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## City Council OKs 2025-26 budget

Nashua's tax-levy rate to increase by 1.2 percent in the fiscal year that begins July 1

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
Of the Reporter

The Nashua City Council approved its 2025-26 budget this past Monday, one that includes a 1.2 percent increase to the city's tax-levy rate for the fiscal year that kicks off on July 1.

There's a lot of numbers to digest, but the most important one is the tax-levy rate, which increased from \$16.33998 per \$1,000 valuation for this year to \$16.52887 per \$1,000 valuation for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Under the current proposed levy rate, that means the city will take in \$826,500 in property taxes

during the fiscal year that begins July 1, up 3 percent from almost \$801,650 the city will receive during this fiscal year.

"For the property taxes, we've gotten 63.8 percent of what we're supposed to get and the goal is 75 because we're nine months in," said Nashua City Clerk John Ott.

Almost all of that increase will go to the city's debt service fund to help pay for recent repairs made to the dam.

There was a 13.87 percent city tax-bill increase for a residential property and a

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## Drought situation improves, however but planting slows

Much of Nashua area is now just 'abnormally dry,' but Bremer still has moderate drought

By BOB FENSKE  
Of the Reporter

We're definitely moving in the right direction when it comes to the so-called drought, or at least the U.S. Drought Monitor certainly thinks so.

In its latest report that was released on Tuesday, the agency said large parts of the Nashua area have shown significant improvement when it comes to drought conditions that have afflicted the area since late last summer.

The report showed that all of Chickasaw and Floyd counties, along with much of Butler County, are now just abnormally dry, down from the "moderate drought" status that the area has been under for all of 2025.

The lone exceptions to the improving picture were almost all of Bremer County and a small part of eastern Butler County, which is still classified as begin in moderate drought.

Through Thursday morning, the Nashua recording station has received 4.21 inches of rain in April, meaning for a second straight month, Nashua will receive above-normal precipitation.

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### Appointments will soon be required at county Driver's License Office

Chickasaw County residents who want to pick up a new license or renew an old one will soon need an appointment to do so.

County Treasurer Matt Ysbrand announced earlier this week that effective on May 1, which is a week from today (Thursday), appointments will be required for all services offered by the Chickasaw County Driver's License Office.

He said that includes renewals, computer knowledge tests and skills driving tests, but Ysbrand emphasized that the office will continue to offer all of the services it currently does.

"This will allow our staff's time to be used more efficiently and also give our customers a dedicated time to complete their business," Ysbrand wrote in a press release.

To schedule an appointment, residents should call the Treasurer's Office at 641-394-2107.

— By Bob Fenske



Photos courtesy of Caleb Lentz

Nashua-Plainfield High School alum Caleb Lentz removes his coat during his "retirement ceremony" at the 97th annual Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference and poses for a picture with his mother, Brittney, during his last week as the North Central state vice president.

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## WRAPPING UP AMAZING YEAR

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD GRADUATE GRATEFUL  
FOR EXPERIENCES AS A STATE FFA OFFICER

By BOB FENSKE  
Of the Reporter

Hop into a time machine, go back seven, eight years and tell a young Caleb Lentz that he would speak in front of 7,000 people.

"I would have told you, absolutely not," the 2024 Nashua-Plainfield High School graduate said with a laugh. "Seriously, it would have been a big no way."

But there he was, on the state at the 97th annual Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference giving his retirement talk in front of 7,000 members as his term as the North Central state vice president came to an end.

Not bad for a young man who heading into junior high wasn't all that sure FFA was a calling.

"It would have been the worst decision of my life, if I hadn't joined FFA," Lentz said. "I'm so grateful Heidi Hull talked me into giving it a try because I've grown so much being in FFA. She told me to 'give it a chance' and thankfully, I did."

SEE LENTZ, 3



Photos courtesy of Jennifer Lantz

## An Easter Saturday tradition like no other

Area kids (above) dash for candy at the annual Nashua Women of Today Easter Egg Hunt where the Easter Bunny (right) is met with some trepidation during the annual event that was held at the Husky Wellness Center this past Saturday morning.

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# Planting slows and more rain is on way

**DROUGHT: FROM 1**

The latest Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report that was released by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service on Monday showed that about 11 percent of corn and 8 percent of soybeans had been planted in the Northeast District that includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties. In the North Central District that includes Butler and Floyd counties, about 22 percent of corn has been planted and 7 percent of soybeans are in the ground.

The normal rainfall in April for Nashua is 3.92 inches. And it doesn't look like we're done with our wet weather as rain was expected to fall later in the day on Thursday and there is a good chance of showers both Sunday night and into Monday.

The recent rains have slowed down farmers who are working on getting their crops into the field.

## Avenue of the Saints Animal Hospital to moving to Charles City Animal Clinic

**By Travis Fischer**  
tkfischer@charlescitypress.com

Some area pet owners will be seeing some changes in their veterinary care starting in May. After 25 years at the Charles City Animal Clinic, Dr. John Moellers is retiring and with him his clinic will close. However, his building will not be empty for long as the Avenue of the Saints Animal Hospital is preparing to move in.

"We're so excited to be able to utilize that building and serve our communities in a way that we think is deserved," said practice manager Brenda Gravdal.

Avenue of the Saints Animal Hospital has operated in Charles City for 10 years, along with a second location in Waverly. The staff of the veterinary clinic said they are eagerly anticipating their upcoming move to the new location.

"Everyone is looking forward to it," said Jessica Viers. "It's a bigger facility. There's more space to treat the animals."

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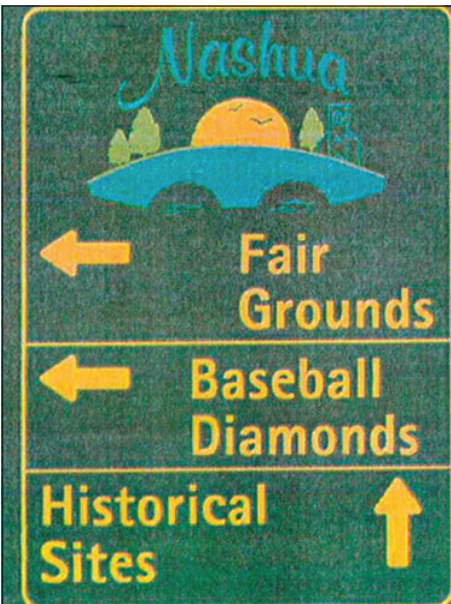
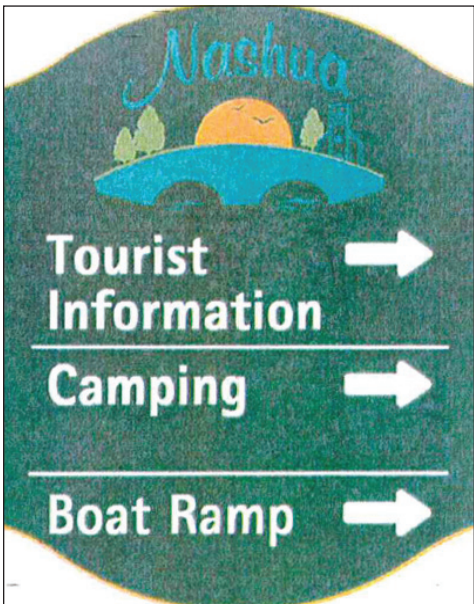


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Here are some options the city of Nashua can consider for “wayfinding” signs.

## Council discusses ‘wayfinding’ signs, dog issue

**CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1**

15.32 percent city tax-bill hike for a commercial property.

If Nashua residents or visitors to the community of 1,500 that sits on Cedar Lake are looking to get around town, that may become easier.

Council members discussed a “wayfinding” project that could replace numerous signs around town.

The Big 4 Chamber of Commerce and Nashua Community Foundation were awarded \$12,000 out of a \$25,000 community projects grant given out by the 5-2-1-0, Healthy Eating, Acting Living grant. A main focus of the project is to place signs near crosswalks.

“So the whole point of this when it started was to do the flashing crosswalks at the end of the street, which we can’t do possibly because it’s not a school crossing. So it’s going to be at Merrill Street, which is better than nothing, I guess. At least it will draw some more attention to people driving through there,” said Councilman Jake Johnson.

The potential locations and possible signs could be at Amherst and Highway 346 (replacing blue tourist information and camping signs, Merrill St. and Highway 346 (signage near elementary school crosswalk), Andrews St. and Highway 346 (replace brown Cedar View Park sign). Greeley St. and Highway 346 (replace school sign), Main St. and Highway 346 (replace business district sign), Chickasaw St. and Highway 346 and Park St. and Highway 346.

There are four different designs that will feature the city’s new logo, which was voted on by the public.

Council member Johnson thought that would be the proper avenue to take as well

in trying to narrow down the signs’ new look.

“We should put it out for a vote – put it on the Facebook page. All four of them – whichever one has the most likes is the one we’ll go with,” said Johnson. “Let the people decide. They picked the logo, let’s let them decide.”

The city will need to purchase its crosswalk sign by June 30 and Ott said the overall cost of the signs may cost more than anticipated because he said you can only put three locations on one sign.

Johnson thought about the possibility of working with the Iowa DOT (Department of Transportation) to reduce costs on the signs or possibly getting some of them posted for free if a city sign could be tacked on to an already existing state post.

The ongoing saga of the city trying to remove an at-large dog at Windy Acres Mobile Home Park seems to be nearing an end. Owners of the animal at 609 Wentling St, Trailer No. 16, have not responded to the city’s request to remove the animal despite attending a Council meeting earlier this year to address the issue.

The city required the animal be removed from the property by Feb. 17 and has issued separate fines of \$500 and \$750 to the owners because the dog still resides inside the city.

The animal owners – Jeremy Hinders and Tiffany Tussler – were issued a letter from the city on March 5, which was basically a notification to remove the animal under their care pursuant to Chapter 55 of the Nashua City Code.

Now Ott said the owners have moved out of town, possibly to Charles City. He also had this tidbit of information to pass along to the Council regarding the fines.

“The Sheriff never delivered the fines because they moved ahead of time,” said

Ott. “They just told me that recently, that they never got them delivered.”

The Council then bantered around the discussion on whether or not to track down the fines and Nashua Mayor Hal Kelleher had this to say.

“It’s a lot of money to pursue that,” said Kelleher.

The Council eventually agreed to not go after the fines as the ultimate goal was achieved of removing the dog from inside the city limits.

The owner of Windy Acres Mobile Home Park said Tussler owned the trailer, but the owner of the village of manufactured homes pays taxes on the lot as he owns that.

Now the Council has come to find out that Tussler did not own the trailer and paid rent.

“The trailer will be moved. He won’t let anybody else move into that. He’s cleaning that all up and that kind of trailer is getting moved out,” said Kelleher.

Kelleher said he would also reestablish City Hall hours as far as the amount of time he spends there during the week.

“We’ll give that a shot again,” said Kelleher.

Kelleher will be in his office at City Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. His afternoon hours will be 3 to 4 p.m. each day.

The Mayor also wanted to remind citizens of Nashua about keeping the city’s walking paths clear.

“I’ve had a number of complaints about sidewalks being blocked with trailer tongues and cars and things where some folks are walking,” said Kelleher. “So we want to put out that you’re not supposed to park across a sidewalk. It’s in the ordinance. They could help us out on that.”

## Iowa House votes to do away with toilet paper sales tax

**By KATHIE OBRADOVICH**  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The Iowa House voted Wednesday to “wipe away the stain of sales tax” on toilet paper purchases, as Rep. Christian Hermanson, R-Mason City, said during debate.

House File 1019 passed the House on a vote of 82-11 and moves to the Senate. If signed into law, the bill would take effect July 1.

The measure would cost the state an estimated \$6 million in estimated general fund receipts in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, growing to a total of \$6.5 million a year by 2030, according to a fiscal analysis by the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency.

The local option sales tax revenues collected by local governments and the 1-cent sales tax that goes to Iowa schools each would decline by just over

\$1 million a year, LSA estimated.

The bottom line: A total savings of \$9.1 million annually for consumers by 2030.

Hermanson noted that the state also exempts sales taxes on other necessities such as food and medicine.

“The bill recognizes toilet paper is not a luxury, it’s not a choice, it’s a necessity. And I think we can all agree, taxing it stinks,” he said.



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## Diane Joyce Reuscher, 79

Diane Joyce Reuscher, age 79 of Nashua, died Thursday, April 17, 2025, at Ravenwood Specialty Care in Waterloo.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025 at St. John Lutheran Church, Nashua with Deacon Jackie Schilling presiding.

Inurnment will be held at Sunnyside Memory Gardens in Charles City following the service.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church on Saturday.

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

Born on June 28, 1945, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, to Simeon and Olga (Larson) Gifford, Diane's zest for life and dedication to her family and community left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew her.

Graduating from high school in Charles City, Diane was known for her unwavering commitment and love for her work as a school bus driver. For over three decades, she safely transported generations of children to Nashua Community Schools, sharing her warmth and kindness with every student who climbed aboard her bus. Her dedication extended beyond the daily routes, as she enthusiastically drove for countless athletic events, supporting the local teams with pride.

Diane's sense of adventure was not confined to her professional life. She was a free spirit who found joy in the roar of a motorcycle and the gentle pace of a horse.

Together with her husband, Leroy Reuscher, whom she married at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua on May 10, 1993, Diane embarked on the iconic Route 66 tour — an experience that encapsulated her love for the open road and the companionship of her life partner.

Her interests were as diverse as they were engaging. Diane reveled in the tranquility of nature through camping, an activity that allowed her to connect with the outdoors and spend precious moments with friends and family. An avid reader, she could often be found lost in the pages of a book, and her hands were rarely still as she crocheted, creating beautiful knitted blankets that she generously donated to the hospital, touching the lives



Diane Reuscher

of those in need.

Diane's love for bowling was another facet of her multifaceted life. The bowling alley was a place where she could unwind, compete and socialize, further cementing the bonds with her community. Her selfless nature shone through in every aspect of her life, and she will be remembered for her spirited approach to every challenge and adventure.

Driving a grain truck for a short time after her tenure as a school bus driver, Diane proved that her skills and adaptability were as robust as her spirit. After the grain hauling, she drove the transport in Charles City. She also enjoyed helping the elderly and ill to their doctor appointments, etc., until she retired. Her ability to navigate both the literal and figurative roads of life with grace and determination was a source of inspiration for many.

Diane's legacy is one of love, adventure and selflessness. Her adventurous nature led her down many paths, yet it was her selfless dedication to the children and families of her community that truly defined her. Diane's spirited personality and generous heart left a lasting impression on all who were fortunate enough to cross her path.

Diane is survived by her husband, Leroy Reuscher of Nashua; son, Dan Ferch of Round Rock, Texas; daughter, Joyce Mead of Branson, Missouri; brother, Dennis (Laurel) Gifford of Keota; grandchildren, Taylor Ferch, Dylan Ferch and Ashley Mead; and niece, Cris Gifford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Simeon and Olga (Larson) Gifford; brother, Les Gifford; and nephew, Keith Gifford.

## Supervisors agree to treat ash trees, OK four vehicle purchases

By Bob Fenske  
Of the Reporter

They may not be the only ash trees still standing in New Hampton, but they are among the few.

And on Monday, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors gave the go-ahead to try to keep the trees standing tall and proud — and alive — on the south side of the Courthouse Square.

"They're the three tallest trees to the south of the courthouse," Board Chairman Jake Hackman said, "and it would be a shame to lose them."

Ash trees have been coming down left and right — not only in New Hampton but throughout the Upper Midwest — because of the emerald ash borer, but the three ash trees that stand on the square have so far avoided infestation.

The trees have been treated twice, and so far, so good, so during Monday's meeting, supervisors took head custodian Dave Gorman's recommendation to have the trees treated once again and ran with it.

Gorman said he doesn't have an exact cost yet because the company that treats the trees determines the cost by the circumference of the trunks. He said the cost would be around \$900 and added that "there's no way we can take them down for that cost, and honestly, it would definitely seem a little bare out there without them."

Gorman said that so far, the trees have shown no warning signs of the emerald ash borer, and that experts have told him that sooner or later, the borer will, as he put it, "move on."

"If we can keep them healthy till then, we should be fine," he said, and board members agreed to go the treatment route again.

The tree decision came on a relatively light day for the supervisors, who wrapped up the 2025-26 budget and tax levy the week before.

Board members did OK sev-



Bob Fenske/Reporter  
The Courthouse Square is home to three — fingers crossed — healthy ash trees.

eral bridge bids recommended by County Engineer Roman Lensing and also gave him the go-ahead to order four new vehicles — a sign truck, a 1/2-ton pickup, a one-ton truck and a mini-excavator.

All four vehicles were in the 2025-26 budget and will be delivered during the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

And supervisors also made it official and acknowledged the waiving of quarterly payments from the six cities that have 28E agreements with the county for Chickasaw County EMS service.

Under those agreements, the county is required to waive the payments if there is more than \$750,000 in the EMS fund for two consecutive quarters.

The July payments are tied to the balance as of April 15, which was \$804,087.80. That's below the \$858,221.04 that was in the EMS account as of Jan. 5 but far above the threshold to waive payments.

Chickasaw County EMS provides service to the rural areas of the county, along with six cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington.



Photos courtesy of Caleb Lentz

Sometimes a picture really is worth a thousand words and this photo of the retiring FFA state officers — including Nashua-Plainfield's Caleb Lentz (left) conveys the emotions they felt at the 97th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference proves it.

## ‘Retiring’ state officer grateful for FFA

LENTZ: FROM 1

Hull, of course, is the advisor to Nashua-Plainfield's vibrant FFA chapter, the largest student organization at the school, and during an interview a couple of weeks ago, she lauded the work Lentz has done — both as a member of her chapter and as a state officer.

"Caleb's a remarkable young man," she said, "and to watch his growth in FFA has been really a joy."

While at Nashua-Plainfield, Lentz served two stints as an officer — a year as the chapter's treasurer and another year as the organization's president — and a year ago, he was elected to serve as the state's North Central state vice president.

His term ran through the end of the State Leadership Conference and that meant visiting FFA chapters not only in the North Central District — which runs from the Minnesota border to Ames and stretches from Nashua-Plainfield to



Caleb Lentz makes a point during his retirement address that he delivered during the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference and poses for a picture with Nashua-Plainfield FFA President Heidi Hull during the North Central District Convention.

other people see our potential before we do. Those around us shape our perspective, not just by what they say but how they believe in us, encourage us and push us beyond our doubts."

During an interview earlier this work, he said he had a number of teachers who helped shape his personal perspective, and at the top of the list was Hull.

"She believed in me long before I believed in myself," he said. "My hope is I can do the same thing for kids someday. She just has made a huge impact on my life."

Lentz chuckled when he was asked what he's going to do with his "free time" now that he isn't a state officer.

"I'll probably get a little more sleep," he said, "but again, it was so worth it. Having my parents (Pat and Brittney) and brothers (Kollyn and Lucas) being so supportive was huge. And the people I had a chance to meet because of FFA, they all helped shape me into the person I am today."

That especially goes for his fellow members on the 2024-25 state officer team, and the emotions they felt at the State Leadership Conference were readily evident.

"They're not only great, great friends, they're family," Lentz said. "I mean every word of that. We had so much fun together, and we know that we can lean on each other for the rest of our lives."

The tears those officers shed as they hung up their jackets



and "retired" might just tell the FFA story of young Mr. Lentz.

"It was emotional, I won't lie about that," he said. "I've known it a long time that FFA has taught me so much,

but it really hit me that day. Leadership, communication — hey, I got up in front of thousands of people and talked — empathy, teamwork ... it's been such a worthwhile journey."

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# Easter Egg hunt winners ... and a little love for the Easter Bunny!

Winners of the drawings at the Nashua Women of Today annual Easter Egg Hunt pose for a photo and not all kids – especially the older ones – are afraid of the Easter Bunny.

Easter Basket winners were Kenlynn McCall, Ace Carter, Royce Griffin, Coraline Sinnwell, Noah Huffman, Connor Wolf, Breckin Brown and Brooklyn Wilson. Saturday's event is just one of several annual events put on by the Women of Today, who also sponsor the annual Trunk or Treat event near Halloween and Santa's Workshop during Christmas to name a couple.

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**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 7, 2025**  
**Nashua-Plainfield JH/HS**  
**Commons 6:00 PM**  
I. Call to Order (Quorum) at 6:00pm  
Present: Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Patrick Lentz. Absent: Laura Folkerts. Also present: Superintendent Jay Marley and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.  
II. 2nd Public Hearing & Public Comments of 2025-2026 Budget  
Pat Lentz opened the public hearing for the Certified Budget. No comments were made. Pat Lentz closed the hearing.  
III. Approve the Consent Agenda  
Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Chris Hagen to approve the minutes of previous board meetings. Motion carried unanimously.  
Approve Bills for Payment  
Motion by Lara Lawrene, second by Chris Hagen to approve the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.  
Approve Monthly Financial Reports  
Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Chris Hagen to approve the monthly financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.  
Approve Personnel Recommendation  
Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Cody Jensen to approve the following personnel recommendations: Leave of Absence for Amber McCall for Head JH Volleyball, the hire of Tyanne Auchstatter for Elementary Building Head Kitchen, the hire of Michael Stille as Assistant Baseball Coach, and the hire of volunteer Track and Field Coach Zade McCall for the FY25 and FY26 season. Motion carried unanimously.  
IV. Spotlight in Education Middle School Lighthouse  
The Middle School Lighthouse program presented information around the

purpose, mission, and vision of the organization.  
V. Information ONLY NPTEA Opening Proposal.  
The NPTEA gave their opening proposal to the school board.  
VI. Administrative Reports  
The principals went over their reports with the board.  
V. Review and Approving 2025-26 Certified Budget  
Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Chris Hagen Roll to approve the 2025-2026 Certified Budget. Roll Call: Laura Folkerts - Absent, Chris Hagen - Yes, Cody Jensen - Yes, Lara Lawrence - Yes, Patrick Lentz - Yes, Motion carried unanimously.  
VI. Review and Consider Approving 24-25 Interagency Contract For SpEd Instruction Services with Clayton Ridge & Clarksville  
Motion by Lara Lawrence, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the Interagency Agreements with Clayton Ridge and Clarksville. Motion carried unanimously.  
VII. Review and Consider approving 2nd part of FY 2026 Technology Budget from last month  
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Lara Lawrence to approve the lease agreement with Apple for laptops and bags. Motion carried unanimously.  
VIII. Review and Consider Approving Blake Burkle's Bid for New Parking lot and Potential Sidewalks for Sports Complex  
Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Chris Hagen to approve Blake Burkle's Bid for a new parking lot and potential sidewalks at the sports complex. Motion carried unanimously.  
IX. Review and Consider Approving Youth Dugouts Plan from the Summer Recreation Board  
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the youth dugouts plan from the summer recreation board. Motion carried unanimously.  
X. Review and Information Only on Sports Complex

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Jay Marley gave an update on the sports complex.  
XI. Review and Consider Approving Graduates - Class of 2025  
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the Class of 2025 Graduates. Motion carried unanimously.  
XII. Review and Consider Approving Track Fund Raising with Milk House Candles  
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the Track Fund-raiser to sell Milk House Candles. Motion carried unanimously.  
XIII. Review and Information ONLY FY 2026 District Calendar  
Jay Marley shared information on the FY26 District Calendar.  
XIV. Review and Information ONLY Joint Meeting with Nashua-Plainfield / Tripoli Board President and Vice-President  
Jay Marley and Pat Lentz shared feedback on the join meeting with Tripoli's Board President and Vice-President.  
XV. Review and Consider Approving Potential Sharing of SBO with Tripoli  
Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Lara Lawrence to approve the potential sharing of the SBO position with Tripoli. Motion carried unanimously.  
XVI. Superintendent's Report  
Jay Marley shared his report with the board.  
XVII. Next Meeting Date 4/9/25 6:00 PM NPESP Negotiations Exempt Session  
XVIII. Adjourn  
Chris Hagen adjourned at 7:04 pm, seconded by Lara Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously.  
Ashley Ratliff SBO/Board Secretary  
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**CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**April 14, 2025**  
The Board convened on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 9:01 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinski, 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, Nashua Public Library Heather Hackman, Mary Rosanke, Dorothy Stanton Beyer, Alta Vista Library Crystal Griffen, Ionia Community Library India Watson, Public Health Board member Joan Knoll, Nancy Franzen, Bonnie Keller, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Gardiner Elizabeth A Thyer, C.P.A., Riverview Center Shiloh Green, Recorder Shirley Troyna, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Kathy Shekleton  
Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for April 14, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.  
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes for April 7, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.  
Public Comment: Nancy Franzen share her concerns about the Proposed Budget.  
Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to open Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County Budget at 9:11 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Carter, Hackman. Motion Carried.  
No written comment  
Public comment by: Joan Knoll, India Watson, Nancy Franzen, Mary Rosanke, and Dorothy Stanton Beyer  
Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Carter to close Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 County Budget at 9:32 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion Carried.  
Partner/Gardiner+Company, Elizabeth A Thyer, C.P.A. presented the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit Report.  
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Resolution# 04-14-25-16 ADOPTION OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 to receive comments regarding the proposed FY25-26 Budget of Expenditures and Revenues as was published, per Public Notice, in the April 3, 2025 and April 4, 2025 issues of the Official County newspapers, New Hampton Tribune and the Nashua Reporter, and was posted on the County's Official website www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov and presented at the public hearing on April 14, 2025. THEREFORE, The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY25-26 Budget as was presented and published. Budget certification attached and on file in the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office. PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2025. /ss/ Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Carter, Suckow, Hackman Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasaw-county.iowa.gov  
Motion by Breitbach, Cerwinski to approve RESOLUTION 04-14-25-17 WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors has not established a Chickasaw County Compensation Board. WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors met on December 3, 2024 recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Sections 331.905 and 331.907, and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:  
Elected Officials, Current Salary, Proposed Increase, Recommended Salary  
**Auditor**, \$74,521.92, \$2,235.66, 76,757.58  
**County Attorney**, \$125,291.02, \$10,023.28, \$135,314.30.  
**Recorder**, \$74,512.40, \$ 2,235.37, \$76,747.77  
**Sheriff**, \$102,604.81, \$5,130.24, \$107,735.05  
**Supervisors**, \$34,970.20, \$874.26, \$35,844.46  
**Treasurer**, \$74,512.40, \$2,235.37, \$76,747.77  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:  
Elected Officials, Current Salary, Proposed Income, Recommended Salary  
**Auditor**, \$74,521.92, \$2,235.66, 76,757.58  
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Approved on this 14th day of April 2025. /ss/ Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Hackman, Nay: Suckow. Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasaw-county.iowa.gov  
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to proclaim the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.  
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to allow EMS Director to advertise for EMT and Paramedic, full time

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## Prom set for May 3; concert is May 6

Nashua-Plainfield students will kick off a busy May on Saturday, May 3, when prom will be held.

The grand march is set for 6 p.m. at the high school gymnasium and is open to the public.

On Tuesday, May 6, the Spring Concert will be held — with the junior high students performing at 6 p.m. and the high school concert beginning at 7:30.

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**City of Nashua**  
The City Council of the City of NASHUA, Iowa, is considering a utility franchise fee for MidAmerican Energy for the sale and distribution of electric energy and natural gas within the city limits of the City.  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 364.2, subsection (4)(f) of the Code of Iowa, the City shall prepare a Revenue Purpose Statement outlining the purposes for which the City shall use the franchise fee revenues that will be received if the proposed franchise ordinances are adopted.  
The City Council of the City of NASHUA shall hold public hearings regarding any amendment to its electric and natural gas franchise ordinances prior to adoption of any amended franchise; and  
The Revenue Purpose Statement for the use or expenditure of electric and natural gas franchise fee revenues for the City of NASHUA, Iowa was approved at the April 21, 2025 council meeting.  
**REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 364.2 subsection (4)(f) of the Code of Iowa, the City of NASHUA hereby establishes the following purposes allowed under Iowa Code for which franchise fee revenues from its electric and natural gas franchises may be used or expended:  
a. Inspecting, supervising, and otherwise regulating each franchise approved by the City.  
b. The repair, remediation, res-

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**City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**City Hall**  
The Nashua City Council met in regular session on April 21, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger. Peggy Hall was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott and Water/Wastewater Supervisor Nick Henningsen were present along with 3 guests.  
Council member Willsher motioned to approve the regular agenda after removing 12(B) Action/Discussion estimate boat ramp repair and moving 12(E) Action/Discussion on vending machine at the welcome center to 12(A) Action/Discussion Welcome Center commissions and vendor checks. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent.  
Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting April 7, 2025 : Permits: Building: 61 Bayou Dr., 329 Lakeshore Dr., 723 Main St., 109 Saint Lawrence, and 102 Cedar Hill St.; Demolition/Excavation: 102 Cedar Hill St.; and the Consent Calendar Payment of Claims: (April 4-17, 2025) \$113,190.22 + \$10,435.18 (Wages) See Claims Report.  
General Fund:..... \$11,293.70  
Road Use:..... \$5,924.23  
Employee Benefit:..... \$68.02  
Dam Repair After FEMA: ... \$92,985.85  
Perm Funds Lib. Watson: ..... \$358.41  
Perm Funds Lib Berrier: ..... \$373.69  
Water:..... \$5,686.77  
Sewer:..... \$6,934.73  
Total Funds: ..... \$123,625.40  
J. Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda after moving 102 Cedar Hill St. Demolition/Excavation permit to the regular agenda. Zwanziger/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent.  
Mayor Kelleher asked for public comments: There were none.  
Hearings/Resolutions:  
J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to set a public hearing for May 5th for the first reading of Ordinance #359-25 merging the Nashua Area EMS and Nashua Volunteer Fire Departments. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent.  
Mayor Kelleher reminded the council of a public hearing scheduled for May 5th for the opening of the sealed bids for the sale of property at 1020 Greeley St. and the public hearing scheduled for May 5th for the 1st reading of Ordinance #360-25 Establishing a Gas and Electric Franchise Fee.  
Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to open the public hearing for the FY'26 Budget Adoption. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent. The public hearing was opened at 7:06PM. Mayor Kelleher asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent. The public hearing was closed at 7:07PM.  
Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 25-13 Resolution to Adopt the FY'26 Budget.

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| to put the sign design options on Facebook and put it up for a vote from the citizens. The winner from the people's input would be the sign that is used. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| City Clerk Ott informed the council that the dog issue at 609 Wentling St. #16 should be resolved because he has been informed that they have since moved out of town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to table approval of the final construction report from Shuck-Britson as they needed more time to read through it. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| S. Johnson motioned to end open session and go into closed session. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent. The meeting went into closed session at 7:58PM for discussion on the sewage spill. The reason the meeting went into closed session was 21.5(1)(C)of the Iowa Code to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. After Attorney Skilton provided an update to the council, S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S to end the closed session and resume open session. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent. The meeting resumed open session at 8:06PM. The council agreed with Attorney Skilton's recommendation. Attorney Skilton will try to set up an in-person meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| Other Business:<br>There was no other business.<br>S. Johnson/M to adjourn, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Hall absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.<br>Pending Approval by City Council<br>John Ott<br>CLAIMS REPORT (APRIL 4-17, 2025)<br>VENDOR REFERENCE .....AMOUNT<br>BAKER & TAYLOR, LIB-BOOKS .....<br>..... \$137.92<br>BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, LIB-PHONE EXP APR'25 .....<br>..... \$38.96<br>CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT, LIB-BOOKS .....<br>..... \$47.25<br>GORDON FLESCH COMPANY INC GFC, LIB- SUPPLIES .....<br>..... \$492.00<br>HEATHER M. HACKMAN LIB-REIMBURSE TRAVEL/SUPPLIES, .....<br>..... \$252.56<br>INGRAM, LIB-BOOKS/DVDS BERRIER .....<br>..... \$462.98<br>NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIB-PETTY CASH POSTAGE/SUPPLIE .....<br>..... \$52.12<br>POPULAR MECHANICS, LIB-SUB 1 YEAR .....<br>..... \$36.38<br>TASTE OF HOME, LIB-BOOKS\$39.98<br>THE FAMILY HANDYMAN, LIB-BOOK .....<br>..... \$39.98<br>WAVERLY NEWSPAPERS, LIB-PAPER SUB 1 YEAR .....<br>..... \$90.00<br>MELISSA BERENDS, TRAVEL-IRDC CONF 4/9-4/11 .....<br>..... \$539.06<br>BOOMERANG, DAM-CAP PROJ ARCHITECT/CONTRAT. ....<br>..... \$79,598.85<br>COURT REPORTERS OF IOWA, DAM-DWIGHT/DAN/MOODY/JOHN/MONS .....<br>..... \$5,756.25<br>DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, DENTAL INS MAY'25 .....<br>..... \$357.24<br>FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, FD-2-2.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| GAL DEF FLIUD .....<br>FLOYD CO. MEDICAL CENTER, AMB-RX MAR/APR'25 .....<br>\$50.00<br>HEARTLAND ASPHALT, INC., ST-COLD MIX 22.22 TON .....<br>\$3,074.45<br>IOWA MUN FINANCE OFF ASSOC, CH-IMFOA CONF CLERK CERT. ....<br>..... \$150.00<br>JED ROCK & LAND LLC, ST-1'RR/ PARK-LINE CHPS FIRERIN .....<br>..... \$345.82<br>MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC., SWR-TEST-RAW/EFF B&A&D-SIN .....<br>..... \$866.40<br>OTT, JOHN, IMFOA CONF 4/9-4/11 .....<br>..... \$644.40<br>S & T COLLISION, SWR-BATTERY FOR GENERATOR .....<br>..... \$224.95<br>SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, SWR-KEYPAD .....<br>..... \$169.99<br>SHUCK BRITSON, DAM-PROJ REPAIR - CONSULT .....<br>..... \$7,630.75<br>THE MILL, INC., PARK-GRASS SEED/VETS&CEDAR .....<br>..... \$175.00<br>USCELLULAR, WTR/SWR-CELL LINES APR&MAY'25 .....<br>..... \$332.66<br>WEDEKING ELECTRIC LLC, SWR-GENERATOR COOLANT HEATER .....<br>..... \$1,848.05<br>A SIMPLISTIC STATE, AMB-CLOTHING 12 RED SHIRTS .....<br>..... \$240.00<br>HAWKINS, INC., WA-CL CYLINDERS .....<br>..... \$60.00<br>SHEARMAN, SARAH, AMB-2 SHIRTS REIMBURSE .....<br>..... \$50.00<br>T & K TRACTOR REPAIR, FD-2008 IH PUMPER-TIRES/TANK .....<br>..... \$2,316.55<br>WAVERLY HEALTH CENTER, AMB-INTERCEPT 3/3/25 & NOV2024 .....<br>..... \$900.00<br>IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SWR SALES TAX MAR'25\$347.06<br>IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WET-SALES TAX MAR'25 .....<br>..... \$1,848.56<br>IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WC-SALES TAX MAR'25 \$150.63<br>IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT, FED/FICA TAX .....<br>..... \$3,196.01<br>TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX .....<br>..... \$352.43<br>CSG FORTE PAYMENTS, WTR/SWR-ACH BANK FEES MAR'25 \$65.75<br>TRIONFO SOLUTIONS, LLC, DEATH/DISABILITY APR'25 .....<br>..... \$178.65<br>Accounts Payable Total .....<br>..... \$113,190.22<br>Payroll Checks .....<br>..... \$10,435.18<br>***** REPORT TOTAL *****<br>.....<br>..... \$123,625.40<br>GENERAL FUND .....<br>..... \$11,293.70<br>ROAD USE .....<br>..... \$5,924.23<br>EMPLOYEE BENEFIT .....<br>..... \$68.02<br>DAM REPAIR-AFTER FEMA .....<br>..... \$92,985.85<br>PERM FUNDS-LIB WATSON \$358.41<br>PERM FUNDS-LIBRARY-BERRIE .....<br>..... \$373.69<br>WATER .....<br>..... \$5,686.77<br>SEWER .....<br>..... \$6,934.73<br>TOTAL FUNDS .....<br>..... \$123,625.40 |  |

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR & HOURS**  
**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
In accordance with Iowa Code 227.10, the Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing at which any and all interested persons may appear and file objection on the proposal for the 2025-2026 School Calendar.  
The public hearing will be held at the NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, JH/HS COMMONS, 612 GREELEY STREET, Nashua, Iowa. The time of the public hearing is hereby set at 6:00 p.m. (local time) on May 12, 2025.  
BY: ASHLEY RATLIFF BOARD SECRETARY

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# Huskies run to third at New Hampton meet

## GIRLS TRACK: FROM 8

week Thursday's run at the New Hampton Coed.

Huck – who now sports 1A's top time in the event – shattered (albeit barely) the Husky all-time mark in the open 200 with a clip of 26.19. That broke Jill Sinnwell's old mark of 26.2, which stood the test of time a quarter century and was accomplished back in 2000.

Huck has never run at state in the 200 dash. The Drake Relays does not offer the event to compete in. Huck is tied with English Valleys sophomore Ava Gehrkling for that top time in the open 200 according to the website Bound.

McCall talked about Huck's brilliant run in the event – which toppled Sinnwell's long-standing all-time best mark by just one-hundredth of a second.

“Kadence had an amazing run in the 200 dash. That was pretty cool to see her do her thing in that race,” said the N-P coach.

Would McCall give Huck a shot at running in her first ever state race in the 200 dash at the qualifier? One can only speculate as to what the Husky head coach's plans are on what she'll gun for to try to get down to Des Moines in attempt to snare N-P's second state title in girls track and field.

“At this time, we are unsure on what Kadence will be running in at districts. We will just keep focusing meet by meet and see what happens,” McCall stated.

N-P's last chance at running in the Drake Relays in the sprint medley also took place at New Hampton on Thursday and the Huskies came up just short of making the elite cut with a blue-ribbon time of 1:53.81. The squad of freshman Eva Foelske and Kelly Cerwinske, along with junior Jalissa White and Huck own the second-best clip in 1A in the event with a 1:52.47.

The Huskies also put together that same lineup to run in the distance medley for the first time at New Hampton on Thursday and they produced a winning run of 4:28.89, which stands as ninth-best in the small-school class.

“The distance medley had a good run at New Hampton. It was our first time running it with those four ladies. We have room for improvement within the race between splits and handoffs. We're excited to see the time drop for that event!” said McCall.

Huck ran the 200, 400 and 1,500 runs back at New Hampton on Monday during the Chickasaws' home invite and won all three events.

Huck – an eight-time state title holder in 1A – also currently has the top time in the 800 (2:15.46) in Class 1A.

She sports the second-fastest clips in the small-school class

in the 400 dash (56.98) and the 1,500 run (4:42.64).

N-P's sprint med – with that same aforementioned grouping – also cranked out a gold-medal run in the event on Monday with a 1:52.79.

Cerwinske is a key cog and contributor in the Husky track machine and she'll be counted on heavily at the qualifier. She's come on to the scene in a big way for the Huskies this season and PR'd in the open 400 behind Huck on Monday with a clip of 1:05.37, good for fifth place.

“Kelly has had an amazing season. These last two weeks she has had some great meets. We haven't had her run an open 400 yet, but knowing her splits and how well she does 400 hurdles – we knew it would be a great time and that it was,” McCall said.

Cerwinske also leaped a lifetime best of 14-6.5 in the long jump on Thursday. She placed fifth in that event.

“We're just very proud of her and excited to see what she continues to do the rest of the season. Her PRs are a true testament of how hard she works,” said McCall.

Another N-P standout freshman – Emeri McCumber – cleared 4-8 in the high jump on Monday. That was another PR and enabled her to finish second in the event. Manuela Jimenez, a junior, finished third in the event with a leap over the bar of 4-6.

N-P – the two-time defending state runner-up in Class 1A – placed third at the NH Invite on Monday with 106 points. The Huskies competed to a sixth-place showing at the NH Coed on Thursday with 54 points.

### NEW HAMPTON COED INVITE TEAM SCORES

Crestwood 116, New Hampton 103, Waukon 91, Sumner-Fredericksburg 86, North Fayette Valley 72, Nashua-Plainfield 54, Tripoli 32, Turkey Valley 28.

### NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

Sprint medley - 1. Eva Foelske, Jalissa White, Kelly Cerwinske, Kadence Huck 1:53.81.

3,000 run - 5. Emma Hinders 13:43.32, 7. Bailey Bond 19:31.07.

4x800 - 6. Amberley Gerholdt, Rachel Paplow, Victorious Mirembe, Emeri McCumber 13:08.67.

Shuttle hurdle - 5. Abi Schmitt, Adley Gerholdt, Manuela Jimenez, Marleigh Lowe 1:23.55.

100 dash - 14. Schmitt 16.17, 15. Nia Jackson 16.53.

Distance medley - 1. Foelske, White, Cerwinske, Huck 4:28.89.

400 dash - 6. Jimenez 1:08.99, 9. McCumber 1:12.6.

4x200 - 7. Schmitt, Am. Gerholdt, Mirembe, Jackson 2:18.01.

100 hurdles - 11. Lowe 19.88, 13. Paplow 21.75.

800 run - 9. Hinders 3:01.82, 14. Ad. Gerholdt 4:04.

200 dash - 1. Huck 26.19, 10. White 30.71.

400 hurdles - 4. Cerwinske 1:18.9, 1,500 - 11. Bond 8:59.21.

4x100 (Weightwoman's) - 4. Klaire Marshall, Kamryn Zimmer, Eden Lamborn, Jennifer McLeland 1:31.22.

4x100 - 7. Lowe, Foelske, White, Huck 56.51, 13. Jackson, Mirembe, Brooke Russel, Chloe Fundermann

1:05.22.

4x400 - 6. Am. Gerholdt, Ad. Gerholdt, Paplow, McCumber 5:35.97.

High jump - 2. McCumber 4-6, 4. Jimenez 4-6.

Long jump - 5. Cerwinske 14-6.5, 6. Foelske 13-6.

Discus - 8. Lamborn 90-6, 11. Marshall 75-2.

Shot put - 11. Lamborn 29-1, 15. Fundermann 26-3.

### NEW HAMPTON INVITE TEAM SCORES

New Hampton 173, Wapsie Valley 134, Nashua-Plainfield 106, Central Elkader 63, Osage 61, Turkey Valley 33, MFL MarMac 0.

### NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

Sprint medley - 1. Foelske, White, Cerwinske, Huck 1:52.79.

3,000 run - 4. Hinders 13:41.46, 5. Bond 19:52.68.

4x800 - 3. McCumber, Am. Gerholdt, Paplow, Jade Maia-Gicquel 12:24.01.

Shuttle hurdle - 4. Schmitt, Ad. Gerholdt, Jimenez, Lowe 1:23.62.

100 dash - 6. White 14.68, 13. Jackson 16.93.

Distance medley - 6. Lowe, Ad. Gerholdt, Am. Gerholdt, McCumber 5:48.29.

400 dash - 1. Huck 1:00.25, 2. Cerwinske 1:05.37, 7. Russel 1:17.35.

4x200 - 2. Lowe, Foelske, White, Jimenez 2:01.6.

100 hurdles - 9. Paplow 21.44, 10. Ad. Gerholdt 22.49.

800 run - 5. Hinders 2:56.83, 6. Bond 4:15.85.

200 dash - 1. Huck 26.66, 7. White 29.41.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

**Nashua-Plainfield's Kelly Cerwinske hands the baton to Kadence Huck in the sprint medley relay during a coed meet in New Hampton last week.**

400 hurdles - 4. Cerwinske

1:18.17.

400 dash - 4. Cerwinske 1:18.17,

5. Jimenez 1:18.27.

1,500 run - 1. Huck 4:58.74, 9.

Hinders 6:30.6.

4x100 (Weightwoman's) - 3.

Marshall, Fundermann, Russel,

McLeland 1:13.53.

4x100 - 5. Schmitt, Am. Gerholdt,

Jackson, Ad. Gerholdt 1:02.24.

4x400 - 5. Foelske, McCumber,

Paplow, Lowe 5:00.53.

Long jump - 2. Cerwinske 13-4.5,

6. Foelske 12-8.25.

High jump - 2. McCumber 4-8, 3.

Jimenez 4-6.

Discus - 5. Lamborn 82, 9.

Marshall 69.

Shot put - 7. Lamborn 28, 9.

Fundermann 25-4.

### JV RESULTS

100 dash - 3. Russel 16.47, 7.

McLeland 24.89.

200 dash - 6. Schmitt 35.05, 7.

Jackson 35.64.

Discus - 3. Feldman 66-9, 7.

Zimmer 54-8.

Shot put - 4. Zimmer 20-6, Aylanna

Wagner 19-1.

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**Nashua-Plainfield's Paisley McCain looks over the green before putting in a meet earlier this month.**

## McCain entrenches herself as Nashua-Plainfield's 'No. 3'

## GIRLS GOLF: FROM 8

she should be lower but I like the way she's playing right now."

And McCain is quietly putting together a season in which she has entrenched herself as the Huskies' "No. 3."

"I think we can get Paisley into the 40s, and she thinks she can get there, too," Trost said. "She's done a really nice job with her game, and I know she'll keep working at it."

What the Huskies are hoping for is that they can find a fourth golfer to find her way into the mid-50s. O'Neill, Kirk and (Natalie) Feldman have all had their moments thus far this season, but it's a matter, as Trost puts it, "of putting a whole round together. ...

"I do think they have the potential to get there. I think we've been pretty good so far, but if we get our fourth in the mid-50s, we're going to have a really good golf team."

### THURSDAY TRIANGULAR AT NASHUA

Nashua-Plainfield 194, West Fork 208, Northwood-Kensett 280.

Medalist: Paige Franzen (NP) 41.

Nashua-Plainfield scores: P. Franzen 41, Faith Franzen 44,

Paisley McCain 50, Elayna O'Neill 59, Ava Kirk 69, Natalie Feldman 72.

### TUESDAY TRIANGULAR AT NASHUA

Nashua-Plainfield 198, North Butler 202, Central Springs 271.

Medalist: P. Franzen (NP) 43. -

one shot over Zoey Thompson and Amelia Thompson

Nashua-Plainfield scores: P. Franzen 43, F. Franzen 45, McCain

50, O'Neill 60, Kirk 60, Feldman 64.



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**N-P's Braeden Mitchell (above) breaks from the starting line in the 4x800 relay at the New Hampton Coed last week Thursday and the Huskies' Luke Paplow (below) takes the baton in the same event from Brexton Bird.**

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chances, but that's not to say it didn't take a Herculean effort to vault on through to Drake.

"I think the wind helped a little bit, for sure," said Kalainoff. "I don't think it was my best throw ever, but I moved well and had a good release on it. That's really all I needed."

Kalainoff's third throw went 163 feet. He ended up placing second at the Comet Coed Relays in Charles City this past Monday with a toss of 147-8.

Kalainoff has a shot to run at state in several events later next month, just like he did as a freshman in the 4x800. But he got injured in football his sophomore year and was lost for the year. That meant he had to rehab his injured foot and it also gave him time to focus on the discus.

Kalainoff gave credit to N-P junior Matthew Malven, who he has dubbed the "disc guru." Malven runs on the track team and also stars on the basketball court and baseball diamond for the Huskies. He's also apparently a pretty good coach as well.

"On the weekends, when I go practice, he comes and videos me and helps me," said Kalainoff.

Kalainoff also gave props to Husky assistant Jay Connor for his success in the discus. Connor is head coach Chase Sudol's main teacher of the N-P field events. Connor excelled in the high jump back in the 80s.

"I think just working with Jay (Connor) and Matt, I kind of figured things out yesterday at practice from what we saw on video from me throwing on Tuesday," said Kalainoff.

The Tuesday Kalainoff is referring to happened at the N-P Coed two days earlier on Tuesday, April 15 when that pesky and sometimes detrimental wind severely limited Kalainoff's toss in the event. He threw just over 131 feet, which was a first-place toss nonetheless.

Kalainoff talked about honing in on what he needs to do to achieve his lofty goals in the discus.

"It was just my rotation – how my legs were moving," said Kalainoff. "I was just trying to clean everything up and stay balanced."

Kalainoff, according to Sudol, is the first Husky boys athlete to compete at Drake in quite some time and the first in the discus. "I think Chase said I'd be the first one," said Kalainoff.

Sudol has just four seniors on his large roster (40-plus athletes), but two of them are making tremendous strides in their long-distance races. While they may be longshots to crack state, they're going out in style in some of the last races you'll see them wear the Husky uniform.

N-P seniors Caleb Sinnwell and Luke Paplow have registered multiple career bests in their marquee events – the mile and two-mile runs.

Their feeding off one another and fueling their desire to become the best they can possibly be.

"I'm not too happy with where my times are right now," said Sinnwell on Thursday at New Hampton prior to him achieving his career-best run in the two-mile run at Charles City earlier this week. "No matter what I run I don't really seem to improve, but I know where I need to improve. If I keep working at it where I need to improve, I'll eventually get there."

## Nic Brase hits 25-straight at Echo Valley for Huskies

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shooters for the runner-up individual spot on the leaderboard. Demro won the shoot-off with a 24 round out of 25 targets versus New Hampton's Wyatt Schwickerath (49-18), South Winneshiek's Kashten Kuennen (49-17) and the Chickasaws' Jackson Kellogg (49-16).

N-P's No. 1 squad placed fifth at the tournament and saw freshmen Maverick Sinnwell and Hunter Brase each fire rounds of 45.

N-P senior Nic Brase, shoot-off for Charles City's No. 1 team, fired a 47.

N-P competed at Echo Valley on Wednesday and came away

with a 226. Nic Brase and CC1 notched an impressive team total of 231.

Nic Brase hit a 25-straight at Echo Valley and wound up individual runner-up with a 47. Charles City's Kyler Eskildsen won the meet with a 48.

Hunter Brase and Lane Barlow each fired 46s at Echo Valley, while Maverick Sinnwell (45) and Tate Demro (44) rounded out the Husky scoring.

The Huskies traveled to Turkey Valley this past Monday but results were not available to the Reporter.

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**TOP-THREE GIRLS**

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Blickenderfer (CC) 48-14, Danielle Ellingson (NH) 46.

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS**

NP1 (223) - Barlow 50, Demro 49, Corbin Johnson 34, Maverick Sinnwell 45, Hunter Brase 45. CC1 (221) - Blickenderfer 48, Hunter Boehmer 42, Cole Jones 41, Everett Schmitt 43, Nic Brase 47.

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## Huskies are certainly 'prepared' for the wind

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something," Trost said. "We had our best round of the year, a 38 helps obviously, so I'll take it."

It helped that the Huskies finally got a chance to play is relatively calm conditions.

The norm this season has been the conditions the Huskies saw last Thursday, when they shot a 192 during a home triangular that was played with what seemed like gale-force winds.

Glaser led the Huskies with a 45, Blanchard had a 48, Lindeland finished with a 49 and Kolbie Vance rounded out the counting scores with a 50.

The wind, though, was the story. Then again, that seems to be the one constant this season.

"If it's windy [in the post-season] meets, we're going to be prepared – very, very prepared," Trost said with a laugh, but he turned serious and said windy conditions present huge challenges to golfers. "It not only affects every shot – into the wind, with the wind – but really, I think the biggest thing is you just never get a chance to relax. It's hard to keep the cart upright, it's tough to walk in, it's just always there. Mentally, it's a huge challenge."

So he and his golfers are hoping for more days like Tuesday.

"We've seen enough wind for two or three seasons," Trost said, "but I think our kids have handled it pretty well. They deserve a calm day or two, though."

Nashua-Plainfield played at Manly on Thursday and then head to Sheffield for a meet on Monday as the regular season is fast nearing its end. Two weeks from Monday, the Huskies host the Top of Iowa Conference East Division meet.

"It's flying by," Trost said, "and for our boys, we're just looking for that consistency. That's been the story with these guys forever, but hopefully we can find that and keep improving."

**THURSDAY TRIANGULAR AT NASHUA**

Northwood-Kensett 185, West Fork 185, Nashua-Plainfield 192.

Medalist: Caden Helgeson (NK) 39.

Nashua-Plainfield scores: Dawson Glaser 45, Devon Blanchard 48, William Lindeland 49, Kolbie Vance 50, Tyler Zimmer 51, Cal Levi 54.

JV scores: Jackson Mehmen 47, Ethan Franzen 56.

**TUESDAY TRIANGULAR AT NASHUA**

North Butler 178, Nashua-Plainfield 178, Central Springs 207.

Medalist: Blanchard (NP) 38.

Nashua-Plainfield scores: Blanchard 38, Glaser 45, Zimmer 47, Lindeland 48, Levi 52, Vance 53.

JV scores: Franzen 47, Kaden McMichael 48.



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**Nashua-Plainfield's William Lindeland intently watches his putt roll toward the hole during a meet played earlier this month at the Nashua Town and Country Club.**

### On Tap for Our N-P Huskies

**FRIDAY**

Boys track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, discus at 8:30 a.m.

Girls golf vs. Grundy Center and Crestwood, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Girls track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, 800 at 1:40 p.m. and 400 at 5:28 p.m.

Boys track at North Butler Bearcat Relays, 4:30 p.m.

Girls track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, 1,500 at 4:14 p.m.

**MONDAY**

Golf vs. Osage and West Fork, Ridge Stone Golf Club, Sheffield, 4:15 p.m.

Track at Sumner-Frederickburg Coed, 4:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

JV boys golf at West Fork tournament, 4:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

Golf vs. Rockford and St. Ansgar, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Boys track at Dike-New Hartford Invitational, 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

Girls track at North Butler Bearcat Relays, 4:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 5**

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Nashua-Plainfield's Eli Kalainoff (above) uncorks his school-record and Drake Relays-qualifying throw in the discus while teammate Landon Foelske (below) gets out of the blocks at last week's meet in New Hampton.

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# DRAKE-WORTHY DISCUS FLING!

KALAINOFF'S DISCUS SCHOOL RECORD HIGHLIGHTS SOLID WEEK FOR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD BOYS

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
Of the Reporter

Was it the throw of a lifetime?  
Probably not, because if you know Eli Kalainoff, he's got plenty of gas left in the tank.  
It only takes one and Kalainoff got that and then some last week Thursday in New Hampton.  
The Nashua-Plainfield junior standout athlete cranked up the volume and hit this one out of the park.  
On his first discus toss of the day at the New Hampton Coed, Kalainoff blasted off with a school-record heave of 167 feet.  
That would be all it would take to qualify for the vaunted and prestigious Drake Relays this week, where Kalainoff will gun for a medal amongst all classes in the state at 8:30 a.m. today (Friday) over by the disc throwing pit near Drake Stadium in Des Moines.  
"It feels good, for sure, but the job's not finished. I still want to go place at Drake and win state," said Kalainoff after his all-time best toss. "It's a good milestone to hit on the way."



That monumental throw broke his own school record he set last year, when he placed ninth at the Class 1A state meet. The game-changing throw also stands as the top throw as of Thursday afternoon in the small-school class and is 13th-best overall in all four classes.  
How did Kalainoff get it done in his masterful effort in the field event?  
He won't lie, a brisk wind didn't hurt his

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# Husky girls continue to find 'big outcomes'

N-P coach says her 'ladies are doing well'

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
Of the Reporter

Believe it or not, there's less than three weeks left before the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies will run at the state qualifier later next month.  
The state released those district/regional qualifying sites earlier this week and N-P is off to familiar territory as they'll look to advance on to state at Northwood – a host location that the Huskies will have competed at three times in the past five seasons.  
That state qualifier is set for Thursday, May 15.  
"I feel like the ladies are doing well this far in the season. Track and field goes so fast. It is insane there are three weeks until districts. They continue to work hard and we keep focusing on the little things that equal to big outcomes," said N-P head coach Amber McCall.  
As far as 'big outcomes' go, N-P has achieved plenty of them so far this spring with the possibility of even larger rewards still yet to be attained.  
One of the most-watched and sought-after meets to attend or compete in – the Drake Relays – is already underway down in Des Moines and N-P senior Kadence Huck will make one last jaunt around the famed blue oval at Drake Stadium on the prep level before the state meet rolls around.



Nashua-Plainfield's Marleigh Lowe (above) runs her leg of the shuttle hurdle relay while teammate Manuela Jimenez clears the bar in the high jump at a meet in New Hampton last week.

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Huck – a generational athlete and arguably a once-in-a-lifetime such runner at N-P – is slated to strut her stuff at Drake in the 800 run at 1:40 p.m. today (Friday) and later in the evening in the 400 dash at 5:28 p.m. Then the five-time Drake Relays medalist will compete in the 1,500 run on Saturday at a start time slated at 4:14. p.m.  
Huck – bearer of almost every school record in track and field in her marquee events – added one to the list after last

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# It's another busy week for Husky trapshooters

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
Of the Reporter

Lane Barlow could not miss for the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies on Saturday in Fredericksburg.  
The N-P freshman, who shoots for the Charles City/Nashua-Plainfield/RRMR trapshooting squad, fired a perfect 50 at the New Hampton Invite, held at the Sportsman's Club Boyd in Fredericksburg and hosted by the Chickasaws and head coach Jay Matthews.  
Barlow beat out his freshman teammate Tate Demro by just one shot. Demro shot a sizzling 49 and outlasted three other



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Nashua-Plainfield's Nic Brase fires a shot during a recent trapshooting meet at the Nashua Fish and Game Club.

# N-P girls claim triangular titles

Franzens, McCain settle into top three spots; Huskies look for the fourth 'scorer' to emerge

By BOB FENSKE  
Of the Reporter

As it hits the home stretch of the regular season, Nashua-Plainfield's girls golf team is three-fourths of the way there.  
And coach Jeff Trost believes the Huskies, who claimed two triangular wins this past week, are on the right track to make another deep postseason run.  
"We need to find a consistent fourth, but I like the progress we're making," Trost said after the Huskies fired a 194 last Thursday and then finished with a 198 on Tuesday. "I think you can ask any of our girls, and they will tell you that they know we can lower that team score. That's the goal as we move forward, and you know, it's kind of from conference and regionals."  
Indeed, the Top of Iowa Conference East Division meet, which will be played at the Pioneer Town and Country Club in Manly, is just two weeks from Monday and the first round of the regional tournament will be played four days after conference.

The Huskies' 194 last

Thursday was especially impressive because that triangular was played at a, to put it mildly, a wind-swept Nashua Town and County Club.  
Paige Franzen won medalist honors with a 41 while Faith Franzen finished with a 44. Paisley McCain fired a 50, and Elayna O'Neill rounded out the scorers with a 59.  
Five days later, Paige Franzen again won medalist honors as she finished with a 43 to beat North Butler's Zoey and Amelia Thompson by one stroke. Faith Franzen had another solid round with a 45, and McCain matched her Thursday round with another 50. O'Neill and Ava Kirk rounded out the scorers for the Huskies with 60s.  
"Paige was solid, and even though anyone who knows Paige knows she wants to be lower, she's putting together a good season," Trost said. "Faith has really been consistent this year, and you know, a lot of it is that she was battling injuries the last couple of seasons. She's a perfectionist – both the Franzens are – so she thinks

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Paige Franzen (above) watches her putt head toward the hole while Dawson Glaser (below) chips his ball onto the green during a meet earlier this month.



# Pars matter as N-P's Blanchard is medalist

Husky takes advantage of calm conditions to fire a 38 as Huskies take second at home

By BOB FENSKE  
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield coach Jeff Trost has been around the game long enough to know that when it comes to high school golf, pars are golden.  
"I've said it for years, but with high school golf, pars are the game," Trost said. "You string pars together, you've got something going."  
Exhibit A is the round the Huskies' Devon Blanchard put together on Tuesday night as the junior put together a career-low round of 38, and he did so without the benefit of a birdie. But the five pars and three bogeys he recorded as he made his way around the Nashua Town and Country Club produced a four-shot victory over North Butler's Nolan Ressler and Carter Backer for medalist honors.  
"He told me he had a lot of easy par putts," Trost said,

"and honestly, when you look at his round, he pretty much two-putted every green and for a kid like Devon, that's going to lead to a good score. And 38's a really nice score for him."  
And it was almost enough to give the Huskies their first victory of the year in a multi-team meet. Nashua-Plainfield tied North Butler atop the triangular that also included Central Springs with a 178, but officially, the Bearcats claimed the meet with a lower fifth score.  
In high school golf, the low four scores "count" but if there is a tie, the fifth score for each team is the tiebreaker. The Huskies got a 45 from Dawson Glaser, a 47 from Tyler Zimmer and a 48 from William Lindeland for their counting scores.  
"It's a good reminder for our kids – both the boys and the girls – that every score means

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