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Veterans honored to receive quilts

Quilts of Valor given to a number of veterans, including N-P graduate

By **DOROTHY HUBER**
Of the Reporter

Nashua's Matthew Schilling was a wrestler in high school.

A graduate of 2015, it didn't bother him to go out in a singlet and compete in the Nashua-Plainfield gymnasium, which always draws close to a full house. As member of the US Army National Guard, he has also done a tour in Iraq, returning last year at the end of July.

But put him in front of the crowd at the Ionia Fire Station Sunday to honor him with a Quilt of Valor?

That made him nervous. "I don't like being in front of people," he said with a smile after the ceremony that honored nine members of the service. "So yes, I was a little nervous. Wrestling, that's a whole different state of mind."

Schilling was the youngest service member to be honored at the presentation, and it was a good-sized crowd that showed up to honor the recipients.

The N-P grad joined the Guard while attending a trade school. "My grandpa was in the service, so I always wanted to serve. The National Guard gives you plenty of opportunities, you give them one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer."

SEE QUILTS, 9



Dorothy Huber/Reporter
Matthew Schilling receives his Quilt of Valor during a ceremony that was held this past Sunday at the Ionia Fire Station.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield High School students who have advanced to the national competition include (clockwise from top) Kadence Huck, Paige Franzen, Connor Sullivan, Chris Niedert, Lily Jones, Caleb Sinnwell, Cal Levi and Alexa O'Neill.

ANOTHER STELLAR HISTORY DAY

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD SENDING EIGHT STUDENTS, FOUR PROJECTS TO NATIONAL COMPETITION

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Maybe the key to success for Nashua-Plainfield's powerhouse National History Day program comes down to one word — fun. "NHD is really fun," Chris Niedert said, "and

if you do it, you will have a great time." "It's really fun, it really is," Alexa O'Neill said. "I love being with my friends and having a great experience. I get very nervous, but overall, it's so fun just to be away from school and meet new people." "It's an amazing experience that I wouldn't

miss for the world," Caleb Sinnwell said. "I would tell kids that it may be a little work at the beginning, but the end result is worth it."

And the end result for Niedert, O'Neill and Sinnwell — along with Cal Levi, Paige Franzen,

SEE HISTORY DAY, 5

Big changes are coming to prep wrestling

State to eliminate sectionals, move state duals to that date

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Iowa high school wrestling postseason is going to look different next year. A lot different.

Gone will be sectional tournaments, the state dual tournament will switch dates and quite possibly be held in a new site and the traditional tournament will move from 16- to 24-man brackets.

Nashua-Plainfield veteran coach Al Frost, for the most part, was pleased with the changes announced by the Iowa High School Athletic Association on Wednesday.

"This has been in the works for pretty much four years," he said, "and the coaches, we've pushed for 24 qualifiers for a while and everyone knows how I've felt about having state duals the day before the traditional tournament. ... If you wrestle the morning session [at the traditional tournament], that's a crazy, quick turnaround for kids on teams in the state duals."

The IHSAA in a press release called its announcement "a major shakeup." It wasn't kidding.

Sectional tournaments will be dropped in both Class 1A and 2A, which will mean district tournaments in 1A will have up to 16 teams competing while 2A districts will have 12 teams.

"Dropping the Class 1A and 2A Sectional tournaments addresses the extremely low numbers in some weight classes leading to incomplete Sectional brackets," IHSAA Executive Director Tom Keating said in the press release announcing the changes. "It also frees up a Saturday to schedule the State Dual Team Tournament, something our coaches have been interested in for several years."

The IHSAA said that regional dual tournaments will be held Jan. 31-Feb. 1 in 2023 and the state duals will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4, at a site to be determined. Teams will be selected for the regional duals based on the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association rankings.

The following Saturday district

SEE WRESTLING, 7



Dorothy Huber/Reporter

All dressed up ...

Sam Fundermann and Jayla Whiting make their way through the grand march at Nashua-Plainfield's prom that was held this past Saturday evening, and as always, the event drew a huge crowd to the high school gymnasium.

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Bikers flock to Little Brown Church for 'blessing'

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Some wore headbands, vests or leather chaps — often the preferred attire for aficionados of choppers, hogs or Harleys.

There were biker boots, long beards and of course sunglasses — to shield the eyes from the glare of the open road.

Motorcycle riders from near and far, in what was a procession of two-and-three-wheeled machines, parked across the highway this weekend from one of the most visible and historic landmarks in Chickasaw County.

They were there to attend a special Sunday worship service at The Little Brown Church.

Parishioners of one of the most famous churches in the world welcomed those riders with open arms.

An outlaw gang of bikers this group was not — as they came with meaningful

SEE BLESSING, 5



Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Motorcyclists take off on their ride after they had their bikes "blessed" during the church service at The Little Brown Church this past Sunday morning.



A prom to remember!

Nashua-Plainfield High School Principal Karl Smith (above) helps Abbi Hauser down the steps as she and her date, Tyson White, begin the grand march while Angel Martin (right) helps her daughter, Sydnie, with her hair at the school's prom, an event that drew a huge crowd to the high school gymnasium on Saturday evening.



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Nashua-Plainfield students and their dates wait for the grand march to start Saturday evening.



Breanna Hackman (left) smiles as she and her date Joe Keeling share a light moment, while Bryce Anderson and Jaycie Bilharz (below) make their way around the gymnasium.

Prom photos by Dorothy Huber



If it's prom, the paparazzi — i.e., parents and other family members — will be out in full force, and they certainly are at Nashua-Plainfield's most glamorous night.

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Jay Dean Mehmen, 77

Jay Dean Mehmen, age 77 of Nashua, died Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Waverly Health Center.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at First United Church of Christ-Pleasant Valley, rural Clarksville, with the Rev. Peter Wenzel officiating. Pallbearers were Brad Schmidt, Jeff Schmidt, Ron Mehmen, Todd Reuscher, Chad Stohr, Mike Brunner, Mark Brunner, and Darin Wellman.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

Online condolences for the Mehmen family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com

Jay was born on Jan. 4, 1945, to Jacob and Thelma (Overturf) Mehmen in Charles City and was the second youngest of the couple's six children who grew up on the family farm located between Plainfield and Nashua.

He received his education in Plainfield schools, and as a high school student, he played both basketball and baseball for the Pirates and was a member of Plainfield High School's Class of 1963.

Throughout his life, Jay enjoyed playing practical jokes and joking around with his buddies, and, in a way, that's how he met the woman who would become his wife. Jay and his cousin attended another cousin's program at a country school and had a little fun locking a fifth-grader named Sharon Weinberg and one of her friends out of the school, but even at that young age, Sharon was smitten with Jay, writing in her diary that night that "I'm going to marry Jay Mehmen." A year later, Sharon paid a friend 50 cents — which was some serious money back then — for Jay's school picture.

Three years later, they began dating, and the romance grew even stronger. On June 13, 1965, the two exchanged vows, beginning a marriage that would last more than 56 years. Jay and Sharon's bond throughout those years was really the epitome of marriage. They were devoted to each other, they cared for each other, they helped each other, and, most of all, through thick and thin, they loved each other.



Jay Mehmen

The Mehmens had five children — Bryan, Paula, Brent, Jana, and Jolyn — who had a father who taught them the perfect combination of working hard yet knowing when to have fun. They still remember being convinced that their father's "rain dance" was the reason the rain fell and it wasn't until they got older that they realized he had just read or heard the forecast!

But in all seriousness, the Mehmen kids knew that they could always turn to their father when they needed him. He taught them so many life lessons — like the importance of being a good neighbor, never being judgmental, always helping those less fortunate than themselves, and to be open to new experiences.

His work ethic could be seen in the fact that he farmed, on the Mehmen family farm as well as worked jobs throughout his life. After high school, he worked for McGregor Haying in Charles City, Waterloo Industries, and Carnation in Waverly, before he took a job at White Farm, where he worked for more than 20 years and rose to be the plant's maintenance supervisor. When the Charles City tractor plant closed in 1994, he took a job as the maintenance supervisor at Unverferth in Shell Rock until he retired in 2005.

He had many interests — ranging from fishing to camping to traveling to golfing to dancing. He loved his fishing trips with the guys to Minnesota and enjoyed playing golf with his friends at the Nashua Town and Country Club, as well as their weeklong golf trips.

Jay and Sharon were longtime members of a neighborhood card club, and it wasn't just the "500" games that made

it fun; it was the chance to laugh and have fun with their friends that gave them so much joy. Jay and Sharon loved to travel, and they drove to Alaska three different times.

He was the best grandpa because, in short, he was the fun grandpa. Rules like "no TV while eating dinner" went out the window when it came to the grandchildren, who loved their trips to the farm just because they knew Grandpa was going to take them for tractor rides.

Jay also was a big Iowa Hawkeyes fan, but after three of his daughters attended the University of Northern Iowa, the Panthers were added to his favorite teams' list.

He was a man of deep faith. Baptized and confirmed at St. John's in Nashua, he was a longtime member of First United Church of Christ - Pleasant Valley. He served on the church board, was a deacon, enjoyed his time with his men's fellowship group, and played on the church's "dartball" team.

Maybe his most special gift to his wife, children, grandchildren, and friends was this: If you were interested in something, so was he. After he retired, he took up woodcarving, and each of his grandchildren received a custom-made walking stick that included 10 objects that were important to them from Grandpa on their 10th birthday.

Jay was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, sibling, uncle, friend, and neighbor. He touched the lives of so many, all of whom will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon of Nashua; his children, Bryan Mehmen of Nashua, Paula (Rob) Burley of Cedar Rapids, Brent (Brooke) Mehmen of Mason City, Jana (Paul) Roberts of Urbandale, and Jolyn (John) Kennedy of Overland Park, Kansas; 12 grandchildren; one brother, Art (Millie) Mehmen of Waverly; three sisters, Verna (Leonard) Schmidt of Waverly, Arva (Harlan) Ruescher of Waverly and Leola Stohr of Parkersburg; sister-in-law Debbie (Paul) Brunner, and brother-in-law David Weinberg; along with several nieces and nephews.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Lois Mehmen; sister-in-law, Cloris Mehmen; and two nephews, Terry Reuscher and Randy Mehmen.

Sandra Link, 80



Sandra Link

Sandra Link, age 80 of Ionia, died Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at The Suites at Western Home Communities in Cedar Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2022, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Charles City with the Rev. Anita Nuetzman officiating. For those unable to attend, please join the live webcast on Sandra's obituary page on hugebackfuneralhome.com

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Interment will be at a later date at St. Boniface Cemetery in Ionia.

Sandra was born on May 26, 1941, to Jesse and Irma Ballou in Iowa City and grew up on a farm just outside the small town of Olin, where she received her education.

She graduated from Olin High School, where she was a cheerleader for the Lions, in 1958.

After high school, she attended Wartburg College in Waverly, where she majored in business administration with an economics focus, graduating in 1962.

Sandra worked in the insurance business and spent a number of years working for the Iowa Small Business Employers (ISBE) where she really made her mark.

But Sandra was much more than an outstanding student and professional; where she really made her mark was with

the love and care she showed for her family and friends, who will tell you that what they will remember most about their mom and friend were the long talks they shared. She was, in short, "great at listening." And she was a trusted confidant you could take your problems to and get sound advice on how to proceed.

Sandra was a single mother of three when she met Jim Link on what turned out to be a very interesting blind date as the couple attended a dance in Manly only to be stranded with several of their friends in a blizzard. The rest is history. The couple married in 1994, and their families blended together perfectly.

She had a potpourri of interests. Sandra enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing and, of course, her two soap operas — "As the World Turns" and "Guiding Light." She was a member of a card club and loved to entertain and dance as well.

For a dozen years, Jim and Sandra owned and operated

The Oak Wood Inn, a beautiful bed-and-breakfast on the south shore of Clear Lake. They then built a house on an acreage near Ionia, and throughout their 28 years of marriage, she was a devoted wife and best friend to Jim.

Sandra was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Charles City.

This remarkable woman who never said a bad word about anyone will be missed, but the memories she helped create and the advice she dispensed will last a lifetime for Jim, her children, her grandchildren, and all those who knew her will be a part of their lives forever.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Jim of Ionia; two sons, Curt (Jennifer) Schneider of Clayton, Wisconsin, and Steven (Amy) Schneider of Waterloo; three daughters, Jackie (Randy) Lenz of Prescott, Wisconsin, Christine Schneider of Michigan City, Indiana, and Lynette Laures of Kasson, Minnesota; six grandchildren, Cassy Lenz of St. Paul, Minnesota, Cora (Bryan) Grieme of Princeton, Minnesota, Leandra Laures of Kasson Minnesota, Logan Laures of Kasson Minnesota, Faith Schneider of Waterloo, and Foster Schneider of Waterloo; two great-grandchildren, Ruby and Luella Grieme of Princeton, Minnesota; sister, Gloria Ballou of Mesa, Arizona; mother-in-law, Mary Link of Elma; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Kenneth Ballou; and in-laws, Louis Sr. and Betty Lou Schneider, Louis Link.

Briefs

Ernst office to have office personnel in county May 27

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) announced her office will be holding traveling office hours in all 99 counties across Iowa at different times in the coming weeks to provide constituents assistance with casework.

Representatives from Senator Ernst's office will be available in every county across the state throughout the month of May to assist Iowans with problems or questions about issues involving Social Security, veterans' benefits, military affairs, passports, immigration issues, and other federal programs.

The representatives will be in Chickasaw County on Friday, May 27 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the New Hampton Public Library

Traveling office hours for Feenstra set for May 13

U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull) announced that his office will be holding spring traveling office hours in May. Representatives from Feenstra's office — but not Feenstra — will be in 19 counties to help constituents with casework relating to passports, veterans' benefits, and other federal programs.

Traveling office hours will also be held this fall.

Iowans in the 4th District can also visit Feenstra.House.Gov to submit a casework request.

In Chickasaw County the office hour will be on Friday, May 13 from 11 a.m. to noon at the New Hampton Public Library.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Supervisors proclaim Cemetery Month

The Chickasaw County Pioneer Cemetery Commission poses with the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors while holding a proclamation declaring May to be Cemetery Month.

The proclamation was made during the meeting of the supervisors on Monday.

News from the Nashua Public 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.bibliionix.com/catalog/>.

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Upcoming events at the library include:

• Wednesday, May 11: Children's Pet Themed Workshop/Story Hour — Do Pet themed crafts at the library, listen to a story, etc., 5 to 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 11: Library Board Meeting at 7 p.m.

• Saturday, May 14: Coffee with the Council: Join two council members for coffee, donuts, and discussion, 10 to 11 a.m.

• May 25: Cookbook Club: This group spends two months talking and cooking through cookbooks published within the last two years, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

• Saturday, May 28: "Rooted in Reading" Tree Giveaway: Every patron who

visits the library this day will receive a FREE tree seedling to be planted where they choose, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Saturday, June 4: Coffee with the Council: Join two council members for coffee, donuts, and discussion; 10 to 11 a.m.

• Saturday, June 25: Book Sale during Water Over The Dam Days. (Donations only accepted). We will have FREE old magazines to give away as well.

• Wednesdays in July: Read Beyond The Beaten Path Summer Family Programs will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. More information to come!

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Some of the new books we have at the library:

• Fear Thy Neighbor by Fern Michaels

• A Relative Murder by Jude Deveraux

• Sister Stardust by Jane Green

• A Family Affair by Robyn Carr

• What happened to the Bennetts by Lisa Scottoline

• Crimson Summer by Heather Graham

• I'll be There but I'll be Wearing Sweatpants by Amy Weatherly

• The Investigator by John

Sandford

• The Sacred Bridge by Anne Hillerman

• Summer at the Cape by RaeAnne Thayne

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• The Summer Getaway by Susan Mallery **Large Print**

• High Stakes by Danielle Steel **Large Print**

• Run Rose Run by James Patterson (Audio Book)

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New DVD's & Blu-Ray's at the library include:

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Supervisors try to get handle on values of county's buildings

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors worked on submitting property values on four county-owned buildings at last Monday's meeting. The Board will submit the values to Heartland Insurance, which is working with Board member Tim Zoll to accurately appraise the property on their end to determine insurance value. "We have to provide a value so they insure it at said value," said Chickasaw County Auditor Stephanie Mashek.

Mashek said the Board of Supervisors hasn't increased the building values since 2011. "So we know that we're already lagging," said Mashek. Mashek also said that the Heartland Risk Pool Insurance Company is currently doing an assessment on any county-owned property valued over \$50,000. The four county-owned buildings and their totals that will be submitted to Heartland are as follows:

- Chickasaw County Courthouse (\$5.5 million)
- Chickasaw County Jail and insurance office (\$4.62 million)
- Main County Shop and Secondary Roads building (\$2.11 million)
- Heritage Assisted Living Facility (\$2.4 million)

Zoll said it would take the insurance adjuster with Heartland Insurance about two months to complete the assessment so the county knows how much each building is insured for. The board also approved a resolution allocating \$2.3 million via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

"We are considering that lost revenue because it's under \$10 million," said Mashek. "We can utilize those funds for a lot of things. There are some restrictions."

In turn, the Board voted to disband the ARPA Committee. The committee had consisted of Mashek, Board member Jason Byrne, Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann and Chad Humpal.

"I'm not picking on any other gov-

ernment agency, but when there's a committee...it comes back to that full board to make that final decision on APRA funds," said Board member Jacob Hackman. "I guess I don't foresee the reason for the committee at this point."

Hackman thanked the committee for their work. "I just want to thank that committee for the time they put in and the discussion they had," said Hackman. "They did a great presentation on the packet they sent us. Thank you for their duties."

Conservation Board will seek Destination Iowa grant

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County Conservation Director Chad Humpal will be the first to admit that he was a bit "deflated" as he watched a webinar on the new Iowa Destination grants that will promote tourism in Iowa. But he remains undaunted, and now, thanks to some help from the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, he will submit a grant application early next month that he hopes will not only bring cabins but also "seasonal" campsites to campgrounds in the county. "When I watched the webinar, I was a little worried," he said on Monday, "because they seem like they want projects that cater to bringing people in from out of state or at least regional tourism. They're looking for the big projects, but hopefully, there's some room for projects like ours that I think have a lot of benefits for our county. The supervisors coming through last week helps us a lot."

Humpal was referring to the Board of Supervisors agreeing to have the county provide a commitment to 60 percent of the project costs as matching funds to purchase two or three cabins, add 12 seasonal campsites and possibly install an EZ Dock - one that is handicap accessible and would provide a kayak launch - at Airport Lake Park.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said he appreciated the benefits of the project, as well as the fact that new amenities would provide revenue to the Conservation Board. His fellow board members agreed and voted to commit

to funding 60 percent of the project if the Conservation Board receives a grant from the Destination Iowa program. Humpal estimated the cost of the 12 seasonal campsites - each site is home to one camper throughout the summer - would be just under \$40,000. "Right now, we don't have any, but people are asking us all the time for them," he said, "The demand is definitely there and I'd be confident we'd fill them."

The seasonal campsites would include a sewer line, a 12-by-20-foot concrete patio and gravel to extend the current camping pads, and Humpal told supervisors the Conservation Board would charge \$1,500 rent for each season. When it comes to the cabins, the cost of each would range from \$12,500 to \$16,000, depending on if they were unfinished or finished, and Humpal said if the county would purchase three of the 24-by-12 foot cabins, two would be placed at Airport Lake and the other would be placed in Split Rock Park near Fredericksburg. He said a cabin that was averaged three nights of rental over a 22-week camping season would generate \$4,290 of revenue. "There are no cabins really in public parks around us, and I feel good that they'll get used," he said. "The cabins have become more popular in recent years, and I'd love to see us be able to get some of that traffic to Chickasaw County."

For now, Humpal will complete the grant application and hope for the best. "If we get it, great, we can get going," he said, "and if we don't, we'll go back to the supervisors and figure out what our next plan should be."

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 9:00 AM with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, and County Attorney David Laudner.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for April 18th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to approve minutes from April 11th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Conservation Director Chad Humpal presented at 9:01 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve minutes from April 14th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to amend the motion made on March 28th, 2022, to remove Dr. Lewis as a Deputy Medical Examiner. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

County Engineer Roman Lensing presented at 9:04 AM.

9:05 AM Laudner made a public comment on the Opioid Litigation meeting has been moved to April 29th, 2022. Laudner commented that the Iowa DOT has decided the right-of-way to the County. Laudner made comment regarding inmate Patrie and the impact it will have the on Sheriff's and Attorney's budget.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the invoice to Neapolitan Labs LLC in the amount of \$10,000.00 using American Rescue Plan Act Funds in Fund 0003. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bob Fenske, member of media, present at 9:08 AM.

Kuhn discussed the audio video equipment.

Consensus of the board is to stop using the handheld recording device with the exception to closed sessions.

9:10 AM Discussed insurance values on County owned property. The properties will be viewed April 21, 2022, to put a value to each County owned building. Lensing and Humpal left at 9:34 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the class C liquor license for Plum Creek Golf Course Association for a term of eight months. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Head Custodian Dave Gorman present at 9:37 AM.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Hackman to allow Zoll and Kuhn to discuss and donate the Code of Iowa books 2015 and 2019 series with Carnegie Cultural Center and the County libraries. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to cease publication of the Chickasaw County Commission and Board Member Openings every quarter and shall only publish annually in October every calendar year. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:49 AM Head Custodian David Gorman discussed the quotes for the removal of buildings from the Heritage property. Kuhn stated the bid from Bob Rosonke in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the removal and hauling of materials of the chicken coop located at the Heritage property. Josephson Construction LLC bid is in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the removal and hauling of materials of the chicken coop located at the Heritage property. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Gorman provided a department update.

Consensus of the board is to allow the current residents of the Heritage building to take beds, mattress, and side tables when being rehoused elsewhere if needed.

Discussed the maintenance of the Heritage property.

Discussed painting the Auditor's Office.

Consensus of the board is to allow the custodians to paint the Auditor's office.

Assessor Ray Armel present at 10:14 AM.

Gorman left at 10:15 AM.

10:15 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve Resolution 04-18-22-25 proposed sale of real property to Tiemessen and set the public hearing notice of the intent to sale May 2, 2022, at 9:15 AM and will be published in the County's official newspapers. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Breitbach, Byrne, and Kuhn. Motion Carried. A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY.

IOWA, TO VACATE, ABANDON, AND SELL THE WEST TWENTY-TWO (22) FEET OF THE EAST TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE (205) FEET OF THE SOUTH SIXTY-THREE (63) FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SECTION TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSHIP NINETY-SIX (96) NORTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) WEST OF THE 5th P.M., IN CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA, AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SAME. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board ATTEST: /s/ Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors This is only a summary of Resolution 04-18-22-25. Full text of the Resolution is available at the Auditor's office for inspection and was published in the County's official newspapers in full text on April 21st and 22nd, 2022.

Sheriff Martin Hemann, Deputy Ryan Shawver, Deputy Jordan Gansen, and New Hampton Chief of Police Zach Nosbisch present at 10:20 AM.

Armel left at 10:20 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to set the maximum allowance to not exceed \$800.00 for the transport of bodies from Chickasaw County to the State of Iowa's Medical Examiners in Ankeny, Iowa. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Committee Assignment Update: Hackman attended a Pathways meeting on April 12, 2022.

10:30 AM Sheriff Hemann discussed utilizing American Rescue Plan Act funds for a feasibility study in building a new law enforcement center.

Jeremy McGrath present at 10:31 AM.

County Engineer Roman Lensing present at 10:51 AM.

Consensus of the board is to allow the Sheriff to obtain quotes for a feasibility study in building a law enforcement center.

Hemann, Gansen, Shawver, and Nosbisch left at 11:07 AM.

11:07 AM County Engineer Roman Lensing discussed Secondary Road Department activities.

Bernatz and McGrath left at 11:09 AM.

Discussion on creating a new policy for installing driveways to include a permit fee.

Conservation Director Chad Humpal present at 11:23 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to amend the Access Policy to include a permit fee of \$100 effective April 18, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Lensing discussed the Iowa OSHA citation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Secondary Road Department.

Lensing left at 11:47 AM.

11:47 AM Conservation Director Chad Humpal discussed a possible County Betterment Project.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to pledge up to 60% and not to exceed \$60,000.00 of County Betterment funding to apply for funding through the Destination Iowa grant for a proposed project at the county parks and authorize Chair's signature on a letter pledging their commitment. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Humpal discussed the cold storage building and chain linked fence at the Heritage.

Consensus of the board is to allow Conservation to move and keep the cold storage building and chain linked fence from the Heritage property.

Humpal discussed insurance values on County owned property.

Humpal left at 12:12 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to hold a public hearing for budget amendment for FY21-22 on May 2nd, 2022, at 9:30 AM in the boardroom located on the second floor of the courthouse and to publish in the County's official newspapers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fenske left at 12:18 PM.

Committee Assignment Update: Zoll attended the FMC Landfill Executive meeting on April 12th, 2022.

Kuhn attended an Upper Wapsie Watershed meeting on April 12th, 2022.

County Engineer Roman Lensing present at 12:24 PM.

Lensing discussed the findings with Heartland Risk Pool Insurance and the OSHA citation.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to allow the expenditure of \$5,000.00 for the OSHA citation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Lensing discussed the Access Policy and the application process.


Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 12:34 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board

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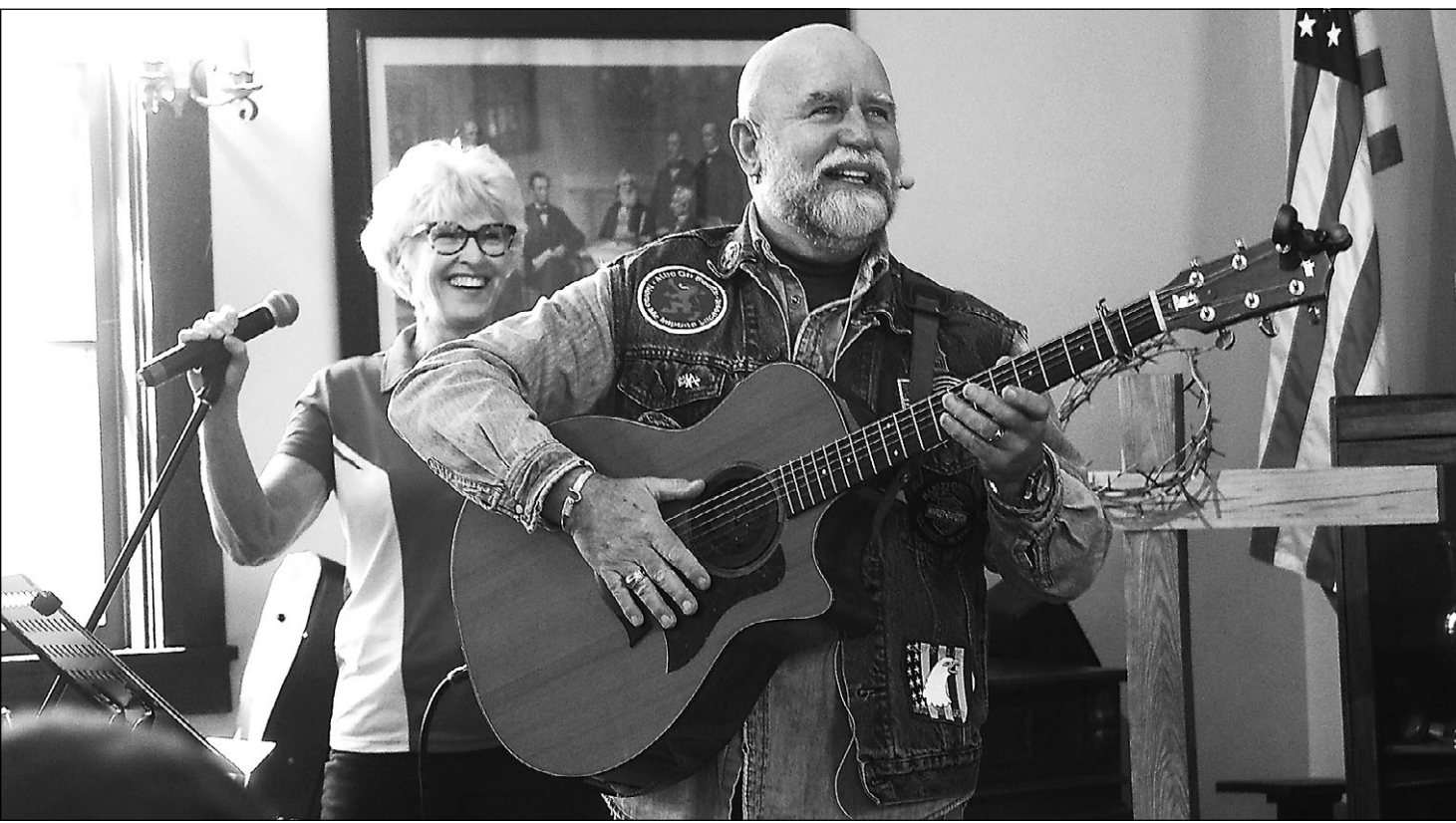
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Little Brown Church Pastor Drew McHolm and his wife, Jesse Boatright, lead the congregation in a song during Sunday morning's worship service that was followed by a "bike blessing."

Bikers appreciate LBC blessing

BLESSING: FROM 1

purpose and echoed an important message to be safe.

"The main goal is everybody being safe, of course," said Dustin Swagel of Charles City, District 17 Coordinator of A.B.A.T.E. (A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education). "It brings awareness to share the road with the bikers. People don't notice bikes because they're so much smaller than a car."

April in Iowa often signals the start to the riding season across the Midwest and May is also Motorcycle Awareness Month.

So it seemed only logical that Little Brown Church pastor Drew McHolm — himself a decades-long lover of motorcycles — would bless the bikes before they headed off on the start to their "fun run" journey to Gunder, Iowa — located in Clayton County. McHolm — sporting a blue-jean, biker jacket with various patches stitched on to the well-worn denim — called it the first annual "Biker Sunday" at the LBC.

The "unique bike blessing" came after the congregation sang from hymnals and listened to McHolm's sermon.

"It's not about how fast you're going — it's the direction you're taking, the road you're following," he said to a packed congregation with some standing in the back of the small, idyllic church that was built in 1864.

The gathering of bikes and ensuing send-off could be the start of something that could grow significantly in the near future as the Scottish minister said he's considering setting up tents next year with music being played — stories being shared. It'd be somewhat similar to the popular, long-standing tradition of the Marriage Reunion the church holds every summer that allows couples to renew their vows.

The first large-scale bike blessing in the United States took place over 20 years ago in New York City. Nashua's got started after Kenton and Zenda Vikturek — members of A.B.A.T.E. — and other members of the church that rode bikes ran it past McHolm. He didn't hesitate to help out.

"I really appreciate the groups coming. I was blessed to hear them and share what they stand for," said McHolm, who along with his wife Jesse, moved to Nashua from Austin, Texas in August of 2018.

Dustin's wife, Amy — the events coordinator for A.B.A.T.E. — said members of the non-profit organization come from all walks of life.

"We are an organization made up of a million different kinds of people," said Amy.

Shortly before Amy, her husband and Rod Silber — District 17's Assistant Coordinator — entered the church, the group paused for awhile to look out over the road and witness the bevy of bikes that had made their presence felt — not just in numbers, but in spirit, mostly.

"I'm almost in tears. This is awesome," said Amy.

A.B.A.T.E. was formed in 1987 and was



Bikers line up near the motorcycles before Little Brown Church Pastor Drew McHolm "blesses" their bikes before they take off on a Fun Run to Gunder Sunday.

done to educate motorists on the road to the potential dangers associated with ignoring motorcycles out on the roadway. Dustin said he attended a class called "Two Wheel Trauma" on Saturday. There's also a "Share the Road Program" which informs and educates the public. Each training session aims to prevent accidents by respecting and understanding a motorcyclist's needs and rights of the highway.

"The blessing of the bikes is very important to a lot of riders because they're geared up for the season of riding. So they want their bikes blessed and themselves blessed so they can have a safe riding season to enjoy fellowship," said Silber, who lives in Nashua.

Gunder, located an hour's drive away from Nashua, is home to the famous "Gunder Burger." The throng of bikes — which seemed like almost 75 motorcycles facing the Little Brown Church — took off toward that destination, some in threes, others in fours.

Another motorcycle group also attended McHolm's sermon on Sunday and said they were bikers against child abuse. That small legion of bikers with a cause, which made the drive to Nashua from Minnesota, received a standing ovation from the congregation.

McHolm said he was offered the chance to ride along with A.B.A.T.E. and perhaps

sink his teeth in the gargantuan "Gunder Burger."

But that chance encounter with a behemoth burger such as the one Gunder grills up will have to wait.

McHolm tried to fire up his motorcycle before Sunday's service got under way — but to no avail. It also didn't help matters that the pastor of over 30 years is recovering from knee surgery.

"It's broke," said McHolm of his motorcycle.

While McHolm might not drive to work every day on a motorcycle like he did in his days in Austin, there may be one day soon he'll rev the engine, clean off the cobwebs, grab the handlebars and hop back on the saddle — making sure he's still following the right path and navigating the right road.

"There's a big wide one and there's a narrow one," said McHolm, a member of the CMA (Christian Motorcycles Association).

"It doesn't matter if you drive 190 miles-an-hour," McHolm said. "You're never going to get there if you're on the wrong road."

Even self-proclaimed weekend warriors like McHolm — who doesn't ride like he used to — understands that slowing down prevents riders from zooming past a turn and getting lost.

That also means more time to enjoy the scenery along the way.

N-P National History Day team makes it through its 'cheers and tears' day

HISTORY DAY: FROM 1

Kadence Huck, Connor Sullivan and Lily Jones — is a trip, albeit a virtual one, to nationals after their projects placed in the top two at the state contest that was held on Monday at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

It was another banner showing by a program that has had at least one national qualifier in each of the last 15 years.

"I'm proud of all of our kids," National History Day advisor Suzy Turner said, "but state is always one of those days that is really cheers and tears, because there are kids who have poured their hearts into their projects that don't advance. That's always hard, but I tell them what you accomplished, how hard you worked, that's what really matters."

Nashua-Plainfield's four national qualifying projects included:

- A senior group documentary titled "Out of the Chairs, Up the Stairs: ADA Now!" by Levi, Franzen and Huck.

- A senior individual website titled "Khrushchev, Corn, and Cold War Diplomacy: Garst Grows Relations With Russia One Ear At A Time" by Sinnwell, who also claimed the Agriculture Award.

- A junior group website titled "Silent Debate at the Schoolhouse Gate: Tinkering With Student Expression" by Sullivan, Niedert and Jones.

- A junior paper titled "Herbert Hoover: Humanitarian Hero Halts Hunger Through Food Diplomacy" by O'Neill.

Two more projects — a junior individual documentary titled "Dr. Harvey Wiley: Saving A Poisoned America" by Titus Cerwinski and an individual exhibit titled "The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire: Tragedy Sparks Safety Debate" by Rachel Poplow — were named national alternates after they finished third.

And Nashua-Plainfield had three more projects — a junior individual website by Grace Dietz, a junior group website by Elayna O'Neill and Kamryn Zimmer and a junior group website by Jackson Mehmen and Sawyer Bottorff — that were finalists at the state contest.

National History Day begins with a district competition, and last month, 25 Nashua-Plainfield students and 15 projects earned trips to the state contest that was held in-person for the first time since 2019.

Many of the students who qualified for the state competition dramatically improved

their projects since the district competition. For example, the trio of Levi, Franzen and Huck were able to interview former Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin and former California Rep. Tony Cohelo, two lawmakers who played key roles in passing the American with Disabilities Act in the late 1980s.

Asked about how they settled disagreements about their project, Huck said the trio talks through the issues and reaches out to others.

"We talk about all the possibilities and try to decide on the best one and get others' inputs. If we still can't decide, we vote and majority rules."

And it that doesn't work?

"A lot of times we also go to see what Mrs. Turner thinks," Franzen said.

The only downside to qualifying for nationals is the fact that the event that was scheduled to be held on the University of Maryland campus just outside of Washington, D.C., will be a virtual event. Officials needed to make the call this winter, and because Maryland was in the midst of a COVID-19 surge and holding classes only online, officials made the decision to keep students at home for the national contest.

"I get it, I understand it, but it is a little depressing," Turner said. "The experience at nationals is such a wonderful one, and I really wish these kids could have it. Hopefully this is the last year and our kids will stick with it and get that chance next year."

Nashua-Plainfield has had a number of finalists at the national competition and had two projects earn third-place medals in 2018. A year ago, of course, Sinnwell became the first Nashua-Plainfield student to earn a national title for his project on the "Ghost Army" about American units who deceived German forces near the end of World War II.

"The best part for me is seeing kids immerse themselves in subject that mean a lot to them," Turner said. "It's a lot of work — hours and hours and hours of it — but they also have a lot of fun doing it."

She paused and smiled. "And so do I, even if I get a little stressed at times."

Although they won't be heading to D.C. in June, the national qualifiers, to a person, agreed that getting a chance to go to state was, in a word, awesome.

"You get free food and you get to get out of school," Levi said. "And another great part is you get to help show people history."

Their Fight Is Our Fight 5K to support suicide prevention, mental health

The second annual Their Fight Is Our Fight 5K will be held today (Friday) at Mikkelson Park in New Hampton, and this year's event will also include an option for participants who would like to take a shorter walk.

The registration fee is \$35 and includes a guaranteed t-shirt for the event that raises money for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. The event will include a meal, silent auction, two speakers and, of course, the run/walk.

One change from a year ago is that walkers will have the option to not take part in the 5K but instead, walk around the trail at Mikkelson Park.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., and a meal will be served anytime between 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The silent auction runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m., and the program before the race will begin at 5:40 p.m., with runners and walkers setting off at 6.

Chickasaw County Community Foundation hands out 26 grants

The Chickasaw County Community Foundation (CCCF) held its 2022 grant awards celebration at the New Hampton Community Center last Thursday, announcing the distribution of \$127,033.51 to 26 projects of organizations serving Chickasaw County through its 2022 grant cycle.

"The Chickasaw County Community Foundation is proud to support this year's grant recipients and their work to improve the quality of life for everyone across Chickasaw County communities," said Kelly O'Donnell, chair of the CCCF governing committee.

Decisions on grant awards are determined by a local committee, which consists of volunteers from Chickasaw County. Committee members include: Kim Berns, John Cuvelier, Rhonda Dean, Tara Hackman, Michelle Hoy, Emily Kleiss, Courtney Lechtenberg, Dana Lentz, Bill Meyer, Rich Miller, Kristen Nobsch and O'Donnell.

Grants are awarded through CCCF's competitive grant process to projects in the program areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, health and human service. Grant applicants must be a 501(c)(3) designated organization or govern-



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Grant recipients gathered for the Chickasaw County Community Foundation's 2022 grant awards celebration on April 14 at the New Hampton Community Center where \$127,033.51 in grant funding was awarded to 26 projects of organizations serving Chickasaw County.

ment entity serving Chickasaw County in order to be considered for funding.

The 2023 grant cycle opens Oct. 1 with an application deadline of Dec. 31.

The grant guidelines and application can be found at www.chickasawccf.org.

This year's grant recipient organization, project the grant will fund and grant amount were as follows:

Arts & Culture

- Big Four Fair Association, Bathroom Renovation, \$4,300.
- Freedom Strippers Quilts of Valor, Honoring Our Veterans, \$2,000.

- Plum Creek Art Council, Gallery Cabinets and Lighting, \$4,000.

Community Betterment

- Chickasaw Township Fire District, Air Pack Replacement, \$6,746.22.
- City of Alta Vista, Fire Department - Skid Unit for UTV, \$5,000.
- City of Alta Vista, Park Improvement Projects, \$1,600.
- City of New Hampton, Fire Department - Gear Dryer, \$7,500.
- City of New Hampton, Parks & Recreation - All Inclusive Park Project, \$10,000.
- City of New Hampton, Police Department - Virtual Trainer, \$5,000.
- Fredericksburg Firefighter Association, Portable Drills, \$2,842.29.
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- Protivin Community Fire District, Turnout Gear Lockers: PCFD FY22, \$2,200.
- Protivin Firefighters, Inc., New Protivin Fire Station FY22, \$10,000.
- Women of Fredericksburg, Inc., Pool Improvements, \$5,195.

Education & Youth Development

- Fun in the Sun Daycare and Preschool, Child Care Center

- Improvements, \$8,750.

- Great Plays, Inc., Great Plays Expansion Project, \$8,750.

- Nashua Community Foundation, Community Partners - Nashua Scout Cabin, \$5,000.

- Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools, Elementary Art Department - Kilt You Help Us, \$5,000.

- New Hampton Community School District, Chickasaw Cafe: Tribe Pizzas, \$5,000.

- St. Joseph Community School, Sunrise Preschool - Enjoy the Shade Together, \$5,300.

Health

- Chickasaw County — Auditor, EMA - Mobile Data Terminals, \$5,000.

- Chickasaw Wellness Complex, Wrestling Room Renovation, \$3,000.

- Friends of CMH Foundation, Community Memorial Hospital - Smart TVs, \$1,500.

Human Service

- New Hampton Rotary Club, New Hampton Student Pantry Program, \$1,500.

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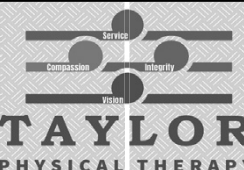
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Traditional tourney set to be a four-day affair

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tournaments will be held and the three top placewinners will advance to the traditional state meet that will move from a three-day to a four-day event.

"The increase to 24 qualifiers at the state traditional tournament," Keating said, "will allow more of our wrestlers to experience the excitement of competing at the state level."

The traditional tournament will continue to be seeded, although the IHSAA said the criteria will remove the additional point previously received for head-to-head wins over fellow qualifiers. The association said it will also continue to use 14 weight classes in Iowa wrestling, even after the National Federation of High School Associations provided states an option to adopt 12, 13 or 14

weight classes.

"We were definitely in favor of staying at 14," Frost said. "It gets more kids involved and we think that's good."

Frost said he hopes the state tournament will continue to have a "true wrestleback" for third place at the state tournament, and he also said that he wondered how having eight wrestlers receive first-round byes at the state tournament would affect team races.

"You know, if you're not in that top eight, you have one more match to get bonus points," he said, "so that could be pretty interesting."

Still, Frost was for the most part pleased with the changes.

"I think for the most part this is good for our sport," he said. "Getting state duals to stand on its own, getting more kids to Des Moines for the traditional tournament, that's all good."



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield coach Al Frost watches one of his wrestlers compete at the state duals this past year.

ON TAP FOR THE HUSKIES

FRIDAY

Girls track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, 8:30 a.m.
Girls track at North Butler Relays, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Boys and girls golf vs. Mason City Newman, Riceville and St. Ansgar, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Boys and girls track at home invitational, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Boys and girls track at Top of Iowa Conference East Division meet, Osage, 4 p.m.

Boys and girls golf vs. Mason City Newman and Osage, Mason City Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 9

Girls golf at Top of Iowa Conference East Division, Greene, 10 a.m.

Boys golf at Top of Iowa Conference East Division, Northwood, 10 a.m.

Boys and girls track at Central Springs Last Chance meet, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Boys golf at Class 1A sectional meet, Nashua Town and Country Club, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Boys and girls track at Class 1A state qualifying meet, Hudson, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Girls golf at Class 1A regional first round, site to be announced, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 16

Boys golf at Class 1A district meet (if qualified), Spring Valley Golf Course, Livermore, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Girls golf at Class 1A regional second round (if qualified), site to be announced, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Boys and girls track at Class 1A state meet, Des Moines, 9 a.m.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Devin Johnson (above) heads down the homestretch during the 4x800 while teammate Hayden Munn (below) gets out of the blocks in the 100 during the Comet Relays that were held in Charles City last week.

Huskies' No. 1 goal? Get healthy!

BOYS TRACK: FROM 10

top team honors in the standings with 153 – Charles City was runner-up (136).

"It was just good to compete. There was some good things – definitely," said Sudol. "They all competed hard and they got after it. It's just a matter of getting people figured out where we're gonna be and get things moving in that direction towards districts."

N-P also placed eighth at the Kyle Marquand Invite, hosted by North Butler last Friday. The Huskies tallied 55.5 points. St. Ansgar won that meet with 105 points and West Hancock was second with 100.5 points.

The North Butler meet saw two Husky relays make some waves – which is a good sign, even in the horrible running conditions that Friday's weather unleashed.

N-P PR'd in the 4x400 with a winning time of 3:38.3. The first-place foursome was made up of Sam Fundermann, Bo Harrington, McKade Munn and Drew Wilken.

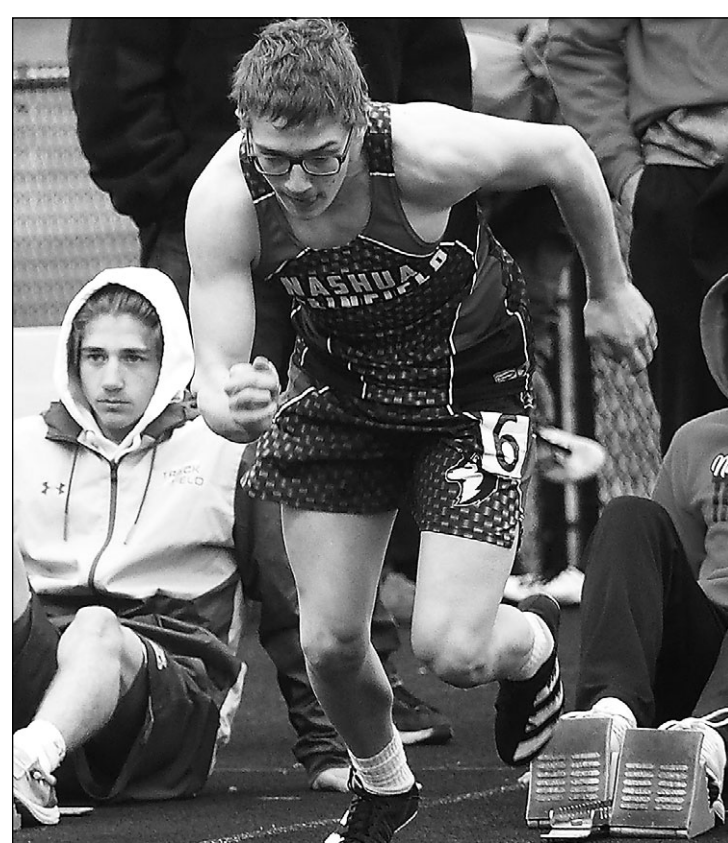
The distance medley of Joel Winters, Wilken, Munn and Harrington also hit a season-best time of 4:01.43, good for second place.

Kaden Wilken ran to third place in the 110 hurdles (16.77) at Osage. Aiden Lamborn placed third in the high jump with a leap of 5-10.

Dylan Blanchard worked his way around the track twice to a fifth-place showing in the open 800 in a time of 2:20.

Monday's competition at Sumner-Fredericksburg was postponed. That's just one more meet – out of many – that has hurt N-P's ability to find a rhythm, especially in relays – where timing and forming a bond with teammates is ultra-important.

"Their times are coming



down, it's just a matter of getting everybody able to participate on the same night is what we're struggling with," said Sudol. "I think we're going to be okay once we get going and get everybody healthy, but we just gotta get through this little bump in the road that we've got going on."

N-P competes at Hudson at the state qualifying meet on Thursday, May 12. Sudol is hoping to hit a home run like he did last year in sending all but one of his seven relays to the state meet held in Des Moines.

The weather has had other plans and has forced many teams – not just N-P – to improvise and try to power through difficult stretches during a topsy-turvy 2022 campaign.

"That's why our times aren't quite where I think they can be, but maybe that's a good thing

for us, too. Maybe we're going to peak at the right time and make things happen," said Sudol.

KYLE MARQUAND INVITE TEAM SCORES

St. Ansgar 105, West Hancock 100.5, Fort Dodge 82, Central Springs 67, Lake Mills 61, Forest City 57, Nashua-Plainfield 55.5, Clarksville 39, Janesville 35, West Fork 28.5, Dunkerton 20, Riceville 4.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 - 22. Jackson Zwanziger 13.83, 26. Zachary Zwanziger 14.06.
200 - 14. Joel Winters 26.06, 19. Hayden Munn 26.92.
400 - 13. Devin Johnson 59.73, 15. Caleb Lentz 1:01.01.
800 - 6. Dylan Blanchard 2:22.44, 10. Lentz 2:28.22.
110 hurdles - 4. Kaden Wilken 16.58.
1,600 - 5. Z. Zwanziger 5:25.42, 10. Braiden Schaufenbuel 6:05.69.
3,200 - 10. Caleb Sinnwell 12:59.7, 11. Luke Paplow 13:16.2.
400 hurdles - 13. K. Wilken 1:05.77.
Discus - 17. J. Zwanziger 92-5,

21. Max Hillegas 83-11.
High jump - 4. Aiden Lamborn 5-8, 8. Johnson 5-2.
Long jump - 7. Sam Fundermann 17-10, 16. Tucker Franzen 15-6.
Shot put - 16. Jarrett Petersen 32-6.
4x100 - 6. H. Munn, Franzen, White, Aiden Gelner 50.55.
4x200 - 5. K. Wilken, Lamborn, Gelner, Fundermann 1:39.92.
4x400 - 1. Bo Harrington, McKade Munn, Drew Wilken, Fundermann 3:38.3.
4x800 - 4. Harrington, Blanchard, Johnson, D. Wilken 9:21.22.
Shuttle hurdle - 7. K. Wilken, Lamborn, White, Winters 1:10.14.
Sprint medley - 5. Gelder, Hillegas, Fundermann, M. Munn 1:43.7.
Distance medley - 2. Winters, D. Wilken, M. Munn, Harrington 4:01.43.

OSAGE INVITE TEAM SCORES
Clear Lake 153, Charles City 136, St. Ansgar 64, South Winneshiek 61, Osage 50, Crestwood 41, New Hampton 34, Nashua-Plainfield 33, Mason City Newman 17.
100 - 16. H. Munn 12.86, 18. Hillegas 13.58.
200 - 12. M. Munn 24.99, 15. H. Munn 26.66.
400 - 11. Gelner 1:00.45.
800 - 5. Blanchard 2:20.17.
110 hurdles - 3. K. Wilken 16.77.
1,600 - 9. Z. Zwanziger 5:16.57, 13. Schaufenbuel 5:57.99.
3,200 - 11. Sinnwell 13:02.5.
400 hurdles - 11. K. Wilken 1:05.79.
Discus - 14. Hillegas 81, 17. J. Zwanziger 72-8.
High jump - 3. Lamborn 5-10, 6. Harrington 5-4.
Long jump 12. Tate White 15-3.5, 14. Evans 13-9.5.
Shot put - 14. Isaac Jones 31-7.25, 15. Petersen 30-8.
4x100 - 9. Easton Richards, Chandler Vilmain, Paplow, Maverick Dietz-McDonald 59.42.
4x200 - 8. H. Munn, White, Franzen, Lentz 1:46.8.
4x400 - 5. Harrington, Winters, M. Munn, D. Wilken 3:53.1.
4x800 - 4. Harrington, Devin Johnson, D. Wilken, Blanchard 9:26.99.
Shuttle hurdle - 3. K. Wilken, Winters, White, Lamborn 1:10.8.
Sprint medley 7. M. Munn, Hillegas, K. Wilken, Fundermann 1:45.94.
Distance medley - 3. Winters, Lamborn, M. Munn, Harrington 4:00.3.

Nashua-Plainfield girls keep pushing themselves and their teammates

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 10

group," said Mahnesmith.

That's saying something because after Thursday, N-P added one more record to the history books at the Comet Relays in Charles City on Friday.

N-P senior Makenzie Foelske may not have won the 100 dash against her Top of Iowa rival – Osage's sleek and powerful sprinter, Meredith Street. But Foelske set the school record in that event with a smoking time of 12.74. Street crossed the tape first in 12.66. Street nipped Foelske in the 200 dash as well – winning with a time of 26.39. Foelske clipped out at 26.69.

Foelske broke Jill Sinnwell's 1999 record of 12.77 in the 100 dash. Sinnwell is still holding on to the 200 dash all-time best mark of 26.2 – set in 2000.

"She's real close there. So obviously we have our eyes set on that," said Mahnesmith. Foelske ran the third leg on the sprint medley relay that rebroke the school record with a blue-ribbon effort of 1:52.28. The sprint med was comprised of seniors Abbie Hyde, Rylee Weiss, Foelske and freshman phenom Kadence Huck.

Huck added to the magical season a day later in Charles City as she now holds the all-time best clip in the open 400 with a sizzling lap around the track of 59.79. That time, like

Foelske's 100 PR this season – is third fastest in Class 1A.

The old school record in the 400 was previously held by Kristi Haberman. That mark was set in 2000 with a clip of 1:01.41.

Mahnesmith has somewhat of quandry on her hands – albeit a good one if there is such a thing. What events will Huck try to qualify in for state next month?

"We're going to play around with that. We're going to do some practice to see on that situation," said Mahnesmith about whether or not to run Huck in the open 400 at the state qualifying meet that will be held in Hudson less than two weeks from today on Thursday, May 12.

Huck also won the open 800 on Thursday as she crossed the finish line in 2:25.99.

N-P also demonstrated their depth in other events as well.

Jordyn Frost, a sophomore, cleared 4-8 in the high jump for the second time in her career to win that event for the first time ever.

"By the end of this year I definitely want to make 4-10. I think I can get it," said Frost. "I always keep in my mind my form and how far I get to the bar. I try not to stutter-step. That's probably the most important thing."

Frost talked about the incred-



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Two of the area's best sprinters – Nashua-Plainfield's Makenzie Foelske and Osage's Meredith Street – share a laugh before competing against each other.

ible season that the Huskies have been able to put forth this spring.

"All the girls are amazing. We definitely try, try, try," said Frost. "We continue to break records and I think we can break many more this year."

N-P senior Jennah Carpenter placed third in the 400 hurdles in 1:14.35. She said she might have to dip down to 1:11 or 1:12 in order to crack the state field down in Des Moines.

Like on the basketball court, Carpenter doesn't mind doing the dirty work in order to get the job done.

"I like it because no one likes to do it. It's a race that no one

City last week.

Carpenter basically summed up what N-P's mindset is this spring – where it seems the weather is quite possibly the only thing that can slow these Huskies down.

"We've had a lot of meets canceled, but we don't let that stop us. We just keep working hard until the next meet," said Carpenter. "No matter where we are – there's always more you can do to push yourself and push your teammates."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD GIRLS INVITE TEAM SCORES

Nashua-Plainfield 106, Osage 93, Wapsie Valley 74, Central Springs 64, Charles City 63, Northwood-Kensett 44, West Fork 37, Sumner-Fredericksburg 35, North Butler 22, Don Bosco 18, Riceville 14, Clarksville 12, Dunkerton 6, Tripoli 1, Janesville 0, Rockford 0.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 - 2. Makenzie Foelske 12.74, 26. Hannah Lechtenberg 15.97.
200 - 2. Foelske 26.69, 14. Jordyn Frost 29.48.
400 - 11. Frost 1:09.54.
800 - 1. Kadence Huck 2:25.99, 7. Amberley Gerholdt 2:48.36.
1,500 - 4. Ellie Eick 6:04.2, 16. Lexi Weiss 6:57.85.
100 hurdles - 14. Ryan Reams 19.76, 20. Marleigh Lowe 20.38.
400 hurdles - 3. Jennah Carpenter 1:14.35, 19. Lowe 1:27.63.
3,000 - 12. Emma O'Neill 16:34.66.
Long jump - 21. Rylee Weiss 12-9, 28. Maci Malven 10-7.25.
High jump - 1. Frost 4-8.
Shot put - 1. Breanna Hackman 37-11, 20. Josslynn Glaser 26-3.
Discus - 1. Hackman 115-1, 28.

Myranda Webster 61.

4x100 - 14. R. Weiss, Lechtenberg, Reams, Hackman 59.17.
4x200 - 11. Lechtenberg, Bailey Bond, Sheyenne Bergmann, Lillie Caster 2:05.93.
4x400 - 1. Hyde, Carpenter, Frost, Huck 4:19.59.
4x800 - 1. Carpenter, Gerholdt, Kara Levi, Eick 11:07.28.
Sprint medley 1. Abbie Hyde, R. Weiss, Foelske, Huck 1:52.28.
Distance medley - 1. Foelske, Carpenter, Hyde, Huck 4:20.27.
Shuttle hurdle - 11. Reams, Emily Becker, Bergmann, Lowe 1:25.75.

COMET RELAYS TEAM SCORES

Osage 107, Charles City 104, Clear Lake 75, Jesup 74, St. Ansgar 72, Nashua-Plainfield 62, Forest City 61, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 23, Mason City Newman 9.
100 - 2. Foelske 13.09, 31. Jennifer McLeland 23.93.
200 - 3. Foelske 26.71, 5. Huck 27.9.
400 - 1. Huck 59.79.
800 - 4. Gerholdt 2:57.98
1,500 - 16. O'Neill 7:35.63.
100 hurdles - 18. Lowe 20.41.
400 hurdles - 5. Lowe 1:31.68, 16. O'Neill 7:35.63.
Long jump - 4. Foelske 14-7, 19. R. Weiss 11-3.5.
Shot put - 1. Hackman 35-2.75, 17. 21-3.
Discus - 1. Hackman 111-4, 15. Webster 57-9.
4x100 - 8. R. Weiss, Eick, Hackman, Foelske 58.52, 16. Lowe, Malven, Webster, McLeland 1:12.96.
4x800 - 3. Carpenter, Gerholdt, Eick, Huck 11:17.43.
Sprint medley - 10. R. Weiss, Maci Malven, Carpenter, Eick 2:14.76.
Distance medley - 12. R. Weiss, Gerholdt, Malven, O'Neill 6:09.32.

Saluting our
community heroes

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First responders still on the job after 41 years

Group needs more volunteers to help the community

By DOROTHY HUBER
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Winter and Schmitt are pretty ordinary names around Waucoma. But what Faye Winter and Mike Schmitt have done for the community and surrounding areas border on extraordinary.

The two are original members of the Waucoma First Responders, a group which was certified in April of 1981 with 20 members. In fact, Waucoma was just the second such organization in the state to become certified, according to Winter. Hawkeye was the first.

"I wasn't even married when I became a first responder," said Schmitt. "And now, I'm a grandpa five years."

In their 41 years of service, the two have been on a variety of calls. First responders help control bleeding, do general assessment, but perhaps the most common procedure they've performed is CPR, especially in their early years with the organization. The group's first president, Marilyn Hauer, was on leave from nursing at the University of Iowa Hospitals to care for her mother Elaine, and stated she did "way more CPR as a first responder" than she did as a nurse.

"Back then there were a lot of old people in town," Schmitt recalled. "Now," he said as he smiled at Winter, "well, now we're the old people."

Winter agreed. "I started the class because I had young kids and you want to know what to do." Now she too is a grandmother of ten.

There have been 55 members since the group organized, with only 12 current members. The age requirement is 18, and both Winter and Schmitt have had a child serve with them. Over the years there have been six responders join who have watched a parent rush off to calls, often in the middle of the night. Winter's daughter Lisa took the calling a step or two further, she went on to serve on Air Care helicopter flights for University Hospitals.

"We're a close-knit group," said Winter. "We know what each other's weaknesses are, I guess you could say. Some can't handle vomit and some can't stand the sight of too much blood, we work around that."

Since it's a volunteer group, the response is also on a volunteer basis. "If you can't make it, if you have a sick child or whatever the reason, that's fine."

Both acknowledge there might be a little competition as to who gets to the emergency first.

"Of course, Faye sleeps with her clothes on,"

Schmitt joked. Winter denied that, but Schmitt persisted. "You can't beat her."

Each have a scanner they keep with them, and it's on every day, and every night. "You never know what's going down when that goes off," Schmitt offered. "But your adrenaline kicks in," Winter added. "Then you wonder what if it's a kid.... ohhh," she shook her head. "That's the worst."

THINGS HAVE CHANGED over the years. Now first responders are called "Emergency Medical Responders" or EMR. Technology has changed from using scanners and pagers to allowing notices to come to them over their phones. "They will send the address, you click on it and it will take you there," Schmitt recalls responding to a call by Jackson Junction years ago, where a lady stood on a corner with a map, directing him to the farm he needed to go. So that technology is a great change.

Getting to the scene was also made more efficient in 2008 with the purchase of the town's rescue vehicle. "We used to come to the station," said Winter, "grab bags and throw them into our vehicles." Now first responders or fire department personnel can take the vehicle to an accident and have access to first aid equipment, including the jaws of life the fire department might use to extract accident victims before first responders can do their thing.

While any CPR still starts with chest compressions, a defibrillator is utilized, that purchase was made in 1990. "It gives the patient more of a chance of a better outcome," Winter stated.

Donations to the first responders have helped purchase life-saving equipment, but what the group really needs is more volunteers from the town of 223 and surrounding areas. "We'll pay for their schooling," said Schmitt. "Years ago we paid for our own." Schmitt thought about 50 hours of education was needed to start, then 12 hours of continuing education over a two-year period.

The number of calls the first responders make vary. "You might have 50 a year, you might have 13," said Schmitt. "It seems to go in spurts," Winter added. Their territory includes St. Lucas, and there are St. Lucas residents in their organization, however there are some addresses it's not feasible for Waucoma responders to go to, since they know a West Union ambulance will arrive first.

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Faye Winter and Mike Schmitt stand in front of the rescue vehicle the City of Waucoma purchased in 2008, which helped the efficiency of first responders. Winter and Schmitt are original members of the Waucoma First Responders, a group that became certified in 1981.

There's a reason I chose the Waucoma First Responders to be a featured group in the Tribune's Everyday Heroes section. They're a group close to my heart.

In 1998, my brother had an aneurysm. As the love of her life lay unconscious in the early hours of the morning, my sister-in-law — staying on the landline bedroom phone after dialing 911 — was understandably frantic as she tried to call to her children, who were in adjoining bedrooms but in the grasp of blissful teenage sleep.

Their house is only a mile from Waucoma, but at best it would be a half-hour before an ambulance would arrive. In minutes, though, the First Responders were there. A fact my sister-in-law appreciated immensely.

"They were a godsend," she said. "Somebody, I think it was probably Faye, took me out in the hall and said something like 'we got this.' It just made me feel like somebody had control of the situation."

When the ambulance left, my sister-in-law went along, the First Responders stayed, called me and stayed until I arrived.

"When I left, I knew my kids were going to be taken care of. They were certainly old enough to take care of themselves but they woke up in the middle of the night, they didn't know what was going on, they were scared."

--Dorothy Huber

Ordinary people, extraordinary things

This was not the way the last day of work before a long-awaited and much-needed vacation was supposed to unfold.

There I was, in the emergency room at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center feeling like ... well, you know, crap. My equilibrium was way off. The dizziness I was experi-

encing made me question if my 26-year sobriety had somehow come to an end. And my chest, oh my God, my chest hurt.

As the nurses and technicians poked, prodded and ran a variety of tests last Wednesday, I was supposed to be at the Tribune office getting some stories done, laying out some pages and making sure I wasn't

leaving Dorothy Huber and Kelly Terpstra a mess when I left for Colorado the following day.

Three hours later, Dr. Danny Lewis came into my room and basically said I was fine. I don't want to say I was disappointed - I mean obviously I didn't want to learn that I had suffered a heart attack or

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Local men honored in ceremony

QUILTS: FROM 1

The American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 of New Hampton presented the colors Sunday, with Linda Koenigsfeld explaining the Quilts of Valor story. Local women that pieced the quilts were Koenigsfeld, Wilma Lensing, Kathy Beckman, Dee Larkin, Ilene Stika and Jackie Livingston; Brenda Speicher quilted a pair of quilts and Pat Vsetecka also quilted one. The awards were presented to each service member, with Linda Kapler detailing the background of each recipient.

They were:

- 2nd Class Petty Officer Gary D. Fisher, US Navy
- Specialist 4th Class Jim Shekleton, US Army
- Senior Airman Alan W. Morris, US Air Force
- Specialist 4th Class Dean James Rosonke, US Army
- Senior Airman David J. DePuew, US Air Force
- Sergeant First Class Jon E. Gerholdt, US Army Engineer
- Specialist 4th Class Dean A. Gebel, US Army Reserves
- Specialist 4th Class Dustin Lee Cole, US Army
- Sergeant Matthew R. Schilling, US Army National Guard



The Color Guard from American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 presents the colors prior to the awarding of Quilts of Valor to nine area men, of which Alan Morris, right, shaking the hand of a guard after the ceremony, was one.

Below: The nine to receive the awards were, front row, from left: Gary D. Fisher, Jim Shekleton, Alan W. Morris, Dean James Rosonke, David J. DePuew, Jon E. Gerholdt, Dean A. Gebel, Dustin Lee Cole and Matthew R. Schilling.

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Duties vary for responders

FIRST RESPONDERS: FROM 8

important, but their contributions go so much deeper. After one emergency some first responders — including Schmitt — finished the milking for a farmer that needed to be with his family and once Schmitt responded to a call, and when others got there they found him playing cards with the patient. He did need an ambulance — he had broken a hip — but in the meantime, a little distraction. Always there is the relief felt when the caller is able to share the burden of watching a loved one suffer. “Most of the time we’re greeted at the door with ‘oh, I’m so glad you’re here,’” said Winter. And with usually two on an ambulance staff, there’s also a need to help with the heavy lifting.

IN THOSE 41 YEARS of responding to calls, neither Winter or Schmitt had any injuries themselves — until this year. Winter spent a little time as an outpatient in the hospital after being exposed to carbon monoxide, as did a couple other responders, but none suffered any serious consequences.

So what exactly do they get out of all this? “The satisfaction of helping out,” Winter said simply.

Schmitt shrugged, “I joined for the knowledge, then it was a group thing, next thing you know, it’s 40 years later.”

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Marilyn Hauer, president, Kenny Hemesath, Ed Wickham, Tom Achen, Bob and Darlene Robbins, Dave and Marsha Wenthold, Gary Deeny, Buck and Sandy Myers, Mike Schmitt, Margaret Gossling, Faye Winter, Ken Gossling, Dean and Diane Wurzer, Steve Gossling, Jean and Mary Ann Ott.

There’s a hero that can be found everywhere, helping us in our daily lives

HEROES: FROM 8

tested positive for COVID-19 back in January 2021.

Dr. Lewis must have seen the frustration in my face because he was quick to offer me some “validation.”

“It’s OK, Bob. I’m not saying you shouldn’t have come in or your imagining this,” he said. “It can be a lot of things, and we’re going to have you see your doctor and we’ll get to the bottom of this.”

And then he rattled off all the things — dehydration, stress, anxiety, some kind of long-term fatigue ... - that could have led me to call my good friend, Jennifer Monteith, and ask her if she could take me to the ER.

I then asked Lewis if I could still go to Colorado the following day?

“Absolutely, if you feel up to it,” he said. “Your heart’s great, buddy, but I’d suggest not going on any 20-mile hikes.”

Don’t worry, Dr. Lewis, 20-mile hikes aren’t exactly my thing these days.

The point of this column isn’t my health or even my trip to Colorado, which by the way was, in a word, awesome. Instead, it is about everyday heroes that helped get me through — not to sound melodramatic — one of the scariest mornings of my life.

There’s Jenny, who has been and I hope will continue to be a fantastic friend. There were the nurses and staff in the ER that morning, people like Nick Schutte, Jessica Durnan and Lisa Stevenson, who provided such great and understanding — I can’t emphasize that second word enough, too — that day. And there was Lewis.

Some people might say something like well, duh, it’s their jobs, but the understanding part — even as I write this piece five days later 837.6 miles from MercyOne New Hampton — is the one I want to stress.

For a few hours, Jenny, Nick, Jessica, Lisa and Danny — along with the technicians whose names I didn’t get — were my heroes.

As I sit in Boulder on a beautiful Monday morning and write this column before Noah and I go golfing, I’m thinking of the everyday heroes that abound in our communities and across our nation.

They’re easy to find if we just focus.

On the desktop of my computer at work there is a file that it titled “Bob Fenske obit,” and before you think I’m excessively morbid, I want you to know that years ago in college, I had a professor who encouraged us to write our own obituaries. So I did, and over the past 35 years, I’ve updated it from time to time. Plus, I’m a little afraid of what Josh and Noah would write about their old man when I do keel over and croak!

About 20 years ago, I wrote in my obit that the favorite part of my job

was writing about “ordinary people who have accomplished extraordinary things.” It’s stayed in ever since.

And I think when it comes to everyday heroes, that’s the point. So many are ordinary people who do extraordinary things for those around them.

There are the men and women who serve in our armed services. There are the police officers and firefighters who head into dangerous situations at a moment’s notice. There are the paramedics, EMTs and ambulance drivers who leave birthday parties or family nights to do their best to save lives. Those are the heroes we celebrate almost every day, and we should.

Yet at the same time, I think if we look hard enough, almost all of us can be everyday heroes.

There are teachers who make a huge difference in their students’ lives — sometimes by just listening to them discuss a problem that has nothing to do with English, math, social studies

or science. There are the people who work on holidays at convenience stores so that we can gas up and go visit our family or, for people like me, allow us to pick up that can of green beans we were supposed to grab three days earlier.

I think back to the early days of this pandemic and think about the kids carrying out my groceries at Fareway or the school personnel who made sure kids got proper lunches.

Yes, I get it, that was their job, but the way they did it with kindness and understanding, that’s what made them and will continue to make them everyday heroes.

I found this quote from Gerard Way — and let me be the first to admit I have no idea who Gerard is or was — today.

“Heroes are ordinary people who make themselves extraordinary.”

And we have a lot of those kind of people all around us. And I’m grateful for that.

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N-P's Hackman earns her second Drake medal

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

A year ago, Nashua-Plainfield senior Breanna Hackman became the first-ever Husky to earn a medal at the Drake Relays. On Thursday, she made some more history as she became the first Husky to every earn two medals at one of the most prestigious track and field meets in the United States. Hackman saved her best throw

for last — a put of 39-3 — that gave her a seventh-place finish at a meet that included the best 24 throwers in the state. In 2021, she finished fourth at Drake. The senior opened the meet with a throw of 38-9.5 and was remarkably consistent as all of her throws, until her final heave, ranged



Hackman

from 38-2.75 to 38-9.5. Mount Pleasant's Jadan Brumbaugh won the meet with a throw of 47-7 to beat runner-up Sydney Eggena of Denver by almost 5 1/2 feet. Hackman will get a chance to earn another medal this morning (Friday) when she competes in the discus at 9 a.m. A half-hour before Hackman throws the discus, her teammate and classmate, Makenzie Foelske, will compete in the 100-meter dash preliminaries. Hackman came into this year's Drake Relays seeded 10th, and Nashua-Plainfield coach Jessi Mahnesmith said she was exceedingly proud of her senior thrower who plans on competing for the University of Northern Iowa next year. "Absolutely, I'm thrilled for her," Mahnesmith said. "She said her goal was top six and she was right there, really, and the fact that she placed higher than she was seeded, I think that shows she had a good day."

Hackman's best throw this year is 40-1.25, which is the fourth best in Class 1A, but on Thursday, she was the second best thrower from Iowa's smallest class as only Bedford's Emily Becker bested her in the final standings. Class 1A's top thrower, Bishop Garrigan's Audi Crooks, coming into Thursday finished 16th. "Hack's in good spirits, and she should me," her coach said. "Placing at Drake is a big deal."

N-P girls make gains on course

Huskies' Franzen, Nelson post low scores; N-P boys get medalist effort

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

A pair of Nashua-Plainfield golfers had "breakout" weeks, and ask their coach what was the key for Paige Franzen and Autumn Nelson and Jeff Trost had a quick answer.

"They avoided the 'blowup' holes," he said, "and they both stayed very consistent."

Nelson fired a 48 last Thursday during a triangular at home while Franzend finished with a 51, and a night later, Franzen broke into the 40s in a meet at Osage and finished with a 49. And the freshman made a serious move on Tuesday during a triangular in Sheffield as she finished with a season-low 45 while Nelson carded a 50.

The two Huskies helped the girls post a season-low score at Osage as the Huskies fired a 231 to win the meet by six shots over the host Green Devils, and on Tuesday in Sheffield, Nashua-Plainfield finished with a 233 to eke out a two-stroke win over West Fork.

"Paige is one of those kids who understands the game of golf, and honestly, she's one of the kids I can talk golf with," Trost said. "We have a lot of girls who are new to the game, and so with them, I'm more of a 'pep' coach and that's OK, too. They're a fun group to be around and it's fun to see them get excited as their scores go down."

Nelson has really come on strong as of late. The junior began the season with two rounds in the 60s, but has found her game.

"She's managed her game very well," Trost said. "Autumn's not one of those girls who's going to overpower a course by any means, but she's done a nice job hitting good shots, staying out of trouble. She isn't getting those blowup holes; instead, she's found a consistent stroke."

Meanwhile, on the boys side, the Huskies continued to struggle with consistency, but Nashua-Plainfield did shoot one of its better rounds of the season on Tuesday in Sheffield as they finished with a 208 to take second among the three teams. That was just seven shots off their best round of the season — a 201 on April 19 — and the fact that it came on a "road" course was a positive to Nashua-Plainfield's veteran coach.

"We've got some work to do," he said, "and I think the guys know that. What's been so hard this year is that with the weather we've had, it's not only meets that have been scrambled but we just haven't had enough practice time outside so we're working on our games in meets. We're kind of making adjustments on the fly."

At Osage, the Huskies were led by Drew Rodruck with a 47 while Trey Nelson had a 48. Nelson turned around on Tuesday and fired a 44 to earn medalist honors at the meet hosted by West Fork while Rodruck finished with a 50.

"Trey's close but we have to get past that part where a big number bites him," Trost said, "and Drew's been pretty solid, but he's another one that if he can just be more consistent, he could get to the mid-40s."

As Trost talked Thursday morning, the Huskies had just three regular season meets remaining. After competing at Northwood on Thursday, Nashua-Plainfield will play its final home meet on Monday and then has a makeup meet at Mason City Newman next Thursday. And then it's conference, sectional and regional time.

"I think the big thing is working on just short-range approach shots," he said when asked about his focus before the Top of Iowa Conference meets at Greene (girls) and Northwood (boys) a week from this coming Monday. "We're trying to get more consistent, especially from 50 to 100 yards in. If we do that, we can lower our scores."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD GIRLS TRIANGULAR TEAM RESULTS
Grundy Center 209, Nashua-Plainfield 239, Crestwood 258.
Medalist - Brylee Hoag (GC) 44.
Nashua-Plainfield scores - Autumn Nelson 48, Paige Franzen 51, Faith Franzen 67, Natalie Sinnwell 73, Payton Howland 82, Maddie Foster 85.

OSAGE BOYS TRIANGULAR TEAM RESULTS
Osage 167, West Fork 181, Nashua-Plainfield 211.
Medalist - Leo Klapperich (O) 40.
Nashua-Plainfield scores - Drew Rodruck 47, Trey Nelson 48, Dawson Glaser 57, Cal Levi 59, Bryce Anderson 65, Devin Griffin 67.

OSAGE GIRLS TRIANGULAR TEAM RESULTS
Nashua-Plainfield 231, Osage 237, West Fork did not field full team.
Medalist - Leah Hauge (O) 48.
Nashua-Plainfield scores - P. Franzen 49, Nelson 56, F. Franzen 61, Sinnwell 69, Foster 76, Howland 86.

WEST FORK BOYS TRIANGULAR TEAM RESULTS
West Fork 197, Nashua-Plainfield 208, Rockford 213.
Medalist - Nelson (NP) 44.
Other Nashua-Plainfield scores - Rodruck 50, Glaser 56, Levi 58, Ty Berger 64, Kendrick Huck 71.

WEST FORK GIRLS TRIANGULAR TEAM RESULTS
Nashua-Plainfield 233, West Fork 235, Rockford 287.
Medalist - P. Franzen (NP) 45.
Other Nashua-Plainfield results - Nelson 50, F. Franzen 67, Sinnwell 71, Howland 77, Foster 80.



Abbie Hyde (above) hands the baton to Rylee Weiss during Nashua-Plainfield's record breaking sprint relay run at last week's home meet, where the Huskies' Myranda Webster (below) gets ready to toss the discus.

RECORD-BREAKING HUSKIES



N-P GIRLS SET THREE SCHOOL MARKS, CLAIM HOME INVITE TITLE

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

On one of the best spring days of 2022 — and they haven't been many good ones thus far weather-wise — the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies showcased just how much firepower the electric squad possesses in front of the hometown fans on a sunny Thursday afternoon.

In the process, two more long-standing records fell in a season that is shaping up to be one of the best all-time for N-P.

"It was a perfect day for a meet — with us being at home and finally getting to be outside and knowing that we were going for quite a few records," said N-P first-year

head coach Jessi Mahnesmith.

The Huskies just keep getting better. That was clearly evident as the N-P girls claimed first place at its home invite for the second-consecutive season — besting runner-up Osage, 106-93.

The question now remains — how many more records can be broken in a season that has been full of them?

The answer to that query may come at the state meet in May because barring something along the lines of natural disaster is the only thing that's going to stop this Husky train from rolling off the tracks.

"The best is yet to come I think with this

SEE GIRLS TRACK, 7

N-P boys battling it all as the postseason nears

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Cold, wet and rainy. That seems to be the theme this spring in the state of Iowa. That weather forecast is also a recipe for sickness.

You don't need to remind Nashua-Plainfield boys track coach Chase Sudol of this undeniable fact.

That's exactly what his Husky squad has been dealing with the past couple of weeks. Throw in some injuries, the cancellation of meets and it makes for a lot of unknowns this late in the season. It also hurts consistency for squads that are trying to figure out their postseason lineup with the state qualifying meet less than two weeks away.

"It's time to go with what we think's going to make it happen and make due with what we have," said Sudol. "We had that sickness bug where we didn't have quite a few of our runners."

Regardless, soon the Huskies are going to have to pop the clutch and head on down the road — because not getting out of the starting blocks isn't going to get N-P anywhere.

"It's full throttle. We gotta go," said Sudol. "We don't have time to wait."

N-P got a meet in at Osage on Tuesday where the Huskies finished in eighth place, one point behind New Hampton's total of 34. Clear Lake took home the

SEE BOYS TRACK, 7



Nashua-Plainfield's Dylan Blanchard competes in the 4x800 during a recent meet held in Charles City.

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