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Board wants to upgrade parks

Sinnwell says Baldwin Bandshell could be built by next summer; new park in planning stages

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Although there is no concrete timetable as of yet, there's a chance the Nashua-Plainfield High School Band could be playing an April or May concert at Nashua's new bandshell in Cedar View Park.

That exciting news was made known to the Nashua City Council earlier this month by Nashua Park

Board Chair Nate Sinnwell.

That ceremony to dedicate Baldwin Bandshell is still in its infancy stages, but Nashua's biggest summertime celebration – Water Over the Dam Days – could have a substantial scenic upgrade in the area where festival-goers congregate near Cedar Lake.

The late Dick and Sue Baldwin of Nashua came up with the idea before Dick passed away earlier this

summer and have donated a substantial amount of money to get the ball rolling to possibly begin construction on the bandshell in the near future.

"The family is very, very excited and anxious to get going on building a bandshell in the park and they want to name it Baldwin Bandshell," said Sinnwell.

While construction has yet to begin and top soil hasn't even been

unearthed, Sinnwell said a steering committee is coming up with ideas to help transform that picturesque area into a practical use stage for hosting events.

"It would be a very significant donation where it would probably fund the whole thing, at least for

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Here's to an 'almost' Big 4 Fair repeat

Fair Board secretary is excited to help plan event for 41st time

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nancy Hillesheim laughed when she recently was asked how her retirement was going?

"Well, I still have a full-time job with the fair," said the Hillesheim, who retired earlier this summer after a long career at Five Star Coop in Nashua, "so I'm not sure what retirement is supposed to be like."

Now, don't get the longtime Fair Board secretary wrong. She's not complaining; after all, she's been a mainstay at the Big 4 Fair, the event held every Labor Day weekend.

"This is my 41st fair," she said of the event that kicks off a week from today at the fairgrounds in Nashua, "and yes, it's a lot of work but for me, it's also a lot of fun. I think we have a nice little fair here, and it gives me a chance to meet up with old

SEE FAIR, 4

Supervisors reject both Heritage bids

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday rejected both bids it received for the Heritage property because, as the board chairman put it, the county has "a lot of irons in the fire," especially with the potential sale of an office building the county owns in New Hampton.

After opening the bids — \$300,000 from Dale Reicks and \$200,025 from Chip and Darlene Schwickerath — board members voted unanimously to turn down both bids.

"I can say my opinion is we have a lot of irons in the fire," Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said, "and speaking to other individuals as well as taxpayers ... I'm not going to vote to sell the property for \$300,000."

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WELCOME BACK!



There's nothing quite like that first day of school, and Nashua-Plainfield had two of them as students in grades 6-12 started the 2022-23 school year Tuesday while students in grades K-5 headed to classes on Wednesday.

Among the snapshots from "Day 1" are (clockwise, from top) Macie Marks working on an assignment, a group of high school boys "tailgating" and Landon Crabtree pondering an answer before writing it down.

Photos by Kelly Terpstra of the Reporter and courtesy of Jenn Kalainoff

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory employees Connie Njus and Andy Hugeback share a light moment in the funeral home's New Hampton office recently.

THE ART OF CARING

RETIRED NURSE FINDS NEW CAREER AT FUNERAL HOME

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Connie Njus' motto when it comes to her work at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory comes down to four simple words.

"Family is my priority."

And that quartet of words is what makes her so good at her job, so says Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory Funeral Director Drew Johnson.

"Connie is just one of those people who has a warmth and a compassion for people," he said, "and an understanding of families who are grieving. She just cares about people."

Then again, Njus has been doing exactly that for years, and she will tell you that there are plenty of similarities from her long career as a nurse and her relatively new job as a funeral assistant and bereavement advocate at the New Hampton funeral home.

"In the nursing field with high acu-

WOMEN in the WORKPLACE

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ity in which I practiced for 32 years, I was trying to help people get better, helping them through a tough time, and saving lives daily. Death was no stranger to me. In my current job, I'm helping families get through a difficult time of saying goodbye to a loved one." Njus said, "I know people will look at it and say nursing and what I'm doing today are two completely different things, but it's amazing to me how similar they are. They're both about being there for people."

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Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School third-grade teacher Sara Duhrkopf (left) calls on a student while Harmony Iriarte (above) thinks she knows the answer to the question.



Peyton Thompson looks up to her teacher as she works on an assignment Wednesday, the first day of classes at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School.



Nash (left) welcomes back Nashua-Plainfield junior high and high school students Tuesday, when high school students (above) take part in a game during a student-run assembly and junior high students (below) make their way through the commons area on their way to class.



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Lynn Earl Edson, 94

Lynn Earl Edson, age 94 of Nashua, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice in Mason City.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2022, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua with the Rev. Robert Dodge and the Rev. Sarah Namukose concelebrating.

Interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, Nashua with Bryan Becker, Bryce Becker, Brady Becker, Jonathan Gerzema, Brent Gerzema, and Andrew Edson serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Jennifer Gerzema, Kristin Soland, Theresa Sult, Suzanne Case, and Britta Meints.

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022, at Hugelback Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Lynn's long and productive life began on July 25, 1928, when his parents, Earl and Leota (Barber) welcomed their only child to the world on their family farm about nine miles east of Nashua.

That farm would be Lynn's home for most of his life, and as a young boy, he learned the value of hard work and persistence as he helped his parents with various chores both in the field and with the farm's livestock. He also loved to pal

l around with his cousins, Vearl and Virgil Edson, and they had many adventures back in the day.

Lynn attended a one-room country schoolhouse through the eighth grade before transferring to Nashua High School, where he was a member of the Class of 1946.

In his younger years, he

worked at Rath Packing in Waterloo, clerked at the Waverly Sale Barn, and co-owned E&M Clerking, but Lynn was a farmer his entire life. He worked the family farm and when time

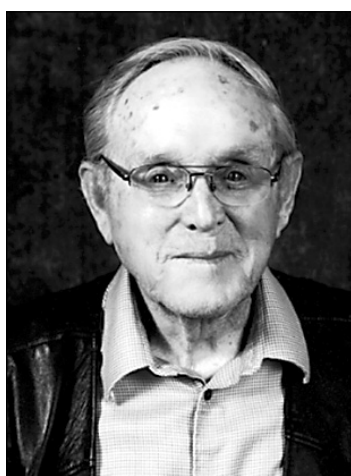
allowed, he worked for some of his neighbors, too.

Back in those days, everyone went to town on Friday nights to do their shopping and socializing, but one of those Friday nights proved to be better than all the rest. Lynn drove into town, saw Rose Mary Wilson walking with her family, and asked if she would like to ride in his new car. Her parents said that was fine, and the rest, well, it's a beautiful love story.

The couple began dating, fell

in love, and were married on Sept. 16, 1951, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua. They settled on the family farm, where they welcomed their three children — Mary Lynn, Lynda, and Dave — who had

a father who worked hard yet always made time for them. They will always fondly remem-



Lynn Edson

ber the fishing trips to the cabin the family had at Breezy Point in Minnesota, and, of course, cleaning out the livestock truck so they'd have a place to camp during their annual visit to the Iowa State Fair.

Lynn's farm had everything — from crop production to cattle, hogs, dairy cows, and chickens. God only knows how much hay the Edson's baled over the years, but trust us, it was a lot.

He had a deep faith in Christ and was a lifetime member of the Republic Church, and Lynn also was blessed with a beautiful voice. He sang in a quartet with his father, in talent shows, and at many weddings and funerals.

Lynn gave back to his community — serving on the Nashua Equity Coop Board, the Nashua School Board, and various church boards.

He had an outgoing personality and always had a smile. He could walk into a room with 50 people, many of whom he had never met, and leave that same room with 50 friends.

But at his core, he was a family man. He and Rose Mary did everything together, including spending a number of winters in Texas. When his wife's health began failing later in life, it was Lynn who took care of her with gentleness and kindness. They moved to Nashua in 2014.

Up until this past year, Lynn has remained active, enjoying his coffee buddies, (but keeping an eye on Dave at the farm!) He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Lynn was proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

For 94 years, Lynn graced us with his presence, and the world was a better place for it. As sad as we are to say goodbye, we know his faith tells us he's in a better place today and reunited with Rose Mary.

Lynn is survived by his children, Mary Lynn (Dean) Gerzema of Buffalo Center, Lynda (Bob) Becker of Swaledale, and Dave (Connie) Edson of Ionia; 11 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by

his parents and his wife of 64 years, Rose Mary in 2015.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

A proposed new bandshell will have ramifications — all good, too — for the annual Water Over the Dam Days celebration that the Nashua Park Board took over in 2022.

Park Board excited about potential projects

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what everything we would need to have it ready for Water Over the Dam Days 2023," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell provided Council members with a sketched diagram and potential layout of the project. The specific area of the park that is being considered already has a natural slope and open area for people to sit. Sinnwell also mentioned Lynn Schuler has helped with the design work and project management.

"It's a dressed out deck — is really all it is," said Sinnwell. "They seem to really like this design here. It doesn't mean this will be exactly what it is."

Sinnwell stated the bandshell would solve a lot of problems for WODD.

"It's always so wet down below. That lower shelter is really in sad shape. This could help us out in a really nice way," said Sinnwell.

With this proposed new configuration at Cedar View Park, the beer tent for WODD would be in the west shelter and all sorts of activity would be taking place below that. Sinnwell said Wabash Street could remain open, but the road leading to

the showers and restrooms may need to be closed. He said a turnaround point could be a possibility in that area.

"Maybe we'll enlist the help of a contractor just to help steer us in the right direction and make sure we're not doing something wrong," said Sinnwell. "We're thinking we can get a lot of this done with volunteer work. The cost to the city could be fairly minimal."

Sinnwell said he was planning on talking to MidAmerican Energy about getting power to the area once construction gets under way.

"I don't know if we'll need a whole new service? It might make sense to put in a whole new service with all the electrical problems we've had over the years — to make sure we have plenty of power going to the park," said Sinnwell.

There are many possibilities as far as what events could take place at the bandshell.

"This opens up other opportunities for us to maybe have a party in the park a couple times in the year — not just once," said Sinnwell.

Talk of a bandshell being built has been bantered around for quite some time in Nashua. Now it looks like that talk is

now becoming a reality.

"We've talked about that for a long time," said Nashua Council member Hal Kelleher.

An area known affectionately as "Schlutterville" in Nashua could soon have a park nearby. That recent development was another announcement that Sinnwell shared with city officials a few weeks back.

The park, which Kelleher emphasized that he would like to be all-inclusive and ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant, could see a picnic shelter being erected fairly quickly.

The park would be near the Avenue of the Saints and what looks like two lots would be donated by Jeanette Schluter of Nashua to the city to provide the property that would be transformed into the recreation area.

The park would be in honor of Jeanette's late husband, Howard Schluter, who passed away in 2018.

The park would be named "Pa's Playground" and the Schluter family would have naming rights to the public grounds once the paperwork is filed and completed to make the transition.

The park would provide eas-

ier access to an area that could be utilized by families that would be within walking distance to relax and enjoy nature.

"If you look at that neighborhood other there, there's 48 kids that are in high school or under," said Sinnwell. "The closet park — the true city park — is Cannon Park, which is 1.1 miles away from the corner of Schlutterville."

Sinnwell said the Schluters were going to make the announcement at a family picnic sometime this fall. He also stated that the park board has already received commitments from several folks that have donated financially.

"What we'd like to do is set up a steering committee from people in that neighborhood to direct donations and get stuff off the ground," said Sinnwell.

Nashua City Attorney David Skilton said the park could be dedicated just like the city does with streets. That way the city of Nashua accepts upkeep and maintenance of the property.

There's other options as well once the park's initial infrastructure is put in place.

"So some day if we ever put in some sort of bike trail or something like that, it'd work out nicely," said Sinnwell.

State Fair Briefs

Ribbons awarded at Holstein Show

Top dairies competed for honors in the Holstein Dairy Cattle show judged Friday, August 12, at the Iowa State Fair.

Area winners were as follows:

Summer Junior Two Year Old Cow -- June 1 - Aug. 31, 2020 10) Eagle-View Dairy, Nashua, Eagle-View Doorman Pearl Cow Five Years Old -- Sept. 1, 2016 - Aug. 31, 2017 4) Eagle-View Dairy, Nashua, Eagle-View Doorman Platinum

N-P FFA chapter wins awards

A number of Nashua-Plainfield individual members, along

with the chapter itself, took home awards from the Iowa State Fair in August.

Cale Jensen of the Nashua-Plainfield FFA showed the Reserve Champion Bull in the Breeding Beef division while his chapter took home fifth place in the division. Sheyenne Bergmann showed the Silver Fox Champion in the Rabbit Show and also the Silver Fox Reserve Champion. She also showed the Dwarf Hotot Champion and the Dwarf Hotot Reserve Champion, while the Nashua-Plainfield FFA was sixth in the Rabbit Show chapter awards.

In the Equestrian Team Awards, Nashua-Plainfield's FFA was ninth.

Senior farmers market checks still available

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides qualified older adults over 60 with coupons (checks) to use at markets, roadside stands, and community-supported agriculture programs for unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and more.

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Big 4 Fair grandstand shows repeat of 2021

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friends and make some new ones, too."

What she would really like is a repeat of 2021, save for the Friday rain that KO'd the annual truck and tractor pull. But the rest of the weekend's weather was, well, perfect.

"No rain, the temperatures were not too hot, we couldn't have asked for a better weekend," she said. "If we can get that all over again and no rain on Friday, I'd be a happy camper."

When it comes to the 2022 edition of the Big 4 Fair, Hillesheim is going with the proverbial "if it ain't broken, don't fix it."

The grandstand shows — ranging from the tractor pull to the figure-eight races to the Tough Truck Races to Bulls and Barrels to the Master of

Disaster Demo Derby — remain the same.

"They were all well attended and people told us, 'Bring them back and we'll be back.' We booked them right away and we're excited to have them back," Hillesheim said.

Ditto for the midway, which for a second year in a row, will be provided by Next Generation Shows.

The annual fair has been held for more than a century. Originally put on to celebrate four counties — Chickasaws, Butler, Bremer and Floyd — it remains a popular destination for folks from around Iowa and surrounding states.

"I'd like to think we have a little something for everyone," Hillesheim said. "We'd love to see as many people come out as possible because we think they'll have a great time here."



A youngster enjoys a ride on the mechanical bull during the 2021 Big 4 Fair.

Reporter file photo

Second career motto: Family comes first

NJUS: FROM 1

Today's Reporter includes our annual Women in the Workplace special section, where the newspaper tells stories of area women who excel at their jobs and make contributions to their communities.

And Connie Njus' story is a unique one — one that is filled with warmth and compassion.

GROWING UP IN New Hampton, the youngest of Bill and Marlene Weigel's eight children, Njus knew whatever career path she took had to fulfill her desire to help others.

She attended St. Joseph Community School for eight years before transferring to New Hampton High School, where she was a member of the Class of 1984.

She thought about becoming a physical therapist, but she wasn't sure if she wanted to spend that much time in school, so when she headed to the University of Iowa, Njus made the decision to go into nursing.

"I knew I wanted to go into the medical field because of my passion to help people," she said. "I guess, for me, it was my calling."

And she thrived in it, too. After graduating from Iowa, she spent her entire career in Rochester, Minnesota, where she worked for the Mayo Clinic, mostly at St. Marys Hospital — first in the cardiac surgery intensive-care unit for five years and then as a physician extender for the next eight years. The first one is easy — not the job itself but the explanation.

"At the bedside in the ICU, we were trying to keep people alive," she said. "It was, yes, fast-paced and sometimes, yes, a heartbreaking job, but I enjoyed it and found it very fulfilling."

But a physician extender? What exactly is that? "Basically, I worked closely with three cardiac surgeons, managing their patients' post surgical and follow up care. I was given a lot of autonomy in this role under the doctor's supervision. This was another job I thoroughly enjoyed."

In the early 2000s, however, the Mayo Clinic was transitioning their extenders into nurse practitioner and physician assistant roles, and instead, Njus decided to go back to school to become a nurse anesthetist.

"When asked at my 15-year class reunion what I was doing nowadays," she said with a laugh, "I joked with them that I was studying to be a professional gas-passer. ... My anesthesia practice gave me great satisfaction through to my retirement. I worked with some wonderful people. Really, that was the case for my entire nursing career. I have no regrets, not a single one, about choosing nursing."

IN SOME WAYS, though, it was a grueling career because Njus basically spent decades commuting from New Hampton to Rochester.

She and her husband, Dennis, had long talked about retiring earlier, rather than later, and when COVID-19 hit, Njus explored her options.

"I met with our financial planner, and got the go-ahead," she said, "and I thought, 'You know what? I'm going to do this.' I loved my career, but I was ready."

Her husband, who works at Bodensteiner, hasn't taken the retirement plunge yet, but then again, neither has his wife.

Her last official day with Mayo was on February 1, 2021, and her first day at Hugeback-Johnson was on Feb. 1, 2021. Although, to be fair, Njus did have some vacation "built up" so it wasn't like she traded her scrubs in for her funeral home attire.

"Anyone who knows Connie knows she is just so genuine," Hugeback said. "There's no question in my mind that her nursing career would transition to what we do because it's really about caring for people. Connie cares."

And just what does she do in her second career?

"That was the first question



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Connie Njus loads up a van with flowers in before delivering them to a family after a recent funeral.

I had," Njus said with a smile, "and it's been a work in progress. I would say my priority is to help families go through the death process."

"It's so hard to say goodbye to the ones you loved — I went through it with my parents — and I guess I hope my families here know that I'm here to lean on, to help in any way I can. I want to share the comfort with other families that was given to my family."

Njus often sits in with one of Hugeback-Johnson's funeral home directors — Bryan and Andy Hugeback, Johnson, or Anthony Hable — when they meet with families. She helps make and fulfill arrangements for the celebration of life. She assists families in personalizing the visitation room. She is a facilitator for the local GriefShare support that meets both in the spring and fall.

"Anything they need, that's my job," she said. "Family is my priority."

CONNIE AND DENNIS Njus never had children, but she has a slew of nieces and nephews.

"Trust me, I'm the fun aunt," she said with a laugh, "or at least, I'm pretty sure they will say that."

Unlike her days at Mayo, she doesn't have a set schedule. At Hugeback-Johnson funeral home, if she's needed and she's available, she answers the call.

"Some weeks, it's crazy busy," she said, "and then it might be a week or two of almost nothing. I'm OK with that."

She loves to travel — evening drives in the countryside with Dennis; longer trips with her "traveling partners" — and many road trips to Green Bay to see her beloved friends and Packers.

That's a plus for Johnson who may bleed green and gold. His brother-in-law, the younger Hugeback, who is a Minnesota Vikings' fan, laughed when asked about Njus Packer fandom.

"I thought we should fire her right away," Hugeback said, with a laugh before turning serious. "I think her biggest strength is her wanting to help people. Her past job was helping people, and you can tell. She'll do anything for the families she works with."

NJUS IS NOW 20 months into her second career, and that caring attitude remains her No. 1 asset, her co-workers say.

Like any new job, there's a learning curve — one that she rode throughout her 30-plus years as a nurse.

"You're always learning in any job you do," she said, "or at least, that's how I look at it. One thing here is that the biggest challenge when people are grieving is to not take things personally. Just as it was as a nurse, this job can be very humbling. My goal is to always try to meet the needs of the family first."

Before the interview ended, Njus was asked one final question: Did she make the right decision to accept the offer made by the funeral home back in the winter of 2021?

The answer came quickly. "No regrets whatsoever," she said. "I get to keep helping people. That's what I've wanted to do my entire life, and, yes, sometimes it's hard to watch my friends, our families, go through what they're going through, but hopefully, in some small way, we — and I really mean that because this is totally a team effort — are helping them through it the best we can."

The 2022 Big 4 Fair Schedule

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

6:30 p.m.: New Hampton Area Charity Truck and Tractor Pull, grandstand

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

8 a.m.: Horse and Pony Show
11 a.m.: Bean bag tournament
11 a.m.: Family Fun Day, including Mr. Nick Balloon Man, kids pedal tractor pull, face painting, kids games and raffles.
3 to 5 p.m.: Karaoke at Uncle G's

Pavillion

6:30 p.m.: Figure 8 car races, grandstand

8:30 p.m.: Live music by New Trick

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

8 a.m.: Beef Open Show
9 a.m.: Horse and Pony Hitch Show
1 p.m.: Tough Truck Races, grandstand
7 p.m.: Double S Bull Company's Bulls and Barrels, grandstand

8:30 p.m.: Live music by 5 of Hearts

MONDAY, SEPT. 5

Noon: Labor Day Classic Prospect Cattle Show

1 p.m.: Master of Disaster Demo Derby.

Next Generation Shows will have a midway filled with rides, games and food throughout the weekend; \$15 all-day wristband Friday and Monday; \$20 all-day wristband Saturday and Sunday.

Charity Tractor Pull set for this Sunday near New Hampton

There will be three tracks of pulling Sunday during the New Hampton area Charity Farm Pull. The event sign-up starts at 9 a.m., with action beginning at 11 a.m.

Pullers will be charged a \$25

hook fee, but the admission for spectators is a free will donation, with all proceeds to benefit charity. Food will be provided by Bigfoot Lunch Stand, and coolers are allowed. The Lil' Wapsi Pullers will also be at the

track, located at 1945 Kenwood Ave., New Hampton.

For more information contact Chad Cutsforth at 563-419-1842, Stan Mehmen at 641-330-0591, Dean Stumme at 641-394-3060 or Cole Kruse at

507-438-9115 (truck info).

Since beginning last summer, the charity pulls have donated thousands of dollars to various charities and organizers emphasize all proceeds will be donated.

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County wants to keep options open for Heritage

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

Reicks' bid did not include what he intended to do with the property.

As they did when they submitted an unsolicited offer last month, the Schwickeraths said their bid was contingent on receiving a 10-year tax abatement, and the couple said they would turn the old county home into multi-family housing.

Board members this coming Monday will hold a public hearing on the sale of a county-owned building located at 910 E. Main St. in New Hampton for \$100,000, and that sale, supervisors said, affected how they voted on the Heritage bids.

"There's discussion about moving other offices out there," he said. "If we were to sell the East Main property, we would need offices for that as well. We have to find a place to put an ambulance, whether that's out there, whether that's in another county building and we have to shuffle things around."

Darlene Schwickerath, who attended the meeting, said she was confused how the county could use two separate processes to sell the buildings, and County Attorney David Laudner explained that the board has wide latitude on how it sells county-owned property.

"There's really no restrictions on how you sell property," said Laudner, who added that the only things the county were required to do is publish a legal notice of its intent to sell

the building and hold a public hearing on the sale before supervisors can make a final decision.

"... They started a bidding process with that property [the Heritage], but they did not start a bidding process for the East Main property and again, that's their discretion."

The Heritage had been home to Inspiring Lives, a mental-health facility, for the past nine years, but the organization and the county couldn't agree on an lease extension earlier this year.

After Inspiring Lives vacated the property on June 30, supervisors decided to accept bids on the property and held two "open houses" so potential bidders could walk through the building and the grounds.

During an Aug. 8 meeting, Supervisor Jake Hackman expressed his opposition to the sale, but the rest of the board decided to go through with the bidding process, knowing the county had the option to reject all bids.

Now, the county may be looking for a new home for its Veterans Affairs and General Assistance offices, as well as several non-profit organizations who are currently located at 910 E. Main St.

That's because earlier this month, the board voted 4-1, with Kuhn casting the lone nay vote, to hold a public hearing to consider a \$100,000 offer from a company that wants to put up a second Dollar General store on the 0.8-acre property.

Don't Quit Your Day Job to perform at Mikkelson Park Sunday evening

The Don't Quit Your Day Job Big Band will hold its first concert in three years when it plays at Mikkelson Park this Sunday evening.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the band shell at the park. This is the 28th year the band has played, and one of the highlights of the Aug. 28 concert will be the debut of a new piece Gary Griffin had commissioned for the band to perform in 2020, but it didn't get the opportunity because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The rain location for the concert will be the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

New auditor takes oath

Sheila Shekleton (left) takes the oath of office from Chickasaw County Magistrate Judge Christine Skilton on Monday, Shekleton's first day as Chickasaw County's auditor.

Shekleton was appointed by the Board of Supervisors earlier this month and is replacing Stephanie Mashek, who resigned in July after serving in the position since January 2021.

The new auditor will serve until the results of the November election are canvassed by supervisors.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all the qualified Electors of Chickasaw County, Iowa and Butler County, Iowa are hereby notified that a Special Nashua-Plainfield Community School Election will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in Accordance with Chapter 49.53 of the Iowa Code.

For the Nashua-Plainfield Community School Special Election to be held September 13, 2022, the voters of the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District residing in Chickasaw County, Iowa and Butler

County, Iowa may vote at the following polling location:
Nashua City Hall, 402 Main Street, Nashua, IA 50645

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. If voters have questions contact the Election Office at 641-394-2100.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered-such as voters registering to vote on election day, may register and vote at the voting center provided that person has appropriate identification and is a resident of the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District, Chickasaw County.

A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or prove residence if required) may 1) have the voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's Office by Noon on Monday, September 19, 2022. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 641-394-2100.

ELECTION FRAUD. A voter commits the crime of election Misconduct in the First Degree if the person submits

false information when registering to vote. Election misconduct in the first degree is a class "D" felony, and punishable by a fine of up to \$10,245 and/or imprisonment of up to five (5) years. Convicted felons who register and vote without receiving a restoration of voting rights from the Governor are committing a class "D" felony. IF YOU ARE NOT 100% SURE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE HAS ALREADY BEEN RESTORED, REQUEST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 49.53 of the Iowa Code that any voter who is physically unable to enter the polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at the telephone number or E-mail address listed below. Telephone: 641-394-2100 E-mail Address: auditor@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov for TTY access dial 641-394-3121. Each polling location is equipped with a ballot marking device (FVT) which may assist persons with disabilities to vote more independently.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, in accordance with Chapter 52.35 of the IOWA CODE that the duly authorized agents of the Chickasaw County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections shall publicly examine and test all voting machines to be used for the September 13, 2022 Election.

PUBLIC TEST FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT. A public test of the voting equipment to be used in the Special Election will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Meeting room (room behind the Driver's License) located on the 1st floor of the Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

SET FORTH herein is a sample ballot below. I hereby certify that this is

a correct copy of the sample ballot to be voted at the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District Special Election to be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in the County of Chickasaw, State of Iowa.

Sheila Shekleton Chickasaw County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections
Nashua-Plainfield Community School District Public Measure

Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Nashua-

Plainfield Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced

Vision for Education Fund.
In the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement

which specifies the use of revenues the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District will

receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under district-to-community college programs as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening

roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase

construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.

To provide funds for property tax relief; and To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District

No. 22275
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Chickasaw County Agricultural Extension District Published Report - Operating 07/01/2021 to 6/30/2022

Beginning Balance and Receipts:

Balance: July 1, 2021 \$341,442.30

Receipts:

Grant Revenue \$8,950.86

Interest Revenue \$2,394.59

Other Revenue \$1,183.76

Program Fee Revenue \$64,216.84

Property Tax Revenue \$273,172.31

Resale Revenue \$1,161.55

Total Receipts: \$351,079.91

Total Beginning Balance and Receipts: \$692,522.21

Disbursements:

2 Men and a Truck, Facility Expense \$3,827.00

Aatrix, E-File Fee \$49.90

Allamakee County Extension, Program Expense \$950.19

Alta Vista Shopper, Program Expense \$86.25

Amazon, Supplies, Facility Expense \$4,254.57

Amundson, Emily, Program Expense \$200.00

Andera, Josephine, Program Expense \$29.00

Ashley, Colton, Program Expense \$24.00

Bachman, Jennifer, Program Expense \$20.00

Bachman, Sydnie, Program Expense \$23.00

Bailey, Kaytie, Program Expense \$24.00

Bailey-Pint, Kendall, Program Expense \$14.00

Bank Iowa, Program Expense \$609.34

Barlow, Lane, Program Expense \$6.0

Bearman, Titan, Program Expense \$12.00

Bearman, Wyatt, Program Expense \$44.00

Beckman, Kathy, Transportation Expense \$91.26

Bennett Pharmacy, Program Expense \$4.01

Berends, Blair, Program Expense \$26.00

Berns, Riley, Program Expense \$3.00

BestBuy.com, Program Expense \$32.09

Big Four Fair, Program Expense \$2,457.00

Bilharz, Jaycie, Program Expense \$3.00

Biotronics Inc Ultrasound Solutions, Program Expense \$1,556.46

Black Hills Energy, Facility Expense \$3,452.00

Blumhagen, Gary, Program Expense \$125.00

Bodensteiner Implement, Program Expense \$259.57

Bowlaway Lanes, Program Expense \$220.50

Bremer, Nic, Program Expense \$27.00

Bremer County Extension, Program Expense \$818.98

Brincks, Janette, Program Expense \$256.84

Brincks, Tory, Program Expense \$82.00

Brincks, Trinity, Program Expense \$89.00

Brinkman, Kristi, Program Expense \$15.00

Bruess, Lynn M., Net Wages and Travel \$30,483.02

Brunschon, Ron, Program Expense \$60.00

Buckley, Miranda, Program Expense \$2.00

Burzette, Cathy, Program Expense \$146.01

Carey, Emarae, Program Expense \$18.00

Casey's, Employee Meal Expense \$444.98

Cedar Valley Portables, Program Expense \$280.00

Chickasaw County Cattlemen, Program Expense \$63.54

Chickasaw County Pork Producers, Pro-

gram Expense \$30.00

Chickasaw County Recorder, Facility Expense \$296.20

Chris Cakes, Program Expense \$1,242.20

City Of New Hampton, Facility Expense \$2,286.91

Coloff Media, Marketing Expense \$192.00

Crane Creek Trucking, Program Expense \$272.77

Cresco Shopper, Advertising Expense \$88.00

Cricut, Subscription \$42.72

Crooks, Kendra, Program Expense \$53.75

Culligan, Facility Expense \$253.86

Curley, Tammy, Program Expense \$133.40

Dairy Treat, Program Expense \$32.10

Darrington, Donna, Prior Year Adjustment (\$125.00)

Demro, Dawson, Program Expense \$18.00

Demro, Tate, Program Expense .. \$24.00

Dietz, Isabella, Program Expense \$15.00

Dirks, Patrick A., Net Wages and Travel \$23,277.10

Dollar General, Supplies, Marketing Expense \$722.23

Dollar Tree, Program Expense \$53.50

Dressman, Kathy, Program Expense \$125.00

Droppert, Gerald, Program Expense \$200.00

Druid, Rosin, Program Expense .. \$5.00

Eggerichs, Kandice, Program Expense \$15.00

Eichenberger, Aleah, Program Expense \$27.00

Eichenberger, Caleb, Program Expense \$12.00

Eichenberger, Heather, Program Expense \$42.78

Eichenberger, Jennifer, Program Expense \$20.00

Eichenberger, Larry, Program Expense \$125.00

Eichenberger, Noah, Program Expense \$24.00

Eike, Eleri, Program Expense \$3.00

Eike, Isiah, Program Expense \$6.00

Epley, Wanda, Program Expense \$250.00

Etsy, Marketing Expense \$212.34

FAE Stine Post 38, Facility Expense \$7,200.00

Fangman, Carson, Program Expense \$6.00

Fareway Stores Inc, Supplies, Marketing Expense \$2,584.09

Farm Tek, Program Expense \$844.64

Fat T's, Employee Meal Expense \$63.31

Fayette County Dairy Promotion, Program Expense \$540.00

Feldman, Natalie, Program Expense \$57.00

First Advantage Background Services Corp, Background Screenings \$845.89

Fisks Farm & Home, Program Expense \$256.84

Five Star Co-op, Program Expense \$12.81

Flying J, Employee Meal Expense \$5.35

Francis L Dean & Associates, Program Expense \$103.00

Fredericksburg Food Center, Program Expense \$888.50

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Geerts, Emily, Program Expense \$45.00

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Hawkeye Community College, Program Expense \$500.00

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Henkes, Leslie, Prior Year Adjustment (\$100.00)

Hennings, Kayla, Program Expense \$3.00

Hennings, Madelyn, Program Expense \$6.00

Herron's Bank Box, Facility Expense \$550.42

Hickory Park, Employee Meal Expense \$43.45

Hoeft, Lynn A., Net Wages and Travel \$1,118.21

HyVee, Program Expense \$304.87

Ionia RAGBRAI Vendor Spot, Program Expense \$50.00

Iowa Dept Of Ag & Land Stewardship, Program Expense \$24.25

Iowa Dept of Inspection & Appeals, Program Expense \$50.00

Iowa Extension Council Association, Membership, Benefits Expense \$340.00

Iowa Farm Bureau, Membership, Marketing Expense \$234.00

Iowa Poultry Association, Program Expense \$25.00

Iowa Public Employee Retirement Sys, Employee Retirement Benefits \$18,618.45

Iowa State University, Shared Support, Program Services, Benefits \$41,517.71

Iowa State University Foundation, Program Expense \$250.00

Jendro Sanitation Services, Facility Expense \$773.33

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Nashua-Plainfield's Myranda Webster (above) attempts to tip the ball past two New Hampton players while Husky coach Mindy Foelske (below) watches the action during the Huskies' season-opening triangular Tuesday night.

Coach: Huskies must communicate

TRIANGULAR : FROM 10

its experience as the Class 3A Chickasaws broguht back nine letterwinners from last year's 24-11 squad.

Foelske implemented a new lineup that would allow N-P's right side/middle – senior Bailey Fisher – more room to roam and a chance to capitalize on her athleticism against NH.

“New Hampton is definitely intimidating to some of our girls. You may have thought the girls looked confused at times, because in order to compete against a quick and powerful New Hampton squad, I threw a new lineup at them,” said Mindy Foelske. “The girls had not run this lineup before that match. We needed to utilize Bailey to block up front. She is quick and has good timing on her block.”

The second match against NH was one where some fans in the stands might have been thinking upset. N-P stormed back after a 4-0 deficit to tie the contest at 6-6. A couple Fisher kills showed the Huskies had



heart and meant business.

“They showed some fight when they were down, but we were lacking communication on the floor,” said the N-P head coach.

That hope for victory was short-lived as an 8-0 run broke

the game wide open. NH finished out the contest and the evening with a 25-11 game-two triumph.

Fisher netted five kills against New Hampton and Pratt recorded nine digs in the Jesup matchup. Pratt, a junior,

also led N-P in kills versus the J-Hawks with four.

Glaser notched two aces and was 9-10 serving.

Paige Ripley, N-P's senior setter, amassed 17 assists in the two matches.

JESUP 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0	
Jesup	25 25
Nashua-Plainfield	22 12
Kills - Jalynn Pratt 4, Josslynn Glaser 2, Myranda Webster 2, Paige Franzen 1, Bailey Fisher 1, Paige Ripley 1.	
Assists - Ripley 7.	
Digs - Pratt 9, Franzen 5, Fisher 5, Ripley 4, Maci Malven 4.	
Serving - Ripley 6-7, Fisher 3-4, Pratt 4-6, Glaser 6-7, Franzen 6-7.	
Aces - Glaser 2, Pratt 1, Ripley 1.	

NEW HAMPTON 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0	
New Hampton	25 25
Nashua-Plainfield	9 11
Kills - Fisher 5, Pratt 2, Glaser 2, Webster 2, Franzen 2.	
Assists - Ripley 10, Malven 1, Fisher 1, Webster 1.	
Digs - Ripley 4, Fisher 3, Glaser 3, Franzen 3.	
Serving - Malven 2-2, Ripley 4-4, Fisher 4-4, Pratt 2-5, Glaser 3-3, Franzen 2-2.	
Aces - Ripley 1, Fisher 1.	

Once they start running, Huskies will be busy

CROSS COUNTRY: FROM 9

Plainfield has to replace its one 2022 state qualifier as Drew Wilken was lost to graduation.

The Huskies have several runners – Winter, Caleb Sinnwell, Caleb Lentz and Luke Paplow – who have varsity experience, but Kalainoff said her team will need contributions from at least a few of its four freshmen.

Leading the way will be Jase Hansen, who Nashua-Plainfield's coach said “is really right where Drew was at the same time last year. He's a good runner, and he's pretty competitive.” Other freshmen on the roster are Sam O'Neill, Brady Lensing and Brexton Bird.

Once the Huskies finally get that first meet under their belt, they will pack nine meets into a span of 35 days – including the annual Nashua-Plainfield Invitational

that will be held on Sept. 20 at the Nashua Town and Country Club – as they will prepare themselves for the Top of Iowa Conference meet that will be held at NICC on Oct. 13 and the state qualifying meet at a site to be announced on Oct. 20.

“We want to use September to get us ready for October,” Kalainoff said. “The whole idea is to be running our best times when we go to conference and state qualifying. If we do that, as a coach, I'll be happy.”

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 9:00 am with members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Amy Lares, Kathy Shekleton, Jeremy McGrath, and Bob Fenske, member of the media.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve the agenda for August 15, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from August 8, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Assessor Ray Arnel was present at 9:04 am.

Public comment-Amy Lares stated she wanted to clarify the ambulance service in Elma is fully staffed 24/7 at the Elma Emergency Services Building. Alta Vista would only be without coverage when the ambulance is out on another call.

Bids for the sale of the property at 22275 S Linn Ave, New Hampton, Iowa, known as the former Heritage Building, will be opened August 22, 2022, at the Board of Supervisors' meeting. If property sold, County will work with the Pioneer Cemetery Commission to mark the

cemetery. Hackman shared a proposed floor plan of the Heritage Building if County does not sell the property.

Sheriff Department employees Ryan Shawver, Jordan Gansen, Cathy Knutson, and Marty Hemann were present at 9:09 am.

Mike Kennedy present at 9:13 am.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve RESOLUTION NO. 08-15-22-61 A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A PROPOSAL TO SELL THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 910 E. MAIN STREET IN NEW HAMPTON AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SALE. WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors proposes to sell the real property located at 910 E. Main Street in New Hampton (Parcel Nos. 19-10-07-1-26-347 and 19-10-07-1-26-348, and legally described as Lots One through Twelve in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 95 North, Range 12 West of the 5th P.M.) to The Overland Group, LLC, for \$100,000.00; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.361(2) the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors is required to set forth its proposal to sell the real property in a resolution and publish notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the proposal to sell the real property. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors proposes to sell the real property located at 910 E. Main Street in New Hampton to The Overland Group, LLC, for \$100,000.00,

and will hold a public hearing on the proposal at 9:30 a.m. on August 29, 2022, in the boardroom on the second floor of the Chickasaw County Courthouse in New Hampton; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public comment on the proposed sale of the real property will be accepted by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to the Chickasaw County Auditor before 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2022; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Auditor is directed to publish the full text of this Resolution in the newspapers of record on August 18 and 19, 2022, respectively. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of August, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, Zoll, Nays- Kuhn. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to acknowledge resignation of Deputy Cole Tweten effective August 28, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried. Motion by Byrne, second by Hackman to approve the Sheriff to fill vacancy of deputy. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Kennedy left at 9:32 am.

Engineer Roman Lensing present at 9:33 am. Jim Ashley present at 9:45 am.

Chief Deputy discussed vacancies in Sheriff's Department. Discussion on hiring and retaining employees. Information shared on proposed wage increases for employees of the Sheriff's Department. More discussion to follow after department's budget is reviewed and talking

with Human Resources. Discussion also on adding an additional deputy.

Hemann and Arnel left at 9:55 am.

Shawver, Gansen, and Knutson left at 9:56 am. Jim Ashley requested to talk to Chairperson Matt Kuhn. Chair declared a recess at 9:57 am.

Chair reconvened at 10:02 am with Board Members Byrne, Zoll, Breitbach, Hackman, and Kuhn. Also present were Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Engineer Roman Lensing, Amy Lares, Kathy Shekleton, Jeremy McGrath, and Bob Fenske, member of the media.

Engineer Roman Lensing discussed department activities.

Reviewed plans for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project BROS-SWAP-CO19(110)-SE-19 on Odessa Ave., over East Wapsipicon River, \$16, T95, R12. Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to approve plans for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project BROS-SWAP-CO19(110)-SE-19 on Odessa Ave., over East Wapsipicon River, \$16, T95, R12 and authorize signatures made by Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Cover Page of plans. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve the reclassification of position and wage change of current Secondary Roads Employee Barry Klingman from Road Foreman (\$28.57/hr.) to Equipment Operator (\$25.20/hr.), effective August 22, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

N-P senior setter stepping us leader for volleyball team

VOLLEYBALL: FROM 10

lineups as we see who works best where and how we match up on any given night.”

N-P's top players back are seniors Paige Ripley, Bailey Fisher and junior Jalynn Pratt.

Ripley was second-team all-conference last year and was the third-best setter as far as assists are concerned in the league with 483. Ripley serving efficiency was almost 95 percent and that included 36 ace serves.

“I am looking for her to step up and run the offense like she did a year ago. She is already showing she can lead in practice this year,” said Mindy.

Pratt was honorable mention all-conference and produced 117 kills at her outside hitter spot. She also recorded 169 digs – third best on the squad. Pratt also led the team in ace serves with 40.

“Jalynn returns on the outside and we are working on confidence. I think she is feeling some pressure to step into a big role to replace Makenzie on the outside, but we just need her to settle into getting a consistent swing on the ball and get the kill,” Mindy added.

Fisher is slated to play right side and middle. Her 79 kills from a year ago will obviously increase if she can stay healthy as she'll have plenty of opportunities to soften up defenses with her right arm.

“Bailey has really stepped up in practice so far also. She returns on the right side but may be asked to go middle at times for her block,” said Mindy Foelske. “It is not her favorite position to play but she is willing to do what it takes. I see her getting a lot of opportunities this year to get a lot of swings in.”

Junior Myranda Webster (5-9) and sophomore Josslyn Glaser (5-10) give N-P the

height they'll need near the net, it's just getting those Huskies to use that length and formidable presence to their advantage.

“I have talked to them both about if they increase their verticals, they elevate their game,” said Mindy.

Webster registered 26 kills and amassed six blocks last year. She saw a decent amount of playing time opposite of Hackman in the middle.

Glaser doesn't have as much experience on the varsity level, but Foelske said, like Webster, she's working hard in an effort to step her game up.

“They won't leave the court, so defensively or offensively they will be a big part of how we play,” said Foelske. “We are needing them to get up to the block.”

As far as elevating one's game, Foelske said that junior libero Maci Malven will also need to take on an added role after seeing little varsity action last year.

“She will probably be the player asked to step up the most this season,” said Mindy. “This is a completely new position she is going to step into as a junior. She is a hard worker and I have no doubt she will fill this role this season.”

Paige Franzen, a sophomore, will be N-P's utility player and she can rotate around in various different positions on the hardwood. That includes setter, outside, right side, libero and Foelske said she has even taken a few swings in practice in the middle.

“We are working to see where we can best utilize her,” said Foelske.

Sophomore Faith Franzen (MH/OH), as well as freshmen Elayna O'Neill (MH), Lily Effler (RS/OH), Kami Hannemann (DS) and Alison Mehmen (MH) are working on improving their games to adapt to varsity competition.

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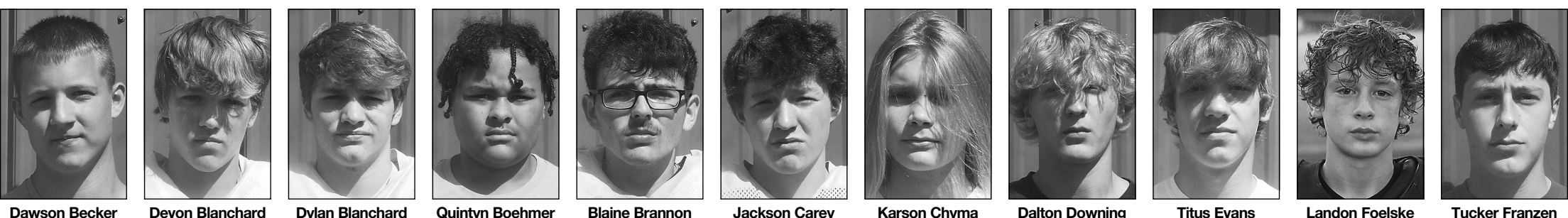
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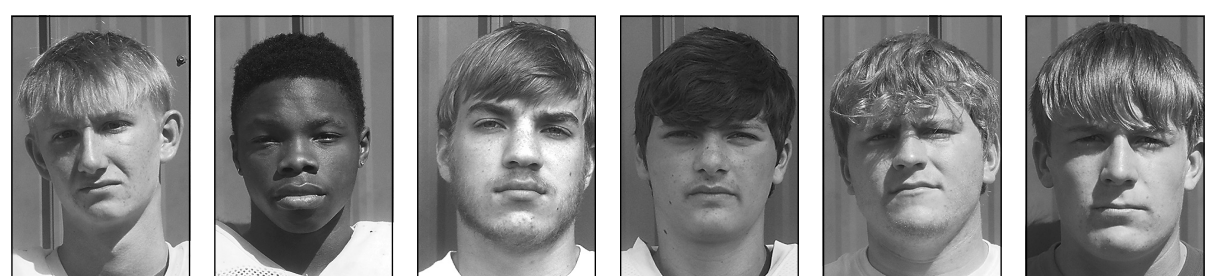
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Reload or rebuild?

Huskies' football team looks to continue upward swing

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The weather forecast calls for 75 degrees and sunny tonight — so get to Lloyd Koob Field early if you can.

The stands should be packed for the season opener Friday night in Nashua. Andrew Christensen and his Huskies take on North Butler in what should be a good one.

Football Friday Night is upon us and the majority of the state will lock horns with opponents for the first time in 2022. There were a smattering of prep games in Iowa played last week in what is called "Week o."

For Christensen's Nashua-Plainfield Huskies — it really comes down to two words that start with the letter "R" on what kind of season this will be.

Will N-P reload or rebuild? Friday night's test against the Bearcats could be a harbinger of things to come.

What is known is that Christensen is moving upwards in Year Three of his tenure at N-P. He has a program on the rise that's taken its lumps for quite some time, but is now punching back.

An indicator of just how far the Huskies have come is that the year prior to Christensen taking over in 2000, N-P did not play junior varsity games. There are now 37 kids out on Christensen's high school roster and the chance to develop younger players on the JV level is critical.

"I think the biggest improvement is participation," said Christensen, a South Tama grad. "Along with that the kids are coming with a much better understanding of the offense and defense, as well as how we have done things to be successful."

Fans will find out just how hard these Huskies hit right off the bat against against a North Butler (7-3) squad that won its first seven games of the season last fall and advanced to the second round of the playoffs. NNB defeated N-P last year, 15-0, in the opener. That game was played over the course of two days. It was suspended because of severe weather and resumed on Saturday afternoon.

N-P (4-5, 3-3) broke on through to advance to the playoffs for the first time since

N-P FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 26	North Butler V	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Wapsie Valley V	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Postville JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Central Springs V	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	West Fork JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	North Tama V	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	North Tama JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 23	at BCLUW V	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	at North Butler JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	Grundy Center V	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Grundy Center JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 7	at AGWSR V	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Central Springs JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	Hudson V	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Playoffs begin	7 p.m.

2014 last fall. N-P utilized a two-headed monster of a ground game to lead its Class A district in rushing.

The dynamic duo of running backs Sam Fundermann and Trey Nelson were responsible for a large chunk of that yardage total. They've both graduated and will be replaced by sophomore tailback Aiden Gelner and junior fullback Titus Evans.

"I feel like we have a nice core of players back this year. We do lose some important pieces off of last years team, but I do think that some of the players who had more of a secondary role are ready to step up into more of a leading role this year," said Christensen.

Evans was hurt most of the year in 2021 will be a major force on both sides of the ball for the Huskies. Evans is one of Christensen's leading line-backers.

N-P junior guard Tate White was lauded with all-district distinction last season. The agile and athletic linebacker is one of N-P's most pivotal pieces. He was second-team all-district as a sophomore and registered 43 tackles, which happened to be the second most on the team.

"Tate and Titus are both gifted athletes who are physical football players. I expect Tate's production to continue," said Christensen. "Titus was starting last year before an injury cost him most of the season. I see him being one of our key contributors this season."

N-P runs its offense out of Christensen's version of the wing-T set. He'll have a gamer back in senior Bo Harrington,

who will be N-P's starting quarterback for the second season in a row.

"We will run a similar offense. We will add to it to use Bo's strengths more this year, especially with so much of our rushing production from last year graduated," said Christensen.

Harrington threw for 465 yards and netted seven scores through the air versus 12 interceptions. Christensen said he'll take to the sky more this year with his strong arm.

"Bo's growth as a quarterback will be key to our success as a team. We are going to have to throw the ball more than last year. I think overall he is more confident as an athlete and in his decision making," Christensen added.

Harrington is also the leader in the secondary and has consistently shown that he can be a lock-down corner. Like White, he was second team all-district last year as a junior.

N-P senior lineman Landon Pratt was second-team all-district. Fellow seniors Joel Winters (WR/DE) and Kaden Wilken (TE/LB) were named to honorable mention.

N-P's six returning senior starters — Harrington, Pratt, Winters, Wilken, Aiden Lamborn and Jackson Zwanziger — have all been named captains.

"All six are good leaders in different ways and I feel like they will fill that role nicely," Christensen said.

Zwanziger, White, junior Dylan Blanchard, junior Aiden Sullivan and Pratt will start up front on the offensive line for N-P. Isaac Jones and J.R.



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Quarterback Bo Harrington fires a pass downfield during Nashua-Plainfield's victory over BCLUW in a 2021 game.

O'Neill could also seeing playing time in the trenches to help create space for backs and give Harrington protection in the pocket.

Winters and junior Tucker Franzen are N-P's wingbacks, with Winters also seeing time at fullback. N-P junior Trae Geise, a 6-2 junior, along with junior Hayden Munn, are N-P's receivers. Wilken and Lamborn, all 6-7 of him, will play at tight end.

Winters can roam the field and make big plays, as evident by his 9.5 tackles for loss. He'll suit up at defensive end and freshman Eli Kalainoff — a future star for the Huskies — is N-P's other edge rusher and run stopper at defensive end.

"Eli is a freshman with a bunch of talent who will see the field a bunch this year. The freshman as a whole are very talented. Some others will see some varsity time on special teams," said the N-P head coach.

Lamborn and Pratt will plug the middle on the interior of the defensive line. Pratt racked up 10 tackles for loss and came up with 26.5 stops on defense. Lamborn managed eight tackles for loss and 19 total tackles. Lamborn's 3.5 sacks tied with Winters for second most on the team.

White, who produced 11 tackles for loss, will be joined in the linebacking corps by Evans, Blanchard and Wilken.

N-P's secondary is

Harrington, Geise and Franzen.

Gelner rushed for 126 yards a freshman a season ago and found the end zone once. Sophomore Jackson Carey will also see some carries at the running back position.

N-P returns 14 starters — seven on offense, seven on

defense.

"We lost eight seniors, but only five were healthy for the last game, so we return a bunch of kids who played a lot last year. The key will be for kids who had more of a secondary role to step up into a starring role," said Christensen.

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Runners focus on October

Young Huskies to focus on improvement early in the season

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

While most of the state's cross country teams will hit the course this week for their first meets, Nashua-Plainfield's runners won't compete in their first meet until next week.

And coach Jenn Kalainoff is just fine with that.

"I honestly don't mind having an extra week," she said, "because, we have some kids who didn't run a lot over the summer so it gives us more time to get into shape. And the other thing is that once the season starts, it's harder to really practice. You're doing pre-meet, post-meet and all that so the extra time, in my mind, is a good thing."

As Nashua-Plainfield gets ready for that first meet — a Sept. 1 competition at Charles City's Wildwood Golf Course — they are doing so with a mix of veterans and newcomers to the sport. But overall, youth will be served when it comes to the Huskies.

Just three seniors — Levi Winters, Sheyenne Bergmann and Beatrice Marchio — are on the roster, and the latter is a foreign-exchange student who is new to the sport.

"We have a great group of kids who are fun in a quirky kind of way but who work hard and give me everything they have," Kalainoff said. "It's a typical August for us. We have some kids who came into practice with a lot of miles and we had others who didn't run a lot.



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Nashua-Plainfield returning cross country runners Amberley Gerholdt (left) and Ellie Eick compete at a meet in Charles City last fall.

But the effort the last few weeks has been solid."

Nashua-Plainfield welcomes back two girls who had fantastic freshman seasons a year ago as both Kadence Huck and Amberley Gerholdt both qualified for the Class 1A state meet. Huck, of course, went on to help the Huskies win the Class 1A state track championship as she anchored Nashua-Plainfield's distance and sprint

medley title-winning relays and claimed another crown in the open 400.

"Kadence is just a competitor," Kalainoff said. "There's no other way to put it. She hates not winning, and obviously she's talented but it's that attitude that makes Kadence, well, Kadence. To have two runners back who ran at state last year is big, and the fact that they're just sophomores, that's great, too."

The Huskies also have two juniors — Ellie Eick and Emma O'Neill — who ran on the Huskies' 2020 squad that qualified for the state meet, and Kalainoff said freshman Jalissa White has been impressive during preseason workouts.

"It's going to come down to finding a fifth runner," Kalainoff said, "but I think that's a lot of 1A schools. I'm excited to see where we'll be in the mix of things."

On the boys side, Nashua-
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N-P CROSS COUNTY SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	at Charles City	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Warburg College	5 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Union, LaPorte City	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 13	at Osage	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	N-P Invite	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Central Springs, Manly	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Hampton-Dumont	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 4	at South Winneshiek	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Sumner-Fredricksburg	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 13	TIC meet at NIACC	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Class 1A state qualifier TBA	4 p.m.
Oct. 28	State meet at Fort Dodge	Morning session

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Nashua-Plainfield's Paige Franzen makes a dig while teammates Josslynn Glaser (11) and Bailey Fisher (6) keep an eye on the ball in the Huskies' season-opening triangular at New Hampton Friday.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P shows fire but drops a pair

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield volleyball team has yet to tap into the competitive fire and spirit that will allow the Huskies to win their fair share of matches this fall.

It's still early for N-P – which sports enough talent to keep opponents on their toes in 2022. Husky fans got their first look at N-P on Tuesday evening in a triangular versus two programs that have experienced their fair share of success over the years.

In the season opener at New Hampton, head coach Mindy Foelske's Huskies took on the host Chickasaws – ranked No. 8 in Class 3A – and a Jesup squad that went 20-14 in 2021.

The J-Hawks – minus several key seniors from a season ago – had all they could handle with the Huskies in the opening set. “We played well against Jesup. We talked a lot before the game about being competitive and doing the little things well. I feel like we got some jitters out of the way early on and were able to play good in the first set,” said Foelske.

Jesup eked past N-P 25-22 in the first foray out on the hardwood. The second set was all Jesup (1-1) as they had N-P on its heels in a close-out game two taken down by the score of 25-12.

“In the second set we lost our focus a little and didn't communicate on the floor,” said Foelske. “We have some inexperience on the floor this year

even though our squad carries mainly juniors and seniors. We were able to get good setups, but need to be able to put the ball away to secure points.”

N-P, like Jesup, took a hit due to graduation. The Huskies lost key all-conference seniors Abbie Hyde, Makenzie Foelske and Breanna Hackman. Those N-P standouts are gone and contributed immensely to a program that reached the Class 1A regional semifinals for the first time since 2014 last fall. With that said, N-P is fully capable of doing some damage this year and racking up wins if it sticks to the N-P head coach's game plan.

“We learned we have some work to do after the two games Tuesday. We need to communicate on the floor and keep our energy up. Consistent serving will be key for us to win games and stay competitive,” said Mindy Foelske.

The tilt against Jess Geerts' Chickasaws saw NH take a clear advantage after a 7-0 run saw the scoreboard read 9-2 in New Hampton's favor. A couple Jalyn Pratt kills and two points from sophomore middle Josslynn Glaser kept N-P in striking distance, down 15-7. That would be as close as N-P would get in the opening stanza as the Chickasaws reigned supreme, winning game one 25-9.

New Hampton (2-0) seemed in-sync from the start as evident by its length up top and

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YOUTH SHALL BE SERVED

WITH JUST TWO SENIORS, HUSKIES WILL ‘BREATHE, BELIEVE, BATTLE’ ON THE COURT

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

The three “B’s.” For the Nashua-Plainfield volleyball team that means “Breathe, Believe, Battle.” That's the motto this fall for Mindy Foelske's young Top of Iowa Conference squad that will do its fair share of learning on the fly in a season where the Huskies should only get better as players adjust to the rigors of challenging schedule.

An early season test started with a triangular that past Tuesday against No. 8 ranked New Hampton and a quality Jesup squad. While N-P lost both those matches, the Huskies showed their competitiveness in each contest.

Foelske said her Huskies will focus on the team, not the individual. That means battling for each point and capitalizing on things that are in N-P's control, like serving.

“We can't give up easy points,” said Foelske.

N-P graduated three tremendous seniors

in all-conference standouts Abbie Hyde, Breanna Hackman and Mindy's daughter – Makenzie Foelske. That means N-P lost its two best attackers, its two most proficient defenders and its top two servers.

Obviously, this rebuild will not happen overnight, but several Huskies are going to have to step up in order for N-P to come out on top in matches this fall.

“We definitely have some big holes to fill in our lineup this year,” Mindy Foelske said. “Not only that, but we lost their leadership and volleyball knowledge. However, what they left was a group of younger players who watched them develop into the players and leaders they were last season.”

Hyde broke the school record in digs. Hackman and Foelske each achieved milestone moments in their careers as well and positioned themselves high up the leaderboard of all-time records at N-P.

Those three multi-sports stars helped vault N-P into the semifinal round of Class 1A postseason play last year for the first time since 2014. While the Huskies played to a 13-15 record, N-P had to navigate

through one of the tougher schedules in the small-school class.

Nashua-Plainfield will again this year, but the N-P head coach has made it clear – 2021 was last year. The Huskies have a whole new bunch in 2022 and sport several returnees that will make their presence known in due time.

“One thing they can't do is compare themselves to a year ago, we just aren't at that level right now. They have a lot of potential and need to focus on being present on the court, building confidence each match and learning from mistakes,” said Foelske.

Mindy Foelske said N-P will go with a seven-person rotation early on, but who sees court time might not look the same in September as it does in October – or week to week for that matter.

“I feel like this team this year knows what kind of work they have to do to develop as a team and start to rebuild,” Mindy said. “You will probably see some shifts in

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N-P VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 23	at New Hampton, Jesup V	5 p.m.
Aug. 25	Rockford JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
Aug. 30	at Northwood-Kensett JV/V/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
Sept. 1	MC Newman JJV/JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Vinton Shellsburg Tourney V	9 a.m.
Sept. 6	at Central Springs JV/JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Aplington-Parkersburg Tourney V	9 a.m.
Sept. 13	at Osage JJV/JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
Sept. 17	N-P Invite	9 a.m.
Sept. 20	North Butler JJV/JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Clarksville JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
Sept. 29	St. Ansgar JJV/JV/V	5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
Oct. 11	at North Butler Quad V	6 p.m.



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