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Diamond project gets contractor

School Board approves \$3.279 million bid from Waterloo firm for Plainfield complex

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

It took longer than expected, but Nashua-Plainfield Community School's dream of a new baseball and softball complex at the site of the old Plainfield school building took a giant step toward reality on Tuesday night.

That's when the School Board

opened bids for a second time on the proposed project that has seen its fair share of fits and starts since it was first proposed last year.

And this time, unlike this past spring, the bids were palatable. Much more palatable.

"We've got a project, we've got a contractor and we're going to have a nice complex," Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty said

Wednesday. "I don't know if it's a sense of relief, but it does feel good — really good — to take the next step."

Liechty spoke the day after the School Board approved accepting a bid from Peters Construction of Waterloo for \$3.279 million to build the complex that will include a high school baseball diamond, a high school softball diamond and

two youth fields. Although that's about \$280,000 more than the district had budgeted for the project, Liechty said he's confidence that with a fundraising committee in place, the extra money can be raised.

"We have a bid that has

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City attorney: Dam issue is 'all in the hands of litigator'

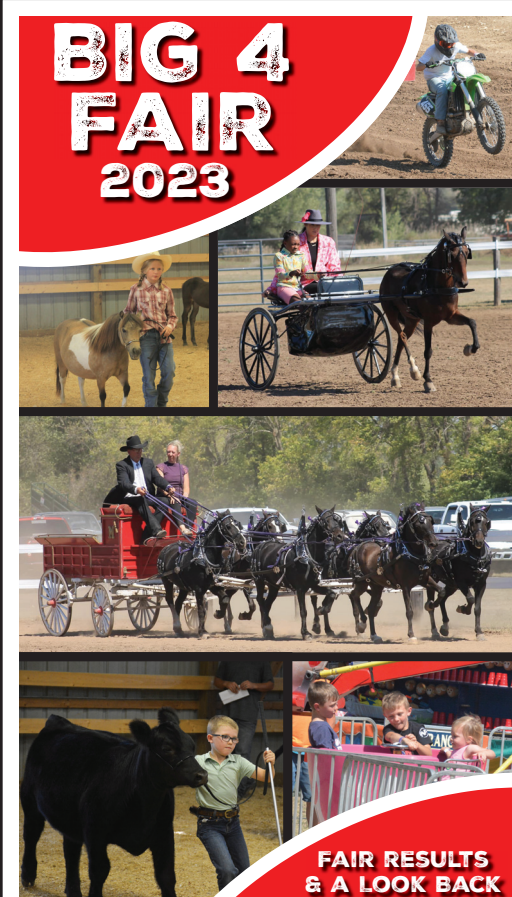
City Council goes into closes session to discuss dam, learn more about 'boil order'

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Nashua City Attorney David Skilton has given numerous updates in closed session to the Nashua City Council over the past year about work done by Minnowa Construction to Nashua's prized possession — the hydro electric dam.

The city is currently in litigation concerning that repair work completed by the Minnesota bridge and heavy civil contractor.

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Celebrating the fair!
We look back on another great Big 4 Fair in this week's B Section!



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield homecoming court include queen candidates (front row, from left) Maci Malven, Ellie Eick, Bella Dietz, Jordyn Frost and Myranda Webster and homecoming king candidates (back row) Trae Geise, Tucker Franzen, Tate White, Hayden Munn and Dylan Blanchard.

GEARING UP FOR HOMECOMING

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STUDENTS, STAFF GEAR UP FOR A BUSY, ALBEIT SHORTENED, CELEBRATION

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield homecoming advisor Jenn Kalainoff couldn't help but laugh when she was asked if homecoming was "fun?"

"I don't know if I'd say fun, because it's a lot of work for the adults," she said, "but seriously, it's important to the kids and that makes it worth it."

So next week, Kalainoff and her fellow staff members at Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools will look to survive a week when, let's be

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honest, the students may not be "all-in" when it comes to academics and homework.

In other words, the "Survivor" theme of the 2023 celebration may have double meaning.

"It's always one of the challenges of homecoming week. We're still a school, we still want kids to be learning, we don't want it to be a

week off," Kalainoff said, "but we also want to make it fun for the kids. It's supposed to be a memorable week so there's a balance there that we try to find."

And homecoming 2023 will actually be a little "shorter" than past celebrations because the district has a professional development day set for Monday, which means students will roll into homecoming week off of a three-day weekend.

But once they return, they'll do the homecoming thing, if you will, that includes dress-up

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Nashua-Plainfield History Day advisor Suzy Turner poses for a picture with three of her students — (from left) Cal Levi, Kadence Huck and Paige Franzen — after they were honored by the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes Tuesday afternoon.

Nashua-Plainfield students earn national award for history project

Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes honors documentary on U of I women's AD put together by a trio of N-P students

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Dr. Christine Grant was an inspiration and mentor to many.

She was also a pioneer for gender equality at the University of Iowa that helped pave the way for women's athletics to perhaps one day be on a level playing field with their male counterparts.

The former U of I Athletic Director and Hawkeye women's field hockey coach also had a tremendous impact on three Nashua-Plainfield High School students — juniors Cal Levi, Kadence Huck and Paige Franzen.

That's why they went to work on a research project about

Grant and in the process not only found out something about themselves, but in turn let the world know what an "unsung hero" Grant truly was.

For their efforts — which included countless hours of devotion to a documentary that chronicled Grant's life — they were awarded the top prize by the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in its 2023 international Discovery Award competition.

The N-P student athletes were one of 12 finalists for the award and received \$2,500 for their dedication and mastery of a piece that was played at the Husky gymnasium on Tuesday afternoon.

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A beautiful day for a little recess time!

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School students enjoy some recess time Thursday morning, and they do so under sunny skies and near some trees that are starting to show some fall color, too. But as we’ve said for pretty much of all of 2023, we could really use some rain, and we may finally get our wish this weekend as the National Weather Service says there is an 80 percent chance of precipitation Saturday and Saturday night and 60 percent on Sunday. For once, it would be nice if the “weatherman” was right.

LMS official lauds documentary put together by trio of N-P students

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The title of the 10-minute documentary submitted to LMC was “Why Not Us? Dr. Christine Grant’s Pursuit of Gender Equality.”

“You have three students here who developed a powerful documentary,” said Norm Conard, executive director of LMC. “It’s so well put together. It’s so well done. “It has such a great message.”

Levi, Huck and Franzen weren’t alone in their quest to create a moving production. They each credited and thanked a key catalyst behind their decision to come up with the idea of honoring Grant – N-P history teacher Suzy Turner. She oversaw the project.

“You show a little interest in it and she’ll push you the rest of the way,” said Levi, who was the “IT guy” for the project.

The documentary included several interviews with Grant’s colleague and students – specifically, Jean Berger, executive director of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. The N-P award winners also interviewed current Iowa women’s basketball coach Lisa Bluder – who guided her Hawkeyes all the way to the NCAA title game this past spring.

Berger was also one of Grant’s students and was in attendance on Tuesday during a ceremony at the N-P gym to honor those students, along with Turner, who received a certificate for outstanding educator from LMC.

Hanna Howard, the National History Day state coordinator, also made the trek to Nashua to be present at the ceremony.

LMC is an international museum located in Fort Scott, Kansas that awarded over \$20,000 in prize money to those 12 finalists.

Eden Prairie High School senior Sasha Allen won the grand prize awarded by LMC. That came with a \$6,000 grand prize check.

Her documentary was titled – “3-6-9 Kid: How Child Spy Agnes Lackovic Saved Hundreds from the Nazis.”

The N-P students said there were over 200 entrants that submitted their work to LMC. The documentary really started to take shape for the Husky standouts when they made a trip to Iowa City last December to begin researching Grant.

Along with a U of I Professor, Levi, Huck and Franzen sifted through over 90 boxes of Grant’s personal collection one morning.

It wasn’t easy as they only had four hours to conduct their research and had to



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Norm Conrad of the Lloyd Milken Center for Unsung Heroes hugs Nashua-Plainfield History Day advisor Suzy Turner during a ceremony in which the center announced that three of Turner’s students — Paige Franzen, Kadence Huck and Cal Levi — earned a national award from the Kansas-based organization.

be back in Nashua at school that afternoon.

“Everything we found was just great. It was just finding a way to make it work with our documentary,” said Levi.

The passage of Title IX in 1972 was instrumental in the advancement of women’s athletics in the United States. Grant helped fight court battles and testify for Title IX legal cases.

Grant helped Iowa win 16 conference championships in field hockey and the 1986 NCAA crown. She passed away on Dec. 31, 2021 at the age of 85.

“We were like, oh, yeah, we should really do this one because it has Iowa connections – it kind of just kept snowballing,” said Franzen, who was a state medalist at this past spring’s state golf meet.

Huck – one of the better runners in track and cross country in the state – knew this was the right project for her team.

“It just really hit home,” said Huck, who Levi said wrote a decent part of the script for the documentary and also provided its annotation, citing sources used that included a 27-page bibliography.

Franzen was the documentary’s narrator. She realized how powerful the documentary had become after a viewing at National History Day in Washington, D.C. this past June. The hardworking N-P trio submitted a different version of their Grant documentary to that national competition in the summer, but did not advance to the finals.

“We were at Nationals and we had people that came in to watch it. There were people sitting in the audience and you could tell it resonated with them, too,” said Franzen.

Turner glowed about the work of her students and was proud of what they were able to turn out once they put their minds together and presented the finished project. She was also happy that so many more people could come to understand and know the legacy that Grant created and the lives she affected.

“It became much more than a project. It became something that changed their lives,” said Turner.

Turner thanked LMC and all those in attendance on Tuesday. She also gave kudos and more praise to Levi, Huck and Franzen – who are already thinking about a future project.

There’s no word yet on what that might be.

“For the two young ladies, they are directly impacted by Dr. Grant’s work. Kadence and Paige are both very high-level athletes with their ceiling yet to be reached and they’ve already reached quite high. They can see the impact of her work and the doors that that opens for them. Cal is just great. Cal does all the tech work. They’re like a well-oiled machine. I just can’t say enough about these young people and the work that they’ve put in,” Turner added.

Briefs

Fort Atkinson Rendezvous set for Saturday and Sunday

The 47th annual Fort Atkinson Rendezvous will take place Saturday and Sunday at the fort in the small Winneshiek County town.

Starting on Saturday, the fort opens to the public at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m. and the next day the hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cannon drills will start and close the hours and drills will also be held during the day.

Other events held will be a bullwhip contest, cooking contest, 1840’s kids games, primitive bow shoot, a kid’s tomahawk throw, a skillet throw and music.

In addition, there will be a 5K run/walk and kids fun run starting at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the community center and a three-piece chicken dinner by Mike Reicks, which includes broasted potatoes, beans, bar and milk on Friday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the center.

There is no admission charge and free parking, with a bus carrying people from the community center parking lot — where the Iowa History 101 Mobile Museum will be on site both Saturday and Sunday — to the fort.

Museum to hold Oktoberfest fundraising meal on Sept. 30

On Saturday, Sept. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m., the St. Lucia Court 233 of 1891 Financial Life is sponsoring an Oktoberfest meal at the German American Museum in St. Lucas.

The drive-through pick-up meal includes the famous Polashek’s German style brats, buns, sauerkraut, potato salad, baked beans and scotcheroos.

The meals are available for curbside pick up at the German American Museum at 212 East Main Street, St. Lucas. Suggested donation is \$12 per meal.

Janet Bodensteiner, Kathryn Kuennen and Helen Pinter are the core team preparing this traditional Oktoberfest event.

“We are very excited to bring you a very tasty, wholesome traditional style meal for the Oktoberfest,” Bodensteiner said.

Kuennen added that “we are making the deserts ourselves. We think you will really like the scotcheroos.”

Matching funds from the 1891 Financial Life — formerly the National Catholic Society of Foresters (NCSF) — are helping with the museum roof replacement.

The St. Lucas Historical Society that operates the German American Museum, Library and Family History Center greatly appreciates the kind support it receives from area residents.

Dutch oven cook-off set for Sept. 30 at Airport Lake

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will hold its second annual Dutch oven cook-off at Airport Lake Park near New Hampton on Sept. 30.

Registration starts at 10 a.m., with judging to begin at noon.

There is no registration fee and there are prizes for both a main/side dish and a dessert. Any questions may be directed to 641-394-4714.

Landfill celebrates 50th Saturday

The Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the FMC Landfill on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The landfill will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fishing at the front pond, a meal provided by the Mitchell Co. Cattlemen and there will be tours of the facility.

The facility is located at 3354 330th St., Elma., about seven miles west of Elma.

Nashua-Plainfield students get three-day weekend before homecoming

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days, the crowning of royalty, the football game and the homecoming dance. Start with the dress-up days that are as follows:

- Tuesday: Hunter vs. Prey as hunt-

ers can wear bright hunting gear and vests while those who opt to be prey can wear camo or dress up like an animal.

- Wednesday: Brain vs. Braun in which students can dress up as “nerds” or “jocks.”

- Thursday is Tribe Day, which means students should wear their class colors.
- Friday is Spirit Day, i.e., students should wear their Husky shirts.

Coronation will be held Thursday evening at the football stadium, where

queen candidates Bella Dietz, Ellie Eick, Jordyn Frost, Maci Malven and Myranda Webster will take the track with king candidates Dylan Blanchard, Tucker Franzen, Trae Geise, Hayden Munn and Tate White at 7 p.m.

Friday’s activities include a 2 p.m.

pep assembly, the parade at 2:30 p.m. and the Huskies football game with South Winneshiek at 7 p.m.

And the week wraps up Saturday evening with the annual homecoming dance for high school students that will run from 8 to 10 p.m. in the gym.

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Dirk Firman, 66

Dirk R Firman of Nashua — a man known for his selflessness, incredible sense of humor and huge heart — passed away at 66 years old on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, at Dirk's favorite place, his backyard.

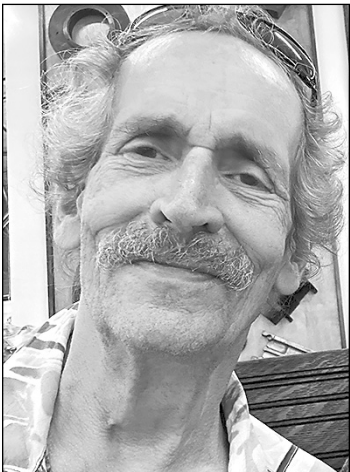
Dirk was born Sept. 19, 1956, in Charles City. He was the youngest son of Bruce and Margery (Scheu) Firman.

Dirk graduated from Nashua High School with the Class of 1975. Throughout high school, he worked at Shep's Standard Service Station. After graduation, he attended Rochester Community and Technical College. Dirk also worked for KLEU Radio Station in Waterloo and was a DJ at the Poison Apple in Cedar Falls.

Dirk always fondly told the story of how he met the love of his life, Janise E Abrams; they locked eyes from across the room while The Beatles' song "I Saw You Standing There" played in the background. They were inseparable ever since, making things official on Oct. 26, 1985, with a beautiful wedding ceremony on a houseboat on the Mississippi River. They were later blessed with two daughters, Tehrene and Karlissa.

In 1985, Dirk and Janise moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where they started their business TransVideo Teleproductions together. In 1990, they moved back to Nashua to raise their girls as they continued running their business.

Dirk adored his family and always made sure they knew it. He loved movie nights with his girls, tending to his tomato plants and garden, backyard bonfires with his wife, spending time with friends, jet skiing and boating, wearing his endless collection of funky shirts and Crocs, sitting in his favorite chair with his cat by



Dirk Firman

his side (Kitty Kat), listening to his favorite records, cooking up steak dinners with Harrington Sweetcorn and keeping up with the latest technology and gadgets.

Dirk was truly one-of-a kind. To know him was to love him. He noticed the little things that make life so beautiful and always took the time to appreciate them. He was always thinking of others and never passed up the chance to lend a helping hand whenever someone was in need. He was sunshine in human form and you always felt better after being in his presence. He was Cool with a capital C. The world won't be the same without him in it.

Dirk is survived by his wife of 38 years, Janise Firman of Nashua; two daughters, Tehrene (Clancy) Quinn of Asheville, North Carolina, and Karlissa (Beau) Westpfahl of Marion; his brother Steve (Jean) Firman of Cedar Falls; and many amazing nieces, nephews and grandpuppies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Margery Firman.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the family would be humbly appreciated beyond belief. They can be directed to Janise Firman to assist with expenses.



Drawing courtesy of Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools

Once it's completed, the diamond complex in Plainfield will allow Nashua-Plainfield baseball and softball teams to play their home games "side-by-side" in the same town.

Superintendent still hopeful complex can open in '24

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been accepted, and I think what that does is tells everyone that rest assured that it will happen," the superintendent said, "and that makes it easier to go out and raise those funds because they know it's going to go to this. They don't have to worry about giving the money, us not being able to do it and then wondering if they'll get their money back."

It's been a long — and at times, winding — road for the proponents of bringing Nashua-Plainfield baseball and softball together at the same complex. Currently, the Huskies play their home softball games in Plainfield and their home baseball dates are in Nashua. And the baseball diamond that is on land owned by the Big 4 Fair Board is the only one in the Top of Iowa Conference without lights.

The district put together a plan for a new complex in Plainfield, and voters in March overwhelmingly approved selling

general-obligation bonds to fund the project. Those funds will be paid back through Nashua-Plainfield's SAVE Fund, which means property taxes in the district won't be affected by the project.

But in May, when bids were first opened this spring, district officials experienced sticker shock as the low bid came in around \$4.5 million, 50 percent higher than the engineer's estimate for the complex.

Back to the drawing board they went to work — revamping the plans and also removing the "restrictions" that required the contractor to have the project completed by the start of the 2024 diamond seasons.

And they also took stock in the fact that re-bidding the project in the fall would be advantageous because contractors are usually looking to fill up their work schedule for the following construction season.

Throw in the fact that because there have been few "lost days" to the construction season this year because of the drought,

school officials also had good reason to believe that contractors could start work on the project this fall.

And that's exactly what is going to happen as Peters Construction officials have told the district they plan on beginning construction next month.

"If we have a late winter and an early spring," Liechty said, "we have a shot at getting it done by the time we play next summer. I don't know how good it is because we live in northern Iowa, where it gets cold and stays cold for a long time."

Baseball will be fine, but if construction is ongoing next summer, the softball team will be homeless.

"Ask me in December after the ground freezes," Liechty said, "and then I'll have an answer for you. Our hope is going to be that we can play in Plainfield next year, but we'll put out heads together and figure something out if we can't. ... Right now, I think we're all happy that we have a contractor hired and the work is going to begin."

Chickasaw County Veterans

If your name did not appear in our Chickasaw County Veterans' Honor Roll listing from the 2022 New Hampton Tribune's Veterans Tab, We want to know who you are and want to include your name FREE of charge.

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Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer and City Councilman Hal Kelleher III look over documents during Monday night's meeting.

City hires lawyer who specializes in environmental cases

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

While those updates to the Council are confidential and closed to the public, Skilton addressed the fluid situation in an open session at last Monday's regular Council meeting to members of the public that were present in the Council chambers.

"It's all in the hands of the litigator. Those tests and studies went to the litigator and the expert," said Skilton. "That's part of the update that I'm going to give the Council on the status of litigation in closed session at the end of the meeting tonight."

Underwater dive teams found extensive damage done to the hydro dam last year. The damage may have been caused by repair work done last fall by Minnowa Construction, a bridge and civil contractor based out of Harmony, Minnesota.

The million-dollar project to fix the dam's apron scour, which was damaged because of flooding and added the potential risk of the dam failing, was completed by the Minnowa in October 2020.

A structural engineer with Origin Design out of Dubuque consulted council members about what he thought may have been the cause of a large piece of concrete that is clearly visible above the water surface below the dam. The engineer thought at that time that the

concrete that sits near the dam may have been a result of concrete over pours. That engineer gave that opinion prior to the city retaining a law firm.

That repair work was done by Minnowa Construction and came to a tune of \$1.3 million. The 2016 FEMA project started out as a \$300,000 construction bid but skyrocketed to the million-dollar price tag after a leak in the dam was discovered as well as other structural problems that needed to be taken care of. The final payment of \$975,000 to Minnowa Construction, a bridge and heavy civil contractor in Minnesota, was approved by the city council at a special meeting shortly after construction was finished in November of 2020.

Last summer Nashua hired the services of specialty counsel Roger Stone, a managing partner in the Cedar Rapids law firm of Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC.

Stone is considered a top lawyer in the state of Iowa that has won hundreds of cases litigating construction and environmental cases over the course of 25 years.

The original dam was built in 1916 in Nashua and provides electricity to well over 1,200 homes in the city. A new dam was created in 1990 and repair work to fix damage and rehabilitate the dam was completed in

late October of 2020.

"We are praying that everything will work out and somehow, with the new bond requirement and litigation — and everything else — that it will mean improvement to the dam as well the dredging," said Skilton. "We are hoping. Whether or not it makes the cuts, I don't know."

Skilton discussed the dam again on Monday in a closed session.

Brian Glaslow from Ion Environmental Solutions discussed a 24-hour water boil that was issued on Monday, Sept. 11 in Nashua due to a main water break near Chickasaw St. and Greenwood Avenue.

"Anytime the water gets below 20 PSI, you have to issue a boil order," said Glaslow.

Glaslow said five or six valves at the water plant were shut off.

"That didn't do much of anything at all. That's why we had to end up shutting the tower down," said Glaslow. "Once we shut the tower down, we had to wait just for the water to gravity feed enough down to be able to get everything fixed."

Glaslow was happy that things returned to normal the next day.

"It could have been a lot worse," said Glaslow. "Being out of water for four or five hours was definitely a bummer for everybody. I know that was a big thing."

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they all move up five places, that's a lot of points. I'll be honest, they've surprised me a little this year, and if they keep improving, it's going to get kind of interesting for them."

Jase Hansen led the way at Independence as he finished 12th with a season-best time of 18:36.20, and the Huskies' six other runners all placed between 26th and 36th. Caleb Sinnwell led the pack, while Luke Paplow, Avery Mueller and Jake Smith rounded out the Husky scorers.

At Denver, Hansen again led the Huskies with a 16th place finish and the rest of the Nashua-Plainfield runners finished between 24th and 39th, with Sinnwell again leading that group while Mueller, Caleb Lentz and Smith rounding out those who scored team points.

"We've had different kids score and I think that's a positive," Kalainoff said, "and because we bunch together so well, I'd like our chances if we ever tie because our sixth runner is usually right there with the rest of the group."

Huck, meanwhile, was rock solid again, even if she did have to settle for second at Denver, where Trainor ran the sixteenth-fastest cross country time — regardless of class — in the state this season as she crossed the finish line in 18:30.76 to beat Huck by almost 55 seconds

On the plus side, though, the Nashua-Plainfield junior beat Union's Condon by almost seven seconds, which was by far the biggest spread between the two runners who have already met three times this season.

"Kadence's strategy was to go out with her and see what happened," Kalainoff said, "and she was step for step with Hillary at the mile mark and then she just took off. Like Kadence told me, 'She knows how to run in the 18s and I don't yet.' But I know she's going to work hard to get there because she's such a competitor."

Meanwhile the Huskies were, if anything, consistent as the order of finish behind Huck — Ellie Eick, Jalissa White, Amberley Gerholdt and Marleigh Lowe — was the same in both meets.

"The effort is definitely there," Kalainoff said, "and as a coach, that's what I want to see. We're seeing improvement almost every meet and hopefully we can continue taking those next steps."

That's important because the

cross country season is quickly winding down. After running at Hampton-Dumont this coming Thursday, the Huskies run at South Winneshiek the following Tuesday and close the regular season at the New Hampton Invitational in Fredericksburg on Thursday, Oct. 5.

"It's flying by," Kalainoff said, "and that's why we need a week to work on things. I mean by the time this paper comes out, we're less than three weeks away from conference and less than four weeks away from state qualifying. That's when we want to be at our best."

INDEPENDENCE GIRLS TEAM RESULTS

Clear Creek-Amana 37, Waverly-Shell Rock 55, Union 71, Iowa Falls-Alden 89, New Hampton 150, Nashua-Plainfield 165, Wapsie Valley 171, East Buchanan 209.

Top-five individuals - Kadence Huck (NP) 19:22.08, Amillia Condon (U) 19:24.80, Sydney Bochmann (WSR) 20:16.28, Kira Barker (CCA) 20:25.16, Kiera Rodgers (CCA) 20:44.03.

Nashua-Plainfield results - 1. Huck 19:22.08, 44. Ellie Eick 24:02.92, 45. Jalissa White 24:30.03, 50. Amberley Gerholdt 26:13.46, Marleigh Lowe 27:44.26, 56. Lexi Weiss 27:45.83, 59. Emma O'Neill 30:44.23.

JV results - 66. Bailey Bond 34:52.23.

INDEPENDENCE BOYS TEAM RESULTS

Clear Creek-Amana 23, Waverly-Shell Rock 92, Union 113, Independence 119, Nashua-Plainfield 122, Wapsie Valley 130, New Hampton 161, Iowa Falls-Alden 188, Edgewood-Colesburg 262, Janesville 262.

Top-five individuals - Aiden Shannon (WV) 16:28.14, Brock Hilsman (CCA) 16:52.26, Thomas Stiltner (CCA) 16:52.56, Austin Soldwisch (WSR) 16:53.39, Isaac Sorensen (CCA) 17:26.74.

Nashua-Plainfield results - 12. Jase Hansen 18:36.20, 26. Caleb Sinnwell 19:43.95, 27. Luke Paplow 19:51, 30. Avery Mueller 20:16.97, 31. Jake Smith 20:22.29, 33. Caleb Lentz 20:47.24, 36. Cal Levi 21:09.19.

JV results - 18. Sam O'Neill 22:44.07, 22. Brady Lensing 23:19.60, 25. Connor Sullivan 24:03.33, 26. Brexton Bird 24:22.22, 30. Maverick Dietz-McDonald 24:58.95, 32. Carson Mundorf 25:19.43, 35. Christopher Kalvig 25:52.48, 38. Benjamin Percy 27:36.07, 39. Nick Hulbert 27:47.24.

DENVER INVITATIONAL GIRLS TEAM RESULTS

Denver 43, Sumner-Fredericksburg 65, Union 84, Dike-New Hartford 123, Oelwein 143, BCLUW 158, Wapsie Valley 185, Nashua-Plainfield 189, Aplington-Parkersburg 194.

Top-five individuals - Hillary Trainor (SF) 18:30.76, Huck (NP) 19:25.28, Condon (U) 19:32.27, Abbi Waskow (Dunkerton) 20:01.61, Izzy Houts (DNH) 20:22.66.

Nashua-Plainfield results - 2. Huck 19:25.28, 42. Eick 24:03.53, 44. White 24:32.38, 58. Gerholdt 27:03.90, 61. Lowe 27:26.27, 62. Weiss 27:45.06, 63. O'Neill 31:27.05.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Amberley Gerholdt (above) and Caleb Lentz (right) give maximum effort at the Osage Invitational that was held last week.

DENVER INVITATIONAL BOYS TEAMS RESULTS

Denver 29, Oelwein 62, Sumner-Fredericksburg 112, Union 123, Nashua-Plainfield 131, Dike-New Hartford 165, Waterloo Columbus 173, Wapsie Valley 181, BCLUW 200.

Top-five individuals - Shannon (WV) 16:32.56, Neal Pinter (D) 16:46.47, Myles Matthias (D) 17:11.98, Caleb Schunck (O) 17:23.48, Cayden White (BCLUW) 17:30.95.

Nashua-Plainfield results - 16. Hansen 18:57.04, 24. Sinnwell 19:57.83, 29. Mueller 20:32.41, 33. Lentz 20:41.55, 34. Smith 20:44.83, 35. Paplow 20:52.14, 39. Levi 21:21.33.

JV results - 20. Bird 23:08.09, 21. O'Neill 23:17.96, 26. Lensing 23:37.01, 30. Sullivan 24:10.90, 38. Mundorf 25:22.46, 40. Kalvig 25:59.46, 41. Dietz-McDonald 26:41.95, 43. Percy 27:00.76, 48. Hulbert 29:30.71.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES September 11, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, 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, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Engineer Roman Lensing, Terry Johnson, Kathy Shekleton, Citizen/Recorder Shirley Troyna, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, BarCom Eric Barker, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for September 11, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Board of Supervisors Chair Matthew Kuhn asked for a minute of silence for the Remembrance of 911 on its 22nd anniversary.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from September 5, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from September 6, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Shirley Troyna asked the Board of Supervisors Suckow and Cerwinski what their thought process was for giving the ARPA funds to Secondary Roads? And discussion developed from the question. Attorney David Laudner was directed to find out if Nashua owns the Dam.

Discussed Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer letter of support to fund Alta Vista with \$28,835.26 for road project and previous cities request for ARPA funds. No action taken.

Treasurer Matt Ysbrand discussed having two deputy positions, one in the Treasurer's office and one in the Driver License office.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to approve RESOLUTION NO. 09-11-23-76 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY TREASURER FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUANCE WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.903 the Chickasaw County Treasurer may appoint, with approval of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, one or more deputies; and WHEREAS, Chickasaw County Treasurer Matthew Ysbrand intends to appoint Brenda Schnoebelen as Deputy Treasurer for Driver's License Issuance effective September 18, 2023. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approves of the appointment of Brenda Schnoebelen as Deputy Treasurer for Driver's License Issuance. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 11th day of September, 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Ayes: Breitbach Cerwinski, Kuhn, Nays: Suckow, Hackman /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor. The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website <https://www.chickasaw-county.iowa.gov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Conservation Director Chad Humpal discussed landfill update.

Discussion on Conservation Depart-

ment updates

Discussion on Keonigsfeld CRP contract and consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have Attorney David Laudner look into it.

Discuss resolution dated August 8, 1983, establishing a County Conservation Reserve fund for Land Acquisition and Capital Improvement.

Discussion and proposed handbook changes.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 10:38 A.M. Roll Call Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow Cerwinski, Kuhn. Motion carried

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to exit CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 11:02 A.M. Roll Call Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow Cerwinski, Kuhn. Motion carried

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Hackman to approve entering into a contract with BarCam for a security upgrade at the Courthouse using department 51 General Services, not to exceed \$30,000.00, and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion with Engineer Roman Lensing about Secondary Road updates.

Discussed and approve the Design Connection Bill for \$700.00 from ARPA for a retainer request to begin project at EMS Building. Prior minutes provided for this already.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by

Cerwinski to acknowledge resignation of Toni Friedrich from Chickasaw County Medical Examiner Investigator position effective September 19, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion about water connection permit for Heritage Center.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize Vice-Chair signature on Professional Services Agreement with I & S GROUP, INC. (ISG) for private gas pipeline installation inspection with Homeland Energy Solutions LLC. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Abstained: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve prior bills \$335.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve bills of \$144,849.07. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded Suckow to approve payroll check dated September 8, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments. Supervisor Cerwinski September 6, 2023. Cedar River Watershed Project

Motion by Suckow seconded by Cerwinski to adjourn at 12:15 P.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST:Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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AHLERS & COONEY	HR SRVS THRU 8/15/23	\$1,800.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	EMS MED SUPPLIES - OXYGEN	\$155.98
ALLIANT-OXYGEN	ELEC @ CHICK-ASAW & SPLIT ROCK PARKS	\$1,036.58
ALTA VISTA, CITY OF	AV SHOP UTILITIES	\$67.09
AMAZON	SHERIFF SUPPLIES - FLOOR MATS	\$112.88
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	LLP.EMPLOYEE CONSUMEABLES - SAFETY GLASSES	\$111.98
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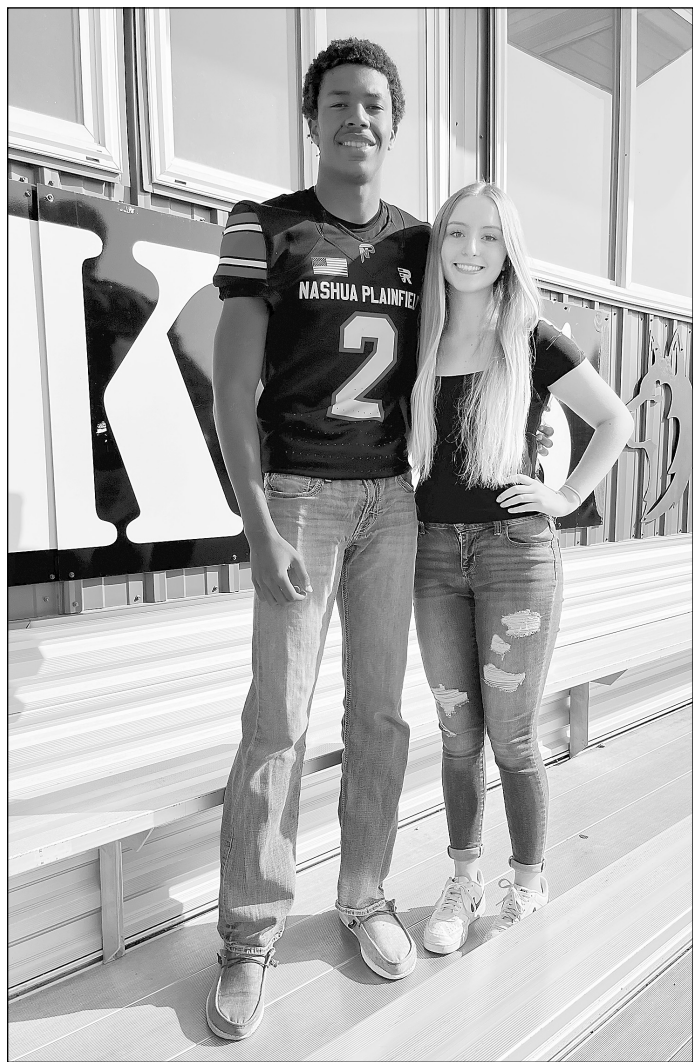
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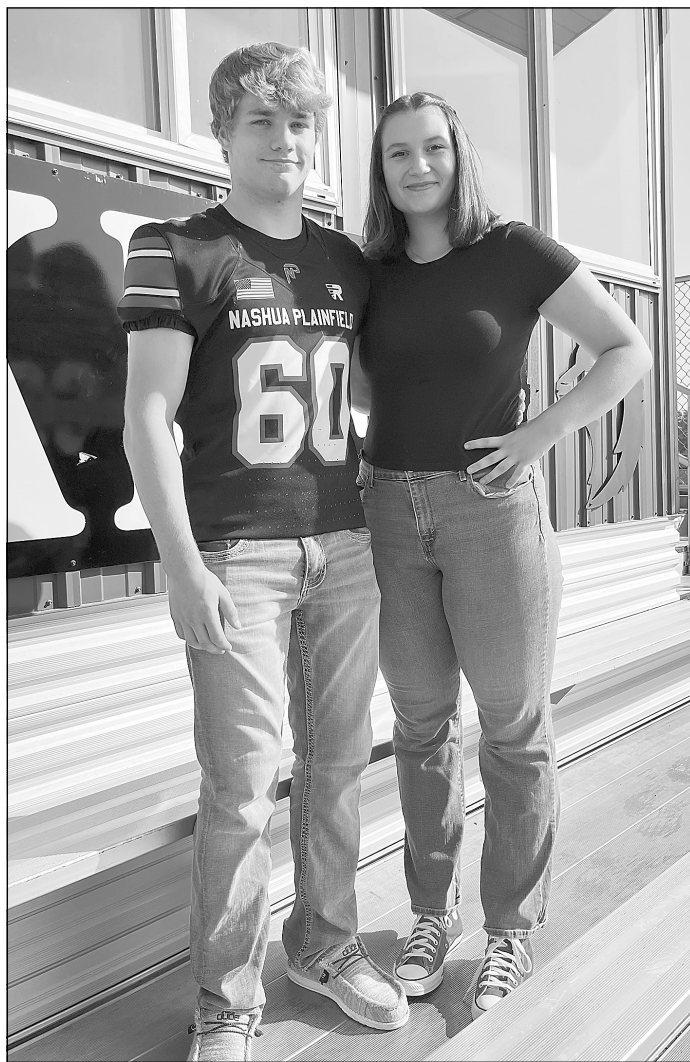
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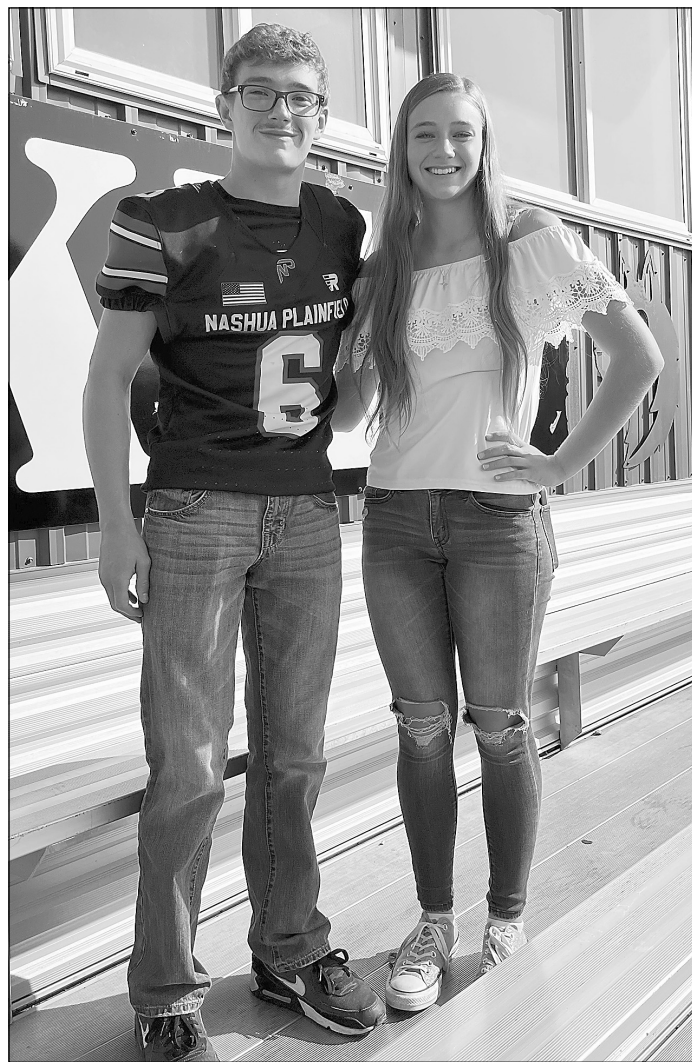
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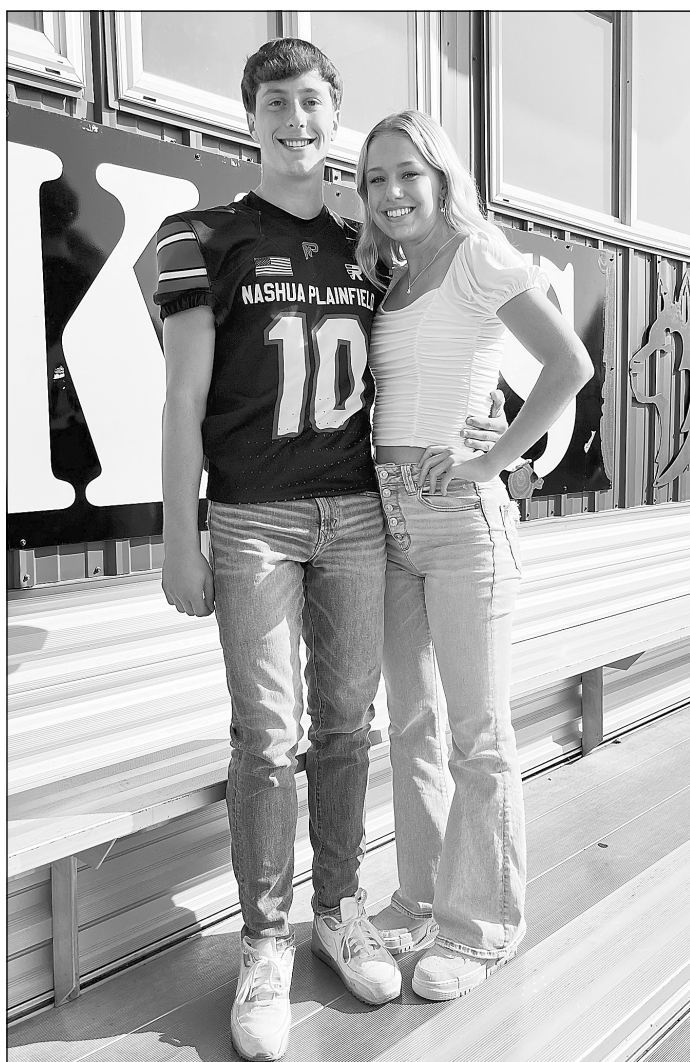
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Nashua-Plainfield 2023 homecoming schedule

TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

• Dress-Up Days: Tuesday, Hunter vs. Prey; Wednesday, Brain vs. Braun; Thursday, Tribe Day; Friday, Husky Spirit Day

THURSDAY

• 7 p.m., Coronation ceremony at the football stadium.

FRIDAY

• 2 p.m.: Pep assembly.
• 2:30 p.m.: Homecoming Parade.
• 7 p.m.: Homecoming football game, Huskies vs. South Winneshiek.

SATURDAY

• Homecoming Dance, 8 to 10 p.m.



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Huskies get big TIC East win over rivals

Volleyball: From 14

The Huskies rode the rollercoaster in the first game against the Eagles as N-P lost 21-17 – but head coach Mindy Foelske’s squad dug deep, persevered and pulled through for a 21-17, 15-11 finish.

It was the second win of the year for the Huskies this fall and they didn’t slow down on Tuesday night in Greene with a five-set win over Top of Iowa Conference rival North Butler. The Huskies’ mini, two-match win streak went the way of N-P – 25-23, 25-22, 24-26, 23-25, 16-14.

N-P faced match point – down 14-13 – against NB but won the final three points of the final set for the narrow and thrilling victory.

The match raised awareness in the battle against cancer as the Bearcats dubbed the evening’s league contest “Dig Pink Night.” The Bearcats honored former North Butler volleyball coach Jamie Osterbuhr, who is currently battling cancer.

The win was also N-P’s first league conquest of the fall, as the Huskies are 1-5 overall in league play and 3-13 overall. North Butler fell to 8-14 and 1-4 in the TIC East.

Foelske, in her third year as N-P head coach, talked about the inconsistent play of her team – which only has six matches remaining in the regular season. Soon, postseason pairings will be released by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

“We rollercoaster a lot,” said Foelske. “We just can’t seem to stay on the top of the rollercoaster. We get stuck down in.”

Foelske moved sophomore outside hitter Elayna O’Neill into the middle for N-P’s home invite and her kill gave N-P an 8-3 lead over CR in game two.

“We need that block and she’s a little quicker. We tried something new to see if we could mesh a little better,” said Foelske.

The Huskies would ride a barrel roll into a tight corner and then dipped down low again as the Eagles tied it 10-10 later on the second game. But N-P put on the brakes and dived back up on the high side of the net for a 14-12 advantage after sophomore Lily Eiffler’s kill. Eiffler’s ace made it 20-17 and O’Neill won a free ball up front near the net to close out a game-two victory for the Huskies.

“That was probably our best game of the day, for sure,” said Foelske. “We came out in a flat in the first set, but then we seemed to be able to hold those next two. I think it is a matter of them gelling. They struggle a little bit to find that cohesiveness on the court. As far as Clayton Ridge goes, they’re a good team. We just were able to execute in the last two games.”

The final and ensuing game three against CR saw junior Paige Franzen rocket a kill to the hardwood for a 12-11 lead for her Huskies. Franzen would end the contest with another kill and the Huskies were more than pumped as all six players on the court, including the bench, were fired up after halting the losing skid.

“Honestly, we gotta take what we can get. If they make a mistake – they miss a serve – oh, well, let’s go score five more points. We have to capitalize on those kind of mistakes, which I know we can do. It’s in us, we just have to do it,” said Franzen.

North Linn (14-5) would put a stop to the Huskies’ celebration with a 21-5, 21-10 win in the last game of the afternoon. The Huskies dropped their battle out on the hardwood in the morning against Starmont (7-3). The Stars picked themselves off the floor after a game-one setback of 21-19 to N-P. The squad that draws its players from Strawberry Point and Lamont closed the Huskies out in the final two games – 21-12 and 15-11.

“Starmont was a match that showed how much we just ride that rollercoaster and we can’t keep the consistency on the court,”



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield players celebrate the match-clinching point against Clayton Ridge at the Huskies’ home tournament, where Josslyn Glaser (below) goes up for a swing at the net.



said Foelske.

Eiffler leads N-P in kills (45) with the stats that have been updated on Bound prior to N-P’s three-set loss to Osage on Tuesday, Sept. 12. O’Neill is second in kills with 38, while Franzen sports 35 kills.

N-P sophomore Kami Hannemann leads the team in assists with 131 through 11 matches. Foelske said she is still learning her new position as setter.

“Our biggest struggle right now is getting our passes,” said Foelske. “Kami’s struggling, but she’s struggling because she having to run all over the court.”

N-P sophomore Ava Kirk leads the team in aces with 17. Pratt has amassed 16 and Hannemann has sent 15 aces over the net.

Franzen is confident her Huskies can get on a roll and do some damage to opponents in regional play once the postseason starts.

“I think after this tournament we have

to switch our mindset and be like okay, it’s almost postseason and we have to pick it up. We know we can win,” said Franzen.

Pratt, an all-conference outside hitter her sophomore season, has moved to libero this fall because of a shoulder injury. She perfectly summed up what the up-and-down Huskies have experienced through two-thirds of the season thus far and what they need to do about it.

“I want us to keep building, instead of decreasing,” said Pratt. “We need to quit these rollercoasters in a way.”

N-P will have a week off before it plays at Clarksville this coming Tuesday. The Huskies close out the regular season at home versus Belmond-Klemme on Monday, Oct. 2 and on Senior Night at the Husky gym on Tuesday, Oct. 3 versus West Fork. The Huskies’ final three matches of the regular season will take place at home



Nashua-Plainfield’s volleyball players and coaches enjoy a light moment during a timeout at the Nashua-Plainfield Invitational that was held this past Saturday.



Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield running back Titus Evans (above) fets ready to deliver a “stiff arm” to an AGWSR defender while Aiden Sullivan and Tate White (below) team up to make a tackle last Friday night.

Huskies ‘D’ shuts down the Cougars

Football: From 14

yards rushing and three touchdowns. Evans cranked up that yardage on just 18 carries.

“That is an impressive game. He gashed their defense all night,” said Christensen.

N-P junior tailback Aiden Gelner took the game’s opening kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown. He now has two career kickoff returns for a score as he took a kickoff to the house last year as sophomore against North Butler.

“Gelner’s return set the tone for the night. You could see some of the AGWSR kids get deflated after being excited for their homecoming game. Our entire kickoff return does a nice job,” said Christensen.

Gelner gained 71 yards on 13 carries and scored N-P’s second touchdown on the night on a 24-yard scamper in the first quarter.

Evans – the fourth-best rusher in Class A with 682 yards – galloped for touchdown runs of 44, 48 and one yard. He averages 8.5 yards a crack and leads Class A with seven two-point conversions.

N-P is third in its class in tackles for loss (38). N-P mauled AGWSR with 15 tackles for loss. Husky all-state senior linebacker Tate White recorded six of those and leads the Huskies in tackles (31). He is second in Class A with six TFLs.

The Huskies locked down the Cougars offense – which amassed only 130 yards of offense.

The Cougars’ Kaden Abbas’ 80-yard kickoff return in third quarter was AGWSR’s only score. N-P held Abbas to just 18 yards on 14 carries. Abbas ran for 165 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-18 loss the week prior at North Tama.

“We knew coming in if we stopped Abbas they would struggle. So that’s very dominant. Other then a few miscues in zone pass coverage, which was solved by going man-to-man, our defense played outstanding,” said the N-P head coach.

N-P did lose the turnover battle as the Huskies lost two fumbles. N-P senior quarterback Tucker Franzen picked off his second pass of the season in the win over the Cougars. Franzen threw for 43 yards.

N-P sits in first place in Class A, District 3 with 4-0 overall record and 3-0 standing in the district. Wapsie Valley (3-1, 2-0) is in second place, followed by North Butler (3-1, 3-1) and

Class A, District 3 Football

	Dist.	All
Nashua-Plainfield	3-0	4-0
Wapsie Valley	2-0	3-1
North Tama	2-1	2-2
North Butler	1-1	3-1
AGWSR	1-2	1-3
South Winn	0-2	1-3
BCLUW	0-3	0-4

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15, GAMES

Nashua-Plainfield 42, AGWSR 7
North Tama 36, BCLUW 6
Wapsie Valley 19, North Butler 0
South Winneshiek 27, Mason City Newman 0

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22, GAMES

St. Ansgar at Nashua-Plainfield
AGWSR at South Winneshiek
North Butler at BCLUW
North Tama at Wapsie Valley

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 42, AGWSR 7

NP	16	12	6	8	-	42
AGWSR	0	0	7	0	-	7

FIRST QUARTER

NP - Aiden Gelner 91 kickoff return (Titus Evans run)
NP - Gelner 24 run (Evens run)

SECOND QUARTER

NP - Evans 44 run (2 pt. PAT failed)
NP - Evans 1 run (2 pt. PAT failed)

THIRD QUARTER

NP - Evans 58 run (2 pt. PAT failed)
AG - Kaden Abbas 80 kickoff return (kick good)

FOURTH QUARTER

NP - Jackson Carey 3 run (Matthew Malven run)

TEAM STATS

	NP	AGWSR
Rushes-yards	44-404	20-48
Passing yards	43	82
Total yards	447	130
Att-Comp-Int	8-4-0	17-6-1

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STATS

Rushing - Titus Evans 18-260, Aiden Gelner 13-71, Jackson Carey 5-32, Tucker Franzen 4-(-6), Hayden Munn 2-19, Tate White 1-27, Dylan Blanchard 1-1.
Passing - Franzen 4-8-43.
Receiving - Matthew Malven 2-24, Trae Geise 1-12, Evans 1-7.
Tackles - White 7.5, Carey 7, Tyler Zimmer 5.5, Geise 4.5, Aiden Sullivan 3.5, Isaac Jones 3, Eli Kalainoff 2.5, Evans 2, Blanchard 2, Devon Blanchard 1.5, Landon Foelske 1, Franzen 0.5, Cam Cleveland 0.5, Beau Morris 0.5, Blaine Brannon 0.5.
Tackles for loss - White 6, Sullivan 2, Dy. Blanchard 1.5, Jones 1.5, Carey 1, Zimmer 1, Geise 0.5, Kalainoff 0.5, Foelske 0.5, Brannon 0.5.
Sacks - White 2, Sullivan 1.5, Dy. Blanchard 1, Brannon 0.5.
Interceptions - Franze 1-0.
Kickoff returns - Gelner 2-99.
Kickoffs - White 6-253, Morris 1-37.
Punts - White 1-42.



ON TAP FOR OUR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES

FRIDAY

Varsity football vs. St. Ansgar, YSF Youth Recognition Night, 7 p.m.

MONDAY

Junior varsity football vs. North Butler, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Volleyball at Clarksville, junior varsity at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cross country at Hampton-Dumont Invitational, Maynes Grove Park, 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

Varsity football vs. South Winneshiek, homecoming, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 2

Volleyball vs. Belmond-Klemme, junior varsity at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

Cross country at South Winneshiek Invitational, South Winneshiek Golf and Country Club, Calmar, 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. West Fork, junior varsity at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

Cross country at New Hampton Invitational, Plum Creek Golf Course, Fredericksburg, 4:15 p.m.



FRIDAY, OCT. 6

Varsity football at North Butler, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 9

Junior varsity football at Central Springs, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

Varsity volleyball vs. Hampton-Dumont, Lake Mills and North Butler, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

Cross country at Top of Iowa Conference meet, North Iowa Area Community College campus, Mason City, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

Varsity football vs. Wapsie Valley, Senior Night, 7 p.m.

FARM Safety

Week of September 17-23

Farmers may not always realize it, but they have a dangerous occupation

Tractor accidents, grain entrapment and injuries from ornery livestock are just some of the dangers agricultural workers face every day. In fact, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health says agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States.

The agricultural industry averages a rate of 21.4 deaths per 100,000 workers, and each day agricultural workers experienced 100 non-fatal, lost-work-time injuries.

Farms are dangerous places, and while carelessness can and does contribute to many incidents, accidents also take place during routine, seemingly safe activities. These farm safety guidelines can help lower the risk of injuries.

- Know farm equipment. Read and follow all instructions in the equipment operation manuals. In addition, attend local farm safety workshops to learn more about specific equipment and products.

- Conduct routine safety checks. Look around buildings and grounds for obvious haz-

ards, such as fire hazards and hazardous materials, including farm chemicals that are not stored correctly.

- Practice cleanliness. Maintain clean and neat work areas with tools stored properly and out of the way after use.

- Be mindful of your clothing and hair. Many accidents involve a power take-off system, or PTO, which is a common component of large rotary mowers, tractors and forage choppers. Clothing can easily get caught in an engaged but unguarded PTO stub. It's easy for laces or coveralls to become wrapped around a spinning stub shaft. The PTO driveline and other protrusion points also can be dangerous if people do not pay attention.

- Use rollover protection structures. ROPS can be used on tractors and other equipment to prevent injuries. In addition, wear seat belts and employ other safety equipment as advised.

- Avoid extra passengers. It can be tempting to take the kids for a spin, but do not allow additional passengers to ride on agricultural equipment.



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Harvest scenes like this one may seem serene to the naked eye, but the fact is that farmers work in an industry that is one of the most dangerous in the country.

- Exercise caution when handling chemicals. Take extra precautions when handling any chemicals, including pesticides.

- Wear protective gear. Wear appropriate gear and equip-

ment as outlined by NIOSH or the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Make sure the skin, feet, ears, eyes, and hands are protected at all times.

- Employ lock out/tag out

control. This is a process where one can work on equipment only after every energy source has been controlled, such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, and electrical, according

to Rural Mutual Insurance Company. Turning off equipment and using certain controls or locks on devices can prevent equipment from restarting before it is safe to do so.

Tips on how we can share the roads with farmers

- Slow down immediately when you see farm equipment ahead of you on the road. Farm equipment isn't very fast, think 15-20 mph on the road on average perhaps. If you are driving 55 mph, you are covering around 80 feet per second; it won't take very long to be right on top of a slow moving vehicle.

- Be patient and wait to safely pass farm equipment. Unsafe passing was one of the primary factors of a lot of motor vehicle accidents that were responded to in recent falls.

- Along those same lines, be careful when approaching on-com-

ing farm equipment. Oncoming vehicles might not be as patient as you are and pull out suddenly to pass the farm equipment—right into your path.

- Farm equipment often has to make wide turns, so be aware of that and help out by being patient and giving them room to turn.

- Since some of the equipment is fairly wide, you may still have to edge out on the other side of the road, further than normal; even though growers are very good at getting over as far as they safely can to let you by. Road shoulders can be notoriously tricky, both in dry and wet weather.

- Harvest seems to amplify deer movement both day and night. Watch your speed and scan your surroundings for them as you drive. Like anything else, situational awareness will help reduce risk.

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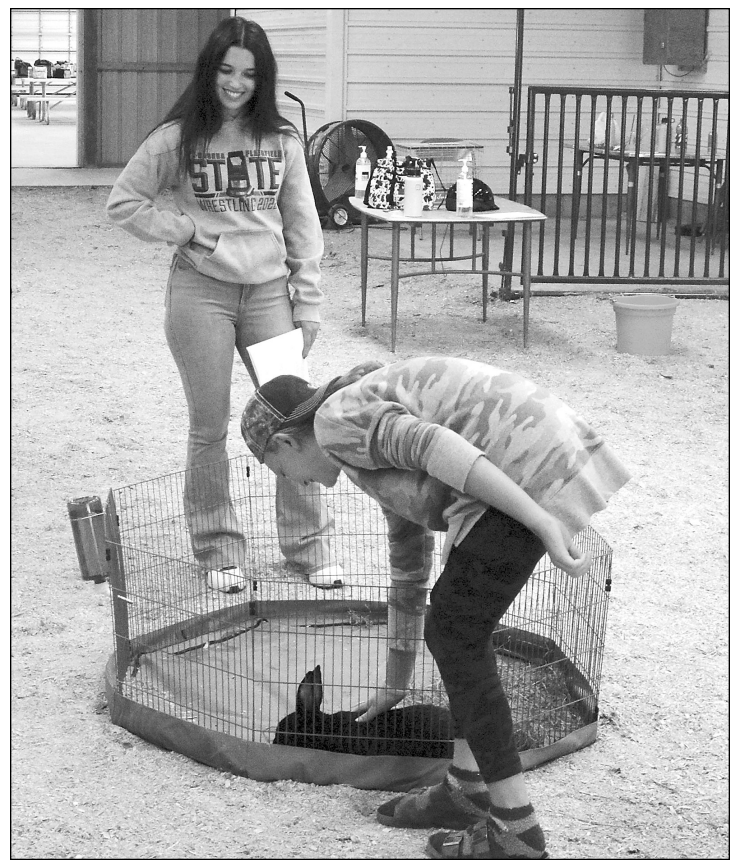
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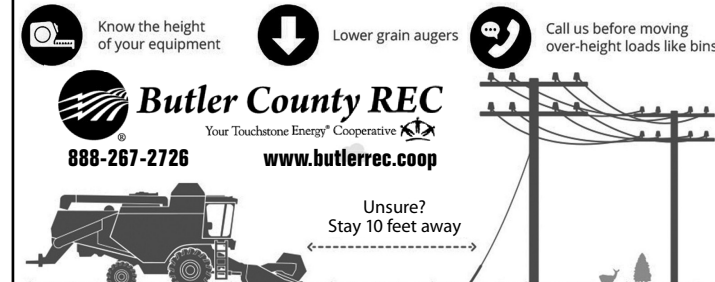
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Area high school students (left) take part in a GPS demonstration during Precision Ag and Animal Science Field Day, where an Ellsworth Community College professor and his students (above) ran one of eight stations.

Students get 'precision ag' lesson

ISU Extension and Outreach event includes 145 students from 11 area school districts

Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach recently hosted a Precision Ag and Animal Science Field Day for

high school students.

Students from area high schools were invited to spend a day at the ISU Experimental Research Farm near Nashua.

The day was filled with 11 school districts being represented by 145 registered students, according to Kendra Crooks, 4-H youth specialist.

The global purpose of the field days is to engage students in hands-on learning and create awareness of endless possibilities of careers right here in northern Iowa.

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Precision agriculture is being used more and more in farming.

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Legend
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Fig. 234-4(1)
Permanently Installed Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

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The goal is to connect youth with local businesses and industry leaders creating awareness of this fast changing industry by providing information and resources on how to prepare for these careers.

All high schools were invited from northeast and north central counties.

All sessions took place at the Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm that is located near Nashua.

The farm is owned by the Northeast Iowa Experimental Association.

The students learned from eight stations throughout the day. Event presenters included Iowa State University College of Agriculture faculty Maya Hayslett, Ellsworth Community College, ISU College of Vet Med and Poultry Farm, Jui Nelson,



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Students take part in a session during the annual Iowa State Extension Precision Ag and Animal Science Field Day that was held last week on the Northeast Iowa Demonstration Farm near Nashua.

ISU Water Rocks, Zoetis and Northeast Iowa Community College.

Event sponsors/donors included Northeast Iowa Research Farm, Black Hawk County Farm Bureau, Bremer County Farm Bureau, Butler County Farm Bureau, Floyd County Farm Bureau and the

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Sessions ranged from understanding emulsions/embryology vaccinations, drones, soil microbes and cover crops, biodiversity, equine tack and management, investigating turkey health, bovine birthing simulator, and precision planting this year.

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TIME FOR A LITTLE SHOWDOWN

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD ROUTS AGWSR 42-7 TO SET UP CLASH OF UNBEATENS WITH ST. ANSGAR

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Get there early and wear black and red – preferably with a Husky logo emblazoned somewhere on your outfit of choice.

The eighth-ranked Nashua-Plainfield football team will need all the support it can get from its fanbase tonight in one of the biggest games to be played at Lloyd Koob Field in darn near a decade.

The showdown awaits – No. 1 St. Ansgar at eighth-rated Nashua-Plainfield.

This evening's game in Nashua will have major ramifications in Class A as the Saints will march on to the Huskies' home turf in a marquee non-district battle that will go along way to determine the pecking order in the small-school class.

This non-conference battle is a major challenge for N-P head coach Andrew Christensen and his squad – which has started out undefeated at 4-0 for the first time since 2014.

Will the Huskies be up for the challenge? If they are and are able to knock off top-ranked St. Ansgar, it will go down as one of N-P's most storied wins – if not the best ever.

That's for sure.

First and foremost, N-P will have to stop a Saints' offense that comes into the contest on a roll after dismantling winless Belmont-Klemme, 61-6, last Friday. It was just two weeks ago that the Saints (4-0) took down former No. 1 West Hancock by a score of 24-15.

The Huskies average over 480 total yards of offense, put up 39 points a contest and have allowed only five touchdowns this season. But N-P hasn't played a team like St. Ansgar this season or came anywhere close to taking on the caliber of squad that the Saints possess.

"Saint Ansgar will be a challenge. They are always well-coached and play hard. The rankings are fun, but ultimately things are settled on the field," said Christensen. "Friday night we will need to block and tackle well, have 11 guys doing their job, and above all, have a strong game mentally."

Sure, N-P is not putting all its eggs in one basket, as this is not a district game – but the game could do wonders for N-P's confidence should they pull off the upset.

"I think as a high school football player these are the types of games you want to play in. Hopefully it prepares us for the rest of the regular season and into the postseason," said Christensen, in his fourth year of building his Husky program back up to the upper ranks of Class A football.



Nashua-Plainfield offensive lineman Isaac Jones gets off the ball and prepares to deliver a block during last week's game against AGWSR.

Sure, one might say N-P has bigger fish to fry by focusing on a district championship and a high seed as possible in the playoffs – but the Saints' game will reveal a lot about the Huskies in their first real test of the season.

Sans a narrow 22-20 home-opening win over North Tama in Week 2, N-P has beat up on overmatched opponents in its other three contests.

Those wins have enabled N-P to bury opponents on the ground out of its Wing-T offense. The Huskies are the second-best rushing team in Class A with 1,317 yards.

Sixth-rated AC/GC (4-0) is the top rushing squad with 1,373 yards.

The Huskies flexed its muscles with another dominating victory for the second week in a row on the road. The victim this week was AGWSR – on the Cougars' homecoming game no less. The Cougars had no answer for Christensen's offense as the unit bulldozed its way to 404 yards rushing in a 42-7 rout.

N-P senior fullback Titus Evans had the game of his life on the ground with 260

SEE FOOTBALL, 9



Nashua-Plainfield's Elayna O'Neill (above) goes up for a block while teammate Kami Hannemann (below) puts up a set in the Huskies' home tournament last Saturday.

Huskies get reward with tourney victory

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter



Carnival rides and amusement parks are fun.

No doubt.

But they can also leave you with a sick feeling in your stomach – uneasy and queasy – if you're not strapped in tight or forgot to bring the antacid.

The Nashua-Plainfield volleyball team has ridden that "wave" once again this fall, but over the course of the last week, the now resurgent Huskies have ended up coming out of that up-and-down "scream machine" for the better.

Now it's time to punch that ticket once again for another bumpy ride as the stretch run has arrived.

"It's either you're up or you're down – it literally is like that," said N-P senior libero Jalynn Pratt.

Nashua-Plainfield has been up over the course of the last week after breaking its nine-match losing streak at home on Saturday in a three-set win over Clayton Ridge the Huskies' home invite.

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 9

Huskies wrap up busy stretch in schedule

Nashua-Plainfield coach says week off needed so team can have some time at the track

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Jenn Kalainoff and her Nashua-Plainfield cross country runners aren't going to complain about running a lot of meets in a relatively short amount of time; after all, it seemed like it took forever to get the 2023 season off the ground.

The Huskies had their first two meets of the season called off because of the late summer heat before they finally were able to get a meet in on Sept. 7 at Union, but Thursday night's meet in Manly marked the fifth one in 15 days for Nashua-Plainfield.

And the Huskies need a break.

"It'll be nice to have just one meet next week because we need to get to the track and work on pace and things like that," Kalainoff said. "That's really tough to do when you're running a couple of meets a week. You have to give them time to recover and as much as I know the kids would rather run meets, that practice time is really important, too."

Nashua-Plainfield headed to the Central Springs Invitational on Thursday coming off two pretty solid meets as the Huskies found plenty to celebrate at both Independence last Thursday and in Denver on Monday.

Kadence Huck continued her strong junior season – out-kicking Union's Amillia Condon to win the Independence meet while finishing second to Sumner-Frederickburg's Hillary Trainor at Denver – while the Husky boys continued their strong "pack" running to finish fifth at both Indee and Denver.

"We're running against a lot of 2A and 3A teams so I'm really interested in how we're going to do when we get to a meet with mostly 1A teams," Kalainoff said of her boys. "They're running so well together and honestly, if you think about it, if



Nashua-Plainfield's Jase Hansen leads a pack of runners at the Osage Invitational that was held last week at the Mitchell County Conservation Center.

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