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Jail must stay open

Sheriff and his staff have adapted during pandemic

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of The Reporter

Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann remembers sitting in his office a year ago and trying to come up with answers to issues he prayed would never arise.

What if he got COVID-19? What would happen if all his deputies either got this thing called Coronavirus or had to quarantine? How do we handle an outbreak in the jail? How would dispatch work if those who man the phones and serve as jailers had to stay at home?

"Everything was so unknown," he said, "and I think we could have dwelt on all the bad things that could happen or we could be as proactive with prevention as we could. I'm not going to lie, some of the possibilities were a little scary — maybe even a lot scary. Seriously, what do you do if you have no one to patrol? But we just had to focus on what we had control over."

So Hemann and his staff set up numerous COVID protocols — both for patrolling and in the jail — and hoped for the best.

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Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann checks in on an inmate at the county jail in New Hampton.



Photos courtesy of Darin Cerwinski

Worshippers gather at Cedar Point Church for a service during the Christmas season while a group of church members (below) do a little caroling at a Nashua home as the church continued to reach out to those most affected by the pandemic.

FAITH-BUILDING PANDEMIC

CEDAR POINT PASTOR BELIEVES COVID-19 HAS LED MORE PEOPLE TO FIND GOD

By **DOROTHY HUBER**
Of the Reporter

While Nashua's Cedar Point Church doesn't have a long history — it's about 10 1/2 years old — there's never been a year quite like the last 12 months.

And hopefully that saga won't repeat itself anytime soon.

Pastor Darin Cerwinski has been at the church since it was established with the help of the Bethany Alliance out of Charles City in 2010. He said, for the most part, normalcy has returned.

"We have about 190 people who call this place home," said the Nashua native. "Even now, there are a few families that haven't

returned to church. I'm staying in touch with them, but they are going to stay away until they are vaccinated, most of them have brand new babies. But I'd say about 90 percent of our parishioners are back. What I found interesting is, in the year of COVID, the number of first-time visitors we've had. I don't know if this is because of all the turmoil, maybe people are searching for God?"

A 1992 graduate of Nashua High School, Cerwinski was among the last of the "Bulldogs," and his sense of community has remained strong. Last year the church, to encourage local businesses hurt by

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Nashua-Plainfield students who have qualified for the state National History Day Contest are (front row, from left) Madelyn Hennings, Connor Sullivan, Chris Niedert, Caleb Sinnwell, Nevaeh Bloker, Ava Kirk, Elexa O'Neill, (middle row) Kamryn Zimmer, Tyler Zimmer, Jordyn Frost, Maci Malven, Alyson Reints, Paige Franzen, Kadence Huck, Cam Cleveland, (back row) Alison Mehmen, Brady Lensing, Lucas Pierce, Aiden Sullivan, Cal Levi, Eden Lamborn, Grace Dietz and Myranda Webster.

N-P History Day students shine virtually at districts

Despite challenges caused by the pandemic, team qualifies school record 14 projects for state contest

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

So much has changed this year when it came to National History Day.

Students didn't travel to a district contest; instead, they submitted their projects virtually and did so to a variety of districts.

The late-night sessions happened, but not in Nashua-Plainfield teacher Suzy Turner's room necessarily.

And the 1-on-1 conversations between judges and competitors didn't take place. But one thing didn't change: Nashua-Plainfield remained a National History Day powerhouse — qualifying a school-record 14 projects for the upcoming state contest, which like the district contests, will be held virtually.

"I'm really proud of our kids

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and how much work they put into their projects," said Turner, who has led the school's History Day program for more than 15 years, "because, let's face it, this has been a tough year. All the cool 'extras' aren't there."

Those extras include getting a day off from school to travel to contests, the team meals like the one at Hickory Park in Ames before the state contest, getting a night in a hotel and seeking that almost week-long trip to the Washington, D.C., area for the National History Day contest.

"That's the fun part of History

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Dan Levi and his son, Cal, man the sound board at Center Point Church in Nashua.

Church finds unique ways to 'connect'

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the pandemic, bought and gave away \$1,200 worth of gift cards, which was well-received and enforced his favorite motto.

"It's the same thing Jesus teaches us, 'it's not about you, it's about the you beside you.' Do things to be a blessing to our community. During the weeks that our worship services and student ministries were not meeting face-to-face, there were a few other creative things we did to stay connected.

"We made communion packets for families to pick up so we could celebrate communion together while watching online. We 'Ding-Dong-Ditched' all 100 of our youth, delivering Ding Dongs to their houses. And the Sunday morning of Mother's Day, before our online service began, our elders delivered fresh, homemade cinnamon rolls to each mother in our church family."

Quite a chore, since there were 10 zip codes; Oelwein to Floyd, Greene to

Fredericksburg and everywhere in between. Because of the overwhelming amount of work and stress that the school district staff was going through trying to navigate the extra requirements that the pandemic put on them, Cerwinski and crew bought every Nashua-Plainfield staff member a Scratch cupcake as a way to encourage them. "It was humbling the amount of comments and thanks that we received from this simple gesture."

As services were already online for a number of years, that didn't change during COVID. "If anything, it helped us improve our online services," said Cerwinski. "Like most people, we use Zoom more now, we have Zoom bible studies, especially last year when we couldn't meet."

After shutting down in-person services for six weeks last spring, the church opened its doors when it was allowed. Masks were optional until October. "The last week of October we made them mandatory — when the cases were rising in Iowa — and we stayed that way until the Governor lightened up restrictions. About a third of our

people still wear them. We still have sanitizer for people to use, and clean all the time but we're pretty much back to normal."

That includes a Wednesday night Easter Family Fun night for families with elementary age students. "It's like an escape room, kids go from room to room looking for clues, each room has a bible verse to direct you to another room and another clue. It takes you through the Easter story."

Since the event was cancelled last year, a scavenger hunt around town took place instead.

But the pastor was looking forward to returning to the Family Fun night, as well as activities with the K-12 youth ministry — about 100 members strong — and the Easter Sunday 10 a.m. services.

"Oh yeah, I'm definitely excited to be able to celebrate. Last year was a blow. But the church has always adapted to obstacles that we've had to overcome in its history."

"Easter is the greatest day on the calendar, in my opinion. If there's no resurrection, there's no Christian faith."

Briefs

State treasurer awards \$529 college savings contribution to area families

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald recently awarded a \$529 College Savings Iowa contribution to the Hackman family of Ionia, as thirteen year-old Hayden was randomly drawn as the Chickasaw County winner and the Kopp family of Elma, with one year-old Lucius drawn as the Howard County winner of the 2020 College Savings Iowa Year-End Giveaway.

"I'm happy to award this contribution as a way to help another family with their education savings journey," stated Fitzgerald. "College Savings Iowa giveaways are a great opportunity to reach individuals and families around the state and inform them about the benefits of saving with a 529 plan."

College Savings Iowa celebrated the year-end and gift-giving season with a giveaway in each of Iowa's 99 counties. The 99 county winners each received a \$529 College Savings Iowa contribution, and one grand prize winner received a \$1,529 College Savings Iowa contribution. "Nothing is better than giving 100 gifts to 100 families around the state," Fitzgerald said. "I'm optimistic these contributions will inspire our future generations to pursue their education and career aspirations."

College Savings Iowa is a 529 program that lets parents, grandparents, friends and relatives invest for education expenses on behalf of a future scholar. If an Iowa taxpayer is a College Savings Iowa account owner, they can deduct up to \$3,474 in contributions per beneficiary account from their state taxable income in 2021.

The education institution does not have to be in Iowa and includes colleges, universities, community colleges, trade schools, apprenticeship programs and more. College Savings Iowa holds over \$5.9 billion in assets and more than \$3.3 billion has been withdrawn for qualified education expenses.

Charles City Chamber to host ChickFest this Saturday

It is back and it is on! ChickFest returns to Charles City on Saturday, April 3, with a fun day of shopping, dining and hanging out with your lady friends.

Started in 2013 as a way to welcome spring and spotlight the wonderful shops and dining establishments the community has to offer, ChickFest has become a popular Charles City tradition.

Many participating locations will be offering exciting activities, ranging from sampling and special services to prize drawings or informative presentations.

To award the early "chicks," the first 100 ladies, ages 18 and over, who line up at The Charles Theatre on April 3 will be treated to a bag full of treats and offers from local merchants. Doors will open at 9 a.m.

A full list of participating merchants is available at <https://www.facebook.com/ShopCharlesCity>

Community information and directions will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charles City Area Chamber of Commerce office at 401 North Main St., phone (641) 228-4234.

Iowa families can apply for 2021 Century, Heritage Farm programs

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig encourages eligible farm owners to apply for the 2021 Century and Heritage Farm Program now.

The program was created by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to recognize families who have owned their farms for 100 years and 150 years, respectively.

"The Century and Heritage Farm program is a great way to recognize the strength and resiliency of Iowa's multi-generation farm families, especially after an exceptionally challenging year," said Secretary Naig. "I am very grateful for the investments they make to protect our rich farmland and their continued commitment to our state's agriculture community."

To apply, download the application on the Department's website at iowaagriculture.gov/century-and-heritage-farm-program.

Applications may also be requested from Kelley Reece, coordinator of the Century and Heritage Farm Program, at 515-281-3645 or Kelley.Reece@IowaAgriculture.gov. Written requests can be mailed to Century or Heritage

Farm Program, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Henry A. Wallace Building, 502 E. 9th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

To be included in the 2021 Century or Heritage Farm Program completed applications must be received by the Department by June 1.

This marks the 45th anniversary of the Century Farm program, which

started in 1976 as part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration. To date, more than 20,000 farms from across the state have received this recognition.

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HE HAS RISEN!

JOHN'S GOSPEL TELLS US THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

— John 20



Bob Fenske/Reporter

The dispatch area at the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office recently received \$100,000 in technological upgrades, and dispatchers are cross-trained and cross-certified to serve as jailers.

Jail expenses down because of pandemic

JAIL: FROM 1

For the most part, they got the best.

There was no COVID outbreak, either among the 18 Sheriff's Office employees or in the jail. Deputies continued to patrol Chickasaw County roads and highways. Jailers and dispatchers — who are actually "one in the same" because they are cross-certified — continued to take phone calls, call officers and guard inmates.

"When this first started, we had no idea what was going to happen," Hemann said, "and honestly, I think that wasn't just us, that was everyone. Are we all going to get sick? I mean, that was the question we had, but we also knew we still had a job to do. Crimes don't go away in a pandemic."

Granted, the Sheriff's Office, along with law enforcement agencies around the country, had to make adjustments. The law side and the order side — the courts — worked together, and some people who would have been booked into jail for certain crimes like driving while revoked were cited "directly into court." PPE became just as important as an officer's weapon or radio.

"When we made traffic stops," Hemann said, "we gloved up, we had masks, we had thermometers so we could check temps. I've been in law enforcement for a long time, and if you would have told me 20 years ago, we'd be carrying thermometers around, I probably would have thought you lost it."

Crime may not have taken the pandemic off, but some things did slow down.

The number of civil papers



The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office and Jail are housed in a building that was constructed in 1955. Voters that year approved a bond referendum for \$30,000 and that money, along with \$70,000 in funds the county saved, led to the construction of the new building across the street from the courthouse in New Hampton.

served by deputies dropped dramatically because of safeguards put into place by state and federal officials to help those who had lost jobs or saw their hours dramatically cut because of the pandemic.

The jail, meanwhile, had historically low inmate counts, especially last spring and summer.

In May 2020, the average inmate count in the jail was 1.3 and it didn't go up all that much in the next few months.

Hemann said a ballpark average for the jail is that it houses five inmates a day, a figure it reached just twice in 2020. Not surprisingly, those two months were January and February, i.e., before the pandemic arrived in Iowa.

"We weren't having court, we weren't always bringing people in that we used to," he said, "and I don't want people to get the wrong idea. People are going to serve time if they're

found guilty, but there's a backlog right now and you can see us coming out of it."

On Wednesday, for example, the county's little jail that was built in 1955 and is licensed to house nine inmates was full.

"I'm not going to say [COVID] is over, but we are seeing more normalcy," he said.

During a Board of Supervisors meeting that was held last week, Hemann said that although jail "revenues" — the county receives \$50 a day for room and board from inmates — were down, so, too, were expenses. With less inmates, there's been fewer meals, fewer inmates being housed out of county and less travel for deputies.

"The past few months we've seen an uptick," he said, "and that's a sign to me that we are at least heading back to normal."

But Hemann, Jail

Administrator Jordan Gansen and the entire Sheriff's Office have become experts in cleaning and sanitation.

"I think we always ran a clean jail," Hemann said, "but we've all taken another step forward. The last thing we want is to have an outbreak with our staff or in the jail. So we're doing everything we can."

As he gave the reporter a tour of the jail, he pointed out the cleaning supplies in the booking room and the Sheriff's Office garage.

"I don't think that's going to go away — that stressing cleaning and sanitizing — when the pandemic is over," he said. "It's just the way it's going to be. The plexiglass is probably going to stay at the courthouse, in businesses and things like that because, let's face it, that's the new normal."

TAYLOR TIPS:

Common Myths about Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapy can help me get a job, right?! Buzt - wrong! But not we all wish! This is one of the many common myths our society holds about occupational therapy. April is Occupational Therapy Month and to celebrate we would like to bust a few crazy occupational therapy myths!

Truth: Occupational therapy actually refers to any and all tasks that we want to, or need to complete during activities of daily living. Those tasks may include helping with the skills/functions you need to get back to work; however, it also relates to homemaking, caregiving for others, cleaning, taking care of yourself, shopping, driving, and so much more! Occupational therapists help turn hopeless into hope, can't into can, and impossible into possible!

Myth: Occupational therapy is only for elderly /older individuals.

Truth: Occupational therapists can work with any individual, from birth through death. An adult may seek treatment by an occupational therapist for a variety of reasons including debility due to illness, hand/arm injury, and job ergonomics. A specialty service within occupational therapy, pediatric occupational therapy, is specifically geared towards the kiddo population. Play, family involvement, and one-on-one care are exclusive to the pediatric therapists' care of children with the goal of assisting each child to reach their maximum potential!

Myth: Occupational therapists only work in the medical setting.

Truth: Outpatient clinics, nursing homes and schools - Oh my! Occupational therapists are not contained only to the medical setting - they can work almost anywhere! Although frequently seen in private clinics, home health, nursing homes and hospitals, you can also spot a caring occupational therapist in mental health settings, community programs or with private companies.

Myth: Occupational and physical therapists are the same.

Truth: Both are healthcare professionals who assist with essential health care services? Yes! Both serve to help you reach goals? Yes! Both help you reach the same types of goals? No! Physical therapy can focus on strength and movement at a particular body region with goals that are related to it. Occupational therapy often focuses on the entire person and the "big picture" goals related to activities of daily living.

Hopefully this has shed some light on the what's what, or what is not, of occupational therapy! Happy Occupational Therapy Month to all those occupational therapists who are providing exceptional health-care and helping people live their lives to the fullest!



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WWII museum honors N-P senior

Pierce earns prestigious award for strong record of volunteerism and activism

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Lucas Pierce is appreciative of the honor; after all, it's a huge one.

He just wishes it had been bestowed in any year but this one.

The Nashua-Plainfield High School senior has been named Iowa's winner of The National WWII Museum's Billy Michal Student Leadership Award recipient.

In any other year — or at least in any other year without COVID-19 — that would mean Pierce would be packing for a three-day trip to New Orleans, where the museum is located. And he'd be rubbing elbows with some pretty famous awards at the museum's American Spirit Awards program that was scheduled to be held on June 18.

Past recipients of the American Spirit Awards include folks like President George H.W. Bush, Tom Hanks, the late Sen. John McCain, author Stephen Ambrose and longtime NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw.

"I'm not going to lie, I'm a little bummed because I'd love to see the museum," Pierce said, "but it's a really cool honor. I can't change the fact that I can't go, but to get the award is still really nice."

The Billy Michal Student Leadership Awards is given annually to one student in every state who has maintained a strong record of volunteerism, demonstrates school and community activism, and helps implement creative solutions to recognized

problems.

Each honoree will be virtually recognized at the Museum's American Spirit Awards program taking place June 18.

The leadership award, which the Museum first presented in 2017, was created in honor of Billy Michal, who was a child living in Louisiana during World War II. At only six years old, Michal helped his one-room school win a statewide scrap metal-collection contest during the war, proving that every citizen could contribute to victory.

Michal's achievement demonstrated the positive impact the American spirit could have on the Home Front war efforts, and he continues to inspire students across America today.

"It's extremely gratifying to recognize students throughout the nation for the wonderful contributions they make to their local communities," said Stephen J. Watson, President and CEO at The National WWII Museum.

"During World War II, our country needed everyone to come together for a common goal of securing freedom and democracy around the world. Much like Billy Michal's contribution over 75 years ago, our student honorees prove that their positive actions, no matter how big or small, can make a difference in their communities. We are proud to honor their accomplishments."

As an accomplished musician and filmmaker, Pierce has used his considerable instrumental and technological talents to

honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans, in cooperation with the local VFW, by playing Taps at over 50 military funerals, and by preserving veteran stories through film.

Most recently, he overcame the obstacles posed by restrictions placed on in-person gatherings due to the global pandemic, by producing a virtual Veterans Day program that continued his school's annual tradition of honoring local military veterans.

The National WWII Museum's American Spirit Awards — presented by Hancock Whitney — is a multiday event consisting of a patron reception, premier gala, and awards luncheon and leadership forum, which is where the Billy Michal students will receive their awards.

In addition to the Billy Michal winners, the recipients of the Museum's American Spirit Award, American Spirit Medallion and Silver Service Medallion will be honored throughout the event.

The 2021 American Spirit Award honorees include World War II veteran Richard Duchossois, world-renowned presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker and Harvard University Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Military Historian Victor Davis Hanson, and former Secretary of State and National Security Advisor the Honorable Henry Kissinger.



Pierce

Briefs

Public Health taking names COVID-19 vaccine list

Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services is asking all residents who want the COVID-19 vaccine and are not currently on a list to call a phone number that will be available only this week.

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced on March 17 that she was opening up vaccines to the entire general public, and Chickasaw County Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter said that residents can call 641-229-8013 this week.

But Welter emphasized that residents need to understand that Public Health is compiling a list and not saying exactly when those who get on the newest list will be vaccinated.

"It all depends on the amount of vaccine we receive," Welter said, "but we want to get a list ready so that once we do have the vaccine available, we can let people know when to come into our office."

Conservation Board to hold kayak float April 8 at Sweet Marsh

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will hold a Spring Migration kayak float on Thursday, April 8, at Sweet Marsh Wildlife Area near Tripoli.

Participants will talk about paddle safety before heading out to see what kinds of waterfowl and wildlife there is to be encountered. All participants will be required to wear life jackets.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and pre-registration is required and can be made by calling 641-394-4714.

Make sure that you dress with the possibility of getting wet and bring your binoculars.

Pony Express Camp Sunnyside fundraiser to ride again this Friday

It's been two years since the Pony Express has made its way through Chickasaw County, but it will return this Friday.

Riders are expected to parade will begin their ride — in which horses "switch off" every mile — north of Lime Springs in Howard County before making their way into Chickasaw County as part of the two-day ride that raises money for Camp Sunnyside.

The Pony Express always has been held on Good Friday, but officials had to cancel last year's ride because of concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Energy assistance applications being taken through April 30

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEI-CAC) Family Service Offices are taking applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through April 30.

All homeowners and renters are eligible to apply for the program.

Bremer County residents can call 319-352-4532 and Chickasaw County residents should call 641-394-2007 for more information on the program.

Advisor: Kids excel when they get to choose what interests them

HISTORY DAY: FROM 1

"Day," said senior Lucas Pierce, whose individual documentary titled "PRIVATE SNAFU: Training Through Animating" was one of the 14 Nashua-Plainfield projects that qualified for the state contest, "but I'm enough of a history nerd, that I still wanted to do it."

So, too, did a lot of other students, especially in the junior high division; in fact, 10 of the 14 state-bound projects were put together by students who competed in the Junior Division (grades 6-8) at the district level.

In addition to Pierce's documentary that details animated training videos made by Warner Brothers during World War II, the other state qualifiers

included:

- Senior Individual Documentary: Aiden Sullivan, "Covert Communication During the Cold War: The Corona Satellite Program."

- Junior Group Documentaries: Cal Levi, Paige Franzen, Kadence Huck, and Cam Cleveland, "From Rural RN to Healthcare Hero: Barbara Fassbinder's Passionate Plea For PPE;" Grace Dietz and Madelyn Hennings, "Morse Code: Transforming Communication One Tap at a Time."

- Junior Group Websites: Connor Sullivan and Chris Niedert, "Communicating For A Cure: One Dime At A Time;" Eden Lamborn and Kamryn Zimmer, "Frida Kahlo: The

Message Of Her Art."

- Junior Individual Website: Caleb Sinnwell, "Ghost Army: Deceptive Communication and the Power of Illusion;" Alison Mehmen, "Lost and Found: Missing Children, Milk Cartons, and Messaging."

- Senior Paper: Myranda Webster, "Deutsch Verboten: Iowa's Babel Proclamation Leads to Discrimination."

- Junior Paper: Alexa O'Neill, "The Lady With The Lamp: Florence Nightingale Shines A Light On Health Care."

- Senior Group Exhibit: Maci Malven, Jordyn Frost, and Alyson Reints, "The 1965 Watts Riots: Promoting Progress Through Protest."

- Junior Group Exhibit: Tyler Zimmer and Brady Lensing,

"Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels: From Message to Massacre."

- Junior Individual Exhibit: Ava Kirk, "The Kindertransport: The Message of Hope;" Nevaeh Bloker, "Jesse Owens: Fast Forward For Racial Progress."

"I am so proud of the students' diligent scholarship and their desire to keep improving their projects," Turner said, referring to the fact that the state qualifiers are already working on improving their projects. "This demonstrates how intrinsically motivating it is to participate in National History Day. I truly believe students enjoy learning about history when they get to choose their topic and this year is proof positive of that belief."

Iowa DNR announces it will perform a number of prescribed burns this spring

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be conducting prescribed burns this spring on wildlife management areas managed by the Iowa DNR's Cedar-Wapsi Wildlife Unit in Floyd, Chickasaw, Butler, Bremer and Buchanan counties.

Areas scheduled for burns are

Restoration Marsh in Floyd County; Sweet Marsh, Aldo Leopold, Heffernan and Walnut Bend in Bremer County; Upper Wapsi and Wapsi Flats in Chickasaw County; Big Marsh, West Fork Access, Lower West Fork and Blackmun Prairie in Butler County; and Cedar Rock and Troy Mills in

Buchanan County.

Prescribed burns are used to improve wildlife habitat, control invasive plant species, restore and maintain native plant communities and reduce wildfire potential.

Burns vary in size from two acres to 300 acres or more.

Areas are typically burned every one to five years.

Ground nesting birds such as pheasants, mallards, bobolinks, dickcissels and others benefit from habitat improved with periodic prescribed fire.

Prescribed burns typically begin mid to late morning and are completed

by late afternoon or early evening between late March and early May. Burns will be conducted on a day that meets the objectives and weather conditions defined in the burn plan.

Contact DNR wildlife biologist Jason Auel, 319-213-2815 with any questions or concerns.



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Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

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Saturday, April 3
9:30am Women of Today Modified Easter Egg Hunt at the Husky Wellness Center.
9am-1pm Mi Rincon Boriquero at Posh & Prairie

Sunday, April 4
Happy Easter!

Monday, April 5
4:00pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ Charles City

4:00pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ Charles City
4:30pm Track: Girls V Meet @ Osage HS
4:30pm Track: Boys V Meet @ Osage HS

Tuesday, April 6
9:30am-11:30am Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification
1:30pm-3:30pm Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification

Wednesday, April 7
7:00pm-9:00pm Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification

Thursday, April 8
9:00am-3:00pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ Mason City
4:15pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ Mason City
4:30pm Track: Boys V Meet @ Hudson

Friday, April 9
4:30pm Track: Girls V Meet @ Hampton-Dumont
5pm-7:30pm NP Plainfield Lion's Club Drive Up Fish Fry. Adults \$10 presale/\$11 at the door. Kids 5 and under free.

Saturday, April 10
9am-12:00pm Ladies It's Your Day!
9am-1pm Bowls of Love at Posh & Prairie
5:00pm FFA Banquet

Sunday, April 11
3:30pm-5:30pm Roller Skating Party!

Monday, April 12
8:00am-4:30pm ISU Extension and Outreach Week
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ NP
4:15pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ NP

Tuesday, April 13
8:00am-4:30pm ISU Extension and Outreach Week
9:30am-11:30am Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification
1:30pm-3:30pm Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ St. Ansgar
4:15pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ St. Ansgar

4:30pm Track: Girls V Meet @ NP
4:30pm Track: Boys V Meet @ NP
Wednesday, April 14
8:00am-4:30pm ISU Extension and Outreach Week

Thursday, April 15
8:00am-4:30pm Livestock Lending Agreements Due
8:00am-4:30pm ISU Extension and Outreach Week
5:30pm-7:00pm Extension Council Meeting
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ Northwood
4:15pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ Northwood
5:00pm Track: Girls V Meet @ NH

5:00pm Track: Boys V Meet @ NH

Friday, April 16
Cedar View Park Campground opens for the year
8:00am-4:30pm Junior Summer Camp Registrations Due
8:00am-4:30pm ISU Extension and Outreach Week

Saturday, April 17
9am-1pm Barmyard BBQ at Posh & Prairie

Sunday, April 18
State FFA Convention

Monday, April 19
State FFA Convention
3:00pm-4:30pm 4-H Novice Livestock Workshop
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ NP
4:15pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ NP
5:00pm Track: Girls V Meet @ NH

Tuesday, April 20
State FFA Convention
4:00pm Track: Boys JH Game @ North Fayette Valley HS
5:00pm Track: Boys V Meet @ Charles City

Wednesday, April 21
10:00am-10:30am Fresh Conversations
Friday, April 23
Tom and Sue's on Main Open
12pm-7pm Junk in the Tnmk Antique Fair at the Big 4 Fairgrounds

Saturday, April, 24
Tom and Sue's on Main Open
9am- 3pm Junk in the Tnmk Antique Fair at the Big 4 Fairgrounds.
Country Boy Salvage Barn Sale
9am-1pm Maria's Tacos at Posh & Prairie

Thursday, April 22
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ NP
4:15pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ NP
4:15pm Track: Girls JH Invitational @ Sumner-Fredericksburg
4:15pm Track: Boys JH Meet @ Charles City
4:30pm Track: Girls V Meet @ NP

Friday, April 23
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ NP
4:30pm Track: Boys V Meet @ North Butler

Monday, April 26
9:00am-6:00pm ServSafe Training
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ Sheffield
4:15pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ Sheffield
4:30pm Track: Girls V Invitational @ Sumner-Fredericksburg
4:30pm Track: Boys V Invitational @ Sumner-Fredericksburg

Tuesday, April 27
6:00pm-8:00pm 4-H YQCA Certification
4:15pm Track: Girls JH Meet @ Hudson HS
4:30pm Track: Boys JH Meet @

Hudson HS
Thursday, April 29
4:15pm Track: Girls JH Meet @ NP
4:15pm Track: Boys JH Meet @ NP
5:00pm Track: Boys V Meet @ Dike-New Hartford High School

Friday, April 30
4:15pm Golf: Girls V Meet @ Osage
4:15pm Golf: Boys V Meet @ Osage
4:30pm Track: Girls V Meet @ North Butler



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News from the Nashua Public Library

All in person programs at the Nashua Public Library through May 2021 have been canceled.

But we do have several "events" coming up, including:

- April 5-10: National Library Week – several things happening! Watch for fliers.
- Used book sale, sign up for a giveaway, daily Facebook trivia, Kids, Teens, and Adult Make and Take bags, and tell us why you love your library or what the library has helped you with this past year.
- April 10: Make and Take Kids Bag Pick up (Spring): Preschool (2) – 10 years old- 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- April 10: Make and Take Teen Bag Pick up (lightbulb/sharpie craft): 11-17 years old- 10:30-11:30 a.m. and must sign up ahead of time to guarantee a bag. Limited to 30 bags.
- April 10: Make and Take Adult Bag Pick up (We love our community) painting: Adults only. – 10:30-11:30 a.m. and must sign up ahead of time to guarantee a bag. Limit to 30 bags.
- April 14: Library board Meeting at 7 p.m.

More programs are being planned for the future. Watch for more information to come soon.

SOME OF THE new books we have at the library:

- Fast Ice by Clive Cussler
- Dark Sky by CJ Box
- The Affair by Danielle Steel
- Calder Brand by Janet Dailey
- The Night Gate by Peter May
- The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins
- Coal Miner's Daughter by Loretta Lynn
- Keep Sharp by Sanjay Gupta
- Good Girl, Bad Blood by Holly Jackson
- Meant to Be by Jude Deveraux
- Win by Harlan Coben
- Not Dark Yet by Peter Robinson
- The Other Emily by Dean Koontz
- Danger in Numbers by Heather Graham
- The Consequences of Fear by Jaqueline Winspear
- Eternal by Lisa Scottoline
- Double Jeopardy by Stuart Woods
- The Bounty by Janet Evanovich
- The Palm Beach Murders by James Patterson
- How to Make Everything Gluten Free by Becky Excell
- Well Watered Woman by Gretchen Saffles
- Echoes in the Hallways: 102 Closed Iowa High Schools

by: James Kenyon

- The Path to Sunshine Cove by RaeAnne Thayne
- The Red Book by James Patterson
- No Way Out by Fern Michaels
- Good Girl, Bad Blood by Holly Jackson ****Large Print****
- Walk in my Combat Boots by James Patterson ****Large Print****
- A Fatal Lie by Charles Todd ****Large Print****
- All Fall Down by James Brabazon ****Large Print****

We also now have about 100 AUDIO BOOKS that can be checked out! Stop in and check them out!

NEW DVDS AND Blu-Rays:

- A Magic Christmas - DVD
- The Christmas Switch - DVD
- My Perfect Romance - DVD
- Then Came You - DVD
- The Christmas Club - DVD
- Trading Christmas - DVD
- A Christmas Love Story - DVD
- The War with Grandpa - DVD
- The War with Grandpa - BLU-RAY
- This means war- DVD
- Cats - DVD
- Ice Age- DVD
- Ice Age- BLU-RAY
- Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs- DVD
- Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs- BLU-RAY
- Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas Special- DVD
- Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas Special- BLU-RAY
- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation- DVD
- The Little Mermaid- DVD
- The Little Mermaid- BLU-RAY
- Mulan (Live Action)- DVD
- Mulan (Live Action)- BLU-RAY
- Soul- DVD
- Soul- BLU-RAY

— Compiled by Nashua Public Library
Director Heather Hackman



The cold before the heat!

Cedar Lake was a tad choppy Tuesday afternoon as we endured a cold and windy day in Northeast Iowa, and although it got colder on Wednesday, here's the good news: We are going to be treated to one heck of an Easter weekend.

The National Weather Service is forecasting a high of 70 on Saturday, and it will be even warmer on Easter, as temperatures are expected to approach the 80-degree mark. So enjoy it, springtime in Iowa is on its way.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

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NOTICE

In the Matter of the Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission For Chickasaw County

The Chickasaw County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission will meet on April 29, 2021, at 4:00 pm at the Chickasaw County Courthouse, courtroom for the purpose of appointing (one) Magistrate for Chickasaw County for the term beginning August 1, 2021, and ending July 31st, 2025. All applicants must be personally present for interviews on that date.

1. The Magistrate must be a resident of Chickasaw County or a resident of a county contiguous to this county during the term of office and does not qualify for appointment if at the time of appointment if the applicant will have reached age seventy-two (72).

2. A magistrate shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Iowa.

3. To qualify for appointment, one must file a certified application on the forms approved by the Supreme Court. The application forms may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of District Court between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The

completed application forms (with letter of interest and resume of qualifications attached) and six (6) additional copies must be returned to:

Judge Richard Stochl, Chair of the Magistrate Appointing Commission
Chickasaw County Courthouse
8 East Prospect
New Hampton, IA 50659
By 4:00 p.m. on April 23, 2021.

4. The present salary for a Judicial Magistrate is \$41,232.00 per year.

5. The Magistrate shall work in other counties of the district, when necessary, as assigned by the Chief Judge. The Magistrate may be required to handle mental commitment hearings.

6. The person appointed shall attend the annual school of instruction for Magistrates.

7. For information on Judicial Magistrate appointments, jurisdiction and procedures, see Iowa Code sections 602.6403 through 602.6405.

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COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
March 15th, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, March 15th, 2021, at 9:00 AM with the following members present Byrne, Kuhn, Holthaus, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Zoll was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, Auditor, and Terry Johnson.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for March 15th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the Board Minutes for March 8th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM Public Comment

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to acknowledge the retirement of County Conservation Employee, Denise Straw, effective April 2, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Tim Zoll present at 9:10 AM.

9:10 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the purchase of a new copier machine from Riley's Radio Shack, for the Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$4,600 after trade in value of the nine year old copier. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the amendment of the Sheriff's Second Quarter Report to include Grant funds. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Lisa Welter and Andrea Kime present at 9:26 AM.

Dusty Rolando present at 9:30 AM. 9:30 AM Lisa Welter, COVID Update

Welter and Kime left at 9:45 AM.

9:45 AM Tower Project Update provided by Bernatz, presented by Hackman.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to accept bids for two dedicated 20 AMP twist lock outlets for the Sheriff's building. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consensus of the board to allow Hackman to contact Michael Franke to inquire if land in Nashua may be sold to the County for the Tower Project.

Rolando left at 10:08 AM.

Hemann left at 10:12 AM.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Hackman to approve the Liquor License for the Old Bradford Pioneer Village gift shop. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Sue Breibach present at 10:28 AM. 10:30 AM Sue Breibach

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve Resolution 03-15-21-15 for Postponement of Tax Sale Under Iowa Code Chapter 446.7. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Breibach left at 10:33 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Larry Steege to serve as a Board of Trustee for the Benefited Fire District serving a term expiring December 31, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second Hackman to approve Brad Ellison to serve as Board of Trustee for the Benefited Fire District serving a term expiring December 31, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to approve Todd Warnke to serve as a

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Nashua-Plainfield Community School Special Board Meeting
March 23, 2021

Superintendent Candidate Screening Interviews

JH/HS Media Center

The Nashua-Plainfield Community School District special board meeting/work session was called to order by President Jeff Ulrichs at 4:54 p.m. Also present were Directors Rhonda Poppe, Laura Folkerts, Cody Jensen, and Pay Lentz; Superintendent Keith Turner; Secretary Brittany McNeil; Grundmeyer Leader Services team member Roger Wilcox; five Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock Board members; and RRMR Secretary Angie DeBuhr.

Motion by Poppe, seconded by Jensen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Poppe to enter an exempt closed session to hold the screening interviews for five Superintendent candidates. Candidate names are kept confidential at this time. Each candidate was asked a series of 10 questions, with a 25 minute time limit to answer questions. Board members agreed to invite 3 candidates for formal interviews on April 7th.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Poppe to resume to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lentz, seconded by Folkerts to adjourn the exempt work session at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jeff Ulrichs, President, Board of Directors

Brittany McNeil, Board Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa located at Nashua City Hall 402 Main Street in Nashua, Iowa at 7:00 pm on April 5, 2021. The purpose of this hearing is to bring public awareness to a CDBG Covid-19 Response project and give the public an opportunity to provide input on the project.

Any persons wishing to be heard on this matter will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted through the day of the public hearing at the Nashua City Hall PO Box 38 Nashua, Iowa 50658. Oral questions or comments can be directed to City Hall at 641.435.4156.

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Nashua-Plainfield Board of Directors Special Board Meeting
March 16, 2021

Junior-Senior High School Media Center

The March 16, 2021, special meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Vice-President Rhonda Poppe at 6:32 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Media Center. Also present were directors Pat Lentz, Cody Jensen, and Rhonda Poppe; and three Nashua-Plainfield Educational Support Professionals (NPESP) representatives. The purpose of this meeting was to exchange initial bargaining proposals between the NPESP and the Nashua-Plainfield Board of Education.

Motion by Lentz, seconded by Jensen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The NPESP presented their initial proposal which included: bus drivers who have 10 or more years' experience in the district to be paid \$100 per day and bus drivers with less than 10 years' experience to be paid \$90 per day for the 21-22 school year and receive the same increase as the rest of the support staff for the 22-23 and 23-24 years. Also proposed was 3 year Master Contract language remaining as is. For the 21-22 school year a \$0.65 per hour increase for supports staff, plus \$1.00 per hour increase for Elementary Head Cook (due to required certification by the state). For the 22-23 school year a \$0.65 per hour (\$2.60 per day for bus drivers) increase for supports staff and \$0.50 per hour (\$2.00 per day for bus drivers) increase for the 23-24 year.

The board entered an exempt session to discuss negotiation strategy. After an approximate hour exempt session from 6:43 p.m. to 7:48 p.m., the Nashua-Plainfield Board of Education presented their initial proposal, which included a one year proposal for the 2021-2022 school year, keeping the Master Contract and Handbook language as is. Increase of bus driver wages to \$100 per day for drivers with more than 10 years district experience and \$90 per day for drivers with less than 10 years district experience, \$1.00 per hour increase for Elementary Head Cook (due to required certification by the state), and \$0.75 per hour increase for all other support staff members and decreasing contracts to 172 student days.

After a brief recess, the Nashua-Plainfield Educational Support Professionals (NPESP) accepted the proposal from the Board of Education.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lentz to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Ulrichs, President, Board of Directors

Brittany McNeil, Board Secretary

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Nashua-Plainfield girls bring plenty of firepower to the track and the field

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 8

something, she means it," said Hannemann.

Hackman – also a standout performer in basketball and softball – placed second overall in indoor competition last month at the Dickinson Relays in Cedar Falls. The toss at the UNI-Dome was 38-9. Kendal Clark of Humboldt won the meet with a heave of 42-1. There were 59 entrants in that shot put event.

Also back this year is junior Makenzie Foelske. Foelske – along with then-senior

Makenna Nelson – each ran in the open 100-meter dash at state two years ago. Nelson placed in the money at eighth. Foelske didn't qualify for the finals and wound up 19th. Foelske's time of 13.23 is the second-fastest time in N-P history according to athletic.net. Nelson holds the school record at 12.96.

N-P senior Chloe Matthews is no stranger to success as well out on the oval. Matthews last go-round this spring will be an attempt to break her older sister Callie Matthews' school record in the 1,500. Callie holds the all-

time mark (5:06), while Chloe is second (5:14). Chloe ran to a 17th-place showing in the event at state as a sophomore.

"Chloe is striding towards a lofty goal. I can tell she's put in time during the offseason. She looks strong already. I am confident that goal will be within her reach before the end of the season," said Hannemann.

Also back for Hannemann is senior Aubrey Eick, who placed 22nd at state in the open 800. She has the second-fastest time in that event in N-P lore with a 2:35. Callie Matthews holds the 800 run N-P top mark as well.

Husky junior Jennah Carpenter also ran on the 4x800 state relay team in 2019 along with Eick, Chole Matthews and her older sister Faith Carpenter.

N-P qualified the 4x100 and 4x200 relays to state in 2019 and have two girls back from that event – Foelske and senior Alannah Richards.

"I'm not sure if I've ever had a group of girls work as hard as these girls as working (already) this season," said Hannemann. "They are easy and fun to coach."

Hannemann said sophomore Bailey Fisher and freshman

Ellie Eick are also newcomers to look out for, as they will be key runners that should help lead the Huskies to many top finishes.

Fisher will fill roles in the sprints and also competes in the high jump. Ellie Eick, Aubrey's little sister, will help with relays

and distance events.

Hannemann likes what she sees so far from a squad that will be fun to watch in 2021.

"This group of girls already seems to be bringing something different to the table. They are respectful, coachable and fun," said Hannemann.

Huskies coach: Young guys not afraid to work

BOYS TRACK: FROM 8

the first time in my five years of coaching we will have extremely competitive teams and individuals in all events."

Sudol has three state qualifiers back in senior Blake Lindeland as well as juniors Sam Fundermann and Tyson White.

Fundermann and White were each freshmen when they ran at state on the 13th-place sprint medley team. Lindeland was also on that relay, running as a sophomore. Fundermann was also a member of the 19th-place distance medley N-P relay that ran at state. White was a participant on the Husky 4x400 relay as well, which crossed the tape in the 21st slot in Class 1A. Sudol is most excited about the 4x800

squad this spring and his sprint medley team of White, junior Max Hillegas, Fundermann and senior Derik Auchstetter. Connor Lee, Drew Wilken, Zach Zwanziger and Kendrick Huck comprise the 4x800 relay right now.

"So time will tell in which ones do better as the year progresses but I expect us to get better every single meet," said Sudol.

Auchstetter will be counted on in sprints. He placed 36th in the 60-meter dash at the Dickinson Indoor Relays.

Hayden Munn, McKade Munn, Dylan Blanchard and Aiden Sullivan ran in the 4x400 at the Dickinson Indoor meet held at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls. Sudol's 4x200 is looking like it may include Fundermann, Hillegas, White and

Auchstetter – the same participants in the aforementioned sprint medley foursome.

Lindeland, McKade Munn and Aiden Lamborn are gearing up for big seasons in the field events according to Sudol.

Success doesn't come easy and that's something Sudol has instilled in his athletes. They know they have to practice hard and get every ounce of energy out of their performances to achieve high finishes.

"The thing that I am most impressed with the newcomers of this year is their willingness to work and get after it. These young guys are not afraid of the work and I could see that while I coached some of them in football," said Sudol.

N-P's first meet of the season was at St. Ansgar on Tuesday.

Huskies taking advantage of decent spring weather

GOLF: FROM 8

getting another shot at high school golf, and she'll have to be our leader."

That's because the other two players on the girls golf roster – sophomore Autumn Nelson and freshman Natalie Sinnwell – are newcomers to high school golf.

"Not having a team score is tough," Trost said, "but it also gives us a lot of time to focus on improving their games. That's what I want for all of our golfers. I want them to learn about the game, enjoy it and understand that this is something they can do for the rest of their lives."

On the boys side, though, the Huskies have some veterans; in

fact, half of their 2019 district qualifying team is back on the course this year.

Seniors Derik Auchstetter and Lucas Pierce and junior Trey Nelson all helped the Huskies to a solid second-place finish at the Class 1A sectional tournament two years ago.

Auchstetter and Blake Lindeland are both doing double duty this spring; in addition to playing golf, they are also running track.

"That makes it a little tough, just because we only have them half the time," Trost said, "but at the same time, I'd rather have them do both than do neither."

The Huskies also welcome back Drew Rodruck, a junior who saw some varsity action

as a freshman, and have two newcomers – junior Bryce Anderson and freshman Devon Griffin – on the roster.

The good news is that unlike some years, the Huskies have had plenty of outdoor practices this year as they prepare for their season opener at Charles City on Monday.

"Hitting a ball on a driving range or on a course is so much better than hitting a ball into the net," Trost said, "and obviously, we've had years where when we finally got outside there was still some snow on the course so we'll take this year. ... For our guys, you know, I'd like to see them be competitive and find some consistency. That's been our biggest hurdle to get over with

the boys in recent years."

And as much as Trost would rather take his golfers outside, Wednesday – when the high temperature didn't crack 40 degrees – was used for an indoor, let's-take-a-look-at-the-rules practice before the season starts next week.

"We have some kids who are new to golf," he said, "and we just want to make sure that they understand this is a different sport. You don't have a referee or an umpire to tell you that you did something wrong. It's one of the beautiful things about our game."

"You basically call your own fouls, and I want to make sure our kids know what the rules are before we head to Charles City next week."

ON TAP FOR THE NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES MONDAY

Boys golf vs. Charles City and Osage, Cedar Ridge Golf Course, Charles City, 4 p.m.

Girls golf at Charles City, Cedar Ridge Golf Course, 4 p.m.

Track at Osage Early Bird Coed, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Girls golf vs. Newman Catholic and Osage at Mason City Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Boys golf vs. Newman Catholic and Osage at Highland Park Golf Course, Mason City, 4:15 p.m.

Boys track at Hudson Relays, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Girls track at Hampton-Dumont Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

Girls and boys golf vs. Tripoli, Clarksville and Dunkerton, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Girls and boys golf vs. North Butler and St. Ansgar, Acorn Park Golf and Recreation, St. Ansgar, 4:15 p.m.

Nashua-Plainfield track at Nashua-Plainfield Coed, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Girls and boys golf vs. Northwood-Kensett and Rockford at Northwood County Club, 4:15 p.m.

Track at New Hampton Coed Invitational, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Girls and boys golf vs. Central Springs and Rockford, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Girls track at New Hampton Invitational, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Boys track at Comet Relays, Charles City, 5 p.m.

NOTE: Schedules can change due to the weather; for latest updates see the school website.



Dearetta Ann Johnson, 84

Dearetta Ann Johnson, age 84 of Ionia, passed away on Monday afternoon, March 29, 2021, at the Waverly Health Center, in Waverly.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021, at Republic Community Church in rural Ionia with Pastor Sarah Namukose officiating.

Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Nashua.

Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the church. Memorials may be directed to Republic Community Church and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dearetta was born on Sept. 29, 1936, in Janesville, the daughter of Naomi Bertha (Ragsdale) and Lee Mathews.

She was raised in Janesville and graduated from Janesville High School in 1954.

On July 1, 1955, Dearetta was united in marriage to Ivan Lee Johnson at the United Methodist Church in Janesville. The couple spent their lives together farming near Ionia. Dearetta also worked as a secretary for Ohler Pump and Viking Pump. After 64 years of marriage, Ivan passed away in 2019.

Dearetta was a member of Republic Community Church.



Dearetta Johnson

She loved farming, and growing flowers and vegetables. She also enjoyed being a homemaker, cooking, quilting, crocheting and having pets, especially dogs. However, most of all, time with family gave her the most joy.

Dearetta is survived by her daughter, Christina (Robert) Patton of Ames; son, Rick (Linda) Johnson of Alamogordo, New Mexico; two grandchildren, Jodi Patton; four great-grandchildren, Ashley (Dan) Shirley, Anthony Ross, Mariah (Chad) Lines and Jordan Ross; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dixie (Gerald) VanderWerf of Nashua.

Dearetta was preceded in death by Ivan and her parents.

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BACK WHERE THEY BELONG

AFTER LONG WAIT, N-P GIRLS GET BACK ON TRACK

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Back on track. That's right where the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies belong. It's been a long wait. When the 2021 spring sports season got under way for the Huskies girls track team at St. Ansgar on Tuesday, it broke almost a two-year drought of not officially competing in front of friends, fans and family out on the oval.

The Huskies and the rest of the state can blame COVID-19 for the absence of stopwatches clicking and charting splits or clipboards recording tosses in the shot put pit.

For N-P head coach Kristi Hannemann and her Huskies — they're excited to run — and jump and throw. Oh, and win.

N-P brings back a bevy of talented athletes that all have state meet experience and are looking to dust off any rust that may have accumulated after seeing the 2020 track season wiped out altogether because of the coronavirus.

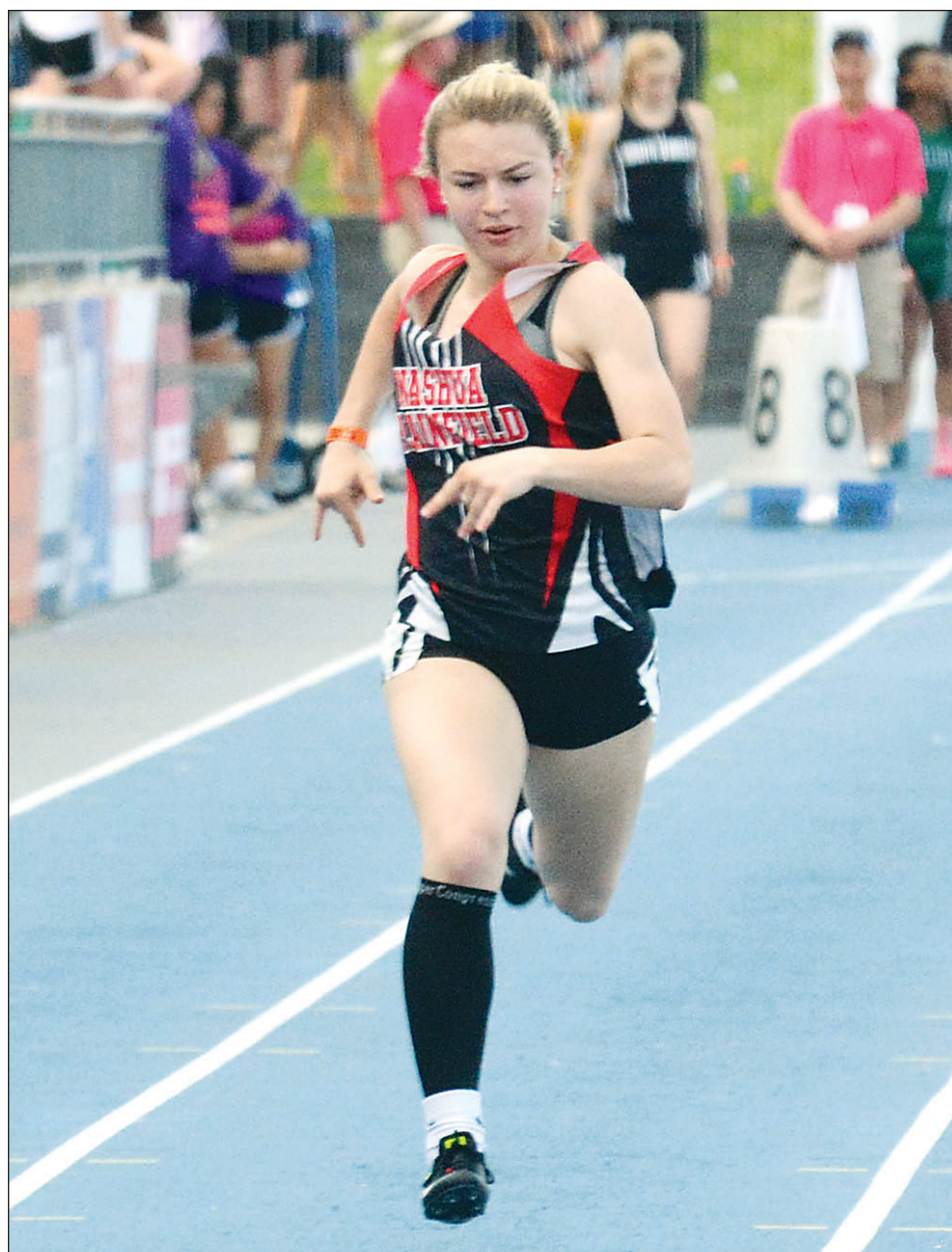
"I get a consistent and clear message that they missed last season and are hungry to experience that success again," said Hannemann.

N-P junior Breanna Hackman isn't just one of the best throwers in Class 1A — she's a top-flight, elite-level talent regardless of class.

Hackman holds the school record in the shot put and she earned herself a ninth-place finish in that event as a freshman at state in 2019. That means she is incredibly motivated to climb the ladder and medal — or maybe even take home a state title back to northeast Iowa.

"Hackman has her goals set high this year and I wouldn't put much past her. I learned the hard way during her freshman year that when she says she going to do

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Reporter file photos
Nashua-Plainfield's Makenzie Foelske (above) competes in the 100-meter dash at the 2019 state track meet while the Huskies' Tyson White (below) gets out of the blocks during a meet at Charles City held earlier that spring.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD BOYS TRACK TEAM FEELS LIKE IT'S ON THE RISE

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Bringin' home some hardware.

Yes, Chase Sudol has set the bar high for his Nashua-Plainfield boys track team in 2021.

And no, that doesn't just mean raising the height of the high jump.

These Huskies are serious about returning from Polk County in May at the state track meet with plenty of medals.

Sudol thinks he has the horses to get it done.

"My goals are special for this track team. It's something we have started to talk about, but I want to accomplish things that haven't be done in many years at N-P. My goal is always to get more and more kids the opportunity to run at state track, but for me, being there can no longer be what we look for as we need to take the next step in bringing home some place winners," said Sudol, N-P's head coach.

His outlook is optimistic, but not brash.

It's not been too long ago when Sudol first took over the track and field program at Nashua-Plainfield that he had less than 10 boys out for the sport.

Fast forward to year No. 5 and 37 Huskies are out and they also have their sights set on a top conference finish.

"My two focal points for the team this year are leadership and competing at high level to win. I want to see our kids succeed and in my opinion, they have the talent to. So it is us coaches job to put them in an event for success," said Sudol.

First things first for N-P will be breaking down a lineup and knowing who to put where in the many relays and field events the sport of track and field offers. Once that is sorted out, look out, because these Huskies are hungry to cross the finish line first and possibly in a record Husky time.

"I think for us to do well in meets it will be a matter of finding what our kids can be good at and to see continued improvement throughout the season," said Sudol. "But at this point and time, with the depth of this team with 37 guys, I think for

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Reporter file photos

Maddy Rodruck (above) is just one of three girls out for golf at Nashua-Plainfield, which means the Huskies won't be able to compete as a team at meets and tournaments.

Undermanned Huskies head to golf course

Nashua-Plainfield has just three girls out for sport; boys will be able to field team

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield coach Jeff Trost would love to have more "numbers" as his Huskies head into the 2021 season, but at the same time, he's not complaining.

"We get to play," he said, "and that's the important thing. Last year was hard on me, I'm not going to lie. I've been doing this for so long it seemed really weird not to be coaching golf in the spring."

After its 2020 season was canceled because of COVID-19, Trost wasn't sure what to expect when he held his first practice.

"I talked to a lot of kids, but not having spring sports last year definitely hurt us when it came to numbers," he said, "but the ones who did come out have been working hard and it'll be interesting to see how we improve throughout the season."

Still, the Huskies for the first time in years, will not be able to field a "full team"

in girls golf. That's because teams must have four golfers compete to compile a team score; Nashua-Plainfield has just three, and only one is a veteran.

Senior Maddy Rodruck is the lone returning letterwinner for the Huskies, and she came on strong late in the 2019 season to post her best rounds at the first round of regionals.

"I would have loved to see what Maddy was going to do last year," Trost said, "because she ended her sophomore season on what for her was a really high note. I'm glad she's

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Derik Auchstetter hits a fairway shot during a meet held in 2019, the last time Nashua-Plainfield golfers were able to take to the course.

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