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Supervisors ‘closer’ on budget

Public Health administrator details how department will deal with reduced funding

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors told department heads this week that the county has made real progress on closing two budget gaps that created plenty of angst, but they stopped short of saying that the “cutting” was done.

BOARD CHAIR TRIES TO
EXPLAIN WHY THIS BUDGET
IS SO TOUGH.

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“For the most part, this looks a lot better than a week ago,” Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said Tuesday

during a meeting in which supervisors related that the budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1 may not be “balanced” but may be workable.

Board Chairman Jake Hackman thanked the department heads for their work on the budget, saying “we came a long ways,” but the question remained unanswered if the cuts to the proposed budget for the fiscal

year that begins July 1 are complete.

Board members said that after making \$535,000 in cuts to proposed General Basic (GB) budgets for various departments during a March 5 meeting, the county will now have an

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kick off
track with
indoor meet
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NEW HAMPTON SPRING CRAFT,
VENDOR & BOUTIQUE SHOPPING EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

9 AM TO 2 PM

CHICKASAW EVENT CENTER
301 N. WATER ST., NEW HAMPTON, IA

FREE ADMISSION
DOOR PRIZES ALL DAY

EVENT HOSTED BY: CANEDO EVENT PLANNER

Legislature’s delay creates headaches for schools like N-P

Superintendent says district putting together budget without knowing what SSA will be

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Jay Marley said there are a number of factors that are making putting together his school district’s 2025-26 budget downright difficult.

At the top of the list are the Iowa Legislature and that bugaboo, declining enrollment, for so many rural school districts like Nashua-Plainfield.

Start with those lawmakers in Des Moines, who have yet to set what is known as state supplemental aid (SSA), which determines per-pupil funding for school districts around the state.

There’s one notable bill with a spending component that has not been passed this year – the state’s funding for the public school system.

Lawmakers have a self-imposed deadline of passing the State Supplemental Aid (SSA) rate for public K-12 schools within 30 days of the governor’s budget being released. That deadline was in February. While there is no penalty for not passing SSA within this time frame, a delay in passing this measure can cause issues for schools that must submit their budgets in early March.

“It’s hard to put together a budget when you don’t have that hard number,” Marley said, “and they’ve put us in a tough spot. That’s putting it mildly.”

The Iowa House of Representatives sent its public school funding proposal to the Senate in February, a package that included a 2.25% per-pupil funding increase, a one-time allocation of \$22.6 million for per-pupil costs and an increase to transportation equity payments.

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

The ‘Park Board’ car took a ‘drink’

The suspense ended Wednesday afternoon around 4, when the Nashua Park Board’s annual “Car Drop Contest” came to an end as the vehicle donated by S&T Collision crashed through the ice. “We usually call it when one of the mirrors goes into the water,” said Park Board President Nate Sinnwell, who was out of town on Wednesday. “I started getting texts and we decided to ‘call it,’ if you will.” We’ll have more on the fundraiser in a future edition of the Reporter.

Area’s ‘Yo-Yo weather’ looks like it’s going to continue

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Enjoy today, folks, because by tonight, it could get a little interesting around here as the bizarre winter of 2024-25 continues.

Call it winter on a Yo-Yo; after all, if fore-

casters are right, it’s going to get downright hot – at least for this time of the year – in Nashua today with the high temperature nearing 80. By Saturday night, we’ll be in the 20s and then we’ll warm back up again with highs in the 60s on Monday and 70s on Tuesday.

Keep the scorecard handy, though, because

there’s a chance of snow in the forecast for Tuesday night and Wednesday.

As for today, it’ll be warm and windy, and the National Weather Service office in La Crosse, Wisconsin, which provides forecasts for the

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They’re getting ready, planning big annual bash

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell and the members of the Water Over the Dam Days Committee knows how fast three months can fly by.

“It’ll be here before you know it,” Sinnwell said of Nashua’s annual town festival, “and we’re looking forward to it. First, that means it’ll be summer. Second, it’s just a fun thing to be a part of.”

This year’s bash is set for June 26-29, and while the bands are booked and some events are etched in stone, the final schedule of events hasn’t been quite set.

But committee members have started meeting and the frequency of those get-togethers will increase in the coming months.

“We start off meeting every two or three weeks,” Sinnwell said, “but by the time June rolls around, we’re meeting weekly. We want to make sure we have everything done, everything set up so people can have a great time.”

Last month, Water Over

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Library plants some ‘chocolate’ flowers!

Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman watches 8-year-old Mackenzie Bean plant a “flower” Wednesday evening when the library held a “Plant a Chocolate Flower Workshop on what was National Plant a Flower Day.

The only problem for the library was the weather may have been too nice, which kept down attendance at the program, but Bean, a second-grader, used pudding, Oreo cookies and chocolate on a stick to make a beautiful and, as she put it, a “delicious” flower.



Photos courtesy of Nashua-Plainfield FFA

On to state!

Nashua-Plainfield FFA members Elayna O’Neill and Alison Mehmen (above) will join fellow chapter member Cale Jensen (right) as competitors at next month’s state convention after earning gold ratings during competitions at this past weekend’s district convention in Waterloo.

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Dennis Bryon Bigelow, 66

Dennis Bryon Bigelow, age 66 of Coralville, passed away on Saturday, March 8 at Hallmark Care Center in Mt. Vernon, surrounded by his loving family. A memorial service to celebrate Dennis' life will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Lensing's Oak Hill, Coralville. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025, at Lensing's Oak Hill, Coralville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Bigelow family in care of Anna Owen or Grant Bigelow to assist the family with expenses.



Dennis Bigelow

Dennis is survived by his three children, Anna (Paul) Owen, Grant (Mindy) Bigelow and Gavin Bigelow; grandson, Paul Owen IV; father, Ralph Bigelow (Victoria Putney); siblings, Doug Bigelow, Khris Bigelow, Noreen Sharp, Jo Williams, Maelynn Tenge, Renee Stanbrough, Regina Rosol, Cheri Bowman, Brenda Clark, Becky Dana and Kelli Ellingson; former spouse, Carla Wiltgen Bigelow; special friend, Bonnie Burke; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Todd, and stepmother, Lorraine Bigelow. A full obituary may be viewed, and online condolences shared at www.lensingfuneral.com.

Committee's goal is to make Nashua's annual celebration 'bigger and better'

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The Dam Days announced the "finalists" for this year's theme, which include "Mardi Gras," "80s" and "Glamping," and if the celebration's Facebook site is any indication, the "80s," at least as of now is the overwhelming choice. The committee is also seeking nominations for the Water Over the Dam Days Parade grand marshal. Sinnwell said, as in the past, organizers are looking at adding new events while also keeping the old favorites. He said the committee may have a "Chick-fil-A" food truck on hand for one night of the celebration and organizers hope to add a "color run" or some other event geared to kids during the celebration.

Iowa Artists organization inviting residents to enter annual regional area show April 5

The Iowa Artists organization is looking for artists to submit their original design and hand-crafted artwork for the Iowa Artists Regional Area 3 Art Show. Iowa Artists is a state-wide, non-profit organization that works to encourage and educate artists around the state. The regional show will be held Saturday, April 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pivo Brewery and Blepta Art Studio in Calmar. The show will be judged by David Kamm, a retired art professor and department chair at Luther College in Decorah. Blue ribbon winners will advance to the state show in

May. At the state show, all regional participants who entered 3-D work will also advance for a special 3D award. This will be the third year for a special recognition/award. Region 3 and Lifetime member of the Iowa Artist's, Susan E. Kuennen, Elgin, has been the recipient of this award for both 2023 and 2024 for her antler basket designs. To enter the show, artists must be 18 years or older and members of the Iowa Artists, Region 3, which includes Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Floyd, Howard, Mitchell and Winneshiek counties. Both two-dimensional and three-dimensional works will be accepted. 2-D works include paintings, pastel, watercolor, ink, pencil, charcoal or collage. 3-D works include ceramics, sculpture, fiber, basketry, textile, wood and jewelry. All works must be original and completed within the last two years. Deadline for entry into the show is March 29. Information to obtain membership forms, rules and entry forms can also be obtained from the show coordinators — Sue Kuennen at susan.kuennen@yahoo.com or 414-380-6905 or Sara Kuboushek at regionthree-iowaartist@gmail.com or 563-562-1053.

NOTICE

Greenwood Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 • 7:00 pm
At Nashua Fire Station
114 Greenwood Ave., Nashua, Iowa

ROCKFORD FFA ALUMNI TOY SHOW

RRMR Junior-Senior High School
1460 210th St., Rockford, IA
March 22nd 9am-2pm

Farm Toys, Memorabilia, NASCAR, Collectibles, Hot Wheels, Trucks, and more!

Admission \$3.00 • Children 5 and under FREE

Any questions call Collin Bohr 641.330.8819



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Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors members and department heads discuss the county's 2025-26 budget during a meeting Tuesday morning.

Board not sure about county treasurer's budget

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

ending fund balance of 26 percent of expenditures when the 2025-26 year ends, which would exceed the recommended 25 percent supervisors have longed used a "rule of thumb." Supervisors said that those cuts made March 5 also reduced what had been a \$749,000 gap between combined GB and General Supplemental (GS) expenditures and revenues is now at around \$306,000. Wednesday's meeting, though, was testy at times, especially when it came to the \$358,000 hit that Public Health and Homecare Services' budget took during that meeting last week.

The department's administrator, Lisa Welter, told board members that the Board of Health last Friday agreed to institute a wage freeze, cut three of its 14 employees and also reduce the county's environmental health director from 35 to 30 hours a week.

Before Tuesday's meeting, Welter said that Public Health and Homecare Services will have to do away with its homemaker services that range from helping residents with cooking, getting groceries, cleaning and laundry.

"Those are the things that help keep people in their homes," she said. "It means that we're also cutting revenue, too, but I think the Board of Health really felt like with that kind of cut, they just didn't have a lot of choices."

Supervisors have said that they are not "targeting" Public Health but have continually pointed out that the deficit between expenditures and revenues is growing.

"I know that probably gets rid of home care, but it's not part of the state code," Cerwinske said during that March 5 meeting, "and we're losing money and we can't afford it. ... The way I look at it is you guys are losing the largest amount. I mean \$428,000 is a lot of money."

Welter and one of those Board of Health members, Jeremy McGrath, were taken aback on Tuesday when they, along with several supervisors, learned that Treasurer Matt Ysbrand had not followed the direction supervisors had given him last month to cut an employee from his office.

That cut was part of a consensus board members had reached to lay off an employee from the Treasurer's Office, the Auditor's Office, the Sheriff's Office and Public Health and also called on Public Health to not fill a part-time position.

Board members on Wednesday appeared to be inclined to offer laid-off employees two months of health insurance but indicated the county can't afford to do things like pay out some of the sick leave employees are accrued.

"I'd be in favor of the health insurance for a couple of months," Supervisor Steve Breitbach said. "It won't affect the GB, but if we pay them some sort of severance package, I don't think we have the money to do it."

Ysbrand said his re-submitted budget includes the elimination of one-half of a position, with the half position that would be cut being picked up by the Auditor's Office, which had the resignation of clerk Mellisa Johnston approved during the regular Board of Supervisors meeting Monday.

"My intention is probably cut down the other half of that when we have a retirement," Ysbrand said during Tuesday's meeting.

"Is that an option? Because I would have liked to do that," Welter said. "I have retirements coming up in the next couple of years."

It appeared that three supervisors — Cerwinske, Issac Carter and Breitbach — first learned about the proposal during Tuesday's meeting, and all three, along with Hackman and Travis Suckow, said they want to meet with Ysbrand during Monday's meeting.

"I guess I was gone the week it was thrown out there to begin with," Ysbrand said. "My revenue is increasing by \$100,000 and I agreed to cut half of an employee or I proposed that. I also have another budget that [Auditor] Sheila [Shekleton] has that would cut the full employee. ... If we're bringing in

To elected officials, department heads, staff, citizens and property owners of Chickasaw County

Welcome to FY25/26 budget year. It has been very tough to try and figure out this budget for the next FY. We have come a long way over the years managing this budget while being in a position of never knowing what the state might do after our budget is set, that will affect our property tax laws, therefore go back on our set budget possibly.

Why are we here, some examples but not limited to, HF718, exemption to age 65-plus homestead and military for this year and next. By which approximately 1,263 homesteads voluntarily signed

up for as one resident is 65-plus and 512 veterans voluntarily signed up for. Also, the city of New Hampton TIF district using values for themselves, which is OK but hurts the county evaluations by approximately 88,000 less dollars for this year and next. Also 65-plus and military exemption approximately \$35,000 this year and \$72,000 next year.

These are just a couple examples of why things have made this year difficult. Not saying these things are wrong, but it puts an effect on the overall funds for county departments. This is real dollars lost to make this budget work, but the state allows this to happen, so much of it is out of the boards control!

How we get money to run the county departments is different than most people think. Property tax is currently maxed out and has been for many years at \$3.50 per \$1,000 of evaluations and general supplementals is around \$1.90 per \$1,000 but is limited to what it can be spent on.

Some money comes from the state roll backs and state and federal funding, with the understanding that this is not coming in like many past years. Some county departments also make money through contracts for services provided to cities, state, Medicare, Medicaid, private pay, insurances, etc. All of this is making it truly hard to keep the budget balanced as reimbursements back are not enough to cover said service. We have a financial obligation to keep property owned by Chickasaw County taxpayers up to safety standards whether it be land, buildings, roads, bridges, equipment; along with all the things that run the everyday parts of the county business.

Staff and county citizens want more, I don't blame you all. Although, inflation is high, and as much as we want the same services to stay the same or add this and that, when the balance runs out, what is there left to do?

Our county does not have enough tax base from buildings, homes, commercial/industrial, etc. to run like those counties that do have the tax base to do those things. While it is great to have

all the things we would like, we have to be able to afford those things if you would say. Therefore, we have to work together to come up with solutions.

I feel we have tried some options that have been hard because we have to start somewhere each year and that is why this is so hard and it hurts sometimes. We may have to lose staff, co-workers, friends and for that I apologize.

I don't blame anyone for bettering themselves if that day comes. If the funds are not there and we are maxed out on what we can even ask, our hands are tied on the overall budget and these things have to be looked at. Not because we think anyone has done a bad job or we don't need a service and the great things in our county are not needed, but with the tax base that we do have we have to be able to pay for the everything we have.

There is a difference between how county taxes are made that I think some people don't understand. In Chickasaw county we are pretty rural when approximately 70% of the base is from the rural properties and 30% of the tax base is in the urban areas or the nine cities. So, from every 1.00 dollar collected, .70 cents come from rural property. Also, this year and next year approximately 299 parcels in the city of New Hampton are not generating any funds for county taxes towards general and supplemental levies because the city elected to keep it for TIF projects. Again, not saying this is wrong, but I am saying this takes away funds then that could be allocated towards county funds.

The rural pay an additional levy rate at 3.55 per 1,000 dollars for rural services only. But from the 2020 census, our cities are more populated than our rural townships, with approximately 60 percent of our population living in one of our nine cities. Bringing us to where rural taxpayers are having to be 70% of the county tax base.

I hope we can do our best to keep Chickasaw County a great place to live, work, and get involved in. We all need to try and grow our rural county with more homes, industrial and commercial property; bring people to our county; that is how we can grow our tax base to generate more funds for all the things we'd like to have here.

If anyone has ideas, please reach out to me or any other Board of Supervisor member. Remember, we all live here too. We, all five of us, have had great discussions when we've talked budgets and I want to personally thank them for all the time and hard work they have done this year.

It is more than a 20-hour work week as we are here for our constituents 24/7 attending meetings and things outside of our regular scheduled board meetings. Keep up the good work board!!

Also, the staff of Chickasaw County, thank you for all your work and dedication to residents and property owners of Chickasaw County!!

another \$100,000 and I'm cutting half of an employee, that's why I presented this budget. I don't feel like I had a chance to defend my department."

McGrath, meanwhile, continued to ask how Public Health could have its current fiscal year budget chopped 23 percent while some other departments were receiving increases, albeit smaller than proposed.

He also pointed out that the Board of Supervisors, despite the cuts they made, will still have a slightly larger budget next year than it has this year.

That drew the ire of Suckow. "Your letter that you wrote everybody," Suckow said to McGrath, "you're right I didn't cut anything out of my budget this year, except for I said I was willing

to adjust my wages. But I eliminated my health care last year, \$9,000. I did add a little bit of mileage ... because I think that's important to do your job. But I'm going to tell you also as of now, my mileage is gone. ... So my two meetings in Postville, one in Mason City and one in Waterloo is on me."

With his voice rising in anger, Suckow added that "don't tell me I'm not cutting. You want to go at somebody, go ahead."

When the budget discussion was finally over, County Attorney David Laudner asked the question on everyone's mind: "Are you comfortable with it?"

"We're getting closer," said Breitbach, but supervisors wanted to hold off signing off until they talked to Ysbrand on Monday.

Lawmakers miss deadline to set school funding

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The Senate, meanwhile, has approved a 2% SSA rate that did not include the other funding components, matching Gov. Kim Reynolds’ initial proposal. The Senate has not taken up the House’s education spending package since.

House Speaker Pat Grassley said House Republicans are “still having conversations” with Senate Republicans and the governor on SSA, but did not say any agreement has been reached.

Grassley said during his discussions with local school districts, many are budgeting with the expectation that the Senate and governor’s SSA rate will be approved.

“I think a lot of schools are making decisions at (2%),” Grassley said. “But we’re holding tight at this point because we feel strongly about some of those other items as well as the SSA, and the package that we have.”

Marley said Nashua-Plainfield is like most school districts in that it has built a 2025-26 budget that is based on a 2% increase, and although he concedes that the difference between 2% and 2.25% is only \$20,000, he said school districts with tight budgets need lawmakers to meet their own deadline.

“The bottom line is that the state isn’t really allowing us to even keep pace with inflation,” he said, “and we’re starting negotiations, we’re dealing with declining enrollment and this not knowing is just one more challenge for us.”

He said Nashua-Plainfield’s Oct. 1 enrollment declined by about 20 students, and because that Oct. 1 number determines SSSA funding for the following year, the district has looked for ways to save money even though it will be able to use what is commonly known as a budget guarantee.

That allows a school district to receive 101 percent of funding from the previous year, but Marley is quick to point out that the guarantee “only buys you time. It buys you a year, but that’s it.”

He said Nashua-Plainfield had 3 ½ teachers accept early-retirement this year. While that will help the district save some costs in salaries — usually retirees are replaced by younger teachers who don’t command the salaries of veteran instructors — he said the district also wanted to see if it could “move some things around” and not have to replace the equivalent of 3.5 teaching positions.

The bottom line, Marley said, is he believes the state needs to do more for education, especially in rural settings like Nashua-Plainfield and Tripoli, where he also serves as superintendent.

“We want to what’s best for our kids,” he said, “and we need the state, we need the Legislature, to help us do that.”

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Area continues to fight drought

WEATHER: FROM 1

Nashua area, says there is a “slight risk” for severe thunderstorms or even the possibility of a tornado or two for tonight.

Like we said, this winter has been on the bizarre side.

The so-called blizzard that hit the area on March 5 brought just one inch of snow, but that finally got us into “double-digits” for the 2024-25 season.

Nashua, according to the weather service, has received just 10.1 inches of snow this winter.

Drought concerns, meanwhile, continue to persist despite a promising start to the month when it comes to precipitation. Nashua had received 1.61 inches of precipitation — most of it in the form of rain that fell on March 4 — during the month, far above the 0.37 inches of precipitation that usually falls during the first 13 days of March.

Still, in the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report that was released on Thursday, officials say all of the northern third of Iowa — including Chickasaw, Bremer, Butler and Floyd counties — remain mired in what the report calls “moderate drought.”



Photo courtesy of Nashua-Plainfield FFA

Nashua-Plainfield’s Heidi Hull, who served as the Northeast Iowa FFA District advisor, and Caleb Lentz, who served as the district president, pose for a photo.

N-P students shine at district convention

Nashua-Plainfield’s FFA chapter earned three gold ratings, two of which advanced to the state convention during the Northeast Iowa District FFA Convention that was held this past weekend.

Elayna O’Neill and Alison Mehmen advanced to state for their “reporter’s scrapbook” while Cale Jensen also advanced to state competition in job interview.

Nashua-Plainfield’s third gold rating recipient, the chapter website that was put together by presenter Jena Peterson and Rachel Paplow, was named an laternate to state.

Callie Johnson (creed speaking) and Luke Paplow (extemporaneous speaking) both earned silver ratings.

This past weekend’s convention was led by Nashua-Plainfield’s Caleb Lentz, who served as the district’s president in 2024-25 while Nashua-Plainfield FFA Advisor Heidi Hull served in the same capacity for the district during the past year.



Photo courtesy of Scott Stroud

Superior band!

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield 7/8 Band play under the direction of Scott Stroud during the NEIBA Large Group Festival late last month at Waverly-Shell Rock Middle School.

The band performed two contrasting concert selections for two judges and received the top rating, a superior, from the two judges, who consider items like correct tone, intonation, articulations, rhythm, musicianship and stage presence.

“The band worked really hard on their dynamics and musicianship for this festival and deserved that top rating,” Stroud said. “I am so proud of this group!”

Hunter education class set for this Saturday

Spring turkey season is right around the corner, and the Chickasaw County Conservation Board and Twin Ponds Nature Center will be hosting a hunter education class at the Fredericksburg Sportsman’s Club this Saturday, for those that need it.

Online registration is required by going to <https://license.gooutdoorsiowa.com/Event/ViewEvent.aspx>.

Those taking the class must be at least 11 years old.

This is a full classroom course and will cover everything that is needed with the exception of registering for the course. If the person attending the class has already purchased a deer tag, turkey tag or other similar type of item in the past, they should already have an account.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES MARCH 5, 2025

The Board convened on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 10:30 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Treasurer Shirley Troyna, Engineer Roman Lensing, Public Health Board Members: Joan Knoll and Jeremy McGrath, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Terry Johnson

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for March 5, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Budget work session
Recessed: 12:10 PM
Convened: 12:18 PM
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to adjourn at 1:30 PM Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES March 3, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 9:03 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Custodian Dave Gorman, Treasurer Shirley Troyna, Engineer Roman Lensing, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Terry Johnson, Kathy Shekleton, Assessor Raymond Arnel

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the agenda for March 3, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for meeting on February 24, 2025 and February 27, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Carter to approve amendment for a Class C Retail Alcohol License which expires May 22, 2025 for Town and Country Club for an ownership update. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Jerico Jo’s for a 12-month term. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Public comment: Supervisor Hackman shared the City of Nashua’s readout and Attorney Laudner shared he was working with the City of Nashua’s attorney.

Discussed and reviewed bids for Chickasaw County Bridge.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by

Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION #03-03-25-07 that awards contract to Minnowa Construction, Inc. for \$1,599,694.69 and authorize Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing to sign contract on the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors’ behalf. PASSED, APPROVED, and adopted this 3rd day of March 2025 the vote thereon being as follows: /ss/ Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Hackman. Abstained: Carter. Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor’s office and on county’s website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov>

Discussed Secondary Roads updates with Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to open public hearing for the Budget Amendment #2 for FY 24-25 at 9:13 A.M. Roll call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Carter, Hackman. Motion carried.

No public comment and written.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to close public hearing for the Budget Amendment #2 for FY 24-25 at 9:14 A.M. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION NO. 03-03-25-09 RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to periodically transfer funds from the General Supplemental Fund to the General Basic Fund during the FY 2024-2025 budget year, and WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 331.432, Code of Iowa, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, as follows:

1. Funds of \$300,000.00 were transferred from the General Basic Fund to the

General Supplemental Fund.

2. The County is planning to repay the General Basic Fund.

3. The total maximum transfers from the General Supplemental Fund to the General Basic Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 shall not exceed \$300,000.00.

4. The amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring fund.

The Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and notify the Treasurer of the amounts of said transfers. PASSED, APPROVED, and adopted this 3rd day of March 2025 the vote thereon being as follows: /ss/ Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor’s office and on county’s website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov>

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to remove the Sale of Vehicles \$13,300.00 expenditure from the Resolution 03-03-25-08 to Amend Department Appropriations for the Sheriff Department. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 03-03-25-08 RESOLUTION TO AMEND DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved a Departmental Appropriations on June 10, 2024, for all departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2024 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the appropriations approved on June 10, 2024, are hereby amended in accordance with the attached sheet for the following reasons and with no increase in current fiscal year taxes.

DEPT. NO	DEPT	BUDGET FY 24-25	Budget Amendment 1	Budget Amendment 2	TOTAL Budget FY 24-25
5	SHERIFF	\$ 2,381,678.00	\$ 26,748.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,408,926.00
20	CO ENGINEER	\$ 8,630,232.00	\$ 345,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 9,475,232.00
22	CONSERVATION	\$ 665,632.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 680,632.00
26	HERITAGE CENTER	\$ 356,720.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 406,720.00
32	EVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	\$ 89,686.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 109,686.00
37	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	\$ 1,015,754.00	\$ 46,805.00		\$ 1,062,559.00
51	GENERAL SERVICES	\$ 1,002,802.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 1,017,802.00
99	TRANSFER TO GENERAL BASIC			\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00

	TOTAL BUDGET AS CERTIFIED ON LAST AMENDMENT	Budget Amendment 2	TOTAL BUDGET AFTER CURRENT AMENDMENT
SERVICE AREAS			
PUBLIC & LEGAL SAFETY	\$ 4,105,082.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,118,882.00
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	\$ 1,827,227.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,847,227.00
COUNTY ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATION	\$ 928,270.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 943,270.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,343,710.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 2,393,710.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 801,721.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 1,301,721.00
OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	\$ 2,811,676.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 3,111,676.00

PASSED, APPROVED, AND AD- OPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2025. /ss/ Ayes: Cerwinske, Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Hackman Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor’s office and on county’s website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov>

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION 03-03-25-10 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2025-7 IN the SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF section 29 all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 3rd day of March, 2025 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2025-7 IN the SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF section 29 all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2025-7 IN the SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF section 29 all in Township 96 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be ap-

proved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 3rd DAY OF MARCH, 2025. /ss/ Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor’s office and on county’s website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov>

Discussed Resolution No. 03-09-20-21 Township Trustee and Clerk Compensation.

Discussed repair for the water damage at the Heritage Center

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve quote for sprinkler system drain for \$2,850.00 from Blackhawk Sprinkler for the Heritage Center. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve invoice from Team Services for \$16,886.00 for contract drilling services at the landfill. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Carter to approve quote from Solinst for \$682.00 for a water level meter for the landfill. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Recessed: 10:03 A.M.

Convened: 10:05 A.M.

Budget work session:

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by

Cerwinske to set the public hearing for March 24, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom located on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse for the proposed property tax levy and direct the auditor to publish Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Property Tax Levy and Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2025-2026 in the New Hampton Tribune on March 13, 2025 and Nashua Reporter on March 14, 2025. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Committee Assignments:
Supervisor Carter, February 24, Pathways

Supervisor Breitbach, February 24, Northeast Iowa Community Action

Supervisor Hackman, February 26, CSS

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:10 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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COUNTY NAME: CHICKASAW COUNTY	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	COUNTY NUMBER: 19
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The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax asking as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/24/2025 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Boardroom, 2nd floor of the Courthouse, 8 E Prospect, New Hampton, IA 50659
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.

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Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Effective Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026
Taxable Valuations-General Services	934,724,123	963,875,713	963,875,713
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates Except Debt Service	5,073,010	5,073,010	5,230,404
Taxable Valuations-Debt Service	955,153,388	980,179,851	980,179,851
Requested Tax Dollars-Debt Service	459,333	459,333	465,174
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates	5,532,343	5,532,343	5,695,578
Tax Rate-Countywide	5.90818	5.73175	5.90101
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	671,612,468	691,160,209	691,160,209
Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies	2,364,566	2,364,566	2,453,619
Tax Rate-Rural Additional	3.52073	3.42115	3.55000
Rural Total	9.42891	9.15290	9.45101
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	274	308	12.41
Rural Taxpayer	437	493	12.81
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	1,209	1,376	13.81
Rural Taxpayer	1,928	2,203	14.26

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Rural Services Basic levy rate has increased (.02927) due to increase in operating expenses. Total property tax asking increased \$252,288.00 due to ongoing expenses of HF718, increased costs associated with public safety, costs of insurance and costs of required state mandates.

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Husky boys have potential in 4x400, 4x800 relays

BOYS TRACK: FROM 6

a lot of places outside the football field. That's why he loves the sport of track – which helps condition and prime his athletes for other sports that have also been able to generate success for Husky athletics.

“It doesn't necessarily matter to me about football, it's about all sports at Nashua-Plainfield,” said Sudol. “It's one season where I tell the kids, I can take time to get to know a kid because I don't have to be on you constantly to make sure you're ready for a game plan on Tuesday or Thursday night. You just go out and run.”

So Sudol and his coaching staff are searching for that event that could well hit a home run this spring. That means taking an athlete and giving it a go in something they may not be unfamiliar with.

Take for instance Husky junior Landon Foelske, who is one of Sudol's main hurdlers, but will give the long jump a try. He's also one to watch in middle-distance races as well.

The N-P point guard out on the basketball court and one of Sudol's best weapons on both sides of the ball in football didn't disappoint on Monday.

He leaped 18-4.5 in the long jump, which was 10th-best in a field that featured much larger schools like Iowa City High, Waverly-Shell Rock and West Des Moines Valley. Foelske placed 20th overall in the 55-meter

hurdles in 8.99.

Foelske also led off N-P's 4x400 relay, which finished off the evening. N-P ran to a third-place showing in a time of 3:48.43 with the foursome of Foelske, Jake Smith, Devon Blanchard and Jase Hansen – who all happen to be juniors.

“It's going to be fun to put the first meet lineup together just to see kind of where we're at and what we can do with some of these guys,” Sudol added. “Coming into the year we only did one time trial and all we did was run a 400. We had seven kids get under 58 seconds. We're excited about what that 4x400 can do. We'll see. It's early yet.”

N-P is looking to get the Huskies back to state in that 4x400 – which is Sudol's favorite race. The only relay N-P took down to Des Moines and the state meet last year was the 4x800, of which N-P returns three-fourths of that contingent in Smith, Hansen and junior Avery Mueller.

Monday's 4x800 group of freshman Andrew Schmitt, juniors Braeden Mitchell and Brexton Bird, along with senior Caleb Sinnwell ran 9:35, good for 12th place.

“It's good to get out and participate for the first time,” said Sudol. “Coming into today a lot of these kids had never done some of these things before.”

Another Husky that looks to make a huge impact out on the gridiron is junior Navarii Williams, who placed 15th in the 55-meter dash in 6.99.

That clip was the first time he's dipped under seven seconds at a Wartburg Indoor meet, which bodes well for the explosive sprinter down the road.

“He ran really well,” said Sudol. “That's probably the best he's ever ran here. I think he's gotten faster and taken a step forward.”

There are only four seniors on Sudol's squad – Cal Levi, Luke Paplow, Ty Berger and Sinnwell.

That means there will be plenty of opportunities for up-and-comers like freshman Zeke Kalainoff to make their mark and shine out on the oval. Kalainoff placed 24th in the open 400 in 58.94.

“Some of the freshmen have been pleasant surprises. Zeke Kalainoff kind of reminds me a lot of his brother, so I just gotta see where that takes me. I'm working him hard,” said Sudol.

Kalainoff's brother is of course Husky junior Eli Kalainoff, who did not compete in Waverly on Monday. Kalainoff holds the school record in the discus (147-6) and just missed out on a state medal last year as he placed ninth. Kalainoff also ran on the 4x800 Husky relay at state as a freshman.

“We're excited about both those races. I think those are going to be two of our bread-and-butter's this year,” said Sudol about the 4x400 and 4x800 relays.

If you're on N-P's roster and feel like you may not be able to find an event in track that best suits your strengths,



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Landon Foelske clears a hurdle during an indoor meet at Wartburg on Monday.

Sudol will find you one.

“There's so much diversity in what you can do in track. You may not be good at one thing, but we can find something else that you can be pretty dang good at and have success,” said Sudol.

N-P's final indoor meet is back at Wartburg College on Tuesday, March 25. The outdoor season opener is slated for Tuesday, April 1 at St. Ansgar.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

55 meter dash prelims - 15. Navarii Williams 6.99, 38. Kamden Chyma 7.29.
55 meter hurdles prelims - 20. Landon Foelske 8.99, Tyler Zimmer DQ.
200 dash - 45. Ty Berger 27.04, 48. Miles

Carpenter 27.8.

400 dash - 24. Zeke Kalainoff 58.94, 38. Lucas Sinnwell 1:03.64.
800 run - 37. Connor Sullivan 2:35.09, 43. Carson Mundorf 2:48.08.
1,600 run - 25. Luke Paplow 5:22.7, 29. Avery Mueller 5:29.14.
High jump - 27. Devon Blanchard 5, Cal Levi NH.
Long jump - 10. Foelske 18-4.5, 34. Andrew Schmitt 14-11.
Shot put - 31. Jaxon McDonald 35.75, 38. Dawson Becker 31-11.
4x200 - 24. Clayden Gerholdt, Chris Niedert, Nick Hulbert, Jase Hansen 2:00.59.
4x400 - 3. Foelske, Smith, Blanchard, Hansen 3:48.43.
4x800 - 12. Schmitt, Braeden Mitchell, Brexton Bird, Caleb Sinnwell 9:35.7.

N-P girls enjoy solid opener in field events

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 6

or two seconds over at about an 800, so I knew I had to kick it in. I felt really good. It felt easy up until the last two laps, so I knew I was going to have to push it. I think I had my first push after three laps.”

Huck made mincemeat of the field in the seven-and-a-half laps around the orange oval as she qualified for the Drake Relays next month in that event with a stunning clip of 4:42.64. The cutoff or what is called a “Blue Standard” to run at the prestigious Drake Relays – which includes competitors from all four classes in the state on the high school level – was 4:43.

“That's like as fast as I ran at state last year so I'm really happy with it,” said Huck, who claimed one of her eight state titles in her legendary career in last year's mile run in a time of 4:42.13.

Huck buried the second-place finisher on Monday in senior Sarah Feddersen of Gilbert. Feddersen – no slouch herself as she placed third in the 3A mile run a year ago – choked on Huck's dust as she was over 17 seconds back of the N-P juggernaut in 4:59.92.

Yes, Huck holds that kind of star power now in her last go-round on the high school level as she'll head out west to compete for the Oklahoma State Cowgirls this fall.

“Oh gosh – this girl I am so flippen happy for her! She is ready to leave it all out there. I know she has mentally and physically trained all year long for this,” said McCall.

Huck just missed out on qualifying for Drake in the mile run last spring. She placed third in the open 400 last year at Drake and was also third in the 800 run. Huck medaled in the 400 dash (fourth), 800 run (fifth) and 1,500 run (fifth) at Drake as well when she was a sophomore in 2023.

“Last year she didn't make it in the 1,500 by one runner. They take 24 runners and she was 25th. So for her to get this race done at the first meet of the season is so impressive and just a true statement for how hard she works for her goals. I'm so excited for her and to see what this season has in store for her!” said McCall.

Huck will look to chase and break her own school record of 4:35.44, which took place in a 2023 historic runner-up finish in the mile run to Calamus-Wheatland's Noelle Steines, who later transferred to Class 2A Tipton after her sophomore season. The pair ran in one of the more memorable finishes in Iowa prep track and field lore as each broke the 1A mile record, Steines bested Huck by a mere one-hundredth of a second with her championship clip of 4:35.43.

Huck's main goal this year is to bring the state crown back to Nashua-Plainfield. N-P lost to Calamus-Wheatland for the state title by five points – 38-33 in 2023. The Huskies made it back-to-back state runner-up finishes after St. Ansgar slipped past N-P, 40-38, for last year's 1A championship.

“I definitely want to encour-

age our team because we've been right there at second the last few years so we just need a few more points and we'll be there,” said Huck.

Securing a second state team crown is obviously high on Huck's to-do list before she heads on down to Stillwater to run for the Cowgirls. Huck not only believes in her ability to rise to the occasion, but she trusts and supports her teammates to do the same.

“I definitely want to win state this year and I think it's not just going to be me, it's going to take everybody. So being able to like sit there and support everybody – I tell Emeri (McCumber) ‘you're getting fifth at state in high jump this year’ and she looks at me like I'm crazy,” smiled Huck. “I might be, but it's those little things you gotta give them the confidence.”

Huck anchored the 4x400 relay, which placed eighth in 4:32 with the team of senior Marleigh Lowe, along with freshmen Eva Foelske and Kelly Cerwinske. Gilbert won the event in 4:16 and area squad New Hampton was fifth (4:26). The only other 1A squad in the 19-team field was Maquoketa Valley (4:18), who placed runner-up.

“As the season goes on and we get outside, those times will be dropping even more. Marleigh did a great job starting us off, Eva looked strong for her first running event as a freshman, as did Kelly – and Kadence finished it,” said McCall.

McCumber, just a freshman who stands close to six feet, if not taller – placed ninth in the high jump with a leap of 4-8. That was her first field event competed in on the varsity level for the promising Husky.

“Emeri has a ton of potential in the high jump and honestly not in just making it to state, but medaling at state. Jumping 4-8 for her first meet and placing ninth out of 24 jumpers (many above her being bigger classes) with not a ton of practice under our belts is awesome!” said McCall.

N-P junior Eden Lamborn – a 20th place finisher in the shot put last year at state – wound up sixth in that event on Monday with a toss of 33.5. There were 37 entrants in the shot put on the girls side.

“Eden had an amazing opening for her season. I know she spent a lot of time this summer working on her throws,” said the N-P head coach.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS
55 meter dash prelims - 43. Bailey Bond 10.69, 44. Jennifer McLeland 12.88.
200 dash - 29. Marleigh Lowe 31.31, 42. Abi Schmitt 35.51.
400 dash - 24. Emeri McCumber 1:14.3.
800 run - 27. Rachel Paplow 3:13.46, 31. Victorious Mirembe 3:43.82.
1,500 - 1. Kadence Huck 4:42.64, 19. Emma Hinders 6:23.77.
High jump - 9. McCumber 4-8.
Long jump - 18. Kelly Cerwinske 13-2, 23. Eva Foelske 12-6.
Shot put - 6. Eden Lamborn 33.5, 21. Chloe Fundermann 25.25.
4x200 - 22. Schmitt, Serena Gallmeyer, Adiley Gerholdt, Jade Maia-Gicquel 2:16.57.
4x400 - 8. Lowe, Foelske, Cerwinske, Huck 4:32.36.
4x800 - 16. Gerholdt, Paplow, Amberley Gerholdt, Maia-Gicquel 13:45.04.

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Nashua-Plainfield girls open track season with a bang

Huskies' Huck reached 'blue standard' for Drake; N-P coach sees plenty of positive signs in team's indoor opener at Wartburg

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The smile that enveloped Kadence Huck's face as she crossed the finish line on Monday in Waverly was priceless.

The result meant that much.

The Nashua-Plainfield star runner beamed with delight as she glanced up at the video board at the Wartburg Indoor track meet earlier this week knowing she had hit her mark.

A Drake Relays Blue Standard was within her grasp – right out of the gates.

The indoor season opener was a lot of things for Amber McCall's N-P girls tracksters, but perhaps the biggest gold nugget to be mined out of the start to the prep spring sports season out on the oval was the tone Huck set in what may be another epic run toward greatness for these Huskies when mid-May rolls around.

Huck blasted the field in the mile run (1,500 meters) in a powerful statement made by the Husky senior in front of a packed house on a beautiful spring day outside the venue on the campus of Wartburg College. The calendar won't "officially" flip to spring until next week Thursday, but even indoors – Huck's take down of the event had a championship feel to it.

"I wanted to run the 1,500 because I wanted to be able to pace myself a little bit better," said Huck. "I was one

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Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck (left) is all smiles as she checks the clock after crossing the finish line, Eden Lamborn (above) gets ready to heave the shot put and Emeri McCumber clears the bar in the high jump during Monday's season-opening track meet.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Brexton Bird (above) runs a leg of the 4x800 while teammate Miles Carpenter sprints to the finish line in the 200 during an indoor meet held at Wartburg College on Monday.



Husky boys bringing the 'numbers' to track this spring

Nashua-Plainfield coach's philosophy is that sport helps all kids become better athletes, likes what he sees in opening meet

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Call it a swarm, a large collective bunch or just one whole big group of kids with the block white letters of Nashua-Plainfield emblazoned on the front of their jerseys.

But let's state the facts – 43 student athletes out for the sport of track for a Class 1A school in the state of Iowa is a lot.

That's one gigantic pack of Huskies.

Yeah, N-P coach Chase Sudol can get kids excited about track and field – that much is for certain.

That numeral of 43 is the total roster size of Sudol's

Husky boys squad, who took to the oval this past Monday at the Wartburg Indoor in Waverly. That date signaled the start to the high school track season statewide – at least in terms of the climate-controlled environment afforded runners, jumpers and throwers that didn't have to worry about harsh conditions or inclement weather affecting their performance.

"Numbers are good. It's good to have all the guys out," said Sudol. "We're diverse. We have a little bit of everything."

Sudol also happens to be the head Husky football coach, where he led N-P to its first playoff win in over a decade this past fall. That means if he can, he'd like every Husky that

strapped on a helmet in 2024 to represent the track team as well.

"That's kind of my approach to the whole thing – use track to become a better athlete. The football players we kind of told them they didn't have much of a

choice with us as football coaches. That's what we want to see. We want to see them working together," Sudol said.

As most know, success on the gridiron can be generated in

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