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Supervisor suit dismissed

District court judge rules against Johnson; Hackman says he's grateful for support

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

A New Hampton man's lawsuit against Chickasaw County and the supervisor who served as the chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 2020 was dismissed last week by a Howard County District Court judge.

Terry Johnson had filed the suit against the county and Jacob Hackman over comments Hackman made during a meeting in August 2020, but District Court Judge Laura Parrish last Thursday issued a summary judgment to dismiss the suit.

"A district court has the power to correct its own errors prior to entry

of final judgment," Parrish wrote in her ruling. "For the reasons stated in the defendants' Dec. 21, 2022, motion and in oral arguments on June 12, 2023, the court finds the plaintiff has failed to generate a fact question for the jury on the issue of defendants' actual malice ... Plaintiff's position must be dismissed."

During Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Hackman spoke about the dismissal during the "public comment" portion of the meeting.

"I just want to take a minute to let everyone know that

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REMEMBER THE JOURNEY, FELLAS

Kelly Terpstra and Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield head baseball coach Levi Miller consoles Husky senior Kaden Wilken on Wednesday night after Nashua-Plainfield saw its season come to an end while two nights before, another Husky senior, Bo Harrington, celebrates hitting a triple in his team's win over Central City.



THE ENDING MAY STINK, BUT NO DOUBT, THIS WAS A SPECIAL GROUP OF HUSKIES

When you've been a newspaper guy for almost 40 years, there are times that the meetings you cover, the people you meet and the teams you report just blend together.

But every rule has its exceptions, and the 2023 Nashua-Plainfield baseball team certainly qualifies.

So as we close the books on what can only be described as a brilliant season, my message to the Huskies is simple: Forget the ending; remember the journey.

You see, this isn't a sports column; it's a life column, and as bitter as Wednesday night's 10-4 loss to East Buchanan must taste right now, it should not be the lasting memory for these 2023 Huskies.

They went 17-8, finished second in the very good Top of Iowa Conference East Division and they earned a No. 2 district seed for

the first time in what seems like forever. They had incredible talent — seven of them were named to all-TIC East teams. They had great coaches in TIC East Coach of the Year Levi Miller and his two assistants, Mason Hyde and Austin Bienemann. They had loyal fans.

But all that — the gaudy record, the all-conference players, the standout coaches — isn't, in my mind, what made this team so special.

What made this a team that won't blend with the countless others I've covered over the years is this: They had, by Nashua-Plainfield standards, a historic season and — and that is a big AND — they had so much fun doing it.

I got to witness the joy they took in the game and in each other from a different vantage point this summer. I wore the "blue" of an umpire for four of Nashua-Plainfield games — wins over Belmont-Klemme, Northwood-Kensett and Riceville and a loss at Mason City Newman.

I'll be the first to admit that it's a little weird umpiring a Nashua-

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County Extension director feels like she's coming home

Tupper says Chickasaw County reminds her a lot of her hometown in Nebraska

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Moving to Chickasaw County presented a lot of positives to Amanda Tupper.

She and her husband, Michael, could actually live together. The move represented a "homecoming" of sorts for the Nebraska native. And she landed a job that she loves.

Tupper began work as the ISU Extension Chickasaw County director on June 8, and she has been, in a word, impressed.

"People in New Hampton and in the county have just been so welcoming," she said, "and we have a great staff here in the office. I know I've just started and we have some big things coming up but I'm excited about this job, excited about being here and excited about being part of Extension again. ... One of the things I am really looking forward to is getting the word out about all we have to offer."

It's been a trip, that's for sure, when it comes to the last year of Tupper's life.

She and Michael, a 2014 graduate of New Hampton High School, got married but while she lived and worked for Nebraska Extension in Norfolk, her husband's base of operations for his

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It's a 'Wild West' weekend in Plainfield

Plainfield residents are in the midst of a "Wild West" weekend as Plainfield Days kicked off Thursday night with a host of activities, including the crowning of Miss Plainfield and Little Mr. and Miss Plainfield and the naming of the Bremer County town's "Citizen of the Year."

Several events are on the slate for this evening, highlighted by the band Chocolate Crackers playing from 8 p.m. to midnight before the party kicks into high gear on Saturday.

The "Cattle Drive Parade" down Main Street begins at 10:30 a.m., a host of afternoon activities are on tap and the band Not Quite Brothers will play from 9 p.m. to midnight, with a break for the fireworks show that is set to commence at 10 p.m.

The celebration ends with a community church service Sunday morning at 10:30 at the Baptist church.

Check out our photos and coverage of "Wild West Plainfield Style 2023" in next week's Reporter.

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A few days into the 'new year,' supervisors tackle budget amendment

Several decisions board made after 2023-24 budget was certified lead county leaders to discuss modifications that must be made to budget

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors held their first meeting of the new fiscal year on Monday and went to work on amending the budget that was a mere 3 days old.

But it didn't come as a surprise to the county leaders that they approved a number of purchases in recent months that they knew would require a budget

amendment early in the fiscal year.

"We knew this was coming," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "With what went on the last couple of months in the last fiscal year, a budget amendment has to be in the mix."

The board approved purchases ranging from \$209,372 for new in-car and body cameras for the Sheriff's Office to \$350,000 for a building to house Chickasaw County EMS to \$55,578 that were approved after the

2023-24 budget was certified in April.

That led board members on Monday to begin work on a budget amendment that will be published as a legal notice later this month.

Board members discussed a number of issues that they wanted to see cleared up.

Start with the Sheriff's Office purchase of the new cameras.

County Auditor Sheila Shekleton's worksheet showed an increase in

expenses of \$209,372, but supervisors received clarification from Sheriff Ryan Shawver that his office has received \$5,000 from the Iowa Governor's Traffic Bureau for the cameras and that he could take \$5,000 from his budget that had been earmarked for camera systems for a new vehicle.

"So we're talking \$199,000 and change," Hackman said. "I can live with that."

Supervisors also discussed any

changes that would need to be made with the purchase of the building at 204 E. Prospect St. that will serve as the home for the county-owned ambulance service. Board members plan on using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to buy the building from New Hampton residents Jeremy and Lacey McGrath.

But they also discussed how the

Spotlight will shine on 4-H, FFA students at Achievement Show

The 2023 4-H and FFA Achievement Show is quickly approaching; in fact, it kicks off its seven-day run this coming Tuesday at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.

4-H and FFA members from across Chickasaw County will exhibit horses, dairy cattle, sheep, dogs, swine, beef cattle, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, and their pets. Members will also be showing off their work on static exhibits and field crops.

This year there will be many extra events added to the schedule amidst the usual static judging, livestock shows, and auction.

Some of these events include Fun at the Fair day camp, bouncy house, a celebrity beef showmanship class, a Costume Contest, and the Conservation Station. There will also be other games and activities available at the fair office throughout the fair. The entertainment on Saturday afternoon, July 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. will be Turn and Burn Ranger Racing sponsored by the Big 4 Fair Board.

On Saturday, July 15, the 4-H & FFA Family BBQ will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The events taking place during the BBQ will be an awards ceremony, Clover Kids Graduation,

celebration of our nine-year 4-H members by receiving their crystals, and the crowning of the Chickasaw County Fair Queen and Little Miss and Mr. Chickasaw.

The Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show is having a Celebrity Beef Showmanship Contest!

The contest will take place on Friday, July 14, following the Bucket Bottle Show, at 2 p.m.

The contest is open to anyone 19 years of age or older who is not currently a 4-H or FFA member. Participants will need to read and sign a liability waiver in order to participate. Contestants will use a current 4-H or FFA member's show animal that is present at the 2023 Achievement Show. Cattle will be shown on halter. Show attire is required: Shirt, jeans, and hard-soled boots/shoes.

Each contestant will need to find a sponsor of \$100 (payable to Chickasaw County Extension) with all proceeds going towards the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA youth and livestock programs, including Herdsmanship Awards. Businesses and individuals can also nominate their favorite "Celebrity" to participate.



Tori Bearman



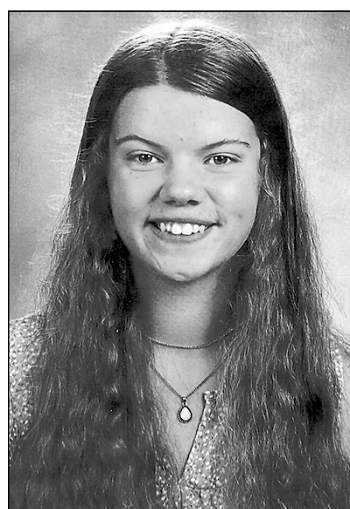
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Josie Fuerstenberg



Emily Geerts



Kimberly Jordan



Hailey Klassen



Elaina Rosonke



Abby Zabel

Eight vying to be Chickasaw County fair queen

Eight young women are seeking the title and the crown of the Chickasaw County fair queen that will be decided during the 4-H and FFA Achievement Show's annual Family BBQ that will be held at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua on Saturday, July 15.

The new queen will replace the 2022 winner, Trinity Brincks, and will represent the county at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines next month.

Those seeking the crown are:

Tori Bearman

Parents: Billy and Jenni Bearman.

School: Will be a senior at New Hampton High School.

Sponsor: Bearman Trucking.

Youth group: New Hampton FFA.

Activities: FFA chapter president, helped on numerous FFA events including kids tractor pull, National Honor Society, yearbook, Letterettes, Interact Club, FFA, trapshoot-

ing.

Kandice Eggerichs

Parents: Jamie Wickham and Jim Eggerichs.

School: 2023 graduate of New Hampton High School.

Sponsor: Wickham Properties.

Youth groups: Ionia Rustlers, New Hampton FFA.

Activities: 4-H club president and treasurer, FFA reporter, treasurer and FFA Week chair, volleyball, cross country, basketball, track and field, softball, National Honor Society, Letterettes, ELP and SADD.

Josie Fuerstenberg

Parents: Josh and Steph Fuerstenberg.

School: 2023 graduate of New Hampton High School who will attend Northeast Iowa Community College.

Sponsor: Fuerst Trucking.

Youth group: New Hampton FFA.

Activities: Attended Ignite and Amplify conferences, basketball, volleyball, softball and trapshooting.

Emily Geerts

Parents: Leon and Liz Geerts

School: Will be a senior at New Hampton High School.

Sponsor: The Nu-Look (Jim and Marguerite Ashley)

Youth groups: Alta Vista Aces 4-H, New Hampton FFA.

Activities: Has served as club president, secretary, photographer, vice president, historian and treasurer, choir, FFA.

Kimberly Jordan

Parents: Robert and Tammy Jordan.

School: Will be a senior at New Hampton High School.

Sponsor: Kellogg's Honey.

Youth group: Little Wapsie Legends.

Activities: 4-H, FFA and trapshooting, club president and secretary.

Hailey Klassen

Parents: Jennifer and Jake Klassen.

School: Will be a senior at New Hampton High School.

Youth group: Jolly Blue Bells 4-H Club.

Activities: 4-H club president, choir, football cheerleader, large-group speech, Iowa BIG North.

Elaina Rosonke

Parents: Al and Nikki Rosonke.

School: 2023 graduate of New Hampton High School who will attend Iowa State University.

Sponsor: The Blue Iris.

Youth groups: New Hampton FFA.

Activities: Active in FFA, Star Greenhand Award, served as the assistant secretary and recorder, FFA Iowa Degree softball, volleyball, basketball, Letterettes, ELP, Interact Club, Student Senate, large-group speech, CYG, National Honor Society and Prom Committee.

Abby Zabel

Parents: Trent and Rebecca Zabel.

School: 2023 Sumner-Fredericksburg graduate who will attend UNI.

Sponsor: Vern Laures Auto Center.

Youth group: Trinity Lutheran Youth Mission Trip Group.

Activities: Track, cross country, basketball, Get a Grip, Cougar Leadership Group.

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4:30pm: Awards & Recognition Program

3:00pm: Ag-Olympics

4:30pm - 6:30pm: BBQ Supper

6:00pm: Crowning of Chickasaw Co. Fair Queen

7pm-9pm: Fair Dance



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Gary Al Finger, 84

Gary Al Finger, age 84 of Charles City, Iowa died Sunday, July 2, 2023, at his home. Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory -- Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

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.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the organizations of Floyd County Quilts of Valor or Flags Over Charles City.

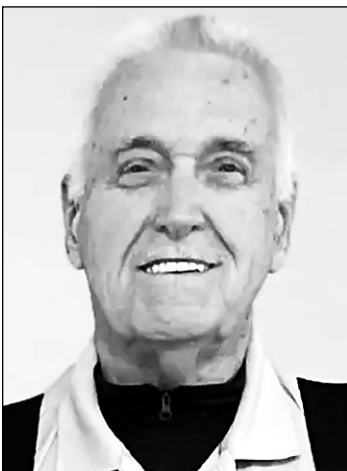
You can reach Quilts of Valor via their website and mark donations to Floyd County QOV. To reach Flags Over Charles City, mail donations to 2548 155th Street, Floyd, IA 50435-8011. Any memorials given to the family will also be distributed to these two organizations. Gary was given a Quilt of Valor and held a subscription to Flags Over Charles City, and both meant a great deal to him.

Gary was born on July 12, 1938, in Clarksville, the son of Karl Ferdinand Finger and Marjory Jane Jurgens.

He grew up in the Clarksville and Nashua area and graduated from Nashua High School in 1956. He also honorably served in the United States Navy from 1956-1960.

On Jan. 26, 1963, Gary married Carol Lee Weiner in Charles City. They raised four children — Lesa Jeffrey, LeAnn and Jody — together.

Gary provided for his family



Gary Finger

by working at John Deere in the foundry, parts and sales departments, farming and driving bus after retirement.

He enjoyed bowling, boating and fishing, playing golf, mowing his lawn, spending time outside, coffee with his buddies and being with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; his daughters, Lesa Finger (Lynn Velman), LeAnn Chukker (Troy), and Jody Davis (Robert Haymaker); four grandchildren, Melissa Zimmer, Michelle Storer (Christopher), Hunter Finger (Gabrielle), and Kirsten Brackey (Norman); three great-grandchildren, Mila Storer, Wesley Brackey and Ellie Storer; nephews; nieces; and numerous cousins.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Alton; granddaughter, Danielle; and his son, Jeffrey.



Photo courtesy of Gayla Hugeback

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory's Andy Hugeback and Drew Johnson pose for a picture with Conway-Markham Funeral Home owner Liz Markham on Friday after Hugeback-Johnson finalized its purchase of Conway-Markham.

Hugeback-Johnson expands with purchase of area funeral home

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Two of the area's oldest businesses are consolidating services after Friday's announcement that Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory had purchased Conway-Markham Funeral Homes.

The sale was announced Friday, and Hugeback-Johnson's Andy Hugeback and Drew Johnson both emphasized that they expect a seamless transition as they take over Conway-Markham's New Hampton and Elma locations.

"We want families to know that they can feel confident that all pre-arrangements will be honored in the same manner as their current contract," Hugeback said.

Conway-Markham owner Liz Markham said the sale and her future plans made for "bittersweet excitement."

"I will be joining Mark in North Dakota as we begin our new adventure together," she said.

She added that there were a number of factors that led to the sale of the funeral home that traces its roots back to the late 1800s.

"Due to the current trends in the funeral profession and with the confidence of unifying our communities' funeral service, Mark and I, along with our families are entrusting the funeral homes to the Hugeback and Johnson families."

Hugeback-Johnson, which celebrated the 100th year of its founding in 2017, will now have funeral homes in New Hampton, Nashua, Fredericksburg, Waucoma and Elma. Bryan Hugeback returned to New Hampton in 1996 and took over from his father as owner and operator. In the past decade, both his son and son-in-law have become funeral directors.

Liz Markham's parents, Ron and Kris, purchased Conway-Markham in 2007, and Liz joined the staff in 2009. She purchased the funeral home from her parents several years ago, and she said she would miss the

interaction she has had with families over the past 14 years.

"On behalf of our family and staff, we wish to express our gratitude for your trust in us," she said. "It has always been our mission to provide thoughtful and caring service. If we've helped to lighten your burden, our mission has been accomplished."

She went on to add that she couldn't "thank my friends and family enough — especially my children — for your love, patience, and endless support."

Both Andy Hugeback and Drew Johnson said their funeral home will do everything it can to help Conway-Markham families through the transition.

The purchase also is a bit of a "homecoming" for Johnson, who grew up in Alta Vista, just a few miles from Elma.

"I'm looking forward to working with families I know and lived around when I was growing up," he said. "I think both Andy and I and our families are looking forward to this new chapter for the funeral home."

Briefs

Rainfall helps but area still dealing with drought conditions

Rainfall late Monday night into Tuesday morning was welcomed by area farmers whose concerns about the drought gripping much of the state have increased in recent weeks.

But as has happened so often recently, Nashua missed out on much of the rainfall as the city's reporting station received just .37 inches of rain Monday and Tuesday. Meanwhile, just to the east, New Hampton recorded .87 inches of rain over the two days.

The rain came just after the USDA's National Agricultural Statistical Service released its weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report that showed 11 percent of topsoil moisture was "very short" and 41 percent was "short" in the Northeast Iowa District, which includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties. Subsoil moisture content was 9 percent "very short" and 45 percent "short" in the district.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's weekly report released Thursday, the southern third of Chickasaw County is experiencing severe drought conditions while the rest of the county is in moderate drought.

The report showed that all 99 counties are dealing with some kind of drought, with southeast Iowa and a small portion of western Iowa dealing with extreme drought conditions.

Grow Your Future Award gives young farmers a chance for cash

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), the state's largest grassroots farm organization, encourages young farmer entrepreneurs between 18-35 years old with an ag-related business to enter the Grow Your Future Award for a chance to win \$7,500. This competition is focused on Farm Bureau members with enterprises that tap into niche production, agritourism and specialty services.

"The Grow Your Future Award was created by the IFBF young farmer committee who understand the need to diversify and can appreciate the challenges that come with efforts to bring additional income to the farm," says Amanda Van Steenwyk, Iowa Farm Bureau's farm business development manager.

Interested entrepreneurs should apply at www.iowafarm-bureau.com/growyourfuture by Sept. 1. Up to ten applicants will be selected and narrowed down by public vote. The top finalists will compete in a live pitch-off during the 2024 Iowa Farm Bureau Young Farmer Conference on Feb. 2, 2024. Winners will be announced Feb. 3.

First, second and third place finalists will receive \$7,500, \$5000 and \$2,500, respectively. Last year's Grow Your Future Award winner was a mushroom grower who used his winnings to purchase a delivery van and walk-in cooler.

17th annual Iowa Women in Ag Conference set for Aug. 3

"Growing Connections" is the theme of the 17th annual Iowa Women in Agriculture Conference at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny on Thursday, Aug. 3.

The 2023 conference will explore challenges posed by agriculture's current economic and environmental climate: the 2023 Farm Bill, marketing scenarios, soil and water quality initiatives, financial outlook, social media advocacy, transition/succession planning strategies, and the roles of ag women in this dynamic and growing industry.

Early bird registration is \$55 until Aug. 1, and \$75 after that date. Registration includes the pre-conference tour, evening welcome reception, and continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks at the conference.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Chickasaw County ISU Extension Director Amanda Tupper has found area residents "very welcoming" since she assumed her duties early last month.

New Hampton resident still questioning county funds for Nashua dam

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county will pay for remodeling of that building so that it will have living quarters.

Shekleton also asked board members about the \$50,000 supervisors voted to give the city of Nashua for dam repairs. She pointed out that no written request has been received by the county for the \$50,000 that board members earlier this year said could be taken out of the interest the county's ARPA dollars have generated.

New Hampton resident Terry Johnson again asked the board to tap the brakes on the dam money. Johnson spoke out against using ARPA funds when board members committed this past spring to helping the city fix issues with the dam that creates Cedar Lake.

"I think before the \$50,000 goes out for Nashua," he said, "there needs to be some

reporting and some homework done on that on who actually owns the property."

Board members, though, say the dam is not only a plus for the city but also increases property values near the lake. And they pointed out that some of those properties are not within the city limits.

Monday's agenda item was for discussion purposes only and the supervisors are expected to take up the budget amendment in next week's meeting.

Also on Monday, the board approved a change in how the county's payroll will be processed. In effect, the county's elected officials will be paid "currently" while there will remain a one-week "lag" for all other county employees.

"Like when we got paid on Friday, the 30th, I could have left today and you would have owed me nothing," Shekleton said. "We

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job at John Deere was Bettendorf.

"We had a state and a half between us," she said with a laugh, "but somehow, we made it work. It wasn't something I wanted to do for a long, long time, put it that way."

So in March, the Tuppers made a joint decision — let's move to New Hampton. Michael could realize his lifelong dream of farming, and Amanda ... well, Amanda would find a job.

Amanda grew up in the small central Nebraska city of Gothenburg, pop. 3,478, and to her New Hampton was Iowa's version of Gothenburg.

"They're really a lot alike," she said. "When we came to New Hampton, it was kind of like going home, they're that similar."

Both her husband and her mother-in-law, Joanne Tupper, suggested that she apply for the open county director position, and the more and more she thought about it, the University of Nebraska graduate who majored in agriculture economics thought it would be the per-

fect fit for her.

"I have an Extension background obviously," she said, "and I really believe in Extension. People think of us as the fair, 4-H, Clover Kids but it's so much more than that."

"We're the people who can tap into the resources in Ames. We do everything from community development to economic development, the human sciences and so much more. I loved being part of Extension in Nebraska, and I'm excited to be a part of Extension in Iowa."

And she, like scores of 4-H and FFA members, is looking forward to the annual Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show that begins its seven-day run on Tuesday.

"The fair is obviously one of the more 'out-in-the-public-eye' things we do," she said, "but it's also a great celebration of our kids and all their talents and hard work. ... I've met a lot of people already — like I said, this is such a welcoming community — but the fair will give me a chance to meet even more people. I'm really looking forward to it."

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N-P baseball coach proud of his team’s accomplishments

BASEBALL: FROM 6

Buchanan outfielders somehow avoided a major collision to amazingly snare the sure-fire extra-base hit. Each of their gloves reached up at the same time to prevent the big hit. That fortunate turn of events for EB broke the Buccaneers’ fall and kept the ball from hitting the ground, as well as keeping their bodies intact.

“I thought he had a sure triple,” said Miller about Harrington’s long fly ball snagged in right field in the third inning with two outs and Franzen on first.

N-P graduated four seniors in Harrington, Pratt, Kendrick Huck and Kaden Wilken. All were multi-sport standouts at Nashua-Plainfield.

“All four of ‘em, they left programs better than they found it,” said Miller. “That’s in the fall. That’s in the winter and that’s in the spring and that’s in the summer. It’s a special group. We’re going to dearly miss them.”

N-P lost to North Fayette Valley (9-23) on the road last week Thursday by a score of 17-7 in the regular season finale. Losses don’t change how Miller feels about this group that managed to make their mark in a 2023 campaign for N-P that will go down as quite an achievement.

“I’m just really proud of this

group,” said Miller. “There’s only one team in 1A that’s gonna end with their last game being a win. It’s a tough feeling right now, but I’m incredibly proud of the accomplishments of this team and this season with these seniors.”

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 17, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 7

Nashua-Plainf	500	200	-	7
NFV	620	009	-	17
Pitching - Eli Kalainoff	1 IP, 5 H, 8 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 3 K, Kolbie Vance	4 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 4 K, Landon Foelske	2/3 IP, 3 H, 7 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.	

2B - Kendrick Huck. HR - Dawson Glaser. Runs - Tucker Franzen 2, Bo Harrington 2, Glaser 1, Huck 1, Hayden Munn 1. Hits - Harrington 2, Glaser 2, Kalainoff 1, Franzen 1, Huck 1, Landon Pratt 1, Titus Evans 1. RBI - Glaser 3, Huck 2, Harrington 1, Pratt 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 6, CENTRAL CITY 3

CC	300	000	0	-	3
NP	220	200	x	-	6
Pitching - Glaser	7 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 12 K.				

2B - Franzen, Kaden Wilken. 3B - Harrington. Runs - Hayden Munn 3, Kalainoff 1, Harrington 1, Evans 1. Hits - Franzen 3, Glaser 3, Harrington 2, Huck 2, Wilken 2, Pratt 1. RBI - Harrington 2, Glaser 2, Franzen 1.

EAST BUCHANAN 10, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 4

EB	100	026	1	-	10
NP	100	011	1	-	4
Pitching - Harrington	5 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 6 BB, 8 K, Franzen 2 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.				

Runs - Evans 2, Franzen 1, Huck 1. Hits - Franzen 2, Kalainoff 1, Harrington 1, Glaser 1, Huck 1, Pratt 1. RBI - Franzen 1, Harrington 1, Pratt 1.

Huskies’ softball team faced challenging TIC East slate

SOFTBALL : FROM 6

the North Butler loss – one that saw the Bearcats’ Brooklyn Wix (four RBI) and Alexis Rose (three RBI) shine at the plate. North Butler – N-P’s main rival in the TIC East – is just one of several schools in the challenging Top of Iowa Conference East. The stacked league features No. 3 Central Springs (TIC champ), No. 13 Osage (25-8), West Fork (16-7) and St. Ansgar (21-11).

“Our conference is one of the toughest conferences in softball,” said Stastny-Hall. “It is one of the best. That’s a positive for us that we do play with really tough competition.”

Pratt, a junior, was one of N-P’s best hitters during the season. She was first on the team in slugging percentage (.397) and hits (18). She tied for second in RBI (11) with Paige Franzen.

“Jalynn took the loss, I think,

the hardest,” said Stastny-Hall. “She was very emotional.”

The challenge to win games – especially after losing games by scores of 30-1 to Osage and 27-0 to South Winneshiek – can appear to be daunting at times for these Huskies.

“We’ve gotten blown out by Osage and South Winn. Those two losses are very hard to come out of,” said Stastny-Hall. “It’s hard for the girls to come back the next day and not expect to get blown out again.”

But there’s always light at the end of the tunnel – no matter how far down one falls.

“They’ll consider us an underdog, but maybe we can go in and actually blow everybody away,” said Stastny-Hall about next season.

NORTH BUTLER 12, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

Nashua-Plainfield	000	0	-	0
North Butler	810	3	-	12
Pitching - Hannah Brahn	3 1/3 IP, 9 H, 12 R, 8 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.			

2B - Jalynn Pratt. Hits - Pratt.

Pollinator field tour set for next week in Chickasaw County

Chickasaw County is hosting a pollinator field tour to learn more about the importance of pollinators and their habitat.

The field tour will be Thursday, July 13 at 9:30 a.m. at Ball Family Farm (2690 300 th St., Fredericksburg) — one-half mile west of Quinlan Ave on the south side of the 300 th St., RSVP by July 11.

The event is free and open to the public, water and snacks and will be provided. For further information or questions please contact Dan Borchardt, Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, at 641-430-3354 or dborchardt@pheasantsforever.org.

Hackman said he, county followed ‘laws, policies and procedures’

LAWUIT: FROM 1

it’s been dismissed,” he said. “I want to thank everyone who believed in me and backed me to get this win for us. A big thank you goes out to Heartland Risk Pool for not backing down on me [and] to my family, friends, legal team, co-workers and the citizens of this county for all of their support. We followed the laws, policies and procedures to win this case. This is something I will always do.”

Johnson, as he often does, attended Monday’s meeting but did not comment on the case.

He filed his lawsuit over comments Hackman made during an Aug. 17, 2020, meeting in which Johnson’s future on the county’s Board of Health was being discussed.

During the meeting, Hackman said that “sexual harassment comments, sexual harassment issues” by Johnson had been brought to his attention. Johnson was not removed from the Board of Health at the time, but a month later, board members did vote to remove him from the board.

Johnson then filed suit against both Hackman and the county, claiming that he was libeled and slandered during the coun-

ty’s attempt to remove him from the board.

Johnson claimed that Hackman’s comments were, according to court papers, “false and defamatory statements that were publicized and publicly disseminated which statements have denied Terry Johnson the benefits of public and personal confidence and social dealing and have injured in the pursuit of his life and/or occupation.”

The lawsuit sought “compensatory damages, actual damages, general damages and special damages as well as an award of punitive damages and exemplary damages” from the county and Hackman.

Huskies had a lot of fun in their historic season

JOURNEY: FROM 1

Plainfield game; after all, there are times when our sports editor, Kelly Terpstra, takes a day off or two and I’m pressed into writing up that week’s Nashua-Plainfield baseball story.

Take that Northwood-Kensett game back on June 14. After the Huskies dispatched the Vikings 12-1, I grabbed some super nachos from the concession stand, got out of my umpiring clothes, put on by shorts and a T-shirt and headed back to the diamond to get a few comments from Miller.

He gave me the obligatory grief that it was a “great game, save for the guy behind the plate,” and we both laughed. But in a year in which I had the opportunity to umpire a lot of good teams, Nashua-Plainfield stood out when it came to attitude and humor.

I’m an old school baseball guy. You hustle in and out, you run every ball out, you chase the fly ball you know you have no chance of catching. You put the bunt down. You move the runners up. You pick up your teammates — be it after a home run or a strikeout. And you have fun doing it.

Nashua-Plainfield this year did that and more.

As a reporter with a unique vantage point, I appreciated the fact that these Huskies may not have agreed with every call I made, but they handled both the good calls and the no-so-good ones with class. They rarely whined. They almost never pouted. They embraced the “next play” mentality that is important in every sport but especially so in baseball.

And they made me laugh on more than one occasion.

The banter between players and umpires makes the long nights — and sometimes long drives — worth it. Or at least it does for me. When Dawson Glaser is behind the plate, he’ll talk any umpire’s ear off. Landon Pratt never fails to say hi to the base umpire in the first inning.

I’ll always have my favorite memories from the 2023 Huskies.

There was the night I was behind the plate with Tucker Franzen catching. I always joke with catchers that their arms are better than mine so if a ball is hit out of play, I’ll have them throw it back to the pitcher. Actually, it’s not a joke. My arm is terrible.

So one night, someone hit a foul ball out of play. Franzen was adjusting his gear and I

threw the ball back to Glaser on the mound.

“It’s not that bad,” Tucker said of my two-hopper and then added with a smile, “you know, for an old guy.”

No malice, just two kids — one way older than the other — having a good time at the ballpark.

I will give a little good-natured grief to baseball players I know, be them from Nashua-Plainfield or anywhere else, but I love it when they give it right back.

In a game at Newman last month, Bo Harrington drilled a double off Newman all-state hurler Doug Taylor, and thinking that a play at second was a possibility, I hustled to get into position. Harrington made it easily and I laughed when I said, “Bo, I almost beat you here.”

He gave me a mischievous grin and replied, “You know, you did get to start at first, but not bad for a guy your age.”

There was a time not so long ago that teams looked at their schedules and chalked up wins when they saw Nashua-Plainfield on them. Those days are long gone, and despite losing some serious talent to graduation, this is a program heading in the right direction.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES June 26, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Summit Carbon Solutions Sherry Timmins and Kaylee Langrell, Terry Johnson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Kathy Shekleton, City of Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the agenda for June 26, 2023 with a deletion of Resolution 06-12-23-46. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2023 with a change. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner went to the City of Fredericksburg’s city council and the council did authorize the mayor of Fredericksburg to sign agreement between Chickasaw County EMS and City of Fredericksburg for \$1.00 and no contingencies. Along with a lease agreement with Secondary Roads and City of Fredericksburg for \$1.00 and no contingencies.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve RESOLUTION 06-26-23-50 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCEL 2023-19 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SE1/4, AND PARCEL 2023-20 IN THE SE1/4. ALL IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA HAS NOW BEEN CONSIDERED AND SHOULD BE APPROVED. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw

ALL IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 26th DAY OF June, 2023 at a regular meeting by the Board of

Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of PARCEL 2023-19 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SE1/4, AND PARCEL 2023-20 IN THE SE1/4. ALL IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12

WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WAS PRESENTED. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of

PARCEL 2023-19 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SE1/4, AND PARCEL 2023-20 IN THE SE1/4, ALL IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA HAS NOW BEEN CONSIDERED AND SHOULD BE APPROVED. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw

County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinske, Breitbach. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

Discussion with Summit Carbon Solutions Sherry Timmins and Kaylee Langrell about project updates.

Discussion with Engineer Roman Lensing about department updates.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve 28E Agreement between Chickasaw County and the City of Alta Vista for a Multimodal Project

Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Project on V18 and authorize signatures of Chairperson and Auditor. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve Permission to Enter Premises Agreements with Patrick Rosonke for FHWA BR#111611 Stream Bank Stabilization Project and authorize chair’s signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve Permission to Enter Premises Agreements with Robert Rosonke for FHWA BR#111611 Stream Bank Stabilization Project and authorize chair’s signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve and authorize chair’s signature on a letter to New Hampton to end our lease agreement July 31, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion of building layout options with EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve RESOLUTION NO. 06-26-23-51 A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR WHEREAS, Resolution No. 06-12-23-47 set forth a list of appropriations for fiscal year 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, a typographical error incorrectly identified the “DEPT. NO. 71” as “DEPT. E-911” rather than “DEPT. 911 Service Board”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the typographical error in Resolution No. 06-12-23-47, and in so doing affirms the intent to appropriate \$514,105.00 to the DEPT. NO 71 as 911 Service Board for fiscal year 2023-2024. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County

Board of Supervisors this 26th day of June, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Hackman, Cerwinske, Breitbach, Suckow. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve invoice from Cott Systems for \$3,540.00 for annual Hosted Search for OIB. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No action on approving Online Index Books Hosted Services Addendum for Cott Systems.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to acknowledge the hire of part-time dispatcher Bridget Edson for \$20.43 per hour starting July 1, 2023 for Sheriff’s Department. Roll Call: Ayes; Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Discussed and no action on appointment to the City of New Hampton’s Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve IPAC Iowa Precinct Atlas Consortium FY 23-24 for \$3,826.32. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman seconded by Cerwinske to approve claims \$79,384.02. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT UPDATES

Supervisor Hackman-June 22-CSS

Motion by Cerwinske seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

No. 23116 07/06/23 07/07/23



Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

JULY

SATURDAY, JULY 1

- Passive Programming at Plainfield Library from June until August 14th Programs include: Preschool Teen aged Bingo Sheets & Reading Logs. Return for prizes! - Our Community Puzzle
- HS gym closed until 7/05
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity District vs. Central City @ East Buchanan

TUESDAY, JULY 4

- 8AM - 4:30PM Office Closed New Hampton/ Chickasaw County Extension

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

- 10AM Summer Reading Program "Find Your Voice" at Plainfield Library. For elementary aged kids Wednesday's in June & July. Sign up in-person or call 319-726-4461

THURSDAY, JULY 6

- 5PM - 9PM July 6th - 9th Plainfield Days
- 4PM - 6PM Farmer's Market at the Pioneer Museum
- 7:30PM Butler County Line Band

FRIDAY, JULY 7

- 5PM - 9PM Plainfield Days 8PM Chocolate Crackers Band

SATURDAY, JULY 8

- 9AM - 9PM Plainfield Days 10:30 - 12:30 - 3PM Author Reading: Randal Grizner
- 2 - 3:30PM Bingo & Crafts
- Parade 9PM Not Quite Brothers Band
- 10PM Firework

SUNDAY, JULY 9

- Plainfield Days
- 9 - 10:30AM Community

Service at Baptist Church

MONDAY, JULY 10

- Youth Summer Camps at the Husky Wellness Center.: Fossil Hunting at Rockford Quarry. Registration required. Members: \$10, Non-members: \$20

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- 3PM - 9PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show, Static Judging Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 8AM - 9PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show, 8-10AM Pet & Dog Show Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 10AM Summer Reading Program "Find Your Voice" at Plainfield Library. For elementary aged kids

Wednesday's in June & July. Sign up in-person or call 319-726-4461

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- 8AM - 8PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 9AM - 1PM Fun at the Fair K-3rd Grade Summer Day Camp Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension

FRIDAY, JULY 14

- 8AM - 9PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show 2-4 PM Celebrity Beef Showmanship Show Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension

SATURDAY, JULY 15

- 8AM - 9PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 4:30PM - 6:30PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement

Show Family BBQ Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- 8AM - 9PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show 10AM Dairy Show Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension

MONDAY, JULY 17

- 9AM - 1PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show Livestock Auction 7:30 - 9AM FREE Pancake Breakfast Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension

TUESDAY, JULY 18

- 3:00pm- 4:00pm K-2 Girls Basketball Camp NP Gymnasium-High School
- 4pm- 5pm 3-6 Girls Basketball Camp

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- 3:00pm- 4:00pm K-2 Girls Basketball

Camp NP Gymnasium-High School

- 4pm- 5pm 3-6 Girls Basketball Camp

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- 3:00pm- 4:00pm K-2 Girls Basketball Camp NP Gymnasium-High School
- 4pm- 5pm 3-6 Girls Basketball Camp

FRIDAY, JULY 21

- 2 & 7PM Movie Showing at the Plainfield Public Library "The Lost City"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- 6 - 7PM BINGO! at the Plainfield Public Library

MONDAY, JULY 31

- 8:00am- 12:00pm Band Camp NP Football Field - High School

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Young Huskies fall in regional opener

Despite finishing with 2-26 mark, coach remains positive about program’s direction

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

When life gives you lemons – you make lemonade. That cliché, albeit often overused, is appropriate in any number of different circumstances that are thrown one’s way in this game called life. The saying is all about optimism and positivity. It’s always better to be a glass half full kind of person as opposed to a “Negative Nancy” or Debbie Downer.”

No disrespect to those chosen first names by the way. That fruitful approach is something Nashua-Plainfield softball coach Jessica Stastny-Hall is taking to heart after wrapping up another summer of losing more ball games than her squad won in 2023. In fact, the Huskies (2-26) only won two games in 28 tries this season – this after going 4-23 the year prior. It’s no doubt been tough sled-ding for the youthful Huskies – who are poised and determined to make their mark in the near future.

“You never know when it’s going to be our time. Everybody just needs to show up with a great positive attitude, believe in themselves, believe in their coaching, believe in their teammates that they can come out and get a win,” said Stastny-Hall. “Every day is a different opportunity on what we can get better on.”

Just what positive outcomes lay ahead for N-P could well be determined in the offseason and an incoming eighth-grade class that is the biggest in the Top of Iowa East – at least in terms of participatory numbers in softball.

At last Saturday’s all-conference meeting among coaches, Stastny-Hall learned her numbers are strong comparatively speaking – which bodes well for upcoming seasons.

“If I go off of Park and Rec, with incoming eighth graders next year – I should have 17 coming up,” said Stastny-Hall. “We’re the only school that has that many kids coming up next year for softball. That is a huge plus for Nashua-Plainfield.”

Losing 18 games in a row to close out the season is never easy – something N-P did after defeating Dunkerton at the Hudson Tournament in early

June. N-P’s last game of the year was a 12-0 setback at the hands of a quality North Butler squad in the first round of Class 1A regional play last week Friday. The Bearcats beat N-P 16-2 and 10-0 in the regular season. “Inning one was a very bad inning. That’s all I can really say about that,” said Stastny-Hall about the postseason loss. “They scored eight runs. That was hard to come back on. Digging out of that hole was really hard.”

North Butler (15-8), which fell 6-5 to No. 13 Mason City Newman (26-7) in the quarter-final round of Class 1A, Region 6 play on Wednesday, is led by senior Kiya Johnson, both inside the pitcher’s circle and in the batter’s box.

Johnson leads the entire state (all five classes) in batting average (.672) and is 15-6 pitching with a 1.65 ERA. She led the Bearcats to the state tournament in Fort Dodge her sophomore season. She allowed just one hit – a Jalynn Pratt double in the second inning – in her third outing of the season against the Huskies. She struck out 10 and did not issue a free pass.

“She is one heckuva ball player,” said Stastny-Hall. “We got her out two times. We have to take the little wins where we can.”

Johnson went 1-3 at dish with a double and RBI. Hannah Brahn, N-P’s freshman hurler, allowed nine hits and eight earned runs in her three-plus innings of work.

“Hannah playing in her first regional game – that was a lot of pressure to put on her,” said Stastny-Hall. “I know she got down on herself.”

Brahn struck out 23 and walked 57 batters in just over 61 innings pitched in this her first varsity experience as a hurler. She’ll look to improve on those numbers next summer – all the while sharpening her skills in the offseason.

“Hannah’s pitching and even Kristen’s (Lee) pitching will come in time,” said Stastny-Hall. “They’re gonna need a lot of offseason. They’re going to have to pitch almost monthly to keep up with the amount of games we play in the summer.”

N-P committed six errors in

SEE SOFTBALL, 4



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield first baseman Landon Pratt (above) puts the tag down to finish off a pickoff play while Karson Chyma (below) camps under a fly ball in left field in the Huskies’ Class 1A district game against East Buchanan.

Impressive season comes to an end

Six-run inning lifts East Buchanan to 10-4 win over Nashua-Plainfield in Class 1A district semifinal tilt

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

What do you say? For starters, it was a heckuva season for the Nashua-Plainfield nine.

The Huskies’ dream of playing in the state tournament for the first time in school history were dashed by East Buchanan on Wednesday night in the Class 1A district semifinal.

A 10-4 loss to a solid Buccaneers team on North Linn’s home field ended N-P’s season prematurely in the second round of district play in the small-school class.

“They beat us. I wouldn’t say we beat ourselves,” said N-P head coach Levi Miller. “Baseball gives and baseball takes away.”

Never before had N-P (17-8) been awarded a No. 2 seed in postseason play under the direction of Miller – who capped his eighth season at the helm of his Husky program.

A second-place finish by the Huskies in the rugged Top of Iowa Conference?

That’s not easy. “I give credit to this team – 17-8. It’s probably one of our better teams that we’ve had in school history,” said Miller.

The start to N-P’s postseason journey was a tad wonky from the start as Saturday’s opening round game versus Central City in Winthrop was pushed back to Monday because of inclement weather. Then the five-win Wildcats surprised Husky sophomore starter Dawson Glaser with three runs right off the bat in the first inning. Glaser and the Huskies settled down to secure a 6-3 win and moved to within a game of the district final – something N-P did last year with one of the better wins in program history as N-P took down St. Ansgar, 4-3, in an absolute thrilling district semifinal.

That was last season. “Everything went right for them. We just couldn’t get the breaks in the game. That’s what happens,” said Miller about the loss to East Buchanan.

The Huskies were hoping to conjure up some of that postseason magic, but the upstart Buccaneers had other plans.

“We came in knowing we were two pretty evenly-matched teams with the two and the three seed,” said Miller. “It’s



Kendrick Huck looks to the umpire for the “out” call after tagging an East Buchanan runner at second base.

always a toss-up.” East Buchanan (13-9) will take on sixth-rated North Linn (25-4) on the Lynx’s home diamond with the district championship on the line Saturday night. North Linn – coached by N-P grad Travis Griffith – pounded No. 5 seed North Tama, 11-3, in the first Class 1A, District 5 semifinal on Wednesday evening in Troy Mills.

N-P – which finished second in the TIC East with a 12-4 mark, tied with St. Ansgar – went with senior Bo Harrington on the hill against the Buccaneers.

He faced off against another senior – knuckleballer Ryland Cornell. Cornell had enough punch on his fastball to keep the Huskies at bay. No mention of his tough-to-master knuckler that few preps, let alone professionals, pitch anymore to any

degree of success. “He had us off balance. He threw it probably 60 to 70 percent of the time,” said Miller about Cornell’s knuckleball. “It makes the fastball look a lot quicker.”

East Buck scored in the first inning against Harrington – who threw his last pitch as a Husky in EB’s six-run sixth. That was frame that saw the Buccaneers rap out six hits and leadoff hitter Will Hansen got the hit parade started with a deep RBI single down the left field line to make it 4-2, EB. The Buccaneers pulled a runner off first in a deliberate attempt to get in a rundown so the runner on third could score. N-P cut down that runner at first but not before Gram Erickson beat the throw to the plate for East Buck’s fifth run. A hot shot right off the glove of Wyatt Bouillon at third by Jaden Peyton made it 7-2, EB. The Buccaneers kept it rolling with a double down the line in left field by Chance Beeh and that big hit was followed by an RBI single by Brady Hogan.

The damage had been done at that point – N-P trailing 9-2.

Landon Pratt’s RBI single in the bottom of the sixth cut the lead to 9-3. East Buck closed the inning out on a 5-4-3 double play to turn the tide.

EB would tack on an insurance run in the top of the seventh and Cornell limited the damage in final inning as N-P was only able to push one run across the board in the bottom of the seventh after having the bases loaded and no outs.

Tucker Franzen’s RBI single plated N-P’s final run of the evening. He would relieve Harrington on the mound and surrendered five runs (just one earned) in two innings of work.

“I’m disappointed it ended this way, but at the same time I’m very proud of what these kids accomplished,” said Miller. “They did well.”

Harrington pitched five innings and gave up four earned runs. He struck out eight, but walked six.

To give you an idea of what kind of night it was for Miller and his Huskies – Harrington launched a deep fly to right-center field in the third inning that looked like it had triple written all over it. But the East

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Nashua-Plainfield’s Jalynn Pratt fires over to first base to record an out in a Huskies’ game played last month.

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Nashua-Plainfield catcher Dawson Glaser makes a valiant effort to track down a foul popup during Wednesday’s game.

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