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Nashua’s party ready to go

Park Board takes over Water Over the Dam Days celebration that is now a week away

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The plan for quite a while was for the Nashua Park Board to “take over” Water Over the Dam Days.

“It just wasn’t going to be this quick,” said Nate Sinnwell, the board’s chairman, “but we’re ready to go and we’ve assembled a really good group of people, a Water Over

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the Dam Days Committee, that’s really helping us get this right.”

For years, Tori and Jeff Ulrichs served as the coordinator for Nashua’s annual festival, but the

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couple moved to the Des Moines area this past winter and turned over the celebration to the Park Board.

“The good news is they’re still

kind of our advisors and they’ve been really helpful,” Sinnwell said, “but we’re ready to go and we’re pretty excited with what’s going to happen here next week.”

The 2022 edition of Water Over the Dam Days will kick off its two-day run a week from today,

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BACK ON TRACK



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Corn is, in the words of an ISU Extension agronomist, “taking off” in a field near Nashua this week.

DESPITE LATE PLANTING, AREA CROPS ARE LOOKING PRETTY GOOD

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

As ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol talked about the latest Crop Progress and Condition Report, his mind wandered back in time, six weeks ago to be exact.

“In early May, the guys were starting to won-

der if we were ever going to get the crop into the field,” said Basol, who is based at the Northeast Iowa Research and Demonstration Farm near Nashua. “Now, it’s just exploding. Considering where we were at six weeks ago, it’s not too bad, and you can argue, we’ve caught up.”

The numbers in the Crop Progress and Condition Report that was released Monday

by the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service certainly show just how far crops have come in a short amount of time.

Six weeks ago, for example, just 9 percent of the corn in Iowa had been planted, compared to the five-year average of almost 45 percent. In

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Farmer piqued by self-driving tractor

MBS, Ames company hope self-driving equipment will be answer to a number of production concerns

By **BOB STEENSON**
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Kyle Mehmen is looking for an answer.

The Nashua-area farmer, part of MBS Family Farms, said modern farm equipment is getting to be too big, too heavy and too expensive. Yet the size is required to be able to do the work needed on modern farms.

What if, instead of one great big tractor pulling a great big planter, you could have a swarm of little tractors pulling little planters?

But where would you find the help to run that much equipment? Well, what if the equipment didn’t need drivers?

One of Mehmen’s soybean fields southwest of Nashua was the site for a demonstration recently. A four-bin planter mounted on a four-track autonomous type of driverless tractor made its way steadily across the field, got to the end of the row, turned around and started back.

The device was provided by Salin 247, a company based in Ames that’s putting a lot of brainpower into making a piece of equipment

that ultimately is hoped to run completely self-guided by GPS signals and computer vision, be able to recharge itself, be able to refill its bins by itself and be able to operate pretty much anytime, night or day – hence the 247 in the company’s name.

It’s not there yet. Completely electrically powered, the battery cells are kept charged by a mounted diesel generator that needs to be kept supplied with fuel. The seed bins currently have to be refilled by hand. And turning around at the end of a row during the recent demonstration at Mehmen’s farm, one of the four tracks slipped off.

“You have to disassemble the machine to get it back on,” said Dave Krog, CEO and founder of Salin 247.

“We’ve had some hardware challenges with the prototype,” Krog said. “Those are all fixable – pretty straightforward in terms of how we fix those. We’re learning about some hardware issues as we go, the tracks being one of them.”

The bigger challenge is the software that runs the system, he said.

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Submitted photos

Adjustments are made recently on a four-bin autonomous planter prototype planting soybeans in a field owned by MBS Family Farms southwest of Nashua. The robotic planter, made by Salin 247 of Ames, was being field-tested and demonstrated.

Publicly-owned EMS service inches forward at joint meeting

Ambulance Council members agree that each city should sign separate 28E agreements with the county

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County and its cities took another step closer to starting a publicly-funded ambulance service during a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Ambulance Council Wednesday night.

And members of the Ambulance Council also expressed support for a plan that would, in effect, shut down the council by expressing support for having each city draw up 28E agreements with the county, which would own the ambulance service.

During a meeting that lasted for almost 90 minutes, Ambulance Council members wrestled with the current 28E agreement and the issues it would cause a publicly-owned service.

“I’m not sure it doesn’t make more sense for us to have each city do a 28E with the county,” Fredericksburg Mayor Jimmy Mitchell said. “To me, it would be cleaner, it would be easier for us to get to the point where we need to be.”

Nashua City Councilwoman Samantha Johnson agreed.

“We already do it with [law enforcement] contracts with the Sheriff’s Office,” she said, “so to me, it only makes sense for us to go down that path then trying to revise the [current] 28E.”

Under the current 28E agreement, the county and each city has a representative on the Ambulance Council, although there are only five voting members.

The biggest issue with the current 28E agreement, both supervisors and council members

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Nashua library plans for a summer of fun

By **LYDIA GESSNER**
Of the Reporter

Summer programming may still be a couple of weeks away, but Heather Hackman already has the tent pitched and filled with books inside the library.

The theme for this year’s summer program is “Read Beyond the Beaten Path” and Hackman has activities planned for the whole family every week in July.

Family Fun Nights will be held inside each Wednesday for the first time since COVID-19, and each one will include crafts, snacks and stories that all ages can enjoy.

The first week’s theme is “Read Beyond the Campfire” which will include camp activities such as making their own camp journals and coloring wooden postcards.

The second week will be “Read Beyond the Scenery” where families will hear from Jenna

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Two Saturday staples — an appearance by the Waterhawks Ski Team (above) in the evening and the morning parade (below) — will take place during the 2022 celebration of Water Over the Dam Days that will be held next weekend in Nashua.

Park Board excited for a 'great weekend'

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and as always, the itinerary is, in a word, packed and that doesn't even include the Civil War Re-enactment that will be held at the Bradford Pioneer Museum located just east of Nashua.

Organizers have added several new events — a family-friendly triathlon that will be put on by the Nashua-Plainfield Lions Club on Saturday — booked three bands and will celebrate Nashua's biggest party with the annual parade that begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

In other words, it's going to be one heck of a "Summer Fiesta" next weekend in Nashua.

Start with the new events. The triathlon will include a run, bike ride and, instead of swimming, kayaking. Those who compete can do the whole race by themselves or break it up and have one person do each event.

"We've been really pleased with how many people are signing up for it," Sinnwell said of the triathlon that will be held at 5 p.m. next Friday, "and it's going to be a fun new event."



And Sinnwell said the Park Board is also excited that the Lions Club will be playing Bingo from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

One more new event on the docket is a 3-point shooting contest that will be held, thanks to a family's donation of a basketball hoop to the Park Board.

"We might throw in a free-throw contest," he said, "but one thing we've learned from Jeff and Tori is that it's always good to throw in a few new things. The old reliables — the crowning of the queen, the bands, the parade and all that — are always going to be there, but having something new brings new

people to the celebration."

The band lineup is also impressive as Them Pesky Kids will play Friday night, Ritchie Lee and the Fabulous Fifties will take the stage Saturday afternoon and Farm Rock will return to Water Over the Dam Days on Saturday night.

"We had Ritchie Lee and the Fabulous Fifties as Endless Summer's replacement last year," Sinnwell said, "and people really liked them so we feel really good that we could get them back."

In short, Sinnwell believes the Park Board is ready to go; now, its members just want Mother Nature to cooperate.

"I've peeked ahead a little and right now, it looks pretty good," he said Thursday afternoon, "but I obviously know Iowa weather well enough to know that a lot can change in eight days."

So will his weather app get a workout next week?

"Ah, that would be affirmative," he said. "I'll keep refreshing it until we get what we want, right? Seriously, Water Over the Dam Days is such a great way to celebrate our town and our park. We're excited for a great weekend."



Briefs

Field Day Set for June 22

The annual spring Field Day at the ISU Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm will run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22. Dennis Today, Director of the USDA Midwest Climate Hub, will kick-off the program, by providing his insights on crop weather and trends for the 2022 growing season. Antonio Mallarino, professor and extension fertility specialist, will share his insights on proper soil fertility management with regards to current fertilizer prices. Greg Tylka, professor and extension pathologist and nematologist, will provide updates on soybean cyst nematode management. Alison Robertson, professor and extension plant pathologist, will provide an update on crop diseases and tar spot management.

The field day is free and open to the public.

CCA credits will be available. For more information about the event, call Terry Basol at 641-426-6801; or Josh Michel at 563-581-7828.

Dog park to hold fundraiser June 25

On Saturday, June 25 there will be a fundraiser for the Freedom Dog Park at the New Hampton airport, 1879 Kenwood Ave. from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

A pancake breakfast will be served and organizers want people to "join us with the Chickasaw Extreme Chaos Fun Fly Large model airplanes."

Free will donations will help run water to the park and purchase a water station, agility equipment and benches.

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Planting season may have been delayed but growing season is off to great start

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the latest report, though, 95 percent of the state's corn crop has "emerged," which is above the five-year average of 94 percent. And 97 percent of the state's soybean crop has been planted while the five-year average is 94 percent.

Meanwhile, 92 percent of the corn crop in the Northeast District and 97 percent of the corn crop in the North Central District has emerged, and virtually all the soybean seed is in the fields.

"We're right where we need to be right now," Basol said, "and if you would have told me those numbers six weeks ago, I might have thought you were off your rocker. But right when we got a little nervous if we were ever going to get going with planting, we got a nice window and then we've had some pretty nice conditions since then."

Although he said area fields are still "behind some on heat units," despite the heat wave earlier this week, soil moisture contents are in excellent shape. Again, he has the numbers to prove it as 97 percent of the Northeast District and 93 percent of the North Central District have either adequate or surplus topsoil moisture pro-

files.

The quick growth of plants, though, has led to a challenge for area growers, namely making sure they can do their field operations like post-emergent insecticide and herbicide spraying before plants are too big to allow equipment in the fields.

"Again, that's a problem I didn't think was possible a few weeks ago," Basol said, "but we'll take that compared to what we were thinking we might have because we couldn't get the crop into the ground."

He said younger corn and soybean plants can take some heat right now. And they will, too, if the forecast is right as temperatures are expected to be in the 90s for three days beginning on Sunday.

"It's definitely going to give the crop another push," he said, "but they can take the heat a little bit better than say, when corn is pollinating and silking."

All in all, save for what Basol called "some crusting issues for soybeans," the 2022 growing season has gotten off to a strong start.

"We got the rain we needed to activate herbicides," he said, "and even though we have a long ways to go, considering when we were able to plant, we're on a good track right now."



Submitted photos

The "tent" is up and ready to welcome Summer Reading Program participants when they come to the Nashua Public Library, which is giving away a number of cool prize baskets as part of the annual program.



July will be busy month at library

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Steffen from the Chickasaw County ISU Extension Office where she will be discussing "what nature has to offer and just the things that are around us that you can do outside," Hackman said.

Hackman is excited to have guest speakers and programs back again, also for the first time since COVID-19.

The following week, on July 20, families will also be hearing from a guest speaker, in this case, Matt Crayne from Twin Ponds Nature Center, who will talk about animal tracks and more. The theme is "Read Beyond the Beaten Track," and families will make bird feeders and bird houses together.

The fourth week will be "Read Beyond the Stars" where families can come experience a mini planetarium thanks to Central Rivers AEA. The STARLAB is a huge dome, and Hackman explained, since they already have a dome in the library, the STARLAB will fit right inside of it. Attendees will be able to look at the stars and constellations, at a closer range, from right inside the library.

Another new and exciting part of the reading program this year is the extended reading challenge. In the past it has taken place only in July, along with the programming, but this year Hackman decided to include June as well.

Kids and adults alike have a chance to take home bingo sheets and reading log book-marks to track their progress and then bring them back into the library in exchange for slips to enter prize drawings. They can choose to fill out both the bingo sheet and the bookmark, or one or the other.

Hackman said that the bingo sheet is nice for kids who aren't as into reading. It has activities such as telling a joke to someone, reading beneath a tree or in a comfortable spot, doing a silly dance or coming up with a song about a favorite animal.

"Different things they can do on their own that their parents wouldn't have to help them do," Hackman said.

Then, for example, if they have five bingos on their sheet, Hackman explained that they can turn those in at the library for five slips of paper to enter the drawing.

There are six baskets that they can choose from and they

can put more than one slip in each basket if they wish.

The "Outdoor Family Fun Basket" includes a giant version of Connect 4 along with other fun items. The "Summer Fun Basket" includes things like sidewalk chalk, lemonade mix and balloons. The "Grilling Basket" has some grilling essentials and will also have hotdogs, hamburgers and buns added in when it is given away.

Then there's the "S'more Fun Basket" which is packed full of sweets and, needless to say, Hackman said has the most slips so far. There's also the "Dragons Love Tacos" basket which is a reference to the book of the same name by Adam Rubin. This basket includes a stuffed dragon and other non-perishable items right now, and taco meat, lettuce and cheese will be added to it when it is handed out.

The last basket is the "American Girl" basket. Hackman explained that there is an older lady who donates her time to make American Girl Doll clothes and then gives out these items to certain libraries in the state as a reward for summer reading. Hackman was able to get one and it includes a doll and over 30 outfits.

"All she asks is thank you from the library so that way she knows that the kids enjoy it," Hackman said.

Hackman said each of these baskets also comes with a book that corresponds with its theme.

Along with the Family Fun Nights and reading challenge, adults will also continue their monthly craft. Kids, however, won't have theirs again until August due to the Family Fun Night activities.

Another activity in July will be the monthly "Coffee with the Council" at the library, where citizens have a chance to come and speak with council members about different issues over coffee and donuts. This will take place on July 16 at 10 a.m.

"They can sit and complain or praise or whatever they want to do," Hackman said and explained that this is only the third month of this new event.

To wrap up the summer, there will be a babysitting class held at the library in August. At some point, the tent will have to come down, but until then it remains a symbol of all the adventures Hackman has planned for families this summer.

LifeServe to hold blood drive in New Hampton June 28

LifeServe Blood Center will make its monthly stop in New Hampton on Tuesday, June 28.

The blood drive will be held from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the New Hampton Community Center, and appointments can be made by texting LifeServe at 999-777, calling 800-287-4903 or going online to www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

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 5:30-9:00 pm - Kids Pedal Cars
 7:00 pm - Princess/Prince Contest
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 8:00 pm - Movie "The Last Dragon" (at Compass Outreach Center)
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 8 pm-12 am - Them Pesky Kids Band

*Food trucks, band, and beer tent will all be moved to the fairgrounds in the event of rain on Friday & Saturday.

Saturday, June 25th

(All events at the Park)

8:00-9:30 am - Chamber of Commerce Breakfast
 10:30 am - Parade
 9 am-1pm - Car & Bike Show Bud Cleveland Benefit on Main Street (Drinks served at Big Willies, 50/50 Raffle - all donations go to Bud Cleveland)
 11:00 am - Food Trucks open
 12:00 pm - Ron Bilharz Jr. Memorial Horseshoe Tournament (Registration from 11-12)
 12:00 pm - Sand Volleyball Tournament (team registration 11:30-noon)
 12:00-1:00 pm - Public Library Book Sale @ Library
 12:30-4:30 pm - Richie Lee & the Fabulous 50's Band
 12:30-3:00 pm - Kids Games in the Park
 12:30-3:00 pm - Caricatures
 1:00 pm - 3-Point Contest
 1:00-4:00 pm - Figure 8 Races (located at the fairgrounds)
 2:00-5:00 pm - Bingo
 3:00 pm - Bean Bag Tournaments
 4:00-7:00 pm - Cattleman's Meal
 4:30-5:30 pm - North Iowa Tae Kwon Do Demonstration (near beer tent area)
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County holds off on purchasing equipment

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said, is the Ambulance Council's budget is capped at \$262,500 for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

That cap, almost everyone in the room agreed, won't be enough to cover the costs for the first six months the publicly-owned service would be operational.

Revising the current 28E, though, would take too much time, many believe, as the county and its cities sent proposals

back and forth, and because the current ambulance provider owner, Jeremy McGrath, has told the county he won't sign an extension on Jan. 1, time is, as a number of supervisors and Ambulance Council members put it Wednesday, "of the essence."

McGrath has offered to sell his ambulances, including a new rig he has ordered and that will arrive in 2023, equipment and a building he owns in New Hampton to the county for a little more than \$1.7 million.

Publicly-owned ambulance service proponents are asking the Board of Supervisors to use American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover the costs of "buying out" McGrath's Chickasaw Ambulance Service.

If the county does so, the biggest hurdle to starting a service would be how to fund it.

The Board of Supervisors for the past two weeks has voted 3-2 to support a resolution to set up an advisory council for a 422D referendum in November, and the third and final reading is set for this coming Monday.

Under 422D of the Iowa State Code, governmental entities can ask voters to approve making ambulance an "essential service," which would allow those bodies to levy taxes to support the service.

Others, though, believe the current 28E agreement's funding mechanism, that has the county providing 40 percent of funds for ambulance contracts and the cities paying the remaining 60 percent of the contract, is a better way to go.

"That's where I'm at," Supervisor Steve Breitbach said, "because with [422D], the rural areas are going to be paying more, a lot more, of anything we do."

County Attorney David Laudner explained that even though the advisory council could recommend that the referendum ask voters to approve up to 75 cents per \$1,000 valuation, the Board of Supervisors held the ultimate authority on how much voters would be asked to approve.

"Or they can just say, 'No, we're not going to have a vote,'" he said. "It's their discretion."

But by the end of Wednesday's meeting, it appeared that both sides — the Board of Supervisors and the Ambulance Council — were leaning toward setting up funding for the publicly-owned service by using a formula similar to the current agreement.

Laudner said he would present the drafts for each of the 28E agreements to the Board of Supervisors by its June 27 meeting so that the various city councils could act on them during their meetings in early July.



Mary Ann and Kenn Deike on their wedding day

Deike 50th anniversary

Kenn Hugo and Mary Ann (Schilling) Deike will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary June 25, 2022. They exchanged their vows at First United Church of Christ, Pleasant Valley, Clarksville, Iowa, and are both lifetime members. Their daughters are Kendra Etta Deike and Maria Deike (Eric Bilharz), and grandson is Preston Jacob Deike. Before their retirement, Mary was a Certified Special Needs Para Educator at Nashua-Plainfield and Clarksville Schools. Kenn was Owner and Operator of Deike Excavating and Septic Systems & Inspections. They have continued to crop farm together.

Friends and family are asked to send greetings, favorite memories or old photos. You can send your cards to 14319 Butler Avenue, Plainfield

MBS Farms working with Salin 247 to create driverless farm equipment

MBS: FROM 1

"Ultimately our vision is to use machine learning with this. We've not developed that yet. That will be probably the biggest challenge, getting that in place, using machine learning for the bulk of navigation and monitoring the machine," Krog said.

Mehmen got involved with Salin 247 because he is an investor in Ag Startup Engine, an Ames company that provides early startup money and mentorship to fund Midwest agtech entrepreneurs.

"I listened to the pitch and I was interested in it, so I reached out to them afterwards and we made a plan this winter to give it a demo," Mehmen said about the planter prototype.

The intent originally was to plant several fields with the autonomous planter, "but this spring kind of wasn't as cooperative as we'd like," so they ended up planting one small plot with 8 or 10 acres, Mehmen said.

The system uses GPS and RTK (real-time kinematics) which uses a base station near the field to correct errors from the satellite GPS signals and get location accuracy down to the centimeter level.

RTK is the highest level of error correction, Mehmen said.

He said the advantage of using several of the smaller

repared," he said.

The weight of the relatively small units is also potentially a big advantage, he said, citing concerns about soil compaction with the big equipment that people may not even realize is having a cumulative effect.

Krog said the unit they brought to Mehmen's field is the second generation.

"We started a couple of years ago, in terms of thinking about the design and all that, but last summer we built our first prototype," he said. "We had it in a test field. We didn't plant any farmers' fields, but we got a lot of good feedback, learned a lot from the first prototype, got good feedback from farmers that saw it. Based on that we built this second prototype."

The second prototype has four tracks and a little wider base than the first one, which had only two tracks.

"The biggest difference is we built this to be more modular. The first prototype was strictly a planter. This one, we can take the planter off and we can turn it into a liquid system, so sprayer, side dress machine — this summer our plan is to do a proof of concept on a liquid system," Krog said.

"That's a little bit of a different challenge, in terms of navigation that we're going to do the proof of concept on. When we were planting we obviously want it straight and accurate and all that, but we're not going to risk running over things. When you're side-dressing or spraying you have to know where the rows are at," he said.

"If we planted the field we know where the rows are at, or if Kyle plants with his planter and used RTK he can give us the files that tell us where the rows are at, so that's pretty straight-forward," Krog said. "If we don't have that, it's a lot more difficult to figure out where the rows are at. It's doable, but it's more difficult."

Right now navigation is strictly by the GPS system, but ultimately there's probably a place for cameras and some sort of computer vision, he said.

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Salin 247 was founded by Krog, who has a B.S. in agronomy and a Ph.D. in economics from Iowa State University, his son, Ben Krog, who is a mechanical engineer, and Saeed Arabi, who is the software lead and has a Ph.D. in intelligent infrastructure from ISU.

The goal eventually is to be able to provide smaller, lighter, less costly equipment that will help reduce soil compaction, lower up-front capital costs as well as operating costs, help with labor issues and also contribute to a cleaner environment, Krog said.

"We're still learning. We probably still have a couple of years to learn. We want to commercialize even next year, but it will be under more of a custom farming model as opposed to selling the machines," Krog said.

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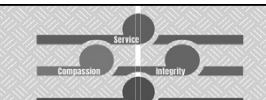
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The farm is nearly 100% tillable including 77.49 FSA cropland acres carrying a CSR2 of 82. The soil types on this farm are some of the best in Iowa, including Clarion Loam, Nicollet Clay Loam, and Webster Clay Loam.

The tract has great access to Iowa Highway 3 & US Highway 69 with several competing grain marketing options located nearby. The farm has been leased for the 2022 crop season and the winning bidder will receive credit at closing for the second half cash rent payment in the amount of \$10,250. The property is located in Section 31 of Iowa Township in Wright County, Iowa.



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117 ACRES M/L IN BUCHANAN COUNTY

Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 at 10:00 AM | Aurora American Legion

This farm consists of 117 acres m/l with 115.51 FSA cropland acres carrying a CSR2 of 89.4. The primary soil types are Kenyon and Clyde loams and are classified NHLE. This high quality farmland is located northeast of Independence along paved Olympic Avenue in Section 28 of Buffalo Township.

74 ACRES M/L IN BUCHANAN COUNTY

Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 at 5:00 PM | Heartland Acres Agribition Center

This farm is mostly tillable with 71.91 FSA cropland acres carrying a CSR2 of 69.5 and the primary soil type being Clyde-Floyd complex. The farm is located just south of Independence along Highway 150 in Section 28 of Sumner Township.

200.10 ACRES M/L IN BREMER COUNTY

Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 at 10:00 AM | Frederika Community Center

200.10 acres m/l of farmland located near Frederika, Iowa in Sections 5 & 8 of Frederika Township and will be offered in three individual tracts through the "Buyer's Choice" auction method. Farm includes 188.10 FSA cropland acres with an overall CSR2 rating of 81. Primary soil types are Tripoli clay, Readyln silt, and Oran silt loams.

120 ACRES M/L IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 at 10:00 AM | Oelwein American Legion

120 acres m/l with 111.84 FSA Cropland acres carrying a CSR2 of 89.1 This high-quality, well-tiled farm is located just northeast of Oelwein along Neon Road, 60th Street & N Avenue in Section 11 of Jefferson Township.



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Rockford's late rally extend Nashua-Plainfield skid

Nashua-Plainfield's young softball team appeared poised to snap an extended losing streak Monday night, but alas, Rockford had one last rally in it. The Warriors scored four runs in the top of the seventh

inning to eke out an 11-9 win over the Huskies, who saw their losing skid extended to 14 with a loss to the team it beat in the season opener 13-9.

Still, the positive is this: The Huskies found some offense

after getting shut out late last week by both South Winneshiek and West Fork.

After getting just five hits in those two games, Nashua-Plainfield got the lumber out and smacked 16 basehits against Rockford.

Makenzie Foelske, Jalynn Pratt and Madison Wahl all had doubles, and Paige Franzen and Wahl both collected three hits apiece while Foelske, Lainie Bouillon, Pratt and Josslyn Glaser each had two hits.

The Huskies dug themselves out of an early 5-0 lead and took a 7-6 lead after plating four runs in the fourth inning.

After Rockford tied the game in the top of the fifth, Nashua-Plainfield struck for two runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 9-7 lead before the Warriors mounted their comeback.

The loss dropped Nashua-Plainfield to 1-14 overall and 1-8 in the Top of Iowa Conference's East Division.

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 10, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0
Nashua-Plainfield 000 000 - 0
South Winn 100 621 - 10
Jalynn Pratt 4 IP, 6 H, 7 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Brynn Wright 1 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.
Hits - Lainie Bouillon 1, Makenzie Foelske 1.

WEST FORK 11, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield coach Jessica Stastny Hall meets with her infield during a game at New Hampton last week.

West Fork 433 10 - 11
Nashua-Plainfield 000 00 - 0
Jalynn Pratt 1 1/3 IP, 4 H, 7 R, 7 ER, 4 BB, 0 K; Wright 3 2/3 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.
2B - Foelske, Hits - Foelske 1, Lily Eiffler 1, Wright 1.

ROCKFORD 11, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 9
Rock 501 010 4 - 11
NP 021 402 0 - 9
Wright 7 IP, 7 H, 11 R, 10 ER, 3 BB, 5 K.
2B - Foelske, Pratt, Madison

Wahl. Runs - Bouillon 2, Pratt 2, Foelske 1, Wahl 1, Kami Hannemann 1, Kadence Huck 1, Ava Kirk 1. Hits - Paige Franzen 3, Wahl 3, Foelske 2, Bouillon 2, Pratt 2, Josslyn Glaser 2, Hannemann 1, Huck 1. RBIs - Foelske 2, Pratt 2, Wahl 1.

Coach says Huskies are on the 'right track'

BASEBALL: FROM 7

it," Miller said. "Top to bottom, our lineup was swinging it and swinging it well. I mean really, really well."

A new week didn't cool off the bats as Nashua-Plainfield used a 10-run third inning to break open a tight game.

Harrington went 2-for-3 with a double and drove in four runs while Hillegas also had two hits and drove in a pair of runs.

Glaser got the win on the mound as he went 5 2/3 innings, striking out five and walking three.

But the winning streak came to an end on Tuesday as North Tama built a 14-6 lead through 5 1/2 innings and then held off

a late Nashua-Plainfield charge.

Several errors led to eight unearned runs for the Redhawks, but the Nashua-Plainfield offense remained potent. Sam Fundermann had a triple and Harrington hit his first varsity home run in a game in which the Huskies pounded out 17 hits. Harrington had four, and Hillegas and Landon Pratt had three apiece while Harrington drove in four runs and Fundermann had three RBIs.

"We obviously hit it well enough, we just had one of those uncharacteristic games in the field," Miller said. "I can't wait to see what we're going to be like when we put it all together. We saw a little of it in

that West Fork game, but we're not there yet. We're moving in the right direction definitely, but we still have work to do."

And time is of the essence for the Huskies, for the play-offs start two weeks from this Saturday.

Nashua-Plainfield was placed in Class 1A's District 5, which also includes North Butler, Northwood-Kensett, Riceville, Rockford, St. Ansgar, South Winneshiek and Turkey Valley.

"I'm excited because I think it's a district that we can definitely compete for a title," Miller said. "We've just got to keep getting better every day from here on out, but like I said, I like the road we're on right now."

DON BOSCO 8, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 2
NP 100 010 0 - 2
DB 000 431 0 - 8
Eli Kalainoff 4 1/3 IP, 1 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 6 BB, 4 K; Kendrick Huck 1 2/3 IP, 1 H, 2 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

2B - Landon Pratt. Runs - Tucker Franzen 1, Kalainoff 1. Hits - Franzen 2, Bo Harrington 1, Max Hillegas 1, Pratt 1. RBIs - Franzen 1, Hillegas 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 17, WEST FORK 1
Nashua-Plainfield 614 24 - 17
West Fork 100 00 - 1

Harrington 5 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 6 K. 2B - Dawson Glaser 2. Runs - Kalainoff 3, McKade Munn 3, Hillegas 3, Franzen 3, Sam Fundermann 2, Landon Pratt 1, Huck 1, Titus Evans 1. Hits - Hillegas 3, Munn 3, Glaser 3, Drew Rodruck 2, Fundermann 2, Franzen 1, Harrington 1. RBIs - Hillegas 4, Glaser 4, Munn 3, Rodruck

3, Harrington 1, Fundermann 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 10, WEST FORK 2
WF 001 001 0 - 2
NP 012 403 x - 10

Max Hillegas 7 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 13 K.

2B - Harrington, Hillegas. 3B - Munn. Runs - Fundermann 2, Franzen 2, Harrington 2, Kalainoff 2, Huck 1, Pratt 1. Hits - Harrington 2, Hillegas 2, Franzen 1, Fundermann 1, Glaser 1, Pratt 1, Huck 1. RBIs - Harrington 3, Hillegas 2, Munn 1, Glaser 1, Pratt 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 13, ROCKFORD 8
Rock 103 002 2 - 8
NP 20103 100 0 - 13

Glaser 5 2/3 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 5 K; Franzen 1 1/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 2 K.

2B - Harrington. Runs - Fundermann 2, Harrington 2, Hillegas 2, Kalainoff 2, Munn 1, Pratt 1, Rodruck 1, Huck 1, Evans 1. Hits - Harrington 2, Hillegas 2, Fundermann 1, Franzen 1, Glaser 1, Huck 1. RBIs - Harrington 4, Hillegas 2, Franzen 1, Glaser 1, Pratt 1, Rodruck 1, Huck 1.

NORTH TAMA 15, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 13
NT 313 420 1 - 15
NP 150 106 0 - 13

Kalainoff 3 IP, 2 H, 8 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 5 K; Harrington 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Kendrick Huck 3 IP, 6 H, 7 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 0 K.

2B - Hillegas 3, Harrington 2, Franzen 2, Pratt 3B - Fundermann. HR - Harrington. Runs - Harrington 3, Fundermann 2, Franzen 2, Pratt 2, Rodruck 2, Kaden Wilken 1, Hillegas 1. Hits - Harrington 4, Hillegas 3, Pratt 3, Fundermann 2, Franzen 2, Munn 1, Glaser 1, Kalainoff 1. RBIs - Harrington 4, Fundermann 3, Hillegas 2, Franzen 1, Pratt 1, Huck 1.

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Nashua-Plainfield's Bo Harrington (above) connects with a pitch, and teammate Drew Rodruck (below) does the same for the Huskies in a game against North Tama earlier this week.

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BREAKING OUT THE LUMBER

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD'S OFFENSE BREAKS OUT, SCORES 53 RUNS IN FOUR GAMES

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Less than two weeks ago, Nashua-Plainfield's baseball team was sitting around .190.

That's a problem when you're trying to win high school baseball games.

Hitting, however, is no longer an issue for the Huskies, who broke out in a big way recently — including scoring 53 runs in a span of four games to raise their team batting average to .309.

"We're swinging it really well right now," Nashua-Plainfield coach Levi Miller said. "Our approaches are a lot better at the plate. We're working pitchers, we're hitting with two outs, we're doing all the little things that good hitting teams have to do. We're working deep into counts and that frustrates a lot of pitchers, and the hits are coming."

The Huskies offensive fireworks produced three wins in four games as a day after dropping an 8-2 game against seventh-ranked Don Bosco, the Huskies swept West Fork 17-1 and 10-2 on Friday, beat Rockford 13-8 on Monday and then saw a rally come up just short in a 15-13 loss to North Tama on Tuesday.

Nashua-Plainfield took a 5-8 overall record into Thursday night's game against Jansville, another strong area Class 1A team, and will take a 5-5 Top of Iowa Conference East Division mark into tonight's home game against Mason City Newman.

With teams like Newman, St. Ansgar and Osage in the TIC East and a non-conference schedule that is loaded with quality opponents like Don Bosco, Lansing Kee and Janesville, the Huskies' record



Nashua-Plainfield's Sam Fundermann gets ready to lace a base hit in Tuesday's game against North Tama.

isn't so surprising, but Miller is fine with that.

"Everyone wants to win and have that great record," Miller said, "but we have an incredibly hard schedule. We do it for a reason. A record is nice, but we don't play any softies. Our goal is to be battled tested, and that's what we're known

for. We kind of patch things together during the first part of the season so that we're playing our best baseball when it really matters — the playoffs."

And the recent swing that started with the Bosco loss shows the Huskies are on the right track.

The final score of that game

may have looked like the Dons cruised to a win, but the Huskies actually outthit Don Bosco 5-2 and trailed just 4-2 going into the bottom of the fifth inning.

Eighth-grader Eli Kalinoff and junior Kendrick Huck combined on the two-hitter, but they also walked seven and hit seven more Dons.

"Eli and Kendrick are picking up valuable innings for us," Miller said. "You look at Eli ... he's an eighth-grader and he's battling Don Bosco hard. A lot of our guys have started young and have gone through that growth stage, and he's like those guys. When he gets everything figured out, trust me, he's going to be something else."

The Huskies as a team were something else in the sweep of West Fork — collecting 25 hits and getting stellar mound performances from Bo Harrington and Max Hillegas.

Harrington threw a four-hitter in the opener as he struck out six and walked just one, and the Huskies gave him all the run support he would need with a six-run first inning. Hillegas, McKade Munn and Dawson Glaser all had three hits, and Glaser smacked two doubles. Hillegas and Glaser had four RBIs apiece while Munn and Drew Rodruck each had three RBIs.

Hillegas, meanwhile, scattered five hits in the nightcap and struck out 13 while walking just one.

Harrington and Hillegas each had doubles while Munn tripled as Nashua-Plainfield broke open the game with a four-run fourth inning and cried to th win.

"What was nice with West Fork is everyone had a hand in

SEE BASEBALL, 6

CC/NP trapshooter finds perfection and a title at state meet

Nashua-Plainfield's Brase and Demro both finish with 191s at the Cedar Falls Gun Club

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By the time you get to the Scholastic Clay Target Program State Shoot held annually at the Cedar Falls Gun Club, you've reached the level of competition where just one miss can put you out of medal/trophy contention.

And even if you don't miss, that still doesn't guarantee an outright championship.

During last weekend's state meet, Charles City senior Colton Crooks hit 200 of 200 clays in the Men's Singles Trap Shooting competition.

Now Crooks has had perfect trap shooting rounds before with numerous 50-of-50 showings and even a 100-of-100 round in sanctioned competition.

"But I've never done 200 before," said Crooks, who had recorded a pair of 192 scores at previous state shoots when he was a freshman and junior.

Though Crooks would later seem to beg to differ, going 200-for-200 on Saturday may have been the easy part.

Four other trap shooters — Cole Henning and Ladden Axtell of the Wilton Trap Team; Ray Callaway of Iowa Central; and Michael Lemburg of Pleasant Valley — also hit 200.

That prompted a shoot-off on Sunday. And that's where Crooks ultimately proved to be "Top Gun".

After the first 25-clay shoot-off round culled the field down to four with the survivors all recording perfect rounds, the shooting line was moved back to 22 yards for another 25-clay round. That's where Crooks missed his only shot of the weekend — his shotgun spay appeared to have grazed the top of the clay, but not enough to break it and to prevent a "lost" call from the judge.

But all wasn't lost as Crooks's combined 249-of-250 effort proved to be one clay good enough for the Men's Singles State Championship and the

E-League State Championship. Crooks was also named the State Trap Shooting Team Captain.

"I wasn't really that nervous," Crooks said. "I was more nervous yesterday trying to get 200. I was so relieved to finally be able to do that. For this (the shoot-off), I was just going to come out here and try to have some fun."

And fun it was as it proved to be Christmas in June for Crooks as his sharpshooting garnered a bounty of medals and prizes, including a Browning BT-99 shotgun worth about two grand.

Before heading to Cedar Falls, Crooks helped the Comets baseball team win the first game of a doubleheader against Crestwood with a game-winning RBI. The leadoff hitter was hitting just below .400 going into Monday's "tripleheader" against Decorah.

And just to further suggest that shooters are athletes, too, Crooks was also an All-District and All-District Academic football player for the Comets.

But shooting sports will be the exclusive extracurricular activity Crooks will pursue when he continues his education at Hawkeye Community College.

Charles City/Nashua-Plainfield Trap Shooting Team head coach Mike Oleson, who clicked his heels after Crooks clinched the state crown, mentioned that the whole team shot well at the state meet.

Charles City fielded a Top 10 squad that hit 972 clays out of 1,000. Some of the top Charles City boys shooters included Wyatt Schrader (196), Carter Burkhardt (194), Cole Cross (192), Brayden Ellis (190), Brayton Quade (189), Keaton Schmidtke (188) and Landon Luft (186).

Nashua-Plainfield's team had an outstanding state meet as well as Nick Brase and Dawson Demro both fired 191s while Micaiah Groothuis finished with a 178. Cam Cleveland added a 177 and Johathan O'Neill finished with a 163.



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Charles City/Nashua-Plainfield trap shooting team head coach Mike Oleson congratulates Colton Crooks after he hit 200 of 200 clay targets during the SCTP State Meet on Saturday at the Cedar Falls Gun Club.



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~ Saturday, June 25 ~

- 7:00..... Reveille
- 8:30..... Officer's Call
- 9:00..... Camps open to public
- 9:30..... CW Era Flag Raising Ceremony
- 10:00..... Infantry
- 10:30..... Cavalry
- 11:00..... Artillery
- 11-1:00 Lunch Served
- 1:30..... Quilts/Civilian Life at MVP building
- 3:00..... Battle Demonstration - Medical Demonstration to follow
- 5:00..... Camp closes to public
- 6pm-8pm.... Reenactor Swap Meet



~ Sunday, June 26 ~

- 6:30... Reveille
- 8:30... Officer's Call
- 7-9:00... Breakfast at MVP building (free will donation)
- 9:00... Church Call
- 10:00... Camps open to public
stop in and ask questions w/ actors!
- 10:30... Church Call at Little Brown Church
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