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Jennifer Kalainoff

Huskies claim another state girls track meet trophy!

Nashua-Plainfield coaches and athletes — (from left) Jennah Winters, Amberley Gerholdt, Eva Foelske, Kadence Huck, Manuela Jimenez, Kelly Cerwinske, Rachel Paplow, Kami Hannemann and Amber McCall — pose for a photo after the Huskies received their third-place trophy at the Class 1A state track meet over the weekend. It marked the fourth consecutive year Nashua-Plainfield returned home from Des Moines with a team trophy.

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It's pretty much a wrap when it comes to planting

Agronomist says farmers get crops into the ground during 'window' to maximize yields

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The good news for area farmers is they hit their “window” when it comes to the 2025 planting season.

And as much as Mother Nature cooperated with growers the past month, growers are hoping she'll continue to lend them an assist in the form of rain.

“We're looking good for the most part,” said ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol, who is based at the Northeast Iowa Research and Demonstration Farm just outside of Nashua. “The guys were able to get their crops into the field during the window where we can maximize yields and that's always a positive.”

After a relatively wet April, concerns had grown about the potential for planting to be delayed but May provided almost perfect planting weather, Basol said. The biggest issue was a relative lack of rain that didn't allow preemergent herbicides to “fire.”

“We've seen some weeds that we don't want to see,” the agronomist said, “and that's going to make the post-emergent application even more important than usual. But all in all, we're off to a good start.”

According to the latest Iowa Crop and Condition Report that was put out on Tuesday by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, 92 percent of corn and 88 percent of soybeans have been planted in the state's Northeast District that includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties. In the North Central District, that includes Butler and Floyd counties, 99 percent of corn and 97 percent of soybeans have been planted.

“I can tell you around here, we're pretty much completely planted,” Basol said. “You might see a planter on the road, but that's a rare sight now.”

He said there have been isolated areas where farmers have replanted some fields because of what Basol called “crusting,” but he added that “it's definitely the exception, not the rule.”

At the same time, Basol took up his

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

VFW Post Commander Joseph Osterholm (left) shares a few thoughts while the post's Rifle Squad fires the traditional salute during Monday's Memorial Day observance.

Memorial Day speaker: Freedom comes at 'great cost'

Nashua's VFW commander appreciates turnout and tells attendees that the post is 'back on our feet'

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Young and old gathered on Monday at Veterans Park in Nashua to remember.

Memorial Day means a lot to a vast number of Americans.

The revered and honored tradi-

tion to recognize and pay tribute to the lives lost in the battle for freedom can also mean different things to different people.

That's the beauty of the United States.

For Joseph Osterholm, it was a chance to carry on a sacred tradition in Nashua and help keep the town's

VFW (Veterans of Foreign War) up and running.

Osterholm knows the words he spoke to a crowd that assembled at Oak Hill Cemetery hold tremendous weight and significance. He uttered those profound words surrounded by the graves of many veterans in the area that had fought for their

country and paid the ultimate price.

“Freedom is not free. It has come at a great cost.”

Nashua's remembrance of those veterans started out in a ceremony at Veterans Park underneath a sunny sky on a beautiful late spring

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Celebrating the diamonds

Nashua-Plainfield dedicates new complex in Plainfield

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nothing — not even a few raindrops — could dampen the mood Thursday night when Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools dedicated its new diamond complex.

Hundreds turned out for the event that included the first games played on the Cary Griffith Baseball Field and the Lenoard Yilek Softball Field, and they came out to celebrate as one man was overheard saying, “an absolutely beautiful facility.”

That it is, and as much as the games — the baseball team played North Linn, which is coached by Travis Griffith, the son of the baseball field's namesake, and the softball team played Hampton-Dumont-CAL — meant something to the players, let's be honest: Few will remember the final scores.

But everyone will remember being in Plainfield on the evening that the dream of

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

North Linn baseball coach Travis Griffith (left), the son of Cary Griffith, hugs his nephew, Drew Olson, after throwing out the first pitch Thursday at the Nashua-Plainfield's new diamond complex in Plainfield, where School Board President Pat Lentz cuts the “ceremonial ribbon” during a dedication ceremony that was held before Thursday's games.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Janet Pagel talks with Clifford Schilling (above) before one of the Memorial Day observances on Monday while Nashua-Plainfield High School Band member Kaden McMichael plays “Taps” at Veterans Park.



Veteran Arnie Boge carries the American flag before the Memorial Day observance at Oakhill Cemetery begins.



Veterans bow their heads during the prayer at the Veterans Park observance while scouts lay a wreath on a gravestone at Oak Hill Cemetery.



Memorial Day observances can be healing for veterans

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day just down from Nashua’s dam and nestled up to Cedar Lake.

Osterholm – the new commander of Nashua’s VFW 6792 Ralph Nicholson post – then quoted a message from the VFW’s official site pulled from the Internet, something many of the older veterans in attendance would have probably found as a strange and foreign concept when they enlisted in the military well over half a century ago.

“Every American owes a great debt to the courageous men and women who have selflessly given their all to protect our way of life. While giving back to the extent they deserve is impossible, celebrating their memory and honoring those most selfless deeds offers a start,” said Osterholm.

Veterans are leaving us at an alarming rate in the U.S. – that’s why Osterholm knew he had to take action. He recruited another VFW member around his age to help out on Monday in Nashua. He’s also made it a high-prioritized goal to keep the town’s VFW post functioning despite low numbers.

“We’re back on our feet,” said Osterholm about Nashua’s VFW.

There was a point about a year ago where the Ralph Nicholson post was in jeopardy of shutting down because of low attendance rates and age taking its toll on members of the longtime institution in America. That’s sadly not all that uncommon nowadays in the U.S. as many local VFW’s have shuttered. Osterholm heard about the Nashua post’s decline from a VFW commander over in Perry and rushed to the call to get it off life support.

“The members in our group are getting a little older. One of the things they’ve been saying is to keep stuff like this going as we need new, younger members. That’s kind of my goal right now,” said Osterholm. “We’re breathing, but we need more life with new, younger OEF (Operation Enduring Freedom) and OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom) veterans.”

Osterholm’s military tenure is one of service – like millions of other Americans over the course of time that have rang the bell, whether that’s in the battlefield or back at home to donate their time to worthy causes, like on Monday.

Or it may mean something as simple as sharing a story at a VFW meeting, guiding a friend or colleague that has encountered hard times to recover and gain a return to normalcy or just being there for someone who has witnessed the horror of war.



Nashua Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts salute the flag during the Memorial Day program that was held at Oakhill Cemetery on Monday morning.

The bond of veterans – whether they’ve engaged in combat or not – lasts a lifetime.

“The VFW is a point of getting us all together and having that brotherhood that we once had while we were all in the service overseas – keeping that going,” said Osterholm. “If he’s ever in trouble or he’s struggling, we have the members to reach out. We’re all supposed to take care of each other. But it’s also we have ceremonies like this to keep the history going.”

History says ceremonies like Monday can help heal veterans’ minds and bodies – even if it’s 70 years since they last strapped on a rifle and defended their country. For the normal, everyday citizen it’s a duty for many to bear witness to the sacrifice.

“It’s the history passed down through brotherhood of the VFW – trying to take care of things like this to honor those guys that we couldn’t bring home,” said Osterholm.

Memorial Day honors those who died while serving their country. Veterans Day – in November – pays homage to all military veterans.

That’s Osterholm.

He joined the military in 2004 along with his buddy, Matthew Platts of Mason City. Platts also took part in the ceremony on Monday at Nashua, which was concluded at Oak Hill Cemetery where Osterholm spoke to a small gathering of folks.

“We grew up together. We joined the same unit together. We deployed together,” said Osterholm about Platts. “We’ve been friends for life. The people that you meet inside the military, they become your family.”

Osterholm, 39, would be deployed to Iraq with the U.S. Army National Guard in 2007. He was part of the military

police that oversaw prisoners in Baghdad. Some of his main responsibilities were convoy security and detainee ops, which also took place in towns around Iraq.

Osterholm, who grew up in Mason City, took over the Nashua VFW post in January and he said there are around 33 members to date. He said he’s using some of Iowa’s state resources and funding to find new members more his age group that could add to the organization that meets in downtown Nashua.

He talked about stepping up to the plate and not only facilitating Nashua’s Memorial Day

ceremony, but

“I’m just doing what the guys wanted. They want to keep the post open,” said Osterholm. “It’s a breath of new life getting a younger guy in. I took the reins to hopefully continue this and keep ‘em going.”

Osterholm is well aware that keeping Nashua’s VFW afloat won’t be easy, as Father Time is always undefeated. But through hard work and dedication, along with the help of others – Nashua can breathe a little easier with his assistance.

“This isn’t just me. It’s the members that want to keep this going,” said Osterholm. “I’m their voice at this point.”

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With retired Nashua-Plainfield school counselor serving as the plate umpire, Nashua-Plainfield’s junior varsity softball team takes on Hampton-Dumont-CAL in the first-ever game on the Leonard Yilek Softball Field. Although the Huskies have played softball in Plainfield for years, their diamond that is part of the complex, “moved” and school officials say represents a vast improvement from its former field.

School appreciates ‘incredible generosity’

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giving the Nashua-Plainfield baseball and softball teams a singular permanent home finally became a reality.

Superintendent Jay Marley gave a short speech before members of the School Board — Pat Lentz, Laura Folkers, Lara Lawrence, Cody Jensen and Chris Hagen — had the honors of cutting the ceremonial ribbon on the \$3.2 million facility.

“Of course, this complex cannot have been completed without the incredible generosity of our donors,” Marley said, “and the dedication of all the individuals who have helped.”

In addition to the high school baseball and softball fields, the new complex that sits on the site of the old Plainfield school building also includes two youth baseball and softball diamonds.

Getting to Thursday night was a process, that’s for sure.

In March 2023, Nashua-Plainfield voters overwhelmingly approved a School Board proposal to sell general-obligation bonds to finance the project and use the district’s SAVE funds to pay back those bonds.

The project, though, hit a snag in May of that year when bids came in more than a \$1 million over the original estimate. School officials hit “pause,” reworked the plan and new bids were accepted that fall. Work on the project began soon after, and much of the construction took place last summer.

The new complex represents a huge leap forward for the school’s diamond teams and their fans.

Nashua-Plainfield has been the only school in the Top of Iowa Conference East Division’s that didn’t play its baseball and softball games on the same site, and the fact that the Huskies’ baseball field in Nashua didn’t have lights, meant that varsity baseball and softball games were played at the same time in towns 10 miles apart.

And on Thursday, they played side-by-side in a facility — like the guy said — is absolutely beautiful.

A few minutes before the Huskies’ varsity baseball team took on North Linn and before the Huskies’ junior varsity softball team took to the field for a game against Hampton-Dumont-CAL, Nashua-



Thursday’s evening dedication draws a big crowd (above), and even though a few raindrops were falling, folks (below) lined up to check out the concession stand at the new diamond complex in Plainfield.



Plainfield’s first-year superintendent brought plenty of enthusiasm to the dedication ceremony.

He pointed out that to date, more than \$250,000 in private donations have been

received to add to the amenities at the complex.

Finally, the moment arrived.

“Now, let’s cut the ribbon,” Marley said, “and let’s play ball!”



OK, so the weather could have been better but it’s a night to celebrate an “absolutely beautiful” diamond complex in Plainfield as Huskies’ pitcher Zeke Kalainoff delivers a pitch to the plate during the second inning of a game against North Linn.

With us still being ‘abnormally dry,’ timely rains will be a key

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every-interview mantra when it came to precipitation.

Nashua has received just 2.49 inches of rain in May, and that’s more than two inches less than the 4.60 inches the area usually receives during the first 28 days of the month.

All of Chickasaw and Bremer counties are still classified as abnormally dry by the U.S. Drought Monitor even though the latest Crop and Condition Report showed that 83 percent

of topsoil has adequate or surplus moisture while 81 percent of subsoil has either adequate or surplus moisture.

“No doubt, we could use a shower or two,” Basol said, “and the way the forecast looked [earlier this week], I thought we were going to get it. But it just basically piddled a little. We’re good now, but I know I harp on it all the time when it comes to timely rains.

“We need them every year; we may need it a little more this year.”

ISU Spring Field Day set for June 18; RSVPs are due by June 16

The annual Spring Field Day at the Iowa State University Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18.

To ensure an accurate head count for the meal, please RSVP to the Northeast Iowa Research Association at neira@iastate.edu by Monday, June 16.

Mike Naig, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, will kick off the program with a presentation focusing on accelerating conservation through partnerships and cost-share. Richard Roth, extension nitrogen science specialist at ISU, will provide insights on nitrogen management for the 2025 growing season. Wes Everman, extension weed management specialist at ISU, will discuss weed management and considerations for optimal weed control in 2025. A complimentary meal will be served at noon, sponsored by Innovative Ag Services.

The field day is available at no cost and is open to the public, starting at the Borlaug Learning Center Headquarters on the ISU Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm.

Certified Crop Advisor credits will be available, including one nutrient management and one pest management continuing education credit.

For more information about this event, call Terry Basol at 641-426-6801 or Josh Michel at 563-581-7828.

Briefs

Supervisors give sheriff go-ahead to outfitting vehicle

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors gave County Sheriff Ryan Shawver the go-ahead Monday to “outfit” a new vehicle, and in the process got a little good news.

Shawver said the bid to add equipment to the 2025 Tahoe county leaders approved purchasing earlier this month came in a little lower than expected.

The \$25,911 bid was at least a couple of thousands of dollars less than Shawver expected, and he said that’s because the county will be able to use some of the equipment that is in a car that the Tahoe will replace.

Board members also discussed the policy of employees using their own vehicles until next week so they can gather more information.

St. John Lutheran Church to hold blood drive on June 17

St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua will be home to an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 1u.

The drive will run from 1 to 5 p.m. and be held at the church’s Fellowship Hall. The event is being sponsored by the VFW and those who would like to donate blood can call Myrna at 641-435-4804 to set up an appointment.

Park Board to hand out hot dogs during ‘Free Fishing Weekend’

The Nashua Park Board will celebrate “Kids Free Fishing Weekend” on Saturday, June 7, by handing out free hot dogs.

The Park Board will be sponsoring a fishing event from 9 to 11 a.m. and will hand out hot dogs at the West Shelter in Cedar View Park at the end of the event.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources sponsors the free fishing weekend each year and anglers of all ages can fish June 7-9 without a license, however, DNR officials are quick to add that all other fishing regulations still apply.

Charles City pool opens after undergoing significant updates

Charles City’s municipal swimming pool at Lions Field Park opened for the season on Monday, having gone through significant repairs and updates while closed during its off season.

The weather was 70 degrees and overcast when the pool opened Memorial Day afternoon, but the heated water held steady at 80.

Almost \$1 million in repairs and upgrades were made between the time the pool closed last fall and reopened this week, including significant concrete work, mechanical system replacements and improvements to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Many of the changes are not visible, but were designed to add another 20 to 30 years of life to the facility, which first opened in 1991 as one of the more advanced “aquatic centers” in the area.

Hawkeye spring graduates

Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo recently held commencement ceremonies for its 2025 spring semester graduates.

Four Nashua residents were honored and they include:

- Savannah Barnes, AA in liberal arts with high honors.
- Bo Harrington, AA in business with honors.
- Landon Pratt, AAS in diesel technology.
- Paige Ripley, AAS in natural resources management with high honors.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES May 21, 2025

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Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda for May 21, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve RESOLUTION 05-21-25-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCEL 2025-22 IN THE W1/2 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 22 AND PARCEL 2023-23 IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 27, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA. WHEREAS, ON THE 21st day of May, 2025 at a special meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of PARCEL 2025-22 IN THE W1/2 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 22 AND PARCEL 2023-23 IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 27, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST OF THE

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Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for May 19, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the minutes for May 12, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes for May 13, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinske, Hackman. Abstained: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve the 2025 IT Service Agreement with 20/20 Fx, llc for 300 hours for the year at \$2,250.00 per month and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No public comment.

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to let the Child Resource and Development have another room at the Heritage Center to store their books and equipment in for the summer.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve with the recommendation of the Director of EMS to hiring of Adelberto Vazquez for the fulltime EMT position effective May 26, 2025 at \$17.46 per hour. Roll call: Ayes: Carter, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve resignation of Abe Karels PT-EMT for the EMS effective May 13, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

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A consensus of the Board of Supervisors was that they want all requests of mileage reimbursement to be backed by a Certificate of Liability Insurance based on our Chickasaw County, Iowa Vehicle Policy by May 30, 2025.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by

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Bring on some summer!

All is quiet on the lake formed by the dam on the Cedar River in Nashua on Thursday evening, but we're betting boat traffic will pick up this weekend. That's because our almost fall-like weather — with highs in the 60s and lows finding their way into the 40s — is going to come to an end, beginning today. The National Weather Service is forecasting high temperatures in the upper 70s today and then we'll break into the 80s for the weekend through the beginning of next week. And the weekend looks like nothing but blue skies, but rain is in the forecast, beginning Monday night into Wednesday morning.

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Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve with the recommendation of the Director of EMS to hiring of Adelberto Vazquez for the fulltime EMT position effective May 26, 2025 at \$17.46 per hour. Roll call: Ayes: Carter, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve resignation of Abe Karels PT-EMT for the EMS effective May 13, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion of the air conditioner at the Courthouse, it is about twenty-five years old, parts are still available but plumbing shops did not know for how long and the air condition had a hard time starting up this month. Mick Gage Plumbing and Heating is going to do the specifics on a new air condition so the Board of Supervisors know exactly what they need and possibly go out for bids.

A consensus of the Board of Supervisors was that they want all requests of mileage reimbursement to be backed by a Certificate of Liability Insurance based on our Chickasaw County, Iowa Vehicle Policy by May 30, 2025.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WESLEY HICOK, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003294 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Christine B. Skilton,
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Attorney for the Administrator
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F'BURG SHOP DIESEL & GAS #11 SEC RD..... 1,486.46
DIESEL FUEL & GASOLINE SEC RD, SHERIFF..... 11,775.86
THERAPY SERVICES - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 13,230.00
OUTSIDE LABOR PLUMBER NH SHOP SEC RD 514.91
DATA SUPPORT MAINTENANCE - 911..... 9,655.65
PUB WORKS ANNUAL FEE SEC RD 1,156.00
CMS GUIDELINE SURVEYS - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 116.57
CONNECT OFFICE SUBSCRIPTION FEE- DATA PROCESSING..... 1,680.00
ASST ADMIN TRAINING - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 221.04
CONSULT & ENGINEER SRVS OLD LANDFILL 3/26-4/25/25 .. 3,645.00
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- PUBLIC HEALTH 20.30
M I L E A G E - I N V E S T I G A - TIONS-TRANSPORT- MEDICAL EXAMINER 825.00
BILLING SOFTWARE - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 625.90
TELEPHONE/INTERNET - 911 226.00
20 HOUR IN-SERVICE COURSE - SHERIFF..... 135.00
NCOA MAILING - ELECTIONS 150.79
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 423.50
GARBAGE PICKUP NH SHOP SEC RD,CSB,GS.SHERIFF/JAIL/LEM, HERITAGE..... 581.98
WORK GLOVES & PARTS-CONSERVATION, GS..... 481.58
BOARD OF REVIEW- ASSESSOR..... 300.00
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- PUBLIC HEALTH 242.90
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- PUBLIC HEALTH 315.00
CULVERT MAINT SUPPLIES SEC RD 1,205.85
2025 CHEVY TAHOE - SHERIFF..... 51,464.20
BROS.CO19(117)-8J-19 4TH PAYMENT SEC RD..... 80,930.57
LAB FEES- WELL WATER TESTING- EH 1,340.00

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VA MEETING- MAY 2025 25.00
GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL SEC RD 11,175.86
FUELS/GAS - SHERIFF,PH,EH,JAIL..... 4,408.91
PARTS #206 & AV SHOP HRDW SEC RD 530.95
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INTERPRETER SVC - STATE GRANT - PUBLIC HEALTH 27.30
DUST CONTROL - 140TH DETOUR SEC RD..... 1,725.00
ELECTRICAL PARTS & SUPPLIES SEC RD..... 583.87
PARTS #26 SEC RD 72.86
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- CLIENT CALLS- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 148.49
MEDICAL/LAB SUPPLIES- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 167.65
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INTERSECTION LIGHTING SEC RD 7.35
ELECTRICITY- CONSERVATION 1,153.53
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REPAIR BUMPER DEFLECTOR - SHERIFF..... 48.48
WELL WATER ADVERTISING - COUNTY GRANT..... 96.00
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CO RES UTIL & RENT ASSISTANCE 372.57
LUBRICANTS SEC RD 2,030.15
ANL WELLNESS CHECKS-SHERIFF 2,975.00
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WELL REHAB-COUNTY GRANT 2,000.00
SUPPLIES/PARTS - EMS, EMB338.99
2014 RAM LIGHTS & EMERG. EQUIP UPGRADE - SHERIFF 5,041.08
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - PUBLIC HEALTH 291.20
ANL RECORDS MGT SOFT-WARE SHERIFF 16,477.50
TOOLS SEC RD..... 114.00
OUTSIDE REPAIRS ELECTRICAL NH SHOP SEC RD 475.00
AMMUNITION FOR TRAINING & DUTY- SHERIFF 10,327.40
WELDING SUPPLIES SEC RD .. 35.00
MILEAGE REIMB- PUBLIC HEALTH 189.70
HAUL LEACHATE - LANDFILL CONTRACT 200.00
CELL PHONE/TABLET SVC - EH-PH-EMERG PREP GRANT..... 653.33
ANNUAL MICROFILMING FEE- REORDER 243.00
SHERIFF CELL/DATA FOR PATROL CARS 1,063.96
SHERIFF 14 CHEVY IMPALA SRVS 1,163.04
ISU TRAINING EVENT REGISTRATION - ASSESSOR..... 10.00
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OUTSIDE REPAIRS & PARTS SEC RD 995.91
GROUND LEASE PAYMENT- NASHUA RADIO TOWER. 500.00
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FUE/GASOLINE -ASSESSOR..... 62.65
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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Board Meeting May 12, 2025 Nashua-Plainfield JH/HS Commons 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order (Quorum) President Pat Lentz called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.Present: Laura Folkerts, Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen, Patrick Lentz. Absent: Lara Lawrence. Also present: Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer, MS/HS Principal Dean Youngblut, Superintendent Jay Marley, and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.

II. Open 1st Public Hearing & Public Comments of 2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Levy Pat Lentz opened the public hearing at 6:01 pm. No public comments were made. The hearing was closed at 6:01 pm.

III. Adjourn Laura Folkerts adjourned at 6:02 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Call Regular Meeting to Order (Quorum) President Pat Lentz called the regular board meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Present: Laura Folkerts, Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen, Patrick Lentz. Absent: Lara Lawrence. Also present: Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer, MS/HS Principal Dean Youngblut, Superintendent Jay Marley, and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.

II. Open 2nd Public Hearing & Public Comments of 2025-2026 Budget Pat Lentz opened the public hearing at 6:02 pm. No public comments were made. The hearing was closed at 6:02 pm.

III. Approve the Consent Agenda Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Cody Jensen carried unanimously. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the minutes from previous board meetings. Motion carried unanimously. Approve Bills for Payment

Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Monthly Financial Report

Motion by Cody Jensen, second by Chris Hagen to approve the monthly financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations

Motion by Laura Folkerts, second by Chris Hagen to approve the following recommendations and resignations. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation from Martin Thies as Music Instructor

Stacy Lokenritz as the new Elemen-

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tary Building Head Kitchen

Kate Christensen as the FY26 K-12 Music Instructor

Shane Huck as the FY26 Head Wrestling Coach

Jill Kalvig as the FY26 Head JH Volleyball Coach

IV. Spotlight in Education District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP) Mr. Youngblut shared with the board the District Career & Academic Plan. It's a strategic, living document that guides the implementation of Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP) for every student.

V. Administrative Reports The Elementary Principal and MS/HS Principals shared their reports with the board.

VI. Public Hearing & Comments of 2025-2026 School Calendar Pat Lentz opened the public hearing at 6:22 pm. No public comments were made. The public hearing was closed at: 6:23 pm.

VII. Review and Consider Approving FY 2026 District Calendar Motion by Chris Hagen, Second by Laura Folkerts to approve the FY26 District Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. VIII. Review and Consider Approving 2025-26 Certified Budget Motion by Cody Jensen, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the FY26 Certified Budget. Roll Call: Laura Folkerts - Yes, Chris Hagen - Yes, Cody Jensen - Yes, Lara Lawrence - Absent, Patrick Lentz - Yes, Motion carried unanimously. IX. Review and Consider Approving the Ratification of the NPESP Contracts Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Cody Jensen to approve the ratification of NPESP Contracts. Motion carried unanimously. X. Review and Consider Approving the Ratification of NPESP Contracts Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Chris Hagen to approve the ratification of NPESP Contracts. Motion carried unanimously. XI. Review and Consider Approving Wellmark Health Insurance & Monthly Contribution Cap Motion by Laura Folkerts, Second by Cody Jensen to approve raising the monthly contribution to \$574.88. Motion carried unanimously. XII. Review and Information ONLY of 2024 Independent Audit Report from Kay Chapman

Ashley Ratliff, SBO/Board Secretary, went over the audit findings with the board.

XIII. Review and Information ONLY Baseball & Softball Complex Update

Mr. Marley shared an update with the board on the baseball/softball complex.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Marley shared his report with the board. XV. Next Meeting Date Next school board meeting will be on June 9 at

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6pm as scheduled.

XVI. Adjourn Laura Folkerts adjourned at 7:09 pm, Seconded by Chris Hagen. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Ratliff

SBO/Board Secretary Pat Lentz

Board President

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ALBRECHT, DANIELLE..... 26.05

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ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO. MILK/DAIRY 3,852.06

ANTHOFFER, MELANIE REIMBURSEMENT 55.91

ATLANTIC COCA-COLA CONCESSIONS/ALA CARTE ITEMS 668.93

BALSLEY, BETTY L REIMBURSEMENT 12.60

BALVANZ, SCOTT..... 16.50

BECKER, DAN 15.25

BELLE PLAINE HIGH SCHOOL 90.00

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Kadence Huck (above) takes the lead in the early going of the 800-meter run Saturday while the day before she joins her distance medley relay teammates (below) on the awards stand after the Huskies took second in the race at the Class 1A state track and field meet.

Huskies break school record in distance medley

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 12

school record. We were a second off the state record. There's nothing we shouldn't be proud of," said Huck.

N-P's time was faster than last year's Husky team of Jordyn Frost, Jalissa White, Ellie Eick and Huck that won gold in 4:09.07.

"I mean, we got second and I felt like they were about to cry because they were sad. I couldn't be more proud of them. And so just having them have a positive experience down here so they can continue it on next year was really important to me," said Huck.

But it was that shoe that had everybody talking and posed this question.

When a curve ball is thrown your way at the most intense moment, what do you do?

In Huck's case that meant making a critical, split decision with the clock winding down and with little room for error.

That dilemma came to a head in the Huskies' dmed jaunt around the oval in the form of a loose shoestring on Huck's right foot while the race was starting to pick up steam.

Her answer to that question — kick the shoe off and keep running.

For the first time in her storied track and field career — Huck lost a shoe.

Her response was to run a lightning-quick 800 clip of 2:07 with just a white sock protecting her right foot. That gutsy performance helped propel her Husky teammates to a state runner-up finish in the event.

Huck took the stick in seventh place — almost dead last in N-P's fast heat — but managed to climb near the front after just about half a lap around the track. That was about the same time she noticed something was amiss.

"You got so much adrenaline I didn't even notice," said Huck. "It was untied the whole time and just kept unloosening. I got over there and was like kick it off, it doesn't matter. It's not going to help anything. I felt alright. I ran fast. That's all I can ask for."

Huck said the shoe became untied at the 200-meter mark of her first 400 and she was afraid she was going to trip over the rogue lace. Then after she crossed the finish line the first time she purposely kicked the shoelace to the curb, which not a lot of people noticed because Huck did it so flawlessly without skipping a beat.

"I have watched the video of her shoe falling off at the 400 mark over and over again. If I didn't personally see the shoe fly up, you wouldn't even know that it happened. She kept her composure. She kept her determination. She kept her game face on. That girl was on a mission," said McCall.

McCall said Huck's 2:07 split left her speechless.

"What a run. She ran a 2:09 last year in the distance medley, so I knew she had a faster time in her. But to know she did it with one shoe is simply mind boggling and truly shows the grit and the heart that girl competes with every single time she steps on the track," said the N-P head coach.

Running on a sock for what amounted to a lap around the track did create a blister on Huck's toe, but McCall said that



was a "non-factor" on Saturday when Huck would run the final two races of her high school career in the open 800 and mile run (1,500).

"We covered it up and added some padding to it, but that girl is beyond mentally tough that that foot did not faze her one bit. We kept asking how it was feeling and she kept responding that she doesn't even feel it. That is a true testament to who Kadence is. She isn't going to let a blistered toe stop her from going out and doing her very best. She is a fierce competitor who is one of the most mentally tough athletes I have ever coached," said McCall.

On Saturday after the events were all said and done, Huck could only laugh and smile about the unfortunate incident that she ended up turning into motivation to run faster.

"I mean I ran faster yesterday without a shoe, maybe I should have kicked it off again. I tied them twice today," she said with a laugh. "Trust me, there was no way they were going to untie today."

St. Albert junior Lili Denton anchored the Saintes' winning dmed. Denton ended up knocking off Huck in another epic run toward greatness Saturday afternoon in the mile run (1,500), which was Huck's last race ever as a Husky.

Both standouts broke the 1A state meet record in the event. Denton clipped out to a 4:30.63, Huck produced a game, silver-medal effort of 4:33.29.

"I'm not sad at all, except for the fact that it's my last race as a Husky," Huck said. "I performed at my best. I mean I ran three PRs, ran a 2:07 with no shoe. It was a really good weekend. I love winning, but I can't complain at all."

Huck turned back Denton earlier in the day with her win in the open 800 — which bumped her overall state-title total to double digits at 10. Huck's winning time was 2:10.22 — Denton's two laps around the track equated to a time of 2:12.4.

It was Huck's third-straight gold medal in the 800 run put around her neck.

"It feels really good, and I kind of wish I would have ran it as a freshman now, just to see," Huck said, "but obviously we did great my freshman year anyway so I can't complain about that either."

Back to the dmed, which featured three newcomers in the event as they were running for the first time on the varsity level — which included Jimenez, a foreign-exchange student from Spain.

"Her times got more consistent throughout the year and she earned her spot," said Huck. Jimenez said her fellow Spainards streamed the state meet over 4,000 miles away back at her home country.

"It's pretty cool. I never thought this was going to happen," said Jimenez. "All my friends and my family are pretty excited."

Foelske broke from the blocks for her 200 anchor leg and handed the baton to Jimenez, who also ran the 200 meters it took to reach the finish line of the first lap in the 1,600-meter relay.

"I was just trying to get out strong and get it to Manuela," said Foelske. "Our handoff was not the best, but that's okay."

Cerwinski beelined it down the track in effort to give Huck a chance to get gold.

"I feel like my race was pretty good. I got through it all.

I thought our handoffs were pretty good," said Cerwinski. "I was just trying to get out there and use the backstretch. The last 100 I was kind of hurting, but I was just trying to get it to Kadence as fast as I could."

McCall summed up Huck's fantastic finish at state, as well as her otherworldly accomplishments at N-P.

That includes other sports, as well as in the classroom and extra-curricular activities that she's excelled in. McCall mentioned that Huck got there through hard work when a lot of people weren't watching.

"Kadence is talented, but she also has worked her butt off for everything she has accomplished. She is the most disciplined athlete I have ever coached. She does so much more behind the scenes that nobody else sees," an emotional McCall said. "The medals and trophies and honors are a true testament to everything she has poured her heart into. She deserved every bit of it. We are going to miss her, but man does she have big things ahead for her."

"As one chapter closes, another one opens, and we are so excited to see her shine."

Huck will run for Oklahoma State University this fall in cross country and track.

St. Albert won the team championship with 46 points, while last year's champ — St. Ansgar — accumulated 40 points for the runner-up slot. N-P and Fort Dodge St. Edmond tied for third with 36 points.

N-P won the state team title in 2022 when Huck was a freshman and placed state runner-up the past two seasons prior to this third-place finish in 1A.

— Reporter Editor Bob Fenske contributed to this story



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter and Jenn Kalainoff
Nashua-Plainfield's Jake Smith (above) hands the baton to Jase Hansen in the distance medley, while earlier in the race, Navarri Williams and Eli Kalainoff make an exchange.

Husky boys beat their seed in relay

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after Kalainoff qualified for the finals last year, thought he had placed and did not after a few remaining entrants in the finals came up with better tosses.

"I would have loved to have won the whole damn thing but I was also just thrilled to death that he got in the finals and gave himself a chance to medal, too," said Sudol.

Kalainoff, who finished ninth at state in the discus in 2024, had to qualify for the finals on his last throw of the preliminary round with a heave of 151-1. Once in the finals, any top throw in the preliminary round can still be used retroactively to achieve a medal. Kalainoff ripped off his best distance of the day with his fifth toss. Each competitor receives three throws in the preliminary round, as do finalists. The state hands out medals for the top eight finishers in each event, including field events.

"It's tough sledding. It ain't easy to be a state placewinner. That's why for Eli to get a medal in the disc — it's a big deal and a helluva an accomplishment," said Sudol.

Kalainoff placed 11th overall at last month's Drake Relays. He said he's obviously gunning for a medal in that prestigious event, as well as upgrading his hardware at state — preferably in the bronze, silver or gold variety.

"I'm just going to work on my technique, getting better," said Kalainoff, who ran on N-P's state 4x800 relay as a freshman but did not run in track as a sophomore because of a leg injury sustained in football that year.

Sudol couldn't complain

either about his squad's dmed run — which entered the field with the worst qualifying time (3:49.08).

N-P's grouping of juniors Navarri Williams, Kalainoff, Jake Smith and Jase Hansen placed 21st overall with a season PR of 3:46.52.

Sudol will take it. "We were seeded 24th and we didn't get 24th. It went good," said Kalainoff. "It was fun to run and throw down here. It was a cool experience."

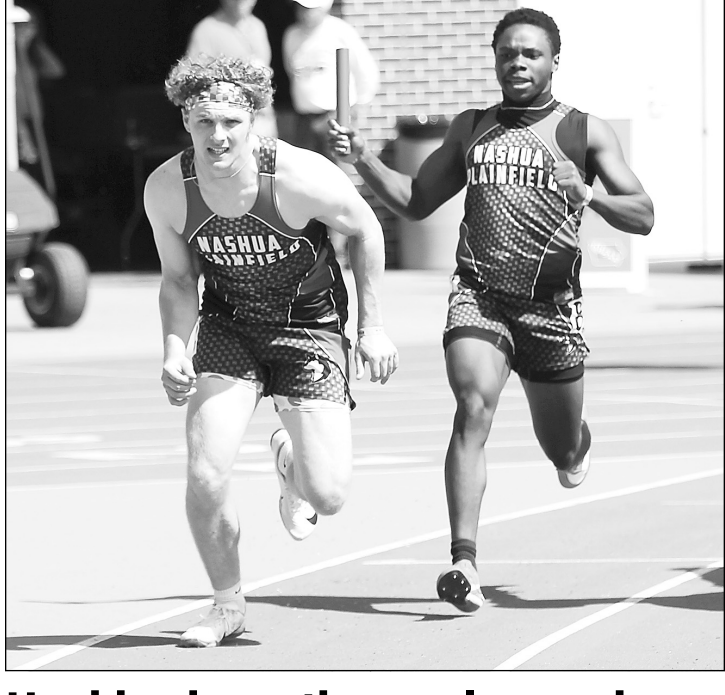
The track coach, who also returned as the Husky football head coach last fall, knows his Huskies can do better next year in an effort to lower times and raise the bar, so to speak.

"Just to get them boys experience was a good thing from the start. To go down there and improve our time and do better than what we were seeded was definitely a good thing," said Sudol. "It gives us something to work for with all those guys returning next year. To get down there next year and contend for a medal would be the ultimate goal."

The state alternates for the dmed were freshman Zeke Kalainoff, junior Landon Foelske and senior Luke Paplow.

Times continue to get lowered on the high school level in the state of Iowa, which was clearly evident at last week's state coed meet as numerous school records were broken on the girls and boys side of competition.

"Times are fast. Kids are talented. We gotta have a big off-season for all sports. We started weightlifting today. We just gotta improve as athletes," said Sudol. "We gotta continue to get better and we'll be there."



Huskies have themselves a day at the state girls golf tournament

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"She was just really consistent and played pretty relaxed," Trost said. "That's the key for Faith, and you know she kept herself out of trouble. That's obviously a good thing in golf."

The Nashua-Plainfield coach was just as impressed with his other four players. Paisley McCain finished with a 99 while Elayna O'Neill posted a 100 to round out Nashua-Plainfield's counting scores. Meanwhile, freshman Natalie Feldman and junior Ava Kirk, new to high school golf this season, were solid — finishing 113 and 114, respectively.

"Paisley and Elayna have

really come a long way since the start of the season," Trost said, "and the same goes for Natalie and Ava. Our girls definitely showed up today, and now, we just have to do the same thing tomorrow. Like I said, we put ourselves in position and that's all I can ask as a coach."

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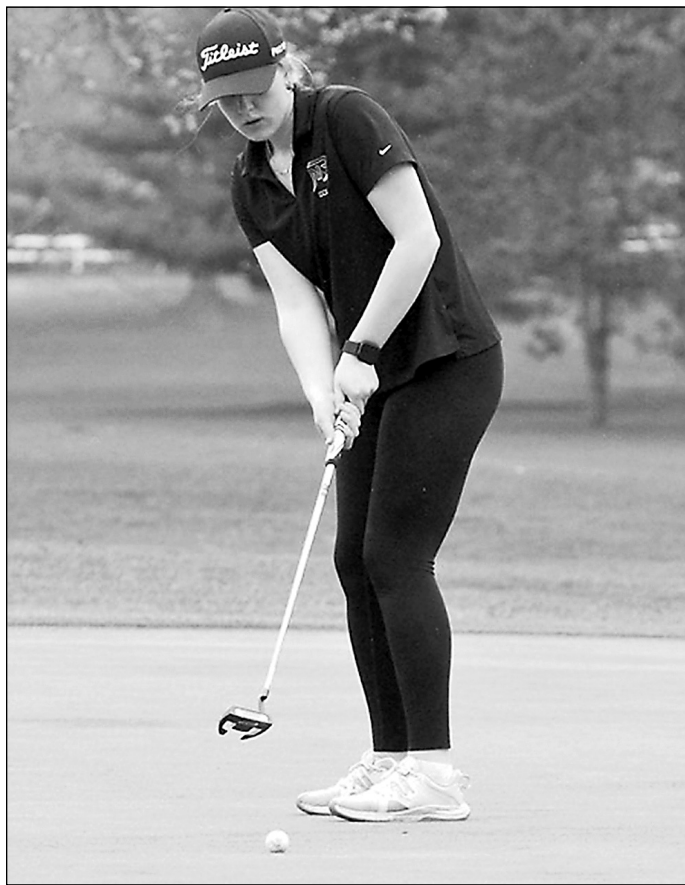
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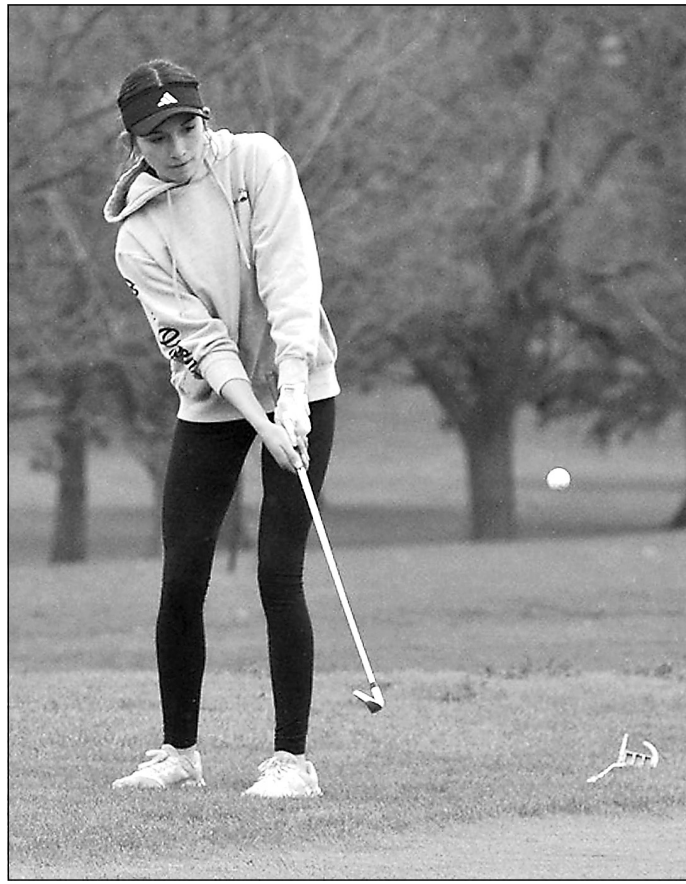
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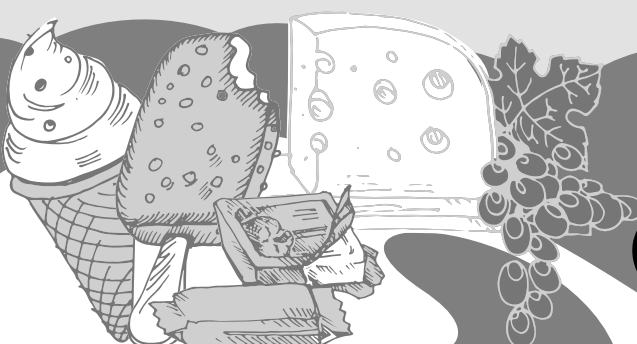


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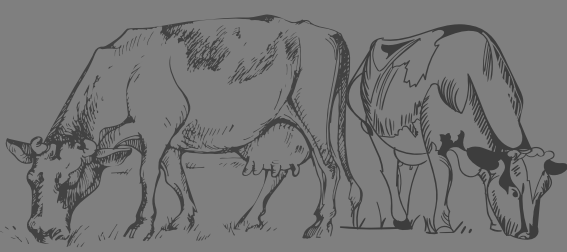
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Oh, I had covered enough clashes between the Falcons and Knights in other sports to know whom Staker was, but on this day, storm clouds rolled into Mason City. The game was delayed, and the players, coaches and yes, the one media guy hustled into the school building to wait it out.

The kids hung out in the gym while Staker, Mason City Newman coach Gary Nyhus and I went to Nyhus' classroom. Gary pulled out a deck of cards and said, "How about a little blackjack?"

So for about 35 minutes, two legendary coaches and I played the game, and by the time the rain let up, I was the big winner and coach Staker owed me 20 bucks.

Almost 20 years later, at my first Dairy Days, I turned the corner and ran into coach Staker, who by then had moved on to lead a resurgent Coe College football program.

"Fenske, how the heck are you," he asked.

"I'm doing well, but don't you owe me 20 bucks?"

He laughed and gave me a mischievous smile before saying, "Hey, I'm good for it."

Fast forward to that evening, when my boys — then just 11 and 10 — and I headed back to Fredericksburg for the Dairy Days' evening parade. I shot a bunch of pictures, and about half-way through the parade, Josh came running across the street with a hot dog and a Coke.

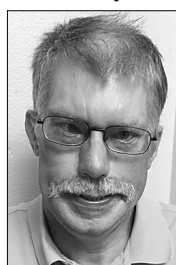
"What's that," I said.

"Some old guy gave it to me and told me to tell you, 'Now, we're even,'" Josh replied.

Over the years, I loved telling coach Staker that story, and he always laughed.

"You're not raising a dummy," he would say with a laugh,

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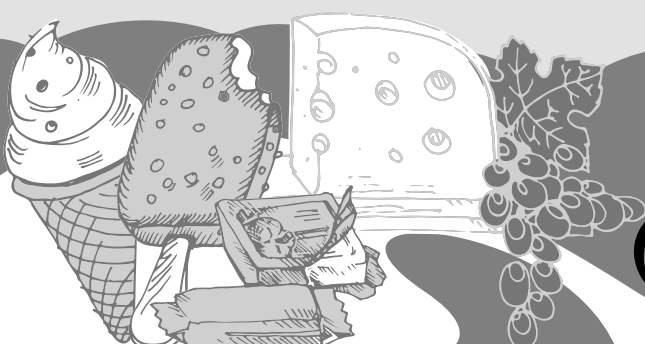
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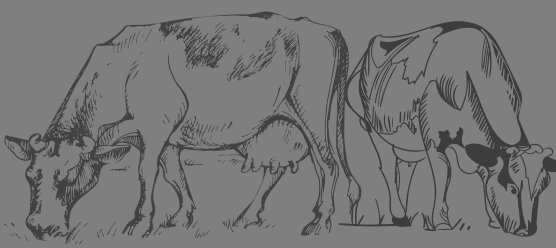
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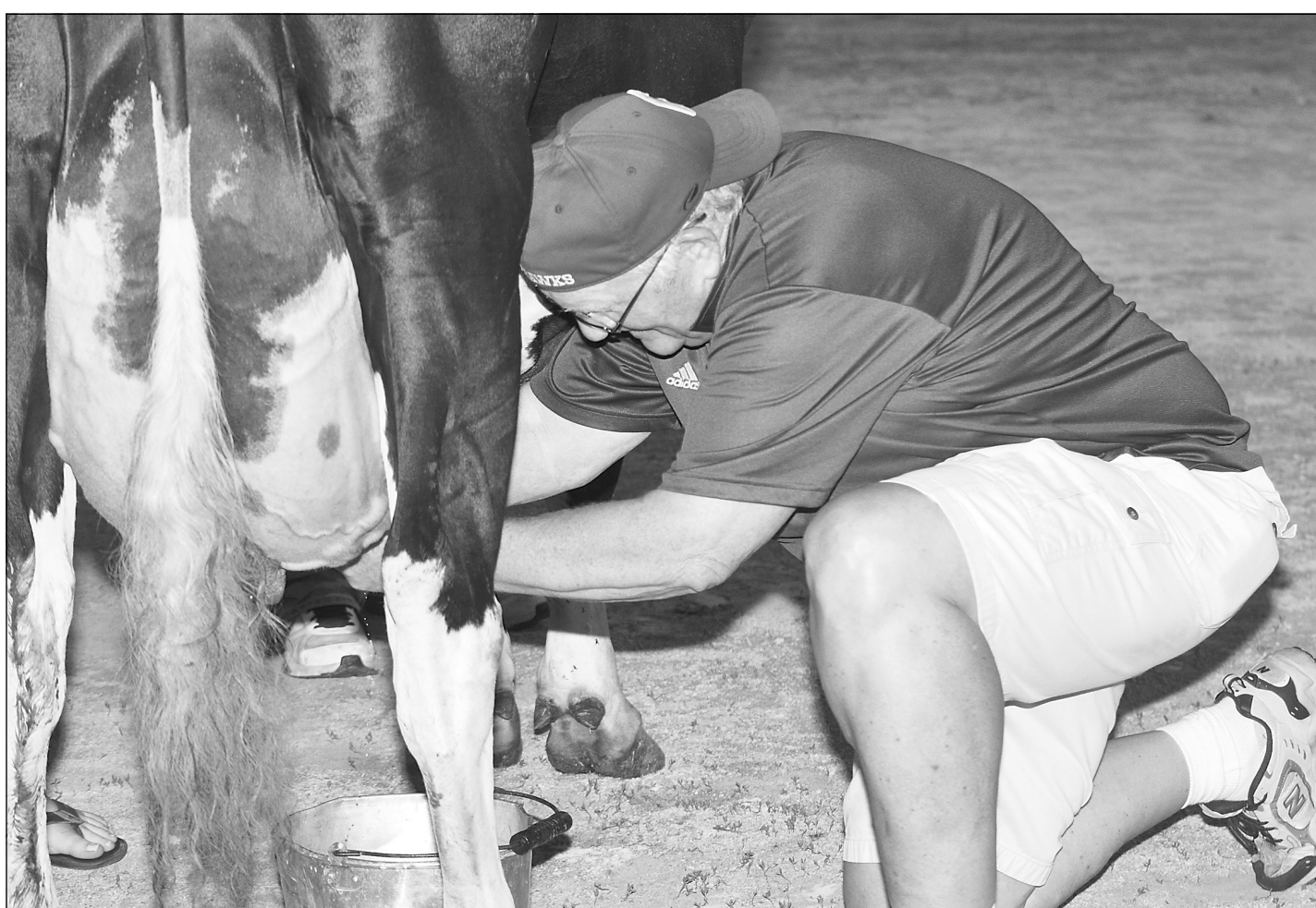
Iowa State Dairy Association's goals are:

- Maintain and grow dairy farmer membership within ISDA to keep dairy farmers informed.
- Develop partnerships through cooperative efforts, engaging members and developing policy to move the dairy industry forward.
- Ensure frequent and concise communication of dairy farmers' issues through legislative agenda to encourage economic growth.

• USDA does not provide oversight of the Iowa State Dairy Association.

• Iowa State Dairy Association and Midwest Dairy are two organizations with two separate boards. However, staff is contracted and shared between the Iowa State Dairy Association and Midwest Dairy.

— Iowa State Dairy Association



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The late Steve Staker, who started and ran the Street Sports Dairy Days program for years, tries to work his magic during the milking contest at the 2013 celebration.

Wholesome Dairy Days help us recall simpler times

DAIRY DAYS: FROM 9

"because he's not wrong."

Maybe it was that first Dairy Days encounter with Staker; maybe it wasn't, but I love this festival and am looking forward to attending the 2025 version — the "101 Holsteins Dairy Days Celebration" — that kicks off its three-day run today (Thursday).

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy all of Chickasaw County's town celebrations, but as we kick off "Festival Month" — Alta Vista Days, New Hampton's Heartland Days, Lawler's Irish Fest and Nashua's Water Over the Dam Days all follow on the heels of Fredericksburg's big event.

They all have their niches, if you will, and if I had to pick what makes Dairy Days so special, it would be its wholesomeness.

Seriously, is there anything better than Street Sports?

It's a tradition like no other, and any celebration that has a sack race or a "wheelbarrow race" and is celebrated with milk is a winner in my book.

It just hits me right in the heart. Maybe I'm just getting nostalgic in my old age, but it reminds me of a time when life was simpler and that the spirit of small towns — I grew up in one, by the way, and Mapleton, Minnesota, reminds me a lot of Fredericksburg — is still alive and well.

And then you have an honest-to-goodness milking contest that takes me back to my high school days when I worked for a dairy farmer, and I get to relive my youth.

Street Sports and the milking contest are set for tonight, and if you haven't been, go. You, too, might realize that

the good old days aren't ancient history; they are happening right now in little Fredericksburg, Iowa.

As we get ready for another grand Dairy Days — the only town celebration I've ever covered with both a morning and evening parade (think of the candy your kids can score) — give it a shot.

It has grand dairymen, grand marshals and young dairy producers, who are respectively Walt and Janet Wendland, the Hadwen Kleiss family and Bryan and Michelle Muetherthies.

It has a kick-you-know-what carnival, royalty, live music, scrumptious food, not one but two parades (one at 10:30 a.m. on Friday; the other at 7 that evening), fireworks and so much more.

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It's a full field for Little Miss Fredericksburg!

Say this about Fredericksburg's Dairy Days Celebration: There is no dearth of candidates when it comes to the Little Miss Fredericksburg pageant.

A dozen girls are vying for the crown that will be handed out during the coronation ceremony that will be held on Friday at 11:30 a.m. after the morning parade is held.

The coronation of Little Miss Fredericksburg — along with Little Mr. Fredericksburg and Miss Fredericksburg — will be held at the Community Center.

Here are short bios of the dozen girls who want to be Little Miss Fredericksburg:

Emmeline Westin

Celebrating her sixth birthday in May, Emmeline is the daughter of Alan and Shannon Westin. Her interests include riding bikes on the trail, swimming, trampoline, singing, dancing and make-up.

Among the activities Fredericksburg has to offer, she likes the swimming pool and trail. Winning the "shoe kick" in the street sports last year and riding the dragon coaster in 2023 are among her favorite memories of Dairy Days.

Mila Wendland

The daughter of Megan and Kyle Wendland, Mila is 7 years old. Among her hobbies are riding her bike, reading, using her camera, playing school, swimming, being outside, dancing and cooking.

Her favorite parts of the town are the park, school, pool, trails, Meatery, her home and the golf course. Under favorite memory from past Dairy Day, Mila listed "Parade and opened Meatery."

Louisa Warnke

Louisa is the daughter of Deven and Katelyn Warnke and Hannah Miller.

She lists her hobbies as softball, playing with her animals and playing outside, with an exclamation after her favorite part about Fredericksburg: The pool! Past Dairy Days highlights are riding the rides, then seeing the

One vying for Little Mr. Fredericksburg

Andrew Dix, the 6-year-old son of Kevin and Jade Dix, is the lone candidate for Little Mr. Fredericksburg.

His hobbies include going to Grandpa's, playing with friends, riding a bike and fishing. Those are also the things he likes about Fredericksburg, specifically riding on the bike trail or going to Casey's with Grandpa.

His favorite memory from past Dairy Days would be riding on the rides and in the parade.



Andrew Dix

fireworks!

Cora Steege

Cora is 8 years old and the daughter of Alex and Morgan Steege. Her interests include soccer, tumbling, Girl Scouts, piano, softball, basketball, volleyball and swimming.

Asked about her favorite part about Fredericksburg, she said "I like my church, my home, my school and the parks. I couldn't pick just one." Favorite memories were "Papa Spencer buying us tickets and when my cousins Goldie and Wells come."

Kendall Pitz

Kendall, age 7, is the daughter of Jared and Brianna Pitz. This Little Miss candidate enjoys roller skating, camping, playing with friends, doing crafts, playing with dolls and baking.

She likes the "small town" aspects of Fredericksburg, where she gets to know all her friends. Her favorite memory of Dairy Days is throwing candy from the church float.

Lucy Jean Mason

Lucy is 5 years old and the daughter of Pat and Holly Mason. Among her hobbies are the

Just one seeking Miss Fredericksburg crown

Miss Fredericksburg Candidate Kendall Suckow is the daughter of Travis and Jeannie Suckow.

Kendall is in cross country, track, FFA, National Honor Society and is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth Group. Her hobbies include running with friends, working with her two horses and trail riding.

"What I love most about Fredericksburg is that strong sense of community," she wrote. "It's great being able to support our local businesses and really feel connected to everyone here. Plus, it's a place where people look out for each other, and that's something special."



Kendall Suckow

The pool park and Brad Niewoehner Memorial Park are among her favorite things about town. Her favorite past memory of Dairy Days is "When Abby Nelson dressed up as a blow-up cow on our church float and she was surfing."

Hattie Brincks

At the age of 6, this Little Miss candidate is the daughter of Mike and Becca Brincks. Her favorite pastimes are playing outside, playing with her dog Hoyt, going to see their baby calves and playing with dolls. Her favorite part of the town of Fredericksburg is the Dairy Days festival itself where she enjoys seeing her friends, getting her face painted, going on a big "spinning ride" and the parades in the past.

Lydia Benter

Lydia, age 7, is the daughter of Ben and Desiree Benter. Her hobbies include playing outside, playing at the park, walking the bike trail and playing with her sister. Her draws to Fredericksburg include her friends at school, the bike trail, the parks and ice cream at the Meatery. She especially remembers riding the rollercoaster last year at Dairy Days.

Audrey Benter

At age 5, this Little Miss candidate is the daughter of Ben and Desiree Benter. She enjoys dressing up, playing outside, helping Dad outside, going to the park and watching TikTok. The bike trail, the parks and ice cream at the Meatery are the things she enjoys the most about her town, with "the yummy food!" the best part of Dairy Day.

Wren Arndorfer

The daughter of Adam and Meridith Arndorfer, Wren is 7 years old. Her hobbies include playing at the park, soccer, basketball, dance, drawing, animals and Clover Kids. She enjoys the bike trail in her town and while Dairy Days is on she likes watching the parade and going on rides.



Wren Arndorfer

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3. Heart Health: Milk contains potassium, which helps regulate blood pressure by balancing sodium levels in the body. Some studies suggest

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4. Weight Management: Drinking milk, particularly low-fat or fat-free varieties, can aid in weight management by providing a feeling of fullness due to its protein content. Additionally, calcium in milk has been linked to fat breakdown and reduced fat absorption in the body.

5. Immune Support: Milk is a good source of vitamins A and D, as well as zinc and selenium, all of which play a vital role in supporting a

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Husky girls get off to fast start at state golf

Franzens both shoot 81s as Nashua-Plainfield heads into final round of Class 1A tourney in second place

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield girls golf team, to put it simply, came to play on Thursday.

And the Huskies not only surprised their coach but they also put themselves in the hunt for a title at the Class 1A state golf tournament.

"The crazy thing is that we probably left a few strokes out there," Nashua-

Plainfield coach Jeff Trost said after his team fired a season-best 361 at the American Legion Golf Course, "but if you had told me this morning we were going to have that score and be second in the team standings, I might have thought you were



Paige Franzen

being a little on the optimistic side."

The veteran coach paused and laughed.

"But I'll take it, that's for sure."

The Huskies head into today's final round 17 shots behind Easton Valley and three shots ahead of Top of Iowa Conference East Division rival Mason City Newman.

"Easton Valley's really good; they've got six players that can score," Trost said, "but anything can happen. The

girls went out and put themselves in position that's for sure."

The Huskies were led by their two Franzens as both Faith and Paige finished with 81s. That put them in a tie for fifth — four shots behind the tournament's leader,



Faith Franzen

Bretlyn Decker of Central City.

Paige Franzen fought an uncooperative putter for much of the day, Trost said, but made several key putts down the stretch to get her 81.

"It's a positive the way she ended," Trost said. "Hopefully she can take that into tomorrow. She kept herself in it, that's for sure."

Ditto for Faith Franzen.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck, running without a shoe, blazes down the track as she runs the anchor leg of the distance medley at the Class 1A state track and field meet last Friday.

HUCK CLOSES OUT BRILLIANT CAREER, LEADS HUSKIES TO THIRD-PLACE FINISH AT STATE

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The memorable and unforgettable relay could simply be dubbed "The Shoe."

It was a championship run even if it didn't claim gold.

If one race personified the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies — along with all-time Iowa prep track and field legend Kadence Huck — it was the N-P distance medley relay on Friday morning down at the famed blue oval of the Class 1A state track meet in Des Moines.

The N-P senior's toughness and ability to overcome pitfalls was on full display in front of thousands of track and field fans that filled the stands at Drake Stadium in a week that would crown champions.

It was another tour de force for Huck, who ended her conquest of track meets across Iowa on the biggest stage for preps in 2025 with her 10th state crown and more importantly guided her young N-P squad to a fourth-consecutive state team trophy.

What an amazing ride for Huck, the Huskies and head coach Amber McCall on the final afternoon of the coed state track meet to finish off the weekend's festivities on Saturday. Huck and her Huskies left a legacy at the school that will be hard to match.

"Obviously, I've made my mark in the record books at Nashua-Plainfield. So it's almost more important to me just to make sure our underclassmen can see what it's like. That was kind of what it was yesterday," said Huck after being the key component on an superior anchor leg that helped her squad tie for third place in the small-school class alongside



Nashua-Plainfield's Eva Foelske (above) takes off in the distance medley while Manuela Jimenez closes in on Kelly Cerwinski (right) in the same race.

Fort Dodge St. Edmond and earn the last state team trophy.

The yesterday Huck is referring to was Friday's distance medley run with the team of freshmen Eva Foelske, Kelly Cerwinski and sophomore foreign-exchange student Manuela Jimenez. The foursome broke the school record with a run of 4:08.69 — about a minute-and-change off the 1A all-time dmed record set by North Tama (4:05.37) in 2007. The event was so fast that N-P didn't even win the race as 1A's overall team champ Council Bluffs St. Albert blew past the field with a sizzling blue-ribbon finish of 4:05.87.

"They did great. It was a

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Huskies rebound to beat Northwood-Kensett

One night after suffering heartbreaking loss, N-P holds off Vikings for a 9-7 victory

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Trust us, first-year Nashua-Plainfield baseball coach Mason Hyde would much rather have started the season 2-0, but he found plenty of positives when it came to the opening two games of the season.

The Huskies dropped their opener at Central Springs in heartbreaking fashion on Tuesday night as they saw a 3-0 lead evaporate when the Panthers scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but they rebound-

ed by rallying and then holding off Northwood-Kensett for a 9-7 road win on Wednesday.

"Last night felt like the night before," Hyde said Thursday afternoon, "but you know, we talked about using that Central Springs as a learning tool and our guys did that. They found a way against Northwood."

Start with the opener, which, save for quiet bats, was going along swimmingly for the Huskies. Senior pitcher Dawson Glaser was in complete control on the mound, and the Huskies got RIB singles from the Kalainoff boys

— Eli and Zeke — to build a 3-0 lead.

Glaser took a no-hitter into the sixth inning as he threw 5 2/3 innings of one-hit ball while walking two and striking out eight.

"Dawson was absolutely dominating," said Hyde, the 2018 Nashua-Plainfield graduate who served as an assistant coach for six years before replacing Levi Miller at the helm this year. "He was really in complete control."

But because Nashua-Plainfield

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Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield's Matthew Malven slides safely across the plate during Wednesday's game against Northwood-Kensett.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Eli Kalainoff (above) lets the discus fly, and the Huskies' Jase Hansen runs the anchor leg of the distance medley at the Class 1A state track and field meet last Friday.

Huskies' Kalainoff medals in the discus

N-P junior takes second; distance medley runs best time of season at state track meet

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Eli Kalainoff wasn't in a hurry to get over to the discus circle on Friday afternoon right across from Drake Stadium — but he wasn't going to take his time with a slow walk either.

The afternoon session of the 2025 state track meet down in Des Moines last week Friday was running a tad behind — like 20 minutes or so.

That slower pace of completing events in Class 1A and 4A didn't do Kalainoff any favors.

Kalainoff — Nashua-Plainfield's junior standout athlete — was supposed to be competing in the Husky distance medley at a scheduled start time of 3:20 p.m. That's important to bear in mind because Kalainoff was one of the few, if not the only relay participant — that had to head over to the discus field event at 4:30 p.m.

He made it to the throwing area with time to spare so he could warm up, alongside head coach Chase Sudol, as well as assistant coaches Jay Connor and Zade McCall.

The end result was a medal earned for the Husky multi-sport star.

Kalainoff — who entered the small-class state discus competition with the second-best throw during the regular season at 167 feet (school record) — placed seventh in the event with a toss of 155-2.

"It wasn't what I wanted, but it was alright. It wasn't the worst possible day. I didn't throw super good or super bad. It went alright. It could have been better, for sure," said Kalainoff. "It was good enough."



The medal was a welcome reprieve after hustling to cover a distance that was a stone's throw from Drake Stadium to work to get his medal. Kalainoff had less than an hour before his field event started after running the second leg on the Husky state dmed squad.

"I thought I would have had a little more time, but I won't use that as an excuse or anything," said Kalainoff. "I still got over here and gotta warm up enough."

The medal placed around his neck was also especially sweet

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