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Changes coming to city offices

Nashua to have new mayor and probably only one City Council 'holdover'

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

No matter what happens when voters head to the polls in early November, big changes are coming to Nashua city government in 2022.

The city will have a new mayor and, in all likelihood, will have four new City Council members as none of the three incumbents — Tom Johnson, Ashley Ludemann and Scott Cerwinkse — whose terms expire at the end of the year decided to

seek re-election.

A fourth City Council member, Alex Anthofer, is also the lone candidate for mayor, which means if he is elected, the council will have just one holdover, Hal Kelleher III, when it holds its first meeting in 2022. Current Mayor Butch Betsinger, who has served the city since being elected in 2017, decided not to seek re-election.

But voters will have a choice when it comes to filling at least two of the seats as four candidates — Rhonda Dean, Samantha Johnson, Virginia

Ginny Olsen and Ernest Willsher — filed for the pair of four-year terms up for election on Nov. 2. However, no one filed for the one council vacancy that will have a two-year term. That seat is currently held by Ludemann, who was appointed to fill a seat held by Charles Shelby until he resigned earlier this year.

That means that seat will be filled by

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'GOING FOR GOLD' AT NASHUA-PLAINFIELD'S HOMECOMING!

Nashua-Plainfield's homecoming queen and king candidates for this week's celebration include (front row, from left) Makenzie Foelske, Jayla Whiting, Rylee Weiss, Jennah Carpenter, Abbie Hyde, (back row) Tyson White, Sam Fundermann, McKade Munn, Trey Nelson and Max Hillegas. The coronation ceremony will be held Thursday evening at the football field while a pep rally, parade and the football game against BCLUW is set for Friday.

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County has most positive COVID tests since January

Hospital urges area residents to do their part to help stop spread of virus

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County recorded the highest number of positive COVID-19 tests in more than eight months last week and the county's lone hospital released a statement asking residents to help keep their family, friends and neighbors safe.

PUBLIC HEALTH TO HOLD FLU SHOT CLINICS.

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According to Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter's weekly report, 30 residents tested positive for the Coronavirus during the seven-day period that ended on Friday. That's the most positive tests in the county since Welter reported 31 positive tests in the seven-day period that ended Friday, Jan. 8.

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What a weekend!

We take a look back at what turned out to be a heck of a Labor Day weekend at the Big 4 Fair.

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Lawmakers get first redistricting proposal

Nashua's State Senate district would remain pretty much the same but House district would add Cresco

By **JAMES GROB**
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It looks like Todd Prichard might be spending a little more time in Howard County, if he chooses to run again and is re-elected.

He said he's OK with that, as he knows the area well. His in-laws live there and it's where his wife, Ann, grew up.

"I do a lot of business there, too," Prichard said.

Prichard, a Democrat and attorney from Charles City, has been a representative since 2013 and currently represents Iowa House District 52, covering Floyd, Chickasaw and part of Cerro Gordo county.

That region will change, if the Iowa legislature approves the new district maps that were first released to the

public on Thursday.

"Really the only difference for someone from this area that I can see from these state maps is the state House district," Prichard said. "That's my district, and it's about a 33 percent change. Two-thirds of it will be the same as before."

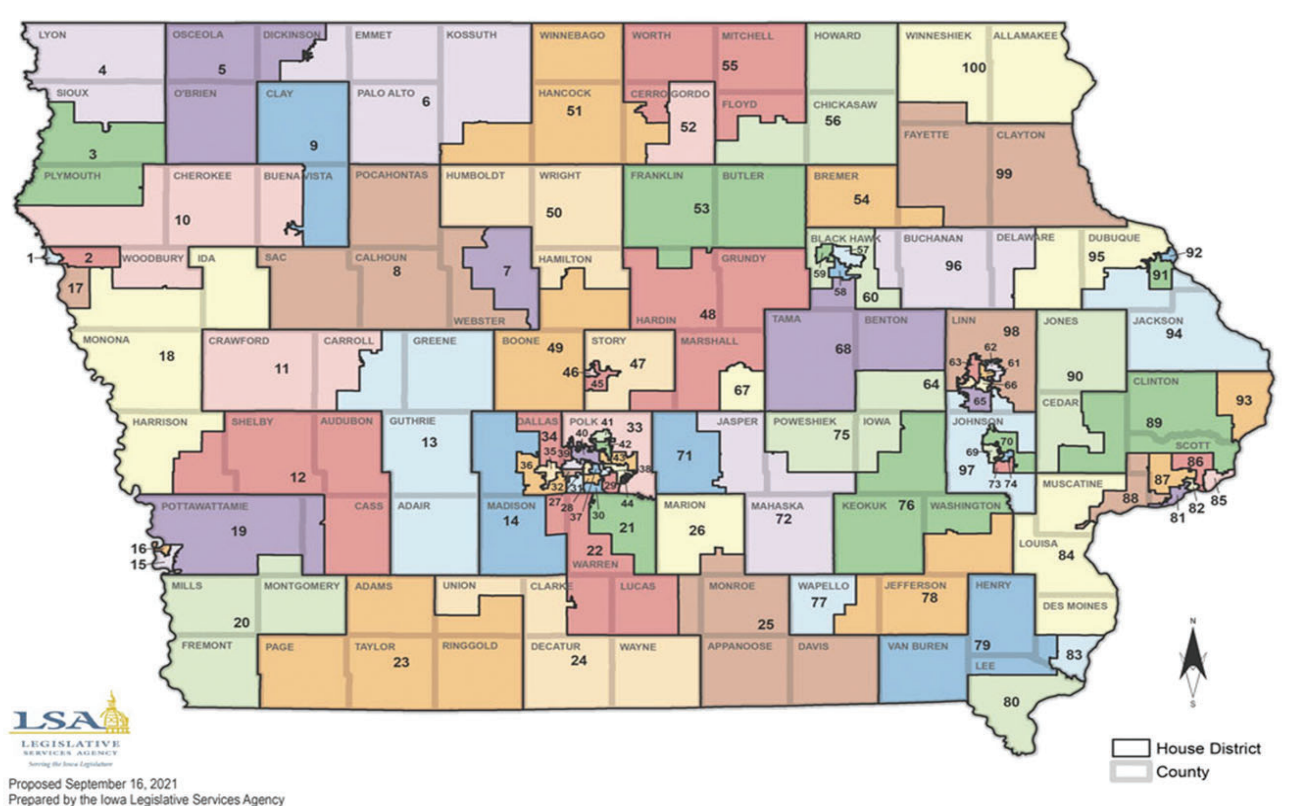
If the maps are approved, Prichard would be in House district 56, which would include all of Howard and Chickasaw Counties, and the southern two-thirds of Floyd County, including the cities of Charles City, New Hampton and Cresco.

House District 52 would now include the eastern half of Cerro Gordo County, while District 55 would include the northern third of Floyd County, all of Mitchell and Worth Counties and

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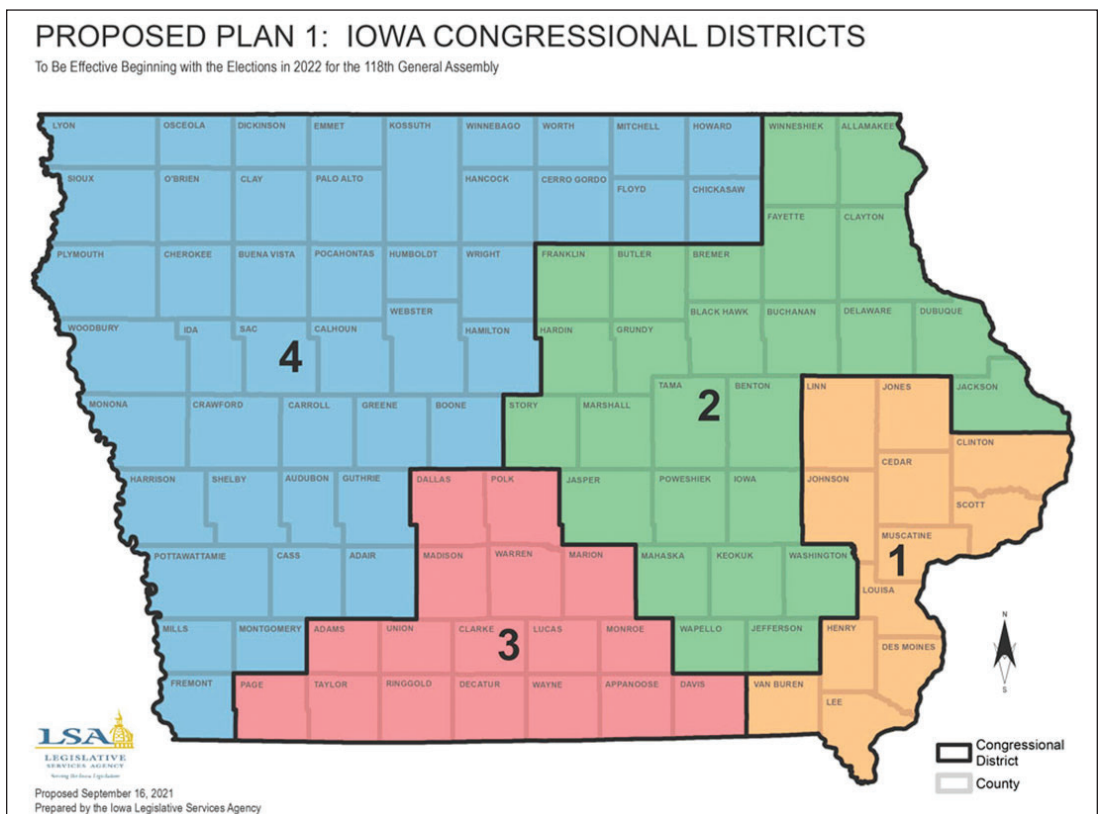
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the northwest corner of Cerro Gordo County.

There was little change in the Iowa Senate districts. Senate District 28 would include all of Floyd, Chickasaw, Howard, Mitchell and Worth Counties and the northwest corner of Cerro Gordo County.

The district lines are redrawn every 10 years. In the U.S. House, Iowa's four congressional districts would include two that lean heavily toward Republicans, one that favors Democrats and one that both parties would have a chance at winning under proposed redistricting maps released Thursday by a nonpartisan agency.

The Legislative Services Agency has redrawn Iowa's political dividing lines to create a southeastern Iowa 1st Congressional District likely to favor Democrats by placing Linn, Johnson and Scott counties in one district. In south-cen-



tral Iowa, the 3rd District would slightly lean Democratic thanks to the inclusion of Polk County, the state's large population base.

The new 4th District would grow even larger, increasing from 39 counties to 44 counties, and still include Chickasaw County. It has long been a Republican stronghold and

could be even more conservative under the new map.

In northeast Iowa, the proposed 26-county 2nd District would gain Story County, home to Ames, and lean more toward Republicans.

Iowa currently has one Democratic representative and three Republicans.

By state law, the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency is responsible for following detailed guidelines to ensure population balance among Iowa's congressional districts and to prevent political influence in the initial drafting of changes.

The agency's report said the ideal congressional district population is 797,592 and each of the new districts are close to that, with the 1st District having 63 more people, the 2nd District 36 under, the 3rd eight people under, and the 4th 18 under.

Now that the first map is provided to the Legislature and the public, a five-member Iowa Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission has 14 days to hold public hearings to gather comment and prepare a report for the Legislature.

The commission has scheduled virtual hearings for this

week, and the Legislature is scheduled to meet in special session beginning Oct. 5 to consider the first proposal.

Republicans hold a majority in the Legislature so they will have the power to approve or reject the first set of maps.

Prichard said the map was non-partisan, and did not receive any political input at all. "I tend to support the map, as opposed to letting the political process influence it," Prichard said. "I think it's the most fair map we can get."

He said that Iowa has a good reputation for drawing up districts and hasn't fallen prey to the gerrymandering that often occurs in other states.

"We've had this system in place for 40 years, and it's a non-partisan group that draws the map," Prichard said. "They're beholden to no one other than to drawing districts that fit the law."

Prichard said he will definitely take the new territory into consideration as he considers whether to run for a House seat again.

"We're a long way out from the next election, I'm not even halfway through this term yet," he said. "Time will tell what I decide to do."

Hospital urges sick residents to stay home

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MercyOne Public Relations and Development Manager Jennifer Monteith said the recent surge — the county has reported double-digit positive tests in each of the last six weeks — has raised the concern of hospital officials.

"Our battle against COVID-19 is not over and we must continue to keep our communities and each other safe. We cannot risk peoples lives by being complacent," hospital officials said in a statement released Friday afternoon. "If you have any symptoms of COVID, please get tested and stay home if you are sick."

"MercyOne continues to encourage all who are eligible to get vaccinated for COVID-19, it's the best tool we have to protect ourselves and our families. Vaccines are highly protective against severe infection, hospitalizations, and death."

Welter's report showed that last week's positive tests came

from a variety of age groups — eight residents in the ages 0-17 group, eight in the 18-49 group, nine in the 41 to 60 group and five in the 61-80 group.

Seven of the positive tests were found in people who had been fully vaccinated while three were found in people who are not eligible to obtain the vaccine.

"I would say we have to be mindful," Welter said, "of what we do and our actions to prevent the spread. I will say it again, but we have to do all those little things — washing our hands, staying home when we're sick — that prevent the spread of any illnesses."

She said Public Health is partnering with Dr. Lucas Brinkman and the Fredericksburg Family Clinic, which now gives county residents four "in-county" locations — the others, in addition to Public Health are MercyOne New Hampton Family Clinic and Bennett Pharmacy — to get the vaccine.

Public Health announces dates for flu-shot clinics

Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services kicked off its annual flu clinics this Wednesday when it distributed flu shots at the Chickasaw County Community Services Building in New Hampton.

Nashua residents, meanwhile, will have a chance to attend a clinic close to home next Tuesday when Public Health will be at the United Methodist Church from 9 to 11 a.m.

The cost of the vaccines are \$40 for a regular flu shot and \$65 for high dose that is geared to residents 65 and older and "Flu Blok" which is for residents ages 18 to 65.

Insurance cards or payments are needed at the time of vaccination, and officials say most insurance plans are accepted. Other flu clinics include:

- Today (Thursday):

Fredericksburg Municipal Hall from 9 to 11 a.m.

- Thursday, Sept. 30: Lawler City Hall Community Room from 9 to 11 a.m.

- Monday, Oct. 4: Ionia Community Library from 1 to 3 p.m.

- Friday, Oct. 8: Zion Lutheran Church in Alta Vista from 9 to 11 a.m.

- Tuesday, Oct. 12: Chickasaw Community Service Building in New Hampton from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We're encouraging all residents to get the flu shot," Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter said. "I know we say that every year, but it's safe and it's the best way to protect you from the influenza. Even if you get the flu, if you've had the vaccine, it almost always means the symptoms you're going to have are going to be a lot less severe than if you didn't get the shot."

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Briefs

Upper Iowa dean's list

Upper Iowa University has announced its dean's list for the 2021 Summer Session.

To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student. Among the honorees were Amber Iriarte, a Nashua resident majoring in business administration.

Fredericksburg Amvets Auxiliary Post to host omelet breakfast Oct. 3

The Fredericksburg Amvets Auxiliary Post No. 90 will host its annual fundraiser — an omelet breakfast — early next month.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Fredericksburg Community Center.

The breakfast, prepared by members of the Fredericksburg Fire Department, will not have advance tickets but freewill do-

nations will be taken at the door the day of the event.

Funds from the breakfast are used to support local community activities and families.

Rendezvous Days set for this weekend in Fort Atkinson

The 45th Fort Atkinson Rendezvous Days will be held this Saturday and Sunday and a variety of events are planned, including one that will precede the event.

A Mike Reicks Chicken Dinner will be held on Friday as a fundraiser to provide matching funds for a National Preservation Grant for the historic fort. The dinner will run from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Atkinson Community Center and tickets are \$12 for those 11 and older and \$6 for children 10 and younger.

The Rendezvous will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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Election law changes will take effect in November

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write-in votes or, if the winner does not accept the seat, by either appointment or a special election.

Meanwhile, the Nashua-Plainfield School Board has just two candidates — Jeff Ulrichs and Patrick Lentz — for its two open seats.

Nashua voters aren't alone in the county when it comes to both having a contested race and a seat that will be decided by write-in votes. Ionia, Fredericksburg and Alta Vista all have contested City Council races while New Hampton and Lawler will have seats to fill in which no candidates filed papers by last Thursday's deadline.

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Officials in the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office are reminding voters that a number of election law changes will go into effect with the 2021 municipal and school elections. Among the changes are:

- Voters must register to vote 15 days before an election, up from the 10 days under the previous law. Voters can still register the day of the election at the polls with both proof of identity and residence.

- The first day county auditors can mail absentee ballots to voters is 20 days before the election. Auditors formerly could mail ballots out 29 days before an election.

- Absentee balloting at an auditor's office can't start until 20 days before the election; in the past, it has been 29 days.

- Absentee ballot requests must be requested 15 days before an election, up five days from previous elections, although if a voter is admitted to a health care facility of hospital 14 or fewer days before an election, they can request an absentee ballot by telephone no later than 4 p.m. on election day.

Beryl Maynard Biekert, 65

Beryl Maynard Biekert, age 65 of Nashua, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, at Republic Community Church in rural Ionia, with the Rev. Sarah Namukose celebrating the service.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 6, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

Interment will follow the service at Horton Cemetery with Beau Biekert and Clint Biekert serving as urnbearers.

Beryl was born on Oct. 20, 1955, to Maynard and Norma (Hansen) Biekert in Charles City, and he, along with his two brothers and one sister, grew up in Nashua, where he received his education and was a member of the Class of 1973 at Nashua High School.

He attended Hawkeye Tech and studied diesel mechanics, but Beryl was born to be a farmer. He had the strong hands to prove it as he spent much of his life working the ground and tending to the animals on the farm near Horton that had been in his mother's family for generations.

Beryl met Jan Gibbs one day at the Town House in Nashua, and they hit it off almost immediately and were married on June 18, 1977, at St. John Lutheran Church. The family grew to include two sons, Beau and Clint, who grew up with a dad that taught them the value



Beryl Biekert

of hard work. They still fondly remember those summer days when Mom went to work and they spent the day raking hay, milking cows and hanging out with Dad.

The Biekerts ran a dairy operation for years, and even after Beryl sold his herd in 2006, he had a soft spot for animals.

Over the years, in addition to those dairy cows, Beryl tended livestock like goats and chickens and always had dogs and cats that were a big part of his family.

Beryl had a one-of-a-kind, infectious laugh, and everyone in a room knew Beryl was there just by hearing the unique sound of that laugh. He loved socializing with his family and his friends, and he was the kind of guy who would do anything for anyone.

Beau and Clint appreciated the trips they took as youngsters with their parents as the Biekerts visited places like the Black Hills, Yellowstone and

Las Vegas. In later years, Beryl and Jan took trips to Alaska, Washington, D.C. and Niagara Falls, and one of Beryl's favorite trips was a two-week jaunt exploring the "Old West" in New Mexico and Arizona.

Beryl had an affinity for firearms, and he loved to shoot and hunt and was a proud member of the National Rifleman's Association. He also loved to ride his Harley-Davidson motorcycles and was a volunteer for the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum.

He had five grandchildren — ages 4 to 9 — who adored Grandpa, but then again, he adored them right back and loved attending their programs and events.

One of the biggest challenges of Beryl's life came in 2016, when his wife of almost 40 years passed away, but he persevered and remained the same laid-back, kind, hard-working man he had always been.

In short, he made his mark on all those that knew him. He was a good husband, a fantastic father and a great grandfather and a trusty friend, and he will be missed.

Beryl is survived by two sons, Beau (Dianna) Biekert of Waverly, and Clint (Kate) Biekert of Eldridge; five grandchildren, Levi Biekert, Jesse Biekert, Lacy Biekert, Jaclyn Biekert and Leah Biekert; two brothers, Bruce (Nancy) Biekert of Nashua, and Neal (Dianna) Biekert of Hooper, Nebraska; and one sister, Cheryl (Dennis) Schilling of Urbandale.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Jan, in 2016.

Priscilla Betsinger, 73

Priscilla Betsinger, age 73 of Nashua, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at the Waverly Health Center.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory Olson/Chapel in Nashua.

A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Online condolences for Priscilla's family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Please see Priscilla's complete obituary in next week's edition of the Reporter.



Priscilla Betsinger

Charles Ernest Testorff, 74

Charles Ernest Testorff, age 74 of New Hampton, died Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Frey officiating the service.

Friends may greet the family from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service on Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Frederika.

Thomas John Kolodziej, 68

Thomas John Kolodziej, age 68 of Nashua, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Funeral Services will be held at a later date with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home/Olson Chapel in Nashua, and for more information, call the funeral home at 641-435-4134.

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Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will host an aquatic, forest, and right-of-way continuing instruction course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is the Chickasaw County Extension Office. Preregistration may be required and walk-ins are NOT guaranteed admission.

The course runs from 9 to

11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$35 on or before Oct. 13 and \$45 after Oct. 13.

To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

The course will provide continuing instruction credits for commercial and public pesticide applicators certified in categories 2 (Forest Pest Control), 5 (Aquatic Pest Control), and 6 (Right-of-Way Pest Control). Topics to be covered are: application equipment use, maintenance, and calibration; safe

application techniques, including pesticide drift reduction; and category-specific pests, pest management and pesticides, including phytotoxicity as appropriate.

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PLENTY OF SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School student Sophie Wilkins (above) "pushes" her teammate Hannah Henry as a couple of classmates energetically root on their friends while Ethan Zwanziger (right) severs as the "pusher" and Reed Scharnhorst takes on the "wheelbarrow" row during a Farm Safety Camp that was held at the Big Four Fairgrounds last Friday. Organizers came up with the game station when one local fire department wasn't able to make the event, and all in all, it was great way for kids to burn off some excess energy.

Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Two-vehicle crash kills Nashua man

A Nashua man died in a two-vehicle accident that occurred last Wednesday afternoon at the intersection of Highway 63 and Highway 18 south of New Hampton.

The Iowa State Patrol says the collision occurred near the off ramp that connects Highway 63 with Highway 18 and 346.

A Hyundai Accent driven by 68-year-old Thomas Kolodziej was turning off Highway 63 at the exit but failed to yield at the stop sign and was struck broadside by a KW eastbound semi-tractor driven by 50-year-old Jason Woodring of Fredericksburg.

Authorities said that Kolodziej died from his injuries suffered in crash.

The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office, Chickasaw County Rescue Squad, Fredericksburg Fire Department and Iowa Motor Vehicle Enforcement also assisted at the site.

The incident remains under investigation.

Charles City couple named Iowa tree farmers of the year

Dennis and Rhonda Westergard of Charles City have been named Iowa's tree farmers of the year, and a forestry field day will be held on their farm north of Charles City next week.

Greg Heidebrink, Iowa DNR district forester, said, "The Westergards are a fantastic family that have done some amazing things to their property. I am so proud of the work they have accomplished!"

Heidebrink said they would never ask to be recognized, but it is his honor to recognize them as the 2021 Iowa Tree Farmers of the Year.

Iowa State Extension will hold a forestry field day next Tuesday, Sept. 28, on their farm north of Charles City, discussing topics like buckthorn control, pond management, forest management, the Conservation Reserve Program, and deer and beaver depredation.

Heidebrink said the Westergards have been working on improving their property since the mid-'90s and have planted more than 100 acres of crop ground to trees.

The trees require a lot of maintenance, including some thinning now, and Denny and Rhonda get help from their two daughters, Ana and Cala, their daughters' husbands and their grandchildren.

"Everyone also gets to help maintain and enjoy the prairie grasses and forbs they have planted over the years," Heidebrink said.

The Westergard's also have some existing timber across the road from their home that has been invaded by buckthorn.

The family has spent quite a bit of time battling this invasive plant over the years, Heidebrink said, and some recent tornado damage to this timber has forced them to speed up this management.



IOWA'S TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR FIELD DAY SCHEDULE

Dennis and Rhonda Westergard Tree Farm, 1450 Timber Ave., Charles City.

- 9-9:30 a.m. – Registration and refreshments.
- 9:30-9:45 a.m. – Introductions and recognition of the Westergards.
- 10-10:30 a.m. – Tornado Damage and Tree Planting.
- 10:40-11:10 a.m. – Pond Management.
- 11:20-11:50 a.m. – Forest Management and Buckthorn Control.
- Noon – Lunch
- 1-1:30 p.m. – Mini Topic: Iowa Tree Farm System.
- 1:45-2:15 p.m. – Ask a Forester.
- 2:25-2:55 p.m. – Depredation Program – Deer and Beaver management.
- 3:05-3:35 p.m. – The CRP Program and Trees.
- 3:50-4 p.m. – Wrap up and Questions.

Lunch will be provided by Dave's Restaurant for \$15, payable at the time of the program.

Instructors are Ross Ellingson, depredation biologist, Iowa DNR; Pat Grau, Grau Logs & Lumber Inc., Elkader; Scott Grummer, fisheries biologist, Clear Lake, Iowa DNR; Greg Heidebrink, district forester, Charles City, Iowa DNR; Emma Kerns, forestry specialist, Ionia; and Jason Walker, district forester, Charles City, Iowa DNR.

To get to the farm, travel north out of Charles City on Shadow Ave (North Grand Ave. in town) to 155th St. (County Rd. B33); turn right and travel east to Timber Ave.; turn north and go 3/4 of a mile on a gravel road. The Westergard house is on the east side of the road.



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A good book may lead to exhaustion but the high is definitely worth it

It's Monday morning of a double homecoming week, and I'm woefully behind. In less than 30 minutes, I need to get into my car, drive to Nashua and take photos of the Nashua-Plainfield High School homecoming king and queen candidates.

I'm kicking myself for not staying later Sunday night to work on the New Hampton paper. Or maybe I'm cursing myself because when I left the office sometime around 10 last night, I did not follow the plan I had made for myself. Go home, grab a quick bite, go to bed.

Instead, I watched the end of the Ravens-Chiefs Sunday Night Football game, but I still had a chance to get some decent sleep.

I took the first step: I turned off the television.

I took the second step: I made my way down the hallway of my mobile home to my bedroom. Heck, I even took the third two-process step: I turned off the light and crawled into bed.

It was the fourth step that got me. I did not plug my phone in to the charger; instead, I thought to myself, I have a few minutes to unwind and reach my "daily reading goal," or at least what my iPhone believes is my daily reading goal.

My iPhone makes the goal really easy: If I read for five minutes, a little message pops up.



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"Congratulations, you have met your daily reading goal. Would you like to reset your daily goal?"

It always makes me laugh because in a life in which most days I don't feel all that accomplished, I appreciate an easy goal. So instead of recalibrating my goal, I keep it at five minutes so that most days, I can feel like I actually accomplished something.

The issue for me is this: Five minutes is never enough time for me when I'm reading a really good book.

Instead, I read for one hour and 22 minutes. By the time I finally put my book, I mean my phone, down, it was past midnight and the first alarm was set for 5:55 a.m.

The second alarm was set for 6 a.m., the third for 6:05 a.m., the fourth for 6:10 a.m. and just to prove that I can mix it up, the fifth was set for 6:13 a.m.

The upset of this Monday morning is this: I actually was up before the third alarm went off, but that's another story for another day.

But I'm not sure there is enough coffee in the world to get me through today, or at least this column.

When I finally put the book down early this morning, I was exhausted yet sleepless.

That's what a good book will do to a guy like me. It gets me thinking, and I swear I tossed and turned for at least 90 minutes before Mr. Sandman finally arrived.

I'm not complaining, mind you, but I am starting to wonder if I'm somewhat of a masochist.

I'm somewhat of a hit-and-miss reader. There are times I've gone weeks without pick-

ing up a book. Oh, I'll read newspaper and magazine articles, but to me, it's just not the same.

But here's the catch: When I really get into a really good book, oh my gosh, it takes all the willpower I have to put it down.

Sometimes I succeed; oftentimes, I don't.

There have been times in my life when I have literally stayed up through the night to finish a book.

The masochistic part is this: I only seem to get into really good books when I'm at my absolute busiest in life — either at home or here at work.

So what happens? I stay up way too late and then spend half the morning trying to find the right jolt to get me going on the things I absolutely must get completed.

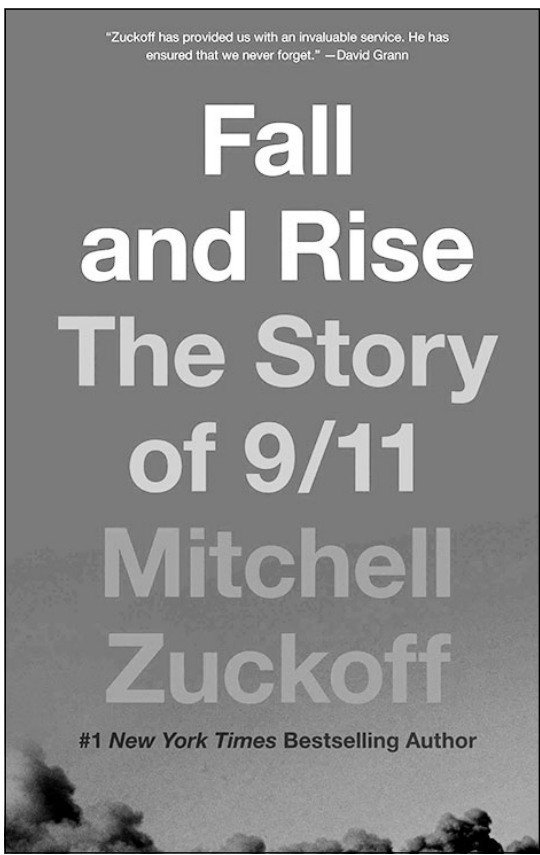
(And trust me, I think my publisher would tell you that getting this paper, or any paper for that matter, out on time is one of those "absolute musts.")

The fact that I spent way too much time on Saturday watching college football isn't helping my cause here, but then again, neither is "Fall and Rise: The Story of 9/11," the book that has kept me up way too late the past three nights.

But here's the deal: A good book — a really good story — is always worth the exhaustion, the tiredness, the lack of energy.

Some of my non-reader friends call me a "nerd" when my voice rises with excitement over the latest book I'm reading. Trust me, I've seen the look, I know it by heart, in fact.

Readers, though, get it. They know that the best high in the world is getting into a book that you just can't put down.



And the high carries you through the fatigue that inevitably follows.

Or at least that's what I'm telling myself today.

So laugh all you want, non-readers, because when I get this column completed and when I return home from Nashua later this morning, I'm going home — not for a nap but to recapture the high you only get when you can't put down a great book.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
September 7, 2021
The Board convened on Tuesday, September 7th, 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. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Terry Johnson.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for September 7th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the minutes from August 30th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Megan Baltes and Rick Kramer presented 9:10 AM.
9:05 AM Hackman stated that the Family Farm Credit is missing in some of the residents that were approved by the Board of Supervisors. Holthaus spoke to the Assessor in regard to the Family Farm credit, the issue is being addressed, and it will be on a future agenda. Terry Johnson stated on the tax statements the total percentage did not equal 100%.
Auditor Mashek stated that she reached out to other auditor's and was advised that the certified budget of the colleges were put on the tax statement not reflecting the full tax asking not just the county's portion.
9:10 AM Ray Armel discussed the minor subdivision for Andrew Schmitt.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the minor subdivision for Andrew Schmitt with Resolution 09-07-21-47.
Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.
RESOLUTION 09-07-21-47 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCEL 2021-50 AND 2021-51 IN THE NW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND IN THE N1/2 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 96 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY of September, 2021 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of PARCEL 2021-50 AND 2021-51 IN THE NW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND IN THE N1/2 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 96 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA was presented.
WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of PARCEL 2021-50 AND 2021-51 IN THE NW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND IN THE N1/2 OF THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 96 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby re-

solved 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 7th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021. /ss/ Richard Holthaus, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Board Secretary
9:15 AM Megan Baltes and Rick Kramer discussed the Tribe Trail. Baltes explains the desire to continue the existing trail to continue north by the LEMC building located on South Linn. Hackman asked if the city's attorney will draft an easement agreement for the county owned property. Zoll asked the width of the trail and Baltes stated the trail is ten foot wide. Consensus of the board is to allow the city's attorney to draw up an easement for the tribe trail to continue on property. Consensus of the board is to allow temporary parking of Linn Haven staff to utilize the LEMC parking lot during the construction period along with allowing access of an ambulance as needed.
Baltes and Kramer left at 9:27 AM. Jeff Bernatz present at 9:30 AM.
Mashek discussed the National Voter Registration Month September 2021.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the official proclamation by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors for National Voter Registration month of September 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.
Dusty Rolando present at 9:30 AM.
Holthaus discussed the invoice from Matt Construction Committee Assignment Update.
Bernatz provided a Northeast Iowa Response group update that they approved the amount needed for Tri-Mark's training.
Zoll attended the FMC landfill financial committee meeting on September 3, 2021.
9:45 AM Discussion on the natural disaster in Chickasaw County. Bernatz spoke to Rick Biondi, Deputy State Public Assistance Officer, this morning discussion that the disaster was declared only on the State level. Rolando stated that bringing in road rock will be slow going due to funding. Some areas needing attention fall under the State Emergency Response funds. Bernatz stated that they only have thirty days to estimate the damage for submission.
Lisa Welter present at 9:50 AM.
Bernatz said Rick Biondi said Chickasaw and Fayette county are at the top of the list for the most damaged received due to the flooding. Bernatz asked Rolando about the availability of rock. Rolando said the CP has taken a good

portion of the rock and discussion on the rock used on the two roads to the derailment that have to be removed once they are done with fixing the railway and setting the tankers back on the rails. Rolando said the Boyd blacktop will be closed for up to six weeks to repair the culvert and road. Holthaus asked how long it will take to do bridge inspections. Rolando stated that there are areas that have higher levels of water and has prevented some bridges from being inspected. Bernatz stated the state declared the disaster on September 24, 2021. This has initiated the 30 day period for submissions of estimate of damages. Welter stated that Penny Andorf has been doing well testing. Bernatz stated that Andorf needs to track the costs of well testing as these will be reimbursed. Bernatz stated the proclamation is only for private citizens and not businesses. Kuhn asked Byrne if there was some attributing factor to Lawler flooding so significantly. Byrne stated that the rain came so fast and water ran down Lawler's main street. Continued discussion on the flooding in Lawler. Welter left at 10:27 AM.
Holthaus attended the six county meeting on September 3, 2021. Chairperson declares a recess at 10:45 AM.
The Board reconvened on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 11:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Holthaus, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Jeff Bernatz, and Terry Johnson.
11:00 AM Jeff Bernatz provided a Radio Communication Tower Project update. The generator start up was postponed until September 8th, 2021. This will complete the civil side of the project and can be signed off on after inspection. Most of the law enforcement installs are done. The final testing of the towers will be the week of September 20, 2021. The mobiles will be tested the week of September 27, 2021. The transfer sheet will have the serial numbers for the radios and pagers. The paperwork to transfer the equipment to each entity will take place in the near future. Holthaus asked if any more land needs to be acquired for additional tower sites. Bernatz said the board has to purchase the land first.
Brian Moore and Andy Babcock present at 11:20 AM.
Holthaus stated there may be rock available for Conservation's use.
Rolando left at 11:22 AM.
Dave Gorman present at 11:25 AM. Committee Meeting Update:
Jason Byrne attended the American Rescue Plan Act on September 1, 2021.
11:30 AM Dave Gorman discussed the snow removal bids for the CSB and LEMC building. Reviewed the bids from Babcock Services and Holthaus Lawn Care and Snow Removal. Kuhn stated

that Babcock needs to provide an amount for the snow removal of significant precipitation. Babcock stated that if the snow fall was an additional four inches of snow or more, then it would be additional \$75 per event.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to accept bids from Babcock Services for the snow removal for fiscal year 2021-2022 at the CSB and LEMC building locations for \$175 per event at the LEMC building and \$85 per event at CSB building. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, and Kuhn. Holthaus, abstained.
11:45 AM Brian Moore provided a department update. The heat pump went out last week at the Nature Center. Cost of the repair is \$11,500.
Gorman, Babcock, and Bernatz left at 11:56 AM. Penny Andorf present at 11:57 AM.
Byrne asked if this was the same heat pump that went out before. Moore stated that this one is different and is an emergency as this pump controls the temperature in the Nature Center. Moore asked if the board would consider a budget amendment for the cost of the heat pump. Consensus is to allow a budget amendment for the cost of the heat pump.
Discuss the correspondence received from the Iowa DNR regarding the post-closure care for the Chickasaw County Sanitary
Landfill. Moore was following up on the process using the pedometer for measurement of the post-closure care. Hackman stated that in the letter that we need to provide the Iowa DNR which avenue for monitoring the leachate the board will take to close the landfill.
Moore left at 12:20 PM.
12:22 PM Penny Andorf discussed the 28E Agreement with Iowa DNR. The last 28E agreement was extended from 2008 to 2013. Andorf pointed out the changes from the previous agreement to the current proposed agreement.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the Iowa DNR Agreement ID 21ESDWQBEDA0001 Intergovernmental (28E) Agreement Between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Chickasaw County, Iowa. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.
Andorf left at 12:28 AM.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to adjourn at 12:31 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Richard Holthaus, Chairperson Board of Supervisor
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary of the Board.

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CATTLE SHOW IS ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN THE COWS!

FOR ONE AREA FAMILY, THE PLAQUE IS NICE BUT THE REAL PRIZE IS IN THE MEMORIES MADE

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

As Jada Goddard and her family headed to the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, she did so with just a little nervousness.

The Goddard family that also included her husband Mat, their two sons, Kash and Nilan, and their daughter Cadi — were off to compete in the fair’s Beef Cattle Show and she fretted about behavior.

“Would the kids behave? I thought about it, but I figured they’d be just fine,” she said before adding with a laugh, “but I worried about the cattle. Sometimes when they get in a show ring, well, they can get a little stubborn.”

“So even if the boys can lead them around the acreage all day long, they can be a little different animal when they get in front of all those people.”

Here’s the good news: The boys behaved beautifully. And so, too, did the cattle.

This isn’t a story about kids or cattle being mindful, though. This is the story about fairs and families, and how the former brings the latter

together in such a cool way.

JADA GODDARD WAS a 4-H all-star, if you will.

Growing up in Fredericksburg, she was a member of the local 4-H club and the Sumner-Fredericksburg FFA. The current Chickasaw County ISU Extension and Outreach director loved showing cattle at the annual 4-H and Achievement Show, and she will tell you that she is the person she is today in large part because of that farm, 4-H and FFA background.

In addition to her work with Extension, she and her husband run Goddard Livestock, a farm that includes cattle, hogs, a goat, a couple of sheep and chickens.

“We’re kind of into our animals,” she said with a laugh, “and I’d love for the kids to be excited about cattle as I was when I was growing up so we thought, this, going to show at the fair, would be a great family activity.”

Then again, showing or anything livestock related is a family affair.

“Mat and his sister built a lot of memories prepping for shows and going to shows,” she said. “I remember my cousin got an opportunity

to do a livestock lending program with me one summer and it was a fun summer, I remember going to pick out cattle with my Dad every fall, too ... these memories that we created, doing everyday things, are what I want my kids to remember, because I know Mat and I talk about them, the memories, good, bad and crazy, almost every day.”

THAT SHOW ON Sept. 4 was the latest memory for Jada Goddard.

The pictures on this page really do tell a tale of a 1,000 words.

The boys worked hard and had fun. Mom and dad worked hard and had fun. And little 3-year-old Cadi?

“She had fun,” Jada said with a laugh. “But in all seriousness, I think the best part of being at a fair and showing again was just realizing how much it meant to me way back when. The values I picked up, they’ll be with me for the rest of my life.”

And it’s why she is passionate when her friends ask her about hiring a farm kid even if they don’t have any experience in the position that is open.

“I tell them you can’t go wrong,” Goddard said.

“They know what it’s like to persevere, they’re used to hard work, they’re dedicated, they’ve gotten up early in the morning or in the middle of the night, they’ve worked until the sun has been down for hours. I know I’m partial, but farm kids — or at least most of the ones I’ve known — have that work ethic we’re all searching for.”

THE GODDARDS HAD a good show — a great show, really.

They won the champion in the cow/calf division on a day in which Chickasaw County farmers dominated as Heartland Cattle’s Kirk and Mary Lynch had the top bull, Ryder Hana took home top honors in breeding cattle and Trinity Brincks was named to champion in showmanship.

But what Jada Goddard will one day appreciate the most isn’t the plaque or the ribbons but the memories that she will one day share with Mat, Kash, Nilan and Cadi.

“I think the part of showing I remember the most is the people,” she said. “I made my best, longest-lasting friendships in 4-H and FFA, and to be able to share that experience with my husband and my kids, that to me was the most special part of the Big 4 Fair this year.”

A LITTLE CATTLE SHOW DOMINANCE BY CHICKASAW COUNTY!



In addition to Goddard Livestock, other big winners at the Big 4 Fair Cattle show included Chickasaw County residents (from left) Trinity Brincks, Ryder Hana and Heartland Cattle, which is a family farm owned by Kirk and Mary Lynch.

REMEMBERING BUTCH

WITH PHOTO, APRON AND SHOT,
FOOD STAND REMEMBERS BUTCH

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Someone was missing at this year's Big 4 Fair, but the folks at the St. Michael's Catholic Church Food Stand made sure that Butch Hillesheim was there at least in spirit.

Hillesheim was the "egg man" at the food stand for years, but the longtime Nashua resident passed away at the age of 78 on July 3, 2020.

Because the Big 4 Fair wasn't held a year ago, this year's fair marked the first in 42 years that Butch didn't don his apron and work the church's food stand.

He was there, however, as the church members who worked the stand displayed a photo of him next to the apron he wore for years while he cooked and chatted up friends and strangers alike.

"It was hard going there," said Nancy Hillesheim, his wife of 33 years who has served as the fair board secretary for years, "but it was also really one of those things that meant a lot to him. He was one of a kind, and as much as I love our little fair, not having him here for the first time ... well, that was hard — really hard."

The good folks at St. Michael's remembered Butch in one other way.

Before each shift, workers gathered and had a shot of blackberry brandy.

"It was dad's favorite, and it was a really neat way to remember him," said his daughter, New Hampton resident Becky Babcock, who added with a laugh, "even if most of us can't stand the stuff. How he liked that stuff is a great question."

Babcock paused, fighting back the same emotions that overtook her step-mother.

"But the picture, the apron, even the shot, it meant the world to us," she said. "It meant a lot to us that people remember our dad so fondly. ... He loved working at the fair, and I think he would have really enjoyed the tribute they gave him."



Photo courtesy of Becky Babcock

A photo of the late Butch Hillesheim and an apron the long-time volunteer used every year at the Big 4 Fair hang in the St. Michael Catholic Church Food Stand over the Labor Day Weekend.



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A group of fairgoers take a break to chat and eat at the St. Michael's Catholic Food Stand during the Big 4 Fair.



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Trevor Decker's Bronco appears tough enough in the Tough Truck Races that were held at the Big 4 Fair over Labor Day weekend, but we're not sure we can say the same thing about that front left tire.

GRANDSTAND DRAWS!

CHUCKWAGON RACES MAY BE GONE BUT BIG CROWDS CERTAINLY AREN'T

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nancy Hillesheim had two big worries as the Big 4 Fair approached its annual Labor Day run this year.

One, the weather, was a perennial one. Two, the grandstand shows that draw the crowds, was a new one.

She needn't have fretted.

Well, save for opening night, Mother Nature delivered a dang near perfect weekend.

And despite not having the always popular chuckwagon races on the schedule, the fair's grandstand shows all packed the stands. From the circle-eight races on Saturday to the Tough Truck Races Sunday afternoon to the Bulls and Barrels Rodeo Show Sunday night to the Masters of Disaster Demo Derby on Monday afternoon, the fair's grandstands were packed throughout the weekend.

"Oh my goodness, it was good and way beyond our expectations," Big 4 Fair Board Secretary Nancy Hillesheim said after the four-day fair wrapped up its run on Labor Day. "The weather was perfect, the crowds were great, the grandstand shows were fun ... we couldn't have asked for much more."

The only downside was the rain, mist and fog on Friday, which forced the fair to cancel the Lovik Sled Company Truck and Tractor Pull.

"I think people were ready to do something, and I think people realized they could come out to a good fair and have a grand time," Hillesheim said, "and they did."

Maybe the most gratifying part of the 2021 edition, though, was the sheer size of the crowds for the grandstand events.

In 2019, the Big 4 Fair held its last chuckwagon races because the association



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Before the Masters of Disasters Demolition Derby was held, some future competitors show their talents during a mini-derby for children.

that was putting them on was, quite simply, running out of competitors. For years, the chuckwagons had drawn capacity crowds to the fairgrounds so Hillesheim had reason to worry.

She figured she'd find out in 2020 what a chuckwagon-free fair would be like, but the Fair Board canceled last year's Labor Day extravaganza because of the pandemic.

"We were worried about that because if

you can get the crowds to the fair, a lot of those folks are going to stick around after the shows," Hillesheim said.

"We thought we had some good shows and it was fun to see some of them involve the little kids, too. That kids demolition derby was about the cutest thing you're ever going to see. ... To see the grandstand full of people, I guess maybe I didn't have to worry as much as I did."



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Maci Johnson (above) has this "no-hands" driving down to a tee on the midway while Soren Cole (right) plays with a baby shark won at the carnival.



Evan Myers and Jackson Mahan (above) ride a roller coaster, and we're guessing if Myers has a look like this on one of the smaller rides, he might want to take a few years before he gets on the Black Hole (left), which has at least one rider, in a word, terrified.



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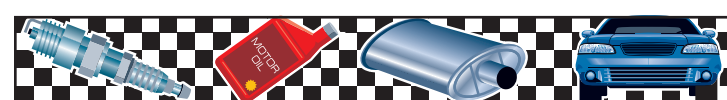
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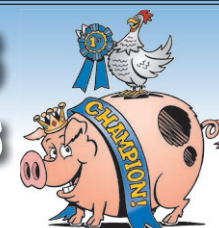


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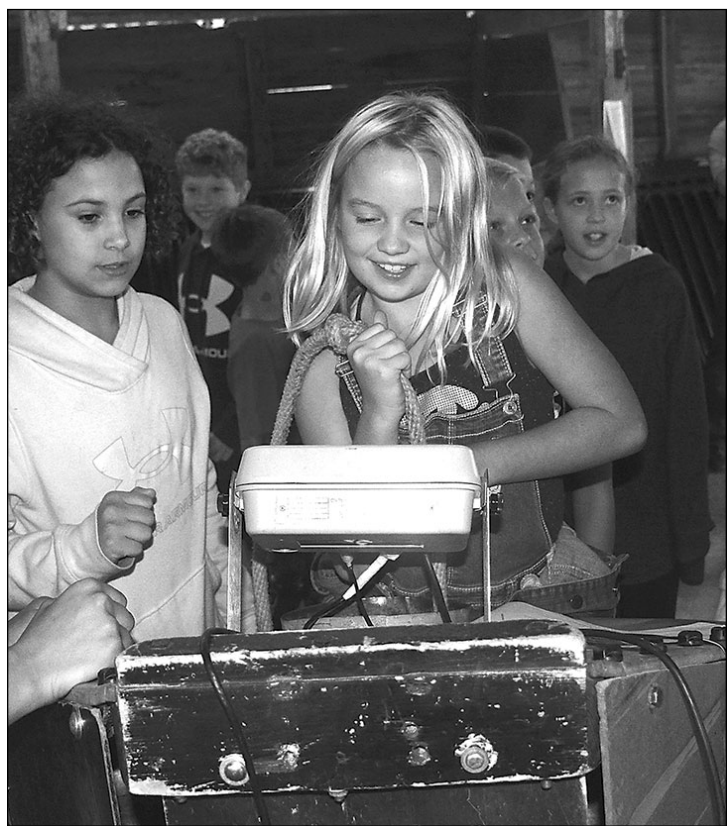
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FARM DAY SAFETY CAMP



The Big 4 Fairgrounds was the Friday site of Farm Safety Day, sponsored by the Chickasaw Co. Extension service.

In the photo above, students from the St. Joseph Community School in New Hampton watch the session on all-terrain vehicle safety. At left, Nashua-Plainfield student Evan Myers and his classmates learn about the dangers that stored corn can bring.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

It may look like all fun and games, but this particular demonstration — that Turkey Valley's Kinzey Rausch is trying and Aisha Ouena is watching — demonstrates how many pounds a person is capable of hoisting. In only 1 foot of corn it would take 170 pounds to pull a person out and in six feet 900 pounds would be needed to free a trapped person. Though some of those attending came close to the first figure, no one came close to the second mark.

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Above, Flight Care nurse Lisa Smith, formerly Lisa Winter of Waucoma, answers questions from New Hampton students. Smith, working for the University of Iowa, said the trip to Nashua was the fun part of her job. "I love seeing healthy kids for a change," Smith explained how a person that is seriously sick or injured will be transported for further care. At left, Nashua-Plainfield students have a little fun at the "game station" during the event that was held at the Big 4 Fairgrounds last Friday.

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In 2016, the agricultural industry had a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Agricultural dangers are not limited to North America.

In Ireland, farm accidents have increased by 13 percent in the last five years and by 31 percent in the last decade, according to a national survey of farm accidents conducted by the Teagasc National Farm Survey.

Furthermore, 97 percent of all farm accident victims required medical treatment.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also take place during routine, seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the

risk of injuries.

• **Know farm equipment.** Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals. In addition, attend local farm safety workshops to learn more about specific equipment and products.

• **Conduct routine safety checks.** Look around buildings and grounds for obvious hazards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly.

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• **Avoid extra passengers.** It can be tempting to take the kids for a spin, but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.

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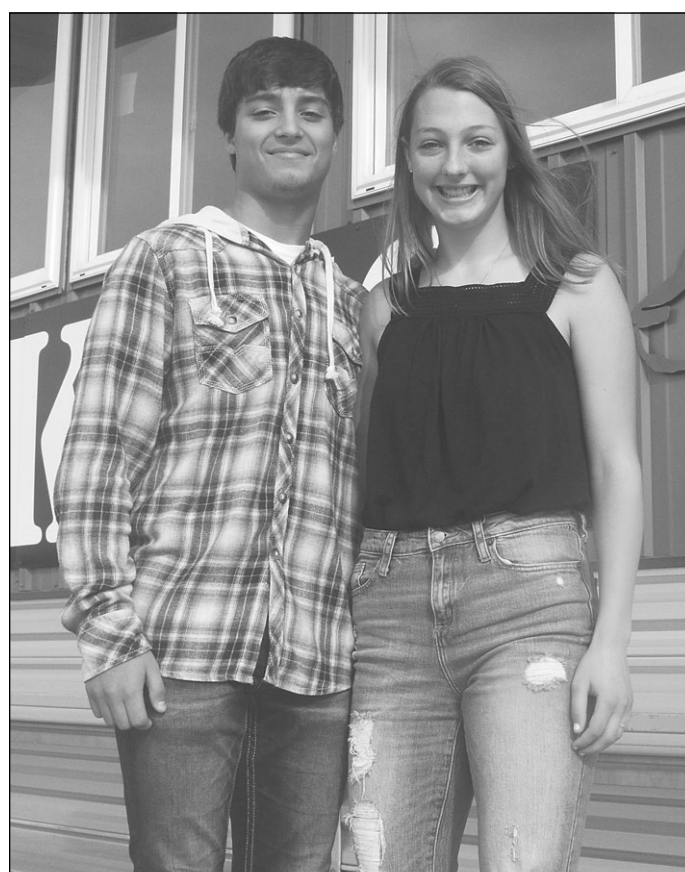
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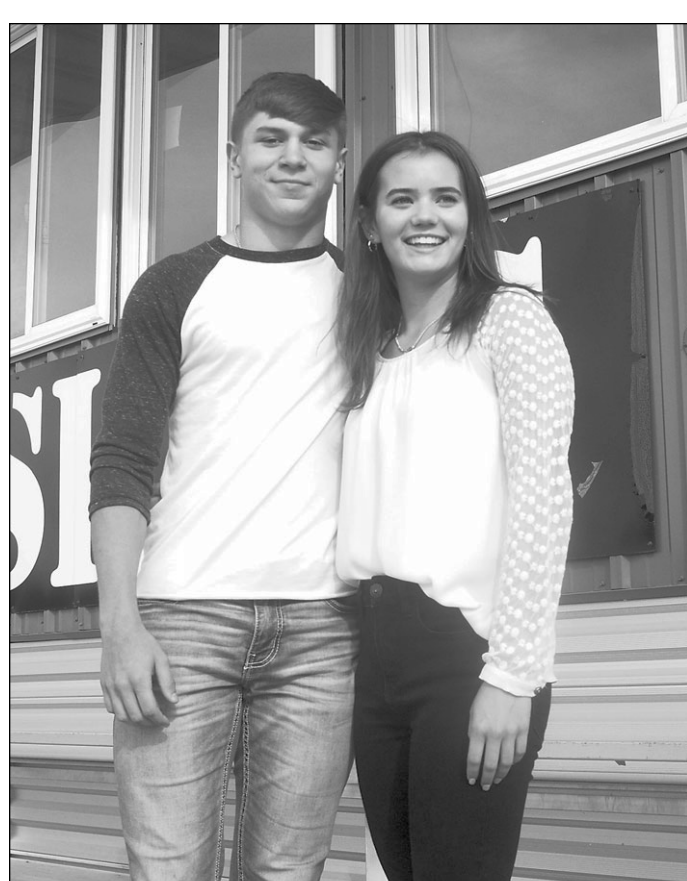
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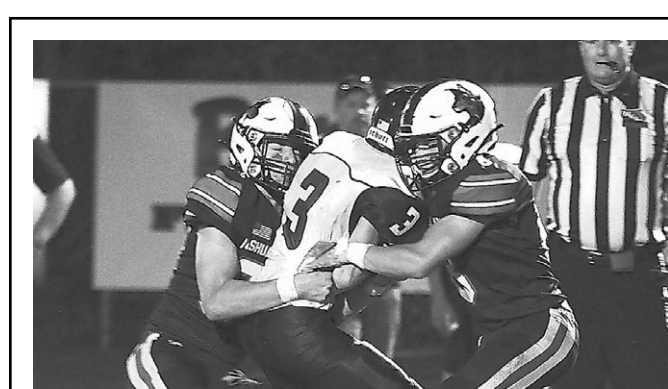
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Nashua-Plainfield goes 2-1 at home tournament

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield Husky volleyball squad will have some weekends free now after competing in the last Saturday tournament of the fall at the Husky Invite in Nashua this past Saturday.

N-P won two matches over Clayton Ridge and Rockford, but did lose to North Linn in straight sets.

“We played well in the first game from the start and took control of the match. I told the girls to go out and set the pace for play. They did this well in the first match, but let up the second,” said N-P head coach Mindy Foelske.

“We need to focus on playing at our level of play. At times our energy would go down and we got caught standing a lot in the final game. I feel like if we could have kept our energy up we would have played better against North Linn.”

N-P is now 8-11 on the year. The Huskies tangled with New Hampton and Jesup in a triangular on Thursday, Sept. 16. Those matches were originally scheduled to be played at the start of the season but were postponed due to extreme heat.

New Hampton topped N-P, 25-18 and 25-17. Jesup downed the Huskies, 25-16 and 25-19.

“We played a new lineup due to injuries, moving Abbie (Hyde) from libero to rightside hitter. The girls adjusted to the lineup and played well. We had trouble finishing plays. We would have long rallies, but just couldn’t finish to win the point,” said Foelske.

N-P played without sophomore middle Myranda Webster in the triangular, who was injured late in the Osage match on Sept. 14. Webster played in the Rockford match during N-P’s weekend tourney.

Husky junior setter Paige Ripley was terrific at the serving line against Rockford. She cranked out six aces and was 15-16 serving.

Jalynn Pratt, Bailey Fisher and Makenzie Foelske each had five kills against Clayton Ridge. Hyde led N-P in digs during the tournament with 25.

The N-P head coach feels her players need to be more active on the court and this will translate into many more winning plays.

“We tend to stand and watch. We need to stay engaged in the play and ready for anything. We work this week in practice on defense and covering our hitters. Someone has to want to get the ball, especially after a teammate has a hustle play. We also need to better with the ball from the first contact,” said Mindy Foelske.

Mindy Foelske also said her girls are remaining upbeat about the season and the hope is to finish the regular season on a high note.

“They are seeing the court and making smart decisions on what to do with the ball. We

had a tough week playing some really good teams and the girls are staying up positive and not getting on each other. If we can have fun and stay relaxed we play much better,” said Mindy Foelske.

N-P played a conference match on the road against North Butler on Tuesday, Sept. 21. N-P is also slated to travel to St. Ansgar on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The Huskies will celebrate Senior Night on Tuesday, Oct. 5 versus West Fork at home. N-P closes out the regular season in a quad at Lake Mills on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The teams in attendance will be the host Bulldogs, Hampton-Dumont-CAL and North Butler.

NEW HAMPTON 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

New Hampton 25 25
Nashua-Plainfield 18 17
Kills - Breanna Hackman 7, Makenzie Foelske 6, Abbie Hyde 2, Bailey Fisher 1, Jalynn Pratt 1.

Assists - Paige Ripley 9, Fisher 1, Pratt 1, Foelske 1.
Digs - Hyde 8, Foelske 7, Fisher 6, Pratt 5, Ripley 4, Hackman 1, Paige Franzen 1.

Blocks - Foelske 3, Hackman 1.
Serving - Ripley 6-6, Hackman 5-5, Fisher 4-4, Pratt 6-8, Foelske 3-4, Hyde 7-7.

Aces - Hackman 1, Pratt 1, Foelske 1.

JESUP 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

Jesup 25 25
Nashua-Plainfield 16 19
Kills - Hackman 9, Foelske 4, Pratt 3, Fisher 3, Hyde 2.

Assists - Ripley 14, Foelske 1.
Digs - Hyde 12, Foelske 6, Pratt 5, Franzen 5, Fisher 3, Ripley 3, Hackman 2.

Blocks - Hackman 4, Ripley 2, Fisher 2, Pratt 2, Foelske 2.
Serving - Ripley 8-8, Hackman 1-2, Fisher 7-7, Pratt 4-6, Foelske 10-12, Hyde 7-7.

Aces - Ripley 1, Fisher 1, Foelske 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 2, ROCKFORD 0

Nashua-Plainfield 21 21
Rockford 6 14
Kills - Hackman 5, Fisher 4, Pratt 4, Foelske 3, Webster 2.

Assists - Ripley 13, Hackman 1, Foelske 1, Webster 1, Hyde 1.
Digs - Hyde 6, Ripley 6, Fisher 5, Foelske 5, Pratt 3.

Blocks - Fisher 1, Foelske 1.
Serving - Ripley 15-16, Hackman 2-3, Fisher 3-3, Pratt 12-12, Foelske 4-4, Hyde 3-3.

Aces - Ripley 6, Pratt 2, Foelske 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 2, CLAYTON RIDGE 1

Nashua-Plainfield 21 19
Clayton Ridge 13 22
Kills - Pratt 5, Fisher 5, Foelske 5, Hackman 4, Franzen 3, Ripley 2, Hyde 1.

Assists - Ripley 17, Pratt 2, Foelske 2, Hyde 2.
Digs - Ripley 13, Foelske 12, Hyde 10, Franzen 7, Pratt 4, Hackman 1.

Blocks - Fisher 2, Pratt 2, Hackman 1.
Serving - Ripley 12-12, Hackman 7-8, Pratt 8-9, Foelske 15-15, Franzen 4-5, Hyde 5-5.

Aces - Ripley 1, Pratt 1, Foelske 1.

NORTH LINN 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

North Linn 21 21
Nashua-Plainfield 13 12
Kills - Hackman 5, Foelske 5, Pratt 1, Franzen 1.

Assists - Ripley 9, Hyde 1.
Digs - Hyde 9, Pratt 8, Foelske 5, Ripley 4, Franzen 2, Hackman 1.

Blocks - Ripley 1, Hackman 1.
Serving - Ripley 2-3, Hackman 3-3, Pratt 3-3, Foelske 4-4, Franzen 7-7, Hyde 6-6.

Aces - Franzen 3, Pratt 1.



Levi Winters, shown here at a meet in Charles City, was the third fastest finisher for the Huskies at the Osage Invitational.

Coach lauds senior’s experience and competitiveness

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rain, weather, and actual length. It’s not as certain as a 400-meter flat track. Running on a golf course, the footing is a lot different than out at the nature center at Osage,” said Kalainoff. “There is a good part of the course in Osage that the kids are out by themselves without a lot of fans. That’s always tricky, especially on a long run.”

Kalainoff and her Husky girls team is looking to get back to Fort Dodge this season, where the state meet has been held at Lakeside Golf Course for almost three decades now.

While some of her key runners are underclassmen, she feels they have the strength and determination to reach that destination once again this season.

“I know some were a bit disappointed with their times, but overall, I thought we ran well. I was happy to see the girls finish in a close pack. That’s what we are going to need to extend our season and run in Fort Dodge,” said Kalainoff.

N-P senior Jennah Carpenter raced to a 12th-place finish in 23:25. Carpenter, Levi, as well as sophomores Ellie Eick and Emma O’Neill, all have state experience. Carpenter has been a very valuable asset for N-P, both out on the course and showcasing her ability to continue to bolster an already successful program with a strong

work ethic.

“She is a competitor – and a leader by example. Her experience and competitiveness are very crucial to our young team and where we want to take them,” Kalainoff added.

Eick finished right behind Carpenter in 13th place with a clip of 23:28. N-P freshman Amberley Gerholdt placed 18th in 24:20. Lexi Weiss, a sophomore, finished the meet in 43rd place in 26:44. Levi wound up 55th in 28:07 and O’Neill was 65th in a time of 29:59.

Caleb Sinnwell and Braiden Schaufenbuel – each freshmen – placed 51st and 59th, respectively. Sinwell ran a 21:10.47 and Schaufenbuel worked the course to a time of 22:13.

“They are doing exactly what they need to do to make themselves better. I am so happy with their competitive spirit and how hard they are working in practice and the meets,” said Kalainoff.

Levi Winters, a junior, competed to a 52nd-place finish in 21:11.32, less than one second off Sinnwell’s pace. Sophomore Caleb Lentz (60th), freshman Luke Paplow (65th) and junior Kendrick Huck (72nd) rounded out N-P’s finishers.

What’s the key down the stretch for the Huskies, who ran in their home invite this past Tuesday? Once again – running together and clustering.

“Pass opponents and pass them in packs! That’s going to be crucial for us – the closer we run together, the better. Our team provides such good competition for each other. They know where they need to be and who they need to be able to see,” said Kalainoff.

N-P also runs tonight (Thursday) at the Central Springs Invitational in Manly.

GIRLS TEAM RESULTS

Crestwood 61, Mason City Newman 70, Nashua-Plainfield 93, New Hampton 93, Forest City 98, Osage 99, Riceville 222, North Butler 244, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 323, Central Springs, Lake Mills, Northwood-Kensett, Rockford, St. Ansgar did not field full teams.

Individual winner (72 runners) - Katelyn Johnston, Osage 20:01.28.

Nashua-Plainfield results - 7. Kadence Huck 21:55.5, 12. Jennah Carpenter 23:25.11, 13. Ellie Eick 23:28.34, 18. Amberley Gerholdt 24:20.63, 43. Lexi Weiss 26:44.77, 55. Kara Levi 28:07.87, 65. Emma O’Neill 29:59.37.

BOYS TEAM RESULTS

New Hampton 66, Mason City Newman 85, Forest City 96, Central Springs 136, Crestwood 148, Osage 156, North Butler 189, Lake Mills 231, Nashua-Plainfield 231, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 246, Northwood-Kensett, Riceville, Rockford, St. Ansgar did not field full teams.

Individual winner (75 runners) - Riley Witt, St. Ansgar 16:50.15.

Nashua-Plainfield results - 7. Drew Wilken 18:30.01, 51. Caleb Sinnwell 21:10.47, 52. Levi Winters 21:11.32, 59. Braiden Schaufenbuel 22:13.87, 60. Caleb Lentz 22:19.16, 65. Luke Paplow 22:52.33. 72. Kendrick Huck 24:03.99.

Huskies focus on continued improvement

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but turned the ball over three times.

The story of the game was turnovers. The Redhawks forced six N-P turnovers and picked off four passes – one going the other way and not coming back in the form of an 84-yard pick six by Devin McKinley. McKinley caught seven passes for 129 yards and a score. Bell led the Redhawks in receiving yards with 139.

“We actually took away their best receiver. Bo (Harrington) did a great job on him, but they made adjustments and found the open guy,” said Christensen. “I think Bo is playing like an all-district corner-back for not playing for two years.”

Harrington, N-P’s junior quarterback, tossed one touchdown and gained 100 yards through the air. That receiving strike that netted six points went to senior Max Hillegas, who hauled in four catches for 46 yards.

N-P was able to find success on the ground, although some of that rushing yardage total came late in the game, well after the contest had already been decided and reserves entered the fray.

N-P managed 179 yards on the ground – 68 of that coming from backup freshman tailback Aiden Geiner. He rushed for a touchdown, as did senior Trey Nelson in Christensen’s wing-T offense. Nelson gained 64



Nashua-Plainfield’s Tate White puts pressure on the quarterback during a game played earlier this season in Greene.

yards rushing and senior Sam Fundermann netted 44 yards on the ground.

McKade Munn, a senior line-backer, racked up a team-leading 8.5 tackles.

N-P (1-3, 1-1) celebrates homecoming this week. The game on Friday night at home is against winless BCLUW – a squad that has been outscored by its opponents by a combined score of 151-21.

“Our big focus this week is on ourselves and getting better. BCLUW is a game we should win, but if we don’t

improve, anything can happen,” Christensen added.

NORTH TAMA 50, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 22

NP 0 0 6 16 - 22
NT 6 24 14 6 - 50

TEAM STATS

NP NT
Rushes-yards 37-179 15-148
Passing yards 100 326
Total yards 279 474
Att-Comp-Int 7-15-4 18-28-1

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STATS

Rushing - Trey Nelson 17-64, Sam Fundermann 14-44, Aiden Geiner 4-68, Max Hillegas 1-2, McMade Munn 1-1.
Passing - Bo Harrington 7-14-100, Tucker Franzen 0-1-0.

Receiving - Hillegas 4-46, Munn 2-48, Nelson 1-6.

Tackles - Munn 8.5, Fundermann 5, Nelson 4, Hillegas 4, Joel Winters 3.5, Dylan Blanchard 2.5, Franzen 2, Kaden Wilken 2, Landon Pratt 1, Aiden Lamborn 1, James Woods 1, Trae Geise 0.5.

Tackles for loss - Hillegas 2, Winters 1, Fundermann 1, Lamborn 0.5, Nelson 0.5, Blanchard 0.5, Pratt 0.5.

Sacks - Winters 1, Hillegas 1. Fumble recoveries - Hillegas 1, Jacob Sievers 1.
Interceptions - Nelson 1.
Kickoff returns - Munn 3-72.
Kickoffs - Hillegas 4-122.
Punts - Hillegas 4-106.

OSAGE 3, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

Osage 25 25 25
Nashua-Plainfield 8 12 9
Kills - Breanna Hackman 4, Bailey Fisher 3, Jalynn Pratt 2, Makenzie Foelske 1, Myranda Webster 1.

Assists - Paige Ripley 8, Abbie Hyde 1.
Digs - Hyde 11, Foelske 9, Fisher 7, Pratt 7, Hackman 2, Ripley 2.

Serving - Ripley 4-4, Hackman 3-4, Fisher 5-6, Pratt 5-6, Foelske 5-6, Hyde 4-5.
Aces - Fisher 1, Foelske 1.

ON TAP FOR THE NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES

THURSDAY
Cross country at Central Springs Invitational, Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 24
Varsity football vs. BCLUW, homecoming game, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 27
JV football vs. North Butler, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 30
Cross country at Hampton-Dumont-CAL Invitational, 4:15 p.m.
Volleyball at St. Ansgar, JJV and JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1
Varsity football at Grundy Center, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCT. 5
Cross country at South Winneshiek Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
Volleyball vs. West Fork, JJV and JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7
Cross county at New Hampton Invitational, Frederikcsburg’s Plum Creek Golf Course 4:15 p.m.

Osage floor coverage too much for Nashua-Plainfield in key TIC East match

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had to overcome was Osage’s imposing frontline. That height near the net produced 12 blocks. Foelske said it was the key to the match.

“We haven’t been blocked. We really haven’t had any competition until we go to those big tournaments,” said Foelske, about encountering little resistance in conference play prior to taking on Osage’s intimidating length that severely limited

N-P’s offensive attack.

Osage is no one trick pony, either, as its defense is top-notch. Osage closed on a 5-0 run to end game one and utilized several runs in the opening match to distance themselves from the Huskies.

“We swung hard and we did a lot of things right. It’s just they cover the floor,” said Foelske.

Throw in the fact that it seemed most of the free balls went in Osage’s favor and the home court advantage that the

N-P did have was not a factor.

“I feel like we couldn’t really catch a break,” said Foelske.

N-P’s best results of the match came in the second set. The Huskies kept it as close as 11-7 before Osage’s power and adept skill took over.

Breanna Hackman’s kill crept N-P closer, down just 15-10.

But for every point scored by the Huskies, Osage seemed to have an answer.

“I think we played decent.

We just have to limit the errors and I think we would have been in it a little bit more,” said Hackman.

What was the goal for N-P on this night against an Osage squad that was heavily favored to exit Nashua’s gym still undefeated in league play?

“Just to stay in every match and compete with them,” said Hackman.

Hackman led N-P in kills with four. Husky junior Bailey Fisher notched three kills and

sophomore Jalynn Pratt managed two kills. N-P seniors Abbie Hyde (11) and Makenzie Foelske (9) were the dig leaders for the Huskies.

N-P played at North Butler (11-11, 4-1) on Tuesday of this week.

That match will go a long way toward determining which team is more than likely going to finish in second place in the TIC East behind Osage.

The Huskies’ matchup with St. Ansgar on Thursday, Sept.

30, is also on the road.



Nashua-Plainfield libero Abbie Hyde (above) comes up with a dig on a hard-hit spike while teammate Makenzie Foelske backs up the play. Meanwhile, Breanna Hackman goes up to put down a kill during last week's match with TIC East rival and perennial state power Osage.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Osage a little too much for Huskies

Nashua-Plainfield battles but Green Devils come away with a sweep in battle of division unbeaten

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield stood tall and was up for the challenge.

The problem was the Osage Green Devils often rise above any opponent they play.

Last week Tuesday, Sept. 14 was a showdown of sorts between two volleyball conference unbeaten on the Huskies' home floor.

The ninth-ranked Green Devils sent a message early and often as to who is still the dominant power in the Top of Iowa Conference.

No doubt about it, it was the team wearing green, white and black.

Osage – last year's Class 3A state title winner – swept N-P in emphatic fashion by scores of 25-8, 25-12 and 25-9.

N-P (8-11, 4-1) had not lost a set in four conference victories over what can only be described as lesser opponents compared to the Green Devils ability to block and cover the court.

It's that step up in competition after playing some of the lower-tier league teams that may have N-P down, but not out.

"We came back from a really tough weekend, obviously playing those ranked schools. Then we come here tonight and play another ranked school that's bigger than us," said N-P head coach Mindy Foelske. "It's hard, but they did what I asked of them. They came out and they battled."

N-P has squared off against ranked foes such as West Delaware, Denver and Wapsie Valley in prior weekend tournaments. The Huskies final weekend tournament of the season was this past Saturday when N-P hosted its own home invite.

Osage (10-4, 5-0) recorded eight ace serves and was led in kills by senior Meredith Street's 11. Green Devil senior Kaebre Sullivan notched nine kills.

The biggest obstacle N-P
SEE VOLLEYBALL, 15



Nashua-Plainfield cross country runner Lexi Weiss competes at the Charles City Invitational that was held earlier this month.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P girls take third at Osage

Huck and Wilken both bring home seventh-place finishes in races

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

You win some, you lose some.

As far as tiebreakers were concerned for Nashua-Plainfield at the Osage cross country meet last week Tuesday, head coach Jenn Kalainoff's Husky squads encountered what it's like to experience both ends of the spectrum.

The N-P girls team – ranked 11th in Class 1A – won a tie-breaker over New Hampton to finish third at the challenging course held at the Mitchell County Nature Center. N-P finished ahead of the Chickasaws due to the sixth-runner tie-breaker criteria, meaning the

North Tama QB proves to be too much for Huskies

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Gabe Kopriva was tough to stop on Friday night in Traer.

Sporting an accurate arm and strong legs, Kopriva made sure his North Tama Redhawk football squad won its homecoming game with a 50-22 rout of Nashua-Plainfield.

Kopriva – the state's second-best passer in terms of yardage gained – was a load to handle on this night for Andrew Christensen's Huskies.

After an emotional first win of the season for the Huskies over Central Springs the week prior, N-P did not have an answer for the fifth-ranked Redhawks' potent offense.

Kopriva accounted for all but 36 of NT's 474 total yards gained on the evening.

Kopriva had a hand in all of North Tama's six scores (three rushing, three passing), threw for 326 yards and rushed for 112 yards.

Kopriva has the second-most passing yards in the state with 1,111. Montezuma's Eddie Burgess is Iowa's leader in prep passing yards with 1,190 – accumulated in 8-Man play.

"They have an experienced

quarterback who makes good decisions and who can both run and throw. Along with that they usually get the ball out fast so it is difficult to get many sacks and they have experienced receivers who understand their role," said Christensen.

The game between the Class A, District 3 opponents was close early on, as NT led just 6-0 after one quarter of play. That opening score came on the game's first play from scrimmage – a 52-yard scoring strike from Kopriva to Michael Bell.

After North Tama (4-0, 3-0) scored to make it 22-0, the Redhawks rolled the dice and decided to onside kick it. The play worked and led to NT's final touchdown of the first half, the Redhawks now taking a commanding 30-0 lead into intermission.

"I thought we competed well for the first quarter and then right away after half, against a quality opponent, you are going to have things that go wrong. It is about how you respond to those. Sometimes we did a good job, other times not so much," said Christensen.

North Tama did not punt,

SEE FOOTBALL, 15



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Landon Pratt helps clear a hole for a Nashua-Plainfield running back during a game played at North Butler earlier this season.

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