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Nashua-Plainfield has new superintendent

Longtime southeast Iowa school administrator will take over for Turner as top administrator at N-P, Rockford

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield and Rockford nailed down a smooth superintendent transition last week when both boards approved hiring a longtime southeastern Iowa school administrator as its new top shared administrator.

And that administrator, Todd Liechty, couldn't be happier.

"I'm just so doggone excited," he said. "I know I'm coming into two great school systems, the kids did well,

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— NEW NASHUA-PLAINFIELD SUPERINTENDENT TODD LIECHTY



the two districts do their finances well and they have great teachers and staffs that put kids first. That was critical for me."

But the biggest selling point of the

job may have come last Wednesday when he was interviewed in both districts that have shared a superintendent since January 2018.

"Everyone was just so stinking nice," he said, "and we realized that this would be a great place to take that next step. Everyone — the boards, the teachers, the community members — just impressed the heck out of me."

Liechty will take over the shared superintendent post on July 1, when he replaces the retiring Keith Turner.

He — along with the two other finalists — went through interviews last Wednesday and that evening, in a joint board meeting, Nashua-Plainfield and Rockford board members tabbed

Liechty as their choice, and the following day, he said the magic word: "Yes."

He has served as the principal at Mount Pleasant High School since 2006, and in a joint statement, the Nashua-Plainfield and Rockford board members said they were impressed with Liechty's leadership ability.

"Todd has consistently raised reading and math scores in the buildings he has served," the board wrote in a press release announcing Liechty's

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Tax trouble brewing in Floyd County

Residents have concerns about 21-22 budget and tax levy, file petition to set up appeal hearing

By **BOB STEENSON**
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A group alleging improprieties with the Floyd County budget and property tax rates for the 2021-22 fiscal year says it has collected more than 10 times the number of signatures required to call for a state budget appeal hearing.

Members of the Floyd County group Coalition for Better County Government and Charles City CPA Scott Andrews said Thursday evening that about 1,193 signatures had been collected throughout the county on petitions that question the budget the county Board of Supervisors recently approved for the new fiscal year that begins July 1.

Those petitions and signatures were turned in to the Floyd County Auditor's Office Friday, said Gordon Boge, a leader of the Coalition for Better County Government.

The legal deadline for a budget hearing petition was April 10, but that was a Saturday this year.

Iowa Code requires a minimum of 100 valid signatures from county residents or county property owners "who are affected by any proposed budget, expenditure or tax levy, or by any item thereof" to call for a protest hearing.

County Auditor Gloria Carr said Thursday if there is a large number of signatures on the petitions her office will make sure there are at least 100 of them that are valid, but would not attempt to verify them all.

Carr, who previously said she has never gone through a state appeal of a county budget before, said she has been talking with state officials regarding the hearing process.

She said staff from the state Department of Management will work with the representatives of the petitioning group and with the Board of Supervisors to set a date and time for the protest hearing, but "one thing that's still unclear is if it will be in person or virtual."

Included in the petition is a request that the protest hearing be held in the evening at the Youth Enrichment Center at the Floyd County Fairgrounds "to allow maximum participation," but Carr said she was told that such meetings are still being held online, by teleconference.

During Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, supervisors said they had not heard anything from the state when it comes to the budget review.

Carr said she has been told that the state will get in touch with her with the representatives of the petitioners first and then contact the

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CHAPTER HOLDS BANQUET

FFA Members of the 2021 senior class — Kaytie Bailey, Kylie Dietz, and Cooper Fisher — presented fellow senior, Josiah Scobee, with a new FFA jacket and scrapbook to record his awards from FFA following his family's house fire earlier this year. Donations from a variety of families and the FFA Chapter made replacing these items possible.

The presentation occurred during the chapter's annual banquet that was held on Saturday and including the presentation of the 2021 DeKalb Award to Kylie Dietz by 2020 award winner Kollyn Lentz. The DeKalb Award is presented to a member who exemplifies scholarship, commitment to the FFA, superior work ethic and a passion for agriculture.

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Photos courtesy of Heidi Hain/Nashua FFA advisor

Foster Grandparent Program celebrating children

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 50th Anniversary of the Week of the Young Child, April 10-16, an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the world's largest early childhood education association.

By **JENNIFER LANTZ**
FGP Director

The Foster Grandparent Program helps meet

the needs of children every day by mentoring, tutoring and offering emotional support.

The grandparents act as a special friend to the children in day care centers and schools across the area. They encourage them when they are having a bad day, help them learn and do their best when it comes to their education, talk to them about their problems, play with them and have a special bond while loving them as the friendship grows stronger.

In this Week of the Young Child, we are proud to say the foster grandparents in the area make this their regular mission.

Beginning last spring, all foster grandparents had to stay home to stay safe. This was a hard time for the program with many uncertainties along the way.

A few went back to their sites in the fall when

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

U.S. Representative Randy Feenstra discusses issues facing Chickasaw County industries and businesses during a stop in the city last week.

New congressman stresses importance of infrastructure

Feenstra hears concerns from New Hampton industries, says he's willing to make investments

By **BOB FENSKE**
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U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra will be the first to say he's a conservative when it comes to fiscal issues in Washington, D.C.

It doesn't mean he's not willing to spend money, but he told a group of New Hampton industry and business leaders last week that the federal government must do a better job of "investing" rather than just "spending."

Feenstra, who has vowed

to visit all 39 counties in the sprawling Fourth Congressional District at least twice each year, made his first stop in Chickasaw County since his election in November, and he brought a familiar face to Wednesday's meeting in his district director, Emily Schwickerath, a 2015 graduate of New Hampton High School.

Representatives from TriMark, Deb El Foods, ATEK, Bank Iowa and Homeland

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Briefs

Community Action scholarship application deadline nears

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation has announced the availability of NEICAC Scholarships supported solely by employees and friends of Community Action. The application and criteria for eligibility are available through the County Family Service Offices or the Administrative Office in Decorah (563-382-8436), online at www.neicac.org or at high school guidance counselors' offices. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, to be considered.

Applicants may include 2021 graduating seniors, currently enrolled college students and individuals who are returning to school for higher education. The scholarships are limited to assisting low-income individuals that live within Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek.

The applicant's total household income must not exceed 175 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

Property tax credit claim available at county's Treasurer's Office

The following Iowa residents are eligible to file a claim for property tax credit if their total 2020 household income is less than \$24,206 and one of the following — the filer was 65 or older as of Dec. 31, 2020, or the filer was totally disabled as of Dec. 31, 2020 — applies.

If you have not received a claim and are eligible, please contact the Chickasaw County Treasurer's office at 641-394-2107.

Deadline to file this application for reduced real estate tax must be filed with the treasurer's office by June 1, 2021.

Mobile Food Bank will make stop in New Hampton this Thursday

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank will conduct its monthly distribution in Chickasaw County this Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, which is located in New Hampton on 221 S. Water Ave.

Food may be picked up at the church, beginning at 4:30 p.m., and the distribution ends at 6:30 p.m.

Six new positive COVID cases recorded in Chickasaw County

Chickasaw County reported six new COVID-19 cases last week, according to the weekly report compiled by Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter.

That brings the number of positive tests recorded in the county to 1,214.



GREENHAND DEGREES: To be eligible to receive the Greenhand Degree, members must be enrolled in an agricultural education course, demonstrate knowledge of FFA, have plans to complete a Supervised Agricultural Experience program, and have knowledge of our chapter's activities. (L-R) Natalie Sinnwell, Aiden Sullivan, Emma O'Neill, Bella Dietz, Jordyn Frost, Caleb Lentz, JR O'Neill. Missing: Alyson Reints & Kendrick Huck

N-P FFA presents awards at annual banquet



FRUIT SALES TOP 10: This year the Nashua Plainfield FFA Chapter raised \$33,526. We recognized the top 10 sales people. (L-R) Jackson & Emarae Carey (3rd Place); Bo Harrington (2nd Place); JR & Sam O'Neill (9th Place); Kendall Bailey-Pint (10th Place); Braeden Mitchell (5th Place); Kylie & Bella Dietz (4th Place); Ellie & Bradie Woodman (1st Place). Missing: Karleigh & Lainie Bouillon (8th Place); Hannah Lechtenberg (7th Place); Alison Mehmen (6th Place).



STAR FARMER: This year the Nashua Plainfield FFA Chapter recognized Landon Pratt as its 2020-2021 Star Chapter Farmer. This award is given to an FFA member who has an outstanding SAE project in production agriculture and demonstrates involvement in chapter activities.



HONOR CORDS: Seniors Kylie Dietz and Kaytie Bailey pose after receiving their Honor Cords from the Nashua Plainfield FFA Alumni and Supporters. These cords will be worn by these ladies at graduation to represent their hard work, dedication, and involvement in the FFA.

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Ann C. Fails, 79

Ann C. Fails age 79 of Nashua, IA, died Thursday, April 8, 2021, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 12, 2021, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Little Turkey with Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery, Little Turkey with Ryan Franzen, Kyle Franzen, Tyler Franzen, James Unga, Dominic King, Colton Kraft, David Reed, Brandon Fails, and Bruce Roe. Honorary pallbearers are Kayla Zeien, Cassandra Moore, Meghan Fails, Mariah Fails, Abigail Reed, Lexie Reed, and Trinity Fails.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. There was no visitation prior to the service on Monday.

Online condolences for Ann's family may be left at hugeback-funeralhome.com.

Ann was born on July 3, 1941, in Lansing, Michigan, and she was the youngest of Albert and Evelyn (Hill) Kreucher.

She attended Catholic schools growing up, and after graduation, she played in a band called the "Rhythm Queens" playing guitar and steel guitar. Ann met her future husband Kenneth Fails and they were married on Feb. 16, 1963.

The couple made their home in Detroit. In 1973 the couple moved back to Iowa, where they farmed and Ann also worked for a number of dairy farmers in the Plainfield/Nashua areas. Their family grew to include seven children — Laura, Lisa, Chris, Rachel, Matt, Missy, and Jessica — and the family eventually moved to the Nashua area in 1982. The couple later divorced.

Ann taught her children the value of hard work, and she walked the talk, too, working in milking operations until she was 70 years old.

Although not a big fan of flying, she loved to travel, especially in and around Iowa. She was an avid flower gardener and crafter; in fact, for sever-



Ann Fails

al years, she ran an in-home business making crafts and flowers for events like weddings and anniversaries. She was a longtime volunteer at the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum in Nashua, and at one time, she served as president of the museum's Board of Directors. In her free time, she also was a fan of Hallmark Channel movies.

One of Ann's best friends was Marlene, and they often talked two, three times a day and were two — as the old proverb says — "peas in a pod."

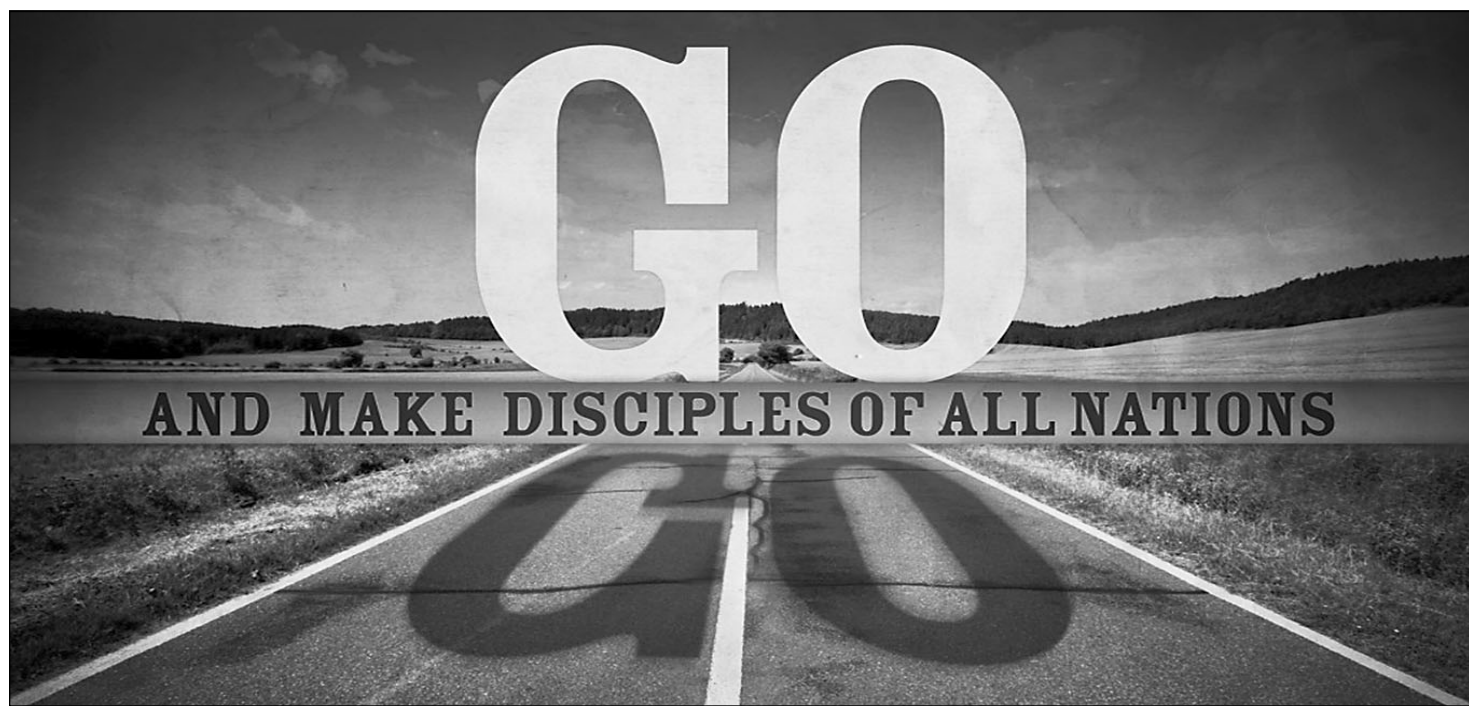
Ann was immensely proud of her 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren, including the one "on the way" this October.

She was a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Little Turkey.

Ann lived a full life — one filled with hard work, love, and fun — and she will be dearly missed by her children, her grandchildren, her "greats" and her friends.

Ann is survived by her seven children, Laura (John) Skillen of Waverly, Lisa (Dale) Rider of Waterloo, Chris Fails of Nashua, Rachel (Bruce Roe) Fails of Largo, Florida, Matt (Heather) Fails of Plymouth, Missy (Shane Kellogg) Sailor of Blackhawk, South Dakota, and Jessica (David) Reed of Greene; 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Albert Kreucher; one sister, Trudy Kreucher; one nephew, John Kreucher, and ex-husband, Kenneth Fails.



THE REST OF THE STORY

GOSPELS DETAIL JESUS' LIFE AFTER THE RESURRECTION

Christians around the world have spent a lot of time over the last few weeks pondering the Gospel accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection (and here at the Bible Gateway blog, we spent plenty of time discussing them too).

During Easter week, we read the familiar stories of the Triumphal Entry, the Last Supper, the crucifixion ... and then with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, the story ends. Right?

Not quite. While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark end shortly after the Resurrection, Luke and John provide extra detail about what Jesus did during the time between his resurrection and his ascent into heaven. If your Gospel reading stopped at the Resurrection, you're missing out on several interesting stories.

Jesus' Appearances After the Resurrection

Luke and John both describe at length Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances to his followers. (Mark mentions these briefly as well.) Jesus' appearance before "doubting Thomas" and the other disciples (in John and in Luke) are well known and contain a number of little details. For instance, Jesus appeared "when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders"—a minor sentence, but one that communicates the terror and bewilderment that must have plagued the disciples in the immediate aftermath of Jesus' crucifixion.

If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, what might you have done in this situation—reeling from the death of your teacher, fearing for your life, and wondering if everything you believed in was really true?

The Gospel of Luke also describes an encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. With tantalizing but confused rumors of the empty tomb still spreading, Jesus appears in disguise to a pair of his followers. After visiting with and teaching them for some time, Jesus reveals himself in a beautifully-described scene:

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked

each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

The Gospel of John provides a few more memorable stories. First, Jesus (again, unrecognized at first) performs his last recorded miracle, overwhelming the disciples' fishing nets with a huge catch. Shortly thereafter is the moving story of Peter's reinstatement. Peter, who had denied knowing Jesus three times during his master's trial, is questioned by Jesus... three times. It is during this questioning that Jesus gives Peter the famous charge to "Feed my sheep."

Jesus Gives the Great Commission
Matthew and Mark both close with the "Great Commission," Jesus' instructions to his disciples to go out into the world and spread the good news of salvation:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey

everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

This passage has long been the basis of the Christian emphasis on sharing the Gospel with the world through evangelism and missionary work.

Mark and Luke describe Jesus' departure from earth into heaven, "taken up into heaven" after speaking to his disciples a final time.

It's clear from the Gospel accounts that the story of Jesus reaches its culmination with the Resurrection. But the tidbits we do get about the post-Resurrection days not only satisfy some of our curiosity about how Jesus' Resurrection was received by his followers, but also give us the evangelistic direction that guides Christ-followers to this day.

— Andy Rau is the former senior manager of content for Bible Gateway. He currently works at Calvin College and wrote this piece for the blog on biblegateway.com

Early deadline nears for 'Their Fight is Our Fight' 5K run/walk

The early deadline for the "Their Fight is Our Fight" 5K run/walk that will be held April 30 is approaching.

Those who register by April 20 can do so for \$25 and be guaranteed a shirt for the event that will be held on what would have been Brittney Heying's 24th birthday. The April 30 event, which also includes a video to remember those who have died from suicide, a silent auction and a free-will donation supper, is being used to raise funds to promote suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

The run/walk will begin and end at Mikkelson Park and is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The fee after April 20 is \$35.

Those 12 and under will be allowed to run or walk for free, and t-shirts will also be available at ScreenPrints in New Hampton.

Registration can be done on the group's Facebook page that can be found at "TheirFightIsOurFightNHIA," the Chickasaw Wellness Complex, the New Hampton Parks and Recreation office and Office World.

Those who want to share a picture and an essay of 100 words or less should send the information to dawnheyng@gmail.com.

All proceeds will be donated to local organizations that promote mental health and suicide prevention awareness.

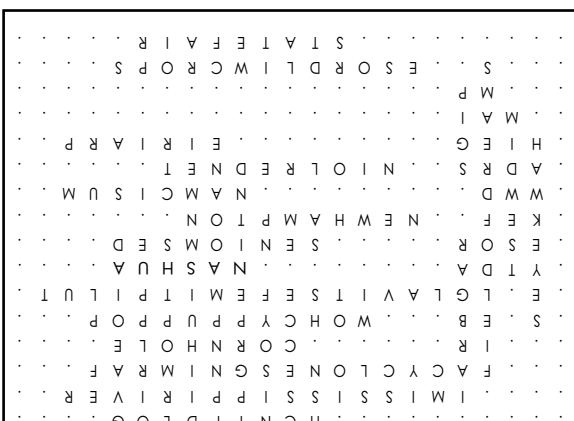
The rain date for the event will be Saturday, May 1.

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Representative understands concerns, expresses hope about broadband'

FEENSTRA: FROM 1

Energy joined Feenstra and shared their concerns ranging from shipping concerns to government regulations to more local concerns like housing, day care and water quality.

"We're going to start working on the infrastructure bill and we'll be the first ones to get to tackle it," Feenstra said of the House Budget Committee that he sits on as a member of the minority Republican Party, "and right now, I'm not that excited about where [the Democrats] are at on this one."

"If we invest, really invest, in infrastructure, I'm for that. We need to invest in broadband, child care, housing, roads. This can't just be a grab to get pet projects through that aren't really investments."

He told the business leaders that his frustrations began even before he was elected, pointing to the first COVID-19 pandemic bill that added \$600 a week to unemployment benefits.

"I just think it's wrong to incentivize people not to work," he said, "and that's seriously what they did. Obviously, that was before I got to Washington, but I voiced my displeasure then and I'm doing it now."

But he also spent a good deal of time during the meeting listening to those business leaders and State Rep. Todd Prichard, D-Charles City, who

joined the meeting from the State Capitol via Zoom.

And he got a barrel full, too.

ATEK's Larry Prehl told him about shipping concerns that have his company's parts on the "water" for weeks; in fact, Prehl said Harley-Davidson, which uses ATEK parts, has gotten to the point where it's shipping parts via plane even though those same type of parts were put on shipping containers weeks, or even, months ago.

TriMark's Lynn Hopp also expressed concerns about what has become a shipping crisis — "we have containers lost all the time."

Deb El's Leah Kruse and Adam Eichenberger shared their company's worries about how one state's law — like California's Proposition 12 that will eventually require egg products sold in the state come from "cage-free" hens — can affect business throughout the country.

And Bank Iowa's Brian Carolan asked the freshman congressman to push the needs of rural Iowa, pointing out that housing and child-care concerns are affect-

ing its businesses' ability to grow.

Hopp agreed, saying that "we're looking for 40 people, and I'm sure everyone around this table is doing the same. We have the jobs, we have that great Northeast Iowa work ethic, but if we can solve those problems, we have jobs here available."

And Feenstra said that's the challenge rural Iowa faces as it nears and enters the post-pandemic phase.

"We have a lot to offer," he said, "and my job is to be your representative and really represent you. It's also to remind my colleagues that we're not just the East Coast or the West Coast."

The former state senator who knocked off nine-term incumbent Steve King in the Republican primary

before easily beating Democrat J.D. Scholten in the November election, said he believes that clearing some of those disruptions — the shipping issues and what GOP leaders harp on as the "overregulation" by government — are critical in coming months.

"Everything was so tight before COVID," he said, "and the key to recovery is to overcome the obstacles it has put in front of us. It's not necessarily spending billions of dollars but making sure government doesn't get in the way."

Bub he also talked about some of the "positive things" that the country in general and Iowa in particular have learned since the pandemic arrived in the U.S. last March.

"I think there is an opportunity for

rural Iowa to grow," he said. "We've learned you can work for someone in Des Moines or anywhere else and still live in places like New Hampton and Chickasaw County."

It's why he was appreciative to hear about internet improvements put in place — upgrades like the ones Nashua has received from Butler-Bremer Communications and New Hampton is getting from its new telecommunications utility.

"That's what I'm talking about when I say making smart investments," he said, "and that's the kind of things we have to do. Broadband has become just as an important part of infrastructure. Those are the things we have to do to make us move forward."

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COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

April 8, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, April 5th, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Holthaus, Kuhn and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, Auditor, Terry Johnson, and Jeff Bernatz.

9:05 AM Public Comment
Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for April 5th, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the board minutes for March 29, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the board minutes for March 30, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:15 AM Jeff Bernatz discussed Radio Communication Tower project.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to update Heartland Risk Pool Insurance to insure the Radio Communication equipment at the Sheriff's building \$85,000, Anchor Site \$525,000, Lawler Site \$450,000, and Nashua Site \$450,000 for the contents of the radio communication tower project. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to purchase a 400 amp main disconnect for the Sheriff's office building for mounting on the exterior of the building for the Radio Communication Tower project. Roll Call: Hackman, Byrne, Zoll, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Courtney Chaffee, Larissia Bultman, and Renee Bullerman present at 9:54 AM.

9:54 AM Renee Bullerman provided a presentation of child abuse activity within the community.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to allow Chairperson to sign the proclamation for April, 2021, as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Bullerman left at 10:00 AM.

10:00 AM Larissia Bultman provided a presentation of Sexual Assault within the community.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to have the Chairperson sign the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness

Month of April, 2021. Roll Call: Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Bultman and Chaffee left at 10:10 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the liquor license for Plum Creek Golf Course. Roll Call: Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Ray Arnel present at 10:14 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve Resolution 04-05-21-17 for vacating of platted lots between James D. & Julie A. Eckenrodt to provide public notice of hearing on April 26th at 9:15 AM to publish in our County papers on April 8th and 13th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION 04-05-21-17. A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE INTENT OF CHICKASAW COUNTY TO VACATE LOTS 1 & 2, SCHARS FIRST ADDITION, CHICKASAW COUNTY, AND LOCATED IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA.WHEREAS, said lots are owned by James D. Eckenrodt and Julie A. Eckenrodt as joint tenants and are part of a larger parcel owned by the same, and WHEREAS, the owners now come and request vacation of said lots as they no longer serve any purpose as individual platted lots and said lots have not been developed or utilized as individual platted lots, and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa has determined that it is in the best interest for plating purposes and to facilitate future conveyance of a portion of the parent parcel, to vacate said lots, and WHEREAS, a public hearing shall be set at which time and place the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors will consider arguments for or against the vacation of said lots. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a public hearing thereon will be held in the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting room at the Courthouse in New Hampton, Chickasaw County, Iowa on the 26th of April, 2021 at 9:15 AM at which time and place the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors will consider arguments for or against the vacation of said lots. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Chickasaw County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be published a notice

of such hearing on the time not less than four (4) days or more than twenty (20) days prior to the date herein established for hearing as provided by law. A copy of said Notice of Public Hearing is attached hereto marked Exhibit "A", and is incorporated herein as though set forth verbatim. Board of Supervisors Chickasaw County, Iowa /s/ Rick Holthaus, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors ATTEST: /s/ Stephanie Mashek, Chickasaw County Auditor
Arnel left at 10:22 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the 2020 FX invoice for Sophos Central Intercept X Advanced for 36 months in the amount of \$3,767.40 (Sheriff's office) and \$2,905.20 (Public Health). Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Brian Moore and Jo Myrsiades present at 10:26 AM

Lori Carey present at 10:29 AM.

10:30 AM Brian Moore discussed and reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), 5-year agreement originally signed on June 8, 2015, regarding the Hickory Habitat. This has been full-filled and acknowledged the continued maintenance of the Hickory Habitat by the Chickasaw County Conservation department head, Brian Moore.

Discussed the Agreed Upon Procedure Report from the State Auditor's Office with Conservation Board members, Jo Myrsiades and Lori Carey, and department head, Brian Moore.

Bernatz left at 10:35 AM.

Sheriff Hemann present at 10:55AM.

Moore, Carey, and Myrsiades left at 11:12 AM.

11:12 AM Sheriff Hemann present the Collective Bargaining with Teamsters Local #238.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to allow Chairperson to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local #238. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Kuhn, Zoll, and Holthaus. Nays- Hackman. Motion Carried.

Dusty Rolando present at 11:15 AM.

Hemann left at 11:32 AM.

11:35 AM Dusty Rolando discussed FY21-22 Budget for Secondary Road. Discussed front sidewalk and driveway on the north side of the courthouse. Obtaining mud jacking quotes for the side walk and will present in the future. Discussed wages for new administrative assistant/secretary. Discussed the inter-

section of Mission Ave & 220th Street. Discussed Secondary Roads activities and projects.

Chuck Stanton present at 11:51 AM.

Stanton left at 11:54 AM.

Zoll left at 12:28 PM to FMC Landfill.

Rolando left at 12:33 PM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to accept Bernatz's changes to the County's Emergency Evacuation plan with Laura Wickham making the necessary changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Kuhn to make contact with Duane Koch and get him on the schedule to install the epoxy flooring in the amount of \$6,454.00 at the LEMC building's basement located at 516 S. Linn Ave. New Hampton. Roll Call: Ayes- Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Nays- Hackman. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Hackman to acknowledge the recommendation of Chickasaw County Attorney to appointment the Civil Service Commission to Martin T. Larsen, for a six-year term expiring December 31, 2026. Roll Call: Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Consensus to approve the minor language changes based on the changes the County Attorney suggested for the Human Resource Services REP.

Committee Assignment Update.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Don Kurtenbach (ID #59339) located at 2980 210th Street Lawler, IA 52154

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Don Kurtenbach (ID #62176) located at 2279 Roanoke Ave. Lawler, IA 52154

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to adjourn at 1:16 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.

Rick Holthaus, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:Stephanie Mashek, Auditor

No. 20966
4/15/2021 4/20/2021

Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO 335

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NASHUA, IOWA, 2019, AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa;

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.

Section 15.04, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua, Iowa, 2019 is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: 15.04 COMPENSATION. The salary of the Mayor is three hundred dollars (\$300.00) Monthly. Effective January 1, 2022 the salary of the Mayor shall be four-hundred dollars (\$400.00) Monthly.

Section 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council this 5th day of April, 2021, and approved this 5th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST: John Ott, City Clerk
Clinton Betsinger, Mayor
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0

No. 20954
04/15/2021

Legal Notice

ORDINANCE NO 336

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NASHUA, IOWA, 2019, AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa;

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.

Section 17.06, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua, Iowa, 2019 is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: 17.06 COMPENSATION. The salary of each Council Member is thirty dollars (\$30) for each meeting attended by the Council Member. Effective January 1, 2022 the salary of each Council Member shall be fifty dollars (\$50) for each meeting attended by the Council Member.

Section 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council this 5th day of April, 2021, and approved this 5th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST: John Ott, City Clerk
Clinton Betsinger, Mayor
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes 5; Nays 0; Absent 0; Abstain 0

No. 20955
04/15/2021

Legal Notice

IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHY M. HULTS -Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR002939
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kathy M. Hults, Deceased, who died on or about January 28, 2021. You are hereby notified that on February 4, 2021, the underlined was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice: (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated 2/2/21
David H. Skilton ICIS# AT0007261
Attorney for the Administrator
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David Hults: Administrator of the estate

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Legal Notice

CHICKASAW COUNTY

April 8th, 2021

The Board convened on Monday, April 8th, 2021, at 9:00 AM with all members present Byrne, Zoll, Holthaus, Kuhn and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, Auditor, and Jeff Bernatz.

9:05 AM Public Comment

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for April 8, 2021. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:15 AM Jeff Bernatz Communication Tower Project update.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the upgrades and specs for Electrical Upgrade to the Sheriff's building for Communication Tower Project. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.

Discussed the LEMC Renovation project located at 516 S. Linn Ave. New Hampton

Motion by Kuhn, Second by Zoll to adjourn at 10:23 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Rick Holthaus, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST:Stephanie Mashek, Auditor

No. 20967

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Legal Notice

City of Nashua

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa located at Nashua City Hall 402 Main Street in Nashua, Iowa at 7:00 pm on April 19, 2021. The purpose of this hearing is the first reading of several administrative ordinances concerning rates and payments as follows:

1. An Update to the Ordinance Pertaining to Sewer Rates, No.

2. An Update to the Ordinance Pertaining to Water Rates, No.

3. An Update to the Ordinance Pertaining to Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants, No.

Copies of the proposed Nashua Ordinances are available upon request at City Hall and are posted at City Hall in the common entrance on the bulletin board.

Any persons wishing to be heard on this matter will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted through 11:00AM the day of the public hearing at the Nashua City Hall PO Box 38 Nashua, Iowa 50658. Verbal questions or comments can be directed to City Hall at 641-435-4156.

No. 20956

04/15/2021

Legal Notice

Nashua-Plainfield Community School Special Board Meeting

April 7, 2021

Superintendent Candidate Interviews

JH/HS Media Center

The Nashua-Plainfield Community School District special board meeting was called to order by President Jeff Ulrichs at 12:56 p.m. Also present were Directors Rhonda Poppe, Laura Folkerts, Cody Jensen, and Pay Lentz; Secretary Brittany McNeil; Grundmeyer Leader Services team members Trent Grundmeyer and Roger Wilcox; four Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock Board members; and RMR Secretary Angie DeBuhr.

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

Motion by Poppe, seconded by Jensen to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(a) and 21.5 (1)(i). Three candidates were interviewed for the Superintendent position. A roll call vote was taken to enter closed session with all yeas (Poppe, Folkerts, Lentz, Jensen, Ulrichs), nays (none). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lentz, seconded by Jensen to recess the meeting for a supper break. Meeting was recessed at 4:56 p.m.

The Board reconvened in closed session at 5:45 p.m. to review the interview data presented by Grundmeyer Leader Services.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lentz to resume to open session at 6:49 p.m. A roll call vote was taken to resume to open session with all yeas (Folkerts, Lentz, Jensen, Ulrichs, Poppe), nays (none). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Poppe to direct Grundmeyer Leader Services to offer a Superintendent contract to the preferred candidate as discussed in closed session. A roll call vote was taken with all yeas (Lentz, Jensen, Ulrichs, Poppe, Folkerts), nays (none). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts seconded by Jensen to adjourn the special board meeting at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jeff Ulrichs, President
Brittany McNeil

No. 20957
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State still hasn't contacted county about budget review

FLOYD COUNTY: FROM 1

county's representatives — which are Carr and Supervisor Linda Tjaden.

The petition alleges four areas where petition supporters say the supervisors acted improperly. They are:

- The proposed budget for expenditures for fiscal year and authorized expenditures therein underestimate the cost of Floyd County Law Enforcement Center construction and County Courthouse renovations.
- The Board of Supervisors unreasonably and arbitrarily increased the tax levy as to property holders in order to finance improperly contracted repairs and work orders without any cap or adequate supervision of construction costs already approved, or to be approved in the future by Floyd County Board of Supervisors.
- The proposed budget fails to clearly and adequately specify the income sources to be used by the county for the Law Enforcement Center construction and County Courthouse renovations and the true cost of the same.

• The review process of the budget including review and submission of budget proposals and change order were not sufficiently identified to comply with the requirements of the Iowa Open Meetings Law for disclosure of Board of Supervisors' activity with regard to the budget expenditures for tax year herein contested and protested.

The allegations primarily involve the cost of the county law enforcement center and courthouse updates project, and an approved increase in county property tax collections for next fiscal year that is tied in large part to the project costing significantly more than the \$13.5 million originally estimated and for which general obligation bonds were originally issued.

Most foster grandparents are back in school buildings

GRANDPARENTS: FROM 1

Area schools and day care centers say they love having a "Grandma" or "Grandpa" in their rooms and know helping and caring

The program offers residents age 55 and older an opportunity to serve children in schools, day cares, preschools and Head Start programs.

They serve as mentors, caregivers and tutors.

The program is currently looking for new Foster Grandparents to serve children in Floyd, Chickasaw, Cerro Gordo and Mitchell counties.

Grandparents receive a tax-free stipend and many other benefits while schools and day care centers can always use a helping hand.

For more information about the program or to become a foster grandparent, residents should call the program's director, Jennifer Lantz, at 641-257-6327.

Assessor wants to clear up confusion on 'classification' and 'zoning'

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following was submitted by Chickasaw County Auditor Ray Armel to help residents understand the process his office uses in the valuation process.*

The Chickasaw County Assessor's sent out assessment notices on April 1 notifying property owners of their assessed value, applicable exemptions and classification of the specific property.

Assessor Ray Armel notes that Assessor's are required by state law to reassess property every two years based on changes in the market since the previous reassessment year. In this case, since January 1, 2019.

Assessor's also change values based on the effects of additions, remodeling and tear downs or removals. Other changes that may affect values would be changes in use or the splitting off of a building site from the parent parcel.

Assessor Armel states that one of, or the primary step in the valuation process, is that of Classification. The Assessor, as required by law, must classify each property based on its actual use and if there are competing uses, the primary use must be determined.

Classification, like value, is addressed continuously, as situations arise, including court decisions and others re-establish guidelines. This can be very subjective at times, but none the less, required. Primary Use can best be described as that use that has the most overriding influence on the market perception of the property. This past year, rural properties were reviewed and in some cases, reclassified for assessment purposes.

According to Armel there has been confusion recently between Classification for assessment purposes and that "dirty word" that some call "zoning." Classification has no influence on Zoning.

Assessor and Land Use Administrator Armel noted that Zoning is a topic that HAS NOT been discussed nor is being discussed by himself or the Board of Supervisors. Zoning is an issue that would require substantial public notices, meetings, and establishment of an Ordinance. None of this has been or is being discussed. So please, put away those rumors about zoning.

These past two years has seen substantial increases in values, not just here in Chickasaw County, but throughout Northeast Iowa and the state of Iowa. Here in Chickasaw County, Assessor Armel maintains a quarterly sales ratio study of residential and commercial/Industrial property.

At the end of calendar year the following basic statistics showed a county wide median sales ratio of 89.76% for residential property and 93.79% for commercial/industrial property.

With the law requiring values to be at 100% of "Actual Value" and Actual Value defined as "Market Value," The Assessor's office must adjust values accordingly. Knowing that not all properties whether old or new, basis of location, etc. do not change in value at the same rates, the increases in value were applied as statistics indicated.

Other changes that were made this year included the complete revaluation of all Rural Residential Land. Rural Residential Land values had not been changed since our last mass revaluation that was effective for the January 1, 2014 assessment. At that time, the land values were based on sales prior to that date.

Agricultural land and buildings are based on a 5-year county side productivity formula and NOT MARKET VALUE. The 2019 assessment was based on calendar years of 2013 – 2017 and resulted in our

ag land and buildings to be assessed at approximately 19% of market value. For the 2021 assessment being based on the 2015 – 2019 calendar years, this resulted in the level of assessment at approximately 21% of market value.

Assessor Armel also notes that the values established by his office are for the January 1, 2021 assessment date that will be utilized to spread the tax askings of all the taxing bodies for the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 fiscal year. Property owners are not taxed at the assessed value, but at a percentage of the assessed value, and this is known as the assessment limitation or roll back.

Currently those figures are 56.4094% for Residential, 67.50% for Multi-Residential, 84.0305% for Agricultural and 90% for Commercial/Industrial property.

Numerous property tax credits and exemptions are available to property owners, and these can be found on the Assessor's page of the county web site as well as the web site for the Iowa State Association of Assessor's and the Iowa Department of Revenue.

Assessor Armel notes that his office has an open phone line and open doors to all property owners who would have questions about their values, classifications, exemptions or any other question that they may be able to assist with. There are two appeal processes at the local level. The first being an informal review request with the Assessor. This process must be completed by April 25th.

The other being a formal appeal to the Board of Review. This appeal must be filed by April 30th with the Board of Review then meeting during the month of May. Both of these are to be made on forms that are available both in our office and on our web page.

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City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Council Chambers, City Hall
The Nashua City Council met in regular session on April 5, 2021 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Betsinger presiding. Council members present were Alex Anthofer, Scott Cerwinski, Thomas Johnson, Hal Kelleher, and Charles Shelby. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present. Karen Mehmen and Barb Lumley from the Welcome Center Board were also present as well as Sheriff Martin Hemann and City Attorney David Skilton. There were also 17 guests in attendance. Mayor Betsinger asked for consideration approving the agenda. Cerwinski/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. Mayor Betsinger asked if there were any public comments. Mayor Betsinger mentioned that he sold his building and the buyers spoke briefly on their plans to make a small bakery and restaurant in the space. Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to open a Public Hearing discussing amending the Ordinance on Peddler's Permits/Transient Merchants. Shelby/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:03PM. During the public hearing several people expressed their concerns about the proposed changes to the ordinance and expressed concerns that the council was trying to make it so that food trucks would no longer be allowed on Main St. The council stated that they want Nashua to be successful and do not want to get rid of food trucks on Main St., but there are some safety issues. The food trucks often park on Main St. close to the corner and it creates a blind spot for turning traffic. One of the council members proposed closing the intersection and having the food truck park in the intersection and blocking off the side street. They discussed doing this for Saturday's and special events. There were other proposed changes that were discussed as well, including removing applying 3 days before first date of sale, setting a special license fee rate of \$5.00 for Saturdays for a designated area, propane tanks can't be located within 10' of building, tent, canopies or membrane structures, and tables, chairs, signage will be allowed in a designated area on a designated food truck day. This was a preliminary discussion and council asked the citizens if the recommendations were workable. The ones who spoke up seemed to agree with the recommended changes. Kelleher thanked the citizens for providing input and getting involved. Johnson mentioned that everyone needs to keep the lines of communication open. Cerwinski motioned to close the Public Hearing. Anthofer/Seconded. M/C. There will be further discussion before any final decisions are made. Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to set a new Public Hearing. Johnson/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. A public hearing has been set for April 19, 2021. Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to open the Public Hearing discussing amending the Ordinance Setting Sewer Rates. Cerwinski/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:53PM. City Clerk Ott discussed the current rates, the proposed rates, and the need for the increase. After council discussion, Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Anthofer/M, Shelby/S, M/C. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:10PM. Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending Sewer Rates. Kelleher/M, Shelby/S, M/C. Roll call – All Ayes. Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to set a 2nd reading discussing the Ordinance Setting Sewer Rates. Cerwinski/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. A 2nd reading has been set for April 19, 2021. There was a Public Hearing discussing the Covid 19 Relief Grant. City Clerk Ott went over the 9 required categories. 1) Need for Grant – Nashua is a small Community with a high% of low/moderate income households. 2) Description of CDBG Funded Project and Activities – The City of Nashua worked with Shelby's Smokehouse restaurant to provide meal boxes for individuals and families in need of Assistance during Covid-19. 3) Amount of CDBG funds for the Grant – \$5,000. 4) Estimated 60-70% of benefits helped low/moderate income households. 5) The majority of the project was on Main St. where meal boxes were distributed in front of Shelby's restaurant. There were

also a portion of the food boxes that were delivered to families who were in quarantine due to Covid-19. 6) There was no relocation that resulted from this project. 7) For anyone with concerns/comments the contact information is as follows: mailing address 401 Main St. Box 38 Nashua, IA 50658, phone (641)435-4156, and email nashuacityclerk@gmail.com. 8) City Clerk asked if there were any public comments to address community development or housing needs of low/moderate income persons. There were none. He also mentioned that the City of Nashua is currently working with the CDBG on an Urban Revitalization program helping low/moderate income families with home repairs. We have 5 projects in process or completed, accepting applications for the 6th and if funding is available there could potentially be a 7th project. 9) There was no public input on addressing other community development and housing needs. After the public hearing, Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the request for reimbursement for Covid-19 Relief Grant. Anthofer/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. Roll call – All Ayes.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to open the public hearing discussing amending the ordinance setting the Mayor's salary. Anthofer/M, Johnson/S, M/C. The public hearing was opened at 8:15PM. After council discussion on setting the Mayor's salary, the Mayor called for a motion to close the public hearing. Cerwinski/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. The public hearing was closed at 8:15PM. Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Mayor's Salary. Johnson/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. Roll call: all Ayes. Cerwinski motioned to forego the 2nd and 3rd readings. Shelby seconded. M/C. Roll call: all Ayes. Cerwinski motioned for final passage on the ordinance setting the salary of the mayor at \$400.00/month effective January 1, 2022. Anthofer seconded. M/C. Roll call: all Ayes. Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to open the public hearing discussing amending the ordinance setting the Council wages. Anthofer/M, Johnson/S, M/C. The public hearing was opened at 8:17PM. After council discussion on setting the Council's wages, the Mayor called for a motion to close the public hearing. Anthofer/M, Shelby/S, M/C. The public hearing was closed at 8:18PM. Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to adopt the Ordinance Setting the Council's wages. Johnson/M, Cerwinski/S, M/C. Roll call: 4 –Ayes and Kelleher – Nay. Cerwinski motioned to forego the 2nd and 3rd readings. Anthofer seconded. M/C. Roll call: all Ayes. Cerwinski motioned for final passage on the ordinance setting the wages of the council at \$50.00/meeting effective January 1, 2022. Anthofer seconded. M/C. Roll call: all Ayes.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing discussing the FY'21 Budget Amendment. Anthofer/M, Cerwinski/S, M/C. The public hearing was opened at 8:18PM. The City Clerk Ott reviewed the proposed budget amendments, Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to close the public hearing. Kelleher/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. The public hearing was closed at 8:20PM.

Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to pass the following resolutions:

21-19 Resolution Adopting the FY'21 Budget Amendment. Anthofer/M, Cerwinski/S, M/C. Roll call all Ayes

21-20 Resolution Setting the Mileage Reimbursement Rate. Anthofer/M, Cerwinski/S, M/C. Roll call all Ayes

21-21 Resolution Approving Speer Financial Services to be the Municipal Financial Consultant for the Greeley St. Project. Shelby/M, Johnson/S, M/C. Roll call all Ayes.

21-22 Resolution Approving Requirement for the Council to Receive a Monthly Utility Billing Delinquency Report. Johnson/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. Roll call all Ayes.

21-23 Resolution Approving End point Replacement for Cellular Meters. Shelby/M, Johnson/S, M/C. Roll call: all Ayes.

21-24 Resolution Approving Ambulance Shed Rental Agreement proposal from Jeremy McGrath. Anthofer/M, Shelby/S, M/C. Roll call: all Ayes.

Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve the Regular Council Minutes

and they felt the council should uphold their previous decision. Attorney Skilton stated that the owner's knew the dog was supposed to be removed from city limits, which it was but then it was brought back into city limits. Skilton stated that these issues are sensitive and while animals are loved by their owners he recommended the council uphold their previous decision as the owners of the dog failed to properly appeal the council decision or show up at the hearing in which it was discussed. City Attorney Skilton stated that he was drafting a citation that stated the dog be micro-chipped and removed from city limits. He also noted that the ordinance states that a fine could be imposed daily until the order is followed. He also stated that if they do as directed that he will talk to the council about the possibility of waving the fines.

Discussion/Action Items
City Clerk Ott will contact MidAmerican Energy to get the power restored to the campground and the Park Board will make sure the water gets turned back, so it is ready when the campground opens. Kelleher mentioned that the Park Board has not discussed setting rates for camping/shelter rentals, but they will discuss it at the next meeting. Barb Lumley stated that she would like to accept Chamber Bucks at the Welcome Center, but in order to do that the city needs to be a Chamber member, which is \$50. Mayor Betsinger asked for a motion to approve being a Chamber of Commerce member. Shelby/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. The council decided not to pay to set up a dumpster this year for a clean-up day due to the issues that occurred last year. The council discussed allowing the Chamber of Commerce set-up a Farmer's Market again at the same location as last year, if the Chamber can get enough people to run it. Kelleher/M, Anthofer/S, M/C. The council discussed whether or not the building permit ordinance needed to be amended. After discussion, Mayor Betsinger called for a motion to approve setting a public hearing amending the ordinance for building permits. Kelleher/M, Johnson/S, M/C. A public hearing has been set for April 19, 2021. City Clerk Ott also stated that the March Financial Reports would be delayed until the next meeting.

Council Members
Cerwinski stated that the Oak Hills Cemetery would like to borrow the sky lift to trim some trees on April 17th weather permitting. The council approved. Kelleher mentioned that the campground will be opening April 16th. He also stated that the Park Board is organizing several events including a Memorial Lantern event in May, Fishing Derby June 5th and Water the Over Dam Days June 25-27th. They are also continuing the work in the campground on the electrical upgrades. Johnson asked the council about doing a lake clean up. He also mentioned that the Fire Department picked up some buoys that mark obstacles in the water. He asked City Clerk if he would check with the DNR and see if they could be used. City Clerk Ott will look into it. Shelby mentioned that he has seen 4 different gentlemen picking up rock by the river. Sheriff Hemann instructed Shelby to contact the Sheriff's Department if he sees it happen again. Johnson also inquired about the possibility of opening up the CDBG Urban Revitalization grant to other areas within the city. City Clerk Ott stated that he has talked with Rose Phillips about opening it up to the whole city if we didn't get any applications within the designated area. Kelleher stated that if there are any Veteran's who need car or home repairs that there is a program called the Iowa Veteran's Trust Fund. Johnson also mentioned a stop sign on the South Side of the alley behind Main St. is missing. He wasn't sure how long it has been missing, but he noticed it is no longer there. Mayor Betsinger stated that it may have been removed when there was work done due to electrical issues and it was never replaced.

Sheriff Martin Hemann presented his monthly report and recapped some of the calls they had. City Clerk Ott informed Sheriff Hemann that the dog at large citation issued for 705 Lexington has not been paid. There was also another dog at large issue that was addressed from 54 Monroe St. The dog at this residence was deemed a dangerous dog and was required to be removed from city limits and proof of a micro-chip being inserted, so that the council knew if the dog returned to city limits. This was a council decision made on December 7, 2020. The owner's of the dog wanted the council to rethink their position and allow the dog back into city limits. The owner's of the dog that was attacked were also present and stated their position that this wasn't the first incident that happened with the dog

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JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE, REFUSE/RECYCLING - MARCH 2021.....\$10,913.63
PEOPLESERVICE INC., water waste water contract.....\$19,111.00
SECURITY 1ST INSURANCE, SURETY BOND INS - CH 60%.....\$1,098.00
THE MILL, INC., DAM-OIL.....\$1,247.40
BLUE CROSS WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE - APRIL 2021.....\$6,382.99
AVESIS.....VISION - APRIL 2021.....\$44.52
BADGER METER, WTR-MTR SVC CONTRACT MARCH 2021.....\$622.11
COMPUTER PROJECTS OF ILLINOIS PD-CONTRACT RUN PLATES.....\$180.00
DOLLAR GENERAL, LIB-SUPPLIES.....\$99.70
GIS BENEFITS LIFE/DISABILITY - APRIL 2021.....\$110.50
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN, CH-OFFICE SUPPLIES.....\$163.64
SUPERIOR LUMBER, INC., PARKS-WOOD FOR PICNIC TABLES.....\$350.20
20 20 FX LLC, WTR/SWR-FIX UPDT BETH COMPT.....\$20.00
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC., STREETS-BRIDGE INSPECTION ..\$800.00
CENTURYLINK, WC-PHONE EXP FEB 2020.....\$74.82
MURPHY, COE, AND SMITH, CH-TREASURER JAN 2021.....\$150.00
D & B CRAFTS, WC-CRAFTER COMM FEB 2021.....\$10.50
SHEILA DEVEREAUX, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN 2021.....\$13.50
SHERYL DORMAN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN 2021.....\$18.75
FAMILY FARMS CHARITIES, WC-CRAFTER COMM FEB 2021.....\$18.75
ANDREA KING, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN 2021.....\$24.00
MARYLEE MEHMEN, WC-CRAFTER COMM FEB 2021\$9.00
NANCY'S TRUFFLES, WC-CRAFTER COMM FEB 2021.....\$25.88
ROEDER POWDER COAT & MACHINE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN 2021.....\$27.75
NANCY SCHERER, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN 2021.....\$41.23
TERESA STAUDT, WC-CRAFTER COMM FEB 2021.....\$29.25
FIRST STATE BANK, DAM-STATE CONT LOAN PAYDWN DAM.....\$754,933.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL PARKS-SANDING BELT/SAW.....\$32.26
BLADES.....\$32.26
NASHUA PLUMBING & HEATING, WTR/PRKS - SUPPLIES.....\$572.19
OTT, JOHN.....\$89.87
CH-CLOUD BACKUP CARBONITE REIM.....\$189.87
BADGER METER, WTR MTR SVC CONTRACT-APRIL 2021\$587.40
MARTIN'S FLAG COMPANY LLC CH/WC/PARK/STREET - FLAGS,...\$422.43
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY.....\$27.88
GAS/ELECTRIC-EXP MARCH 2021.....\$6,929.61
RILEY'S INC., CH-COPY FEES MARCH 2021.....\$78.88
IHW ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS, WTR/SWR - S-FACILITY-W-PREIM EN.....\$2,626.00
DON BOSS, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$43.13
JAN CLEMENT, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$157.13

DEUTH, BRENDA, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$247.13
SHEILA DEVEREAUX, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$18.38
SHERYL DORMAN, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$24.75
FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$91.39
JENISON, KIM, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$11.25
ANDREA KING, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$33.00
SHARON LEERHOFF, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$205.70
MAAS, ROBERTA C., WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$231.98
MARYLEE MEHMEN, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$42.00
NANCY'S TRUFFLES, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$64.50
DARLENE RICKART, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$45.00
ROEDER POWDER COAT & MACHINE, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$67.49
DANIELLE SCHELL, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$37.50
NANCY SCHERER, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$124.48
SANDY'S STICHES, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$36.00
KEN SCHWICKERATH, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$15.00
SENNER, ANN L, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$86.28
TERESA STAUDT, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$29.25
SHIRLEY STEVENSON, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$5.25
THE COUNTRY COTTAGE, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$447.02
GLADICE TIDEMANSON, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$31.50
ZWEIBOHMER SHELLEY, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$8.21
WEINBERG, THERESA, WC-VENDOR SALES MARCH 2021.....\$63.00
U.S. POST OFFICE, WTR/SEWR/GAR - APRIL 2021.....\$205.95
IPERS REGULAR IPERS.....\$2,743.23
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT FED/FICA TAX.....\$2,003.72
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....\$272.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SEWER-MARCH 2021 SALES TAX.....\$226.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WTR-WET TAX - Q1 (JAN-MAR '21).....\$1,041.00
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT, FED/FICA TAX.....\$2,039.70
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....\$288.00
Accounts Payable Total.....\$855,596.46
Payroll Checks.....\$13,131.39
***** REPORT TOTAL *****\$868,727.85
GENERAL FUND.....\$53,165.40
URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY).....\$552.30
ROAD USE.....\$19,354.13
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT.....\$3,868.55
DEBT SERVICE.....\$754,933.00
WATER.....\$17,053.04
SEWER.....\$19,801.43
TOTAL FUNDS.....\$868,727.85

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Nashua-Plainfield girls are 'fun to coach'

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 8

1A and 16th-best in the state according to stats provided by Varsity Bound. Hackman has recorded the best toss in the discus in the small-school class with a heave of 117.5. Hackman threw 100-9 at Hampton-Dumont, which was good for fourth place.

The cutoff to qualify for Drake is tonight (Thursday). Field events accept 24 entrants from all four classes to compete at Drake.

Hannemann is confident Hackman can be throwing near the blue oval at the Drake Relays next week – which begins Wednesday, April 21.

"I have a feeling she's going to be breaking her own record this year," said Hannemann.

The Huskies proved their bite can be just as effective as their bark as they swept the medley relays on Friday. Both earned blue ribbons as the sprint medley team of Makenzie Foelske, Bailey Fisher, Alannah Richards and Abbie Hyde raced past the finish line first in a time of 1:59.77. That time is 11th quickest currently in Class 1A.

The distance medley relay of Fisher, Richards, Hyde and Chloe Matthews also struck gold in a time of 4:45.62. That squad sits 13th-best in Class 1A.

Matthews – a 2019 state qualifier won the 1,500 run in 5:29.17. Her PR this season is 5:28.01, ninth-best in her class. Matthews finished runner-up in the open 800 to Charles City's Kiki Connell.

Matthews' second-place time was 2:42.19. Connell smoked the field in 2:25.5.

"Chloe is a strong runner and she hasn't shown you what she can do yet," said Hannemann. "I know she's going to come on strong. She's our anchor."

Hannemann feels Matthews has what it takes to continue to lower her times and be a major factor in the Class 1A long distance races at state if indeed that's the route N-P takes in attempt to qualify runners.

"Give her a couple more weeks and her legs are going to settle and she's going to find a quicker pace," said Hannemann.

Foelske – another state qualifier in 2019 for Hannemann – once again ran near the top of the pack in the 100 dash. She was clipped at the finish line for the top spot by Osage's Meredith Street – who won the race in 12.96. Foelske ran a runner-up time of 13.23.

Foelske also placed second in the long jump with a leap of 14-4. The Comets' Connell won that event as well as she leaped 14-7.

N-P competed in its first home meet of the season on Tuesday against the likes of Central Springs, Clarksville, Dunkerton, Janesville, Northwood-Kensett, Riceville and area squad Turkey Valley.

Hannemann said her squad has a good chance to win that meet. Win or lose, the Huskies will have fun gunning for that title and working toward that goal with a team-first mentality.

"These girls are a joy. They are fun to coach," said Hannemann. "They support each other."

LADY BULLDOG CLASSIC TEAM SCORES

Osage 123.5, Humboldt 118, Nashua-Plainfield 104, Charles City 79, Central Springs 60, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows 51, North Butler 45, West Fork 44.5, Lake Mills 37, Belmond-Klemme 30.5, Northwood-Kensett 30, Hampton-Dumont-CAL 9.5, Rockford 2.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 - 2. Makenzie Foelske 13.23, Brieley Gerholdt SCR.
200 - 19 Rylee Weiss 33.17.
800 - 2. Chloe Matthews 2:42.19, 3. Aubrey Eick 2:44.99.

100 hurdles - 18. Haley Rinken 20.61. 21. Sheyenne Bergmann 27.93.

1,500 - 1. Matthews 5:29.17, 6. Ellie Eick 6:05.32.

3,000 - 6. Lexi Weiss 14:20.3.

400 hurdles - 5. Jenna Carpenter 1:18.94, 9. Kara Levi 1:24.33.

Discus - 4. Breanna Hackman 100-9, 20. Miah Malven 72-3.

Long jump - 2. Foelske 14-4, 13. Carpenter 11-11.

Shot put - 2. Hackman 38, 23. Malven 23-9.

4x100 - 3. Abbie Hyde, Alannah Richards, Bailey Fisher, Foelske 55.28.

4x200 - 4. Fisher, R. Weiss, Hyde, Richards 2:00.91.

4x400 - 4. Rinken, Carpenter, Jordyn Frost, A. Eick 4:45.76.

4x800 - 3. Carpenter, E. Eick, Levi, A. Eick 11:25.91.

Sprint medley - 1. Foelske, Fisher, Richards, Hyde 1:59.77.

Distance medley - 1. Fisher, Richards, Hyde, Matthews 4:45.62.

Huskies continue to improve in the hurdles

BOYS TRACK: FROM 8

This early in the season, Sudol isn't certain where his athletes will be slotted when the postseason rolls around, but either way, N-P should have plenty of opportunities to send several events to state.

"Derik is a very talented kid, like many kids on our team. But at this point we are just trying to figure out who fits where," said Sudol. "I'm a huge team guy so I believe in success of the team, but when it comes down to districts many things will play into who will run what. So we will let things work themselves out as the season progresses."

N-P's sprint medley team won for the second time this spring in three meets thus far. The Huskies ran to a winning time of 1:40.51.

Drew Wilken, a junior, placed fifth in the 1,600 run in 5:06.79. Sudol said that one of

Wilken's keys to success the rest of the spring will be believing in himself.

"Drew is a special kid. I think he holds himself back at times, but he is really opening up this year where things are only going to get better for him," said Sudol.

Husky freshman Titus Evans earned a third-place finish in the 110 hurdles in 1:05.28. Evans is a member of the shuttle hurdle relay.

Sudol says it's the best hurdle team he has had at N-P in five years of coaching.

"Titus is a great athlete for a freshman. He's the type of kid that isn't afraid of anything and that is part of what makes him so special," said Sudol.

N-P competed at its home invite on Tuesday and also will hit the track and New Hampton tonight (Thursday).

PIRATE RELAYS TEAM SCORES

Denver 143, Aplington-

Parkersburg 80, Union 71.67, East Marshall 68, North Butler 66, Nashua-Plainfield 65.34, Jesup 44, AGWSR 40, Belle Plaine 37, Hudson 37, Center Point-Urbana 27, Don Bosco 21, Gladbrook-Reinbeck 17, Janesville 17, Rockford 6.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 - 7. Tyson White 12.49, 10. Max Hillegas 12.99.

200 - 2. Derik Auchstetter 24.2, 9. Sam Fundermann 25.21.

400 - 1. Auchstetter 52.95, 7. Jacob Sievers 56.76.

800 - 15. Caleb Lentz 2:29.18, 20. Kendrick Huck 2:35.63.

110 hurdles - 9. Keegan Ulrichs 19.96, Kaden Wilken DQ.

1,600 - 5. Drew Wilken 5:06.79, 10. Zach Zwanziger 5:19.57.

3,200 - 11. Huck 12:59.22, 12. Aiden Sullivan 13:59.87.

400 hurdles - 3. Titus Evans 1:05.28, 8. K. Wilken 1:06.88.

Discus - 9. Blake Lindeland 107-4, 25. Garren Crabtree 69-10.

High jump - 6. Aiden Lamborn 5-6, 8. McKade Munn 5-4.

Long jump - 9. Munn 16-9, 16. Joel Winters 15-3.

Shot put - 13. Ulrichs 35-5.25, 21.

Crabtree 31-4.

4x100 - 4. Nashua-Plainfield 47.78, 15. Nashua-Plainfield 52.61.

4x100 weightman's - 8. Nashua-Plainfield 1:00.2.

4x200 - 8. Nashua-Plainfield 1:42.76, 22. Nashua-Plainfield 2:08.59.

4x400 - 10. Nashua-Plainfield 4:00.12, 16. Nashua-Plainfield 5:09.91.

4x800 - 4. Nashua-Plainfield 9:24.99.

Shuttle hurdle - 6. Nashua-Plainfield 1:11.89, 10. Nashua-Plainfield 1:25.48.

Sprint medley - 1. Nashua-Plainfield 1:40.51, 14. Nashua-Plainfield 1:55.46.

Distance medley - 6. Nashua-Plainfield 4:10.42.

New 'super:' Job is 'great' opportunity

SUPERINTENDENT: FROM 1

hiring. "He has also been responsible for implementation of 360 feedback systems for teachers and administrators. He has also led work-around behavior interventions and gradual release of responsibilities framework."

LIECHTY BRINGS a wealth of experience to the table, and although becoming a superintendent was a longterm goal when he went from teacher to administrator in the mid-1990s, he conceded he had wondered if "his time" had passed.

"I had always wanted to be a superintendent, but then when my kids got old enough, I didn't want them to have them to move and have me move and miss their stuff," he said.

He was traveling to the state softball tournament a couple of years ago with a board member from Mount Pleasant and was asked about that long-ago goal.

"I said something like no one's going to hire an old fart like me," he said with a laugh, "but he really encouraged me to get my superintendent's license so I did. But I also knew if I was going to leave Mount Pleasant, it had to be a really good opportunity, and, in my mind, Nashua-Plainfield and Rockford aren't a really good opportunity, it's a great one."

THE NEW TOP administrator is leaving his alma mater and moving north, and he joked about the weather differences between southern and northern Iowa.

"I did go to college at UNI, and trust me, I know we're in the same state, but I remember it usually snows a lot more and the wind blows a little harder up here," he said with a laugh. "I told Denise [his wife of 34 years] that we're definitely bringing our parkas."

Liechty taught high school

science and coached Davis County in Bloomfield, New London and Fairfield. He also worked as a middle school principal at New London, high school principal at North Mahaska in New Sharon and the associate principal at Mount Pleasant.

Asked about his priorities as an educator, the answer came quickly.

"Schools are important to communities, and I get that. They bring us together in sports, music, all those activities," he said, "but the bottom line is that our No. 1 priority must be and will be academics. And I did my homework on these two districts. It's their priority, too."

LEAVING HIS JOB at Mount Pleasant won't be easy; after all, it is where Liechty was a student and then returned as an administrator.

And he says he will remain focused on his job, yet at the same time, he will transition with Turner until formally beginning his duties this summer.

Turner, too, said he will remain focused on his duties.

"We still have a lot of work to do," he said last week, "and it's going to be a couple of busy months. But one reason I wanted to give our boards my notice back in January was so that they would have an abundance of time to find the right person for this job."

In that joint statement, the boards wanted to publicly thank all those involved in the hiring process "for their feedback and representing the district so well."

And they also credited Turner for doing an outstanding job during his time at the school, saying he gave the district many years of dedicated service to both school districts. The districts are in a better place with programs and finances because of his leadership.

ISU Extension celebrating its week with activities

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week is being held this week as Iowa's 100 county extension offices will host activities throughout the week to thank Iowans for their support of extension efforts throughout the state.

"The challenges of the past year changed how ISU Extension and Outreach serves Iowans, but not why: We want a strong Iowa. We are here for you now and always," said Jada Goddard, Chickasaw County Extension Director.

"This celebration is one way we say thank you to the many volunteers, community leaders, organizations, agencies and other partners who support our work in Chickasaw County," said Goddard, who said Extension has hidden clovers in several communities in the county and those who find them will win prizes.

Monday was "Meet the Staff" Day, and Tuesday is Master Gardner Day, and residents can come learn more about becoming the program and register to win a prize basket!

Wednesday's activity includes a Radon Awareness Open House that is being co-hosted by Chickasaw County Environmental Health, and runs from 9 to 11 a.m.

On Thursday, "Moo Mobile" milkshakes will be available at the Extension Office from 1 to 4 p.m., and on Friday, Extension will have a "Trivia with Bob" program on KZCE-FM 93.1 at 8:30 a.m.

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Nashua-Plainfield's Trey Nelson (above) and Natalie Sinnwell (below) watch their putts roll toward the hole during the Huskies' home opener that was played Monday at the Nashua Town and Country Club.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P girls run with power teams at H-D

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Times are important in track and field – so are jumps and throws.

Coaches carry around stopwatches and clipboards for that very reason.

Determining who places where in each event has an obvious effect in the overall team standings.

Kristi Hannemann has guided her Nashua-Plainfield Husky girls track team to plenty of top-flight finishes this spring.

But Hannemann also possesses a roster that sports perhaps the most important ingredient of all in athletics – teamwork.

"I have to say this year, I've never had a group work harder and be more coachable than this group," said Hannemann. "The difference between this team and others is they are meshing. They are bringing out each other's strengths."

That winning attribute was on full display at Hampton-Dumont on Friday afternoon in the Huskies third meet of the season. N-P competed to a respectable third-place finish at the Lady Bulldog Classic with 104 team points. Osage – which may vie for a state title in Class 2A – won the meet with 123.5 points. Humbolt was second with 118 points. Class 3A's Charles City finished 25 points back of the Huskies in fourth place.

Hannemann has coached for well over a decade at N-P in two different stints as head coach. Though this year's team may be one of Hannemann's smaller rosters, her Huskies are big on racking up points.

One can start with Husky junior Breanna Hackman – who holds the school record in her marquee event, the shot put. She has also registered the top throw in N-P history in the discus.

Hackman is in a prime spot to qualify for the Drake Relays – something no N-P track athlete has ever achieved under Hannemann's direction.

"We're going to try to get her down to Drake," said Hannemann.

Hackman, who competed as a freshman at state in 2019, finished second in the shot put to Humboldt's Kendal Clark of Humboldt on Friday with a toss of 38 feet. Clark tossed 39-11 and also defeated Hackman at the Dickinson Indoor meet at UNI last month.

Hackman's best toss this year is 38-9 in the shot put – which ranks third overall in Class

SEE GIRLS TRACK, 7

WIND-BLOWN COURSE VICTORY

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD BESTS THREE TEAMS TO CLAIM TEAM VICTORY IN HOME OPENER

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The wind whistled on Monday at the Nashua Town and Country Club.

So did the golf balls off the tee on the Huskies tree-lined home course.

The N-P boys and girls golfers battled high winds in its third meet of the season and still managed some low scores despite the difficult weather to overcome.

The Husky boys won the meet with team score of 200 – 18 strokes better than second-place Clarksville. Dunkerton was third with a 230.

Longtime head coach Jeff Trost has been down this road before in squaring off against Mother Nature. Beginning his 42nd season of guiding the Huskies, he said the secret to low scores amidst gale-force winds is to not try to fight it.

"The biggest thing in the wind is not to try to overpower the wind," said Trost.

"Everybody wants to really swing hard. They get in a windy situation and they just want to try to muscle through it."

N-P had three golfers card under 50. Husky junior Trey Nelson led the way with a 46, followed by seniors Lucas Pierce (48) and Derik Auchstetter (49).

"I really liked what Trey showed tonight in the wind. He has been putting very well. Lucas also had a solid round – keeping consistent needs to be his focus. Derik has shown signs at times. Consistency to be able to hit the shots every hole and staying away from the blow up holes is what is lacking right now," said Trost.

The Husky girls team – which



sport just three golfers – did not qualify for the team score. That was won by Clarksville (220), who bested second-place Tripoli by 18 strokes.

Trost said N-P senior Maddy Rodruck is trending in the right direction. She fired a 53. Autumn Nelson carded a 62 and Natalie Sinnwell scored a 82 over the nine holes played.

"Maddy had a very good round

considering the conditions. Autumn is showing good signs. She has some very good shots then throws a couple of shots away, but she is getting better and better each time out. Natalie works very hard at her game. Given her experience level, she struggles at times but throws in some very good shots. She needs to keep her head up knowing she is getting better," said Trost.

N-P also took to the two courses

at Mason City this past Thursday, April 8.

The Husky boys team hit the links at Highland Golf Course and tallied a 219. Osage won the triangular with a 161 and Mason City Newman finished runner-up (195).

Nelson and junior Drew Rodruck each carded 51s. Pierce followed those scores with a 54.

Maddy Rodruck led the N-P girls with a 57 at the Mason City Country Club.

N-P's triangular at St. Ansgar with North Butler on Tuesday was postponed because of strong winds and cold temps. The Huskies are scheduled to play in a triangular today (Thursday) at Northwood-Kensett alongside Rockford.

AT NASHUA, MONDAY, APRIL 12

BOYS TEAM SCORES

Nashua-Plainfield 200, Clarksville 218, Dunkerton 230.

Medalist - Dawson Bergman, Tripoli 43. Nashua-Plainfield scores - Trey Nelson 46, Lucas Pierce 48, Derik Auchstetter 49, Blake Lindeland 57, Drew Rodruck 58, Bryce Anderson 65, Devon Griffin 76.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES

Clarksville 220, Tripoli 238, Nashua-Plainfield, Dunkerton did not field full teams.

Medalist - Abby Hinders, Clarksville 49. Nashua-Plainfield scores - Maddy Rodruck 53, Autumn Nelson 62, Natalie Sinnwell 82.

AT MASON CITY, THURSDAY, APRIL 8

BOYS TEAM SCORES

Osage 161, Mason City Newman 195, Nashua-Plainfield 219.

Medalist - Bodie Goddard, Osage 39; Leo Klapperich, Osage 39. Nashua-Plainfield scores - Roderick 51, Nelson 51, Pierce 54, Griffin 63, Anderson 64.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES

Osage 200, Mason City Newman 245, Nashua-Plainfield did not field full team.

Nashua-Plainfield scores - Rodruck 57, Nelson 65, Sinnwell 80.

ON TAP FOR THE NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES

THURSDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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



TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Boys and girls golf vs. North Butler, Riceville and St. Ansgar, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Girls golf vs. Crestwood, Grundy Center

and North Burtler, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Boys track at North Butler Relays, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Boys and girls golf vs. Rockford and West Fork, Ridge Stone Golf Club, Sheffield, 4:15 p.m.

Boys and girls track at Sumner-Fredricksburg Coed Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

— Schedules subject to change

Husky boys take sixth in 15-team Hudson meet

Nashua-Plainfield appreciates his team's efforts so far this season but he also says team shouldn't be satisfied

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The Pirate Relays at Hudson featured 15 teams on Thursday.

Nashua-Plainfield proved they were one of the better squads at the loaded meet, which featured teams from all across northern Iowa.

N-P finished in sixth place with 65.34 points. North Butler eeked past the Huskies with 66 points for fifth place. Denver won the meet with 143 points.

Husky head coach Chase Sudol was happy about the finish for his Huskies, but by the same token he isn't satisfied and is confident his squad can reach even greater heights.

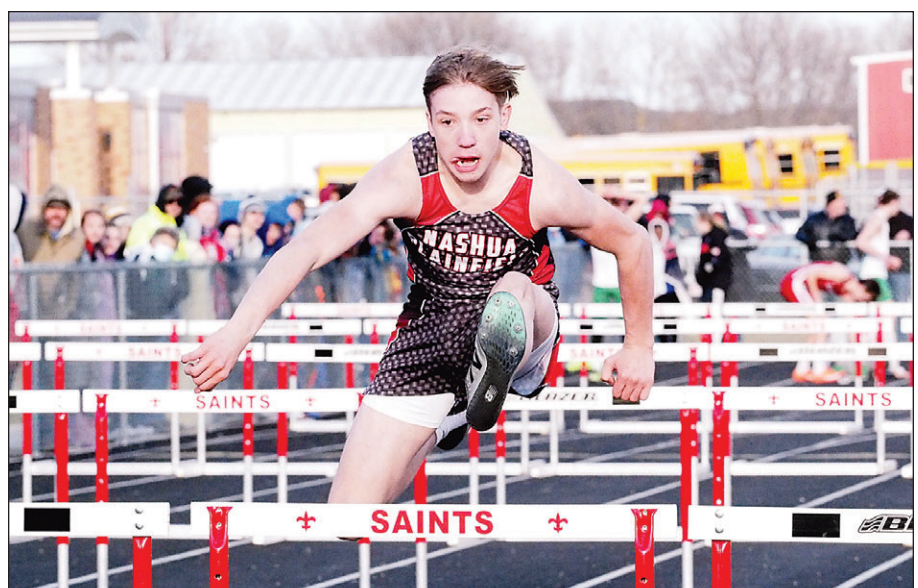
"I love the youth of this team and think we're building something special here at N-P. We do things differently

with our track program, but we are having a great deal of success with getting kids out and making the most of it," said Sudol. "I will always want to see more and more get succeeding, so I hope this continues to develop into something better and better."

One talented Husky is not only proving he's one of the better burners in this part of Iowa, but in all of the state.

N-P senior Derik Auchstetter won the open 400 in a time of 52.95. That's the 12-quickest time in Class 1A so far. Auchstetter had a near miss in the 200 dash in an attempt to snare another first-place medal. Caylor Hoffer of Denver slipped past Auchstetter in 24 seconds flat. Auchstetter was just back of that in 24.2.

SEE BOYS TRACK, 7



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Titus Evans runs a leg of the shuttle hurdle during a meet held earlier this season.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Makenzie Foelske sprints to the finish line in the 100-meter dash at a meet held earlier this season in St. Ansgar.

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