Affidavit.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the service quote by 3E Electrical Engineering & Equipment for \$3,093.50 to go through Heritage generator and to authorize chair signature on a one-year service contract for \$485.00. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by

Suckow to acknowledge purchase of (2) ¾ Ton Pickups for \$85,912.00 from Chrysler of Forest City FY 23-24. (1) ½ Ton Pickup \$41,802.00 from Stew Hansen for Secondary Roads for FY 24-25. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve Permission to Enter Premises for Chickasaw County Bridge #2870 Replacement Project with Terry D. & Teri A. Wegner and authorize Chairman's signature. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to leave \$5,000.00 in Chickasaw County Flex plan ending balance for June 30, 2022 and to withdraw \$7,277.50. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to authorize chair's signature on the Chickasaw County Flex Plan ending balance for June 30, 2022. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Budget work session

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount \$232,781.69. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll check dated April 5, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve prior bills in the amount \$476.49. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignment
Supervisor Kuhn, April 2. EMA
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 10:03 AM. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

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

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N-P track seniors hitting their strides

Trapshooters can't quite come up with traveling night trophy

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to look for," said Franzen. Franzen also has a little ways to go if he's to catch his buddy – fellow senior Trae Geise – in the aforementioned event. Geise's PR this season in the long jump is 19-4.

Is this now a budding rivalry between teammates to see who can out jump the other? That's an affirmative no according to Franzen. "It's friendly thing," said Franzen.

Geise, like Franzen, has yet to grace the blue oval down at Drake Stadium at state in his career. He went out for track last year and was on the cusp of qualifying for state in 100 dash in addition to the long jump.

The Charles City meet also treated Geise well as he ripped off an 11.92 for a career best in 100. He'll have to lower his time in that race if he wants to make a serious run at state as well. That time is roughly in the top 75 clips in the small-school class. There are 24 entrants to qualify for state in individual running events in Iowa.

"To start off the season I was kind of getting out of the box a lot slower than I did that day," said Geise, who finished third in the open 100. "I got my blocks down a little better and kind of timed the gun to really get out in front."

Sudol likes Geise's chances to crack the state field – in both events. A little luck and perfect timing wouldn't hurt Geise's chances, either, at running on the famed blue oval. "He's close. He's real close. Last year he was right on the

edge. It's just a matter of where things go and where things lie at district time. If people don't load that at districts, you can sneak in that and win that dang thing. He's got a chance," said Sudol about the 100 dash. "It's fun to see him run. He's a good runner."

Geise placed fifth in the long jump at CC with a leap of 18-9, while Franzen's jump slotted him in the fourth-best position in the event.

Charles City senior Josiah Cummings – the defending Class 3A state champ in the event – won the long jump with an eye-popping leap of 21-9.25.

N-P sophomore Eli Kalainoff broke the school record last week Thursday at the New Hampton Co-Ed Invite with a toss of 137. Then he re-broke his own all-time best mark at N-P with a 140-5 at Charles City.

The old mark was held by Blake Lindeland – a 2021 N-P grad – and that was 136-4.25.

Sudol said Kalainoff is thinking big in that event as well.

"He's not done yet. I think 150 to 160 are still his goals for this year – easily," said Kalainoff. "I think he can place at state – that's for sure."

N-P sophomore Landon Foelske PR'd in the 400 hurdles (1:02.44, second place) and senior Titus Evans did the same in the 110 high hurdles (16.13, first place) at Charles City.

Each of those runners are key entrants in N-P's shuttle hurdle relay, which hit a PR at New Hampton in a time of 1:07.67 with the two other members of the squad – senior Tate White and junior Aiden Gelner.

N-P's 4x800 relay placed runner-up in a time of 9:11 with the foursome of Braeden Mitchell, Jase Hansen, Avery Mueller and Dylan Blanchard.

"Jase is a very good runner. We just gotta find where we're going to put him. I tell you what, that kid can run," said Sudol.

N-P placed fifth at New Hampton in the team standings with 84 points and was third at CC with 100 points.

"These kids are working hard. We're going to make some changes on some things and we're going to make some of these relays hit yet, too," said Sudol.

NEW HAMPTON COED TEAM SCORES

Waukon 164, Sumner-Fredericksburg 122, North Fayette Valley 92, New Hampton 90, Nashua-Plainfield 84, Turkey Valley 22.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

Sprint medley - 5. Trae Geise, Aiden Gelner, Navarii Williams, Titus Evans 1:48.02.

3,200 - 6. Luke Paplow 12:18.34, 7. Brady Lensing 12:52.55.

4x800 - 2. Braeden Mitchell, Jase Hansen, Avery Mueller, Dylan Blanchard 9:16.81.

100 - 5. Williams 12.65, 11. Easton Richards 13.39.

Shuttle hurdle - 2. Tate White, Landon Foelske, Gelner, Evans 1:07.67.

Distance medley - 1. Geise, Tucker Franzen, Jake Smith, Hansen 4:06.35.

400 - 5. Blanchard 58.31, 7. Benjamin Percy 1:01.96.

4x200 - 5. Karson Chyma, Quintyn Boehmer, Carson Mundorf, Percy 1:55.11.

110 high hurdles - 4. Titus Evans 17.73, 6. Landon Foelske 18.48.

800 - 4. Brexton Bird 2:25.35, 7. Caleb Lentz 2:26.98.

200 - 8. Ty Berger 28.45, 9. Miles Carpenter 29.10.

400 hurdles - 2. Foelske 1:05.05,

8. Chris Niedert 1:14.56. 1,600 - 7. Caleb Sinnwell 5:48.28, 8. Connor Sullivan 5:55.60.

4x100 JV - 2. Niedert, Tyler Hobert, Vinny Runger, James Corathers 1:01.44.

4x100 - 4. Williams, Franzen, Richards, Geise 48.48.

4x400 - 3. Hansen, Smith, Blanchard, Evans 3:55.33.

Long jump - 1. Geise 18-1.5, 4. Franzen 17-2.

Discus - 2. Kalainoff 137-0, 10. Issac Jones 86-7.

Shot put - 10. Jones 31-2.

CHARLES CITY COMET RELAYS TEAM SCORES

Forest City 231, Charles City 146, Nashua-Plainfield 100, New Hampton 49, Riceville 31, Mason City Newman 13.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 - 3. Geise 11.92, 5. Williams 12.31.

110 high hurdles - 1. Evans 16.13, 3. Tyler Zimmer 17.76.

200 - 6. Richards 25.76, 8. Ty Berger 27.11.

400 - 4. Avery Mueller 59.33, 5. Percy 1:01.34.

400 hurdles - 2. Foelske 1:02.44, Niedert 1:15.93.

1,600 - 5. Paplow 5:38.59, 6. Sinnwell 5:55.26.

3,200 - 7. Paplow 12:26.22, 9. Sinnwell 12:42.98.

Discus - 1. Kalainoff 140-5, 6. Jones 82-4.

Long jump - 4. Franzen 19-2.75, 5. Geise 18-9.

Shot put - 6. Jones 32-3.75, 9. Zander Lentz 28-4.25.

Sprint medley - 3. Geise, Franzen, Williams, Evans 1:45.73.

Distance medley - 3. Richards, Gelner, Smith, Hansen 4:01.01.

4x100 - 4. Williams, Franzen, Gelner, Geise 48.82.

Shuttle hurdle - 2. White, Foelske, Blanchard, Zimmer 1:10.02.

4x200 - 5. Chyma, Clayton Gerholdt, Carpenter, Boehmer 1:52.66.

4x400 - 3. Hansen, Smith, Blanchard, Evans 3:50.67.

4x800 - 2. Mitchell, Hansen, Mueller, Blanchard 9:11.67.

100 - 9. Lily Eiffler 14.74, 10. Lowe 14.89.

400 - 5. White 1:09.30, 9. Patten 1:14.93.

4x200 - 6. Malven, Schmitt, Henningsen, Gerholdt 2:09.67.

800 - 1. Huck 2:15.15, 7. Bond 4:08.8.

200 - 2. Eick 29.13, 8. Gerholdt 31.49.

400 hurdles - 2. Lowe 1:17.44, 1,500 - 1. Huck 5:18.92, 9. Bouillon 6:58.42.

4x100 - 3. Lowe, Patten, White, Eick 54.60.

Long jump - 6. Lowe 12-9.25.

Discus - 4. Webster 86-10, 8. Lamborn 78-8.

Shot put - 1. Lamborn 35-1, 9. Webster 25-6.

JV RESULTS

Sprint medley - 3. Malven, Schmitt, Henningsen, Gerholdt 2:19.43.

100 - 5. Henningsen 15.69, 8. Schmitt 15.89.

400 - 1. Bouillon 1:19.9.

200 - 2. Eiffler 31.14.

4x100 - 4. Malven, Schmitt, Gerholdt, McLeland 1:13.48.

Discus - 11. McLeland 18-0.

Shot put - 10. McLeland 10-0.

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just want to give it my all every single time." Eick has done that and more as she has been a formidable cog in N-P's sprint medley – which sits with the No. 1 time in Class 1A right now after the foursome ripped off a 1:51.78 at Saturday's Eastern Iowa Track Festival, hosted by Iowa City West this past weekend.

The quartet of sophomores Jayla Patten and Jalissa White, coupled with Eick and junior superstar Kadence Huck, one-upped that time with a 1:51.62 at the New Hampton Invite two days later on Monday.

"Perfecting handoffs is our No. 1 thing we're focusing on right now," said Eick. "Otherwise we're all pretty good with our times."

Eick ran a season-best in the open 200 dash (29.13) at the New Hampton Invite, which saw her cross the finish line in second place.

Eick ran on the fourth-place state distance medley squad last year as a junior. McCall said her splits are superlative this spring.

"I could not be more proud of that girl," said McCall. "She's coming in – day in and day out – and putting in the work that needs to be done. Her splits are phenomenal right now. She truly is leaving it all out on the track."

Back to that sprint med. If N-P is to reel in another team state crown this year in 2024, they may have to win that sprint med relay event – just like they did two years prior with Husky legends Abbie Hyde, Rylee Weiss, Makenzie Foelske and Huck. That group produced a school record time of 1:51.44 to snare the blue ribbon.

Obviously, N-P is nearing that mark and could have clipped it on Thursday at the N-P Invite – the Huskies last chance to qualify for the Drake Relays. The blue standard mark in that event to hit is 1:49.5. Even if a blue standard mark is not achieved, relays or individuals can still crack the Drake field to round out the entrant list – which is 24 in the sprint

med. "We have such a great group of girls," said McCall. "It's noticeable. They're a talented bunch. I don't think we have truly shown what we are capable of yet – between fixing handoffs and just everyone running their best night on the same night, too."

The common denominator in a large portion of N-P's state success over the past two seasons has been Huck.

That goes without saying as she's a five-time individual state champ and is looking to stamp herself as one of Iowa's all-time greats – which she's done already. It's just a matter of how far up the rung of state titles achieved by former Iowa prep standouts she'll go.

She's forging a brand new path this season as she looks to re-break her school records in her prominent individual events – the 400, 800 and 1,500. She's qualified in the 400 and 800 for Drake and she gave it one final go at home on Thursday to be included in the 1,500 field on the final day of cutoffs for the historic relays run at Drake Stadium.

Her times in the open 400 run (56.79) and 800 run (2:15.5) are the top marks in her class. She is second-fastest in the 1,500 run in Class 1A with a clip of 4:51.36.

"I think it's a huge confidence booster for her to hit those Drake standards, too," said McCall. "God, that girl – she knows what it takes. She works hard, she puts the time in and she also knows how to take care of her body, too – which is huge when you're talking about track."

Eick has formed a valuable and close friendship with Huck. She talked about running with Huck – which has made her a better competitor as well.

"Even though I'm older than her, I look up to her," said Eick. "She's very passionate about running. Being able to compete with her and have her as a teammate is really nice, because she always pushes me to be my best."

"She's always helping me out in any way she can. I really appreciate Kadence for that

and we've formed a really close bond and connection through sports."

N-P sophomore Eden Lamborn took first in the shot put with a toss of 35-1 at the New Hampton Invite. Her career PR is 35-8.

The Huskies racked up a season-best clip (54.6, third place) in the 4x100 with the team Marleigh Lowe, Patten, White and Eick on Monday at New Hampton.

N-P was fifth (58 points) in the team standings at the NH Co-Ed last week Thursday and fourth (70 points) at the New Hampton Invite.

NEW HAMPTON COED TEAM SCORES

Crestwood 136, New Hampton 120, Waukon 101, Sumner-Fredericksburg 85, Nashua-Plainfield 58, North Fayette Valley 41, Turkey Valley 23, Tripoli 17.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

Sprint medley - 1. Jordyn Frost, Marleigh Lowe, Ellie Eick, Kadence Huck 1:57.20.

3,000 - 4. Jena Peterson 15:30.39, 6. Bailey Bond 18:42.24.

4x800 - 5. Amberly Gerholdt, Rachel Paplow, Rilynn Henningsen, Makenna Bouillon 12:57.98.

100 - 15. Abi Schmitt 15.98.

Distance medley - 4. Frost, Jalissa White, Lowe, Eick 4:56.43.

400 - 1. Huck 58.86.

4x200 - 7. Maci Malven, Henningsen, Schmitt, Gerholdt 2:09.37.

800 - 7. Paplow 3:04.86.

200 - 8. Jayla Patten 30.31, 9. White 30.45.

1,500 - 1. Huck 4:57.36.

4x100 JV - 4. Schmitt, Paplow, Bond, Jennifer McLeland 1:15.09.

4x100 - 8. Malven, Henningsen, Gerholdt, Lowe 58.62.

4x400 - 3. Frost, White, Eick, Huck 4:32.65.

High jump - 4. Frost 4-4.

Long jump - 5. Patten 13-11.25.

Discus - 5. Miranda Webster 85-6, 7. Eden Lamborn 80-1.

Shot put - 5. Lamborn 33-4.75, 19. Webster 25-7.75.

EASTERN IOWA TRACK FESTIVAL N-P RESULTS

Sprint medley - 1. Patten, White, Eick, Huck 1:51.78.

400 - 1. Huck 56.79.

800 - 1. Huck 2:18.20.

NEW HAMPTON INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES

Wapsie Valley 145, New Hampton 125, Independence 76, Nashua-Plainfield 70, Osage 70, Central Elkader 49, Turkey Valley 31, MFL MarMac 10.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

Sprint medley - 1. Patten, White, Eick, Huck 1:51.62.

3,000 - 7. Bond 19:49.62.

By KELLY TERPSTRA Of the Reporter

And the winner of the "Friday Night Lights" Traveling Trophy goes to...the New Hampton Chickasaws.

While Mike Oleson's Nashua-Plainfield Husky trapshooting squad didn't snare that coveted prize on Friday at the Fredericksburg Sportsman's Club – it's been a very productive year so far the Huskies, who combine to compete with Charles City at meets.

N-P finished fourth on Friday at an incarnation that New Hampton head coach Jay Matthews and Oleson came up with last year and that's compete under the lights during the evening at those two schools' respective trap ranges. The trophy is new this year.

New Hampton Black and New Hampton Red tied to win that award with a 224. Charles City No. 1 was third with 220, while the Huskies notched a team total of 213.

The winner gets the spoils and that means New Hampton has won the budding rivalry the past two years.

"It's for a traveling trophy," said Oleson. "I think we figured out like 12 years and then we'd have to put new tags on this trophy."

There were 12 different squads that competed between New Hampton and CC/N-P on Friday night. That meant it was a long night for all involved, including Oleson.

"By the time I got out there it was about 11 o'clock," said Oleson.

N-P finished second overall on Tuesday, April 9 at that same trap range in Fredericksburg. The Huskies tallied a 228, runner-up to the winning total of NH Black's 231.

Micaiah Groothuis, a Husky senior, was one of five shooters that finished in the runner-up individual slot and shot 48. New Hampton senior Ethan Swehla was the top gun with a 49.

Huskies' Dawson Demro, Nic Brase and Maverick Dietz-McDonald all fired rounds of 46.

N-P senior J.R. O'Neill was the top Husky shooter on Friday with a 45.

N-P placed sixth at the TV-SF

Invite on Saturday in Jackson Junction with a 210. Demro was the leading shooter as he knocked down 45 clays.

Oleson said he plans on a black light shoot with area teams this September.

"Cosmic clays they're called," said Oleson.

Tuesday's meet at home at the Nashua Fish and Game Club was canceled because of severe weather. N-P competed at home versus Waverly-Shell Rock on Thursday and takes part in the New Hampton Invitational this Saturday at 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 TOP-THREE SQUADS

NH Black 231, Nashua-Plainfield 228, NH Red 226.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Ethan Swehla (NH) 49, Ashton Venem (NH) 48, Hunter Humpal (NH) 48, Jackson Kellogg (NH) 48, Micaiah Groothuis (NP) 48, Nick Brincks (NH) 48, Colin Wilson (NH) 47.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Morgan McMurchy (CC) 48, Tori Bearman (NH) 46, Ali Blickenderfer (CC) 45.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD SQUAD RESULTS

N-P (228) - Dawson Demro 46, Nic Brase 46, Micaiah Groothuis 48, J.R. O'Neill 42, Maverick Dietz-McDonald 46.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 TOP-THREE SQUADS

NH Black 224, NH Red 224, Charles City 1 220.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Venem (NH) 48, Cole Cross (CC) 48, E. Swehla 48, H. Humpal 48, T. Schwickrath 48, Cole Jones (CC) 47, Wyatt Schradle (CC) 47, Harley Hinz (CC) 45, O'Neill (NP) 45, Brincks (NH) 45.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Blickenderfer (CC) 48, Taylor Quade (CC) 45, To. Bearman (NH) 45, Eichenberger (NH) 43.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD SQUAD RESULTS

N-P (213) - Demro 44, Brase 39, Groothuis 44, O'Neill 45, Dietz-McDonald 41.

SATURDAY TV-SF INVITE TOP-THREE SQUADS

NH Red 228, NH Black 221, TV Red 216.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Venem (NH) 48-22, C. Humpal (NH) 48-19, Carter Burkhardt (CC) 47, Cross (CC) 47, Jones (CC) 47, Brincks (NH) 47, (Eight tied with 46).

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Cadyn Huber (TV) 45, Hayley Burke (OEL) 44, Theresa Hanson (TV) 44, Alexis Elsberrnd (TV) 43, Quade (CC) 43.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD SQUAD RESULTS

N-P (210) - Demro 45, Brase 42, Groothuis 44, O'Neill 37, Dietz-McDonald 42.

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Nashua-Plainfield's Tucker Franzen (above) competes in the long jump while Avery Mueller (below) begins his 4x800 leg after taking the baton from teammate Jase Hansen at a meet in New Hampton last week.

Husky boys make splash in the field

Kalainoff breaks own school mark in the discus; Franzen gets off career-best jump

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The leap of a lifetime? Maybe so.

But it's going to take that and possibly "then some" for Tucker Franzen to zoom down to Des Moines at state in the long jump.

Whether or not Franzen – a Nashua-Plainfield senior that did not go out for the sport of track and field last year – can duplicate or jump even further into the sand pit remains to be seen.

But 19-2.75 was the distance of Franzen's best leap of his career at the Charles City Comet Relays on Monday. Not only did Franzen pop off an all-time best personally, he skipped 18 feet all together as his previous PR was 17-10.25.

"That's pretty cool to see how far he's come," said N-P head coach Chase Sudol. "To bust a 19? He's putting himself in contention to have a chance to qualify for state. It's really exciting – good for him."

Franzen's jump off the block on Monday was indeed a Whopper – hold the pickles and sliced onions.

"I feel like this meet was finally the first meet where I actually had my steps down,"

said Franzen. "It felt good. I was always on the board. I was always jumping off the right leg. That seemed to be a problem in these past few meets. I'd either stutter before the board or jump off my wrong foot. I finally got that down."

Franzen will have some work to do if he's to qualify for state as that mark puts him roughly in the top 60 leaps in Class 1A.

But it's possible as it seems he's finally clicking at the right time with half of the outdoor season left to achieve his goal. He's never competed at the state meet in his three years of competing on the Husky track squad.

"Confidence plays into a lot of that," said Franzen. "I had a pretty good jump my first jump but it was a scratch, but I knew it was pretty far. I built off that and just kept going."

Franzen also gave credit to his coaching staff – mainly assistant coach Jay Connor – for helping him reach another level in his quest to reach 20 feet.

"Jay's a big factor. He really helped us get the form down and get our steps in and what we need to do – what we need

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Marleigh Lowe (above), sprints to anchor Ellie Eick in the distance medley while Kadence Huck (below) easily wins the 400-meter dash at the New Hampton Coed Invitational last week.

N-P's Eick looking to go out on top

Huck hits two of three Drake Relays 'Blue Standards' in week in which Huskies compete in three meets

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Ellie Eick has been down this road many a time.

She's now a veteran of the game – a stark reminder that time and the forces of motion never slow down.

The ever-evolving Nashua-Plainfield senior star track and field runner ran with her older sister Aubrey Eick in the 4x800 relay down at state in Des Moines clear back in 2021 when she was an up-and-coming freshman.

Then there was the state title she helped the Huskies claim her sophomore season in 2022 at N-P and then came the state runner-up finish in the team standings just last year that wouldn't have been possible without her.

Now, as a senior, this is Eick's last run. She's hoping to continue to be a pivotal performer on the Top of Iowa Conference squad, which could allow her Huskies to claim gold once more and climb to the top of

the ladder in Class 1A.

So far her Huskies and head coach Amber McCall have been golden – but the obvious goal is to maintain that brilliance when it matters the most in mid-May.

"I feel like there's multiple relays that have quite a bit of potential to go down to state – for sure," said Eick.

There's two things for sure that will happen down at Drake Stadium in Des Moines at the state meet next month if N-P can once again bring enough ammunition in each event after the qualifier is over to top all challengers for the first-place team trophy.

And that is it will be an exciting and emotional final go-round for Eick as she'll be a key component in N-P's quest for state title No. 2.

One last hurrah for the ages? That's the plan.

"I don't want to have any regrets. I want to accomplish all the goals that I have – put it all out there, I guess," said Eick. "I

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N-P kicks off homestand with solid outing

Girls claim golf quadrangular victory while boys shoot best round of the season

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield is in the midst of a rare golf homestand, and the reason is simple: The Huskies are hosting one of the Top of Iowa Conference East Division meets this year.

"We're hosting conference so you get a lot of home meets when you're the host. All the girls want to get here to play before conference," coach Jeff Trost said. "So that goes with the territory."

The Huskies played at home last Thursday when the boys shot a season-low 188 in a one-stroke loss to North Butler while the girls came away with a 13-stroke victory over North Butler in a quadrangular.

And then the weatherman intervened as Tuesday's meet at Mason City was postponed because of stormy conditions but both Husky teams played in a quadrangular on Thursday, the girls host a triangular today (Friday) and then both teams play in a triangular on Tuesday ... all at the "friendly confines" that is the Nashua Town and Country Club.

Trost said that was one reason – but not the only one – that the boys came through with their best performance of the season last week.

"We're playing at home, so that makes a big difference for us," the veteran Nashua-Plainfield coach said. "I'm really pleased with how they played. We had some guys turned in some really good scores for themselves. They played pretty solid. ... "You



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Nashua-Plainfield's Cal Levi watches a putt roll toward the hole during a meet played earlier this month.

look at the scores and there wasn't that fluctuation. We didn't have the nines and 10s – the blowup holes. They kept it pretty under control, which was good for us. That's what we're looking for. Now we just gotta do it on the road."

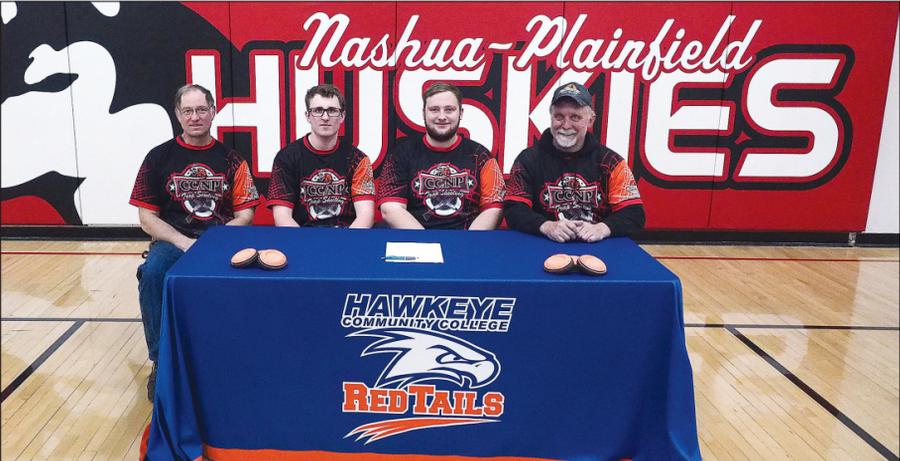
The Huskies put together their best meet of the season despite the absence of one of their top golfers, Dawson Glaser, who was out with an illness.

But Tyler Zimmer fired a 43 to help pick up the slack while Trent Rodruck

finished with a 47. Cal Levi's 48 and Wyatt Bouillon's 50 rounded out the Nashua-Plainfield scorers.

"Tyler is constantly getting more consistent – every time," Trost said. "He avoids big trouble. He said he chipped pretty well in his round. If he missed a green, he chipped it up close and got pars and kept it at bogey at worst. I was very pleased with that."

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Nashua-Plainfield trapshooters Dawson Demro and Micaiah Groothuis pose with their coaches during a signing ceremony in which they announced they will continue their shooting careers at Hawkeye Community College next year.

Huskies for now, but RedTails later

Demro and Groothuis to continue trapshooting careers at Hawkeye

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Mike Oleson had a busy day on Wednesday.

The Charles City/Nashua-Plainfield trapshooting coach was out and about making the rounds – making sure his talented shooters got recognized.

That meant putting a few more miles on his pickup truck than usual.

Oleson put in some serious overtime – double-duty times two – as he remarkably took part in four different signings on the same day that saw members of his split trap squad commit and join the RedTail sports shooting team of Hawkeye

Community College, located in Waterloo.

First there was Cole Cross, who signed onto the RedTails over at Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock (RRMR) High School. Then the combo of Husky seniors Dawson Demro and Micaiah Groothuis signed on the dotted line at Nashua-Plainfield High School to become members of Hawkeye's sports shooting roster. Oleson finished the day in the late afternoon over in Charles City as Comet senior Carter Burkhardt made it 4-for-4 in area kids that plan on wearing the school colors of blue, orange and black of the RedTails this fall.

This morning, I stopped at the gun club, I changed clothes. I went to Rockford. I took my dog to the vet, cleaned up and here I am," smiled Oleson at the signing ceremony in the N-P gym.

Hawkeye CC definitely has a pipeline of sorts with the CC/NP trap team as this will now make six members of Oleson's squad that have gone on to compete for the RedTails in the past two years. Colton Crooks, a state champ for CC his senior year, is member of the RedTails sports shooting team, as is former CC alum and current RedTail freshman Reed Peters.

It was a proud moment for

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