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Promoting 'brand' important to school district

Superintendent says that 'marketing' Nashua-Plainfield strengths are key to combat decline in enrollment

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

It's a common theme for school districts in rural areas of Iowa, and unfortunately, Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools isn't an exception when it comes to declining enrollment.

The district's certified enrollment

on Oct. 1 was 573 — a decrease of 20 students, or 3.4 percent — from Oct. 1, 2023, but Superintendent Jay Marley said the district will double down on its efforts to not only sustain but also grow its enrollment in coming years.

"I think it's very important for us to promote our brand and marketing," he said. "We realize that when

it comes to small, rural districts in Iowa, we are not alone, but I look at Waverly and Charles City, we have the same amount of programs that they do, and we have rock-star teachers delivering education to our students. Plus, you're not at a number at Nashua-Plainfield. We have to promote the value that a small school district like ours has."

The Oct. 1 enrollment numbers are critical throughout Iowa because that is the number the state uses to determine the funding for school districts the following year.

Marley said one positive is that Nashua-Plainfield

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Election day may be Tuesday, but plenty of us have already cast ballots

Absentee balloting runs through Monday; polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday

BY BOB FENSKE
editor@ntrib.com

Decision day is almost upon us, but then again, for more than 2,500 Chickasaw County voters, the die has already been cast when it comes to Tuesday's election.

As of Thursday afternoon, 2,500 absentee ballots had either been cast at the Auditor's Office or mailed out to voters around the county, meaning that more than a quarter of registered voters already were getting their voting done early.

"It's been steady, very steady," Chickasaw County Deputy Commissioner of Elections Gina Fangman said, "and at times, even a little hectic. But things have gone well and we're ready for a big day next Tuesday."

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That's when polling places around the county will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fangman said that the county put the finishing touches on election day on Wednesday, when officials tested voting machines.

Interest in the election appears high even though there is just one contested race in the county — a rematch of the Board of Supervisors District 3 seat that matches incumbent Republican Jake Hackman and former Democratic Auditor Joan Knoll.

Four county races are uncontested as incumbent Republican Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Republican Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Republican District 4 supervisor candidate Issac Carter, and

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FILLING UP NASHUA'S MAIN STREET

Bob Fenske/Reporter

Area families flock to Nashua's Main Street for the Nashua Women of Today's annual Trunk or Treat celebration, and the line to get "into" the event was just as long, too.

WOMEN OF TODAY'S TRUNK OR TREAT DRAWS A RECORD CROWD

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

There were football players, superheroes, animals, princesses, princes and so many more, and on an absolutely perfect fall Sunday afternoon, they filled Nashua's Main Street in record-breaking numbers.

The Nashua Women of Today's annual Trunk or Treat is always a hit, but this year it went platinum as more than 400 kids from Nashua, Plainfield and beyond.

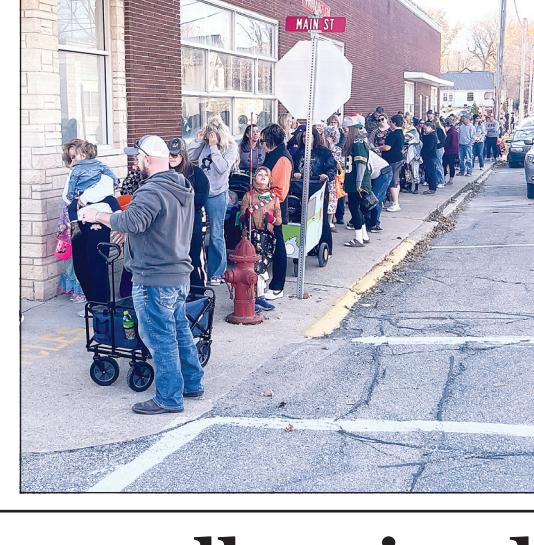
"The weather certainly helps, but this is crazy — a good crazy," Women of Today member Jennifer Lantz said. "We always have a line but I've never seen it quite like this."

It was beyond cool as families took part in what has become a rite on the Sunday before Halloween. Dozens of businesses and organizations provided the trunks and the treats, and if the kids were all decked out, so, too, were the trunks.

Put it this way: Judging the best trunk was a herculean task, but in the end, the trophy — and the bragging rights — went to Mary and Randy Nolan from Cedar Point Church.

"We are so grateful the community comes out to help us provide a safe trick-or-treating event for the kids," Lantz said, "and even more grateful that our community and area

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Oh my gosh, it actually rained!

Farmers celebrate after Nashua finally gets an inch of precipitation

BY BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

Overheard at a Nashua convenience store Thursday morning:

"What was that stuff falling from the sky yesterday?"

Obviously, it was said tongue in cheek, but let's be honest, we hadn't seen real rain fall in so long, it very well could have been a serious question, and here's the best news of all for our area that has seen drought concerns grow exponentially on a weekly basis.

Nashua officially received an inch of rainfall on Wednesday, bringing its monthly rain total to ... well, 1 inch.

The last time measurable rain had fallen at the reporting station that is located just to the

A VERY DRY QUARTER

Here are rainfall totals for Nashua during the last three months.

	Precip.	Normal	Pct.
August	2.40	4.42	54.3
September	0.22	3.64	6.0
October	1.00	2.75	36.4
Totals	3.62	10.81	33.5

SOURCE: National Weather Service

southwest of Nashua was Sept. 22, when all of .05 inches fell.

The weekly U.S. Drought Monitor report that

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Something to shout about!

Nashua-Plainfield's Eli Kalainoff celebrates after sacking Mason City Newman quarterback Cal McGuire during the Huskies' playoff victory — its first postseason victory since 2014 — last Friday night. The Huskies return to the gridiron tonight when they travel to Delhi to face Maquoketa Valley.

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Here's your friendly reminder to set your clocks back an hour before hitting the hay Saturday night!



Members of the Nashua Women of Today flank the winners of the best-decorated trunk contest — “pirates” Randy and Mary Nolan of Cedar Point Church — after presenting the couple with the contest’s “traveling” trophy Sunday afternoon.

Organization now turns its attention to Christmas events

TRUNK OR TREAT: FROM 1

towns support our annual event.”

And even as the Women of Today were celebrating Halloween Sunday, the organization was already planning for its next big events — both of which are centered around Christmas.

The Women of Today are sponsoring a “Letters from Santa” event in which families can send information about their children to Santa, who will write them back. The cost is \$5 and all proceeds will be used to help the Women of Today fund their community events.

Forms are available on the Nashua Women of Today Facebook page, and those who have questions can call 641-330-6481.

The Women of Today members are also busy planning their annual Santa Workshop program that will be held on Dec. 7, and they’re also hoping that the Trunk or Treat turnout is a sign of things to come.

“We would love to have another record-breaker for our Santa’s Workshop, Letters From Santa or even our fundraising events,” Lantz said. “Events like Trunk or Treat get us excited for the next one.”



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman (left) gives a child a book while Nashua-Plainfield High School student Ava Kirk (above) passes out candy during the Women of Today’s annual Trunk or Treat event that was held Sunday.

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Jeff Harris

Maintenance/Electrician | 10 years at Zoetis

- Applied at Zoetis after seeing upbeat people and environment as a Contractor.
- Enjoys the endless learning of new projects and machines.
- Loves Omelet Day. “It’s a great tradition.”
- Jeff recommends Zoetis because of the “overall great atmosphere, great people to work with, and of course the benefits”.



Alyssa Jacobs

Aseptic Technician III (CSM) | 8 years at Zoetis

- Enjoys the on the job training and endless training opportunities.
- Likes the variety of every day.
- Loves the Colleague Appreciation Grill-Out.
- Alyssa recommends Zoetis because “They support career development through many learning opportunities and educational programs.”

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Christmas tree farming workshop set for next Friday near Nashua

Iowa State University Extension & Outreach Chickasaw County is excited to announce the “Behind the Pines” Workshop, a unique opportunity for the community to explore the fascinating

world of Christmas tree farming. This event will take place on Friday, Nov. 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Pine Ridge Tree Farm, located at 2849 Cheyenne Ave, Nashua.

While sipping hot apple cider, participants will enjoy a comprehensive overview of Pine Ridge Tree Farm, learning about its rich history, mission, and commitment to sustainable farming practices. The workshop will also feature an exploration of the various tree species grown on the farm, helping attendees discover which types might be best suited for their own needs.

In addition to the educational components, the workshop will include a demonstration on creating beautiful holiday wreaths using fresh greenery. This session will provide valuable tips and techniques for making festive decorations.

The event will conclude with a Q&A session, where attendees can ask questions about tree farming, tree care, and holiday decorations. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about the year-round activities involved in running a Christmas tree farm.

For more information, contact Amanda Tupper at atupper@iastate.edu or call 641-394-2174.

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Shirley M. Goddard, 79

Shirley M. Goddard, age 79 of Nashua, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at the Nora Springs Care Center in Nora Springs.

A private family inurnment will take place.

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

Shirley Mae Goddard, a cherished soul known for her adventurous spirit and boundless kindness, passed away peacefully on Oct. 23, 2024, in Nora Springs, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on April 2, 1945, in Osage, Shirley's life was a testament to her enduring passion and dedication to her loved ones.

Shirley graduated from Osage High School in the class of 1963. Later that same year she met and married Morris Goddard.

She went on to serve the Nashua Public School System for 28 years. Her role within the school system was more than a job; it was an extension of her caring nature, as she relished in the daily interactions with school children, nurturing their growth with her ever-present smile and support.

Her life was rich with interests that kept her joyous and active. An avid fisherwoman, Shirley could often be found by the lake, waiting patiently for the next catch.

Bingo nights were a source of excitement and camaraderie, while games of marbles and cards with friends and family showcased her competitive yet always fair play.

A fan of television, she never missed an episode of NCIS, indulging in the twists and turns of each case.

Shirley's love for adventure found its expression in camping and traveling, especially when shared with her family. The journeys she embarked on with her loved ones were filled with laughter, discovery and the creation of unforgettable memories. Yet, it was the simple act of being with her family that



Shirley Goddard

she cherished most. Attending events, caring for her family members, and just spending time with them were the moments she held dear.

Shirley's family was indeed her pride and joy.

She is survived by her loving children, Randy (Colleen) Goddard of Urbandale, Sheila (Rod) Hanawalt of Ionia, Shelly (David) Moore of Iowa Falls, Lori (Jim) Hansen of Carville, and Shawn (Colleen) Goddard of Charles City. Her legacy continues through her eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, who will carry forward her spirit of love and generosity. She is also survived by her sisters, Rose (Jeff) Smith of Nashua and Sandy Clausen of Rochester, Minnesota, and her brothers-in-law, Kei Wei of Columbus, Ohio, Stan Goddard of Charles City, and Benny (Shirley) Goddard of Charles City. Each family member held a special place in her heart, and she cherished the bonds they shared.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Evelyn Rekow; her beloved husband, Morris, in 2019; her sisters, Phyllis Wei and Mildred Rekow; her brothers-in-law, Jerry Clausen and Marvin Goddard; and her sisters-in-law, Eleanor Goddard and Verna Goddard.

The memories they created together remain a comfort to all who knew Shirley and her family.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

A farmer does some post-harvest field work on Wednesday in Chickasaw County, and if the short-term forecast becomes a reality, it may get a lot less dusty.

Drought make take a much-needed hit in coming days

DROUGHT: FROM 1

came out Thursday did show the drought that began rearing its head in late August had little, if any, effect on yields on this year's crop, concern was growing about soil moisture profiles heading into the 2025 growing season.

The latest report showed that all of Chickasaw, Bremer and Butler counties were in severe drought. Ditto for much of Floyd County, as just a small sliver of the northwest part of the county remained in "mod-

erate drought."

And while farm experts say the drought that began rearing its head in late August had little, if any, effect on yields on this year's crop, concern was growing about soil moisture profiles heading into the 2025 growing season.

In the USDA's Iowa Crop and Condition Report that was released Monday, 45 percent of topsoil and 41 percent of subsoil in the Northeast Iowa District that includes Chickasaw and

Bremer counties was deemed

"very short" of moisture while 45 percent of topsoil and 46 percent of subsoil was "short."

The percentages weren't

much better in the North

Central District that includes

Butler and Floyd counties as

only 14 percent of topsoil and

17 percent of subsoil had "ade-

quate" moisture.

For those who are worried

about those soil moisture pro-

files, the short-term forecast is,

in a word, beautiful.

After a dry day today and a mostly sunny Saturday, National Weather Service fore-casters, as of Thursday afternoon at least, said there's a 90 percent chance of precipitation Saturday night, a 90 percent chance of rain Sunday, a 100 percent chance of rain both Sunday night and Monday, and a 90 percent chance of precipitation Monday night before we begin to dry out on Tuesday, just in time for elec-tion day.

Superintendent: State needs to spend more on education

ENROLLMENT: FROM 1

continued to "close the gap" on its open-enrollment numbers. A year ago, the district had 34 more students open-enrolling out than open-enrolling in. That number was cut to 24 this year.

Still, Marley said there's plenty of work to do, and he said it's imperative that the district reach out to what he called its "partners" — cities, counties, businesses and other patrons — to come up with ideas on how to bring more families into the district.

"We have to work together for things like more housing — more affordable housing," he said, "but we've had success at Tripoli arresting declining enrollment and I know we can do the same here."

In addition to serving as Nashua-Plainfield's top administrator, Marley is also the superintendent in Tripoli.

He is in his first year at Nashua-Plainfield and said one of his main goals is to continue to lobby state leaders to provide more funding to school districts.

"We get about \$8,000 per student," he said, "and if you really think about it, we're in school 170 days a year, which means we're spending only \$47 a day on educating each student. That's not enough."

The good news is that Nashua-Plainfield won't lose 3.3 percent of its funding in 2025-26, because the district receives what is known as a budget guarantee that allows a district with declining enrollment to receive 101 percent of its revenues from the previous year.

"We have to tackle the issues, and we'll do that," he said. "We have great communities here, and they take a lot of pride in our school district. ... So we'll get to work, and we'll promote all the positives we have and, trust me, we have a lot of them. We just

have to keep promoting our brand."

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During Thursday's interview, Marley said the transition to becoming a shared superintendent has gone well.

After spending the past three years as both the superintendent and principal at Tripoli, that district and Nashua-Plainfield entered a sharing agreement to have him serve as the top administrator at both dis-tricts.

Under the agreement, Nashua-Plainfield receives about 60 percent of Marley's time while his duties in Tripoli take up the rest.

"I think what's worked out really well is that both districts have been very flexible," he said.

"We're off to a great start — although I can't believe how fast the year is flying by — at both districts and we're going to keep building on that momentum both at Nashua-Plainfield and at Tripoli."

Absentee ballots must be in Auditor's Office by 8 p.m. Tuesday to be counted

ELECTION: FROM 1

Democratic Supervisor Steve Breitbach, who represents District 1, are all running unopposed.

"With it being a presidential election year," Fangman said, "we're anticipating good voter turnout and so far, if the absentee balloting is any indication, that's exactly what we're going to have."

And it's not like Chickasaw County voters outside of District 3, which encompasses the west side of New Hampton and surrounding rural areas, don't have choices on the ballot.

In addition to the race for the White

House between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump, there is a contested State House of Representatives race between Republican incumbent Charley Thomson and Democratic challenger Gail Allison, as well as a U.S. House of Representatives race between Republican incumbent Ashley Hinson and Democratic challenger Sarah Corkery.

And for those who want to cast ballots before Tuesday, there's still time to do so.

The Auditor's Office will be open today (Thursday) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on

Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for early voting.

Fangman, though, again reminded vot-ers that if they requested mail ballots and have not mailed them back that they should drop them off at the courthouse. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Auditor's Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday to be counted.

"If you still have them, we'd highly sug-gest that you bring them here," she said.

"We're trying to remind people as much as possible that the postmark doesn't matter anymore. The ballot has to be here by the time the polls close on election day or we can't count it."

Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 1:00pm- 6:00pm NHS Blood Drive Husky Wellness Center
- 7:00pm Football: Varsity Playoffs vs. Maquoketa Valley @ Maquoketa Valley High School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 9:00am - 10:00am Chickasaw County Clover Kids Chickasaw County Extension
- 10:30am Cross Country: Girls Varsity State vs. IGHSU @ Fort Dodge - Lakeside Municipal Golf Course

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 10:30am - 1:30pm Ornamental and Turf Pest Control C-CIC Chickasaw County Extension

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 11am-2pm Compass

Community Outreach Center Lunch and Event

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- No School

- 10:30-11:30am Storytime Plainfield Public Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 2:00-3:00pm Coffee/Tea Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 5:30-7:30pm Plainfield Days Hot Beef Methodist Church Supper Fundraiser

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 5:30-7:00pm Soup Supper Jumpstart Fundraiser Compass Outreach Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 5:00pm - 8:00pm 2024

Chickasaw County 4-H Awards Banquet New Hampton

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 11am-2pm Compass Community Outreach Center Lunch and Event

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:00am - 11:30am Ornamental and Turf Pest Control C-CIC Chickasaw County Extension
- 10:30-11:30am Storytime Plainfield Public Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 2:00-3:00pm Coffee/Tea Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- Tom & Sue's on Main open

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 9:00am - 11:30am Fumigation

C-CIC Chickasaw County Extension

- 11am-2pm Compass Community Outreach Center Lunch and Event

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 9:00am - 11:45am Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Pest Control C-CIC Chickasaw County Extension

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 2:00-3:00pm Coffee/Tea Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 10:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Decorah High School Gym

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JH Game vs. Charles City @ Nashua-Plainfield High School

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 11am-2pm Compass Community Outreach Center Lunch and Event

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys JH Game vs. Riceville @ Riceville High School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 7:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Don Bosco Catholic @ Don Bosco Catholic High School

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- No School
- 10:30-11:30am Storytime Plainfield Public Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- No School
- 8:00am - 4:30pm Extension Office Closed New Hampton

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- No School
- 8:00am - 12:00pm Extension Office Closed New Hampton

Letters to the Editor

Fellow Republican says Thomson helps keeps government in check

Today I'm writing on the importance of supporting Representative Charley Thomson for Iowa House District 58 this election. I have the immense pleasure of sharing the responsibility of representing Bremer County in the Iowa House with Charley. He has been an incredible partner in fighting for the priorities of Iowans.

Anyone who has spent any time with Charley knows how intelligent he is. In the Iowa House, I have had a front-row seat to see how Charley uses his extensive knowledge of the law to fight to defend the freedoms of Iowans. His approach is meticulous and detail-oriented. He is able to dig into the details of legislation unlike anyone else and bring innovative solutions to the table to help deliver for Iowans.

It cannot be understated how important Representative Charley Thomson has been in the fight to protect private property rights from the abuse of eminent domain. He has been a fearless leader on the issue. His knowledge of the laws surrounding land usage and eminent domain is unmatched and Iowa land-owners are extremely fortunate to have him at the helm, fighting for private property rights.

Re-elect Charley Thomson to help keep the government in check and to allow him to continue to fight for your freedoms.

Pat Grassley, New Hartford

Allison will speak for those who can't speak for themselves

Gail Allison inspires everyone who knows her. She is a force of nature with the passion and drive to get things done. She is a brilliant musician and teacher, and her students' concerts and musical productions were astounding. She is a powerful mix of enormous talent and extreme grit.

A lifelong teacher in Iowa public schools, Gail Allison is an advocate for education and women's rights, and she always takes time to hear the feedback from the members of her district. She

has a powerful voice as an accomplished singer and speaker, and she dares to speak up for those of us wary of rocking the boat. She stands strong and steady, keeping her head when the boat is sinking, and she gets us all to safety through the worst storms.

She is focused on her mission to write and support laws that improve the standard of living for each and every one of her people, whether they identify as red, blue, or purple.

Her particular cause is to reverse the AEA bill, holding private schools accountable and making school vouchers more effective. Knowing the value of hard work, she intends to strengthen worker protections.

She is very concerned with the high rate of cancer cross our entire state, and she will investigate the cause and improve the medical support so desperately needed by Iowans exposed to toxic environments.

Gail Allison is the voice of the people speaking up for those that cannot speak up for themselves. Rather than catering to the needs of big money and corporate power, Gail is a fervent champion for everyday folks.

Gail is a woman of integrity, faithful, and true, with a shining radiance that lights up an entire auditorium. I've admired her for 30+ years, and I am honored to endorse her as my candidate vote for Gail Allison. It's time to move forward!

Robin Jons, Fredericksburg

Thomson is the one to make sure our rights are protected

Many times I have heard Charley Thomson speak at legislative meetings, and I have spoken to him personally.

He wants to see Iowans succeed by lowering taxes so we have more purchasing power, and businesses can thrive by expanding and hiring more people. He wants to see our children receive a quality education that is tailored to them.

Also I appreciate that he is always watching that are rights are protected and defended. Please join me in re-electing Charley Thomson to the Iowa State House.

Jennifer Miller, Floyd

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	Joan E. Knoll County Supervisor District 3
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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting October 14, 2024
Nashua-Plainfield JH/HS Commons
6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order (Quorum)
President Pat Lentz called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Present: Laura Folkerts, Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Patrick Lentz. Also present: Superintendent Jay Marley, MS/HS Principal Dean Youngblut, Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer, and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.

II. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)
None

III. Approve the Consent Agenda
Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the September 9, 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Monthly Financial Reports
Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Chris Hagen to approve the monthly financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Personnel Recommendations
Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Cody Jensen to approve the following personnel recommendations:

Coaching contract for Taylor Weidekamp at JH Head Wrestling

Coaching contract for Tyler Lockwood as JH Head Boys Basketball

Coaching contract for Al Frost as Head Boys Wrestling

Coaching contract for Bo Harrington as Assistant Boys Basketball

Coaching contract for Mason Hyde as Head Baseball

Contract for Toni Nelson as Part Time Cook

Contract for Brandy Hudson as Part Time HWC Custodian

Hire of Marlene Lowe as Part Time HWC front desk

Hire of Mekayla Holmgren as HWC Fitness Instructor

Volunteer Wrestling Coaches Jason Fisher and Shane Huck

Volunteer Basketball Coaches Matt Mueller, Stewart Kerr, and Drew Wilken

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Spotlight in Education Overview and Highlights from Business / DECA Mrs. Wheeler

Mrs. Wheeler provided an overview of our new DECA program. She went over the purpose of DECA and its goals in preparing students for leadership and career development.

V. Principals Reports

The principals went over their reports for the principals.

VI. Review and Consider Approving Fundraisers

Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the following fundraisers:

DECA – business presentations and donations

Band – cookie dough sale

Elementary Carnival

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Review and Consider Approving Snow Removal Bids

Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the snow removal bid from Corey Erwinski. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Approve SBRC Request for Modified Allowable Growth(Special Ed

ucation)

Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Lara Lawrence to request to the SBRC for the Modified Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for the 2023-2024 Special Education Supplement Program in the amount of \$63,185.12. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Review and Consider Approving H21 Group Bid of Baseball and Softball Scoreboards

Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the bid from H21 for 2 scoreboards for the baseball and softball fields with the addition to full-depth custom advertising signs. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Review and Consider Approving WBC Bid of HS Boiler Repair

Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the WBC Mechanical bid for the HS boiler repair. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Review and Consider Approving Hawkeye Community College Joint Education Service Agreement

Motion by Lara Lawrence, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the Spring '25 and Fall '25 semesters. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Review and Consider Approving the IASB Policy Primer Board Policies 1st Reading

Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the 1st reading for Policy 503.8. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Review and Consider Approving IASB Policies Code No. 503.8 1st and 2nd Reading

Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the 1st reading for Policy 503.8. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Review and Consider Approving 24-25 Interagency contract for SpEd Instruction Services

Motion by Lara Lawrence, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the Interagency Agreement with Waverly-Shell Rock. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. Information Only on UAB & Financial Forecast

The SBO went over FY24 final numbers for General Fund.

XVI. Review and Consider Approving Vision, Purpose, District Goals

Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Lara Lawrence the following Vision, Purpose, and District Goals.

Vision – At Nashua-Plainfield, we are committed to fostering an environment where accountability and mutual support drive our collective success.

Purpose – We passionately believe that growth is best achieved through teamwork and perseverance.

Goals – Student Success and Thriving District

Motion carried unanimously.

XVII. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Marley went over his report with the board.

XVIII. Set Meeting Dates:

Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the next board meeting date on November 11 at 6:00 pm in the JH/HS Commons. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. Adjourn

Laura Folkerts adjourned at 7:27 pm, Seconded by Chris Hagen. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm the MS/HS Commons.

Ashley Ratliff

SBO/Board Secretary

Pat Lentz

Board President

Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District
BOARD VENDOR REPORT

Vendor Name, Vendor Description

..... Amount

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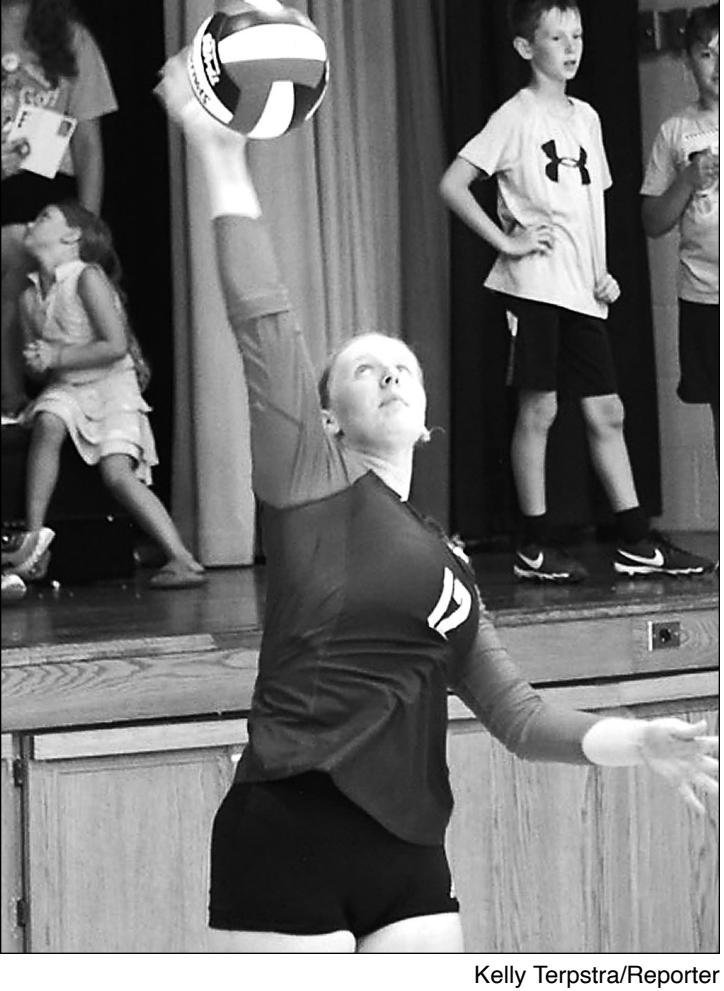
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Nashua-Plainfield's Elayna O'Neill gets ready to unleash a serve during a match against Rockford this past season.

It's a tough year to make all-TIC volleyball squads

VOLLEYBALL: FROM 8

efficiency and 12 ace serves.

"Elayna was recognized for her front row play. She may not have been the strongest hitter we had, but she made corrections on the court and found ways to get things done. She was also a captain for us this year and is a good leader for us. She has a positive attitude on the court with her teammates and this was recognized by other conference coaches," said Foelske.

As Rockford officially left the conference at the start of this school year and joined the North division of the Iowa Star Conference, that left eight selections for each of the three all-conference squads. In year's past there were nine selections and 27 all-conference spots.

That meant all-conference caliber players like juniors Lily Eiffler and Kami Hannemann being left out on the coaches' selections. They were definitely worthy of such a pick.

Hannemann was honorable-mention all-league last year and was fourth overall in the TIC East with 478 assists out of the 24 out of 25 matches that have been compiled statwise on gobound.com.

All-TIC East Volleyball

FIRST TEAM

Central Springs	Sr.
Central Springs	Sr.
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Osage	Jr.
Osage	Sr.
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Saint Ansgar	Jr.
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Central Springs	Sr.
Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Mason City Newman	Jr.
North Butler	Soph.
Osage	Sr.
Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Saint Ansgar	Sr.
West Fork	Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

Central Springs	Soph.
Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Mason City Newman	Sr.
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Northwood-Kensett	Sr.
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Huck has bounced back and then some from 2023 state meet

STATE XC: FROM 8

Saturday morning's girls race begins at 10 a.m., and Huck will be looking to return to the podium. She finished 48th as a freshman, claimed an all-state top-10 finish as a sophomore and then struggled to a 67th-place finish last year as a junior.

Yet, Huck certainly didn't let that race define her.

"It didn't break her by any means," Kalainoff said. "Yes, she was disappointed, but she came back, had a great track season last spring and has had a really good season this year in cross country."

Best of all, in her coach's eyes, is Huck has remained a "team player." Yes, she's had much success in cross country, basketball and track — winning eight state titles in the latter — yet it was what she

did after her run last week in Manly that impressed her coach the most.

There was Huck at the finish line, taking pictures and cheering her teammates on as they sprinted through the chute.

"That was cool to see," Kalainoff said. "Not all the elite runners are like that, but even though we didn't have a lot of team success this year, she's still a team-first kind of girl and I love that about her."

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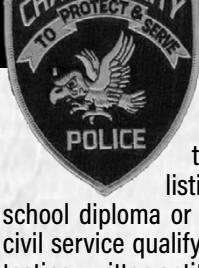
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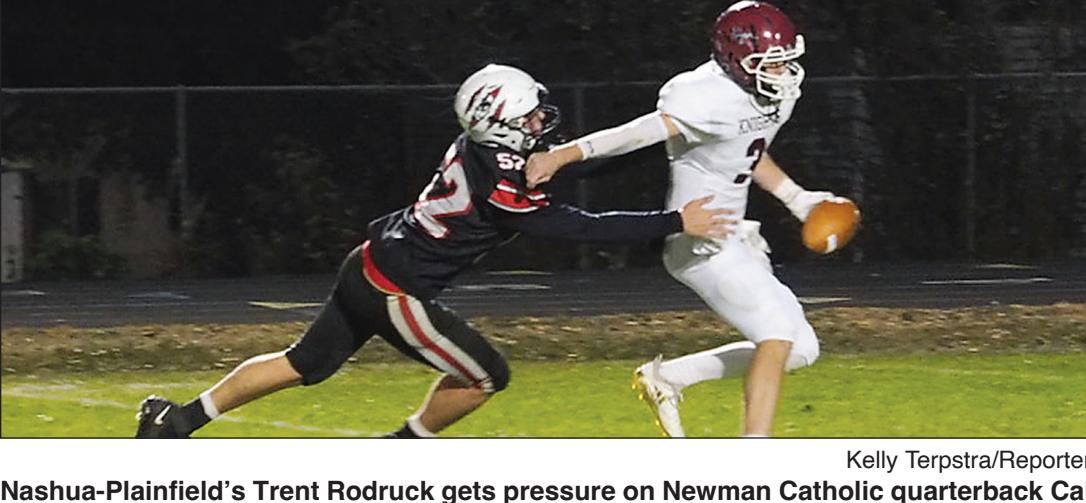
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Nashua-Plainfield's Trent Rodruck gets pressure on Newman Catholic quarterback Cal McGuire during Friday night's Class A state playoff football game.

Huskies take on former coach

FOOTBALL: FROM 8

"He's been a helluva football player for this team for four years now. He's got no shame. I get your reaction there. The kid was way out of bounds and you react. It's just a bad deal. That's not the type of kid Aiden is. All our kids are good kids, they're just competitors and I think it got the best of him at that moment," Sudol said.

With that ejection versus Newman, that means Gelner will have to sit out the Maquoketa Valley game as a penalty.

"You're heart hurts for him. Coach (Jason) Fisher said at the end. The only way we get Gelner another game is if we all buy in this week and go win a playoff game. That's the way we gotta approach it. We gotta go win this week and advance and try and get Gelner back on the field and see what he can do," said Sudol.

N-P was led in tackles by junior linebacker Tyler Zimmer, who like Kalainoff is playing hurt – but with a much more serious injury than the star running back/tight end/receiver and defensive end. Zimmer toughed it out and came up with nine tackles. It was a key reason why Newman only mustered 63 yards rushing on 24 carries.

"Zimmer, the kid's banged up. The kid's probably got a torn ACL or something's torn

in his knee and he shouldn't be playing, but the kid's got heart. When you've got a guy like that, that's your leader and captain of your football team and you see that heart, it makes everybody else step up their level that much more," said Sudol. "It's a lot of heart, fight and desire. It's really special."

N-P's three picked off passes came from Malven, Blanchard and Zeke Kalainoff. Blanchard leads the team with four interceptions.

Maquoketa Valley is led by junior quarterback Brady Wall, who is fifth in Class A with 16 passing touchdowns. He's thrown for 1,527 yards and has been picked off just four times.

"We've had a good season with a district championship and a top-10 offense and defense in the state. I think we thought that we could be pretty good, but I don't know if anyone thought that we would take the district championship the way we did," said Christensen.

The MV coach is obviously excited about the contest, as are his former players and a coaching staff he used to work with.

"I have followed N-P each week. It's one of the first scores I look for and check the stats. Obviously when you have coached kids you want them to be successful and I knew that they would be. They have talent and I knew Chase would get everything out of those kids, because there is no one that

cares more about N-P than him."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 30, MASON CITY NEWMAN 14

New 8 0 0 6 - 14
NP 7 0 7 16 - 30

FIRST QUARTER

N - Isaiah Kesten 2 run (West Cole pass from Kesten) 7:21

NP - Eli Kalainoff 3 run (Landon Foelske kick) 1:33

THIRD QUARTER

NP - Foelske 39 pass from Devon Blanchard (Foelske kick) 9:03

FOURTH QUARTER

NP - Jackson Carey 14 run (run failed) 11:45

N - Kesten 10 pass from Cal McGuire (pass failed) 7:12

NP - Kalainoff 52 run (Foelske kick) 5:04

NP - Foelske 20 yard field goal 1:20

TEAM STATS

	New	NP
First downs	14	17
Rushes-yards	24-63	40-250
Passing yards	169	87
Total yards	232	337
Att-Comp-Int	33-18-3	3-3-0

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing - Eli Kalainoff 14-129, Aiden Gelner 10-57, Jackson Carey 9-55, Devon Blanchard 6-7, Navari Williams 1-2.

Passing - Blanchard 3-3-87.

Receiving - Matthew Malven 1-44, Landon Foelske 1-39, Gelner 1-4.

Tackles - Tyler Zimmer 9, Foelske 7, Blanchard 5, Jake Smith 4.5, Kalainoff 4, Miles Carpenter 3.5, Malven 3.5, Trent Rodruck 3, Carey 3, Williams 1, Zeke Kalainoff 1, Isaac Jones 1.

Interceptions - Blanchard, Malven, Z. Kalainoff.

Kick returns - Gelner 1-21, Foelske 1-14.

Punts - Kalainoff 1-29.

Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to advertise for part-time custodian position for General Services no more than twenty hours per week. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to adopt a Right of Way Contracts & Easements for Public Highway with Bernard and Eileen Eichenberger for Bridge Replacement Project BRS-C019(118)-60-19 on B28 (Section 1, T96N, R14W and Section 6, T96N, R13W) and authorize Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' Chair signatures. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve a Right of Way Contracts & Easements for Public Highway with Lester and Anna Weaver for Bridge Replacement Project BRS-C019(118)-60-19 on B28 (Section 12, T96N, R14W and Section 7, T96N, R13W), and authorize Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' Chair signatures. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve a Final Voucher for Chickasaw County PCC Overlay Project STP-S-C019(113)-5E-19 and authorize Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors' Chair signatures. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Chickasaw County Pledge expressing support of the strategies outlined in Kimley Horn Safety Action Plan for Crossing Chickasaw County Secondary Roads with Drainage Tile. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinski, Chairman, Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge invoice from Henry M. Adkins & Son, Inc in the amount of \$15,268.95 for elections per purchase policy for the Auditor's Office. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior claims in the amount of \$67,857.21. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll check dated October 18, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the hiring of Cassidy Drilling, Assistant to Engineer, starting on October 28, 2024 for \$33.50 with an increase of \$.50 after six months of employment. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

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Huskies win first playoff game in a decade

N-P ready to square off against former coach when it takes on Maquoketa Valley in second round of Class A playoffs tonight

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

It was an historic night – no doubt.

But there's plenty to sift through after Nashua-Plainfield won its first playoff football in a decade with a 30-14 home victory over Mason City Newman last Friday.

So let's get started.

First and foremost – Chase Sudol's squad looked good in the second half after trailing the underdog Knights 8-7 at halftime. The start wasn't the greatest as Newman drove down the field on its first possession of the elimination contest and also hit on its two-point conversion. But N-P weathered the storm and more importantly survived to play another game.

"Just advance – that's all that matters at this point," said Sudol. "I think the kids just kind of like to give us all a heart attack to begin with where it takes 'em a little bit to get going – just get in the flow of the game. Then they started to come together and they could just see the momentum starting to shift towards us."

N-P junior Eli Kalainoff had his best game since early in the season to help power Sudol's flexbone rushing attack as he rolled up 129 yards on the ground – including a monster rush left sideline late in the game where he broke, carried and ran through tacklers for an electrifying 52-yard scamper into the end zone.

"Kalainoff looked like the Kalainoff that we saw at North Tama," said Sudol. "He was running the ball hard."

Kalainoff injured his ankle during the first half of the home contest against BCLUW clear back on Sept. 13. If N-P can get the junior Swiss Army knife anywhere close to 100 percent, the Huskies are a different team on both sides of the ball.

"I'm definitely not at 100 percent, but I feel better every week," said Kalainoff.

How did Kalainoff and his Huskies get it done in the second half to win a postseason contest for the first time since 2014?

Candy, that's how. More specifically, the kind of sweet treats that comprise every color of the rainbow and are available at most high school concession stands across the nation.

"I ate Skittles before the game. We call those power pellets," smiled Kalainoff. "That got me going."

In all seriousness, N-P is going to have to play its best game of the season to advance to the quarterfinals when it plays at Maquoketa Valley (8-1) tonight (Friday) in Delhi. The Wildcats are the district champs in Class A, District 4 and pitched five shutouts this fall. The only loss the Wildcats suffered this year was a 10-9 setback at the hands of Class 1A's Cascade, which was a road game no less.

To add even more intrigue to the Round of 16 playoff tilt, Maquoketa Valley is coached by former N-P frontman Andrew Christensen. He was the Husky head coach for N-P the previous four seasons before Sudol took over. Christensen helped guide the Huskies to three-straight playoff berths and took the job as the leader of the Wildcat football program this summer. He talked about the "reunion" – if one wants to call it that – of playing his former team.

"I would say that matching up with a team that I have coached the last four years and coaches that I coached with is interesting. Coach (Nick) Henningsen immediately texted me good luck when the matchups came out," said Christensen.

As far as what N-P did to Newman last Friday to get the victory – it



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Nashua-Plainfield's Jackson Carey (above) bounces a run to the edge during last Friday night's playoff game against Mason City Newman.



The Huskies' Aiden Gelner (left) runs through a big hole while teammate Matthew Malven goes up to pick off a pass during Friday's game.

started with the Huskies' defense, which forced three turnovers, all via interceptions.

Matthew Malven picked off a Knight pass on a jump ball just underneath a minute left in the third period. That gave the ball to N-P on the Knight 26-yard line and three plays later senior fullback Jackson Carey barreled into the end zone from 14 yards out with 11:53 left in the game. That made the score 20-8, N-P.

"They throw it well. I just sat over the middle and saw the tight end go on a fly – sat on it. I didn't really know why he threw it because I didn't know why he didn't see me," said Malven about his third interception of the season. "I went up and got it."

Malven also came up with a 44-yard reception from Husky signal caller Devon Blanchard on another jump ball scenario on N-P's second possession. While that drive didn't result in any points scored – the Huskies were short on two fourth-down plays by mere inches in the first half that halted drives – it did prove N-P could make big, explosive plays against Newman.

"They're a good team. They made it to the playoffs for a reason. They're a hard district over there with Saint (Ansgar) and West Hancock. We

showed out in the second half," said Malven.

Blanchard was 3-for-3 passing as he hooked up for a perfect throw and catch with fellow junior wideout Landon Foelske, who had himself a night.

Foelske caught a 39-yard scoring strike on N-P's first drive of the second half after he got wide open on a deep post route.

Foelske also had an impact on defense as he made several stops in Newman's passing game and managed seven tackles on the evening. He also hit gold on his first field goal of the fall as he split the uprights for a 20-yarder with 1:20 left in the game.

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