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## Populations take a hit in census

Nashua, Chickasaw County have less people; Bremer lone area county to see increase

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

For a fourth consecutive decennial period, Chickasaw County has seen its population drop, according to U.S. Census data reported on a website run by the state of Iowa.

But the county wasn't alone; in fact, every county in Northeast Iowa, save for one, suffered a pop-

ulation drop over the last 10 years.

The exception was Bremer County, which saw its population modestly grow as the 24,988 residents in 2020 was 2.9 percent more than the 24,276 who called the county home in 2019.

The State Data Center of Iowa showed that the 2020 Census had 12,012 people living in Chickasaw county, down from the 12,439 in

2010.

That's a 3.4 percent drop in population over the past 10 years and continued a population loss trend that started with the 1990 Census, when Chickasaw County's population fell from 15,437 in 1980 to 13,295 in 1990.

The county's cities didn't fare that well, either, as only one — Fredericksburg — showed a popula-

tion increase. Fredericksburg has a population of 987, according to the latest census, up 6 percent from its 2010 total of 931.

Nashua's population decreased by 6.7 percent — from 1,663 in 2010 to 1,551 in 2020 — according to the

**SEE CENSUS, 3**

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## Floyd supervisors continue work on setting up districts

Public approved new way of selecting officials in election earlier this month

By **BOB STEENSON**  
Of the Charles City Press

The temporary redistricting commission that will decide precincts within the new Floyd County Board of Supervisors districts will likely be composed of three people, who won't be paid a per diem for their work but will be reimbursed for mileage.

Those tentative decisions were made Monday morning at a supervisor workshop meeting, as the board members continued going through the process that will turn supervisor positions from at-large representation to representation by individual districts.

Information from an Iowa assistant attorney general who had also conferred with the Iowa Secretary of State office confirmed information that the county board had been working with, but that had remained uncertain because of conflicts within the Iowa Code.

Assistant Attorney General Michael Bennett, in an email to Assistant Floyd County Attorney Randy Tilton that was referred to by the supervisors Monday, confirmed that the state Legislative Services Bureau will draw the supervisor districts.

Once those districts are drawn, the temporary districting commission, which will be appointed by the supervisors, will be responsible for drawing the precinct boundaries within those districts.

Because 2020 census information was just released and state legislative districts have to be drawn by the Legislative Services Bureau and approved by the Legislature before the bureau can draw county supervisor districts, there is a question if the process can be completed to meet a Nov. 1 state code deadline.

**SEE FLOYD COUNTY, 2**

## Spring run leads to scholarship program

Group dedicated to mental health, suicide prevention to make awards

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

The scores of runners and walkers who took part in the inaugural Their Fight Is Our Fight 5K this past spring helped create a new scholarship opportunity for area students.

Everybody Hurts, a non-profit organization that was founded to help heighten mental health awareness and suicide prevention, announced this summer that it will begin awarding scholarships this year and that students interested can apply for the scholarships from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.

The initial scholarship winners will be announced in January 2022 and awards will range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$1,000.

"We're so excited that we can do this," said Dawn Heying, who helped organize the run that was held on April 30, which would have been her daughter Brittney's 24th birthday. "We want to help young people get into the mental health field, and we think this is a great way to support their education."

**SEE SCHOLARSHIP, 2**



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School students (above) head their separate ways after getting off the bus Tuesday morning, which was the first full day of classes at the school while Myles Loy (below) gulps down some water before heading for class.



## THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL WHEN IT COMES TO FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Here's a back-school-riddle for you.

What's better than the first day of school?

How about a first day of school that comes with a surprise early dismissal?

That's exactly what the youngsters at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School received on Tuesday, their first day they headed back to class for the 2021-22 school year.

Granted, their older siblings weren't as lucky. They went to school on Monday and spent the entire day there, but because the elementary school holds "intake" conferences — the kind where teachers meet the parents and try to coax a smile or two out of the nervous youngsters — kids in grades K-5 didn't have to gear up for a full day of school until Tuesday.

And then Mother Nature intervened with one of those hot, muggy days that said "July" way more than the "first day of school"



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and Nashua-Plainfield's new superintendent, Todd Liechty, became an instant hero to scores of students who weren't quite ready to call it a summer by closing schools two hours early on Tuesday.

If you doubt the wisdom of Mr. Liechty's decision, go to one of Nashua-Plainfield's two buildings on a hot, muggy day. It takes about 10 minutes — no, scratch that, about 10 seconds — to realize that there isn't going to be a whole lot of learning going on.

So, well played, Mr. Liechty, well played.

**I LOVE THE** first day of school. Always have, and it appears, always will.

When I was a kid, I was one of those nerds who by the time August rolled around was ready to go back to class. I wasn't looking forward to studying or homework or reading or writing or arithmetic, but I was ready for the routine of school and a chance to hang out with my friends.

As a young adult and a sports-writer, the first day of school meant the first football game of the season was just around the corner.

As an older adult with kids,

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Briefs

Research Farm to hold Field Day this Friday

The annual fall field day at Iowa State University's Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm will run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. this Friday.

The field day is free and open to the public. It will include a number of speakers discussing a variety of farm topics and will be held at the Borlaug Learning Center Headquarters on the Iowa State University Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm that is located just to the west of Nashua at 3321 290th Street.

CCA credits will be available (2 CM, 1 SW, 1 NM) for those who attend the event.

For more information about the event, call ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol at 641-426-6801.

Church to host Turkey Shoot fundraiser Sept. 12

A backyard in North Washington will be the site on Sunday, Sept. 12, of the fourth annual Immaculate Conception Turkey Shoot.

The event will take place from 10 to 4 p.m. in the Baltes' back yard; look for signs on Gilmore Ave.

Spectators are welcome, as are donations. To enter the event, 10 shots may be purchased for \$10.



Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Thank you for your service

Joshua Schuchhardt receives a Quilt of Valor from Dee Larkin during a ceremony held in Alta Vista this past Sunday. During the ceremony, the local chapter of the national volunteer organization presented quilts to 14 county residents who served their country in the armed forces.

Scholarship open to current, past residents of Chickasaw County

Scholarship: From 1

Brittney Heying died from suicide on July 24, 2020, and her mother said she hopes the scholarship will help not only the award recipients but all those who have been touched by suicide.

The Everybody Hurts scholarships are designed for those entering a mental health field like counseling, psychology, sociology, mental health education, human services or the medical profession.

Scholarship applicants will be asked to write an essay between 250 to 800 words in which they will tell the scholarship committee why they are interested in their field of study, what they hope to achieve with their degree and where they want to pursue their careers.

Scholarship winners will be chosen based on their essay quality, their grade-point averages, their community/school involvement and their two to three references. Anyone who is a Chickasaw County resident or a former resident, as long as they continue to live in Iowa, is eligible to receive the scholarship.

Those who have questions should contact Dawn Heying at 319-406-2508 or the-newyou@gmail.com.

"One of the things we said all along is that we were going to use the money we raised to further mental health awareness and suicide prevention," Heying said, "and we think this is a great way for us to do both."

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CHICKASAW CO CLAIMS-08/16/2021	FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, DIESEL FUEL & GAS CO DEPTS	CO RECORDER.....74.56	SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC, SCBA TESTING AIRPACKS EMA
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Three-person board will help 'district' Floyd County

FLOYD COUNTY: FROM 1

If the temporary districting commission can't finish its part of the process by then, the State Commissioner of Elections can draw the precinct boundaries.

"The (county) commission should not rely upon the State Commissioner of Elections to draw the precincts under Iowa Code Section 331.209(4)," Bennett wrote. "That process is intended to be a stop-gap provision when county redistricting commission is unable or fails to perform this duty, and not an alternative means to draw the precincts."

Bennett said the county commission "should continue to prepare to draw their precincts while awaiting the census/districting data and be ready to do so ASAP when that information becomes available."

"The deadline to complete this process is Nov. 1," Bennett wrote. "If we are getting near to that deadline and the data isn't yet available, please contact me to discuss options."

County Auditor Gloria Carr said none of the information or the computer tools the commission will need to draw the precincts are available yet.

Supervisor Roy Schwickerath said that the precincts will likely follow township lines as they do now, so "their ability to make decisions is somewhat limited," and will be determined to a great extent by the state-drawn district boundaries.

The supervisors have a choice of creating a three-person, five-person or seven-person commission, and the majority party members — Republican supervisors Linda Tjaden and Doug Kamm — will appoint a majority of the members, while the minority party supervisor — Democrat Schwickerath — will appoint the rest.

The supervisors quickly agreed Monday morning that a seven-person commission could become too unwieldy, especially given the short time it may have to make any decisions, and soon settled on the smallest number allowed with three commissioners.

"The more people, the harder to get them together," said Kamm.

The board had the option of paying commission members a per diem for attendance at meetings, but members said they had contacted people who were willing to serve on the commission without consideration of pay.

Schwickerath said he favored paying mileage, as is typical for many county boards and commissions.

The supervisors didn't take any official action on setting up the commission but could do so at their regular meeting today (Tuesday).

With three members on the commission, Tjaden and Kamm will appoint two members and Schwickerath will appoint the third.

Assistant County Attorney Tilton had earlier recommended that the members announce their selections during a board meeting, so it will be officially recorded in the meeting minutes.

The county is forming supervisor districts because of the results of a special election held Aug.3, where a large majority of county voters chose "Plan 3" for supervisor representation, which requires the county to be drawn up into districts, that supervisor candidates have to live in the district they are running to represent, and only the voters who live in a district can vote for the supervisor for their district.

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## Alma Wilder, 82

Alma Wilder age 82 of Nashua, died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021, at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Methodist Campus, in Rochester, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with the Rev. Darin Cerwinski officiating.

Interment was held at Oak Hill Cemetery, Nashua with Anthony McCarthy, Michael McCarthy, Chelsey McCarthy, Evelyn McCarthy, Azlyn McCarthy, Maddie McCarthy, Bobby Lore, and Richard Clipperton serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Alma Wilder was born on Aug. 14, 1939, in Prince George County, Maryland, the daughter of Elmer M. and Elaine (Stover) Bartley.

She graduated from Covington (Virginia) High School in 1956.

Alma married Patrick McCarthy and to this union, five sons were born. They were later divorced.

In 1966, Alma married William (Bill) Wilder of Nashua. They made their home in Nashua in 1968.

Alma worked at Lynch's Grocery Store, Chautauqua Nursing Home for 18 years, and Casey's General Store for 28 years.

Alma was devoted to the VFW. This appreciation for the VFW mission came from her understanding of the sacrifices of her father, her sons, and



Alma Wilder

others who served in the military. She especially enjoyed her trips to the Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Alma enjoyed sewing, quilting, and crafting; and especially all things Christmas.

She was a loving, caring person. If she was your friend, she was always your friend.

Her real treasures in life were her five sons, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Alma is survived by her five sons, Pat (Linda) McCarthy, Cotter, Arkansas; John (Wanda) McCarthy, Woodbridge, Virginia; Michael (Marjorie) McCarthy, Yuma, Arizona; Richard (Mia) McCarthy, Dallas, Texas; and Steve McCarthy, Ankeny; six grandchildren, four step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Drumheller; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her parents; sisters, Connie Bowles, Peggy Tolley and Faye Craft; brothers-in-law, Calvin Tolley and William Craft; and niece Virginia Bowles.

## Steven Lynn Bechthold, 62

Steven Lynn Bechthold, age 62 of Boone and formerly of Nashua, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at his home.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Steve was born on Aug. 5, 1959, to Ray and Judith Ann (Bolam) Bechthold in Waverly. His family first lived in Plainfield but moved to Ionia when he was 3 years old.

He began his education in the New Hampton school system, and even at a young age, he loved to pull pranks on people. There was the time when he was in elementary school when he came to school the day after a school board election and told his teacher, "I don't have to do anything today because my dad was elected to the School Board yesterday," a story that to this day makes his family laugh.

The Bechtholds would later live in Nevada and Grundy Center, and Steve was a member of the Class of 1977 at South Hamilton High School in Jewell. As a youngster, he fell in love with cars. As his dad puts it, he loved to look at them, drive them, "mechanic on them," and tear them apart and put them back together.

After graduating from high school, Steve attended Lincoln Tech for a short time to learn more about auto mechanics, and he spent his entire adult life working as a mechanic. He spent a number of years working for a firm in Ames that specialized in construction equipment, and during the construction season, he often spent 70 hours a week in the shop making sure the equipment was ready to hit the road.

Steve had a son and a grandson, and the best way to sum



Steve Bechthold

him up is he was a "people person." He was a hard worker, but he loved spending time with his family and going to "get-togethers." He was also the kind of guy who would help anyone. If you were broke down on the side of the road, Steve was going to stop and help you out no matter if he knew you or you were a perfect stranger because it was the way he was brought up.

In recent years, Steve had battled complications because of his diabetes, but he never lost that ability to fix any mechanical problem or his penchant for being a "Good Samaritan."

Steven is survived by his father, Ray (Janice) Bechthold of Allison; one son, Beau (Amanda) Bechthold of Texas; one grandson, Jack Bechthold of Texas; three brothers, Jeff (Glenda) Bechthold of St. James, Minnesota, Brian Bechthold of Nashua, and Mike (Jenny) Bechthold of Cedar Rapids; one sister, Teresa Mehmen of Nashua; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Judith Bechthold in 2005; and one brother-in-law, Steven Mehmen in 2019.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Students enter Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School on Tuesday morning, the first day of regular classes in the building.

## There are plenty of reasons to love first day of school

### FIRST DAY: FROM 1

I was ready to ship Josh and Noah back for no other reason than it saved me money.

You see, during the school year, they would leave my house at 7:45 a.m., spend the entire day in school and then go to practice. Often, they wouldn't return home until sometime around 6:30 in the evening.

You may be asking, how did this save me money? That's almost 11 hours they were not at my house eating my food. Trust me, the math of buying them school lunches and snacks versus them at my

house the entire day saved me plenty of dollars.

And now, I'm just an old adult, but I still love the first day of school. I love looking at all the back-to-school pictures, I love capturing the moments and I love the routine that I know is returning to the paper.

**THOSE MOMENTS, THOUGH,** are the ones that mean the most to me.

Take Tuesday, for example.

I arrived at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary, parked the car, grabbed my camera and went to work.

I saw kids flying off the

bus. I saw other kids gingerly stepping off the bus and I saw others holding their parents' hands tighter than they had ever held them before. I saw teachers who were ready to, for the lack of a better term, rock 'n' roll with a whole new set of students.

I saw hugs.

I saw bravery, especially from kindergartners who weren't quite ready to see their parents leave.

I saw smiles.

I saw laughter.

Years ago, I was taking pictures of a kindergarten class, and I watched a guy named Wes Cleveland gently try to

separate from his daughter. Mallory held onto Wes' leg like it was the last lifeboat leaving the Titanic. It was one of the most precious moments I've ever witnessed as a reporter.

Monday, Malory Cleveland started her junior year of high school. In other words, she survived that first day of school so many years ago.

And you know what else? So, too, did those Nashua-Plainfield kindergartners who had their first day of school on Tuesday.

The fact that they got an early-out, well, folks that's the proverbial icing on the cake.

## Most area municipalities, counties see populations drop

### CENSUS: FROM 1

census data on the state website.

The county's largest city easily remained New Hampton, which recorded a population of 3,494, down 2.1 percent from the 2010 Census.

Population losses for the rest of the county were as follows:

- North Washington went from 117 to 112, a 4.2 percent decrease.

- Nashua fell from 1,663 to 1,551, a decrease of 6.7 percent.

- Lawler fell from 439 to 406, a drop of 7.5 percent.

- Alta Vista went from 266 to 227, a decrease of 14.5 percent

- Ionia fell from 291 to 226, a 22.3 percent plummet.

- Basset saw the biggest decrease, at least percentage wise, as it recorded 45 residents, down 31.8 percent from the 66 who

called it home in 2010.

In Bremer County, much of the population growth was centered around two cities — Waverly and Denver. Waverly saw its population jump from 9,874 to 10,394, an increase of 5.3 percent while Denver's population increased from 1,780 to 1,919, a jump of 7.8 percent.

Plainfield's population, according to the report, fell from 436 to 393, a drop of 9.9 percent.

## Coach: Huskies will be very 'team focused' in 2021

### VOLLEYBALL: FROM 8

when I started with her," said Mindy. "She's gotten a lot smarter on the court."

Junior Bailey Fisher will move from her middle spot to right outside hitter. She racked up 73 kills last fall and is working hard to become a major player up front for the Huskies. "She has a really, really nice swing off that right side," said Mindy. "I think she'll step up. She's also worked a ton in the offseason on her back row passing."

Paige Ripley, a junior, is also back and was one of N-P's main

setters a year ago. She accumulated 215 assists and may also see some time at right outside hitter.

Myranda Webster, N-P's 5-9 sophomore middle, will see her first varsity action in 2021 and will be counted on to plug gaps in the opponent's hitting attack. "Her best asset is she's got Kenzie, "Hack" and Bailey — who have all played middle," said Mindy. "They're coaching her."

Freshman Paige Franzen will also see plenty of court time as a setter and outside hitter.

Sophomore Jalynn Pratt (OH/RS) and junior Kendall Bailey-Pint (DS/RS) round out

Foelske's roster.

N-P will look to improve on limiting the damage when big runs come their way after opponent's snare momentum and take control of a match. The ability to stem the tide was tested last fall as N-P had to overcome an eight-game losing streak midway through the season.

Keeping that momentum — when N-P has it — is also critical to the team's success. That means sealing the deal when an opponent looks to be down and out.

"You need to focus on what you can control and focus on the match at hand — each point — and then finish. We have so much trouble finishing," said Foelske. "We'd come out real strong then it would be like we died off."

One aspect of her team that Mindy really admires is the squad's unselfishness.

"They are very team focused this year — very much not about themselves. That made me super happy. We weren't worried about, okay, who is going to be all-conference right now?"

N-P VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE			
Aug. 26	at Rockford JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	
Aug. 31	vs. N'wood-Kensett JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	
Sept. 2	at MC Newman JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	
Sept. 4	at Vinton-Shellsburg Invite V	9 a.m.	
Sept. 7	vs. Central Springs JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	
Sept. 11	at Aplington-Parkersburg Invite V	9 a.m.	
Sept. 14	vs. Osage JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	
Sept. 18	Nashua-Plainfield Invite V	9 a.m.	
Sept. 16	vs. New Hampton, Jesup JV/V	5 p.m.	
Sept. 21	at North Butler JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	
Sept. 30	at St. Ansgar JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	
Oct. 5	vs. West Fork JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	
Oct. 12	at Lake Mills Quad V	6 p.m.	
Oct. 18	Regionals start		

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# Nashua-Plainfield blessed with number of veterans

**FOOTBALL: FROM 8**

Those returnees include senior running back Tyson White, who played quarterback throughout much of last season only to be replaced by Max Hillegas. Both will not be under center this year as junior Bo Harrington takes over at quarterback. While Harrington has never started at the varsity level yet at the quarterback position and is a tad undersized – even by the small-school class standard – Christensen is confident he can get the job done.

“Bo is a natural leader who can lead the offense well and make the throws necessary for us to be successful,” said Christensen.

Harrington will be orchestrating a new offense that Christensen has implemented and the key is to get the ball in the hands of his playmakers – because N-P has its fair share. “We will look a little differ-

ent offensively, but not a major overhaul,” Christensen added.

Gone is the bulk of N-P’s running game last year in Kristian Holmvig and Derik Auchstetter. Each has graduated and comprised close to half of the positive ground game yards accumulated last fall.

With that said, senior Sam Fundermann is in store for a potentially breakout year. Fundermann gained 256 yards on the ground as a junior. Fundermann – with his aggressive running style and vision – can make plays pop, even when it looks like there is nowhere to go. Fundermann is also a stopper at safety that registered 44.5 tackles and also picked off a pass.

Look for White to also get some carries in Christensen’s new offensive system. White will be one of the bigger backs in Class A as he is listed at 6-3, 205 pounds on this year’s roster. White may be called upon

to catch passes as well and contribute on defense at his linebacker position.

Although it’s too early to tell if Christensen will go the route of a backfield by committee, he may well do just that.

Husky senior Trey Nelson is back and adds depth to a lineup that is in dire need of scoring weapons after failing to find the end zone with regularity in 2020. The speedster – like Fundermann – can break tackles and find open spaces any way he knows if his line grants him those opportunities to run through gaps in the interior.

Nelson gained just over 200 yards on the ground and racked up 47 tackles at his linebacker slot in 2020.

Hillegas is N-P’s top returning wideout and gained 176 yards on six catches – even after starting two games at quarterback to end the season. He has

big-play capability and it might come down to the offensive line giving Harrington the needed time to connect with the 6-2 senior. Look for Hillegas to also star at defense end. He has a knack for running down quarterbacks and led N-P with 9.5 tackles for loss as a junior. That stat line included 2.5 sacks.

Husky senior wideouts McKade Munn and Jacob Sievers should also be integral parts to N-P’s offense that will be counted on to haul in the pigskin in critical situations. Munn scored two touchdowns last year and amassed 82 yards receiving.

“It is encouraging to have all of those guys back. It will be important to spread the ball out to as many of those as we can. I am also looking for them to be leaders and mentors to some of the younger guys that we have that are also very talented,

just maybe not ready for varsity action,” said Christensen.

Drew Rodruck (Sr.), Jarrett Petersen (Sr.), Jackson Zwanziger (Jr.), Landon Pratt (Jr.), Tate White (Soph.) and Dylan Blanchard (Soph.) are a large part of the muscle up front on Christensen’s offensive line.

Players that will step into bigger roles this year after not seeing any or little playing time on the varsity level last fall are juniors Joel Winters, Aiden Lamborn and Kaden Wilken, as well as sophomores Titus Evans, Trae Geise, Aiden Sullivan and Tucker Franzen.

“We don’t have a great deal of depth in the defensive secondary. But overall we are going to count on most of the sophomores for depth,” Christensen added.

Year one may be out of the way for Christensen, but the 2021 schedule didn’t offer N-P

any favors. It’s arguably just as hard as last season, if not more.

Last year’s state runner-up in Class A – Grundy Center – is on the slate for N-P. Wapsie Valley, a state quarterfinalist that lost to eventual champ Iowa City Regina – 32-27 in the post-season – is also an opponent at home in Week 2. The rest of N-P’s opponents in Class A, District 3 are AGWSR, Hudson, BCLUW and North Tama. North Butler and Central Springs are the Huskies’ non-district matchups.

Class A squads will play eight games in the regular season and 32 teams will qualify for the postseason. If a team does not crack the playoffs, that squad will be awarded a ninth game.

N-P most recently made the playoffs in 2014 – the last post-season berth in what was four consecutive appearances from 2011-2014.

N-P FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
Aug. 27	at North Butler V	7 p.m.
Sept. 3	vs. Wapsie Valley V	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	vs. Postville JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs. Central Springs V	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	at West Fork JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 17	at North Tama V	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	at North Tama JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 24	vs. BCLUW V	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	vs. North Butler JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Grundy Center V	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	vs. Grundy Center JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 8	vs. AGWSR V	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Central Springs JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Hudson V	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Playoffs begin	TBA

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Ordinance #341 amending the Code of Ordinance for Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants was passed at the City of Nashua City Council Meeting held on August 16, 2021.

The following sections were modified, removed, or added: modified: Section 122.04 Application for License, 122.05 License Fees, 122.16 Rebates, and 122.17 License Exemptions, and a new section 122.19 Insurance was added. The complete ordinance is available at City Hall or on the city website cityof-nashuaia.com

No. 21286  
08/26/2021

## Legal Notice

**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**August 13th, 2021**

The Board convened on Friday, August 13th, 2021, at 9:00 AM with members present Byrne, Holthaus, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Zoll and Kuhn present via phone. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present was Auditor Stephanie Mashek.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for August 13th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Hackman to approve the temporary liquor license for outdoor service for Jerico Jo's. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 9:03 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Richard Holthaus, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisor  
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board

No.21281  
08/24/2021 NH 08/26/2021 NR

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**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**August 17th, 2021**

The Board convened on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021, at 11:00 AM with members present Holthaus, Hackman, Zoll and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Byrne, absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present was Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Terry Johnson.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for August 17th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Byrne, absent. Motion Carried.

Ann Smisek present via phone at 11:02 AM.

Hackman asked Smisek if interviews of other applicants should be held since the board has offered the county attorney position to David Laudner. Smisek advised to pull the posting of the open county attorney position. Verbiage from Iowa Code 35C was discussed. Holthaus stated we did submit an offer to Laudner and was accepted on August 16th, 2021 with a start date to be determined.

Holthaus said the job posting was on the Iowa County Attorney Association, University of Iowa Law School, and Drake Law School websites. Discussion on whether to pull the ads from the respective advertisements. Discussion on the appointment must be made within 40 days of the vacancy which means the last day of September 22, 2021.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to pull all advertisements of the open county attorney position immediately. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Nays- Zoll, Byrne, absent. Further discussion on the county at-

torney position. Hackman requested that DD214 is obtained for the county attorney applicant.

Smisek left at 11:41 AM.

Jason Byrne present via phone at 11:47 AM.

Continued discussion of the intention to appoint County Attorney and the necessary steps. Holthaus provided Byrne an update of what has been discussed. Mashek drafted a letter to Mr. Laudner with the board's input pending approval from Smisek.

Ann Smisek present via phone at 12:10 PM.

Discussion on letters to be drafted and approved by Smisek prior to distribution.

Smisek left at 12:14 PM.

Holthaus and Zoll left at 12:19 PM.

Holthaus present at 12:21 PM.

Zoll present at 12:25 PM.

Zoll stated that he contacted Judy Funk from Heartland and requested Carl Salmons to call.

Byrne left at 12:30 PM.

Continued discussion on the county attorney position.

Byrne present via phone at 12:32 PM.

Byrne left at 12:34 PM.

Chairperson recessed at 12:35 PM.

The Board reconvened on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021, at 12:44 PM with all members present Byrne, Holthaus, Hackman, Zoll and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa.

Mashek read the revised letter from Smisek to applicant. The consensus of the board was to have the board secretary send the letter.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to adjourn at 12:50 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Hackman, Zoll, and Holthaus. Byrne, absent. Motion Carried.

Richard Holthaus, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisor  
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board

No. 21300  
08/26/2021 NR 08/31/2021NH

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**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**August 2nd, 2021**

Disclosure: last week's published minutes in August 17th for August 9th were draft minutes

The Board convened on Monday, August 2nd, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Holthaus, Hackman and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present was Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Ray Armel, and Terry Johnson.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for August 2nd, 2021 with the deletion of the 12:00 PM appointment. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the board minutes from July 26th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM No Public Comment

9:06 AM Ray Armel discussed the minor subdivision for Richard A. Grandy Estate.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve minor subdivision for Richard A. Grandy Estate with RESOLUTION 08-02-21-41. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. RESOLUTION 08-02-21-41 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2021-41 and 2021-42 in the nw1/4 of the sw1/4 of section 32, parcel 2021-43 in the sw1/4 of the nw1/4 of section 31, all in Township 94 NORTH, Range 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 2nd DAY of August, 2021 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2021-41 and 2021-42 in the nw1/4 of the sw1/4 of section 32, parcel 2021-43 in the sw1/4 of the nw1/4 of section 32, 2021-44 in the nw1/4 of the se1/4 of section 31, all in Township 94 NORTH, Range 14 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 2nd DAY of AUGUST, 2021. /ss/ Richard Holthaus Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Chickasaw County Auditor.

Armel left at 9:18 AM.

Gorman left at 9:18 AM.

9:30 AM Discussion on the Matrix for Rosewood Facility ID 60643 application

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the Matrix for Rosewood Facility ID 60643 application. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Dave Gorman present at 9:45 AM.

Gorman discussed the claim from Angel Electric in the amount of \$60 at the LEMC located at 516 S. Linn New Hampton.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$267.90. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$69.04. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$137,189.40. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Gorman left at 10:15 AM.

Committee Assignment Update:

Hackman has a Chickasaw County Ambulance Council meeting on August 3, 2021. Item on the agenda is to discuss a county owned ambulance however, the county supervisors has not been presented or discussed a county owned ambulance.

Hackman provided an update on CSS and notified the board of the Chris Hoffman's retirement party taking place on August 18th at 11:30-1:30 PM at 3362 University Ave, Waterloo, IA.

Zoll went to the FMC landfill on July 26th, 2021.

Byrne attended the Work Force Development meeting on July 29th, 2021.

Jennifer Schwickerath present at 10:18 AM.

Committee Assignment Update continued:

Holthaus attended Northeast Iowa Community Action meeting via zoom on July 26th, 2021.

Mike Kennedy present at 10:20 AM.

Chairperson recessed at 10:22 AM.

Reconvened at 10:30 AM: Jennifer Schwickerath, Nathaniel Schwickerath, Mike Kennedy, Terry Johnson, Marty Hemann, and Kelly Lepstra, a member of media.

Ann Smisek present via phone at 10:34 AM.

10:34 AM Jennifer Schwickerath, Nathaniel Schwickerath, and Ann Smisek from Ahlers Cooney to discuss options for the vacancy of the County Attorney's Office.

Schwickerath provided an update since the posting of the vacancy. She received a phone call from an individual that currently works as an assistant attorney but did not want to have his name or place of work to be disclosed. Schwickerath discussed the start date in August would not be feasible for either Nathaniel Schwickerath or the other in-

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**CHICKASAW COUNTY**  
**August 16th, 2021**

The Board convened on Monday, August 16th, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Holthaus, Hackman, Zoll and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present was Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Terry Johnson, and Jeff Bernatz.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for August 16th, 2021 with the deletion of Gorman at 10:30 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve minutes from August 9th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll, abstained. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve minutes from August 13th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM No Public Comment

9:10 AM Jeff Bernatz provided a Radio Communication Tower update. Training will be provided to the staff still needing it. Wess will move on to New Hampton PD for radio installs. County Attorney Schwickerath finished the lease agreement between the ambulance providers prior to her vacating the office.

Rolando present at 9:12 AM.

Bernatz asked the board to allow to properly installing an antenna so the Public Health's radio receives sufficient frequency. Consensus of the board is to allow the install for Public Health's radio. Bernatz is working with Tri-Mark for Hazmat drills. Still pushing PPE to places like schools.

Lisa Welter and Penny Andorf present at 9:24 AM.

New EMA vehicle is still sitting down in Ankeny waiting for the install of equipment to vehicle. Bernatz was monitoring the water levels in Nashua after the rain last week and stated the dam worked as it should to accommodate the influx of water. Repaired the North Washington's siren as it did not fire off at last month's testing. Bernatz stated that there were toys that were cleaned out from the Big Brothers and Sisters closed office. Bernatz asked what was the board's desire to donate or keep those items. Bernatz will follow up on who owns the toys. Bernatz obtained the quote for security cameras at the LEMC building located at 516 S. Linn New Hampton, IA. Bernatz stated that this will go out for bids for servers for the radio communication tower project.

9:30 AM Lisa Welter provided an update from Public Health. 90 patients, 24 medicaid, 23 referrals, 11 discharges,

4 unbillable visits, 288 visits, and 286 homemaker visits. Revenue from Public Health was above what was projected. Expenses were over slightly due to three payrolls in the month of July. COVID vaccines have been administered. Johnson & Johnson are not providing any more vaccines through the state. Moderna still provides the vaccines to Public Health. Out of the 19 COVID cases since last Friday, 3 out of 19 were vaccinated. Discussed what the CDC guidelines were for COVID precautionary. Welter stated that the CDC recommends wearing a mask but the state of Iowa does not require wearing masks. Kuhn asked what services are provided by Public Health to the nursing home residents. Welter stated they can help transition from the nursing home back to their residence.

Penny Andorf provided an Environmental Health Update. 11 out of 12 septic systems were installed. 3 time of transfers and 3 wells were drilled. Environmental Health received a grant in the amount of \$10,000. One master matrix completed in July. The dog bite policy for internal purposes was passed by the Board of Health. Hackman stated that he felt the verbiage on page 3 should not state the Board of Health but rather different verbiage to avoid an open meeting violation when designating an investigator. Welter said she will present this back to the Board of Health.

Welter, Andorf, and Bernatz left at 10:13 AM.

10:14 AM Dusty Rolando discussed the purchase of right of way contracts.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the purchase of the permanent right of way contracts with Alice Tiemessen and David Tiemessen for project BROS-SWAP-CO19 (107) -FF-19 bridge replacement on Kenwood Ave north of 170th St. per the recommendation of the County Engineer and authorize chairperson's signature. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the purchase of the temporary right away for Ryan and Heather Rausch per the recommendation of the County Engineer for project BROS-SWAP-CO19 (107) -FF-19 bridge replacement on Kenwood Ave north of 170th St. per the recommendation of the County Engineer and authorize chairperson's signature. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Rolando discussed road department activities. Chickasaw County cemetery road was completely washed out in three

terested applicant.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to enter into closed session at 10:43 AM to include Board Secretary Stephanie Mashek, Nathaniel Schwickerath, Martin Hemann, and Ann Smisek (via phone) to be authorized to be present. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Jennifer Schwickerath entered into the closed session by the boards request at 11:30 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to end closed session at 11:52 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Hackman, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Terry Johnson, Kelly Lepstra, a member of media, and Denise Ballard present at 11:52 AM.

Discussion on the fees from the Anderson Law Firm. County Attorney Schwickerath will request clarification on the fees.

Shirley Troyna present at 11:56 AM. Hemann left at 11:57 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to direct the Chickasaw County Attorney to draft an agreement with the Anderson Law Firm to provide legal services to Chickasaw County until the vacancy or 90 days from vacancy. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Smisek left at 12:05 PM.

Nathaniel Schwickerath and Kennedy left at 12:09 PM.

Discussion on the Deerfield Wildlife Area Easement Agreement for Conservation and Recreational Access and Authorize Chair's Signature on Easement Agreement. Jennifer Schwickerath will forward the easement to the Auditor.

Ray Armel, Dusty Rolando, and John Murray present at 12:10 AM.

Kelly Lepstra and Schwickerath left at 12:10 PM.

Hackman left at 12:11 AM.

Hackman present at 12:13 AM.

12:15 AM Denise Ballard from Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan discussed the county's health insurance policy.

Ballard presented a packet containing information regarding our claims and current health insurance policy. Ballard stated that Wellmark is in control of the delivery of their products and not Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan. Ballard invited Wellmark to join in the discussion as they would be not be biased and can provide us with the rules when switching plans within Wellmark. Ballard said she create a trust in order to cater to entities wanting to not have coverage with Wellmark since they stipulate that entities need to not have coverage with their health care company for one year prior to returning to Wellmark. Ballard does not control this trust any more but she can refer the board to that representative if the board wants to venture that way. Ballard expressed her concerns if the board chooses to go away from a Trust coverage plan. Chickasaw County is one of the

best counties with a low loss ratio. Byrne stated that he heard that United Healthcare is not a preferred health insurance provider. Ballard said from a consumer side she has not experienced anything negative but from the provider side it is not desirable. Holthaus stated he had been approached by several department heads about their concerns about changing their health insurance provider. Ballard stated that she felt the county going to a self funded option was not a good idea for our county employees as the size of the group was too small. Kuhn asked if Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan has tiered plans. Ballard said it may be computed, however Wellmark will still charge you a total annual premium regardless if there are tiers or not. Hackman asked why groups have left Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan and Ballard responded an example of Hancock county was an anomaly. Zoll stated that the balance of the EBS accounts and how it is helped. Ballard said that more people involved within the plan is needed and encouraged family plans to help mitigate the risk.

Donna Geerts present at 1:26 PM.

Ballard will run a four tier rates. Byrne stated that all this would do is increase the family plan and Ballard confirmed this.

Johnson left at 1:38 PM.

Geerts left at 1:40 PM.

Discussion on the percentage of change for family and single plans. Discussion on making the county employees aware of the administration costs and cost sharing of insurance premiums. Ballard will look into the ACA regulations on employers offsetting the cost for single plans that is required by law. Ray Armel asked Ballard if a committee would be beneficial to discuss health insurance coverage and costs. Ballard works with other counties that have committees and encouraged Chickasaw County to follow suit.

Mike Kennedy present at 2:02 PM.

Troyna, Ballard, Armel, Rolando, and Murray left at 2:05 PM.

Holthaus asked that input go through the Auditor and the Auditor will work with Ballard. Byrne stated that attracting employees for longevity is desirable.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the Deerfield Wildlife Area Easement Agreement for Conservation and Recreational Access and Authorize Chair's Signature on Easement Agreement with Carolyn Nelson. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 2:12 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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from the academy. Hemann worked with the city of Ionia in regards to ordinance violations. Hemann stated that his staff is completing the implicit biased training that was mandatory state wide. Hemann has been attending the American Rescue Plan Act committee meetings.

Holthaus discussed the mobile crisis situation and the lack of open beds for mental health cases. Holthaus asked if transfers were still taking place. Hackman said that CSS has funded Elevate, a mobile crisis center, which addresses mental health cases. Hemann said transports still are happening and just recently completed one. Discussion on how these types of cases are handled.

Hemann left at 11:31 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the certification of 2020 Tax Assessment payable FY 2021-2022 per the recommendation of the County Treasurer and County Auditor. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Discussed the release of liability and indemnification agreement between Chickasaw County, Iowa & Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation regarding food distribution. No action taken as proof of insurance has not been sent to the board.

Discussion on the Memorandum of Agreement and Resolution 08-16-21-45 with Cedar Valley Friends of the Family. No action taken.

Committee Assignment Updates:

Zoll had an FMC landfill meeting August 10th, 2021 and signed claims on August 9th, 2021.

Zoll participated in a Heartland zoom meeting August 12th, 2021.

Byrne attended the American Rescue Plan Act on August 12th, 2021.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$1,327.41. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$16,097.88. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$661,356.13. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to adjourn at 12:22 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Richard Holthaus, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisor  
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board

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**City of Nashua**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**  
The Nashua City Council met in regular session on August 16, 2021 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Alex Anthofer, Thomas Johnson, Hal Kelleher and Ashley Ludemann. Scott Cerwinski was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present along with Nick Henningsen Water/Waste Water Superintendent. Bonnie Cleveland from the library was also in attendance as well as 4 guests.

Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the agenda. Ludemann/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. Mayor Betsinger asked if there were any public comments. One citizen commented about the North side of the billboard by Casey's not being maintained. They stated that there are shrubs and tall grass that need to be cleaned up. They were wondering what the next steps are for it to get taken care of. The Mayor said that the city could hire someone to take care of it and assess people to take care of it was not appropriated, but now the council has put protections in place to ensure that doesn't occur." It should have said "Fire Chief Johnson....." Anthofer motioned to approve the minutes with the above changes. Ludemann seconded. M/C.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar payment of claims. Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total claims to be paid: \$31,365.76+\$6,676.96 (Wages)

General Fund: \$23,307.39  
Road Use: \$5,487.51  
Employee Benefits: \$1,599.22  
Water: \$3,844.48  
Sewer: \$3,804.12  
Total Funds: \$38,042.72  
Ludemann/M, Anthofer/S, M/C.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the following permits:  
Building:  
501 Main St. and 414 Cedar St. Johnson/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. Both building permits were approved.

Business of the Mayor: None  
City Clerk Ott reviewed the July financial reports and informed the council that the July bank reconciliations are with the claims if they want to review them. He wanted to remind the council that the first meeting in Sept. will be Tuesday due to Labor Day and also reminded the council that he will be gone the 15th - 17th of September for training. He reviewed the Annual Financial Reports and will present a final draft and resolution to approve the AFR at the next meeting. He told the council that he has sent out requests for proposals for the FY'21 audit per their request. He informed the council that the city was awarded \$236,798.60 through the American Relief Plan grant. It will be paid out in two tranches and could be used to help with funding for the Greeley St. project. He also wanted to inform the public that election nomination papers for Mayor or City Council

are available at City Hall and September 16th is last day to turn in nomination papers to the County Auditor's office. Kelleher stated that the Park Board has raised private money to purchase a pergola for the park and was wondering if they could put the pergola by the splash pad. The council supported the decision as all funds were raised privately and it will be no cost to the city.

Nick Henningsen Water/Waste Water Superintendent gave his monthly report. He wanted to inform the council that Dixon is tentatively scheduled to come in to clean and inspect the water tower and during this time the tower will be out. The estimated time to complete is 5 days and so during this time the well will need to pump continuously. This could affect water pressure especially in certain areas of town. He will send out information to the citizens when final dates are confirmed. He has also sent in the report requested by the EPA, but has not heard anything back yet. He also stated that we may have to dig up a section behind Butches old building to see what is going on with the sewer line. The Welcome Center Board has raised private funds for the Barb Lumley Memorial Fund to place an arbor and plant two flowering pink crab apple trees to honor Barb Lumley. The money was raised privately and the council supported the idea. Library Director Heather Hackman monthly report was available for council review.

Action/Discussion  
The council discussed rescinding the special assessment on 112 Bradford Parkway. Kelleher/M, Johnson/S, M/C. Roll Call: Anthofer, Johnson, Kelleher - ayes and Cerwinski and Ludemann - absent.

Council member Kelleher motioned to set up a public forum meeting on September 15th at 7:00PM at the Welcome Center in the basement meeting room to get the public's opinion on whether the city should hire another police chief or just continue contracting services through the County Sheriff. Anthofer/S, M/C. Roll Call: Anthofer, Johnson, Kelleher - ayes and Cerwinski and Ludemann - absent.

City clerk Ott discussed communications that he has received from Jendro about rate increases. City Clerk Ott just wanted the council to be aware of what Jendro is proposing as there will be a formal request in the near future.

The council discussed eliminating the last parking spot on Main St. North of the Madison St. intersection, but no one made a motion. The council also discussed reviewing ordinances for Main St. usage but no one made a motion. Fire Chief Johnson discussed some recommended changes to the Constitution of the Nashua Volunteer Fire and Rescue. Council member Anthofer had some requests for additional changes. He made a motion to have a final revised copy before approving the amendments to the constitution. Kelleher seconded. M/C. Roll Call: Anthofer, Johnson, Kelleher

- ayes and Cerwinski and Ludemann - absent.

Other Business:  
There were 3 invoices that were not coded prior to the claims report being completed and so City Clerk Ott asked the council for approval to pay the 3 invoices (3E Electrical - \$33,879.80 and two from S&T Collision \$339.90 and \$40.29). Johnson/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. Roll Call: Anthofer, Johnson, Kelleher - ayes and Cerwinski and Ludemann - absent.

City Clerk Ott stated that the bridge inspection from Charles City Rd. bridge had been completed and was available for review.

There was no other business. Anthofer motioned to adjourn. Johnson seconded. M/C. Meeting adjourned 8:25PM. Pending Approval by City Council  
John Ott City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT (August 3-16, 2021)  
VENDOR REFERENCE AMOUNT  
BADGER METER, WTR-MTR SVC CONTRACT AUG '21...\$588.29  
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., STREET-SUPPLIES/VEHICLE REPAIR.....\$297.00  
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC., PARKS-PLAYGROUND GRAVEL.....\$636.29  
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE EXP JULY '21.....\$323.68  
CEDAR VALLEY PORTABLES, LLC, PARKS - PORTA POTTIES.....\$200.00  
DEMRO ELECTRIC, PARKS - FAN AND SHUTTER..\$919.94  
DOLLAR GENERAL, LIB/PARKS/WC-SUPPLIES..\$199.12  
G T MURPHY, ABSTRACTER, CH-ABSTRACT 4.17 ACRES MILL.....\$500.00  
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION/FANDEL, WC-FY2021 ALARM SERVICE.....\$321.00  
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKERS, WORKER'S COMPENSATION PREMIUM.....\$1,617.00  
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARKS-SUPPLIES.....\$69.99  
LEROY'S REPAIR, PARKS - SUPPLIES.....\$119.95  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, GAS/ELEC EXP - JULY 2021 \$7,810.97  
NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING FD - SUPPLIES.....\$98.94  
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE NASHUA CH-LEGAL EXPENSES \$718.08  
PEDERSON PLUMBING, WC-AC UNIT.....\$35.00  
RILEY'S INC., CH-COPY FEES JULY 2021.....\$97.88  
WEX BANK, CITY FUEL EXPENSES.....\$1,412.11

JAN CLEMENT, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21..... \$121.50  
DEUTH, BRENDA, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$167.25  
SHEILA DEVEREAUX, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21.....\$34.13  
SHERYL DORMAN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$125.22  
FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21.....\$174.62  
KATHLEEN HENRY, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$75.00  
SHARON LEERHOFF, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$309.83  
MAAS, ROBERTA C., WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION, JULY '21 \$242.76  
MARYLEE MEHMEN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$57.94  
NANCY'S TRUFFLES, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$42.00  
ROEDER POWDER COAT & MACHINE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21.....\$87.00  
NANCY SCHERER, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$59.93  
SANDY'S STICHES, '21.....\$241.50  
KEN SCHWICKERATH, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21.....\$56.25  
SENNER, ANN L., WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$211.23  
TERESA STAUDT, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21 \$39.75  
SHIRLEY STEVENSON, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21.....\$40.88  
THE COUNTRY COTTAGE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21.....\$41.25  
WEINBERG, THERESA, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JULY '21.....\$33.75  
U.S. POST OFFICE, WTR/SWR/GAR - POSTAGE JULY '21.....\$207.95  
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, STREET - OIL.....\$75.35  
INRCOG, CH-INRCOG DUES FY'22.....\$864.76  
NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING STREETS - SUPPLIES..\$190.87  
PEDERSON PLUMBING, PARKS - TOILET REPAIR.....\$470.88  
RAPID PRINTERS, MAYOR/COUNCIL - NAMEPLATE A/L. \$28.00  
BAKER & TAYLOR, LIB - BOOKS.....\$135.69  
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, LIB - PHONE EXP JULY '21.....\$42.21  
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT LIB - BOOKS.....\$45.73  
CHARLES CITY PRESS, LIB - SUB.....\$35.00  
DEMCO, LIB - SUPPLIES & READING PROG.....\$171.68  
INGRAM, LIB - BOOKS/DVD'S.....\$303.07  
NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIB - PETTY CASH.....\$3.28

WOMAN'S DAY, LIB - SUB \$21.37  
CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, PD-ADD'L HOURS CONTRACT 28E.....\$4,544.80  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFE, PD-ONLINE WARRANTS FY'21 FEE.....\$1,200.00  
IOWA DNR, SEWER - NPDES PERMIT FEE FY'21.....\$210.00  
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-NH, STREETS - A/D SCREEN DZ.....\$65.00  
DEMRO ELECTRIC, PARKS - ELECTRICAL BREAKER.....\$57.70  
MARC, PARKS - RR SUPPLIES.....\$286.76  
PLAINFIELD WELDING AND REPAIR, STREETS - SUPPLIES.....\$58.00  
S & T COLLISION, FD-VEHICLE REPAIR TIRES.....\$36.20  
ULINE, PARKS - RR SUPPLIES.....\$348.68  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SEWER - JULY 2021 SALES TAX.....\$316.00  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WATER - JULY 2021 WET TAX.....\$1,250.00  
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT, FEDERAL TAX.....\$1,918.75  
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX.....\$279.00  
Accounts Payable Total...\$31,365.76  
Payroll Checks.....\$6,676.96  
\*\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\*\*  
GENERAL FUND.....\$38,042.72  
ROAD USE.....\$5,487.51  
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT.....\$1,599.22  
WATER.....\$3,844.48  
SEWER.....\$3,804.12  
TOTAL FUNDS.....\$38,042.72  
NAME (Revenue July '21)  
July and YTD Rev  
GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$54,220.49  
WODD DAYS FUND TOTAL.....\$12,522.78  
LAKE/DAM TOTAL.....\$52.13  
URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY) TOTAL.....\$70.36  
ROAD USE TOTAL.....\$26,014.00  
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL.....\$2,201.24  
EMGRNY FUND (TRAN TO GF) TOTAL.....\$233.86  
LOCAL OPTION TAX TOTAL.....\$16,077.46  
TIF FUNDS TOTAL.....\$56.80  
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL \$1,991.08  
PERM FUNDS-CITY WATSON TOTAL.....\$2,119.18  
WATER TOTAL.....\$19,655.94  
UTILITY DEPOSITS TOTAL \$450.00  
SEWER TOTAL.....\$32,977.48  
SEWER SINKING TOTAL \$13,302.67  
STORM WATER UTILITY TOTAL.....\$3,753.30  
TOTAL REVENUE BY FUND.....\$185,698.77

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**CHICKASAWCOUNTY**  
August 9th, 2021  
The Board convened on Monday, August 9th, 2021, at 9:00 AM with members present Byrne, Holthaus, Hackman and Kuhn in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Zoll, absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present was Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Joan Knoll, Terry Johnson, and Doreen Cook.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Hackman to approve the agenda for August 9th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Kuhn to approve the minutes from August 2nd, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM Doreen Cook stated that multiple citizens of Fredericksburg are concerned with the water levels in the ditches within the area of the "s" curves. Cook said that the county engineer is aware of this issue and asked that it be discussed with Rolando in today's meeting. Byrne stated that Rolando contacted Ray Ambrecht to address the situation. Holthaus said he had communicated with Rolando on the issue and Rolando stated that in the next week or two it will be addressed. Kuhn asked what Cook's thoughts were on why this area keeps flooding. Cook stated that the weeds are a problem and possibly need to dig out more ditch to negotiate the amount of water.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to enter into the Public Hearing at 9:15 AM for the Budget Amendment for FY 2021-2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Knoll asked questions where the revenue was coming from for the Budget Amendment. Mashek stated those funds were from the American Rescue Plan Act. Knoll asked when the amendment will take place for Public Health and Environmental Health. Mashek stated that it will be on the next budget amendment.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to close the Public Hearing at 9:27 AM for the Budget Amendment for FY 2021-2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Resolution 08-09-21-41 to adopt the amendment of FY 2021-2022 Budget and authorize Chairpersons Signature. Roll Call: Ayes-Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 08-09-21-41 APPROVING ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT OF FY 2021-2022 COUNTY BUDGET The Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and adopt an amendment to the FY 2021-2022 county budget. Public hearing on the amendment of FY 2021-2022 Budget was held August 9, 2021. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of August 2021. /ss/ Richard Holthaus, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Chickasaw County Auditor

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve Resolution 08-09-21-42 to amend departmental appropriations. Roll Call: Ayes-Kuhn, Hackman, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION TO AMEND DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION NO. 08-09-21-42 WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved a Departmental Appropriations on June 7th, 2021 for all departments of the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2021 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa, and WHEREAS the appropriations approved on June 7th, 2021 are hereby amended in accordance with the attached sheet for the following reasons and with no increase in current fiscal year taxes.

Board of Supervisors.....\$500 Utilities

\$350.....Educational Training General Purposes.....\$408,922  
American Rescue Plan Act Data Processing.....\$15,000 Fiber Ambulance.....\$6,000 Building Rent- Ambulance Auditor.....\$10,000 HAVA Grant General Services\$1,000 Redistricting Commission Capital Projects.....\$1,005,565 .... Radio Communication Tower \$750,000 American Rescue Plan Act PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 9th day of August 2021. /ss/ Richard Holthaus, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Chickasaw County Auditor

Department Before Amendment Increase/Decrease After Amendment Board of Supervisors...\$ 296,317.00 \$ 850.00.....\$297,167.00 General Purposes.....\$ 7,405,058.00 \$ 408,922.00.....\$ 7,814,050.00 Data Processing.....\$ 301,400.00 \$ 15,000.00.....\$ 316,400.00 Ambulance.....\$ 100,000.00 \$ 6,000.00.....\$ 106,000.00 General Services.....\$ 812,441.00 \$ 1,000.00.....\$ 813,441.00 Capital Projects.....\$551,258.00 \$ 1,755,565.00.....\$2,36,000.00 Auditor.....\$386,500.00 \$ 10,000.00.....\$ 396,500.00 Service Area Before Amendment Increase/Decrease After Amendment Public Safety & Legal Services.....\$2,169,585.00 \$ 6,000.00.....\$ 2,175,585.00 Government Service- Residence.....\$ 351,710.00 \$ 10,000.00.....\$ 361,710.00 Administration.....\$1,575,664.00 \$ 425,772.00.....\$ 2,001,436.00 Nonprogram Expense & \$63,389,440.00 \$ 1,755,565.00.....\$ 8,145,005.00 Other Budgetary Financial Uses

Mashek read the written update for the radio Communication Tower project Jeff Bernatz provided. Tests are still being run on the new system. Administrator training is complete for Cathy and Jeff. The dispatchers received their training as well. The new radio has been installed in the Sheriff's patrol car. The command center and rescue trucks will be installed next in Ionia and North Washington Fire Departments. An agreement on terms between the ambulance provider and the county for the lease of radio equipment is now in its final draft. Jeff requested that the county attorney draft agreements with the cities for the radio equipment prior to Schwickerath leaving office.

Hackman mentioned that the padlock on the meter socket has yet to be installed. Holthaus asked if the interest has been computed for the bond money. Mashek said it has not been and will work with Sue Breitbach to compute the interest amount.

Mike Kennedy present at 9:46 AM. Hackman provided a Chickasaw County Ambulance Council update for meeting on August 3, 2021. Hackman stated that he has asked the council to see how Washington Co. runs their ambulance service. Hackman stated that ambulances are usually owned by the city. Hackman stated his concerns that there is 10 square miles that would most likely not use but still be taxed for that service. Still waiting on clarification on 422D legislation. Hackman questioned how beneficial it would be for the smaller cities and the logistics of how this would work for every tax payer. Doreen Cook provided clarification that the first responders cannot go out unless the ambulance is paged out. Next Chickasaw County Ambulance Council will meet September 8, 2021. Hackman stated that Kit O'Donohue was hired as the Ambulance Council's attorney on an as-needed basis.

Kennedy left at 9:50 AM. Continued discussion on the garage rent expense. Holthaus stated that

all Ambulance Council representatives were present and felt that it was a good discussion.

Martin Hemann, Jennifer Schwickerath, David Laudner, and Bob Fenske, member of media present at 9:58 AM. Ann Smisek present via phone at 10:02 AM.

10:02 AM Jennifer Schwickerath stated that David Laudner has submitted his application and resume for consideration for the County Attorney position. Schwickerath advised that Laudner was willing to provide personal information to the public. Laudner is currently an assistant county attorney at Palo Alto County, who has family ties to this area, and desires a full time position. Laudner explained the structure of the office that he currently serves and primarily deals with prosecution, criminal, and juvenile court cases.

Cook left at 10:28 AM.

Hemann posed the question on Laudner's experience with officers graduating with the academy. Laudner explained he has and is willing to help provide guidance to all deputies as needed. Laudner stated housing may be an issue and is willing to start at his earliest convenience.

Cook present at 10:33 AM.

Cook asked if a paralegal, instead of a secretary, would be better suited for the Attorney's Office. Schwickerath stated that Michelle Rosonke is a paralegal and helps with cases. Schwickerath stated Chickasaw County does not have a need coordinator for victims but this need is currently shouldered by the current attorneys. Laudner stated that he does currently shoulder this responsibility in his current position.

Knoll left at 10:37 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to enter into closed session at 10:41 AM pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(g) "[t]o evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session" allowing the presence of David Laudner, Jennifer Schwickerath, and Ann Smisek (via phone) to remain present. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to end the closed session at 11:13 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to direct the Auditor to draft an offer letter to Laudner for the position as the full time county attorney at the current salary and benefits with a start date to be determined. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Joseph Gray present at 11:15 AM. 11:15 AM Joseph Gray requested a closed session for discussion on pending opioid litigation.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to enter into closed session at 11:15 AM with Assistant Chickasaw County Attorney Joseph E. Gray pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) "[t]o discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation." Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to end closed session at 11:32 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to follow the assistant county attorney's council and vote against the offer. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Chairperson recessed at 11:34 AM. Reconvened at 11:38 AM with members present, Holthaus, Kuhn, Byrne, and Hackman. Zoll absent. Present was Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Joseph Gray, David Laudner, Jennifer Schwickerath, Terry Johnson, Doreen Cook, Bob Fenske, member of the media.

Andrew Van Der Maaten present via phone at 11:38 AM.

11:38 AM Jennifer Schwickerath and Andrew Van Der Maaten discuss 28E Agreement between Chickasaw County and the Anderson Law Office for temporary county attorney services. This agreement would go into effect on Friday August 13th, 2021 pending board approval. Schwickerath will work with our IT contractor to allow access remotely and reiterated the fee is \$225 per hour with additional expenses. Hackman posed the question of who is the department head that Michelle can field questions and sign off on time sheets for payroll purposes. Van Der Maaten said that he will be filling in this capacity and would like to have some control of time off to balance the scheduled trials. Van Der Maaten says their staff will do their best in balancing the work load and limit travel by calling into court. Hackman asked if there was a number that the Sheriff's office can contact and Van Der Maaten stated this has already been provided to Schwickerath.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the 28E Agreement between Chickasaw County and the Anderson Law office effective August 13th, 2021 at noon, file with the county attorney and secretary of state and authorize Chairman's signature. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Van Der Maaten left at 11:53 AM. 11:45 AM Jennifer Schwickerath requested the board consider raising the legal assistant hourly wage as her work load will increase due to the upcoming transition period. Current wage is \$22.04 per hour; Schwickerath encouraged a \$25 per hour wage during the interim period and reconsider it after the interim period. The current legal assistant has a degree and has a great amount of experience. Byrne asked if the legal assistant should work more than the current 35 hours to 40 hours a week during this interim period. Kuhn asked what time period should the temporary increase of wages be effective to. Schwickerath felt that there are a number of ways to structure this topic. Hackman stated that in past experience, decreasing wages is very difficult. Byrne stated that he prefers to allow the legal assistant to increase her hours to forty per week, if need be, and allow the new county attorney to make that choice. Holthaus agreed with Hackman's statement on the difficulty of decreasing wages after the interim period. Byrne stated he prefers to keep the office structure as is and if the legal assistant needs additional hours, it may be addressed at that time.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the hourly wage adjustment for \$23.00 per hour for legal assistant Michelle Rosonke effective August 9, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Kuhn, and Byrne. Nays- Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Laudner & Schwickerath left at 12:14 PM

Gray left at 12:15 PM

Carson Eggland and Dusty Rolando present at 12:15 PM.

12:15 PM Carson Eggland discussed a 28E Agreement with Helping Services for Youth and Families.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Resolution 08-09-21-43 with a 28E Agreement with Helping Services for Youth and Families and Chickasaw County, file with the county Recorder and authorize chairpersons signature. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION 08-09-21-43 28E AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING

FOR SERVICES BETWEEN HELPING SERVICES FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES AND CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA. THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") is made and entered into pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 28E, to be effective on the date herein provided, by and between Chickasaw County, Iowa organized and existing under the laws of the state of Iowa (hereinafter "County") and Helping Services for Youth & Families, an Iowa non-profit corporation (hereinafter "Agency") (collectively referred to herein as the "Parties"). This agreement shall not create a separate entity. WHEREAS the Agency is a private agency as defined in Iowa Code Section 28E.2., and is a non-profit corporation duly formed and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa; and WHEREAS the County is a political subdivision duly formed and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa and is a public agency as defined in Iowa Code Chapter 28E; and WHEREAS Iowa Code Chapter 28E authorizes public agencies to enter into agreements for joint or cooperative action with public or private entities; and WHEREAS Agency and the County have determined it to be in the best interest of the respective Parties to enter into a 28E Agreement to coordinate efforts to provide needed resources to County residents by providing children, teens and adults with the skills and knowledge to bring about a positive impact on the health, safety and wellness of County residents in Chickasaw County, Iowa; and, WHEREAS the Parties believe it is in their best interest to enter into a written agreement setting forth their respective rights and obligations with regard to this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, and upon the following terms and conditions, Agency and the County agree as follows: (full resolution available at the Auditor's office) IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been approved by appropriate action and duly executed by the parties on the dates written below. DATED by Agency this 9th day of August, 2021. /ss/ Richard Holthaus, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Chickasaw County Auditor

Eggland stated that Donna Kubesh's term is expiring and Kim Hennessey is replacing Kubesh.

Consensus of the board is to allow Helping Services for Youth and Families to update their sign at the CSS building located on East Main Street CSS building.

Eggland left at 12:20PM

Fenske left at 12:22 PM

Rolando stated that he talked to Fredericksburg's Mayor, Jimmy Mitchell, last year in regards to the water levels in the ditches located in Fredericksburg. Cook explained that there were concerned citizens as well as the city engineer. The Fredericksburg city engineer advised that this area needs to be addressed. Rolando explained how the flow of the drainage currently stands and said the drainage pipes are cleaned out. Rolando stated the ditches between 248 to the 230's, to allow the flow of water, will be cleaned up of weeds, trees and other obstructions.

Evand Del Val present at 12:37 PM. 12:37 PM Evan Del Val with ISG. Discussion on the Midwest Carbon Express pipeline.

Cook left at 12:39 PM.

Del Val explained the Midwest Carbon Express is an off shoot of Summit Carbon. This pipeline is liquefying CO2 from Bismarck, North Dakota through Iowa. CO2 pipeline requires an inspection per chapter 479(b) in Iowa Code. Concerns regarding the impact of farming within the State of Iowa that this pipeline may have. If a notice is provided for inspection, the inspection must take place in the next 48 hours or construction of the pipeline may not continue. The purpose of inspection is to ensure that the work being done is held to a certain standard and address any issues that may arise. The cost of the inspection is a pass through meaning ISG would invoice the county, the county would invoice Midwest Carbon Express, and the county would not submit payment to ISG until payment is received from the Midwest Carbon Express. Holthaus stated that a meeting will be held on September 29, 2021 to discuss the pipeline and it is encouraged to have an inspector present at that meeting representing the county. Hackman asked why the county should jump on board prior to this meeting. Del Val said you may wait until the last minute; however, there may not be any representation at the September meeting. Del Val stated that their team would gather the information, prep, and be able to field questions by land owners. The county does not have to pay for the inspectors fees because the Iowa code allows for the pipeline to cover that cost of doing business. Del Val said he provided a letter of intent for the board to consider.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Hackman to approve and authorize chairperson's signature on the letter of intent for county representation and inspection services for the Midwest Carbon Express project. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Zoll, absent. Motion Carried.

Johnson left at 1:10 PM.

Rolando discussed the difficulty of computing the OT/Comp time for Secondary Road as 40 hours is not divisible by 1.5. Rolando suggested that the max of OT/Comp Time to be 40.5 hours for easier computation. Rolando also mentioned paying out the OT/Comp Time once an employee gets to a certain point. Byrne stated comp time is in hour increments and suggested 42 hours.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve 42 hours of OT/Comp Time and amend the Chickasaw County handbook section 2.4 - in regards to OT/Comp Time for Secondary Road Employment. Rolando provided a department update. Day labor project at Cheyenne Ave, closing out B44 project, and work at the V48 bridge.

Rolando left at 1:50 PM.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Byrne to approve the release of liability and indemnification agreement between Chickasaw County, Iowa & Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation regarding food distribution. Consensus of the board was not to take a vote on the motion.

Discussed the release of liability and indemnification agreement between Chickasaw County, Iowa & Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation regarding food distribution. No action taken.

Discussed injury reporting memo. No action taken.

Discuss safety & health statement memo. No action taken.

Discuss data processing policies & procedures. No action taken.

Holthaus attended the Conservation meeting on August 2nd, 2021.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for HC Feeders (ID # 60444) located at 2504 140th Street New Hampton, IA 50659

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Harrington Site (ID # 58790) located at 1646 290th Street Nashua, IA 50659

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 2:11 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll, absent. Motion Carried.

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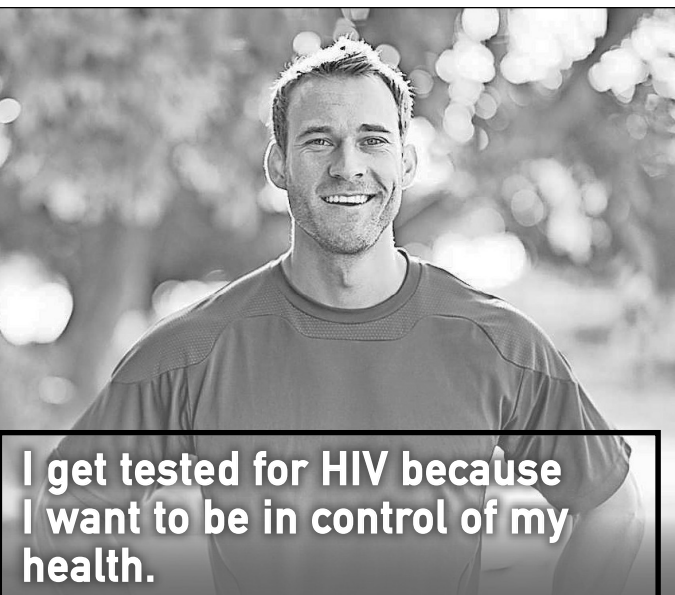
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# Nashua-Plainfield coach looks for senior to have breakthrough season

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works in our favor.”  
Kalainoff said that she believes her top five runners are Huck, Carpenter, Levi, Eick and another freshman, Amberley Gerholdt.  
“We’re going into this year kind of like last year,” she said. “We are going to need that No. 4 and No. 5 runner to step up, but I think the confidence our girls got last year by making it to state is going to be huge for us this year.”  
Meanwhile, the Husky boys will be led by Drew Wilken, who has made his own runs at state meet bids only to fall just short the past two seasons. But the fact that the senior earned a trip to the Class 1A state track and field meet this past spring has Kalainoff believing Wilken is ready to take that last step in cross country.

“I am really hoping that Drew’s trip to Des Moines helped build that confidence that he has been missing,” she said.  
“Drew doesn’t even know what he is capable of, but he’s come so close the past few years. I hope that taste is what helps him break through.”  
The boys also welcome back two other letterwinners in juniors Kendrick Huck and Levi Winters.

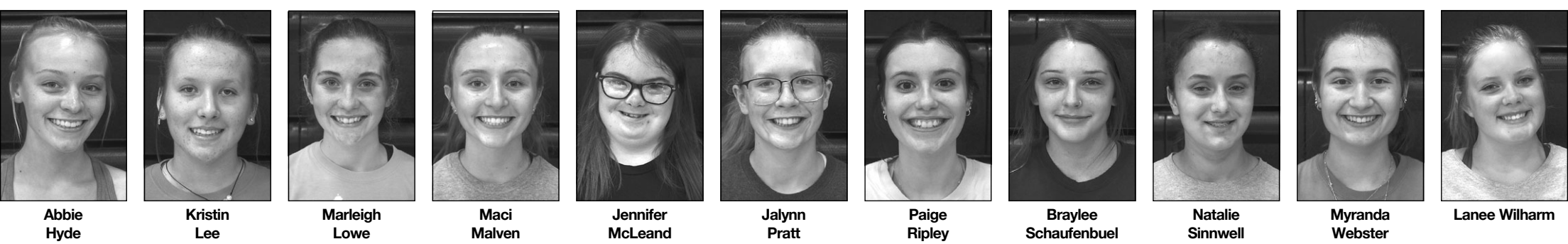
“Anyone who knows Kendrick knows he’s not going to cheat himself and he’s going to give it everything he has every time he goes out on a course,” she said, “and Levi has made some great strides for us the last two years.”  
“The great thing about this sport is there’s always someone or something to beat every time you run a race. That may be the guy right in front of you or the time on the clock.”  
The rest of the boys’ roster, though, is, in a word, young, with one sophomore and four freshmen.  
“I think for the boys, getting them some varsity experience will really pay off down the road,” she said. “We are young but I think we can really develop a strong foundation for the future. They are fun to coach and have so much enthusiasm.”

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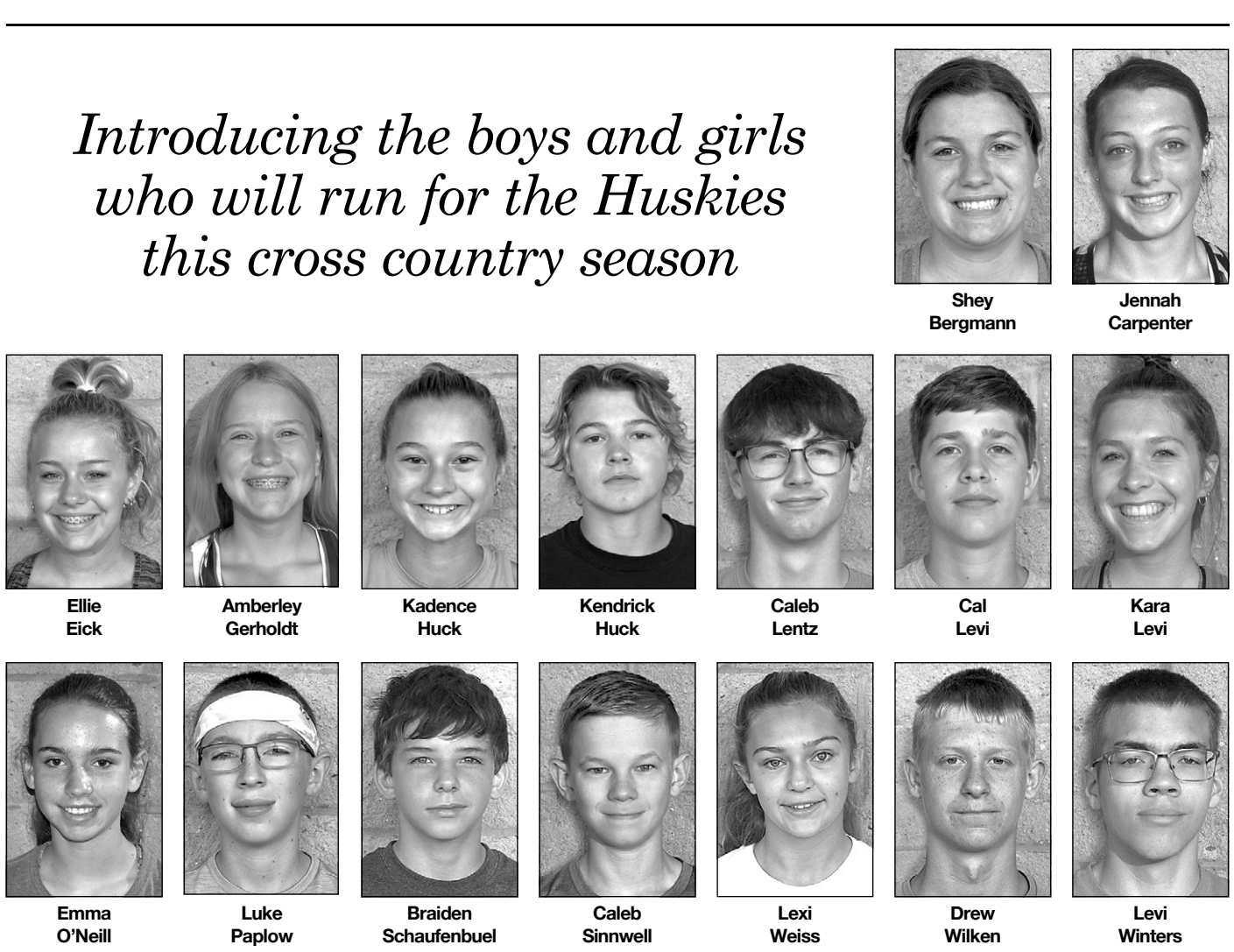
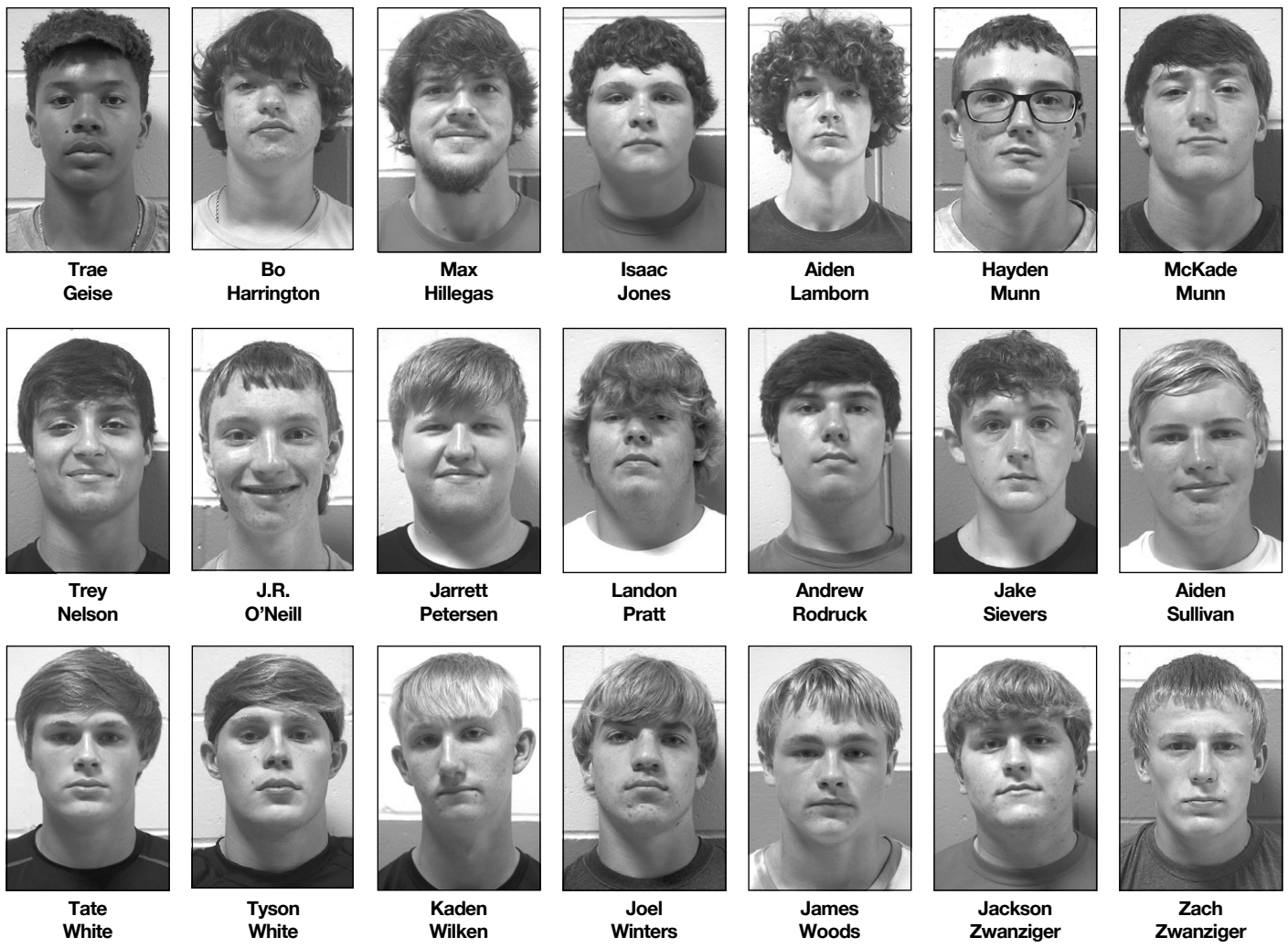
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# Huskies reload to take another shot at state



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Members of the Nashua-Plainfield cross country team finish off a warmup run during an early morning practice last week.

Nashua-Plainfield cross country girls reload; boys to get valuable experience

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

It's not often a team loses a 1-2 punch like Chloe Matthews and Aubrey Eick and doesn't skip a beat.

Nashua-Plainfield's girls cross country team in 2021 may be the rare exception.

Yes, Matthews and Eick are gone and now running at Hawkeye Community College, but the Huskies think they have a legitimate shot of returning to Fort Dodge — home to the state cross country meet — this fall.

It helps that the Huskies have four returning letterwinners — seniors Jennah Carpenter and Kara Levi and sophomores Ellie Eick and Emma O'Neill — who were part of a girls team that

## N-P CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	at Charles City	5 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Wartburg Max	4:50 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Union Invite	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Osage Invite	4:15 p.m.
<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>N-P Invite</b>	<b>4:15 p.m.</b>
Sept. 23	at Central Springs Invite (Manly)	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Iowa Falls Invite	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 5	at South Winn Invite	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	at New Hampton Invite	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 14	at TIC meet (NIACC)	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	State qualifying meet	TBA

earned a regional runner-up finish and the Huskies' first trip, as a team at least, to the state meet in nine years.

Throw in the fact that there is another star waiting in the wings, and Nashua-Plainfield

coach Jenn Kalainoff is excited for a 2021 season that kicks off a week from today (Thursday) at the Charles City Invitational.

"Having that experience of running down in Fort Dodge is so great for many reasons,"

she said. "First off, it is such a reward for hard work put in. But also, it really helps these runners come in with some confidence and realize what they are capable of out on the course. Honestly, we are about the same team as we were last year [because] Kadence will be out front and can fill Chloe's shoes."

Kadence would be Kadence Huck, a freshman blessed with speed and a killer instinct.

"I don't want to put too much pressure on Kadence," Kalainoff said. "She's good, but I also want to focus on her having fun and relaxing. She just has what you can't coach in kids — she really hates to be beat. It really

**SEE CROSS COUNTRY, 7**

## Huskies want to just focus on football

Key skill players return as Huskies look to turn the tide

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**  
Of the Reporter

How does one define success? For the Nashua-Plainfield football team — it's called hopping off the struggle bus. Detour next right to "Winsville" would be the preferred stop and destination.

That would be as good a start as any for second-year head coach Andrew Christensen and his Huskies in an effort to come out on top of games that have seemed elusive over the course of the last few seasons.

Bottom line — it was a bumpy ride for N-P in 2020 and sitting in the back of the big yellow bus with nowhere to go is not a good feeling.

"I think things are overall moving along more smoothly this year. Last year there were so many unknowns about the year and combining that with it being my first year, there were a lot of struggles," said Christensen.

In Christensen's first year of directing N-P, his Huskies slogged their way to a 1-7 mark in Class A, which included an 0-5 record in district games played.

"I think being able to worry about football more and outside things less will help as much as anything. The biggest thing



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Nashua-Plainfield's Andrew Rodruck (52) and Jackson Zwanziger provide pass protection in a game played against Postville last season.

that continues to be a process is breaking bad habits, and that is a process that usually takes more than one year," said Christensen.

Building a program back up — brick by brick — isn't easy. But Christensen's Huskies have made small strides toward a larger goal — which is to be competitive on a nightly basis.

"The two biggest things are buying in to doing all of the little things well and understanding that they have success every day even when they feel like they may not be," said Christensen.

Under the bright lights on Friday night — competitive contests were few and far between for N-P. Outside of a 30-6 win over a winless Postville squad last season that scored all of three touchdowns in 2020 — the Huskies were outscored in their seven losses by an average score of 35-6.

Ouch. Granted, the majority of those points scored against N-P came against traditional powers St. Ansgar, Lake Mills, West Fork, Mason City Newman and South Winneshiek.

But things have to get better in 2021 for the Huskies, right?

Even with the scant amount of triumphs the Huskies were able to achieve out on the gridiron last autumn, optimism still abounds in 2021.

Back this year are a boatload of skill players across the board for Christensen.

**SEE FOOTBALL, 4**

## New volleyball coach ready for 'special' season

Foelske excited to have chance to coach her daughter and her friends in their senior year

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**  
Of the Reporter

The bond between a mother and daughter can be one of the strongest connections in the world.

So when Mindy and Makenzie Foelske hit the hardwood this fall for the Nashua-Plainfield Husky volleyball team — a family type atmosphere will take center stage.

The 2021 season will be filled with hugs, high 5's and an occasional shout now and then to make sure the Huskies understand the task at hand.

But that's just what families do anyway.

Mindy is N-P's new head coach and Makenzie is her daughter — N-P's electric senior outside hitter that leads a team that has just nine girls on its varsity roster, including two other key senior returnees. But those three seniors and the rest of the Husky squad should fit right into the Foelske family.

"The girls' motto this year is 'strong alone, unstoppable together,'" said Mindy.

Those two other seniors — libero Abbie Hyde and middle Breanna Hackman — will also be key contributors for an N-P team that went 12-17 in 2020 and 4-4 in the Top of Iowa Eastern Division.

"This year as a head coach it's super special because she (Makenzie) is a senior," said Mindy. "That whole group of seniors are kind of like daughters. They've always been there and they've always been super good friends. They're definitely a special bunch of girls."

Win or lose — this will be a season to remember for N-P, especially for the seniors and the Foelskes.

"They've kind of grown up with me watching them and being there for them since they were fourth graders," said Mindy. "So that makes it really special."

Mindy takes over for Amber McCall — who guided N-P for the past five seasons. Mindy was an assistant under McCall for the last two seasons. She's excited to hit the ground running and strive for a top-three finish in the always tough Top of Iowa East Division. The Huskies played to a fifth-place finish last year behind the preseason ninth-ranked Green Devils, St. Ansgar, North Butler and Central Springs.

"I just know there's a lot of potential. Osage is obviously going to stand in the way of a lot of stuff," said Mindy. "That's just a given. I do think they can compete with Osage."

Mindy, a 1997 N-P grad, will count on her daughter to show once again the all-around talent that made her a second-team all-conference pick as a junior last autumn. Makenzie flourished out on the court — leading the Huskies in several statistical categories. She was tops on the team in kills (134) and aces (36).

Throw in the fact that Makenzie is the ultimate team player and it's a no-brainer as to why she has been a repeat selection on the all-league team.

"She's one that is so coachable that it doesn't really matter who's coaching her," Mindy added.

Hyde was honorable mention all-conference and her 274 digs ranked her fifth-best in the conference. Her serving efficiency of 97 percent would have been ranked No. 2 in the league had she met the minimum requirement of 240 serve attempts. Hyde had only five serving errors in 181 attempts.

Hackman, another multi-sport star like Makenzie and Hyde, has risen to the ranks of becoming a dominant force near the net for the Huskies. She slammed down 119 kills to the court as a junior in 2020 and led the team in blocks with 31.

"The biggest improvement we've had is 'Hack.' She's grown a ton since her sophomore year



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Nashua-Plainfield's Paige Ripley (2) and Abbie Hyde celebrate a Husky point in a regional match against Riceville last fall.

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