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Now it decides to start raining?

After a summer of drought, recent precipitation slows down harvest of area fields

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

It's easy to understand the frustration area farmers are feeling.

A growing season fraught with drought is ending with a harvest in which the rain just doesn't seem to want to stay away.

Although rain in the Nashua area paled compared to other parts of

the county, the National Weather Service reported that more than 1.5 inches of rain had fallen from Thursday to Tuesday, and heavy rain was expected on Wednesday after this issue of the Reporter went to press.

New Hampton received almost 3.5 inches of rain — most of which fell overnight on Thursday — and parts of the county saw four-plus

inches of rain during the week.

"I think the guys are starting to wonder if Mother Nature has something against them," ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol said, "and I get that. I guess the best thing I can tell them that it's definitely helping our soil moisture compliments. It's great for next year, but they want to get done, and I get that."

Basol estimated that about 60

percent of soybeans in the area have been harvested, and he added that most area growers have gotten what he called a "good start" on corn.

"The rain's going to slow us down, but hopefully after Wednesday, the fore-

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Supervisors consider streaming meetings

Board members say they are for at least recording meetings

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meetings in the near future could be live-streamed or viewed via the Internet by the consuming public.

That may be potentially good news for some who can't attend supervisors meetings in person or have to stay home because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

All board members seemed to be interested in finding out more about this process and if it would be feasible after it was brought to the attention of the board by Vice Chair Matthew Kuhn.

Whether or not an audio/video record of the meetings would be live-streamed or a link would be posted later for those that could access the recordings had not been decided upon at last Monday's meeting.

"Would the potential of a new website help design this link?" said Board member Jacob Hackman.

Kuhn said a video could be possibly be put up on YouTube or an accessible link on the county's website.

"I'm for it. I don't know if it has to be live-streamed but a recording of it within eight hours," said Hackman.

Kuhn then asked a question as to who was going to get the ball rolling on the project if it were to materialize.

"My question then moving forward is who does the leg work on that?" said Kuhn. "Does that fall on me?"

Kuhn said he has been contacted by members of the public that would like to be able to view recordings of the meetings.

"I've truly heard it from other people as well.

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

U.S. Army Maj. Ashley Holzmann presents Nashua-Plainfield Caleb Sinnwell with a Certificate of Achievement during an assembly held at the school on Tuesday afternoon.

HONORING A HISTORY STAR

U.S. ARMY MAJOR PRESENTS NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STUDENT CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

A pretty cool story unfolded inside the Nashua-Plainfield High School gymnasium on Tuesday afternoon.

There was Caleb Sinnwell, a high school freshman who was 14 years old when he claimed a national title at the National History Day competition this summer, being feted by a United States Army major, a U.S. senator and a

member of the Iowa House of Representatives.

That, folks, doesn't happen every day, but it made for one heck of an end-of-the-school-day assembly at the school.

Sinnwell, of course, is the student who delivered Nashua-Plainfield's first-ever National History Day championship for his website project titled "Ghost Army: Deceptive Communication and the Power of Illusion."

He won his title in June, and on Tuesday, the Army unit that traces its lineage back to the

World War II Ghost Army came to Nashua in the form of Maj. Ashley Holzmann, a psychological operations commander with "PsyOp" at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, who presented Sinnwell with the U.S. Army Certificate of Achievement.

Holzmann shared the history of how the Ghost Army saved thousands of Allied lives because the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops

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Tradition continues with another I rating

Youth and inexperience don't faze the Marching Huskies at state band contest

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

As she and her bandmates crossed the "line" at Saturday's state marching band contest, Brieley Gerholdt felt the nerves.

This was it; an entire season was coming down to 15 minutes of playing and marching.

"It is kind of crazy when you think about it," said Gerholdt, a senior baritone player in the Nashua-Plainfield Marching Band program. "You have 15 minutes to get on the field, show what you have and get off and when you consider we've been working on our show for two months and it all kind of rides on 15 minutes ..."

She paused, smiled and then laughed.

"That is crazy, right?"

But those "butterflies" that Gerholdt and her fellow Marching Huskies acutely felt in Waterloo this Saturday morning didn't stop Nashua-Plainfield from wrapping up the season with a coveted Division I rating.

It marked the 15th time in the past 18 years that the Marching Huskies brought home a I.

Not that they knew it right away.

"You never really know what the judges are going to think," Nashua-Plainfield band director Scott Stroud said. "It is so subjective. What I did know is that I felt good about the show as they marched off the field. We had to wait about two hours for our rating, so it was pretty

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Photo courtesy of Scott Stroud

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield Marching Huskies pose for a band photo after completing their performance at the state marching band contest that was held in Waterloo this past Saturday.



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Supervisors considering streaming its meetings

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Some people have called me and asked questions about certain things and have made comments about that as well," said Kuhn.

"They're for streaming. They'd like to be able to see because you don't get everything in the minutes. You don't get everything in the paper."

Board member Tim Zoll said he thought someone should look into what kind of equipment it would take to get the project set up.

"My consensus is to get with our IT to see what it would take for the equipment so we could stream live and also have it out there as a recording," said Zoll.

"The thing is going forward down the road we would probably put in the supervisors to pay for that – out [of our] budget."

There is usually always an issue of cost with a technology endeavor such as the one proposed.

"If we redo our website we're going to have to probably pay

more for storage unless we were to upload it as some sort of free provider like youtube," said Kuhn. "At least that way we wouldn't be storing the video on whoever hosted our website's server. Which then would get very expensive because it's going to be gigs."

Floyd County streams or shows recordings of its supervisors meetings through PAN – Charles City's Public Access Network.

Board Chair Rick Holthaus said he has viewed the New Hampton Community School District's link that broadcasts their school board meetings.

"If this is not any better than what they've been offering – it's a waste of time and money," said Holthaus.

Regardless of how difficult the task might be to get the service up and running, Kuhn felt there was enough positive feedback to continue to explore the idea.

"It seems like there's a general consensus to continue down this path," said Kuhn.

Sunny skies and winds are the key to finishing harvest

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cast holds because it'll dry things out and get us going again."

The forecast for later in the week is for sunny skies and temperatures to be very fall like with highs in the 50s by the weekend.

More important, Basol said, for farmers may be the winds that are expected to be a bit breezy through the weekend.

"That would give us some nice drying conditions," he said.

He said the biggest concerns with the recent rainfall are the possibility for pod popping that can occur in soybeans and the moisture content in corn.

"Again, if we get some sun and wind, we should be OK," Basol said. "The yields we've seen are good, and now it's just a matter of bringing the crop home."



Nashua-Plainfield students and veterans give Caleb Sinnwell (above) a standing ovation while Sen. Charles Grassley (below) speaks to students during an assembly that was held at the school on Tuesday night.

PsyOp major lauds work done by student

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used deception to confuse German troops into first believing that the D-Day landings would take place north of Normandy and then later by deceiving the Germans that a large army – which in reality was made up of soldiers manning inflatable tanks and using

audio and other misinformation – was about to attack.

PsyOp, he pointed out, is as old as warfare. Take the Trojan Horse, as one example. Or Genghis Kahn's use of rumors to get large armies to surrender to his much smaller forces as another.

The importance of Sinnwell's project, he said, is simple: "The lessons of the past resonate today if we are keen enough to listen ... and Caleb listened."

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But Sinnwell didn't stop after winning his national title.

Instead, he was asked by famed author Rick Beyer to join a team he had put together to lobby members of the U.S. Senate to support a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Service Company, in recognition of their unique and highly distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II.

That led Sinnwell to begin calling senators asking them to sign on to the bill, which needs the support of two-thirds of the Senate to receive approval.

He's nailed down three senators, including Grassley, who also wanted to impart a lesson to the students in the crowd.

"Representative government is a two-way street," Grassley said. "It is the essence of representative government. He made his case to me, and trust me, he made a very good case."

Meanwhile, State Rep. Sandy Salmon, who represents Plainfield in the Iowa House, told students that the entire school district should be proud.

"When you have the support that you do from your teachers, your principals and your communities, good things happen," she said, "and I think what Caleb has done speaks volumes about how good your school is."



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Sinnwell thanked a plethora of people – his National History Day advisor, Suzy Turner; his parents; the veterans sitting to his left; and his grandpa for serving his country during the Vietnam War.

And he promised Holzmann that he would do his best to honor the Ghost Army.

Although Holzmann had just met Sinnwell, he was confident that the Nashua-Plainfield freshman "is just getting started."

After the ceremony, the Army major was asked about making the trip from North Carolina to Iowa.

"I can tell you this: The award we gave Caleb is a big one," he said, "and I can tell you one more thing – not many 14-year-olds get it. But you talk to Caleb for just a few minutes, and you know he's going places. So absolutely, this was a great trip not only for the Army but also for me personally. He's a special kid, I do know that."



Nashua-Plainfield National History Day Advisor Suzy Turner addresses the crowd at the start of Tuesday's assembly in the high school gymnasium.



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If your name did not appear in our Chickasaw County Veterans' Honor Roll listing from the 2020 New Hampton Tribune's Veterans Tab, We want to know who you are and want to include your name FREE of charge.

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As a Veteran, if you would like to have your name or a family member's name included on our Chickasaw County Veterans Honor Roll, please fill out the form below and return it to the New Hampton Tribune by October 22, 2021.

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Public Health: Virus surge remains a concern

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

Lisa Welter can't guarantee anything, but the Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services administrator is confident that one of the ways to stop the surge of positive COVID-19 cases is for those not feeling well to stay home.

Getting residents to do that, though, at times seems to be a daunting task.

Welter once again made a plea for residents who are sick, who have tested positive for COVID-19 or been exposed to the virus to follow guidelines after another week in which the county reached a 2021 high in positive

tests.

Sixty-one residents tested positive for the virus, up from 50 the week before and marking the 10th straight week of double-digit positive tests.

Asked if residents should be concerned about the surge, Welter said that "even one new case is something to worry about, and yes, we need to pay attention and be mindful of how this spreads."

Last week's positive tests covered all age groups. Thirteen positive tests were recorded in residents ages 0 to 17, 24 were ages 18 to 40, 16 were ages 41 to 60, four were 61 to 80 and four were older than 80.

Seven were not eligible for a vac-

cine, but 16 were reported in residents who had been fully vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control, though, has said the COVID vaccine works a little bit like the flu shot in those that get the vaccine but still contract the virus have less severe symptoms.

Welter's biggest frustration remains those that are still going out in the public despite being told they have COVID or have been exposed to it.

She recommended that those with COVID or those who have been exposed rely on family members of friends to do "porch drop offs" for necessities like food and medications, and those who don't have family in the area can call her office and "we'll find

someone to help them."

Welter said she believes most residents who are not staying home aren't in their minds being reckless because they think a "quick trip" into a store won't affect others.

"They're thinking I'll just run into Casey's for two minutes, but what they're missing is that if it hits the wrong person, it could be deadly," she said.

"We've said this over and over, and we'll probably continue to say this over and over. If you're not feeling well, we need you to stay home."

Welter said on Monday her office had been notified that another 13 residents had tested positive for the virus

over the weekend, although she did point out that the number of active cases had dropped from 67 to 50 during the same time period.

New Hampton Community Schools had a school year high of 15 students absent last Wednesday because of positive COVID tests or exposure, but that number paled compared to the number of students who missed school at times last fall.

By Friday, the number of students not in school because of COVID had dropped to seven, and the overall absentee rate remained just above 3 percent, far from the 10 percent that would lead officials to look at possible mitigation strategies.

Julianna 'Julie' Drilling, 58

Julianna "Julie" Drilling, age 58 of Nashua, passed away Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, surrounded by her family at home.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021, at Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home in Charles City with Sister Diana Blong from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating.

Burial followed at Riverton Cemetery, at Midway, in rural Charles City.

A visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home and continue one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Julianna Marie (Hoy) Drilling, the daughter of Roger Hoy and Margaret Matthes, was born on April 23, 1963 in Charles City.

She attended school in Charles City.

On Dec. 26, 1981, she was united in marriage to Mark Huxsol. To this union, they had one daughter, Samantha. After his passing in 1994, she later married Mark Drilling on May 6, 2005.

Julie worked for New Look Metal in Nashua and was a manager at Pizza Hut in Charles City for many years.

She liked to spend her time outdoors gardening, fishing, and sewing. She also enjoyed attending concerts, traveling, and gambling. Above everything in her life, she loved spending time with her husband and her grandchildren.

Living family mem-



Julie Drilling

bers include her husband, Mark; daughter, Samantha Koskie; grandchildren: Jaden, Alexander, Kelsie, and Madison; father, Roger (Sally) Hoy; stepdaughter, Jamie (John) Roney; step-grandchildren: Caroline (Derek) Hedrick, Nicholas Roney, and Emma Roney; stepson, Dalton Prochaska; siblings: Joe Hoy, Mindy (Gary) Weeks, Brandy Wolfe, and Jessica (Dave) Beil; along with many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret (Jim) Reed; husband, Mark Huxsol; grandson, Reiley Huxsol; and grandparents, Harold and Irene "Granam" Matthes.

Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

Rita Swinton, 90

Rita Swinton, age 90 of Nashua, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, at the 11th Street Chautauqua Guest Home in Charles City.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Nashua, with the Rev. Tom Heathershaw celebrating the Mass.

Inurnment will be in the church cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, October 15, 2021, at the Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory - Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Saturday.

Frances Sulentic

Frances Sulentic of Waterloo, died Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 at her daughter's home in Nashua after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's.

Per Frances request, there will be no formal services and her body will be donated to science at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Hugelback Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences for Frances' family may be left at hugelbackfuneralhome.com.

Floyd County hires former engineer to help with budget

By BOB STEENSON

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The Floyd County Board of Supervisors agreed Monday to work with the previous county engineer on a temporary contract basis to help put together the Secondary Roads Department budget for the next fiscal year.

But the board will hire an outside firm to handle the engineering duties of the department as the county looks for the former county engineer's replacement.

Supervisors are seeking a new engineer after accepting the resignation last week of Dusten Rolando, who resigned from his shared county engineer position in Floyd and Chickasaw counties after being charged with second-offense OWI two weeks earlier.

Legally, the county needs a licensed civil engineer to sign off on various road and bridge projects, and time-wise, work needs to begin fairly soon on the new Engineering and Secondary Roads Department budget for the fiscal year that begins June 1, 2022.

Rolando had offered to work out a temporary contract with Floyd County to help with the budget and to act as engineer to sign paperwork on projects.

Supervisor Roy Schwickerath

said hiring Rolando on a temporary basis for budgeting and engineer services would be the easiest path, and also likely the most cost-effective short-term solution for the county because of his familiarity with the department.

"My opinion is if we can figure out a reasonable contract with Dusty it just makes it cleaner for us," Schwickerath said. "We've got one person up there who's in charge of the engineering and the budget. I think the budget is the lion's share, actually."

"I really think that's the smoothest way for this thing to work out," Schwickerath said a little later in the meeting.

But Supervisors Linda Tjaden and Doug Kamm said while they valued Rolando's experience putting together the department's budget and that was probably the way to go in that area, they wanted someone else involved in the engineering duties.

Scott Sweet, a civil engineer who lives south of Charles City and who is a principal with WHKS Inc., an engineering firm in Mason City, has offered to help with engineering duties on an hourly contract basis as needed, similar to what he did with Cerro Gordo County when that county was looking for a new engineer.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

The Marching Huskies take to the field before Nashua-Plainfield's football game against Central Scrags last month.

Marking Huskies give director 'sweetest' year

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nerve wracking. But all of their hard work paid off."

Nashua-Plainfield has done plenty of celebrating in recent years; in short, Stroud has built a powerhouse band program at the school. He's made band cool. At many schools, band and athletics don't mix; at Nashua-Plainfield, though, they do.

"I love at football games because we have football players and cheerleaders march," Gerholdt said. "Our band is like a huge cross section of our school, and we take a lot of pride having a really good band."

Just how the Marching Huskies would fare in 2021, though, was anyone's guess.

Because of COVID-19, marching band contests weren't held in 2020, which meant that this year's freshmen and sophomores — "75 percent of our band," Gerholdt said — had never marched before.

But Nashua-Plainfield didn't skip a beat; instead, the Marching Huskies not only got their I, they also won the Marshalltown Oktoberfest Parade Contest for a ninth straight year.

The Marching Huskies

Director: Scott Stroud.

Drum Major: Megan Bottorff.

Assistant Drum Major: Jennifer McLeland.

Flutes: Ellie Woodman, Calista McDonald, Alyson Reints and Jordyn Frost.

Clarinets: Caitlyn McDonald, Bailey Bond, Maci Malven, Makayla Asche and Miranda Ayers.

Trumpets: Dalton Downing, Luke Paplow, Hunter Hackman, Hayden Munn, Garrett Lentz and Brynn Wright.

Alto saxophones: Maverick Dietz-McDonald, Amberley Gerholdt, and Aiden Sullivan.

Tenor saxophone: Aubreigh Stroud.

Trombones: Dawson Demro and Kara Levi.

Baritones: Brieley Gerholdt and J.R. O'Neill.

Bar. Saxophones: Breanna Hackman and Cal Levi.

Crash cymbals: Emma O'Neill and Kierrah Montano.

Snare Drum: Makenzie Foelske.

Quads: Levi Winters.

Bass drums: Jennah Carpenter, Ty Berger, Cam Cleveland and Chandler Vilmain.

The key, Stroud said, was the leadership his upperclassmen provided.

"They were my extra eyes and ears on the field," Stroud said. "Since day one of marching camp, during the first week of August, the freshmen and sophomores improved by leaps and bounds. Not only do they have to learn to march in step and with the correct style, they have to memorize all of their music. This was a high hurdle to jump at first, but they really stepped up and got the job done."

Still, even those veterans felt the nerves Saturday; after all, Nashua-Plainfield has high expectations when it comes to band, but once Drum Major Megan Bottorff and her assistant, Jennifer McLeland, led the band onto the field, the Marching Huskies did what they always seem to do.

They rose to the occasion.

"It wasn't a perfect show," Gerholdt said, "and it's always a little weird because you know there are judges in the press box, there are judges on the field getting really close to you. But when we really got it going, it felt good. But you still have to wait and wait and wait ... when we found out, that was huge just because as a senior, you don't want to let down the tradition."

And while "the tradition" may bring some pressure, Stroud said he believes it helps the Marching Huskies year in and year out.

"Tradition does play a role," he said. "Even though we hadn't marched in a contest since October of 2019, the upperclassmen made sure that the underclassmen understood our history."

Yet, the longtime band instructor would have just been as proud of his band if they had received a II rating.

"The Division I Rating is icing on the cake," he said. "We always have the discussion that I am happy with whatever rating they get as long as they all tried their best. The most important thing about marching band is that the students learn dedication and teamwork, which ultimately gives them leadership skills that translate to other parts of their lives."

Still, Stroud conceded this year's rating meant a lot to him and his program.

"This Division I Rating probably felt the sweetest out of the years I have been teaching," he said, "because we came out of our weird COVID hiatus and put on a really good show. I have never been prouder of my students!"

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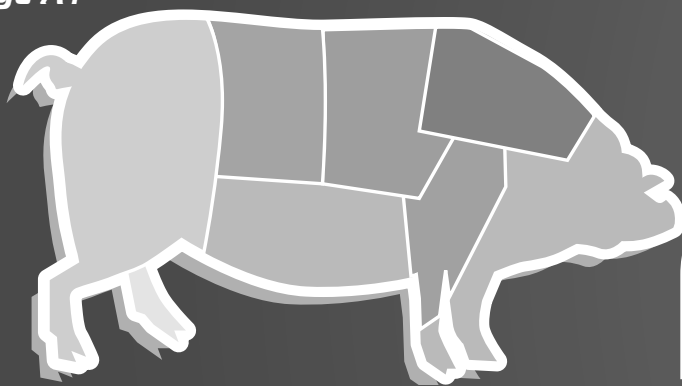
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There is no better time than October to celebrate that Iowa is the country's top pork-producing state.

That achievement is a testament to the work done by the women and men who work in the industry. In fact, if all the people who worked in pork production were aggregated into one place, those 147,000 people would make up the state's third largest city!

Iowa pig farmers and all the other essential workers in the pork industry continue to respond to our uncertain times with resilience and creativity. That's why the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) will celebrate October Pork Month, or #Porktober21, with great appreciation of not only delicious and nutritious pork, but all the people that are part of this important food system in our state.

Those people work in the barns to make sure pigs receive the best care possible.

They drive feed trucks to deliver Iowa corn, soybean meal and other nutrients to pigs.

Others are driving trucks filled with pigs as they move them through the production system.

And then, there are the veterinarians

and the processing plant workers – both focused on the final outcome of providing safe and healthy pork to consumers.

"Pork is the leading animal protein for consumers across the globe, but our most important consumers will always be those here at home," said IPPA President Dennis Liljedahl of Essex. "Porktober21 is when we highlight both the people and the product. It is a celebration of real stories, real farms, and the real way people feel when they enjoy the taste of pork and the way it brings them together."

October became known as Pork Month because it marked the time of year when hogs were traditionally marketed. Today, it serves as a celebration to thank pork producers and share their stories with consumers.

In 2008, pork producers adopted six We Care ethical principles at the National Pork Industry Forum. The pork industry follows the six guiding ethical principles of the We Care initiative to maintain a safe, high-quality pork supply. Producers are committed to:

- Producing safe food.
- Safeguarding natural resources in all industry practices.
- Providing a work environment that

is safe and consistent with the industry's other ethical principles.

- Contributing to a better quality of life in communities.
- Protecting and promoting animal well-being.
- Ensuring practices to protect public health.

Pork is the world's most widely eaten meat, representing 36 percent of all meat consumed, according to the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service.

According to Nielsen Perishable Group retail sales data for 52 weeks, the top five most popular cuts sold are Center cut chops, Assorted Chops, Back Ribs, Spare Ribs and Tenderloins.

In terms of dollar sales, Center Cut Chops accounted for more than \$1,002 billion, Assorted Chops \$525 million, Back Ribs \$411 million, Spare Ribs \$237 million and Tenderloins at \$177 million.

"Consumers recognize the versatility of serving pork in their homes," said Wulfekuhle. "Cook pork until the internal temperature reaches between 145 degrees and 160 degrees Fahrenheit, followed by a three-minute rest, this will ensure flavorful and tender pork on the plate."

IOWA PORK INDUSTRY FACTS

ON THE FARM

- Iowa is the number one pork producing state in the U.S. and the top state for pork exports.*
- Nearly one-third of the nation's hogs are raised in Iowa.
- Iowa has more than 5,400 pig farms.
- There are pig farmers in every Iowa county. The top five Iowa counties for pig production are Washington, Sioux, Lyon, Hamilton and Plymouth.
- Iowa producers marketed almost 48 million hogs in 2018.
- At any one time, there are approximately 24 million pigs being raised in Iowa.

THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

- As of 2019, 147,105 jobs were associated with the Iowa pork industry.
- One in nearly 10 working Iowans has a job tied to the pork industry.
- Exports of pork from Iowa totaled more than \$2.1 billion in 2018.
- In 2019, Japan, Mexico, China, Canada, and South Korea were the leading value export markets for Iowa pork. The largest export markets by volume were Mexico, China, Japan, Canada and South Korea.
- Hog production contributed \$13.1 billion to the state economy in 2015.
- The industry contributed \$40.8 billion in sales in 2019.
- Pork slaughtering and processing facilities generated 66 percent of the sales, hog production generates 34 percent of sales.*
- From wean to 270 pounds., a pig eats approximately 12 bushels of corn and 2.5 bushels of soybeans.
- During the year, Iowa pigs will eat corn from 22 percent of Iowa corn acres and 23 percent of Iowa soybean acres.

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- Livestock production in Iowa supplies about 25 percent of Iowa's cropland fertilizer needs
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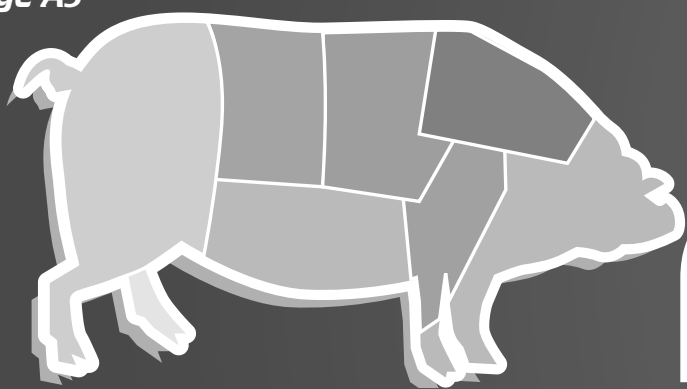
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Anyone up for a road trip?

We know the best tenderloin is here, but finalists for '21 announced

Juicy news to help kick off October Pork Month: The top five finalists have been selected for the 19th annual Iowa's Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin Contest, presented by the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA).

They include:

- Elk Horn — Larsen's Pub (winner in 2007)
- Emerson — Old Road Cafe & Bar
- Harlan — Victoria Station
- Indianola — Z's Eatery and Draught Haus
- Miles — Stalker's Pub

"We are always looking for a tenderloin that celebrates the taste of pork," said Kelsey Sutter, IPPA's marketing and programs director. "I've been involved with this contest for 10 years, and I've seen a definite increase in restaurants offering thick, hand-breaded tenderloins that do just that."

In the spring, IPPA called on tenderloin fans everywhere to nominate their favorite sandwiches. Nearly 6,000 nominations were submitted for 526 different establishments.

The five restaurants with the most nominations from each of IPPA's eight districts—for a total of 40 from around the state—were reviewed during the summer by IPPA's restaurant and foodservice committee. Leading contenders were then turned over to undercover judges who scored tenderloins on the quality of the pork, taste, physical characteristics, and eating experience.

Any Iowa restaurant, café or tavern offering hand-breaded or battered pork tenderloins on its daily menu was eligible to be nominated. To win, the business must be open year-round with regular hours. Food trucks, concession stands, seasonal establishments, and catering businesses were not eligible.

The first- and second-place winners will be announced later this month, dubbed #Porktober21 on social media channels as part of the monthlong celebration of pig farmers and the great product they produce.

The winning restaurant will receive \$500, a plaque, a banner to display, and statewide publicity that will bring in new business.

Recent Winners

2020

1st — PrairieMoon on Main, Prairieburg.
2nd — Birdies, Burgers and Brews at Hillcrest Golf & Country Club, Graettinger.
Top Five: The Blind Pig, Cedar Rapids; Sasquatch Jacks Hideaway Barroom & Grill, Waverly; Bents Smokehouse & Pub, Westgate.

2019

1st — The Pub at the Pinicon, New Hampton.
2nd — Stumble Inn, Bradford.
Top Five: Nite Hawk Bar & Grill, Slater; Big Al's BBQ, Des Moines; West Side Family Restaurant, Grinnell.

2018

1st — Three C's Diner, Corning.
2nd — Whatcha Smokin? BBQ + Brew, Luther.
Top Five: The Landmark Bistro, Grundy Center; Nine & Dine, Eagle Grove; Stout's Irish Pub & Grill, Clinton.

2017

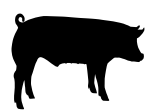
1st — Grid Iron Sports Bar and Grill, Webster City.
2nd — Northside Cafe, Winterset (CLOSED).
Top Five: The Buffalo Tavern, Burlington; Thirsty Carp, Lake View; Double Dip, Chariton.

First-place restaurants are not allowed to compete for five years after they have received the award, which means The Pub at the Pinicon, the New Hampton restaurant that won the top prize in 2019, is ineligible to compete for the award until 2024.

So even though we in Chickasaw County know where the best breaded tenderloin resides, a lot of us are still up for a road trip to find out where the second-best breaded tenderloin is made.

2020 IOWA PORK ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION STUDY

STATE OF IOWA



24.8

(MILLION)

NUMBER OF HOGS

Based on the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture and adjusted for the statewide rate of change for Iowa shown in the Dec. 1, 2019 NASS Hogs & Pigs Report.*



5,418

NUMBER OF

HOG FARMS

Based on the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture and adjusted for the statewide rate of change for Iowa shown in the Dec. 1, 2019 NASS Hogs & Pigs Report.*



147,105

JOBS

A measure of the full and part-time jobs in the state created by the pork industry including those in hog production, slaughter, processing, and related activities.*

\$11.9

(BILLION)

VALUE-ADDED ACTIVITY

The difference between sales from pork production, slaughter, processing, and related activities, and the cost of the inputs. Inputs include Household Income, Taxes, and other economic activity.*

\$40.8

(BILLION)

PORK PRODUCTION & PROCESSING SALES

Represents current annual revenue projections for the pork industry based on the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture. It is adjusted for 2019 by calculating the rate of change determined by the IMPLAN calculator for projected revenues of Iowa's hog production, slaughter, and processing activity, as well as other related activities.*

\$6.8

(BILLION)

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The total payroll related to hog production, slaughter, processing, and other related activities. This includes employee wages, salaries, and benefits, in addition to payments received by self-employed owners.*

3,021,320

(ACRES)

CORN CONSUMPTION

(22% of Iowa corn acres)



2,234,234

(ACRES)

SOYBEAN CONSUMPTION

(23% of Iowa soybean acres)



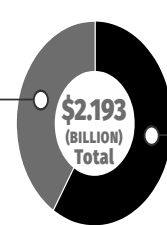
These are the number of crop acres in the county needed to feed the pigs raised here. Consumption estimates are based on average yields (bu./acre) from the NASS 2019 report on county acreage, production, and yields. From wean to market weight, a pig, on average, will consume 12 bu. of corn and 2.5 bu. of soybeans. Two groups of pigs are raised each year.

IOWA PORK INDUSTRY TAX SUMMARY

\$893

(MILLION)

STATE/LOCAL TAXES



\$1.3

(BILLION)

FEDERAL TAXES

This chart shows the distribution of tax dollars generated by the pork industry and related activities.*

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*This study was conducted by Decision Innovation Solutions (decision-innovation.com) in 2020. It was completed with a combination of the 2018 Iowa IMPLAN dataset, data from the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture, and other National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) sources.

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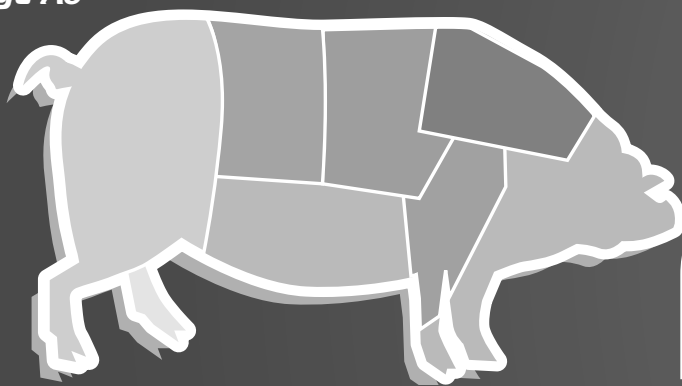
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Any time of the day is a good time for pork!

Here are a few recipes from the Iowa Pork Producers Association to try



Maple Bacon Donuts

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tube biscuit dough (8 biscuits)
- Vegetable oil
- 2 c powdered sugar
- 1 tsp maple extract
- 2-3 tbsp milk
- 4 bacon strips, chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

- Using a small round cookie cutter, cut the centers of the biscuits out.
- Add about 1 1/2 inches of vegetable oil in a skillet and heat to 375°F.
- Carefully add the donuts (and donut holes!) to the oil, frying until golden brown on both sides. This will take about 2-4 minutes on the first side and 2 minutes on the second side. Remove the donuts and place onto a plate with a paper towel to soak up the excess oil.
- In a small mixing bowl, combine the powdered sugar, maple extract and milk.
- Dip the donuts into the frosting one at a time and sprinkle with bacon pieces. Maple Bacon Donuts



One Pot Pasta Skillet

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 lb pork loin, cut into 1" cubes

- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 15 oz can tomato sauce
- 2 1/2 c water
- 1 - 15 oz can roasted red peppers, drained and diced
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion salt
- 8 oz cellentani pasta
- 4 oz cream cheese
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- Additional basil for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Add vegetable oil to a skillet and heat to medium-high heat. Sear the pork, sprinkled with salt and pepper; remove to a plate and cover with foil.

To the skillet, add tomato sauce, water, red peppers, sugar, garlic powder, onion salt and pasta.

Bring mixture to a boil, and let cook for 14 minutes, stirring occasionally until the pasta is soft.

Stir in the fresh basil and cream cheese until smooth. Add the pork and cook until pork reaches 145°F.

Sprinkle additional basil on top for garnish and serve warm.



Sheet Pan Rack of Pork with Vegetables

INGREDIENTS

- 1 - 8 bone center cut rack of pork ribs, frenched
- 1 tsp seasoned salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 c Italian salad dressing
- 3 cloves of garlic, finely minced
- 1 1/2 TBSP finely minced fresh rosemary
- 1/2 TBSP finely minced fresh thyme
- 4 large carrots, peeled, halved widthwise
- 12 Brussel sprouts, halved
- 16 baby potatoes (ping pong ball sized), pierced with fork
- 1 red onion, cut into eighths

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Sprinkle seasoned salt and pepper over rack of pork ribs and

rub it in.

In a large bowl, combine the Italian dressing, garlic, rosemary, and thyme; stir well.

Reserve 1/3 cup marinade.

To the large bowl, add the rack of pork ribs and toss to coat.

Place pork rack of ribs on a greased sheet pan.

Add cut vegetables to the remaining marinade and toss to coat. Arrange marinade coated vegetables around the rack of pork ribs.

Cover tips of rib bones with foil and bake at 375°F for 75-90 minutes or until the pork registers 140°F with an instant read thermometer.

— For more great recipes, check out the Iowa Pork Producers Association's website at www.iowapork.org/porkrecipes/



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Nashua-Plainfield's Breanna Hackman puts down a kill in last week's TIC East match against West Fork.

Huskies will start postseason at home

Volleyball: From 10

Each of the senior standouts are multi-sport stars at N-P and the trio may all take their talent to the next level at college. Hackman may play college basketball and track. Hyde is interested in playing college volleyball and Makenzie Foelske may do the same in volleyball and track.

"The seniors are great leaders and they will lead us into the postseason with a goal," said Mindy. "We've gotten out of the first round, but we've never gotten out of the second round. That's a goal for them."

N-P played its final matches of the regular season this past Tuesday in a quad at Lake Mills versus Hampton-Dumont-CAL, North Butler and the host Bulldogs.

The pairings have been released by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union and Husky volleyball fans will be happy at that good news.

There could be plenty of home cooking for the Huskies should they win several postseason games. N-P hosts Riceville in the opening round at home on Monday, Oct. 18. The winner of that tilt plays either Tripoli or West Central at Nashua on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Should N-P move on from that contest, the Huskies would host the Class 1A, Region 5 semifinal again at Nashua against either St. Ansgar, Northwood-Kensett, Turkey Valley or Kee High.

"I know that we have so much of our season left," said Makenzie Foelske. "We could go a long ways."

Conversely, if N-P plays like they did against an over-matched West Fork (8-15, 2-6) squad last week – it could be a very short postseason run.

"We'd be done if we played like that again," said Mindy Foelske.

N-P (10-12, 6-2) finished third in league behind No. 10 Osage (25-9, 8-0) and sec-

ond-place St. Ansgar (16-9, 7-1).

"We're going to try to stretch their season as much as possible," Mindy said.

Makenzie Foelske led N-P with 18 kills and Hackman added 15 kills. Hyde was 19-20 serving.

"That's what I can't say enough about those three seniors. It's not all about them. They will never claim it's all about them," said Mindy. "They will work to make the next person on the court better."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 3, WEST FORK 1

NP 25 25 24 25
WF 15 19 26 13

Kills - Makenzie Foelske 18, Breanna Hackman 15, Jalynn Pratt 11, Bailey Fisher 6, Josslynn Glaser 4, Abbie Hyde 1.

Assists - Paige Ripley 48, Hackman 1.

Digs - Hyde 32, Ripley 19, Pratt 18, Foelske 16, Fisher 14, Hackman 1.

Blocks - Hackman 2, Foelske 1.

Serving - Ripley 16-16, Hackman 5-6, Fisher 12-13, Pratt 18-22, Foelske 21-21, Hyde 19-20.

Aces - Ripley 1, Fisher 1.

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N-P imposes its will on AGWSR

Football: From 10

tie, Hudson's best-case point total would be -5.66. N-P's worst-case point total would be -4.83 in a loss.

"It's a big moment," said Pratt. "I was finally glad to bring football back into town. We lost it. Hopefully it's back."

There were many that doubted N-P in its quest to crack the playoffs once again. Don't bring that kind of noise around N-P 6-5, 305-pound senior lineman Jarrett Petersen. He's not hearing it.

"Never in a million years did I probably the Nashua community think we'd be here nor did anyone else really in the state of Iowa," said Petersen. "It's just a surreal moment and I'm proud to be a part of this team."

Pratt, who along with offensive line starters Andrew Rodruck, Jackson Zwanziger and Tate White, surely deserved the game ball on this night – spoke for each and every interior lineman that helped win one of the best games in recent memory for the Huskies.

"It just feels good to be able to run and know you actually did something good," said Pratt. "We just drove the ball any time we wanted and it felt good."

Fundermann, who rolled his way to an all-time high of 188 yards rushing on 25 carries, ripped through the right side of AGWSR's defense just underneath a minute to play in the first quarter to finally put N-P on the board.

AGWSR struck first on Kaden Abbas's 82-yard scamper on a play the N-P defense was not ready for. The quick counter saw Abbas go untouched into the end zone.

"They had a big play. It was just a misread," said Christensen.

N-P warmed up on offense after failing to score on its first two possessions. Fundermann scored twice more again from three yards out right before half.

Nelson did most of his damage in between the tackles on runs up the middle. He rushed for a career high 233 yards and scored twice. He also intercepted a pass – his fourth of the season – and converted two 2-point runs.

"We just imposed our will. That's what's fun to see," said Christensen.

N-P senior McKade Munn also caught two 2-point conversion passes.

N-P started out the season slow in shutout losses to fifth-ranked North Butler and Wapsie Valley. Then came the blowout win against Class 1A's Central Springs. North Tama played one of its best games the next week in dismantling the



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield Jarrett Peterson helps open a hole for a Husky running back in Friday's game.

Huskies, 55-20. A homecoming victory over BCLUW, 38-6, was next for the Huskies. Grundy Center flexed its muscles and gave N-P its fourth of loss of the season in another shutout loss. Last Friday night's man-handling of AGWSR could be a preview of what's to come from a team that seems to be finding itself at exactly the right moment.

"I think we knew these things were coming around," said Christensen. "After we lost to North Tama, we said the season's still in front of us. We were realistic that there was no team on our schedule besides Grundy that was better than us. I'm just ready to continue on with this team. We guaranteed ourselves at least two more games and hopefully more good things to come."

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 38, AGWSR 14

AGWSR 7 0 0 7 - 14
NP 8 8 6 16 - 38

FIRST QUARTER

A - Kaden Abbas 82 run (Lasse Segebricht kick) 8:27
N - Sam Fundermann 45 run (McKade Munn pass from Bo Harrington) 0:59

SECOND QUARTER

N - Fundermann 3 run (Trey Nelson run) 0:14

THIRD QUARTER
N - Nelson 1 run (Fundermann run) 4:22

FOURTH QUARTER
N - Fundermann 9 run (Nelson run) 7:34
A - Abbas 24 pass from Bo Gerbracht (Segebricht kick) 3:55
N - Nelson 3 run (Munn pass from Harrington) 0:48

TEAM STATS

	AGWSR	N-P
Rushes-yards	17-117	62-436
Passing yards	83	0
Total yards	200	436
Att-Comp-Int	4-16-1	0-6-0

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STATS

Rushing - Trey Nelson 32-233, Sam Fundermann 25-188, McKade Munn 4-4, Bo Harrington 1-11.

Passing - Harrington 0-6-0.

Tackles - Tate White 5, Nelson 4.5, Landon Pratt 4, Aiden Lamborn 3.5, Fundermann 3.5, Max Hillegas 3, Munn 2.5, Joel Winters 2.5, Kaden Weiker 2, Drew Rodruck 2, Aiden Geiner 1, Tucker Franzen 1, Harrington 1, Jackson Carey 0.5, Aiden Sullivan 0.5, Jackson Zwanziger 0.5.

Tackles for loss - Pratt 2, Fundermann 2, White 1.5, Lamborn 1.5, Hillegas 1, Nelson 1, Winters 1, Rodruck 1.

Sacks - Hillegas 1, Lamborn 1, Nelson 1.

Fumble recoveries - Winters 1.

Interceptions - Nelson.

Kickoff returns - Munn 1-16.

Punt returns - Munn 1-16.

Kickoffs - Hillegas 6-274.

Punts - Hillegas 2-78.

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Nashua-Plainfield's Bailey Fisher gets a spike past a pair of West Fork blockers for a kill during last week's Top of Iowa match.

Huskies roll on Senior Night

Nashua-Plainfield clinches third in Top of Iowa East with win over West Fork

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

TIC East Volleyball

	Conf.	All
Osage	8-0	25-9
St. Ansgar	7-1	16-9
Nashua-Plainfield	6-2	10-12
Central Springs	5-3	19-12
North Butler	4-4	17-12
West Fork	2-6	9-16
Northwood-Kensett	2-6	4-17
Mason City Newman	1-7	5-18
Rockford	1-7	4-18

Mindy Foelske remembers it like it was yesterday.

Her three talented N-P senior volleyball stars were in elementary school and playing the sport for the very first time. The reaction from the parents in the crowd about these young Huskies' performance on the court was, well, let's just say, not good.

"They were fourth graders not too long ago and they were horrible," said Mindy. "We sat as parents in the stands and we were like, 'oh, my gosh, what's going to happen?' They did not look pretty."

Fast forward quite a few years into the future and those seniors – Abbie Hyde, Breanna Hackman and Mindy's daughter, Makenzie – put a cap on the conference season with a 3-1 win

over West Fork a week ago this past Tuesday.

"It's kind of sad. We've played together for so long," said Hyde, Foelske's senior libero who broke the school record with her 32 digs against the Warhawks.

N-P won by scores of 25-15, 25-19, 24-26, 25-13.

That less-than spectacular triumph over the Warhawks clinched third place in the Top of Iowa Eastern Conference standings and proved that in not even playing at their best – these Huskies are still a dangerous team.

"It was a little rocky at some points," said Hackman. "The third game kind of got away from us. We came back strong in the fourth set."

Hyde now has 935 digs – the No. 1 all-time total in N-P school history. The old mark for most digs by a Husky was held by Cindy Hannemann. That previous record of 925 career digs was accomplished from 1997 until 2000.

"We pulled through," said Hyde. "We know how we can play. We know our capability of things. We just have to register in our heads that we can do it."

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 9



Kelly Tepstra/Reporter
The weather conditions weren't great but Nashua-Plainfield runners like Drew Wilken (above) and Amberley Gerholdt (below) put up solid times last week at the New Hampton Invitational.

Husky runners gear up for the postseason

Nashua-Plainfield finishes regular season with two meets, head to the TIC meet today

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

It didn't take long for Nashua-Plainfield freshman Amberley Gerholdt to realize the sport of cross country was for her.

"I like being with the team. I think that's probably one of the things that got me into it," said Gerholdt. "I just kind of fell in love with it."

Gerholdt was back on the course with her Huskies last week Thursday at Fredericksburg after taking the prior meet off because of sickness. She produced a medal-winning run of 22:51 – good for 14th place.

"Today went pretty well. It was a little rocky going into the third mile," said Gerholdt. "Other than that I felt pretty good."

The N-P girls placed fourth as a team with 80 points – eight back of New Hampton's third-place total of 72. The Chickasaws hosted the meet and each team in attendance had to deal with a steady rain that fell for much of the final two races of the afternoon.

Gerholdt talked about taking on the course when pack racing turns into solitary solo time when runners are all by themselves. She also mentioned what she considers to be two

SEE CROSS COUNTRY, 8



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Tate White (above) makes a tackle while teammate Trey Nelson stretches for an extra yard or two during the Huskies' playoff-clinching victory over AGWSR last Friday night.

HEADIN' TO THE PLAYOFFS!

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD ROLLS PAST AGWSR TO CLINCH FIRST POSTSEASON TRIP SINCE 2014

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

In what may go down as the play of the year – Nashua-Plainfield football coach Andrew Christensen rolled the dice near midfield last Friday night against AGWSR.

His fourth-quarter gamble paid off with one of the most satisfying ground gains of the fall and put a resounding cap on N-P's return to the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

The gutsy play call on fourth down came at a time where there was little doubt as to who the victor would be on this evening.

But, with the bold decision to not punt, it proved a clear and concise point – these Huskies mean business in 2021.

"You could tell they thought we were going to punt. Some of our coaches didn't know we were going to go for it," said Christensen. "It was wide open."

A hole was blown open on the left side of the interior and senior running back Trey Nelson marched through the gap to pound the ball all the way down to the opponent's 13-yard line after a 37-yard burst on 4th-and-5 from midfield. Nelson would score four plays later, but his fourth-down burst through the line will be the play that is remembered most this season.

What was the feeling in the huddle when N-P lined up a



second time after trying to draw the Cougars offside before Christensen burned a timeout and forgoed giving the ball back to AGWSR?

"The feeling is get that damn first down," said N-P junior offensive lineman Landon Pratt.

N-P didn't gain a single yard through the air en route to a dominating effort up front that saw the Huskies rack up 436 yards of ground game. That effort by the big boys on the line allowed Nelson and fellow senior running back Sam

Fundermann to flourish.

"We were just running the ball at ease. Sometimes as a coach you just have to say, 'you know what, we really don't need to throw ball to accomplish anything.' That's really what it came down to," said Christensen.

The result was a 38-14 win

Class A, District 3 Football

	Conf.	All
Grundy Center	5-0	6-1
North Tama	4-1	6-1
Wapsie Valley	4-1	5-2
Nashua-P'field	2-3	3-4
AGWSR	2-4	3-4
Hudson	1-4	1-6
BCLUW	0-5	0-7

over AGWSR and because of the 17-point tiebreaker differential rule, N-P is guaranteed its first playoff game since 2014.

Even with a loss to Hudson (1-6, 1-4) in the regular season finale, N-P (3-4, 2-3) would still advance to the round of 32 in the postseason on the tiebreaker criteria.

AGWSR (3-4, 2-4) has already played its final district game and ends the season at home versus West Fork this Friday. AGWSR finished with -5.67 plus-or-minus point differential – which is the sum of the district games divided by the total number of games played within the district.

Even if one-win Hudson upsets N-P in its final home game and creates a three-way

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