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Nashua-Plainfield student and Ionia Rustlers 4-H Club member Connor Sullivan enjoys a light moment with a judge during the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show that kicked off with the Static Show on Tuesday afternoon.

KICKING OFF THE SHOW!

ANNUAL FAIR BEGINS SEVEN-DAY RUN WITH PHOTOS, BAKED GOODS, SEWING PROJECT AND SO MUCH MORE

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Kandice Eggerichs couldn't help but laugh at the question thrown at her as she made her way into the Static Show, the traditional kickoff to the annual Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA

Achievement Show.
So when did you get your project done?
"Like two hours ago," the 2023 New Hampton High School graduate and longtime member of the Ionia Rustlers 4-H Club said and then added with a mischievous grin, "so actually kind of early."

But she, like so many fellow 4-H and FFA members, were ready to present their projects to the array of judges spread throughout the Big 4 Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, and that brought a smile to the face of Patrick Dirks, the Chickasaw

SEE ACHIEVEMENT SHOW, 3

Royalty on parade in Plainfield

Miss Plainfield Kristen Lee joins Little Miss Plainfield Bethany Poppe and Little Mr. Plainfield Grayson Mueller at the Plainfield Days Parade Saturday. The celebration attracted big crowds to the little Bremer County town; in fact, some old-timers said they'd never seen so many people out and about enjoying Plainfield Days.

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Sheriff brings his building, vehicle concerns to board

Supervisors are OK with remodeling current Sheriff's Office building but also want to avoid putting in elevator for facility

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors aren't necessarily opposed to putting money into the building that currently houses the Sheriff's Office, but board members on Monday did, in a sense, draw a line in the proverbial sand when it came to renovating the building.

During a discussion about questions the Samuels Group had for the county, Sheriff Ryan Shawver reminded board members that "any renovations done over 50 percent or more to one level have to have that entire level up to [American Disabilities Act] compliant."

Basically that means if the county reached that threshold with the second floor of the current building, Shawver said he has been told that an elevator would have to be installed.

The county and the city of New Hampton last year agreed to jointly fund a study on build-

ing a new law enforcement center that would include both the Sheriff's Office and the New Hampton Police Department, along with either a jail or a 24-hour holding facility, but earlier this year, county leaders balked at the price tag for the law enforcement center and asked the Samuels Group to do a feasibility study on using the current Sheriff's Office building and property for a 24-hour holding facility.

Although it has yet to report back to the county, the Samuels Group has proposed building an "addition" to house the holding facility and asked Shawver to discuss with supervisors what they want to do with the current building, constructed in the mid-1950s, that currently houses not only sheriff's office but also the county's dispatch center and jail.

Shawver said an addition would mean that his office



Photo courtesy of Nashua Area EMS

Nashua Area EMS' healthy contingent of volunteers!

Let's be honest, there were a few people out there that said Nashua would never be able to attract enough volunteers to run its own ambulance service and our rebuttal is this group photo of the men and women who are running for the service that went into operation on July 1. The volunteers who are making sure an ambulance is available to Nashua residents include (front row) Carly Clinton, Karagan Fisher, Brookelynn Gerber, Shelena Pascal, Toni Nelson, Zenda Vikturek, Brandy Molitor, Kurt Nelson, Chad Nelson, (back row) Andrew Pahnisch, Meliissa Sudol, Dannon Mohs, Shea Gerber, Abe Karel, Josh Caster, Cheryl Dettmer, Tabitha Corathers, Deb Scroggins, Zade McCall, (absent from photo) Tyler Sedivy and Sharri Dann.



N-P principal is ready to dive into his new position

Youngblut brings a variety of education experience to school

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Dean Youngblut goal is to "hit the ground running."

Considering that the new Nashua-Plainfield secondary principal's contract doesn't technically start until Aug. 1 and he was in his office on Wednesday, it looks like he's going to reach that goal.

"The summer is flying by and Aug. 1 is going to be here before we know it," he said, "and I want us to hit the ground running when we get there so I'm going to be in the office a day or two each week until then. The more I can get done now, the more people I can meet, the better it will be when Aug. 1 rolls around."

SEE PRINCIPAL, 2



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's new 6-12 principal, Dean Youngblut, poses for a photo in his new office Wednesday afternoon.

New principal is also standout wrestling ref

PRINCIPAL: FROM 1

The Nashua-Plainfield School Board approved the hiring of Youngblut to replace Karl Smith, who resigned his 6-12 principal position to accept an elementary principal position in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, during its meeting this past Monday, and the veteran educator said he was excited to take on a new role.

Raised in Jesup, where he was a member of the Class of 1994, Youngblut attended the University of Northern Iowa and earned a degree in 6-12 math education in 1998. He taught and coached at South Hamilton, North Tama, Union and Jesup before taking a job at Expo High School in Waterloo as a math instructor. He has coached football, baseball, wrestling and softball and has also been a longtime wrestling official — working the past seven state tournaments.

Nashua-Plainfield fans may recognize Youngblut because he worked as an official at the Class 1A regional dual meet the Huskies hosted this past winter.

"I've enjoyed that a lot, the officiating part," he said, "because it's kept me involved in the sport. Obviously, it's a different perspective when you're officiating, but it's a way to get to meet a lot of great coaches and kids."

And while he isn't going to hang up his whistle, there's no question his first priority is his new job.

"As a leader, I think of myself as a facilitator," he said, "and I've always felt that way even as a teacher so really, the only thing that's different is that now in addition to facilitating for students, I'll be doing it for our teachers and our staff."

"If they want to try something new, I want to be there to help them gain that experience. If they want to get better at something, I want to help them reach that goal. I think it's important to realize that one person doesn't have all the answers but together, we do."

Youngblut said one of the things that attracted him to Nashua-Plainfield was the school district's staff.

"From everything I've heard, we have an outstanding faculty," he said, "and it's a great community. I'm excited to get going. I think you can see that excitement when I'm here on a Wednesday in July. I can't wait to get going."

Youngblut also hopes to move to the area. He's married and the Youngbluts have three children — a daughter who is a sophomore in college, a son who will be sophomore in high school and a daughter who is going into the sixth grade.

"We've got a couple of hurdles to clear — sell a house, buy a house," he said, "but we're excited for this opportunity. I'll say this, it makes it a lot easier knowing my family is 100 percent behind me."

Drought conditions affecting virtually every county in the state

All of Iowa's 99 counties are dealing with either abnormally dry or drought conditions according to the latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The report released Thursday showed that the southern halves of Chickasaw and Floyd counties are experiencing severe drought conditions while the rest of the counties are in moderate drought. To the south, all of Bremer and Butler counties are dealing with severe drought conditions.

On Monday, the USDA weekly Iowa Crop Progress and Condition report showed that 12 percent of topsoil in the Northeast District was "very short" of moisture while another 44 percent was "short." Subsoil moisture contents were "very short" in 9 percent of the district and "short" in 46 percent of the district.

That made Thursday's rainfall especially important for area farmers, and although no official rainfall totals were available from the National Weather Service, several area residents said as of mid-afternoon Thursday, their rain gauges had recorded precipitation of more than one-half inch.



Heather Hackman/Nashua Public Library

A magical night at the library

Say this about the Nashua Public Library, it knows how to kick off a summer reading program!

Ariel, from "The Little Mermaid" helped the library open its "Find Your Voice" Wednesday night when she came to the library, read to a room full of kids and posed for pictures with them.

"For those of you that stayed until the end," said Heather Hackman, the library's director, "Ariel sang us a song before she left. It was magical."

All photos taken Wednesday night will be posted to the Nashua Public Library Facebook page within the next week.

The summer reading program will continue this coming Wednesday with "Find Your Voice ... through art" and will continue through Wednesday, Aug. 2. Programs each week start at 6 p.m.

Student Briefs

Wartburg graduate

Wartburg College awarded diplomas to 267 students during Spring Commencement on Sunday, May 28.

Area graduates are as follows:

Nashua - Haley Jacobsen graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in elementary education.

DMACC graduate

Nearly 1,800 students graduated from the spring semester from Des Moines Area Community College campuses.

Those recognized from the area include Nashua's Kylie Dietz, in agribusiness, agribusiness-agronomy and agribusiness-farm management.



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and just off the record of 4,712 units that visited the county campgrounds in 2020-21, which was heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Split Rock Campground, located southeast of Fredericksburg, did break its previous record of 1,454 set in 2020-21 with 1,546 units in the past year.

The board's campgrounds shattered a record for annual revenue during the fiscal year that came to a close on June 30 as the board took in \$105,484 during the year, bettering the old record of \$68,832 taken in during 2020-21 by more than \$36,500.

Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal shared the revenue report with the Board of Supervisors during its regular weekly meeting on Monday and said later in the day, three factors were at play when it came to the record-setting camping year.

The Conservation Board added seasonal/extended camping sites to its offerings at its largest campground, Airport Lake Park, which is located just northwest of New Hampton. It also offered sites that have sewer hookups on site and it raised prices from \$18 to \$20 for water and electrical hookups.

Humpal pointed out that the county also experienced almost perfect "camping weather" since campgrounds opened on May 1.

"And our weather at the end of last year was also really good," he said. "In short, we've had a perfect storm, if you will, for our campgrounds."

The number of "units" camping during the 2022-23 fiscal year was 4,595, a jump of 18.7 percent from the previous year

Also on Monday, he told supervisors that the Conservation Board is going to move ahead with its plan to put a handicap-accessible dock at Airport Lake, saying the board has received more than \$17,000 in grants and donations for the project. He said the board hopes to receive more donations, but that it also has enough money in its REAP account to be able to complete the project that is expected to cost around \$22,000.

Sherrill Lee (Becker) Smith, 83

Sherrill Lee (Becker) Smith, age 83 and formerly of Nashua, passed peacefully while under hospice care at the Chippewa Manor Nursing Home in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

Sherrill was born April 25, 1940, in Charles City, to Wilbur Albert Frank Becker and Dorothy Daught (Lindsley) Becker. She grew up with her two older brothers, Ronnie and Chuck, and her younger sister, Marilyn, on her parents' farm near Nashua. Family was important to her and she had many good memories of her immediate family, her Becker and Lindsley relatives, and her Smith and DeGreve in-laws.

On May 22, 1955, she married Roger Dean Smith, in Cresco. Following their marriage, they lived in Nashua for about a year before Roger enlisted in the Army, which took them to Mineral Wells, Texas.

After Roger's time in the service, they moved back to the Midwest, living in several places near Nashua, Cresco, and Lime Springs, as well as Harmony, Minnesota. In 1966, they moved to Wisconsin, living near Urne, Nelson, and Pepin. In 1975, they moved to a farm in Schmickle Valley near Dodge, Wisconsin and spent the next 37 years together there.

Following their retirement from farming, Sherrill was employed at Ginnie's Bar and Zeedic's Bar in Dodge and later as a clerk at the Centerville Stop and Shop convenience store. Many great friends were made along the way.

She loved music and learned to play piano as a young girl along with her brother Chuck and sister Marilyn; many family visits included time spent playing piano and singing. Sherrill had a beautiful singing voice, sounding much like Patsy Cline.

Gary Al Finger, 84

Gary Al Finger, age 84 of Charles City, died Sunday, July 2, 2023, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at Clover Ridge Events located at 2526 Highway 218, Charles City, on Monday, July 17 at 11 a.m.

Garry Griffin, 70

Garry Griffin, age 70 of Charles City, died Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. For those who are unable to attend the service



Sherrill Smith

Her childhood dream was to become a professional singer and although she never pursued that, her family and friends enjoyed hearing her sing. She was a voracious reader, a joy that she shared with her children by reading to them when they were young and then encouraging them to become avid readers themselves.

She could often be found playing Scrabble at family gatherings (and usually winning), watching Wheel of Fortune, and doing crossword puzzles.

Sherrill and Roger enjoyed traveling; many trips were made to visit friends and family in Iowa and throughout the western states and even a trip to Hawaii once.

Sherrill also enjoyed decades of many fun get-togethers and adventures with her girlfriends from Centerville.

After Roger's death in 2012 she moved to an apartment in Trempealeau in 2014 and enjoyed living close to her son Steve while there. Following a heart attack in 2019, Sherrill moved to Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin to live with her daughter, Wendy, son-in-law, Scott, and grandson, Logan. They were blessed to be able to

spend her last years with her.

Sherrill is survived by four sons, Steve (Cindy) Smith, Trempealeau, Wisconsin; Kevin (Mary) Smith, Maybell, Colorado; Tim (Debra) Smith, Arcadia, Wisconsin, and Patrick (Kimberly) Doss-Smith, Albert Lea, Minnesota; one daughter, Wendy (Scott) Sullivan, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Smith (2012); her parents, Wilbur (1990) and Dorothy (1998) Becker; brothers, Ronald (2018) and Charles (2019) Becker; sister, Marilyn Dralle (2005); and two sons, Michael (1988) and Edwin (in infancy, 1962).

Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Wozney-Killian Funeral Home, 1378 E Wilson Ave., Arcadia, Wisconsin.

Friends called from 9 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery near Centerville, Wisconsin.

To leave an online condolence for her family, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Lucas Wilde talks with judge Jolene Pitzenberger-Timp about his photography during the Static Show that kicked off the annual Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show on Tuesday afternoon.

It takes a lot of folks to make the show 'go'

ACHIEVEMENT SHOW: FROM 1

County ISU Extension youth director.

"It's amazing to see how many different projects they bring," he said when asked about the Static Show that, in short, is the non-livestock part of the Achievement Show. Yes, the days that will follow will be filled with cows, pigs, horses, sheep, goats ... well, you get the idea. But Tuesday was about the creativity county 4-H and FFA members possess.

They brought their photographs, sewing projects, baked goods, woodworking projects and more to the fairgrounds. The hope, of course, was a trip to the Iowa State Fair, but in Dirks' mind, the Achievement Show in general and the Static Show in particular are about so much more.

"To me, just to watch the kids grow is the amazing part," he said. "This is my third year here, and some kids come in pretty confident and that just grows. But a lot of them, when they bring that first project to the show, they're nervous, quiet, fidgety and all that. And then you see them the next year or two years later, and they're talking the judges ears off. It's a huge part of what 4-H offers kids."

He paused and smiled.

"Think about it. When you're the ages they are, talking to a perfect stranger about your project can be downright scary," he said, "but walk

into that building, and you'll see confidence that will take them a long, long way in life."

And Tuesday's Static Show was just the start.

The Achievement Show runs through Monday morning, when the annual Achievement Show breakfast and auction will be held. In between, scores of kids will show off all they've learned and receive helpful advice from judges.

"Our job is to be honest but also encouraging," said Jolene Pitzenberger-Timp, a photog-

raphy judge. "The first thing that's hit me is there is some real talent in this room, and even the not-so-perfect pictures show some real creativity. We'll give them tips on how to make it even a little better, and what impresses me the most is how much give-and-take you get with kids. They're eager to learn, and that's a special trait."

While the kids showed and the judges judged, Dirks talked about how appreciative he was for not only the Chickasaw County ISU Extension staff but also the legion of volunteers who will spend a week making sure the spotlight shines brightly on 4-H and FFA.

"It takes a lot of people to make the fair go," he said, "and that's one thing we don't have to worry about here. People step up. They remember how good their fairs were to them, and they want to make sure our kids have that same experience."

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Members of the Plainfield High School Class of 1973 (left) enjoy the ride in the parade, as does Doc Van Arkel (above) who was named Citizen of the Year during the annual Plainfield Days celebration.

Picture perfect Plainfield Days!



Nashua-Plainfield FFA's float (left) not only included chapter members tossing candy on a float but also some cuddly farm animals, one tractor driver (above) certainly "dresses up" for the parade and Plainfield-area veterans (right) get quite the ride on Saturday morning.

Plainfield Days photos by Bob Fenske



Some kids get in a few shots of hoops before the parade begins its trek down Plainfield's Main Street Saturday.



Hayden Poppe (left) gets ready to throw some candy out of a Nashua fire truck while 2022 Miss Plainfield Makayla Asche (above) does the same as she rides in Saturday's parade.

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