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Members of the Nashua-Plainfield girls track and field team can't hide their excitement as they accept the Class 1A state championship trophy late Saturday afternoon at Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

RISING TO THE OCCASION!

ON THE MOST MEMORABLE OF DAYS, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD IS THE BIG WINNER IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE



Bob Fenske has been the editor of the Nashua Reporter since 2010, and he can be reached by email at editor@nhtrib.com.

Makenzie Foelske stood on the Drake Stadium infield Saturday afternoon and nothing was going to wipe the smile off her face.

The Nashua-Plainfield senior had just run the race of her life in the finals of the 200-meter dash to earn five critical points for the Huskies. In a span of a little more than an hour, Foelske had "held" her third seed in the 100 and finished fourth in the 200 — a race in which she was seeded eighth.

As the old reporter walked toward her, he knew that smile was one he'd never forget. On a memorable day in Des Moines, the beaming face of Makenzie Foelske will be a memory that will last a lifetime.

A LOOK BACK AT A STELLAR STATE TRACK AND FIELD WEEKEND!

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We all know that Nashua-Plainfield a couple of hours later would clinch the Class 1A state track team title with a spirited run in the 4x400 on a historic day — for both the meet in general and the Huskies in particular — at Drake Stadium.

But what made Saturday so special for this guy wasn't the fast times, the wins, the clutch performances, the places and the trophy. Instead, it was a "team first" mentality that Nashua-Plainfield

brought to the Blue Oval at historic Drake Stadium.

"This afternoon really, for me, is all about the team," Foelske said. "I knew I had to at least hold [my seed] in the 100 and do better in the 200. The individual medals are nice, but the big goal, the only goal, for all of us is to win this team thing."

It was a refrain repeated over and over on Saturday as a group of fast and strong Nashua-Plainfield girls made history by claiming a title that very few of us thought the Huskies could win.

Even as my son and I headed to Des Moines in the very early a.m. Saturday, it

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Supervisors favor public EMS option, but not by much

Ambulance Council, Board of Supervisors say it's time to put differences aside and work together

By KELLY TERPSTRA AND BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Unite, not divide.

That means moving forward with negotiations to possibly continue the current contract that provides emergency medical services in Chickasaw County that could run out at the end of this year.

What the future of EMS will look like and how it could be funded is yet to be determined.

That's why the joint meeting between the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint liaisons from both parties to sit down with Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath to come up with a plan or possible solution to continue service.

The current contract runs out on Dec. 31, 2022.

"We just got to get over the past and start moving forward or we're not going to get anywhere," said Fredericksburg Mayor Jimmy Mitchell, who was one of five members of each city represented by the Ambulance Council that voted 5-0 to engage in conversations with McGrath on a number of subjects — ranging from possibly buying his equipment to extending his contract with the Ambulance Council.

The Board of Supervisors approved the motion 4-1, with Jacob Hackman the nay vote.

The member of the Board that will talk to McGrath is Jason Byrne and the Council decided upon Ionia Mayor Randy Taylor.

The action came a day after the Board of Supervisors during its regular meeting reached a "consensus" — albeit with two of the five board members against it — to pursue a publicly-owned ambulance service for the county.

On Tuesday evening, an impassioned plea from a citizen in attendance at the Community

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One journey ends; another begins

Nashua-Plainfield High School hands out 40 diplomas during commencement ceremony

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

There's a moving lyric from the Grammy Award nominated 2017 song featured in the movie "The Greatest Showman" that beautifully describes the singer is marching to the beat they drum. They're not scared to be seen and make no apologies — "This is Me."

That chart-topper was sung by choir members at Nashua-Plainfield's Class of 2022 commencement this past Sunday.

For 40 graduating seniors of that N-P class, that anthem of self expression and acceptance perhaps best describes what those promising young adults will face in an ever-changing world once their lives start to take shape in a future that should hold no bounds.

"Each of us have the power to change the world — find what you're passionate about and make it yours. The future is ours and the future is us — be extraordinary."

That was N-P senior Makenzie Foelske's message to her fellow classmates when she stood at the podium

"IT'S DEFINITELY BEEN A GOOD RUN — FULL OF LAUGHS, CRIES AND LEARNING ..."

— BRYCE ANDERSON

in front of large crowd that attended the ceremony.

The commencement was relatively short, but impactful.

N-P Principal Karl Smith mentioned how it takes a village for students to achieve their goals. That support is crucial to the development of a student body and school that recognized 18 N-P students that graduated with honors (3.5 or above grade-point-average).

"I believe as one gets older, one understands and appreciates the effect that supportive parents, guardians, families and friends provide to help you get to where you want to be," said N-P Principal Karl Smith.

N-P senior Bryce Anderson also took to the stage and described what

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Confetti (above) rains in the stands at Nashua-Plainfield's commencement ceremony, where students received their diplomas Sunday afternoon.

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Jasmyn Jost (left) and her mom, Carey Agnitch, take a selfie while Brynn Wright hugs her mother, Tabatha Caswell, during Nashua-Plainfield High School's commencement ceremony Sunday.



Kara Levi (above) receives her diploma while Abbie Hyde (below) tries to get the confetti out of her friend Jaycie Bilharz's hair.



Celebrating the end of a journey



Bryce Anderson (left) gives a senior address at commencement, where members of the Nashua-Plainfield Concert Choir (above) perform a song.



Leann Ripley (above) hands a rose to her father, Adam, while her grandfather, Curt Sorenson, looks on while graduate Isaac Kalainoff and his mother, Jennifer, talk with 2021 grad Lucas Pierce after the ceremony.



Commencement photos by Kelly Terpstra



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Seniors left their 'mark' on N-P

COMMENCEMENT: FROM 1

This time was like while attending N-P schools – starting in pre-school.

"It's definitely been a good run – full of laughs, cries and learning more about each other in these last 14 years," said Anderson.

Anderson went on to say that he became aware while attending N-P Schools that most, if not all of his fellow classmates, were part of a larger group that wanted to help him succeed.

"I realized that I'm part of a family – the N-P family," said Anderson.

"Being a part of this family, we've been through a lot. Despite that, we began to walk in each other's shoes, no matter how stinky or smelly they were."

Anderson said the ups, downs, and challenges of young adulthood only made himself and his classmates stronger through uniting as one.

"Through it all, through the trials and tribulations that we have been a part of, it molded us to be the young men and women we are today," said Anderson.

Whether it was a football game, prom or a kind word spoken by a classmate during a tough time, all those memories will be cherished by many of those 40 graduates.

"These small, everyday moments are things we will never forget," said Foelske. "I can confidently say that we have left our mark on Nashua-Plainfield."

The aforementioned song goes on to explain how the doubters or the critics can try to break someone down on their path to success or try to hold them back in their effort to fulfill their dreams and aspirations.

Anderson said dive right in and try your best to make your mark – no matter the circumstance.

"I think we all look forward to the future – most of us with hope, most of us also terrified," he said, "[and] it's a little late to turn back now."



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Ethan Pick (above) receives his diploma during the commencement ceremony while Jordan Schneider (above) poses for a picture with his sister, McKayla Biddle, after the program.



Boys will be boys as Drew Rodruck shows during a photo with his sister Maddy and little brother Trent while recently-minted alumni Trey Nelson poses for a photo with his family after the ceremony.



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Three supervisors want publicly-owned service

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

Services Building in New Hampton, where the meeting was held resonated, perhaps, above all else in the discussion that at times did get somewhat tense.

"The whole thing is not money, it's people. What are you doing for the people?" he said.

Should both boards go down the road of finding out what it would take to fund a publicly-owned ambulance service instead of coming to an agreement with McGrath and his company, the research done has indicated that the cost would be \$1.725 million for start-up costs.

That included three new ambulance rigs and a 3,000-square foot building. But it would be virtually impossible for the county to purchase those ambulances before the start of the New Year, the Board stated.

Those numbers were summed by Chickasaw County Auditor Stephanie Mashek.

"The only reason why I'm producing these for you is so that you can actually see how expensive this is going to be. We're going to always have a shortfall. It's not going to be a money maker," said Mashek.

MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center President and CEO Aaron Flugum said it would be best for the Board and Council to find out more from McGrath and his staff if a public option is viable – if that's something that each party wanted to do.

"We really need to go to the staff that's operating it today and include them in the discussion about how to develop this and what's the right approach in Chickasaw County," said Flugum. "They're the ones that would have the detailed knowledge about how to develop it and how to get it started. You really need to gauge the commitment of those individuals in any type of public option."

And during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Flugum emphasized that the public-option model presented by SafeTech Solutions when it presented its feasibility study last week was one that we know is the high-end, "the pie in the sky" kind of service.

"I think you have to look at a hybrid model of what they presented you," he said, "for a variety of reasons. To compare what



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Ambulance Council member Samantha Johnson listens to a speaker during Tuesday night's meeting.

we have now to what they presented last week, it's not apples to apples."

Also on the table is a potential funding source via a 422D Tax Levy by Authority that the Board of Supervisors passed a motion to potentially utilize.

There are still three readings that need to be voted on and then voters would have their say on the issue in November. At the max allotment of 75 cents per \$1,000 of property tax evaluation, that levy would produce \$707,000.

Half of those funds, should the levy be passed, would not be accessible to the county until October of 2023. The second half of that money would be allocated in March of 2024.

The problem, according to Hackman, is that 71 percent of the tax revenue from that levy comes from rural residents of Chickasaw County.

"If it does pass, I will be the first one tell you I'm not for it," said Hackman. "If that

passes, that money's coming into that trust account. That trust account will be paying the bills. If it doesn't operate on \$707,000 a year, with revenue offset – that's a \$1 million operation budget in my opinion."

The levy has to receive a 60 percent margin in its favor by voters in order to pass.

Hackman said \$154,500 of \$262,500 money allocated by the County has been spent in payment toward the current ambulance provider, per the 28E Agreement that is still binding between the two entities.

"That only leaves \$108,000 Jan. 1st," said Hackman. "That \$108,000 has to carry this county until tax collection – October. If the cities and county aren't willing to negotiate the 28E, we can throw the whole \$2 million ARPA funds to this project – with the numbers I see – it won't cover it."

Mitchell agreed.

"Let's just say this doesn't pass on the ballot, then you're looking at the worst of the expenses we could be looking at for this fiscal year," said Taylor. "Do we need to take a look at our 28E and how that's structured? There's also nine months of no revenue here," said Mitchell.

A meeting between the Board and Council was tentatively scheduled for this coming Tuesday, May 31 at 5:30 p.m.

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During Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Hackman and Tim Zoll both said they did not think the county should proceed with the public model for EMS.

"There are just way too many questions that we can't answer," Hackman said following the meeting.

But Board Chairman Matt Kuhn joined Byrne and Supervisor Steve Breitbach said they wanted to at least explore the idea of a publicly-owned service.

They emphasized that they would consider using ARPA funds only if the Chickasaw Ambulance Council came up with "ongoing funding" for the service – whether that be using the current 28E agreement or the 422D tax levy.

County Attorney David Laudner pressed the board to make a decision before the joint meeting.

"If you don't, I don't know why they would meet tomorrow," he said. "You have to lead on this."

Patricia Dietz, 70

Patricia Dietz, age 70 of Nora Springs and formerly of Nashua, died Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the Nora Springs Care Center.

Graveside services will be held for Patricia at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at Sunnyside Memory Gardens, rural Charles City with the Rev. Ben Hartwig officiating, with a luncheon to follow at the Little Brown Church at noon.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory/Olson Chapel have been entrusted with the arrangements.

Patricia (Patty) Dietz was born Nov. 2, 1951, to Ernest and Ella Cagley of Nashua. She attended Nashua schools and graduated High School in 1969.

She married Don Riggan on Nov. 7, 1969, and had five children. She divorced in January 1979 and later married Gene Dietz and had one child.

Patty was an active member of the Little Brown Church of Nashua and attended as often as possible. She also served on the board for many years at the Little Brown Church.

Throughout her life, Patty worked as a CNA/CMA in the surrounding areas. She also worked at Charlie Brown Day Care in Mason City and Comprehensive Systems in Charles City. Later in life, Patty resided at Apple Valley Assisted Living in Charles City where she made a lot of great friends during her time spent there.



Patty Dietz

Patty enjoyed many things during her life. She enjoyed bird watching, playing games with her friends at Apple Valley Assisted Living, doing Diamond Arts, and spending time with friends and family.

Patty leaves behind Diane (Matt) Bronson of Forest City, Debbie (Corey) Hoffman of Evansdale, Carol Riggan of Greene, Billy (Shelly) Riggan of Garner, Danny (Nikki) Riggan of Mason City, and Todd (Lyn) Dietz of Charles City; along with 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Patty was preceded in death by her sisters, Phyllis Thompson and Sharon Keeling, brothers, Glenn Cagley and Rolland Cagley, father, Ernest Cagley; mother, Ella Cagley; husband, Gene Dietz; and grandsons, Cayden Dietz and Jason Cobb.

James Zane White, 69

James "Jim" Zane White, age 69 of Nashua, died Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Unity Point Health in Marshalltown.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua, with Pastor Rachelle R. Bobenmoyer presiding.

Interment will follow at Mt. Carrol Cemetery in rural Ionia.

Ronald L. North, 67

Ronald L. North, age 67 of Nashua, died Thursday, May 19, 2022, at his home.

There will be a brief service at Riverside Cemetery in Charles City on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 2 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at the acreage in Nashua at 2665 Akron Way.

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Briefs

Drawing birds in flight will be held at Twin Ponds Nature Center June 4

An exciting program will be offered for ages fourth grade through young adults at the Twin Pond Nature Center on Saturday, June 4.

Participants will be able to draw along with artist/art educator Nancy Scherer. Ring-necked pheasant will be the subject. Pencil and crayon will be used to draw the bird in flight.

Artists are observers of form and patterns, and each student will be expected to be careful workers. Class begins at 1 p.m., and there will be a fee of \$10 per student. Class size is limited and registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

Ernst office to hold traveling hours

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.

Senator Ernst will not be at the traveling office hours.

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.

Constituents seeking assistance with federal agencies who are unable to attend the traveling office hours can contact one of the senator's offices directly or submit a casework request online at www.Ernst.senate.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact our office. To find the traveling office hours in your area, see our interactive page. Select a region to view the upcoming dates and locations.

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

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Sincerely, Sharon & the entire Mehmen family

The family of the late Ron Fish wish to extend our sincere thanks for your kindness, and for the condolences and support that we have received. We appreciate your kind prayers, cards, calls, texts, food, and memorial gifts. Special thanks to Reverend Dennis Bachman and all who took part in the beautiful service. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to ambulance services, Floyd County Memorial Hospital and Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home.

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Supervisors pass on Public Health 'bonuses'

Board appreciates pandemic work, but frets about 'opening can of worms'

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors wanted to make it abundantly clear Monday that they appreciate the hard work put in and the dedication shown by employees of Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But supervisors didn't want to travel down an unknown road, one that they believe they would find themselves on if they agreed with a Board of Health recommendation to hand out "bonuses" to Public Health workers.

Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter, on behalf of her board, made the request to the Board of Supervisors, asking it to approve \$13,000 in additional pay to 16 employees who had worked for Public Health for at least a year and asked the county to use American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to administer the one-time payment of \$1,000 to full-time direct patient care staff and \$500 for office staff and part-time workers.

"I'm just concerned that this is going to open up a can of

worms — right, wrong or indifferent," Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn said. "It's my main concern."

Fellow Supervisor Jacob Hackman agreed, but he also said that he understood the request.

"I think we all know that the law enforcement officers already got their \$1,000 from the governor," he said. "The school staff, the school teachers, I believe got a \$1,000 from the governor. That's where it started guys, it started with the state governor's office giving out a \$1,000."

Welter said the Public Health Board's position was that the department's employees "took care of people who the hospital was trying to clear out during COVID, gave shots, held COVID clinics. People weren't so nice to us."

She added that she and her employees tracked numbers, handed out tests, and worked what she called "all hours" of the day and numerous nights.

"We didn't shut down," she said.

Hackman pointed out that some other counties have used ARPA funds to provide additional one-time pay to their public health departments, but

although he said he appreciated what Public Health did for county residents, he expressed concern that if the supervisors approved the funds, "do we have to start calculating everyone else?"

County Attorney David Laudner agreed, although he conceded he felt that the county had the legal authority to approve the Board of Health recommendation.

"The lawyer in me always says where's the slippery slope here? I'm guessing they were all paid for the hours they worked and the overtime if they were entitled to," said Laudner, who pointed out that if supervisors approved the request, it might set a "precedent for someone else to come in and say we did extra work."

In the end, supervisors decided it was in the county's best interest to avoid that slippery slope.

When Kuhn asked if there was any more discussion or any action that supervisors wanted to take on the request, no one made a motion to approve the Board of Health recommendation.



Reporter file photo

It's getting closer

We know, at least for much of this week, the weather had been somewhat gloomy, but summer is almost here ... just take a look at the weather forecast for the upcoming holiday weekend. And if that doesn't work, how about this one? Four weeks from today, we'll be celebrating Water Over the Dam Days, and we'll have more information in the Reporter as Nashua's big town celebrations nears!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD School District Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022				
The NASHUA-PLAINFIELD School District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022				
Meeting Date/Time: 6/13/2022 07:00 PM		Contact: Brittany McNeil	Phone: (641) 330-6050	
Meeting Location: Nashua -Plainfield JH/HS Commons				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.				
EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Instruction	5,664,303	0	5,664,303	
Total Support Services	2,544,379	100,000	2,644,379	Technology Equipment
Noninstructional Programs	403,890	0	403,890	
Total Other Expenditures	1,046,333	75,000	1,121,333	Building and Site Improvements
Total	9,658,905	175,000	9,833,905	

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Nashua-Plainfield Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 9, 2022 JH/HS Commons

The May 9, 2022, regular board meeting of the Nashua-Plainfield Community School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Patrick Lentz. Also present were directors Chris Hagen, Lara Lawrence, Cody Jensen, and Laura Folkerts; Superintendent Todd Liechty; Principals Karl Smith and Shannon Wurzer; Board Secretary Brittany McNeil; and 3 visitors.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the consent agenda as presented:

A) approval of the agenda as presented (adding "Hiring of JH Science Teacher")

B) approval of the minutes of the previous meeting on April 11, 2022.

C) approval of the bills for payment.

D) approval of the monthly financial reports.

E) approval of the personnel recommendations as follows: approval of the resignation of Josh Smith as athletic director; approval of the resignation of Brad Mohs as JH football coach; approval of the resignation of Vicky Bast as part-time cook; approval of the resignation of Abigail Again as JH science teacher; approval of the hiring of Abigail Feldman as JH ELA teacher; approval of the hiring of Elizabeth Peerman as JH Science Teacher; approval of the transfer of Becky Zwanziger to JH/HS head cook. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve the April 2022 cash flow report.

President Lentz welcomed the visitors. Scott Stroud, representing the Nashua-Plainfield Education Association and the Nashua-Plainfield Educational Support Professionals, thanked the board members and administration for their service.

There were no public comments or questions on the use of ESSER III funds.

Mrs. Wurzer gave a brief presentation on Portrait of a Graduate. She reviewed the five main characteristics chosen for Nashua-Plainfield's growing leaders which include: self-management, social awareness, collaboration, perseverance/adaptability, and critical thinking. These features were chosen by a committee and are the framework to helping graduates succeed when they leave high school.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lawrence to approve the student teaching agreement with ISU. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hagen, seconded by Jensen to approve the MOU with NIACC for Eastern NIACC CTE Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held about sharing Nashua-Plainfield's Food Service Director with RRM for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve the senior list for graduation, pending the successful completion of graduation requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to approve the use of the Intermediate School grounds for Plainfield Days Fireworks on July 9, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hagen, seconded by Lawrence to approve the MOU with NPESP. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager McNeil reviewed the certified budget for fiscal year 2022. There are four main areas the district cannot overspend. Those areas are Instruction, Support Services, Non-instructional, and Other. Mrs. McNeil recommends amending the Support Services and Other categories prior to fiscal year 2022 ending. This is partially due to the purchase of technology and other building improvement expenses. The budget amendment will be published prior to the June board meeting. A public hearing will take place on Monday June 13, 2022 at 7:00p.m. in the Junior High Commons.

Administrative reports were presented.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Folkerts to enter into an exempt session according to Iowa Code 21.9 at 8:12 p.m., for the development of salaries and other employment conditions for administrators. A roll call vote was taken with all years (Hagen, Jensen, Lentz, Lawrence, and Folkerts). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to return to open session at 9:07 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all years (Jensen, Lawrence, Hagen, Folkerts, and Lentz). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve a salary of \$51,208 per year for certified nurse, Melanie Anthofer. This includes 191 contracted days plus benefits as outlined in the certified staff handbook and master contract. The increase aligns with the certified salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to approve a 3% salary increase for Mrs. Shannon Wurzer as Elementary Principal, Brittany McNeil as Business Manager, Mr. Todd Liechty as Superintendent and a 2% salary increase for Mr. Karl Smith as JH/HS Principal. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday June 13, 2022 at 7:00p.m. in the Junior High Commons.

Minutes published are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled board meeting.

Patrick Lentz, President Board of Directors, Brittany McNeil Board Secretary Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District BOARD VENDOR REPORT May 2022

Vendor Name	Vendor Description, Amount
AGVANTAGE FS INC, GAS & DIESEL FUEL	4,915.09
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO., MILK	3,647.15
ATLANTIC COCA-COLA, CONCESSIONS/ALA CARTE ITEMS	674.76
AUTOMATIC DOOR GROUP, DOOR REPAIR	225.00
BLUHM ELECTRIC INC, EQUIPMENT REPAIR	155.00
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT INC., MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT/PARTS	79.90
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	212.50
CEDAR FALLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	14,096.32
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC, CLEANING SUPPLIES/EQUIP	825.00
CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	867.00
CENTURY LINK, TELEPHONE/FAX	778.60
CHARLES CITY CSD, ATHLETIC DUES/FEES	135.00
CHRISTIE DOOR CO, REPAIRS	1,200.00
CINTAS CORPORATION #947, CLEANING SERVICE	119.51
CITY OF NASHUA, WATER & SEWER	2,549.00
CLAUSON-ROSS, MARY, REIMBURSEMENT	119.25
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING CO, EQUIPMENT	1,437.33
CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC DUES/FEES	80.00
CULVER-HAHN ELECTRIC SUPPLY, ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	121.20
DECKER SPORTING GOODS, ATHLETIC SUPPLIES	1,232.00
DIKE-NEW HARTFORD COMM SCHOOL, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	90.00
ENERGY ASSOCIATION OF IOWA SCHOOLS, MEMBERSHIP FEES/TRAININGS	300.00
FAREWAY STORES, INC., FOOD	624.04
FLOYD COUNTY TREASURER, FIELD TRIP	36.00

FOREST CITY COMM SCHOOL, ENTRY FEE	9.65
GARNER-HAYFIELD/VENTURA SCHOOLS, DISTRICT FOOTBALL AWARDS	185.50
HAWKEYE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, COLLEGE CLASSES	31,552.40
HEEREN, JILL, REIMBURSEMENT	23.02
HUDSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	120.00
HUSKY PRODUCTIONS, PROM DJ SERVICES	350.00
HY VEE, INC, FOOD	256.94
IA ASSN OF SCHOOL BOARDS, MEMBERSHIP	2,198.00
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET	34.90
IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR SERVICES, BOILER INSPECTION CERT	75.00
IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION, MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRY FEES	448.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSN, MEMBERSHIP, FEES, ADMISSIONS	100.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSN, MEMBERSHIP & ENTRY FEES	97.15
IOWA SCHOOLS EMP BENEFITS ASSN, LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,392.73
IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY CO, ATHLETIC SUPPLIES	2,640.00
IOWA STATE FAIR, ENTRY FEES	125.00
IOWA SWINE JACKPOT SERIES, FFA ENTRY	268.00
J.W. PEPPER & SONS, INC., MUSIC	234.99
JACOBS, JUSTIN, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	360.00
JENDRO SANITATION SERVICES, GARBAGE COLLECTION	588.05
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, GENERAL SUPPLIES	68.50
KEMP, KATHERINE, REIMBURSEMENT	99.00
KJ DESIGN LLC, CLOTHING	1,636.00
LANGUAGE TESTING INTERNATIONAL, INC., TESTING SERVICES	30.00
LIECHTY, TODD, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	373.82
MAPLE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, DISTRICT GOLF ENTRY FEE	40.00
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC., COPIER MAINTENANCE/SUPPLIES	2,504.38
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC., STAPLES/SUPPLIES FOR COPIERS	121.51
MARKS TRACTOR & IMP. INC., MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	3,871.23
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO, FOOD/SUPPLIES	11,386.83
MCNEIL, BRITTANY, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	251.55
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, DRUG TESTING	13.00
MENARDS, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	231.18
MERCER H&B IOWA FIDUCIARY, HEALTH INSURANCE	10,117.49
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY	5,077.19
NASCO, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	234.86
NASHUA TOWN & COUNTRY CLUB INC, RENT/GOLF ENTRY FEES	60.00
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD FFA ALUMNI, FFA SUPPLIES	2,000.00
NATIONAL ELEVATOR INSPECTION, ELEVATOR INSPECTION SERVICES	65.00
SERVICES, INC.	
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION, SUPPLIES	623.46
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNENASHUA REPORTER, ADVERTISEMENTS	222.72
NORTH BUTLER COMMUNITY SCHOOL, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	200.00
NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, SPORTS DUES	100.00

NORTHWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, GOLF ENTRY FEE	60.00
NOVA FITNESS EQUIPMENT, FITNESS EQUIPMENT/REPAIRS	1,042.95
OSAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	90.00
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING, NUTRITION FOOD	793.07
PATHWAYS BEHAVIORAL SERVICES, COUNSELING SERVICES	525.00
PAYMENT SPRING, DATA PROCESSING FEE	55.30
PEDERSON PLUMBING, PLUMBING SERVICES	625.83
READING WAREHOUSE.COM, SCHOOL BOOKS/SUPPLIES	424.88
ROFFMAN BAND INSTRUMENT SERVICE, BAND EQUIPMENT REPAIR	55.00
ROUND GROVE COUNTRY CLUB, ENTRY FEE	60.00
RSCHOOL TODAY / DISTRIBUTED, SCHEDULING WEBSITE	1,246.07
WEBSITE CORP	
S & T COLLISION, TRANSPORTATION REPAIR	189.21
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS -15, BOOK FAIRS	1,296.93
SCHUETZ ACE HARDWARE, GENERAL SUPPLIES	1,065.87
SHANNON WRESTLING AND TIMING, ATHLETICS	898.39
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO., MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	183.01
SHREDDER, THE, SHREDDING SERVICE	48.00
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED INC, ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	8,350.00
ST. ANSGAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL, ENTRY FEE	150.00
STROUD, SCOTT, REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPLIES	74.64
SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	100.00
SWISHER & COHRT, P.L.C., LEGAL SERVICES	112.06
T & K TRACTOR REPAIR, TRANSPORTATION REPAIR	1,421.95
T-J SERVICE INC, EQUIPMENT REPAIR	222.11
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE LLC, MEDICAID BILLING SERVICE	567.50
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, TECHNOLOGY-ADMINISTRATIVE	132.00
TITUS LOCK SERVICE, LOCK SERVICE	59.00
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA HOSPITALS & CLINICS, CPR CARDS HEALTH CLASS	221.00
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA, REGISTRATION	25.00
USA PHONICS ONLINE STORE, CURRICULUM	2,923.50
WAGWORKS, FLEX REIMBURSEMENT	637.00
WARTBURG COLLEGE, REGISTRATION	400.00
WAYZATA RESULTS, INC, TIMING/SCORING SYSTEM	1,604.00
WEDEKING ELECTRIC LLS, MAINTENANCE SERVICES/SUPPLIES	1,042.99
WEST HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC DUES/FEES	15.00
SUB TOTAL	\$141,623.96
SALARIES	
SALARIES	399,032.87
LIFE INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE	365.80
DISABILITY INSURANCE, DISABILITY INSURANCE	584.41
HEALTH INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE	500.00
BENEFIT ADD, EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	41,360.00
IPERS, RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	40,401.26
MEDICARE, MEDICARE	6,198.75
SOCIAL SECURITY, SOCIAL SECURITY	26,504.95
SUBTOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$514,948.04
GRAND TOTAL	\$656,572.00

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05/27/2022

Shell Rock museum to open for 2022 season on June 18

The Shell Rock Historical Society will open their museum for the 15th season on Saturday, June 18, from noon to 3 p.m. The museum is located at 127 E. Adair St. in Shell Rock. The house, a 1920s Craftsman-style, was moved from a floodplain to this location. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Since it is the museum's 15th year, some special prizes will be given away on opening day. People must attend to register but do not need to be present to win. The prizes are a membership to the SR Historical Society for the 2022 year, and a copy of 50 years of Swing Show History. Memberships and the book will be available for purchase.

There are a small number of the 150th anniversary books, plates and bells still available for purchase.

The museum will be open on the third Saturday of each month, through October, from noon to 3 p.m. There is no admission charge.

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RESOLUTION NO. 05-23-22-35

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA, TO CLOSE, VACATE, ABANDON, AND SELL A PORTION OF 305th STREET LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF THAT PART OF THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE 5th P.M. LYING EAST OF THE CEDAR RIVER, AND LOCALLY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF 305th Street; and

2. That the sale of said real property and that portion of 305th Street to RNAJNN, LLC, for Four Dollars (\$4.00) be completed immediately after a public hearing on the same; and

3. That the real property and that portion of 305th Street subject to this sale be sold pursuant to the legal description provided herein, and that the buyer of said real property and that portion of 305th Street shall be responsible for any survey at buyer's expense if any discrepancy, dispute, or concern of any nature regarding said real property and that portion of 305th Street exists at the present time or any future time; and

4. That the costs of obtaining or continuing an abstract of title to said real property and that portion of 305th Street as well as closing costs including but not limited to attorney's fees, recording fees, and abstracting fees, will be at the expense of the buyer; and

5. That the buyer of said real property and that portion of 305th Street is purchasing the same "AS IS" via Quit Claim Deeds; and

6. That a public hearing on the proposed closure, vacation, abandonment, and sale of said real property and that portion of 305th Street to RNAJNN, LLC, will be held in the boardroom on the second floor of the Chickasaw County Iowa, Courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa, at 9:30 a.m. on the 6th day of June, 2022; and

7. That at said public hearing, any citizen having objections to said closure, vacation, abandonment, and sale may appear and make his or her objections known, and any citizen wishing to make objections in writing may do so by filing the same with the Chickasaw County Iowa, Auditor at the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office in New Hampton, Iowa, any time prior to 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of June, 2022; and

8. That the Chickasaw County Iowa, Auditor is directed to publish this Resolution in the official newspapers of record on the 26th and 27th days of May, 2022, respectively.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, this 23rd day of May, 2022. Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors and Auditor

CATED IN THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE 5th P.M. EXCEPT THAT PART OF PARCEL NO. 2021-45 AS RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 15, 2021, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2021-2552, AND ALL OF THAT PART OF THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE 5th P.M. LYING EAST OF THE CEDAR RIVER, and locally known as a portion of 305th Street; and

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8. That the Chickasaw County Iowa, Auditor is directed to publish this Resolution in the official newspapers of record on the 26th and 27th days of May, 2022, respectively.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, this 23rd day of May, 2022. Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors and Auditor

No. 22071
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Area pool looking for a few lifeguards

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

This much Tara Hackman knows: Weather permitting, the New Hampton Municipal Pool will kick off its 2022 season this coming Monday.

But the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department's program manager will be the first to tell you that for those who didn't like the flexible hours or the "pool-closed" days of a year ago might not get their wish for a return to normal this summer.

"I'll be honest, I can't set our schedule in stone for this year," she said late last week. "At least for now, I can't. It all depends on how many lifeguards we can get."

For a while this spring, Hackman and Parks and Recreation Director Rick Kramer felt they were on the right track.

After having just 12 lifeguards in 2021, they had lined up commitments for 15 lifeguards to work this summer.

But the best laid plans fell apart when five of those guards "bailed" on the pool even before the season began.

That meant Hackman and Kramer went back to the drawing board. Or maybe more precisely, they headed back out on the recruiting trail as they visited several area schools to try to drum up interest in a water safety course that the depart-

ment will have this coming weekend at the pool.

"If someone reads this, we're not going to turn anyone away," Hackman said of the class that will be held Friday evening, all day Saturday and on Sunday until 4 p.m.

Parks and Rec officials are also working to get the word out to young adults in area towns. Hackman pointed out that a year ago, for example, New Hampton's pool had a number of lifeguards from Nashua.

She said the water safety class is free, and that anyone who signs up for the class and works at the pool this summer will also receive a \$50 gas card.

"We're trying to find creative ways to drum up interest," she said and added those interested in taking the class can call her at 641-394-5464. "We know we can't pay what McDonald's or Kwik Star or a lot of places are paying. We just don't have the budget."

Still, she said a starting lifeguard will earn \$10 an hour and have what was once the most sought after job in the area.

"In so many ways, it's a great summer job. You're in the sun all day, it's fun and it's an awesome way to spend your summer."

If the pool has enough staffing, it will be open for adult swimming from noon to 1:30 p.m. and open swimming from 1:30 to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

Floyd County supervisors gearing up for RAGBRAI

By **MITCHELL HANSON**
mhanson@charlescitiypress.com

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors has brought back an ordinance used the last time RAGBRAI rolled through the county to provide guidelines for the return visit planned for this summer.

The board started the process at its meeting Monday evening to approve the ordinance to work with the city to govern road closings, food vendors and other issues when the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa spends the night in Charles City on July 28.

The ordinance is "to control safety and well being of the public" during the event, which will require significant municipal road closings and other measures to control the influx of an expected 15,000-plus cyclists and other visitors.

The ordinance places stipulations on vendors expected to set up shop to accommodate RAGBRAI participants with food, beverages and other goods. The document states that vendors must obtain a commercial booth permit no later than July 13 in order to sell food, beverages, services or merchandise in incorporated and unincorporated areas of Floyd County.

The supervisors set a public hearing for Monday, June 13, at 5:15 p.m. for discussion and the first reading of the RAGBRAI Commercial Booth Sale of Food and Other Merchandise Ordinance.

Applications for commercial booth permits may be obtained from the official Charles City RAGBRAI website at charlescitiyragbrai.com and from the Charles City Area Chamber of Commerce at 401 N. Main St. in Charles City. Applications can also be obtained by submitting in writing to Charles City RAGBRAI Vendors, 401 N. Main St., Charles City, IA 50616, by Wednesday, July 13.

Vendors applying for a permit are required to show proof of valid insurance and possession of all necessary licenses and permits. Food and beverage vendors must comply with all laws and regulations as stipulated by the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals relating to and governing the sale of food consumption.

Commercial booths will be required to pay a fee to the Vending Committee accompanying their application. The fees are used to cover expenses to

the city and Floyd County for hosting RAGBRAI. Applications will be reviewed by the Vending Committee along with the county engineer, county planning, zoning administrator and county sheriff to ensure compliance with all safety issues.

Also at the meeting, supervisors approved the use of Floyd County Courthouse grounds for the Rotary Club of Charles City, which intends to use the location to host a freewill donation fundraiser and photo op for RAGBRAI riders as they pass through.

The group plans to use a tractor as a backdrop for the photo op - "one hopefully made here in Charles City," noted Supervisor Linda Tjaden with a smile.

The supervisors also discussed the current state of the renovation/building project at the Floyd County Courthouse. Dean Snyder Construction had proposed to the board to install new drywall over the existing walls on the third and fourth floors of the building, and the project was approved at an estimated cost of \$76,571.

The board members were also happy to note the certificates of substantial completion for the courthouse's new fire sprinkler system and Paulsen Electric's accomplished rewiring of part of building's electrical systems where renovations are taking place.

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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dorothy Bierschenk, Deceased, who died on or about April 18, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on May 16, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Dorothy Bierschenk, deceased, bearing date of March 16, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Brian Bierschenk was appointed Executor of the estate.

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Dated May 16, 2022
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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES MAY 17TH, 2022

The Board convened on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022, at 5:30 PM with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn at the Chickasaw Event Center located at 301 N. Water New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Lee Huber, Tom Fennell, Toni Frederich, Cindy Shoemaker, Ovey Johnson, Mark Schuchhardt, Dawn Heying, Zach Heying, Shirley Troyna, Karen Clemens, Brannon Anderson, Laura Wickham, Carter Wickham, Doreen Cook, Jim Cook, Terry Johnson, Joan Knoll, Jeff Bernatz, Lorraine Weidler, Alan Holbet, Dawn Staudt, Dee McGrath, Brad Wickham, Brian Laues, Penny Corbitt, Megan Baltes, Steve Diers, Jason Speltz, Marlilyn Stanton, Duane Stanton, Jeremy McGrath, Larry Laues, Steve McGrath, Sheriton Dettmer, Susan Geerts, Sue Breitbach, Randy Breitbach, Aaron Flugum, Zach Nobsich, Ryan Shawver, Bridget Edson, Dave Laudner, Joshua Schuchhardt, Shirley Johnson, Mark Pitz, member of media, Mindy Humpal, and Bob Fenske, member of media. Chickasaw County Ambulance Council members were present Mark Mueterthies, Bobby Schwickerath, Amy Laues, Jim Ashley, Randy Taylor, Dave Geerts, James Mitchell, Samantha Johnson, and Jacob Hackman.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for May 17th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Tom Fennell and Lee Huber from Safetech Solutions provided a presen-

tation on the assessment needs of the County for an EMS System for Chickasaw County that completes phase 1 of the feasibility study.

Doreen Cook made a public comment on the costs that are not included in the expenditures within the presentation. Fennell responded to Cook's concern that these were estimated expenditures.

Jimmy Mitchell made a public comment about how the skew of numbers on the governmental portion versus the commercial portion would decrease the liability of the government financial responsibility. Fennell responded to Mitchell's concern on how to decrease the liability of government's financial responsibility.

Matthew Kuhn made a public comment about whether Safetech was provided with necessary financial information from the current provider in order to collect the data to appropriately convey the expenditures and revenues within this study. Fennell responded by stating the current provider's financials was not audited or reviewed.

Jimmy Mitchell made a public comment about whether Safetech feels that there is a good structure of first responders. Fennell responded that they did not get into the structure of the Rescue Squad. Huber responded that the structure of Rescue Squad would be a major factor and how that would marry into responding to 911 calls.

Sam Johnson made a public comment about the chute times and in house accommodations to better chute times versus responding from home. Fennell responded by saying keeping staff in house produces better chute times as there is no travel time to where the ambulances would be housed.

Sam Johnson made a public comment about whether Safetech contacted with Floyd County. Fennell responded they did speak to Floyd and other service providers in the area.

Randy Taylor made a public comment about if the system modules are listed by preference. Fennell responded they are not in any order.

Jim Ashley made a public comment about how to proceed with the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and the Board of Supervisors to discuss today's presentation. Fennell responded that it all depends on what the Council and the Supervisors decide to do moving forward.

David Laudner made a public comment about which four models does Safetech deem to be the best option for Chickasaw County. Fennell responded that they provided four options so the appetite for the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and the Board of Supervisors.

Josh Schuchhardt made a public comment on the struggle for ALS and AMT's. Fennell responded that they had to create a goal to shoot for. Huber addressed that the scope of care is a huge difference with an AMT level of care.

Jeremy McGrath made a public comment on the difficulty of filling a paramedic position in a neighboring county. Fennell responded that the community can make the difference and not be the difference.

Jeremy McGrath made a public comment on the rate of pay for the backup truck for being on call. Fennell responded that it is all over the board.

Brad Wickham made a public comment on the attitude towards the first responders and re-evaluating the structure of first responders and rescue squad to

create efficiencies while backing the efforts of those volunteers.

Steve Diers made a public comment on the for profit with or without subsidy in order to not run a deficit and what should a profit business with subsidized funds be able to net. Fennell responded that the key performance indicators are being met then they are meeting the needs of the community and the cost is something should not be the sole basis of a decision.

Tim Zoll made a public comment about the third truck be housed in the same facility. Fennell responded that they should be in case of mechanical issues.

Jimmy Mitchell made a public comment that he felt the information presented tonight was nothing new or unknown and is still unsure on what path to take.

Sam Johnson made a public comment on clarification on how the multiple trucks work. Huber responded that three trucks is adequate.

Jeremy McGrath made a public comment on if Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates were gathered. Fennell responded that they did use the current reimbursement rates.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board

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Meeting Date/Time: 6/6/2022 07:00 PM		Contact: John Ott	Phone: (641) 435-4156	
Meeting Location: Nashua City Hall Council Chambers				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	812,888	0	812,888
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	812,888	0	812,888
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	35,000	0	35,000
Other City Taxes	6	236,680	30,000	266,680
Licenses & Permits	7	13,500	0	13,500
Use of Money & Property	8	77,973	0	77,973
Intergovernmental	9	514,046	0	514,046
Charges for Service	10	947,100	0	947,100
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	102,516	0	102,516
Other Financing Sources	13	445,000	0	445,000
Transfers In	14	377,692	30,000	407,692
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	3,562,395	60,000	3,622,395
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	262,785	50,000	312,785
Public Works	17	597,909	0	597,909
Health and Social Services	18	10,000	0	10,000
Culture and Recreation	19	325,166	0	325,166
Community and Economic Development	20	255,570	0	255,570
General Government	21	145,247	0	145,247
Debt Service	22	382,339	0	382,339
Capital Projects	23	28,000	50,000	78,000
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	2,007,016	100,000	2,107,016
Business Type/Enterprise	25	795,516	0	795,516
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	2,802,532	100,000	2,902,532
Transfers Out	27	377,692	30,000	407,692
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	3,180,224	130,000	3,310,224
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	382,171	-70,000	312,171
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2021	30	3,178,872	0	3,178,872
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2022	31	3,561,043	-70,000	3,491,043
Explanation of Changes: Rev - We had more LOST Revenue than was expected, so we are increasing our LOST Rev. The money received from LOST is transferred to Dam, Urban Revit, and Debt Service and so we increased our transfers and we had unexpected roof replacement at the powerhouse and unexpected inspections/repair below the dam that was previously fixed.				

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The Board convened on Monday, May 16th, 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 and Attorney David Laudner.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for May 16th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Terry Johnson present at 9:01 AM. Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the minutes from May 9th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM Steve Breitbach contacted Jendro Sanitation regarding the signage that needs to be replaced. Laudner discussed the future agenda item for the vacation on 30th Street in Nashua.

Engineer Roman Lensing and David Geerts present at 9:05 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to purchase six of the HON Pillow Soft Chair from Riley's Radio Shack in the amount of \$372.00 out of General Services. Roll Call: Ayes- Zoll, Breitbach, Byrne, and Kuhn. Nays- Hackman. Motion Carried.

9:10 AM David Geerts presented a petition from the City of North Washington to Chickasaw County and the Chickasaw County Engineer regarding the V18 Construction project.

Bob Fenske, member of media, present at 9:12 AM.

Lensing discussed the V-18 future paving plans.

Geerts and Lensing left at 9:16 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the invoice from HR Green in the amount of \$3,343.14. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:20 AM Ray Armel discussed the quote from Eagle View for 3" imagery at the cost of \$20,250.00 and utilize the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Tabled for a later date.

Custodian David Gorman present at 9:25 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve the Resolution 05-16-22-31. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Zoll, Byrne, and Kuhn. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION 05-16-22-31 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF:

ParcelS 2022-19, 2022-20, 2022-21 and 2022-22 ALL in the NW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 of section 5, Township 94 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 16th DAY of May, 2022 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of ParcelS 2022-19, 2022-20, 2022-21 and 2022-22 ALL in the NW1/4 OF THE NW1/4 of section 5, Township 94 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 16th DAY of MAY 2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Auditor & Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

Armel left at 9:28 AM.

9:30 AM Custodian David Gorman provided a department update.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to advertise for a part-time/on-call custodian with our official newspapers and website. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Discussion on pumping the septic out at the Heritage building.

Sheriff Martin Hemann and Greg Wilde present at 9:41 AM.

Discussed the quote for a new elevator for the Courthouse.

Chief Deputy Ryan Shawver, City of New Hampton Chief of Police Zach Nobsich, and Jail Administrator Jordan Gansen present at 9:47 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to accept the quote from Schumacher Elevator in the amount of \$207,054.00 using Capital funds and authorize Chairperson's signature. Roll Call: Ayes- Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Nays- Hackman. Motion Carried.

Discussed the Heritage property budget.

Gorman left at 9:50 AM.

Committee Assignment Update: Zoll attended a FMC Landfill meeting on May 10th, 2022.

Zoll attended a Heartland Risk Pool Insurance on May 5th, 2022.

Byrne attended a Turkey River Watershed meeting on May 9th, 2022 with the City of Fredericksburg.

Byrne attended a RC&D meeting on May 12th, 2022.

10:00 AM Sheriff Martin Hemann discussed jail fees.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve the Resolution #05-16-22-32. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION NO. 05-16-22-32 A RESOLUTION SETTING ROOM AND BOARD FEES FOR INDIVIDUALS HELD AT THE CHICKASAW COUNTY JAIL WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 356.7 authorizes a county sheriff to charge a fee to an individual who is eighteen years of age or older and who has been convicted of a criminal offense or sentenced for contempt of court for violation of a domestic abuse order for the room and board provided to the individual while in the custody of the county sheriff at the county jail; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors desires to set room and board fees for individuals held in the custody of the Chickasaw County Sheriff at the Chickasaw County Jail. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Iowa Code Section 356.7, the Chickasaw County Sheriff shall charge room and board fees for individuals held in the custody of the Chickasaw County Sheriff at the Chickasaw County Jail as follows: For individuals held as a result of a Chickasaw County criminal or civil case, the rate shall be \$65.00 per day; and For individuals held as a result of a criminal or civil case from another jurisdiction as an accommodation to the individual, the rate shall be \$80.00 per day and must be paid in advance. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the room and board fees established herein shall be effective beginning on July 1, 2022, and remain in effect until modified by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, and that the Chickasaw County Sheriff shall publish notice of the room and board fees established herein at the Chickasaw County Jail. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 16th day of May 2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board

of Supervisors ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Auditor & Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

Discussed the jail feasibility study.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the jail feasibility study with Samuels Group in the amount of \$20,000.00 utilizing \$15,000.00 of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds in conjunction with the City of New Hampton's contribution of \$5,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, and Kuhn. Nays- Zoll. Motion Carried.

Deputy Shawver discussed the patrol vehicle quote from Vern Laues Auto Center for a Chevrolet Tahoe for \$41,912.00.

Consensus of the board is to reserve a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$41,912.00 with Vern Laues Auto Center.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to authorize Chairperson's signature on the jail feasibility study agreement with Samuels Group. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Nays- Zoll. Motion Carried.

Hemann, Shawver, Nobsich, Gansen, and Wilde left at 10:16 AM.

Chair declares recess at 10:16 AM.

Chair reconvened at 10:30 AM with Board Members Byrne, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, and Zoll present. Also present are Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, and Bob Fenske, member of media.

10:30 AM Attorney David Laudner discussed SF 2285 Related to the Sale of Fireworks and the request for Resolution Under Iowa Code Section 39.22(1)(a).

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to continue with the election of Township Officers under Iowa Code 39.22(2) and not pursue 39.22(1) for a ballot issue. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Johnson made a public comment about an email sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding Public Health and Homemaker. Hackman stated that it is on the agenda for the Board of Health.

Discussed the future agenda items.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to adjourn at 10:48 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board

No. 22059
05/26/22 NH 05/27/22 NR

Huskies show offensive potential in first two softball games

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The smoke off the Nashua-Plainfield bats in the start to the season could well have required a fire extinguisher because the Huskies' offense was that proficient in the season opener.

The second game of the regular season on Tuesday was a different story as top-ranked Central Springs sported some heavy thunder on offense as well as the Panthers handed N-P its first loss of the season, 22-8.

The N-P lumber was smokin' in the season opener at Rockford on Monday

as Jessica Stastny-Hall's bunch banged out 16 hits en route to a 13-9 slugfest victory over the Warriors.

Husky senior Makenzie Foelske cranked a grand slam against Rockford and N-P hurler Brynn Wright also smacked a home run. Wright would add another dinger against Central Springs, but the Panthers got to Wright in the fourth inning to plate 12 runs in the frame and chase her from the game.

N-P's defense is still a work in progress as the Huskies combined to commit 16 errors in the two games – nine of those gaffes in the field coming

against CS.

"We had one bad inning. We need to button up the errors," said Stastny-Hall.

Wright, a senior, picked up the win inside the pitcher's circle versus Rockford as she allowed three earned runs and struck out seven.

"Brynn so far has done great. She's doing her job. She's getting some strikeouts. The defense needs to pull in behind her and get the outs to get us off the field," said Stastny-Hall. "We're just trying to work out the kinks this week."

N-P swiped six stolen bases versus

Rockford and scored nine runs in the first inning of play.

Jalynn Pratt and Kadence Huck each rapped out three hits versus Rockford and Lainie Bouillon, Paige Franzen and Wright all collected two hits apiece versus the Warriors.

Central Springs placed third in Class 2A at the state tournament in Fort Dodge a season ago.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 13, ROCKFORD 9

NP	900	103	0	-	13
RO	015	101	1	-	9

Pitching - Brynn Wright 7 IP, 9 H, 9 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 7 K.

2B - Wright. HR - Makenzie Foelske, Wright. Runs - Foelske 2, Jalynn Pratt 2,

Kadence Huck 2, Makayla Asche 2, Lainie Bouillon 1, Wright 1, Paige Franzen 1, Kami Hannemann 1, Ava Kirk 1. Hits - Pratt 3, Huck 3, Bouillon 2, Wright 2, Franzen 2, Foelske 1, Asche 1, Hannemann 1, Wahl 1. RBI - Foelske 4, Wright 2, Franzen 2, Pratt 1, Huck 1, Hannemann 1, Madison Wahl 1.

CENTRAL SPRINGS 22, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 8

CS	460	(12)0	-	22
NP	200	60	-	8

Pitching - Wright 4 2/3 IP, 11 H, 19 R, 11 ER, 3 BB, 4 K.; Pratt 1/3 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 0 K.

2B - Pratt. HR - Wright. Runs - Bouillon 2, Foelske 1, Wright 1, Huck 1, Asche 1, Hannemann 1, Ellie Woodman 1. Hits - Wright 2, Pratt 1. RBI - Pratt 2, Wright 2.



Nashua-Plainfield's Sam Fundermann (left) and McKade Munn run their respective legs of the 4x400 relay at the Class 1A state track meet in Des Moines last weekend.

N-P boys track looking forward to 2023

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on their 22nd-place finish and 1:07 clip.

Lamborn, a junior who is the school record holder in the high jump, competed in that that event for the second year in a row. The field event did not go as planned. Lamborn did not clear a height and wasn't able to place in the 24-man field in Class 1A.

Sudol was thankful for a senior group of athletes that made history in more ways than one for his program that is on the rise.

"Obviously we will always be thankful for our time that we had with this senior class as they were some of the solid founda-

tion parts of the boys track team over the last four years," said Sudol. "They believed in us as coaches and set the way forward leaving the track program with many memories. They also have built something that we can all be very proud of as we look to continue having success moving forward."

Now the Huskies will aim high once again in 2023 with key returnees next spring back and underclassmen that should be a year stronger and faster.

"We believe we are in a good spot as a program and just need to take the next step. We think that the eighth graders could really add something to our team," said Sudol.

"It's never fun for anything to come to an end, but N-P track has a lot to be proud of and we look forward to next year."

TOP 10 TEAM SCORES

New London 68, Earlham 66, Lisbon 61, Tripoli 41, St. Ansgar 37, Lawton-Bronson 32, Mount Ayr 31, Bellevue 30, Lynnville-Sully 25, LeMars Gehlen 24, Iowa Valley 24.

THURSDAY NP RESULTS

400 - 20. Drew Wilken 53.68.

Shuttle hurdle prelims - 22. Titus Evans, Joel Winters, Aiden Lamborn, Kaden Wilken 1:07.29.

FRIDAY NP RESULTS

High jump - Lamborn, no height.

4x400 prelims - 13. Sam Fundermann, Bo Harrington, McKade Munn, Wilken 3:35.80, did not qualify.



Clockwise from top left: Nashua-Plainfield's Joel Winters, Kaden Wilken, Bo Harrington and Titus Evans compete at the Class 1A state track meet that wrapped up its three-day run in Des Moines this past Saturday..



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Huskies bats cool to start, but coach likes team's potential

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Don't get Nashua-Plainfield baseball coach Levi Miller wrong; after all, he wants wins just as bad as his players do.

Yet at the same time, Miller saw a lot of good signs when it came to his Huskies despite opening the season with two Top of Iowa Conference East division losses.

"We got some pretty good pitching, and we've always been a little bit slow starting seasons at the plate," he said. "Some of that is we have a lot of kids in spring sports, which is a really good thing, but that slows us down early. ... The thing is, we're building this for early July, not for late May. I'm not too worried. We're going to be fine."

The Huskies opened the season against one of the area's best pitchers — Rockford's Kolton Lyman, who is headed to powerhouse Kirkwood Community College next year — and without a ball lost in the lights that cost the Huskies two runs, Nashua-Plainfield probably would have picked up an impressive road win Monday to start the season.

Starting pitcher Max Hillegas gave up just three hits in 4 2/3 innings pitched and struck out 13 while relief pitcher Dawson Glaser added two more Ks in his 1 2/3 innings.

"You get 15 strikeouts in six innings and you're going to win a lot of ballgames," Miller said. "That was a tough one, but everyone in our league has pitching, or at least has an ace that's going to be tough to handle."

A day later, Nashua-Plainfield starting pitcher Bo Harrington struck out 11 in 6

2/3 innings of work, but Husky errors led to four unearned runs in a 7-1 loss to Central Springs.

After getting just three hits in the opener, Nashua-Plainfield mustered just five hits — one coming on a Harrington double — against the Panthers.

But Miller pointed to an at-bat by Dawson Glaser in the Rockford game as a sign of his team's offensive potential.

The freshman found himself in a quick 0-2 hole, but battled back to force a full count by fouling off several Lyman offerings and then laced a single up the middle to score a run.

"That's a great, great at-bat against a kid like Lyman," Miller said, "and Dawson did exactly what we ask kids to do — go up there and battle. We've got a lot of kids who can do that, and we'll get there. Like I said, I'm not worried. We're going to be a good team."

The Huskies played host to Northwood-Kensett Thursday night, travel to Mason City Newman tonight (Friday) and then play at St. Ansgar next Wednesday.

ROCKFORD 4, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 3

NP	010	200	0	-	3
Rock	001	021	x	-	4

Pitching: Max Hillegas 4 2/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 7 BB, 13 K; Dawson Glaser 1 1/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

Runs - Tucker Franzen 1, Bo Harrington 1, McKade Munn 1, Franzen 1, Munn 1, Glaser 1. RBIs - Glaser 1.

CENTRAL SPRINGS 7, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 1

CS	000	241	0	-	7
NP	000	001	0	-	1

Pitching: Bo Harrington 6 2/3 IP, 12 H, 7 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 11 K; Franzen 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

2B - Harrington. Runs - Eli Kalainoff 1. Hits - Sam Fundermann 1, Harrington 1, Munn 1, Glaser 1, Landon Pratt 1. RBI - Glaser 1.

ON TAP FOR YOUR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES FRIDAY

Baseball at Mason City Newman, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Softball at Mason City Newman, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

JJV baseball vs. Mason City Newman, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball at St. Ansgar, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Softball at St. Ansgar, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

JJV baseball vs. Hudson, 10 a.m.

Softball at Osage, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

JJV baseball at Osage, 11 a.m.

Baseball vs. Osage, JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Varsity softball at Hudson Invitational, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

JJV baseball vs. North Butler, 10 a.m.

Softball at North Butler, JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 6 p.m.

Baseball at North Butler, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

Baseball vs. Lansing Kee at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, JV at 3:30 p.m., varsity at 5:30 p.m.

Softball at West Fork, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

JJV baseball vs. MFL-Mar-Mac, 10 a.m.

Softball at New Hampton, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Baseball at Don Bosco, varsity at 5 p.m., junior varsity at 7 p.m.

Softball at South Winneshiek, NICC field in Calmar, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:15 p.m.



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appeared that the Huskies would need a spectacular day to even have a chance at winning a first-ever state team title.

Oh, make no mistake about it, Nashua-Plainfield had a terrific first two days at the meet.

Kadence Huck had won the open 400 and anchored Foelske, Jennah Carpenter and Abbie Hyde to a win in the distance medley. That was 20 points.

Breanna Hackman had put together a pair of third-place finishes in the shot put and the discus. That was another 12 points.

But as the Reporter's Kelly Terpstra covered and I watched the livestream back here in the office, Madrid lurked in the weeds, and as my son and I arose early in the a.m. Saturday and drove to Des Moines, we did the math.

If the seed held, the Tigers would edge the Huskies, 54-52, for the team title.

The Huskies, in short, would have to rise to the occasion.

They did. Oh my God, did they ever.

Hyde to Rylee Weiss to Foelske to Huck came into the sprint medley seeded second and won the dang thing. That was two critical "extra" points.

"It's all about the team right now," Hyde said after the race and added with a laugh, "and we're all A-plus math students right now."

In the afternoon, Foelske held in the 100 and jumped in the 200. That was 11 extra points.

Madrid, meanwhile, held their seeds — going 1-2 in the 100, winning the 200 and claiming the 4x100 — but those extra points earned during the morning and the afternoon meant all Nashua-Plainfield needed was a seventh-place finish in the 4x400, a race in which the incomparable Huck would anchor Hyde, Carpenter and Jordyn Frost.

"If Kadence is a half-lap down, she'll find a way to finish seventh," Foelske said after the 200, "and trust me, we won't be a half lap down."

She was correct on both accounts, and for good measure, Nashua-Plainfield, which ran the fourth-fastest 4x40 time in the prelims, finished third in the final race of the meet.

And the party started. The huge throng of Nashua-Plainfield fans that sat — or shall I say, stood — near the finish line went

nuts. Like absolutely stir-crazy bonkers.

In football, they would have been called the "12th man." In basketball, they would have been the "sixth man." I'm not sure what they're called in track, but trust me, they made a difference.

Just ask Hyde.

"It's amazing, but this whole meet, we've heard our fans," she said after the sprint medley. "They're loud, really loud. We're running for each other and we're running for our fans. When you hear them, I think that's worth a second or two, I really do."

It was, quite simply, the most amazing day I've ever experienced at a state track meet, and I'm old. I've covered a lot of these, and Saturday was simply breathtaking.

Meet record after meet record fell, the brilliant career of Turkey Valley's Jalyssa Blazek ended with not one but two state titles, a kid from Dowling was awarded a "rerun" in the 800 and that could be a whole column, but what I will always treasure about Saturday was this group of Nashua-Plainfield girls who willed themselves to an improbable state championship.

What they did on the track and in the field was nothing short of amazing, but as I snapped picture after picture of the championship team late Saturday afternoon, I knew there was something more to be said about these girls.

All the way home, the thought — I'm missing something here — nagged at me. You see, in sports, there's an old saying that "nice guys finish last."

It is patently false, and I present the Nashua-Plainfield girls track team as the one and only exhibit I need to prove my point.

I've covered many of these girls and their athletic accomplishments for four years, and they are, in a word, nice.

They cheer for each other; hell, they cheer for their opponents, too. I swear Foelske was just as happy about the success her main rival, Osage's Meredith Street, had in Des Moines as she was about her accomplishments on the Blue Oval.

That's what made this Saturday so special because on that day, a group of nice gals didn't finish last.

Instead, they rose to the occasion and won a championship, and they did — just like they always do — it with class.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's girls track athletes hold the state championship trophy up high at Drake Stadium, where Husky fans (below) made plenty of noise throughout the weekend.

'Team-first' Huskies win state crown

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confidence and excitement as N-P was closing in on a state crown with the hard-charging Tigers right behind them.

"This afternoon really, for me, is all about the team," she said. "I knew I had to at least hold [my seed] in the 100 and do better in the 200. The individual medals are nice, but the big goal, the only goal, for all of us is to win this team thing."

The final team standings read N-P 59, Madrid 54, but this state meet was so much more than who scored what or which relay finished where.

"We all just believe in each other so much that it definitely helps," said Foelske about her coaching staff.

Foelske talked about her 200 finals race on Saturday — which so happened to be her final jaunt around the blue oval at state as a prep. She'll compete at Wartburg College next year and run track for that storied Division III program.

"It wasn't my best start ever and when we straightened out, I knew I had some work to do," she said. "I just told myself, 'Makenzie, this is the last time you'll ever run for Nashua-Plainfield, and you've got to go.' And so I did, and honestly, I thought I got sixth. To see fourth, seriously, that was the best feeling ever because I know we're going to take care of business in the 4x400."

That the Huskies did with the foursome of seniors Abbie Hyde, Jennah Carpenter, sophomore Jordyn Frost and Kadence Huck — just a freshman. The medal-winning relay hit a clip of 4:09.54.

Huck — which has the potential to be one of the state's all-time bests after her stunning debut at Drake Stadium — set the tone and made a bold statement on Thursday in her first race ever at state in the open 400.

She broke her own school record in 57.35 and outlasted Mt. Ayr senior Adalyn Reynolds at the tape to begin N-P's drive toward the finish line and eventual state title trophy raised high.

"I kind of kicked it in a little bit," said Huck about the 400 race. "Going at that 100, I was hurting. I couldn't feel my legs. I still can't feel my legs."

Huck would go on to put the hammer down on the final leg of the distance and sprint medley relays as well. Her anchor splits helped N-P grow its collection of state title trophies to three.



The Huskies had never recorded a state individual track championship — girls or boys — prior to this incredible feat accomplished by Mahnesmith's group in the third week of May.

"Kadence was in complete competition mode. Everyone in the NP stands was full of nerves and excitement for her first ever state track event. She wanted that state title, trained hard to get it, and it all came together for her," said Mahnesmith.

The distance medley won its race in 4:13.08 and was represented by Foelske, Carpenter, Hyde and Huck. The sprint medley included Hyde, Huck, Foelske and senior Rylee Weiss, who ran on the second leg and helped reel in a clip of 1:51.44.

Weiss ran in just one event and she sure made it count.

"Well, I knew I wouldn't be tired," she said with a laugh, "but I also knew I just really had to do my job, get a good exchange, run fast and get it to Makenzie. I was a little nervous, sure, but I also knew that if we got it to Kadence in decent shape, we'd have a chance. With her, you always know you have a chance."

Huck, already the bearer of three state titles to go along with a team championship trophy and three seasons remaining in her prep career, fought through the pain in her run to state glory.

"I just ran hard and once I made that last curve, I knew we could do it," Huck said about the sprint medley. "We knew if we could win this, it would really help with the team score and I didn't want to let my teammates down. The goal is to win

a state title for the team so even when it hurts — and running a 400 hurts, trust me — that's all I was thinking about."

Hackman, the school record holder in each of her marquee field events (shot put, discus), placed third in each of those morning sessions on Thursday and Friday. Although she didn't attain her ultimate goal of being crowned an individual state champ, N-P needed every single point from the Husky senior in order to thwart Madrid in its bid to become repeat champions.

"Before that final throw we took a moment to reflect on her high school shot put career and wow, what an amazing four years it has been for her! I was happy to see her throw, leave it all in the field, and walk away with a smile on her face!" said Mahnesmith.

Hackman tossed 38-7.75 in the shot and recorded a throw of 128-1 in the discus. Audi Crooks of Algona Garrigan broke the all-time state record in the shot put to win that event. Crooks, an Iowa State basketball signee, also won the discus.

Hackman felt humbled to receive all the accolades and medals that came from a career that only a select few on the high school level could match in Class 1A. Hackman finished runner-up at state in 2021 in the shot put and third in the discus as a junior. "Hack" placed ninth as a freshman in the shot put back in 2019.

"Looking at my freshman year, I never would have thought we'd be where we are today," said Hackman. "I couldn't have done it without

everyone around me and supporting me. Little me never would have thought that I would be standing where I am today."

Hackman will throw for the University of Northern Iowa once her college career starts later this year.

She talked about the welcome home party late Saturday night that packed the N-P gym to celebrate a championship for a community that couldn't be more proud of each and every Husky that had a part in making history.

"It was pretty exciting, especially coming home after winning the state title and our whole community coming together to come cheer us on and support us was awesome," said Hackman.

TOP 10 TEAM SCORES

Nashua-Plainfield 59, Madrid 54, Riverside 40, Algona Garrigan 36, Calmus-Wheatland 32, Nodaway Valley 30, Mount Ayr 27, Grand View Christian 26, Lisbon 25, Alburnett 20.5.

THURSDAY NP RESULTS

Shot put - 3. Breanna Hackman 38-7.75.

200 prelims - 8. Makenzie Foelske 27.08, qualified for finals.

100 prelims - 3. Foelske 13.18, qualified for finals.

400 - 1. Kadence Huck 57.35.

FRIDAY NP RESULTS

Distance medley - 1. Foelske, Jennah Carpenter, Abbie Hyde, Huck 4:13.08.

Discus - 3. Hackman 128-1.

4x400 prelims - 4. Hyde, Carpenter, Jordyn Frost, Huck 4:10.71, qualified for finals.

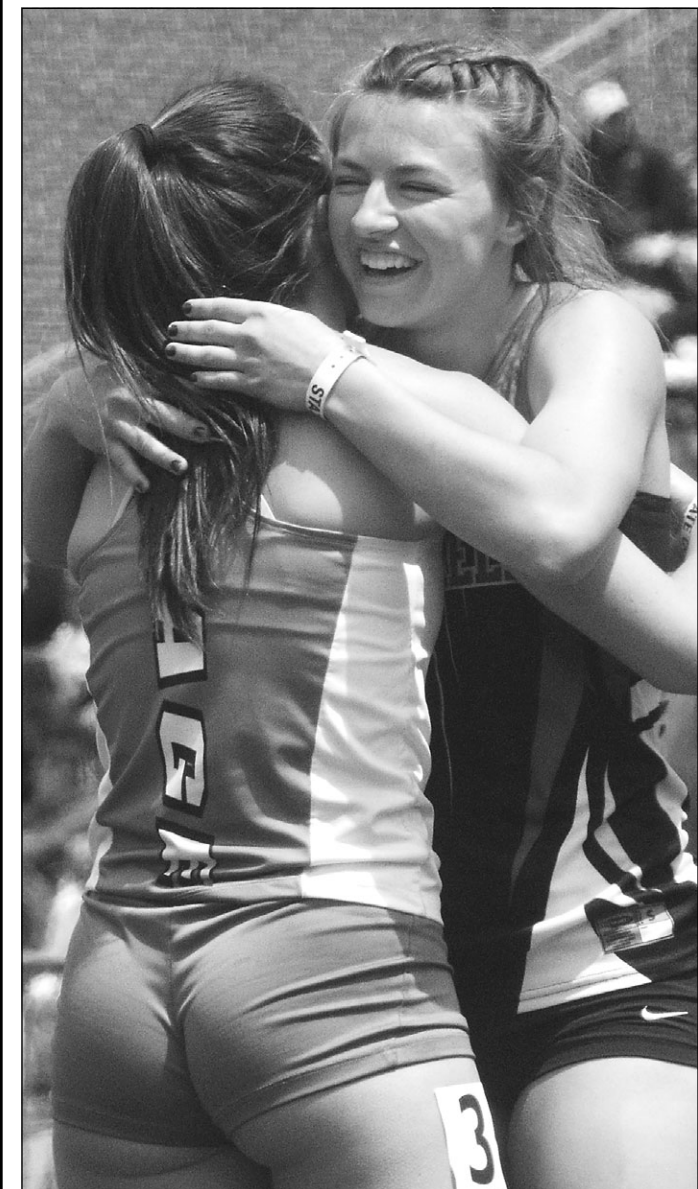
SATURDAY NP RESULTS

Sprint medley - 1. Hyde, Weiss, Foelske, Huck 1:51.44.

100 finals - 3. Foelske 12.59.

200 finals - 4. Foelske 26.56.

4x400 finals - 3. Hyde, Carpenter, Frost, Huck 4:09.54.



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Nashua-Plainfield senior Makenzie Foelske hugs her rival yet friend, Osage's Meredith Street, after they both finished third in their respective 100-meter dash finals Saturday at the state track meet.

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Boys golf

Front, from left: Kendrick Huck, Devon Griffin, Bryce Anderson, Trey Nelson. Back: Cal Levi, Drew Rodruck, Dawson Glaser, Ty Berger.



Girls golf

From left: Natalie Sinnwell, Payton Howland, Maddie Foster, Faith Franzen, Paige Franzen, Autumn Nelson.

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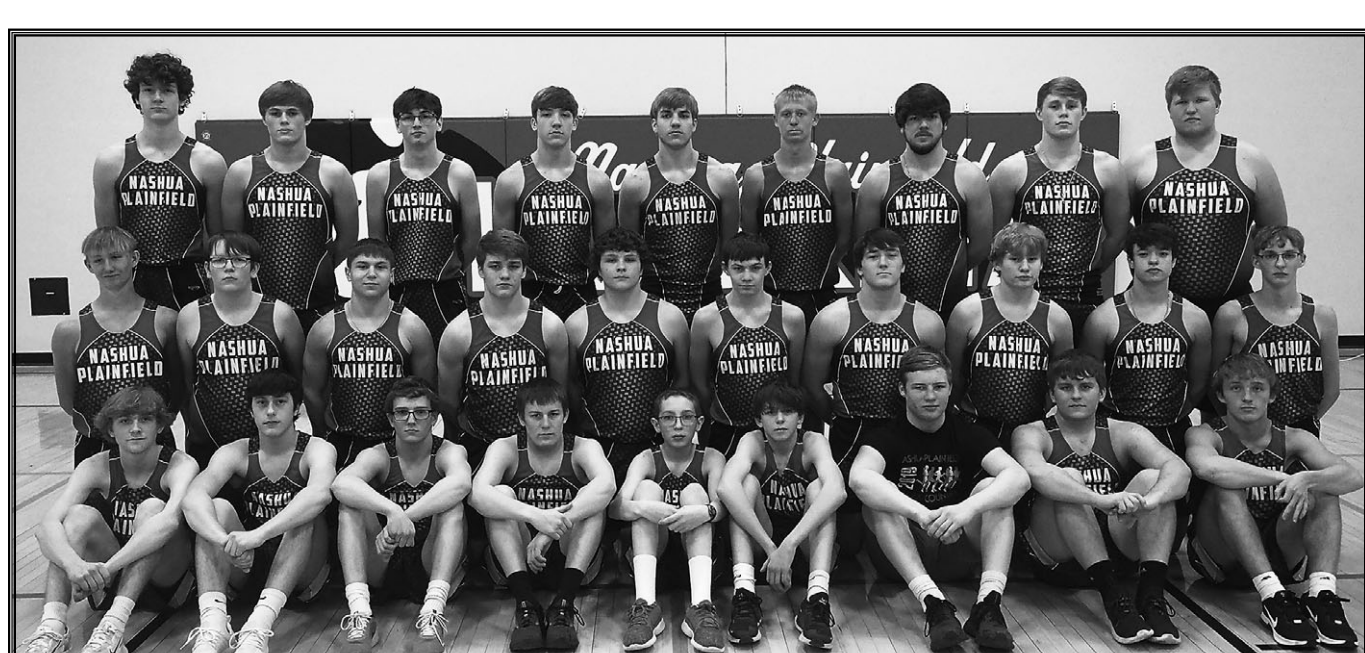
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State champs, 1A girls track

Front, from left: Breanna Hackman, Abbie Hyde, Rylee Weiss, Jennah Carpenter, Makenzie Foelske, Kara Levi. Back: Kadence Huck, Ellie Eick, Bailey Fisher, Jordyn Frost, Maci Malven, coach Jessi Mahnesmith and coach Amber McCall.



Boys track

Front row, from left: Devin Johnson, Tucker Franzen, Hayden Munn, Zachary Zwanziger, Luke Paplow, Braiden Schaufenbuel, Aiden Sullivan, Jackson Zwanziger and Aiden Gelner. Second row: Kaden Wilken, Hunter Hackman, Sam Fundermann, Dylan Blanchard, Isaac Jones, Easton Richards, McKade Munn, Maverick Dietz-McDonald, Bo Harrington and Chandler Vilmain. Back row: Aiden Lamborn, Tate White, Caleb Lentz, Titus Evans, Joel Winters, Drew Wilken, Max Hillegas, Tyson White and Jarrett Petersen.



Girls track

Front row, from left: Breanna Hackman, Abbie Hyde, Makenzie Foelske, Hannah Lechtenberg, Jennifer McLeland, Rylee Weiss, Madeline Taylor, Jennah Carpenter and Kara Levi. Second row: Ellie Eick, Marleigh Lowe, Bailey Fisher, Jordyn Frost, Emily Becker, Amberley Gerholdt, Lillie Caster, Ryan Reams, Emma O'Neill and Lexi Weiss. Back row: Myranda Webster, Grace Gelner, Braylee Schaufenbuel, Bailey Bond, Kadence Huck, Maci Malven, Shey Bergmann, Lane Wilharm, Aubreigh Stroud and Josslynn Glaser.

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Nashua-Plainfield's Kendrick Huck (left) takes a huge lead on the homestretch near the end of the distance medley and her relay teammates — (above) Jennah Carpenter, Abbie Hyde and Makenzie Foelske — celebrate at the Class 1A state track meet.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE AS HUSKY GIRLS CLAIM CLASS 1A STATE TITLE

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The dream became a reality in Des Moines last week.

Backed by a talented senior class and a fantastic freshman that floated across the finish line in a glorious three-day run at state — the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies were crowned Class 1A state champs on Saturday at Drake Stadium.

This historic run to the school's first ever state title in track and field was one for the ages and a 2022 season that Husky fans won't soon forget.

"What they did today, this whole week really, just tells you what kind of kids they are. They were brilliant, absolutely brilliant, all weekend long, and they deserve this trophy," said N-P first-year head coach Jessi Mahnesmith.

N-P raced to the front of the pack on Friday in the small-school class standings and held off defending state champ Madrid to climb to the top of the mountain to reel in a championship.

The cap to a remarkable sea-

son was filled with stunning finishes and how it all went down was nothing short of amazing.

"It feels kind of like a dream, is this all really happening?" said Mahnesmith after Friday morning's session was put in the books and the Huskies had already wowed the jam-packed state crowd with two championships in the open 400 and distance medley.

If the state didn't know N-P was for real and a legitimate title contender at that juncture of the season-ending meet, the recording-breaking three-day crowd sure did on the weekend's caper.

The Huskies added a third state crown on Saturday in the sprint medley and benefitted from the tremendous exploits of seniors Breanna Hackman and Makenzie Foelske in their individual events. The Huskies clinched the crown with a third-place result in the 4x400.

Foelske out ran her seed in the finals of the 100 and 200 dash to finish third and fourth, respectively. She spoke with

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Breanna Hackman (above) winds up to throw the discus, Makenzie Foelske (right) leans at the finish line of the 100-meter dash finals and Abbie Hyde runs the opening leg of the 4x400 relay at the state track meet.



Nashua-Plainfield's (from left) Jennah Carpenter, Jordyn Frost and Rylee Weiss compete in relays on the Blue Oval inside Drake Stadium this past weekend.



Nashua-Plainfield's Drew Wilken's (above) standout running career comes to and end as he finishes the 4x400 while teammate Aiden Lamborn (right) runs his leg of the shuttle hurdle relay at the Class 1A state track meet this past weekend.

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Husky boys look to build on state experience

Nashua-Plainfield shut out on medals but hopes to take 'next step' in 2023

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Chase Sudol thinks big.

That's an winning approach that the Nashua-Plainfield boys track coach has utilized to resurrect a program that has seen much success over the years after numbers had dwindled in prior seasons.

Sudol and his Huskies continued to make their mark in 2022 as they competed in four events at last week's state track meet in Des Moines. Although there were no medals won or big trophies brought back home like the N-P girls did in their amazing run to state glory, N-P represented well this spring and did it with a senior class that was one of best.

"We hope after seeing the girls accomplish what they did that it will put a drive and desire into some of our guys as our next goal is we want to bring home some hardware ourselves," said Sudol, who finished his sixth year at the helm at the best place possible — Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

N-P seniors like Drew Wilken finished it off the right way on the blue oval at state. Wilken finished in 20th



place in the 400 dash in a time of 53.68. Wilken was a two-time state participant and ran on one of Sudol's six relays that made it to state in 2021.

Wilken helped anchor the 4x400 relay on Friday to a 13th-place showing in 3:35.8. The team was also made up of senior Sam Fundermann, junior Bo Harrington and senior McKade Munn.

N-P also brought down its shuttle hurdle relay squad down to Des

Moines for the second-consecutive year. Juniors Joel Winters, Aiden Lamborn and Kaden Wilken, along with sophomore Titus Evans, ran in front of what turned out to be a record-breaking crowd at the state meet last week.

The Huskies will look to get back to the blue oval next year and improve

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Saluting our Service Members

Let's treat holiday with reverence it deserves

A year ago, I did something I said I'd never do for the rest of my life. I missed going to a Memorial Day observance.

The previous day, Noah and I had boarded a plane and taken off for Boulder, to get him settled in at the University of Colorado. On that Monday morning, we were having breakfast with his new position coach, and although I thought about begging off and finding an observance, I knew it was important to Noah that I join him at the table.

Still, I felt guilty as hell.

One of the last good conversations I had with my father — one that took place in the fall of 2004 — he asked me to continue the tradition of attending a Memorial Day service and say a little prayer for his best friend who died on a battlefield in Korea we had established

so many years ago.

I've written about this before, and I'm sure I will write about it again because it's one of the best memories I have of my father, a man from the tiny Minnesota town of Gibbon who spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Every Memorial Day, we'd meet up at the VFW club in Mankato for breakfast and then walk the few blocks to that city's Korean War Memorial for what would be the first of several observances. I watched and listened while Dad performed his duties in the American Legion Post 11 Color Guard.

Mankato's a decent-sized city, and my father and his friends trooped from memorial to memorial and cemetery to cemetery every single Memorial Day. They did so in blistering heat and, at least for May, frigid cold. They did so on bright, sunny days and on dark, cloudy ones when



Members of the Ralph Nicholson VFW Post 6792's Color Guard stand at attention during a Memorial Day observance held in May 2021.

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the skies opened.

When the last program had been held, I'd join the veterans for a late lunch at the American Legion, where we'd play cards and I'd hear stories from long ago. Over the years on

Memorial Day, I heard some epic tales, but the one I still remember to this day is a man who lost more than a thousand of his friends the day the USS Arizona blew up and sank at Pearl Harbor.

Whenever AJ told the story, his eyes would well up and his voice would crack.

Those men, he would remind me over and over again, had made the ultimate sacrifice.

His voice always was filled with reverence.

Ditto for Dad, when he would tell the story of Archie Lenz, his best

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childhood pal. They did everything together, even taking Grandma's eggs and using them as baseballs to show each other they could pitch like Bob Feller.

Archie, though, didn't finish his senior year of high school; instead, he volunteered to serve in the Marine Corps knowing full well he would be sent to war-torn Korea.

Late in my dad's senior year, Dad was called to the office, where a chaplain and military officer sat.

"Melroy, this isn't going to be easy," said Morrell Anderson, Gibbon's superintendent, principal, business teacher and basketball coach, "but I need you to go with these men to Archie's mom."

I heard that story a million times, but even today, I can't imagine what it was like to be an 18-year-old kid in a car that was taking two men to his best friend's farm, where those two men would tell Mrs. Lenz that Archie would never come home.

Archie, my dad would tell me over and over again, had made the ultimate sacrifice.

And every time he told that story, his voice was filled with reverence.

In the last year of his life, Dad had to tote an oxygen cart with him everywhere he went, but on hot, muggy days, there wasn't enough oxygen in the world to give him any level of comfort.

Memorial Day 2004 in Mankato was hot and muggy. When we arrived at the VFW at 7 a.m., the temperature was already nearing 80 and it was oppressively humid.

The VFW and the Korean War Memorial in Mankato are separated by about five blocks,



and I honestly didn't think my father was going to survive that walk. He was breathing hard enough that one would have thought he had just finished a marathon.

Halfway there, I suggested that I go get the car and he go home.

He turned on me as if I had slapped him hard across the face.

And in not so many words he said we do this to honor and revere men like Archie, and he walked that last 2 1/2 blocks like he was an athletic superstar in his 20s.

A few months later, he knew the end was coming and he asked me to carry on the tradition.

"Go to a Memorial Day observance, say a prayer for Archie," he said. "Promise me, you will do that."

For 16 years, I didn't let him down.

And then came last year. I can say it was

extenuating circumstances, but today, Dad, I promise you it won't happen again.

I would ask you, the readers of this column, to do the same.

Thousands of men and women have gone

before us and made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms — including having a three-day weekend like the one upcoming — that we cherish today.

I'm always impressed with the number of people that go to Memorial Day observances in places like Nashua, Plainfield, New Hampton, Lawler, Alta Vista ... the list can go on and on. Yet, it's a small percentage of us. Like a minuscule per-

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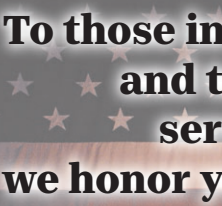
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By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Dan Bilharz would love to see big crowds at each of the three Memorial Day observances that will be held in Nashua this Monday.

The Nashua VFW quartermaster said the reason isn't for him and his fellow veterans; instead, he believes it is important — vitally so — to honor those who have taught us that freedom is indeed not free.

"It's important to remember that these guys left home and never came back," he said. "Think about that for a moment. They went into harm's way so that a lot of people could be free. It's important that we honor them."

Members of the Nashua's Ralph Nicholson VFW Post 6792 will begin their day at Riverton Cemetery for an 8:45

a.m. program and then move to Veterans Park for a program at 10 a.m. and then hold their third and final program at Greenwood Cemetery at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Longtime Nashua-Plainfield teacher and History Day advisor Suzy Turner will deliver the keynote address at Greenwood, and the VFW members encourage the public to attend any or all of the services.

"Suzy has a great message," Bilharz said, "and we're hoping that people will come out and remember those people that made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It's because of them that we have the freedoms we enjoy today, and all of us, not just veterans, need to remember that."

The rain location for the program will be the Nashua-Plainfield High School gymnasium.

A fellow veterans service organization member, New Hampton American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 Commander Brian Quirk, agreed with Bilharz; in fact, he believes that residents should revere those who gave up their lives in the service of their country.

"Memorial Day is a reverent day or at least it should be," he said, "and I think it's really meaningful when people go to the ceremony and understand why this is such an important day."

In Plainfield, meanwhile, Memorial Day observance will begin at 10 a.m. at Horton Cemetery, continue at 10:30 a.m. with a program at the North Cedar Park Bridge and an 11 a.m. ceremony at Willow Lawn Cemetery.

Following the service at Willow Lawn, there will be a free-will donation meal at The

Ole 707.

Other Memorial Day observance in the area include:

- New Hampton's observance will begin at 10 a.m. and be held at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial. Trent Dirks of Retrieving Freedom will be the keynote speaker at the event that will also include the Legion post honoring Harlan Pose for his 75 years as a member of the organization.

The rain location will be at the Chickasaw Events Center, and following the observance and short programs at three cemeteries, a Memorial Day cookout sponsored by Security State Bank will be held on the courthouse lawn.

- Alta Vista will hold its "flag raising at 9:50 a.m. at the VFW and then have a service at Linden Park, with the rain location at Memorial Hall.

- Fredericksburg will have

its ceremony at Rosehill Cemetery, beginning at 10 a.m. The rain location will be at the Fredericksburg Community Center.

- In Elma, all veterans,

active duty, retired, reservists, National Guard and Legion members should be in uniform, and, if possible, at Elma Legion Post at 7:30 a.m. for Memorial Day Services.

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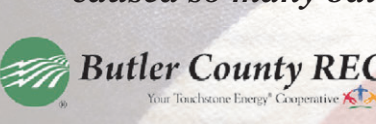
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