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Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck is all smiles as the Husky senior makes history as she wins the 800-meter run at the Drake Relays last Friday.

REALIZING THE DRAKE DREAM!

HUCK BECOMES FIRST NASHUA-PLAINFIELD ATHLETE TO CLAIM TITLE AT IOWA'S BIGGEST TRACK AND FIELD MEET

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

About the only thing missing from the storied career of Kadence Huck was a Drake Relays flag. It isn't missing anymore as the superlative senior ran to a career-best time and a victory in the 800-meter run last Friday afternoon at

what is arguably the most important track meet in the state of Iowa. "The goal was to win one Drake flag," Huck said, "and I told myself before the 800 that 'it's your race' and I got out fast." Did she ever. And she didn't slow down either as she covered the two laps on the famed "Blue Oval" in 2:10.51 to

beat runner-up Grace Boleyn to the finish line by more than a second. As she crossed the finish line, Huck wore a big smile and was handed that flag given to every Drake Relays champion. "It definitely is special because not a lot of people have them obviously," Huck said. "It's been a goal I've been working on for a while

so to be able to finally hold it in my hand and get it, I mean I was smiling as I crossed the finish line. It was definitely special, definitely cool." The win was the first-ever for a Nashua-Plainfield athlete at the relays where, unlike the state meet, **SEE HUCK, 7**

Organizer puts the final touches on memorial bench ceremony

Fallen Plainfield officer will be honored during the May 10 event

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Retired Chickasaw County Sheriff's Deputy Doug Strike is looking forward to the memorial bench dedication ceremony that will take place a week from this Saturday, May 10, in Plainfield. He also wishes the event did not need to happen. "It's a sad thing that you have to do it," he said of the ceremony that will be held to dedicate the bench in memory of William L. Meadows, a Plainfield police officer who died in the line of duty on Jan 23, 1961. "He gave his life for the community, and his memory needs to be kept alive. It's important and I hope we get a good turnout." Meadows was responding to a reported break-in at the packing plant when he was shot to death by one of the two suspected robbers. The two men were never apprehended, and the murder of Plainfield's town marshal remains an open case. "I remember when it happened," Strike said, "and it's still a gut punch to think about it. Bill Meadows was a good man who did a lot of good" **SEE DEDICATION, 4**

Supervisors acknowledge 'end of employment,' OK contract for EMS director

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors may have wrapped up its work on the county's budget and tax levy on April 14, but board members on Monday were still dealing with the residue from budget decisions they made when they voted to certify the budget and tax levy two weeks before. Board members acknowledged the "end of employment" for employees whose positions were eliminated during the months-long budgeting process and also acknowledged the "change of status" for the county's environmental health director, whose position was reduced from 35 hours to 30 hours a week. The budget supervisors certified called for the elimination of a position in three departments — the Auditor's Office, the Treasurer's Office and the Sheriff's Office — while the Board of Health, after seeing its proposed budget cut by more than \$350,000 — voted to eliminate three positions. The Auditor's Office had an employee resign in March while supervisors accepted the resignation of dispatcher/jailer Jamie Eckwall on Monday, and supervisors told Sheriff Ryan Shawver that he would not have to go through with the proposed layoff in his office. **SEE SUPERVISORS, 3**

Prom grand march is set for Saturday evening

Gone will be the sweats and t-shirts, replaced by tuxedos and dresses. That's because Nashua-Plainfield High School will celebrate prom this weekend, and the public is invited to attend to see our kids in a whole different light, at least when it comes to clothes. The march begins at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium and doors to the gym will open at 6:30.



Nashua-Plainfield's National History Day qualifiers include (front row, from left) Titus Cerwinske, Jackson Mehmen, Callahan Levi, Kadence Huck, Paige Franzen, Elexa O'Neill, Ava Kirk, (back row) Alexis Folkerts, Warner Huck, Emilie O'Neill, Braylynn Brase, Mykah Hall, Ellie Sudol and Elizabeth Kalvig.

It's a record-setting day for N-P's history stars

Nashua-Plainfield has 14 students, six projects qualify for national contest, claims five 'special' awards

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

When it comes to Nashua-Plainfield's powerhouse National History Day program, the storylines seem almost infinite. From having defending nation-

al champions to a trio of seniors making their last run together as a team to switching categories to a plethora of hard-working junior high students, it's a lot to digest. And while we know we can't get to all of them in just one story, here's the key takeaway: Nashua-

Plainfield had itself a banner — one could even say record-setting — day at the state contest that was held on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames on Monday. Six Nashua-Plainfield projects put together by 14 students earned either first- or second-place fin-

ishes to qualify for next month's national contest that will be held on the campus of the University of Maryland in suburban Washington, D.C. Nashua-Plainfield also earned **SEE HISTORY DAY, 2**

Nashua-Plainfield students shine at National History Day state contest

HISTORY DAY: FROM 1

five special awards during the state contest.

"This was another banner year for N-P National History Day with a record 14 students qualifying for the national contest," said Suzy Turner, the school's National History Day advisor who is retiring at the end of the school year.

"The fact we had the most national qualifying projects of any school in the state this year is a real testament to the kids and the many hours of evening and weekend work they put in to make their projects stand out."

Four projects earned state championships, and they included:

- The junior group website by Lexy Folkerts and Warner Huck titled ""The Love Canal Disaster: A Toxic Tale of Citizen Rights and Social Responsibility."
- The senior group website by defending national champions Ava Kirk and Elexa O'Neill titled "Robert Ray's Humanitarian Hope: Responsibility for Rights and Refugee Resettlement."
- The senior group documentary by Cal Levi, Kadence Huck and Paige Franzen titled "How Discrimination Feels: Jane Elliot's Eye-Opening Exercise on Rights, Responsibility, and Racism"



Photos courtesy of Suzy Turner

The 22-student strong Nashua-Plainfield contingent poses for a group picture at the National History Day state contest that was held on Monday at Iowa State University.

- The senior individual website by Jackson Mehmen titled "The Iowa Cow War: Moo'ving the Neele of Justice to Balance Farmers' Rights and Public Health Responsibilities."

Two more projects placed second and earned trips to D.C., including:

- The junior group website by Braylynn Brase, Mykah Hall, Elizabeth Kalvig, Ellie Sudol, Emilie O'Neill titled "Don't Tinker With My Rights: The Case for School Responsibility and Student First Amendment Rights."

- The senior individual website by Titus Cerwinski "The Orphan Train: Railing to Reform Children's Rights Through Societal Responsibility."

"It couldn't have gone better," Turner said. "We had six finalist projects and all six made it. That doesn't happen that often. I'm just very proud of all of our kids — the ones that advanced and the ones that didn't — because I know how hard they worked on their projects."

The Nashua-Plainfield contingent also claimed a hefty haul of awards as Mehmen claimed the Agriculture and Rural History Award, Kirk and O'Neill won the Iowa History Award and Franzen was awarded the \$1,000 Obermann-Beck College Scholarship. And the junior group website put together by Lydia Chester, Ronan Bond, Cooper Mitchell and Mia Schmitt claimed the Iowa History Award while the senior paper of Connor Sullivan won the Military History Award.

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This marks the sixth consecutive year that Franzen, Huck and Levi have collaborated on a project, and they're heading to the national contest for a fifth consecutive year.

Sure, Huck said, they've experienced some difficulties along the way, "but we've also created countless memories ... and shared lots of snacks."

The trio is feeling a bit nostalgic these days; after all, they've spent countless hours working on projects together.

"It hit me that this is our last trip," Franzen said. "As seniors and five-time national qualifiers, it makes it that more special to finish on the big stage. ... I will miss it."

So, too, will Levi.

"It's been beyond fun," he said, "and I have the best teammates in the world. To end it at nationals, it's perfect."

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There are more stories, but sooner or later, this particular story must end.

There's Mehmen, who made nationals as a junior high student and didn't skip a beat moving into the senior division this year.

There's Cerwinski, who made nationals a year ago in the performing division and then switched gears to build a website this year. Different category; same result — a trip to nationals.

There's the plethora of junior high students, many who were assigned a NHD project as part of Turner's talented and gifted curriculum but have grown to love the camaraderie that comes with the program.

And they're not done just yet.

The national qualifiers have a couple of weeks to improve their project before submitting them to the national judges. And, of course, there's the trip to Washington in June.

The key to NHD is this: Students get a chance to explore the history that interests them. And they have a blast doing it.

"You get to hang out with friends," Mehmen said when asked what makes NHD fun, "and make new friends statewide, and even nationally. That's the best part."

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Among the special awards Nashua-Plainfield received are the Military History Award that was given to Connor Sullivan (left) and the Iowa Resource Award (above) that went to Lydia Chester, Mia Schmitt, Ronan Bond and Cooper Mitchell.

We were prepared, but Mother Nature delivered a dud

After days of talk about the potential of severe storms, not much happened in and around Chickasaw County Monday night

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

At the very least, we got a pretty cool lightning show out of the deal, but all the talk about the severe weather that was going to hit in and around Chickasaw County Monday was just that — talk.

But we were prepared at least.

From emergency agencies making sure plenty of folks were on standby to schools calling off virtually all sporting activities, Mother Nature delivered a whimper instead of a wallop.

Yes, the lightning that could be seen

northwest of Nashua around 10 Monday night was, in a word, spectacular, but the county's second largest city got just .06 inches of rain.

Hey, after what had been a rainy month, we needed the break.

Nashua recorded 5.24 inches of rain during April, almost an inch and a half more than it usually receives during the month.

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

The latest Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report that was released by the

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service last Monday showed that about 14 percent of corn and 12 percent of soybeans had been planted in the Northeast District that includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties. The numbers aren't much better — 23 percent of corn and 12 percent of soybeans — in the North Central District that includes Butler and Floyd counties.

The good news is that after Thursday's rainfall, forecasters say we will dry out and warm up.

Temperatures are forecast to be in the 70s for much of next week and there's little rain expected.

History Day students seeking donations for national contest

The good news is that Nashua-Plainfield's National History Day program qualified a school-record 14 students for next month's national contest.

The challenging news is that the organization faces a big bill to get all those students and projects out to the University of Maryland, where the contest takes place.

NHD advisor Suzy Turner said the national registration fees, lodging and flights will total about \$1,300 per student, and as a result, Turner and her students are seeking donation.

Checks from organizations, businesses and individuals can be made payable to "N-P National History Day" and sent to Turner at the high school.

"This is always the tough part, but we want to make sure all our kids get the opportunity to participate," Turner said. "We appreciate the support we get from our communities."

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Wesley Lewis Hicok, 39

Wesley Lewis Hicok, age 39, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Wes was born on January 17, 1986, at the Floyd County Hospital in Charles City, the son of Wayne Hicok and Julia Parker Petersen.

He was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Fredericksburg and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran-Western Douglas.

He graduated with honors from Tripoli High School in 2004, where he was active in band, National Honor Society, All-State Choir and participated in the high school musicals.

After high school, Wes worked as a camp counselor at the YMCA in Anchorage, Alaska.

In 2006, he started working for the Bremer County Auditor's Office, where he later became deputy auditor. While working for Bremer County he was elected mayor of Frederika in 2013. For the last nine years Wes had been working with the Iowa Secretary of State's office becoming director of elections in the fall of 2023. He was certified as a certified elections/registration administrator in 2021.

Wes was a talented musician, enjoyed golfing and watching sports. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, the Miami Dolphins and was a huge follower of Iowa Hawkeyes football.

He had a special connection with his friends, enjoying the vacations they took together. He especially enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews along with heckling his siblings.

Wes is survived by his parents, Wayne and Carol Hicok of Nashua and Julia and Don Petersen of Frederika; his grandfather, Eldon Parker of Center



Wes Hicok

Point; his brother and sisters, Brent (Amanda) Petersen of Waverly, Luke (Nicole) Hicok of Frederika, Bethany Petersen of Nashville, Tennessee, Kara (Matt) Rosenbaum of Ionia, Tyler (Kristin) Hicok of Plainfield, Tyler (Joshua) Klobassa of Ankeny, and Kevin (Natalie) Klobassa of Ventura; and his 13 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Gerald and Georgie Hicok, Mary Ann Parker, Marvin and Doris Fisher, and Arthur and Elnora Petersen; along with many aunts and uncles.

A visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly and will continue for one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025, at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua with Pastor Todd Burrichter officiating.

Burial will be held in Greenwood Cemetery in Nashua. The service will be livestreamed on the St. John Lutheran Church's YouTube page at stjohnlutherannashua.

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

N-P students to perform concerts next week; seniors running out of days

The Nashua-Plainfield Music Department will present its Spring Concerts this Tuesday at the high school gymnasium.

The junior high concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the high school concert is set to start at 7:30 p.m.

The concerts are another sure sign that the end of the school year is fast approaching, and for high school seniors, next week will be the last full week of their high school academic careers.

Seniors will have their last day of classes on Wednesday, May 14, and an optional Baccalaureate service will be held at 6:30 that night in the gym and be followed by Senior Awards Night.

Graduating students are reminded that there is no limit to the number of guests they have at commencement but that each senior will receive only six "floor" tickets.

Nashua-Plainfield's commencement ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 18 in the gymnasium.

The final day of classes for all other students will be Friday, May 23, when students will have a three-hour early dismissal.

Supervisor expresses frustration with Board of Health severance

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

At least one supervisor expressed his disappointment that in addition to the extra month of insurance the county agreed to give the laid-off employees, the Board of Health voted to give two of its employees \$500 for each year of service as part of a severance package.

"I'm just going to state that I don't think this is right," Supervisor Travis Suckow said, "because the other ones aren't getting the same thing."

Although it appeared his fellow board members were in agreement, Board Chairman Jake Hackman said that the Board of Health is a so-called autonomous board.

"It's their Board of Health," he said. "We're just acknowledging what they did for payroll reasons."

Also on Monday, supervisors approved a new one-year contract for Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson. The new contract that goes into effect on July 1 will not come with a salary increase for the director.

"I think the status quo is fine with me," said Knutson, whose current salary is \$80,000 per year.

"I expressed it during my review that I wouldn't be seeking a wage increase, just with the budgetary constraints the county is going through. I, myself, would feel better about staying at the same wage."

The lone change in the contract is the fact that the board will no longer have to adhere to a March 31 deadline when it comes to conducting Knutson's job-performance review, and that change was suggested by Knutson.

"It's usually right in the middle of your budget and I know you guys are busy," he said. "I don't see why we need that date."

Board members approved the change and the contract on a 4-0 vote, with Supervisor Steve Breitbach, who is Knutson's uncle, abstaining from the vote.

In other business Monday:

- Supervisors approved the contract for service by the Chickasaw County libraries. Board members had first agreed to give the county's libraries a 6 percent increase in funding during the fiscal year that starts July 1, but after budget concerns grew, they decided to scale back the funding to the same as it was in the 2023-24 fiscal year.
- That means libraries will receive \$124,337.50 next year from the county's Rural Services Basic (RSB) fund, about \$7,000 less than they

received for this fiscal year.

- Board members also approved the hiring of Conrad Rosendahl as an interim medical examiner investigator after Knutson said one of the county's current investigators will be unable to work for an undetermined amount of time.

Rosendahl is the chief of police in New Hampton, but when he held the same position in Lansing, he was a medical examiner investigator for Allamakee County.

Knutson told board members Rosendahl is certified, which means the county won't have to pay for any training costs.

- Supervisors also approved publishing notice of two available terms on the Veterans Affairs Commission. The terms of Katie Boehmer and Dean Speicher will expire on June 30, and anyone interested in applying for a three-year term can stop at the Auditor's Office or go to the county's website at chickasawcounty.iowa.gov.

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FRIDAY, MAY 2

- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- 7:00pm Grand March NP Gymnasium-High School *Doors Open @ 6:30*
- 9-10 am Chickasaw County Clover Kids, New Hampton/Chickasaw Co Extension

MONDAY, MAY 5

- 4:00pm Track: Girls JH Game vs. Multiple Schools @ North Fayette Valley High School Track
- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Round Grove Country Club
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Round Grove Country Club
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua-Plainfield High SchoolNP Track Coed Cowpath Relays (Senior Night)
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TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 6:30pm JH Spring Concert NP Gymnasium-High School
- 7:30pm HS Spring Concert NP Gymnasium-High School

- 11 am to 2 pm Tuesday's at Compass Community Outreach Center, in Nashua
- 12-1 pm Smartphone Photography Virtual Workshop, Online/Chickasaw Co. Extension

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 4:00pm Track: Girls Varsity Conference vs. Multiple Schools @ North Butler High School
- 4:00pm Track: Boys Varsity Conference vs. Multiple Schools @ North Butler High School
- 2-3 pm Coffee/Tea & Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

FRIDAY, MAY 9

- 5:00pm-9:00pm IHSMA State Large Group Festival

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- 9-11 am Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in, Nashua/Chickasaw Co. Extension

MONDAY, MAY 12

- 10:00am Golf: Girls Varsity Conference vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly
- 10:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Conference vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Nashua Town & Country ClubNashua Town & Country Club
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs High School

- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs High School
- 5:30-6:30 pm 4-H Youth Development Committee Meeting, New Hampton/Chickasaw Co. Extension

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 4:30pm Track: Girls JH Meet vs. Osage @ Osage High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys JH Meet vs. Osage @ Osage High School
- 11 am to 2 pm Tuesday's at Compass Community Outreach Center, in Nashua

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 10:00am Golf: Boys Varsity Sectionals vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Nashua Town & Country ClubNashua Town & Country Club
- 6:30pm Baccalaureate NP Gymnasium-High School
- 7:30pm Senior Awards NP Gymnasium-High School

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- TBD Track: Girls Varsity State Qualifying Event vs. IGHSAU @ TBA
- 2-3 pm Coffee/Tea & Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 4:15pm Track: Girls JH Meet vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School
- 4:15pm Track: Boys JH Meet vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 2:30pm Commencement NP Gymnasium-High School

MONDAY, MAY 19

- 4:15pm Track: Girls JH Conference vs. Multiple Schools.. @ St. Ansgar High School
- 4:15pm Track: Boys JH Conference vs. Multiple Schools @ St Ansgar High School

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- 11 am to 2 pm Tuesday's at Compass Community Outreach Center, in Nashua
- 5:30-6:30 pm Extension Council meeting New Hampton/Chickasaw co Extension

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- 10:00am Golf: Girls Varsity Regionals vs. IGHSAU @ TBA Regional Final

THURSDAY, MAY 22

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

SATURDAY, MAY 24

- Blue Brew & BBQ at Cedar View Park

MONDAY, MAY 26

- 8 am to 4:30 pm Extension office closed

TUESDAY, MAY 27

- 10:00am Golf: Boys Varsity State vs. IHSAA @ South Hills Golf Course - Waterloo, IAState Tournament - Round 1
- 5:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs High School
- 6:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Central Springs Middle School @ Central Springs High School
- 7:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Central Springs @ Central Springs High School
- 7:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Central Springs Middle School @ Central Springs High School
- 11 am to 2 pm Tuesday's at Compass Community Outreach Center, in Nashua

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

- 10:00am Golf: Boys Varsity State vs. IHSAA @ South Hills Golf Course - Waterloo, IA State Tournament - Final Round
- 5:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Northwood-Kensett CSD @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School Baseball
- 6:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Northwood-Kensett CSD @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School Softball
- 7:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game

vs. Northwood-Kensett CSD @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School Baseball

- 7:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Northwood-Kensett CSD @ Northwood-Kensett Jr./Sr. High School Softball

THURSDAY, MAY 29

- 6:00pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. North Linn @ Plainfield Baseball Complex
- 6:00pm Softball: JV Game vs. Hampton-Dumont-CAL @ Plainfield Softball Complex
- 7:30pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Hampton-Dumont-CAL @ Plainfield Softball Complex
- 2-3 pm Coffee/Tea & Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

FRIDAY, MAY 30

- 5:30pm Baseball: JV Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Plainfield Baseball Complex
- 6:00pm Softball: Varsity Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Plainfield Softball Complex
- 7:30pm Baseball: Varsity Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Plainfield Baseball Complex
- 7:30pm Softball: JV Game vs. Newman Catholic @ Plainfield Softball Complex

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Memorial to be dedicated at Plainfield's Veterans Park

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things for Plainfield.” About a year ago, Strike set out on his quest to provide a permanent memorial to the fallen officer, and he quickly found plenty of allies — including Plainfield Mayor Tom Geise and longtime Plainfield resident Kenn Deike.

Money was raised not only for the bench that will be placed in Plainfield Veterans Park but also for a headstone at Meadows’ gravesite in a Waverly cemetery.

The May 10 program will begin at 10 a.m. at the park and include opening remarks by Geise, vocalist Sherry Greenlee performing “God Bless the USA,” Strike and Deike will offer up “words of remembrances” and current Bremer County Sheriff’s Office Chief Deputy will read the poem “American Died.”

Following the dedication ceremony, refreshments will be served at the Plainfield Public



Photo courtesy of Doug Strike
Bill Meadows will be memorialized on May 10 when a bench will be dedicated at Veterans Park in Plainfield.

Library.

“We’ve had a lot of wonderful financial support,” Strike said, “and I’m really hoping we have a good turnout for the ceremony. Bill Meadows deserves it.”

Meadows is one of 220 Iowa peace officers who have lost their lives while serving and

protecting.

“When you see the number of officers and then you realize the firefighters and the other rescue personnel who have died,” Strike said, “it’s just really sobering.”

“All of these people, like Bill, must be remembered.”

News from the Nashua Pubic Library

The Nashua Public Library is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We can be reached by phone at 641-435-4635, and you can reserve books online as well through our online catalog, call the library if you need help by going online to <https://nashua.biblionix.com/catalog/>.

The library is now offering notary services to patrons. Our library director is now a notary public through the state of Iowa. If you need notary services, make sure to stop into the library or give us a call to ensure our library director is available.

We’re here to help all the residents of Nashua and appreciate our patrons, so if you have questions, please don’t hesitate to stop by or give us a call!

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Upcoming events at the Nashua Public Library include:

- Wednesday, May 7: Children’s Watering Can Painting Workshop – 5:00-6:00 p.m.; must sign up ahead of time to be included in this program.
- Wednesday, May 14:

Library Board meeting at 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 21: Adult Flower Button Workshop – 5:00-6:00 p.m.; must sign up ahead of time to be included in this program.
- Monday, May 26: Closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Wednesday, May 28: Coffee, Conversation and Kids (Birth to Preschool and Parents) – 10:30-11:30 a.m.; held every fourth Wednesday of the month.

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Some of the new books we have at the library include:

- Story of My Life by Lucy Score
- Fight or Flight by Fern Michaels
- A Dragon of Black Glass by James Rollins
- The Writer by James Patterson
- Overkill by J.A. Jance
- The Keeper by Charles Martin
- The Best of Family Handyman 2025
- The Housemaids Wedding by Fredia McFadden
- Taste of Home - Grandma’s Favorites 2025
- The Griffin Sisters by Jennifer Weiner
- The Page Turner by Viola Shipman
- Shadow of the Solstice by Anne Hillerman
- Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry
- Sealed with a Hiss by Rita Mae Brown
- Summer on Nantucket by Nancy Thayer
- The Next Day by Melinda French Gates

- The Writer by James Patterson (LARGE PRINT)
- Lethal Prey by John Sandford (LARGE PRINT)

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Stop into the library and pick up bingo sheets or reading log sheets for chances to win one of the prize baskets at the Nashua Public Library!

Get out of the house and have fun with a chance to win a prize basket in August after our summer program is complete! All ages welcome to participate.

Bingo sheets and reading logs will be available starting Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Rules for entering:

1. You can chose the bingo sheet or the bookmark reading log to get entries slips for the drawing!
2. All ages can do the bingo sheets or the bookmark reading log! There will be themed prize baskets for all ages to register for!
3. Complete activities on the bingo board; when you get a BINGO (across, down, or diagonal), return the sheet to the library. You will get a prize slip for each BINGO you get up to 5 slips per sheet!
4. Color or mark off a circle on the reading log for every 10 minutes you read. You get 10 prize slips for each bookmark completed!
5. We will be drawing for the winners on August 19, 2025.
6. All entries must be in by Saturday, Aug. 2 to be eligible for the drawing that will take place on Aug. 19.

— Compiled by Heather Hackman, Nashua Public Library director

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Library helps kids learn about money!

The Nashua Public Library and some of its younger patrons had a wonderful children’s program with Lisa from First Bank this past Saturday. During the program, students not only had a chance to work on a craft, but they learned about spending, giving, goals and rainy day saving.



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Nashua-Plainfield shooters continuing to break a host of clays on the range

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the individual honors with a perfect round of 50.

Brase was a member of Charles City's top squad and the Comets placed fourth at that weekend tourney with a solid round of 221.

Last week Thursday CC/NP/RRMR took on New Hampton and Waverly-Shell Rock at the Sportsman's Club Boyd in Fredericksburg. N-P's No. 1 team finished

fourth overall at that meet with a 219. Husky freshmen Lane Barlow, Hunter Brase and Maverick Sinnwell all fired 47 rounds.

Husky freshman Corbin Johnson came up with a 40, as did Nic Brase for the Comets. Tate Demro, another N-P freshman, wound up with a 38.
**THURSDAY, APRIL 24
TOP-THREE SQUADS**
Waverly-Shell Rock Gold 227, NH Red 226, Waverly-Shell Rock Yellow 220.

TOP-THREE BOYS

LifeServe blood drive is May 20

There will be a LifeServe community blood drive on Tuesday, May 20 at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E. Spring St. New Hampton, from noon until 5:30 p.m. Appointments are encouraged and may be made by texting LIFESERVE to 999-777, by calling 800-287-4903 or by visiting the website at lifeserve.info/schedule. LifeServe provides blood to hospitals in three states — Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Among those hospitals are those located in Waverly, Charles City and New Hampton.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES April 21, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 10:01 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, Engineer Roman Lensing, Custodian Dave Gorman

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for April 21, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the minutes for April 14, 2025 meeting with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No Public Comment
Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve getting the three Ash stress South of the Courthouse treated to prevent disease by the Tree Doctor. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Carter to approve a donation of used furniture, one table and seven chairs, to the City of New Hampton Police Department from the Sheriff's office. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the waiving of the July 2025 quarterly installment payment that the cities are obligated to make for the EMS. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Bids for tied Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Projects L-FY26(01)--73-19 and L-FY26(02)--73-19, Supply & Delivery of Structural Steel. Bids: Oden Enterprises, Inc \$92,239.23 and Skyline Steel Corporation/Nucor-Yamato \$91,537.50
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to award contract for tied Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Projects L-FY26(01)--73-19 and L-FY26(02)--73-19, Supply & Delivery of Structural Steel to Skyline Steel Corporation/Nucor-Yamato with a bid of \$91,537.50. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Bids for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project LFM-FY26(03)--7X-19, Supply & Set of Precast Concrete Box Culvert.

Bids: Minnowa Construction, Inc \$125,910.00, Peterson Contractors Inc. \$127,740.00, and Blazek Corp. \$134,638.00

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to award contract for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project LFM-FY26(03)--7X-19, Supply &

Set of Precast Concrete Box Culvert to Minnowa Construction, Inc with a bid of \$125,910.00. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Secondary Road updates
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Iowa Dept. of Transportation Federal-Aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge Program Project BROS-C019(120)--8J-19 and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve purchase of Signs Truck per Chickasaw County Purchase Policy from Aspen Equipment for \$240,000.00 for Secondary Roads. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve purchase of ½ Ton Passenger Truck per Chickasaw County Purchase Policy from Karl Automotive Group for \$47,424.30 for Secondary Roads. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve purchase of 1 Ton Truck per Chickasaw County Purchase Policy from Karl Automotive Group for \$47,916.00 for Secondary Roads. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to approve purchase of Mini-Excavator per Chickasaw County Purchase Policy from Ziegler Cat for \$75,825.00 for Secondary Roads. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll check date April 18, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior bills in the amount of \$11,844.29. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$183,730.83. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Committee assignments
Supervisor Cerwinski, April 10, Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County Landfill
Supervisor Hackman, April 17, CSS
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to adjourn at 11:00 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.
Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Emmett Kuehner (NH) 48, Hunter Boehmer (CC) 48, Wyatt Schwickerath (NH) 48.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Harper Humpal (NH) 47, Karla Pickar (NH) 47, Ali Blickenderfer (CC) 46.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

NP1 (219) - Lane Barlow 47, Tate Demro 38, Hunter Brase 47, Maverick Sinnwell 47, Corbin Johnson 40.

CC1 (201) - Blickenderfer 46, Boehmer 48, Cole Jones 46, Everett Schmitt 21, N. Brase 40.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 CRESCO INVITE TOP-THREE SQUADS

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TOP-THREE BOYS

W. Schwickerath (NH) 50, Kail Schmelzer (CACC) 49-23, Graham Schmitt (TV) 49-21, Brase (NP) 49-20.

TOP-THREE GIRLS
Ainsley Hollenback (Northeast Iowa Shooting Club) 48, Pickar (NH) 47, Fisher (CACC) 46.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS
CC1 (221) - Brase 49, Blickenderfer 45, Barlow 43, Carson Linde 42, Sinnwell 42.

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	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Proposed NASHUA-PLAINFIELD Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	
Location of Public Hearing: Nashua-Plainfield JH/HS Commons 612 Greeley Street Nashua, IA 50658	Date of Public Hearing: 5/12/2025	Time of Public Hearing: 06:00 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: www.nashua-plainfield.k12.ia.us		

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written 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 budget.

	Current Year Tax Dollar Levy	Final Property FY 2025	Budget Year (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied)	Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Proposed FY 2026
General Fund Levy	1	2,261,319		2,261,319		2,426,586
Instructional Support Levy	2	98,225		98,225		126,130
Management	3	460,433		460,433		452,600
Amana Library	4	0		0		0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5	172,377		172,377		205,362
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6	95,883		95,883		99,780
Reorganization Equalization	7	0		0		0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8	0		0		0
Debt Service	9	0		0		0
Grand Total	10	3,088,237		3,088,237		3,310,458

	Current Year Tax Rate	Final Property FY 2025	Budget Year (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied)	Effective Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Budget Year Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Proposed FY 2026
Grand Total Levy Rate		10.62877		10.21370		10.94864
Property Tax Comparison	Current Year	Property Taxes	Proposed	Property Taxes	Percent Change	
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000		493		571		15.82
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000		2,174		2,553		17.43

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:

Declining enrollment.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed NASHUA-PLAINFIELD School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Location of Public Hearing: Nashua-Plainfield Community School District 612 Greeley Street Nashua, IA 50658 JH/HS Commons	Date of Hearing: 05/12/2025	Time of Hearing: 06:05 PM
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The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 25/26 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

		Budget 2026	Re-est. 2025	Actual 2024	Avg % 24-26
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,310,458	3,088,237	3,017,423	% 4.7
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	54,115	54,088	106,896	% -28.8
Income Surtaxes	3	485,686	292,300	260,936	% 36.4
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	443,346	435,667	389,484	
Earnings on Investments	5	65,839	64,871	96,823	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	45,306	44,643	186,257	
Student Activities and Sales	7	177,124	176,228	231,546	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	143,487	143,172	426,721	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	4,466,202	4,478,811	4,191,983	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	14,089	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	802,491	790,631	865,195	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	40,917	40,917	606	
Title 1 Grants	14	66,241	66,241	76,797	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	581,922	574,476	361,110	
Total Revenues	16	10,697,223	10,250,282	10,211,777	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0	
Transfers In	18	540,350	570,157	504,483	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	25,834	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	11,237,573	10,820,439	10,742,094	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	4,129,892	4,034,893	3,897,748	
Total Resources	23	15,367,465	14,855,332	14,639,842	
*Instruction	24	5,993,364	5,613,162	5,946,631	% 0.4
Student Support Services	25	260,000	231,433	240,325	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	430,515	395,691	200,934	
General Administration	27	280,000	261,167	312,362	
School Administration	28	310,000	292,841	343,080	
Business & Central Administration	29	333,795	352,134	332,920	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	992,675	810,961	758,807	
Student Transportation	31	527,568	498,939	529,174	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	3,134,553	2,843,166	2,717,602	% 7.4
*Noninstructional Programs	32	505,922	472,245	445,425	% 6.6
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	402,609	504,515	172,896	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	510,350	510,701	529,819	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	226,977	251,301	284,028	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,139,936	1,266,517	986,743	% 7.5
Total Expenditures	36	10,773,775	10,195,090	10,096,401	
Transfers Out	37	530,350	530,350	504,483	
Other Uses	38	0	0	4,065	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	11,304,125	10,725,440	10,604,949	
Ending Fund Balance	40	4,063,340	4,129,892	4,034,893	
Total Requirements	41	15,367,465	14,855,332	14,639,842	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		10.94864			

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Nashua-Plainfield discus thrower matches seed at Drake



Nashua-Plainfield junior Eli Kalainoff begins his trip through the ring in the discus event at the Drake Relays last Friday.

Huck has PRs in all of her Drake events

HUCK: FROM 1

runners and schools are not separated by classes.

“It’s definitely meaningful. They’ve not only been goals for myself, but I know it means a lot to the community to show up and get down there,” Huck said. “Some of the 4A girls were like ‘thankfully you’re not 4A’ and that means a lot to me because coming from a 1A school that’s small, you don’t have the same opportunities as some of them or the same resources.

“So to be able to make it big without them is special to me. And to represent my school and our community, that makes it even more special.”

The rest of Huck’s weekend wasn’t bad, either, as she took second in the 400 later in the day on Friday and then ran to a fourth-place finish in the 1,500 on Saturday afternoon.

That gave the Oklahoma State University-bound Huck eight Drake Relays medals for her career. In 2023, she finished fourth in the 400 and fifth in both the 800 and 1,500. Last spring, she took third in both the 400 and 800 and also ran a legendary anchor leg on the Huskies’ sprint medley relay team that was eventually disqualified.

“She’s a once-in-a-lifetime athlete,” Nashua-Plainfield coach Amber McCall said, “and I know that’s stating the obvious. To see her get that flag, to see what she accomplished this weekend, it’s something I’ll never forget.”

In all three races, she set new career marks and obviously new school records. She ran the 400 in 55.45 seconds and only Clear Lake’s Reese Brownlee beat her to the finish line. Despite getting cut off during the second lap of the 1,500, Huck finished the race in 4:34.56.

“She told me her goal was to PR in everything,” Carter said, “and when Kadence sets her goals, I’m never ever going to bet against her. Obviously, she’s got so much talent, but what makes her Kadence is the work ethic, and she’s really mindful of things like sleep and nutrition. I guess what I’m saying is that it’s more than talent. She’s the whole package.”

Huck isn’t done yet, either.

She’ll be back at Drake Stadium May 22-24 for the Class 1A state meet where she will look to add to the eight state titles she has already won.

Carter, meanwhile, has some decisions to make. Huck will in all likelihood run the 400, 800 and 1,500 when Nashua-Plainfield competes at the Class 1A state qualifying meet in Northwood on May 15, but that fourth event remains up in the air.

Does she run a relay? Does she compete in the 200, a race in which she broke a 25-year-old school record the first time she ran it and is also the top time in 1A so far this season?

“I do love relays,” she said. “I

Huskies’ Kalainoff puts together a solid effort to take 11th in premier meet

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Let’s put Eli Kalainoff’s Drake Relays in perspective.

If he had made the same throw he did at Drake nine days before, he would have broken his own school record by almost four feet.

Yet, despite the fact that he matched his 11th-place seeding with an 11th-place finish at the premier track and field meet, the disappointment could be heard in the Nashua-Plainfield junior’s voice as he talked about his experience in Des Moines.

“My goal was to place and throw over 165, that’s what I wanted to do,” Kalainoff said. “I wasn’t happy or disappointed, it was like whatever. I was hoping I would do better.”

The bottom line is this: He did just fine.

“It’s not like it was a joke that he got there. He performed at a high level,” Nashua-Plainfield coach Chase Sudol said. “Our goal was to get someone

there finally and you know we accomplished that, so you know there’s nothing to be ashamed of there. He did a helluva job.”

Start with the postives. He was one of only two athletes in the 24-man field to not scratch on any of his throws. After getting off throws of 146-11.25 and 143-1.75, he came up with a toss of 155-2.75, just a couple feet from making the finals.

Still, he was hoping for more, especially after uncorking a throw of 167 feet at New Hampton eight days before he entered the ring in Des Moines. That toss not only gave him the best mark by a 1A thrower in the state but sent him to Drake.

“Here’s the deal: He threw really well at New Hampton,” Sudol said. “He hasn’t gotten back there yet. He went down there and still threw extremely well.”

Sudol said that he’s been told that Kalainoff is the first male athlete to qualify as an individual for the Drake Relays, and he, along with his standout

athlete, have high goals for the rest of the season.

Kalainoff said he’s aiming for a throw of 170 feet sometime this year, but there’s no doubt that after making the state meet a year ago, he’s taken his discus game up a notch this year.

“Probably just like my rotation and my feet,” he said when asked about the biggest improvements he’s made from his sophomore season. “I’m coming through a little faster and being more smooth and balanced on my release.”

And he believes the Drake experience will pay off as he and his fellow Huskies gear up for a postseason run that begins next week at the TIC East meet and continues at the Class 1A state qualifying meet in Northwood on May 15.

“Drake was fun, and I think it helps because everyone’s a little better there than at state,” he said, “and I like that you do one, one, one instead of doing a couple of throws each time. I think it helps to get one of those meets. I just have to go back to work and get better.”

Husky girls rank 10th in Class 1A when it comes to stroke average

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terms of nine-hole stroke average with a 201.

Faith Franzen has the 24th-best nine-hole average overall in 1A for the Huskies.

The Husky girls team also took on Grundy Center, Crestwood and North Butler in a quad at home last Friday and placed second to the Spartans – 182 to 199.

Franzen went even lower at home in that meet with a 41 to once again snare the top spot on the leaderboard. Faith Franzen notched a 43 and McCain carded a 54. O’Neill and fellow junior Ava Kirk each carded rounds of 61 and freshman Natalie Feldman entered the clubhouse with a 61.

Grundy Center finished 10th overall at the Class 2A state meet a year ago, which was held in Boone at Cedar Pointe Golf Course. The Spartans are listed as the fourth-best team in 2A with just under a 185 stroke average per nine holes.

“They’re good. They’re solid,” Trost said about the Spartans. “They’ve also got six girls that can score on any day.”

Trost talked about remaining steady out on the course and improving meet by meet. That

focused approach makes it a lot easier to post low scores when the postseason rolls around, as opposed to pulling a rabbit out of a hat and having to flip a switch at the last minute in order to keep one’s season alive.

“Every shot starts counting and every throw away shot becomes that more important,” said Trost. “I’m a firm believer, you can’t just turn it on when the tournament is here.”

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 BOYS TRIANGULAR AT MANLY
Northwood-Kensett 175, Nashua-Plainfield 190, Central Springs 193
Medalist - Caden Helgesen (NK) 37.

Nashua-Plainfield scores - Dawson Glaser 47, Devon Blanchard 53, William Lindeland 43, Tyler Zimmer 51, Kolbie Vance 49, Cal Levi 52.

JV scores - Ethan Franzen 49.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 GIRLS TRIANGULAR AT MANLY
Nashua-Plainfield 205, Central Springs 267, Northwood-Kensett 285
Medalist - Paige Franzen (NP) 45.
Nashua-Plainfield scores - Franzen 45, Faith Franzen 50, Paisley McCain 54, Elayna O’Neill 56, Ava Kirk 58, Natalie Feldman 63.

FRIDAY APRIL 25 GIRLS QUADRANGULAR AT NASHUA
Grundy Center 182, Nashua-Plainfield 199, Crestwood 201, North Butler 213.

Medalist - P. Franzen (NP) 41.
Nashua-Plainfield scores - P. Franzen 41, F. Franzen 43, McCain 54, O’Neill 61, Kirk 61, Feldman 62.

Husky relays place at girls’ home meet

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The 4x200 relay of senior Marleigh Lowe, Foelske, Cerwinske and Jimenez placed sixth in 1:59.

Foelske, McCumber, Paplow and Lowe comprised the 4x400 relay and produced a time of 4:54, good for seventh place.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD GIRLS INVITE TEAM SCORES

Wapsie Valley 68, West Fork 56, Janesville 51, Sumner-Fred 45, Dunkerton 40, Central Springs 34, N. Butler 32, Riceville 32, Clarksville 28, Osage 21, Tripoli 21, Northwood-K 18, Nashua-Plainfield 14, Charles City 4.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS (No field events)

100 dash - 29. Brooke Russel 16.72, 30. Nia Jackson 16.75.
100 hurdles - 18. Rachel Paplow 21.39, 20. Adiley Gerholdt 21.77.
200 dash - 25. Victorious Mirembe 33.37.
400 dash - 10. Mirembe 1:15.2,

15. Russel 1:21.24.
400 hurdles - 6. Cerwinske 1:17.51, 7. Jimenez 1:20.6.
800 run - 6. Emma Hinders 2:56.43, 10. Amberley Gerholdt 3:06.17.

1,500 run - 13. Hinders 6:13.14, 17. Bailey Bond 8:56.96.
3,000 run - 9. Bond 18:51.32.
Shuttle hurdle - 6. Abi Schmitt, Ad. Gerholdt, Jimenez, Marleigh Lowe 1:23.51.

Sprint medley - 3. Foelske, White, Jimenez, Cerwinske 2:01.03.

Distance medley - Lowe, Ad. Gerholdt, Am. Gerholdt, Emeri, McCumber DQ.

4x100 - 15. Schmitt, Am. Gerholdt, Chloe Fundermann, Ad. Gerholdt 1:02.44.

4x200 - 6. Lowe, Foelske, Cerwinske, Jimenez 1:59.56.

4x400 - 7. Foelske, McCumber, Paplow, Lowe 4:54.79.

4x800 - 4. McCumber, Am. Gerholdt, Paplow, Hinders 11:57.96.

JV RESULTS
4x100 - 11. Klaira Marshall, Jackson, Russel, Jennifer McLeland 1:16.62.



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Kadence Huck crosses the finish line as the Drake Relays’ 800-meter run champion last Friday.

think it’s a different kind of feeling running a relay at state. It’s fun to be part of a team, if that makes any sense.”

As far as the 200 goes, she couldn’t help but laugh.

“I mean it’s like fine,” she said. “It’s short, and I like that it’s short. ... Time will tell what we do.”

The driven student-athlete does admit that she may have a case of senioritis.

“I’m ready to be done with school,” Huck said. “There’s like a week where we don’t have school and we still have track. I think that’s going to be my favorite week.”

But for a moment earlier this week, she looked back on an extraordinary weekend on that famed Blue Oval.

“It was fun, it was great to run with people and PR in everything,” she said. “That’s what I wanted, that and the flag.”

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Track at Nashua-Plainfield Cowpath Relays, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Track at Top of Iowa Conference East Division meet, Greene, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12

Girls golf at Top of Iowa Conference East Division tournament, Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly, 10 a.m.

Boys golf at Top of Iowa Conference East Division tournament, Nashua Town and Country Club, 10 a.m.

Track at Central Springs Last Chance Coed, Manly, 4:30 p.m.



Nashua-Plainfield's Ava Kirk (above) chips on to the green at the Nashua Town & Country Club on Thursday and Devon Blanchard (below) does the same in a quadrangular versus Forest City, Rockford and St. Ansgar.

Crunch time nears for N-P golfers

Husky girls give Class 2A power Grundy Center run but settle for second at annual triangular

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield golf teams are running out of time. That can be a good thing or a bad spot to be in.

It depends where your game is at.

For the N-P girls squad, who are looking to crack the state field for the third consecutive season under longtime head coach Jeff Trost – it's a matter of peaking at the right moment and staying consistent out on the links.

"You always try to point and be at your best at tournament time," said Trost.

Those dependable and reliable scores for the Husky boys have been hit or miss.

"We're just trying to find that consistency we always strive for," said Trost.

The N-P boys took on the Pioneer Town & Country Club in Manly last week Thursday and came away with a 190 – three strokes better than the host Panthers, who finished third. N-P placed runner-up to Northwood-Kensett's 175.

The Vikings' Caden Helgesen was meet medalist with a 37, followed by Husky senior William Lindeland, who matched a career low, nine-hole score with a 43.

"By and large he's been pretty consistent with what he's



been doing," said Trost about Lindeland. "He just puts his head down and does what he can do. He doesn't try to do too much. His short game is shored up a little bit. If he can keep himself out of trouble on his drives, he's usually pretty solid."

While the N-P girls team sport a top-10 stroke average in the small-school class for nine holes, the N-P boys are further on down the list – 58th overall (184 average) in 1A to be precise as of Thursday afternoon.

"We gotta figure it out. We gotta figure out how to get it in the hole," said Trost.

Tournament time is fast approaching as the Husky boys played at home on Thursday against Rockford and St. Ansgar, then play in two meets before

sectionals start on Wednesday, May 14. The remaining two meets after Thursday's final regular season home meet are at Round Grove Country Club in Greene on Monday and the following Monday, May 12 back at Pioneer in Manly for the TIC East league meet.

The meet scheduled for earlier this week on Monday at Ridge Stone Golf Club in Sheffield was cancelled due to weather.

N-P is led by senior Dawson Glaser, who averages just over 46 strokes per nine holes this spring.

"Dawson's playing pretty solid, but I don't think it's anything where he's satisfied with it. He would like to get that down. He's got chances at home. He's got an opportunity

to do some things there," said Trost.

The N-P girls were once again led by senior Paige Franzen in Manly as she was the overall meet medalist with a 45. That low score, along with Husky senior Faith Franzen's 50, as well as N-P juniors Paisley McCain's 54 and Elayna O'Neill's 56 allowed N-P to win the triangular over Central Springs – 205 to 267.

"We're sitting pretty solid. We're trying to fine-tune everything and take away those shots that are just kind of what I call throw away shots where you stub a chip or don't take your time on a putt," said Trost.

The weather conditions at Manly were not pleasant according to Trost.

"It was miserable. It was windy and chilly. We didn't know whether we were going to be able to have the meet or not because of the weather forecast," said Trost.

Paige Franzen is ninth in the small-school class with a 43.57 nine-hole average. She finished fourth overall at state as a sophomore in 2023 at Boone and 11th last year at the American Legion Marshalltown course, where the 1A state meet will be played again this year.

N-P girls are listed as the 10th-best squad in Class 1A in

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Nashua-Plainfield's Emma Hinders runs the 3,000 at a home meet last month.

her split in that aforementioned 4x800 relay.

"Emma had a huge night. I'm very proud of her and her effort. She has had a huge season doing many events for us. Most nights she runs the 3,000 – 800 or 400 in the distance med – the open 800 and the 1,500 run. That's insane. It takes a lot of grit and heart to do something like that and the girl does her thing!" said McCall.

N-P's shuttle hurdle relay of junior Abi Schmitt, freshman Adiley Gerholdt, sophomore Manuela Jimenez and freshman Kelly Cervinske ran a season-best time of 1:23.51. That placed them sixth in the event.

The Huskies' sprint medley of freshman Eva Foelske, junior Jalissa White, Jimenez and Cervinske placed third in 2:01.

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Huskies ready to turn corner as the state qualifier looms

After Sumner-Fred meet canceled, Nashua-Plainfield boys pick up a meet at Osage and puts up several solid times

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

No one wants to hear the "p" word in track and field – plateau.

That's why the Nashua-Plainfield boys track team is ready to crank it into another gear and quickly consume some serious real estate out on the oval. The goal to reach even greater heights is also on the to-do list for Husky throwers and jumpers.

It's definitely "go-time."

"We feel really confident in a lot of these guys' performances. It's crunch time. That's why we got into a meet last night to continue to work on things. Urgency is now – we gotta go. There's no longer time to wait. We gotta get things done and times down so we're seeded good for districts and make sure we're ready to rock n' roll," said N-P head coach Chase Sudol.

Sudol and his Huskies ran at the Kyle Marquard Invite in Greene last Friday, a boys only meet hosted by North Butler. Then Sumner-Fredericksburg's scheduled meet on Monday was cancelled due to the threat of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes in the area. That meant Sudol quickly got on the phone and dialed up a meet at the last minute in Osage to join on Tuesday.

Sudol was happy about Osage's results – even if he sent roughly only a dozen athletes over to Mitchell County to compete in what amounted to seven running events.

The N-P track coach, who is also the Huskies' head football coach, talked about the up-and-down process of experimentation during the regular season in order to try to peak here in the next few weeks.

"At North Butler you felt like you hit a wall and you feel like you went backwards, when really it's just part of the process. You gotta trust your work and trust your athletes and be ready to go," said Sudol.

One runner that has really made his mark for Sudol and the Huskies this season is junior long-distance runner Brexton Bird – who notched a career PR in the mile (1,600) run at North Butler with a 5:03.45. That earned him a silver medal for his second-place effort – the same result he got at Osage with a 5:08.

"He's come a long ways. He continues to take time off. That's what's cool about him," said Sudol. "The kid has turned into a good runner."

Bird might not possess the flashiest times in the small-school class or the best running form out on the oval, but he gets the job done.

"His running style when he first started was not pretty. It still looks very awkward, but he's really cranked it up and he's a huge asset to our team. He's going to have an opportunity – I think in the 4x800 – to have a chance to qualify. We're excited to see what he can do. He's earned the right to have that chance," the N-P coach said.

N-P senior Luke Paplow ran to a second-place finish in the 3,200 run at Osage with a time of 11:23.

N-P's distance medley relay of Navarii Williams, Eli Kalainoff, Jake Smith and Jase Hansen earned a gold medal with a winning time of 4:02 over in North Butler.

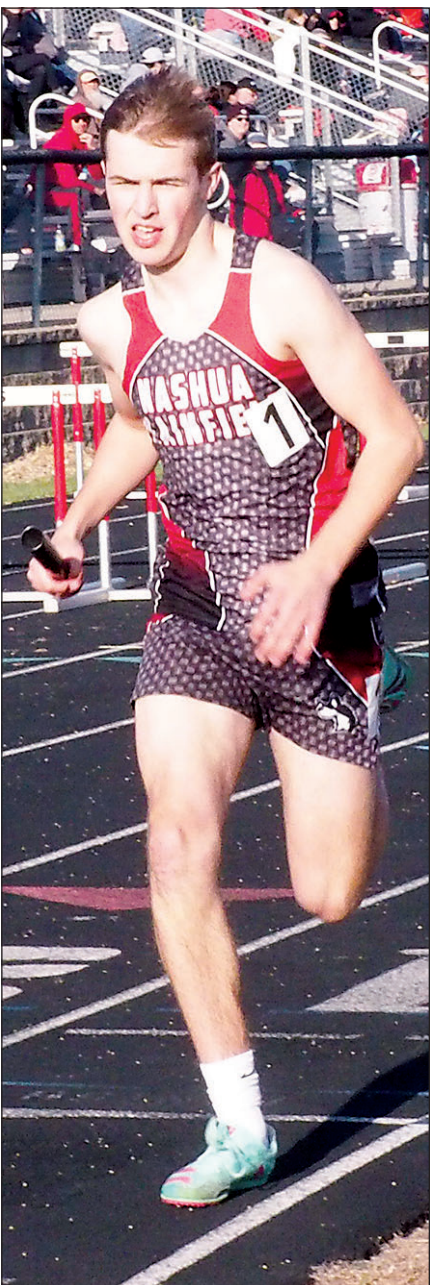
The Huskies' sprint medley relay of Williams, Landon Foelske, Kalainoff and Smith produced a 1:42.86, which ended up being the fourth-quickest relay in that event at Osage.

Kalainoff threw 142 in the discus, good for second place at Osage.

Sudol said the field events at North Butler were canceled after soggy conditions put a halt to those throwing and jumping events.

N-P placed sixth at North Butler with 54 points and wound up seventh at Osage (48 points).

N-P ran at Dike-New Hartford on Thursday, then hosts the Cowpath Relays in Nashua on Monday. The con-



Nashua-Plainfield's Avery Mueller runs a leg of the 4x800 at a home meet last month.

ference meet will take place back at Greene on Thursday, May 8 and the regular season finale will take place at Central Springs on Monday, May 12.

The state qualifier is slated to go down at Northwood on Thursday, May 15.

Teams at this point have to take the good with the bad and hope their teams trend in a positive direction when all chips will be on the table in the district meet in less than two weeks. A fast track is where N-P wants to be on when the postseason rolls around. They're still working their way to get there.

"We didn't run our best on Friday and then last night we ran really well," said Sudol. "It's part of high school – you have good nights and you have bad nights. You just gotta continue to tweak things and see where it takes you."

KYLE MARQUARD BOYS INVITE TEAM SCORES

West Hancock 108, St. Ansgar 102, North Butler 97, Lake Mills 67, West Fork 56, Nashua-Plainfield 54, Janesville 51, Riceville 34, Clarksville 11.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS (No field events)

100 dash - 15. Kamden Chyma 12.67, 24. Jagger White 13.37, 27. Ty Berger 13.62, 30. James Corathers 13.98.
200 dash - 11. Navarii Williams 25.55, 12. Miles Carpenter 26.77.
400 dash - 13. Devon Blanchard 1:03.16, 14. Lucas Sinnwell 1:05.24.
800 run - 10. Zeke Kalainoff 2:24.55, Braeden Mitchell 2:26.2.
1,600 run - 2. Brexton Bird 5:03.45, 10. Luke Paplow 5:29.16.
3,200 run - 4. Paplow 11:38.5, 6. Caleb Sinnwell 12:27.59.
110 hurdles - 10. Clayden Gerholdt 19.75, 11. Andrew Schmitt 19.8.
400 hurdles - 4. Landon Foelske 1:02.4, 10. Chris Niedert 1:08.09.
4x100 - 8. Foelske, Tyler Zimmer, Tucker Jacobs, Chyma 49.8, 10. Emerson Richards, Ben Percy, Carson Mundorf, Corathers 52.84.
4x200 - 8. Berger, Carpenter, Zimmer, Quintyn Boehmer 1:45.76, 13. Michael Stroud, Mundorf, Gerholdt, Corathers 1:54.45.
4x400 - 12. C. Sinnwell, Connor Sullivan, Percy, Nick Hulbert 4:37.96.
4x800 - 3. Mitchell, Jase Hansen, Avery Mueller, Bird 9:23.66.
Sprint medley - 2. Williams, Foelske, Eli Kalainoff, Jake Smith 1:43.36.
Distance medley - 1. Williams, E. Kalainoff, Smith, Hansen 4:02.05, 11. Richards, Mundorf, Percy, Sullivan 4:52.1.

OSAGE BOYS INVITE TEAM SCORES

Clear Lake 127, Osage 114, St. Ansgar 90, Charles City 70, Crestwood 68, S. Winneshiek 52, Nashua-Plainfield 48, MC Newman 16.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

400 dash - 11. Schmitt 59.86.
1,600 run - 2. Bird 5:08.08.
3,200 run - 2. Paplow 11:23.
4x800 - 3. Mitchell, J. Kalainoff, Bird, Mueller 9:00.88.
Sprint medley - 4. Williams, Foelske, E. Kalainoff, Smith 1:42.86.
Distance medley - 3. Williams, E. Kalainoff, Blanchard, Smith 3:56.15.
Shuttle hurdle - 2. Foelske, Blanchard, Gerholdt, Zimmer 1:07.84.
High jump - 8. Z. Kalainoff 5-6, 12. Schmitt 5-2.
Long jump - 9. Jacobs 17.
Discus - 2. E. Kalainoff 142.

Husky girls get their home meet in despite threatening weather

By Kelly Terpstra
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No Kadence Huck, no problem.

With its superstar athlete down in Des Moines competing in the Drake Relays last week, Husky head coach Amber McCall was very pleased to see several standout performances out on the oval by her Huskies during N-P's home invite on Thursday.

The fact that there was even a meet at all impressed McCall. Mother Nature ended up cooperating and that gave multiple Huskies the chance to shine in front of the hometown crowd.

"It was great to get another meet in, especially at our home meet. The weather seemed to be a concern, but thankfully held out for us as well. We weren't able to do field events due to the wetness and potential chance of rain. We have not had that situation in quite a few years," said McCall.

McCall saluted N-P Athletic Director Ami Hagen and all who helped make the N-P Invite a go on Thursday evening, despite the threatening sky and soggy

conditions.

"I would like to give a big shout out to Ami (Hagen) and all of our track and field workers. We could literally not have a meet without her or any of them! All of them helped us as NP ran such a smooth track and field meet. I just hope they know that their work and everything they put into it does not go unnoticed and we are so appreciative of all of it!" said McCall.

As far as how the competition went down, well the team standings were won by Wapsie Valley (68 points). West Fork was second with 56 points and Janesville (51 points) was third. N-P finished with 14 points, which listed the Huskies as 13th-best team in the standings.

N-P ran a season low 11:57.96 in the 4x800 relay with the squad of freshman Emeri McCumber, senior Amberley Gerholdt, sophomore Rachel Paplow and freshman Emma Hinders.

McCall was super happy about Hinders' runs out on the oval as she PR'd in the 800 run (2:56), the 1,500 run (6:13) and



Nashua-Plainfield's Hunter Brase waits to take his next shot at a recent trapshooting meet at the Nashua Fish and Game Club.

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Nic Brase is having a fine senior season out on the trapshooting range for his Nashua-Plainfield Huskies.

Brase continued to showcase his marksmanship skills this spring.

Brase only missed one target at the Cresco Area Clay Crushers Invite on Saturday in Cresco. He fired a 49-20, but lost in a shoot-off for second amongst two other shooters – Kail Schmelzer (49-23) of Cresco and Turkey Valley/Sumner-Fredericksburg's Graham Schmitt (49-21). Wyatt Schwickerath of New Hampton won

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