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Huskies send out volleyball seniors with a victory!

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Getting ready for an election, well, it's crazy

Chickasaw County deputy elections commissioner says Auditor's Office prepared for onslaught of voters

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Running an election is not a one-day thing.
Just ask Chickasaw County Deputy Commissioner of Elections Gina Fangman.
“It’s exciting, I won’t deny that, but it takes a lot of work,” she said.

"I feel like my whole life right now is the election, and luckily, everyone here at the Auditor's Office chips in and helps, but it's a little nerve-wracking, too. We want it to be right. We want it to go well."

And we're not that far away from actually being able to cast ballots; in fact, we're less than two weeks from the day when early voting starts in

State law dictates that absentee balloting begin 20 days before a general election, and that means on Wednesday, Oct. 16, voters can head to the courthouse and complete their civic duty for the Nov. 5 election.

County Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Fangman and the rest of the Auditor's Office staff.

"We've already received a lot — at least in my mind, it's a lot — of absentee ballot requests," Fangman said.

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Supervisor chair willing to return landfill stipend

Cerwinske says if board wants him to turn over money to county, he's willing to do so

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Scott Cerwinski said on Monday that he is willing to "refund" the county the money he received as a stipend for serving on the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill Board.

The issue came up during the public comment portion of the supervisors weekly meeting that lasted just 29 minutes on Monday morning.

Supervisors Matt Kuhn and Steve Breitbach both said they took phone calls from constituents about the stipend in the past week.

During a meeting on Sept. 23, the Board of Supervisors reached a consensus that Cerwinski should not receive the stipend — which the board chairman said worked out to about \$35 per meeting he attend.

The FMC Landfill pays both a stipend and mileage to board members for each meeting board members attend, and supervisors at the time said they had no issue with the mileage portion of the check. But they agreed with County Attorney David Laudner's legal opinion that Cerwinski should not receive the stipend.

"I can pay it back if that's what the board wishes me to do, I will do," Cerwinski said, reiterating a point he also made during a Sept. 24 interview.

Supervisor Jake Hackman, though, pointed out that the board couldn't take any action during this week's meeting because the item wasn't on the agenda and Cerwinski said he will put the item on the agenda for next week's meeting.

A group of approximately ten children are performing on a stage. They are dressed in various costumes, including a red jumpsuit, a green shirt and blue pants, and a white shirt with a vest. The stage is decorated with large speakers on either side and a colorful backdrop. The children are in various poses, suggesting a dance or performance. The audience is visible in the foreground, looking towards the stage.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of the Watoto Children's Choir sing and dance before a capacity crowd at the Compass Outreach Center in Nashua on Thursday evening.

Message filled with hope and love

During Nashua concert, African children's choir sends the message that 'better days are yet to come'

Sometimes deadlines stink.

Those three words popped into my head Thursday evening as I stood in the back of Compass Outreach Center in Nashua totally and completely enthralled by what I was witnessing — a powerful concert and revival wrapped up into one by the Watoto Children's Choir.

Deadline for this week's Reporter beckoned, yet I didn't want to leave.

The plan was to pop in to the center — the building that was once home to Nashua's old Congregational Church, which merged with the Little Brown Church several years ago — grab a few pictures, drive back to the office, put

them on a page and call it a night.

Instead, I heard a message from the children of Africa that this old man from Iowa needed to here.

Better days are yet to come.

And for 35 minutes, I was immersed in a message that after a long and grueling week I desperately needed to hear and it came via some of the most beautiful voices I have ever heard.

I'll be the first to admit that I can't carry a tune. I know I can't sing a lick, and years ago, when my boys were kids, I was reminded of that fact during church services. If I sang too loud, I'd receive elbows from both sides — Josh delivered

from the left and Noah did the same from the right.

But Thursday night, I was mesmerized by the story of Watoto, which touts itself as “a family made up of people from all over the world who are working together to ensure the forgotten have a place to belong.”

Started in 1984 by Gary and Marilyn Skinner when they planted a local church in Kampala, Uganda, to speak hope and life to a nation in the midst of civil war, the organization’s children’s choirs have traveled extensively

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Dr. David A. Clark is a professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also a senior research advisor at the same institution. Dr. Clark has a long history of research in the field of psychology, with a focus on the development of the self and the social environment. He has published numerous articles and books on these topics, and is a well-known figure in the field.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield Marching Huskies take to the field during halftime of the Huskies football game against BCLUW on Sept. 13.

Marching Huskies once again find success in Marshalltown

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield Marching Huskies and Marshalltown must be perfect for each other.

Need proof? Check out the results from Saturday's Oktoberfest Parade

Contest that was held this past Saturday, when the Huskies were named the top 1A school at the annual event.

It marked the 13th consecutive year that Director Scott Stroud's band has brought home hardware from central Iowa, and the longtime leader of the

band that is led this year by Drum Major Madelyn Hennings said one of the secrets success to the Marching Huskies is its entourage.

“Going to the Marshalltown Oktoberfest Parade Contest has been a highlight of our marching season each year for the past 25 years,” Stroud

said. "It is always fun to hear the Husky fans along the parade route cheering for us. We have the best fans."

The Marshalltown Oktoberfest Parade Contest was held in the morning and bands performed for two

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Book lovers, there's plenty of reading material up the road

BY TRAVIS FISCHER
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The Charles City Lions Club is busy sorting and stacking thousands of books for the group's 62nd annual book sale that begins next week.

Lions Club volunteers have been spending their Wednesday evenings at 812 N. Main St. organizing this year's selection of books donated by the community to sell for their longest running fundraiser.

"We still have a lot to go through," said Lions Club member Doug Sinclair.

Old books, new books, kids stories, grown-up adventures, biographies, text books, cooking books and more will be available as the club adds another 2,000 donated titles to their selection, including a nearly complete collection of the work of Danielle Steele.

"The community is really good about giving back," said Sinclair. "Somebody even donated a stamp book, which is kind of neat."

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Shifting into high gear in the fields

A farmer brings in a soybean field north of Nashua and west of Chickasaw Park on Thursday afternoon as the harvest season begins shifting into high gear, especially when it comes to beans.

According to the latest Iowa Crop and Condition Report from the USDA that came out on Monday, farmers in the North Central and Northeast districts of the state have harvested almost a third of their soybeans. The corn harvest, though, is slow going yet, with just 8 percent harvested but experts say the mild, dry weather expected through at least the middle of next week will change that.



Scott Stroud/NPHS and Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
The Marching Huskies, who are led by Drum Major Madelyn Hennings, take to the street in Marshalltown Saturday.



Marching Band has one more show to perform

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judges about half way through the parade route.

“The judges were looking for proper marching steps, straight lines, horn angles, posture and musical balance and blend,” he said, “and our kids did an excellent job of representing our school and our communities.”

In the past, Oketemberfest was the prelude to the state marching band contest for the Marching Huskies, who garnered their 18th Division I rating in the past 23 years during the 2023 event.

But because of budget shortages and a general

shortage of music teachers in the state, Stroud is now the 5-12 band teacher in the district and, as he put it last week, “something had to give.”

So the state contest that will be held on Oct. 12 met the chopping block.

Still, Stroud said he was proud of his band’s work this fall with its “Tribute to Elvis” show.

For those who haven’t seen the show that includes selections ranging from “Don’t Be Cruel/ All Shook Up” to “Jailhouse Rock” to “Love Me Tender/Hound Dog,” there’s still a chance to see it as the Huskies will play host to North Butler a week from tonight in their last home football game of the season.

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Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winn High School

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9:00am Volleyball: Varsity Tournament vs. Oelwein Community Schools @ Oelwein High School
- Halloween in the Park - Cedar View Park

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 9:00am FFA Greenhand Fire Up Nashua-Plainfield High School
- 4:15pm Volleyball: JH Match West Fork vs. Nashua-Plainfield MS @ Nashua-Plainfield High School
- 5:30pm Volleyball: JJV Match vs. Belmont-Klemme @ Belmont-Klemme High School
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- 6:00pm Football: JV JV Boys vs. Riceville @ Nashua-Plainfield High School NP Football Field - High School

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- 6-8 pm 4-H Roller Skating Party, New Hampton

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 4:15pm Football: JH Game vs. Postville MS @ Postville Schools
- 5:00pm Cross Country: Girls Varsity Meet vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winn Golf & Country Club Calmar
- 5:00pm Cross Country: Boys Varsity Invitational vs. Multiple Schools @ South Winn Golf & Country Club - Calmar
- 5:30pm Volleyball: JJV Match vs. West Fork @ West Fork High School
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- 11 am - 2 pm Tuesday’s at Compass Community Outreach Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 10:30 am Storytime at Plainfield Public Library

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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- vs. New Hampton @ Plum Creek Golf Course
- 4:15pm Volleyball: JH Match vs. West Central @ West Central High School
- 2-3 pm Thursday Coffee/Tea Senior Social at the Nashua Public Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 6:00pm Football: JV Game vs. Central Springs @ Nashua-

Plainfield High School

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 6:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Quad vs. Multiple Schools @ Hampton-Dumont High School
- 11 am - 2 pm Tuesday’s at Compass Community Outreach Center
- 11 am - 2 pm Tuesday’s at Compass
- 6-8 on Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Extension

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 10:30 am Storytime at Plainfield Public Library
- Farmers Market The Ole 707 in Plainfield
- 9-11:30 am Forest, Aquatic and Right-of-Way Pest Control C-CIC, New Hampton Chickasaw Co. Extension

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 3:30pm Cross Country: JH Conference vs. Multiple Schools @ NIACC
- 4:00pm Cross Country: Girls Varsity Conference vs. Multiple Schools @ NIACC, Mason City

Charles City Lions to start its annual book sale next week

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Along with books, the Lions Club has also amassed a collection of CDs, cassette tapes, a few games and vintage photos of Charles City.

Funds raised from the sale support several club projects.

“One of the big things Lions Club promotes is sight initiatives,” said club president Chuck Meyer.

This will also be the last year that the book sale will be held at the 800 block of North Main Street, which has hosted the

sale for the last several years. The Lions Club is in the process of looking for a new venue for next year’s sale.

“If you have any ideas, call us,” said Sinclair.

The book sale will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting on Wednesday, Oct. 9 through Friday, Oct. 11, and on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After a few days off, they sale will open up again from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, through Friday, Oct. 18, with a final day on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Briefs

Reporter making pitch for photos of veterans for special section

In an effort to “switch things up a bit,” the Nashua Reporter will be changing the format of its Veterans Day section this year to include photos of men and women who have served or are serving in the armed forces.

Photos of the veterans submitted by Oct. 24, along with a \$5 fee per photo, will run in the Nov. 7 edition of the Tribune and the Nov. 8 edition of the Reporter. The special section will also include feature stories on area veterans.

All the proceeds from the veterans photos will be donated to organizations that serve area veterans.

Please submit the photo, the \$5 fee, and fill out a form, which may be found in the Tribune, to New Hampton Tribune, Veteran’s Tab, 801 Riverside Dr., Charles City, IA 50616.

The photo may also be emailed to accounting@nhtrib.com by the Oct. 24 deadline or taken to the Tribune office in New Hampton, located in the Main Event building at 18 E. Main St.

The office hours in New Hampton are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

For more information on our veterans tribute, call 641-394-2111.

Shooting for a Cure set for Saturday near Boyd

A benefit shoot at the Fredericksburg Sportsman’s Club will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. to kick off Cancer Awareness Week.

Contestants at the event — which is located at 2410 Odessa Ave., New Hampton just south of Boyd — are charged a \$35 entry fee, which does not include ammunition. There will be 50 rounds fired and prizes will be awarded for the top three shooters.

“Ribbons In Honor” may be purchased at Schueth Ace Hardware or Office World in New Hampton, to be displayed in honor of a loved one impacted by cancer.

Also at the event will be a bake sale, raffle and a free-will donation meal. Proceeds from the event will be used by MercyOne and Beyond Pink TEAM in the fight against cancer.

Register by Oct. 9 for pesticide applicators continuing ed

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will host a Forest, Aquatic, and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 115 N. Broadway Ave, New Hampton. Preregistration may be required and walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows.

The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before Oct. 9 and \$55 after Oct. 9. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through the PSEP Program can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP.

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- 7:00pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Wapsie Valley @ Wapsie Valley High School
- Tom & Sue’s On Main, Nashua

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Tom & Sue’s On Main, Nashua

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 3:30pm Cross Country: Girls Varsity Rain Date vs. Multiple Schools @ NIACC, Mason City
- 3:30pm Cross Country: Boys Varsity Rain Date vs. Multiple Schools @ NIACC, Mason City
- 6:00pm Football: JV Game vs. Wapsie Valley @ Wapsie Valley High School

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 11 am - 2 pm Tuesday’s at Compass Community Outreach Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 10:30 am Storytime at Plainfield Public Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 2 & 7 pm Movie “Poms” at Plainfield Pubic Library

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 3 pm Nashua Women of Today Trunk-or-Treat on Main St.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 11 am - 2 pm Tuesday’s at Compass Community Outreach Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 10:30 am Storytime at Plainfield Public Library

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

- Plainfield Trick-or-Treating 5:30-7 pm

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John Norman Larsen, 86

John Norman Larsen, age 86 of Nashua, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, on hospice care in Wellman, surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with Chaplin Maurie Campbell presiding.

Interment will be held at a later date. John's grandchildren will be serving as honorary pallbearers.

A luncheon will take place at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua following the service.

The family asks for the public to be dressed in casual clothing for the services. In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorials to be directed to Iowa City Hospice, 1526 Sycamore St., Iowa City, IA 52240.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.

Born on Sept. 27, 1938, in Rutland, to Arthur and Martha (Madsen) Larsen, John's journey was one marked by dedication, service and a zest for life that enriched the lives of those around him.

After graduating from high school, John began his career as an assistant manager at the Hardy elevator. With determination and hard work, he climbed the ranks to become the manager of the Livernore elevator, a position that showcased his leadership and commitment to his profession. His career journey did not stop there; John later took on the role of manager at the Cleghorn/Cherokee, elevator.

Following his marriage, he and his family moved to Nashua, Iowa, where he managed the local elevator until his retirement at the age of 65.

Retirement did not slow John down. He pursued a new chapter in his life by returning to school and earning his realtor license. John found joy and fulfillment working part-time as a realtor — a testament to his lifelong love for learning and engaging with his community.

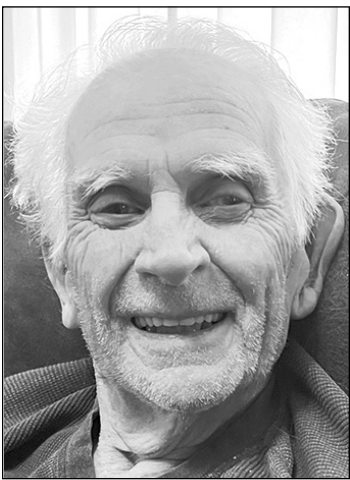
John's involvement in community organizations was extensive and heartfelt.

He was an active member of the Jaycees in Humboldt, serving as president of the club and demonstrating his passion for community service.

His dedication to civic engagement continued as he took on the role of mayor in Hardy. In Livernore, he was not only a member of the Lions Club but also served as chairman of the Livernore Commercial Club.

His leadership skills were further recognized when he co-chaired the bicentennial Humboldt County community celebration. With each move, John continued to immerse himself in local affairs, joining the Lions Club in Cleghorn and later serving as president of the Nashua Lions Club.

His commitment to his



John Larsen

faith and community was evident in his work on the building committee for the Nashua Methodist Church's new fellowship hall.

John's life was defined by his interests and the moments he cherished most. He often spoke of the birth of his three children as his greatest memory, a testament to the deep love and pride he held for his family.

His sense of humor and capacity for joy were infectious, best illustrated by the time he and his wife Naeko went fishing. The two shared a comical yet unforgettable adventure as they stumbled over rocks, both trying to net a large Northern. The laughter-filled chase ended with the triumphant catch, which they dragged out of the water and up to the bank. That northern, now mounted and displayed in his man-den, served as a constant reminder of the fun and camaraderie that John valued so dearly.

He enjoyed traveling, dancing, looking for Native American artifacts, shopping for antiques, and going to the casino with his wife.

John's life was a tapestry woven with the threads of adventure, friendship, and community service. Those who knew him will remember his warm smile, his eagerness to lend a hand, and his boundless enthusiasm for life's journey. His legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched and the communities he helped build and strengthen.

John is survived by his children, Ingrid (Todd) Sechler of Wellman, John Larsen of Tennessee, and Chad Larsen of Newton; sister-in-law, Sharon Larsen; grandchildren, Luke (Divya) Silbaugh, Cassie McCloud, Lance (Natalie) Silbaugh, and Colin (Claire) Goodfellow Weber; great-grandchildren, Ayden Silbaugh, Austin McCloud, Devin Silbaugh, Jordan McCloud, McKayla Silbaugh, Issac McCloud, Stella McCloud and Ruby and George Silbaugh; step-children, Yumi (Rick) Bibler, Linda (Gene) Rosenbaum, Cynthia (Russell) Reams and Michael (Jennifer) Cmelik; and many step-grand and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Martha (Madsen) Larsen; brothers: James, Duane and Virgil Larsen; and sister-in-laws Jean and Velma.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of the Watoto Children's Choir perform with high energy during a Thursday evening concert at the Compass Outreach Center in Nashua.

Children's choir provides us with hope

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throughout the world spreading a message of hope — not only for Africa's most vulnerable children and women but for the entire world — for the past 30 years.

My plan was to stay for 10 minutes, but God's plan, as it often is, was different.

I stayed for one song. I stayed for another. And if I didn't have that deadline looming ahead of me, I would have stayed all night.

As they sang that God wins out "over fear and all anxiety" and "to every soul held captive by depression," I won't lie. I felt a tear or two or three.

They're talking to me.

I've struggled with all three this week, and I'll be the first to admit my issues are first-world problems. Not enough money, an injured son, the depressive funk I can't seem to shake and the anxiety that I've

had for much of my life.

But for a moment on Thursday evening, everything in my world was perfect.

Those voices were just ... dazzling beautiful, and they reminded this at times — OK, most of the time — wayward Christian that there is hope.

I just want to speak the name of Jesus. 'Til every dark addiction starts to break.

Declaring there is hope and there is freedom.

I speak Jesus.

Your name is power.

Your name is healing.

Your name is life.

Break every stronghold.

Shine through the shadows.

Burn like a fire.

I'm not a "Bible thumper" by any means — heck I can probably recite, at most, four or five verses from the Good Book — but

this was a message that I needed to hear on a Thursday night in a little outreach center in a little town in Iowa.

The work Watoto has done for the past 40 years is breathtaking. It has built villages, it has saved the lives of countless women and children, it has created sustainability projects like farms that support the people of Africa. The list of its accomplishments is practically endless.

I'm glad I went. I'm glad I flirted with deadline and stayed as long as I did. And I'm glad the Compass Outreach Center was home to a standing-room only crowd.

It was, in short, a beautiful — albeit, in my case at least, a shortened — night.

Deadlines do stink, especially for a procrastinator like myself, but if I'm late getting these pages out tonight, I'm OK with that, because on this night, a children's choir from Africa reminded me that there is hope for all of us.

It's going to be a busy month for election officials

ELECTION: FROM 1

"We've ordered the ballots. They're in the office. We have all of our precinct workers hired; we even have a waiting list of people that are willing to work. We're ready, but we also still have a lot of work to do."

That work includes sending out those absentee ballots, testing voting machines, preparing for what could be an onslaught of early voters and more.

The challenge for election officials is that there are a host of rules and regulations they must follow.

Take for example the requests for absentee ballots that the Auditor's Office has been receiving since late August. Those ballots, state law says, can't be mailed to voters until absentee balloting begins, i.e., on Oct. 16.

"We haven't forgotten people," Fangman said, "but we also have to make sure we're complying with the law. So if you see us hauling a lot of mail across the street [to the Post Office] on the 16th, that's why."

Fangman also reminded residents that the days of making sure returned ballots are "postmarked" by Election Day are gone; instead, only ballots received by the time polls close at 8 p.m. on Nov. 5 can be counted.

"If you're cutting it close — maybe even the week before the election — my suggestion is that you hand deliver them," Fangman said.

Meanwhile, the county has also set up a "satellite voting station" in Alta Vista that will be open to voters in the "Chickasaw North Precinct" from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23. Fangman said voters in the precinct petitioned to have the satellite station.

"Basically, it has to be done for every election cycle, and if

they get 100 signatures, which they did, then we offer that," she said. "Technically, they will be counted as absentee ballots, which means we will count them when we do the rest of the absentee ballot [on Election Day]."

The affected precinct includes the cities of Alta Vista, North Washington and Protivin and all of Deerfield, Jacksonville, Utica and Washington precincts and a small portion of Chickasaw and Dayton townships.

But it's more than rules and regulations that make planning and executing an election a challenge, so, too, are the sheer number of "key dates" that the Auditor's Office has on its calendar.

Those include the following:

- As mentioned, absentee balloting begins on Oct. 16 and voters who want to cast ballots early can do so during the Auditor's Office regular hours — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays — through Monday, Nov. 4.

- Monday, Oct. 21: Final day for voters to pre-register for the election; those that miss the deadline can register at the polls on Nov. 5.

- Wednesday, Oct. 30: Public testing of voting machines will be conducted at 1 p.m. on the first floor of the courthouse in the room located behind the drivers license station.

- Friday, Nov. 1: The Auditor's Office will be open until 5 p.m. for early voting.

- Saturday, Nov. 2: The Auditor's Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for early voting.

- Tuesday, Nov. 5: Election Day with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Add it all up and it's going to be a busy month, so much that Fangman won't really get much of a chance to celebrate her milestone birthday on Nov. 4, when she turns the big 5-oh.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Assessor Raymond Armel, Custodian Dave Gorman, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Safety Director Ranae Carey, Engineer Roman Lensing, and Recorder Shirley Troyna.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for September 23, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for September 16, 2024 with a change. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Special Class B Retail Native Wine License for a 12-month term for Chickasaw County Historical Society. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and adopt the Policy for Board of Supervisors' Appointments. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No public comment.

Discussed compensation paid to county supervisor when serving as member of a 28E Entity. Consensus of the board to have supervisor forfeit payments.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Resolution 09-23-24-40 Joint City and County Urban Renewal (TIF) Agreement. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA AND VARIOUS CITIES RELATED TO THE INCLUSION OF LAND WITHIN EACH CITY'S "AREA OF OPERATION" WITHIN THE PROPOSED CHICKASAW COUNTY CWEC URBAN RENEWAL AREAWHEREAS, Chickasaw County, Iowa (the "County") has caused a proposed. /ss/ Scott Cerwinski, Chair, Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Cerwinski. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasaw-county.iowa.gov

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve the selling of unused

county furniture and office equipment through advertising in county papers; New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter on October 3rd and 4th, sealed bids to be at the auditor's office by 4:00 PM on October 18, 2024 and unsealed at the Board of Supervisors meeting October 21, 2024. People can view furniture and equipment at the Law Emergency Management Commission (LEMC) on October 15th & 18th from 11:00 AM thru 1:00 PM. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve the hiring of Cassie Kilcher as a dispatcher/jailer starting Monday, September 30, 2024 at the rate of \$21.86/HR, per union contract, for Sheriff's department. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Purple Wave Auction company contract for the sale of the 2016 and 2017 Durangos that have been decommissioned and authorize Sheriff's signature. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve a three-year contract with Velocity EHS for a subscription and service for the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to be split between Secondary Roads and General Services. First year's Subscription and Service is \$3,224.90 and an increase of 5% for year 2 and for year 3. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$216,292.16. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve payroll check date September 20, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Committee Assignment: Supervisor Breitbach, September 18, 2024- FMC De-categorization

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:15 AM. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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ISU Extension to offer a course on financial security to teachers

Iowa K-12 teachers and their students will benefit from "Small Change: Building Financial Security for Educators." This Iowa State University Extension and Outreach blended course starts Wednesday, Oct. 30 with an introductory session from 4:30-6:30 p.m., followed by a four-week, self-paced, facilitator-led online learning experience.

The course content is embedded in the financial literacy standards of the Iowa Core 21st Century Skills and Social Studies, and connects participants with curricula, resources and school-based programs for elementary, middle and high school levels, said course instructor Carol Ehlers, a human sciences specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. Educators can earn one Iowa License renewal credit. Registration at <https://event.me/vX5wOo> is required by Oct. 23.

The "Small Change: Building Financial Security" course features vetted curriculum and resources. It has been accepted as an Iowa Board of Educational Examiners Endorsement Class for Financial Literacy and Business Teachers.

The course is designed to help K-12 educators to make more informed decisions about financial management and build greater confidence to make small changes that can make a difference. Participants explore gamified lessons that are timely and relevant to themselves personally and to their classroom.

The course fee is \$30 to Iowa State Education Association members and non-members. Those who do not need license renewal credit may register and audit the course for a \$15 fee.

Register online by Oct. 23 at <https://event.me/vX5wOo>. Space is limited.

Thank You

The Don Boss family would like to thank everyone who has supported us with kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. A special thank you to Dr. Royer and his staff for the excellent care and comfort given to Don during his hospitalization.



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Nashua-Plainfield runners post nine season-best times

CROSS COUNTRY: FROM 10

again demonstrated she can rise to the elite level of Class 1A in terms of notching a medal once again at state – just like she did her sophomore year at the state meet in Fort Dodge. Huck finished 67th at state as junior – an uncharacteristic bump in the road in what has simply been a tremendous four years of running, not even including her historic track and field accolades.

Huck – a senior who is ranked ninth in Class 1A according to the Iowa Association of Track Coaches (IATC) and is looking to become a four-time XC state qualifier – won her third meet of the season at Manly with a time of 19:47. She bested runner-up Lauren Hillesland (19:55) of North Iowa by eight seconds and rival Claire Zweibohmer (20:17) of Riceville by a whopping 30 seconds. Zweibohmer has beaten Huck before and finished fourth. Bethany Warren of Forest City was third in 20:11.

“She had a great race and ran a smart race. She couldn’t let up, as North Iowa was gaining on her and at one point led the race. Kadence is strong and was able to outrun her at the end. It sounds like the runner from Riceville was battling some illiness, so she wasn’t a threat during that race, but she is a runner to watch out for as well,” said Kalainoff.

To give you an idea of the times Huck has run at Manly – she posted a 19:38 at the qualifier there a year ago. Her time of 19:16 at the qualifier in 2022 was good for second place. Huck’s school record time of 18:58 was recorded at the South Winneshiek Invite last fall.

Huck’s top time this year came at the Dick Pollitt Go-Hawk Invite on the Wartburg Max course last month in Waverly. That clip is 19:19.

Jase Hansen loves the course at Manly as well. He came within an eyelash of achieving a career personal-best with a 19th place finish in 18:25.8. His career PR came at the qualifier last year at Manly and is 18:24.7. Hansen came within one second – and just one spot from cracking the state field at that 2023 district meet in Manly.

“Jase ran a great race in a fast group of competitors. Any time you run a race with Lake Mills and North Butler, there is good competition. He is running faster at this point of the season than he did last year. Jase has his goals and knows what he needs to do. He also knows he wants to be in Fort Dodge on Nov 2nd,” said Kalainoff.

N-P senior Caleb Sinnwell ran a lifetime best in 19:12. That was good for 35th place.

Kalainoff said her squad is peaking at the right time.

“Even when we have runners

that aren’t necessarily placing and coming home with medals, the thing I love about XC is that it means different things for different runners. We celebrate all success and love seeing the times continue to come down,” said the N-P head coach.

Jalissa White, a junior and one of Kalainoff’s top runners, did not run at the Central Springs meet. That meant freshman Kelly Cerwinske finished as the second-best Husky to cross the finish line behind Huck. Cerwinske finished 68th in 25:25, almost a minute faster than the Huskies’ previous meet at Willow Run in Denver the week prior.

N-P junior Brexton Bird improved substantially from Willow Run. He cut over 1:30 off his time to place in 45th (19:48). Husky sophomore Connor Sullivan also dropped more than 1:30 off his time from Denver. He crossed the tape in 20:47, which was 58th.

The biggest gainer in terms of lowering times for N-P was sophomore Carson Mundorf. He placed 96th in 22:34. His time at Willow Run was 25:53. Luke Paplow, a junior, placed 39th in 19:29 and junior Sam O’Neill was 67th overall in 21:17.

N-P senior Amberley Gerholdt finished the course in 26:46, which was 85th overall.

Husky freshmen Emma Hinders (74th) ran a 25:45 and Adiley Gerholdt (89th) clipped out to a tune of 26:57.

“Nine season-best times makes a coach very happy! The kids are doing what they need to do and seeing results,” Kalainoff added.

The Huskies ran at Maynes Grove Country Park in Hampton on Thursday, a meet hosted by Hampton-Dumont-CAL.

CENTRAL SPRINGS INVITE GIRLS TEAM SCORES

Forest City 47, Waukon 87, Iowa Falls-Alden 96, South Winneshiek 98, Central Springs 157, Mason City Newman 167, St. Ansgar 173, Hampton-Dumont-CAL 207, West Fork 213, West Hancock 224, Nashua-Plainfield 246.

Individual winner (122 runners) - Kadence Huck, Nashua-Plainfield 19:47.1

Nashua-Plainfield results - 1. Huck 19:47.1, 68. Kelly Cerwinske 25:25.7, 74. Emma Hinders 25:45.2, 85. Amberley Gerholdt 26:46.5, 89. Adiley Gerholdt 26:57.2, 121. Bailey Bond 36:04.2.

CENTRAL SPRINGS INVITE BOYS TEAM SCORES

Lake Mills 32, Forest City 37, Mason City Newman 109, North Butler 135, South Winneshiek 151, Nashua-Plainfield 168, West Fork 184, Iowa Falls-Alden 217, Hampton-Dumont-CAL 243, Central Springs 250, Riceville 313, St. Ansgar 313.

Individual winner (139 runners) - Gavin Grunhoyd, North Iowa 16:06.3.

Nashua-Plainfield results - 19. Jase Hansen 18:25.8, 35. Caleb Sinnwell 19:12, 39. Luke Paplow 19:29.1, 45. Brexton Bird 19:48.5, 58. Connor Sullivan 20:47.8, 67. Sam O’Neill 21:17.7, 90. Benjamin Percy 22:21.5, 96. Carson Mundorf 22:34.6.

Briefs

St. Lucas museum to celebrate Oktoberfest Saturday

The German American Museum will celebrate Oktoberfest this Saturday with a meal from 4 to 7 p.m. at the museum that is located in St. Lucas.

The meal includes the famous Polasek’s German bratwurst, buns, sauerkraut, potato salad, baked beans, and cookies. The meals are available for carry-out or dine-in at the museum that is located at 212 E. Main St., and the suggested donation is \$14 per meal.

At 4 p.m. the Czech Heritage Partnership (CHP) is demonstrating the sauerkraut making process in the German American Mu-

seum.

Plum Creek to hold artist open house this Sunday

The Plum Creek Art Center in Fredericksburg has a new special exhibit at the Connie Mohr Gallery showing until November and will hold an open house for it this Sunday.

Keith Kreun is a local artist and musician who has traveled widely. He is sharing his collection of paintings purchased around the world.

The open house this Sunday runs from 1 to 4 p.m. and Kreun will be present to tell about the paintings and share his travel stories.

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Makaela Klme/Chickasaw County ISU Extension and Bob Fenske/Reporter
Swine Show participants (above) pose for a group photo while the Static Show is in full swing at this past year's Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

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By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Makaela Kime is, in a word, bullish on 4-H, and just a few short months into her stint as the Chickasaw County ISU Extension youth coordinator, she's not shy about touting the organization's strengths. "I think what's amazing

about 4-H is that it literally has something for everyone," Kime said on the eve of National 4-H Week, which begins on Monday. "Obviously, a lot of kids love working with the livestock — the cows, the pigs, the chickens and all that — but even if you're not into that, we

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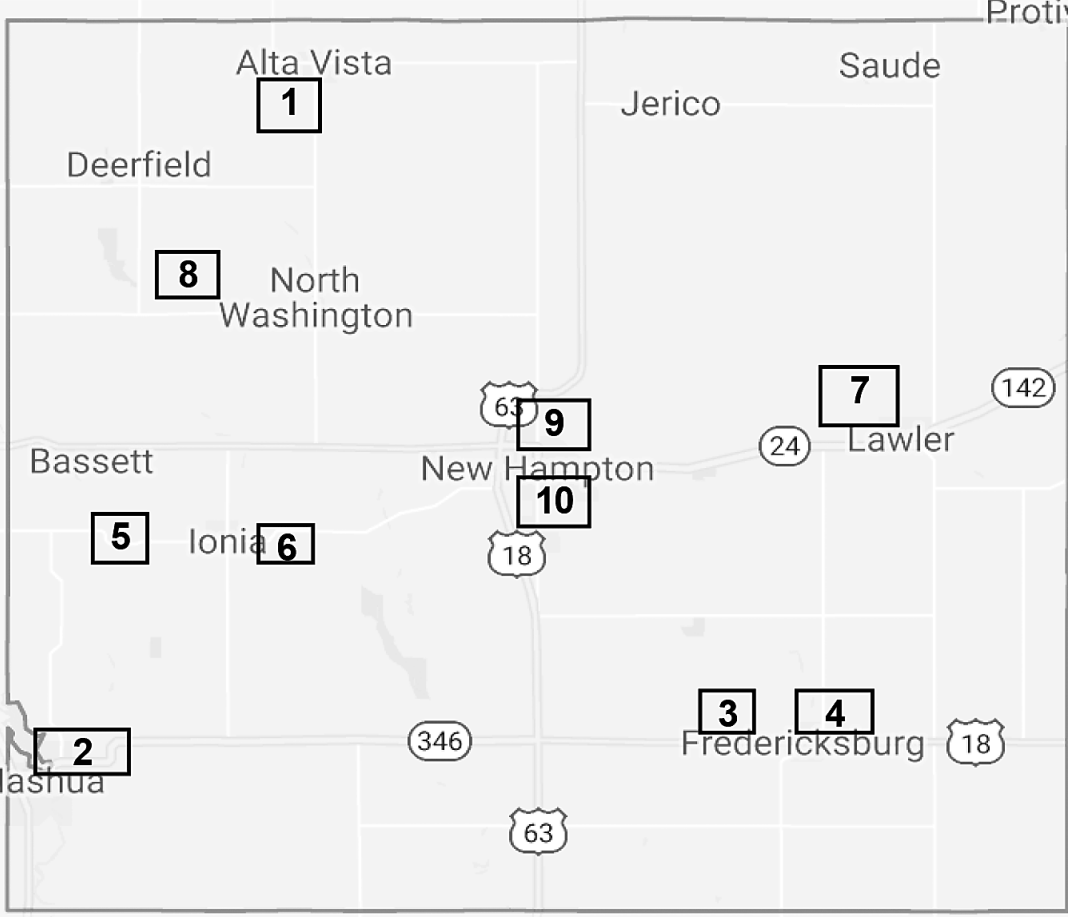
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Makaela Kime shares some thoughts about her first Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show this past summer during the fair’s awards ceremony.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



October 6-12, 2024

Get ready to jump in and invite your friends! All events will be free for enrolled youth to attend.

Monday October 7th - Roller Skating 6-8 pm at Crystal Ball Roller Rink. Free for all youth who attend!

Tuesday October 8th - - Find the 4-H Clover! We will be hiding these in Alta Vista, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler, Nashua, New Hampton, and North Washington. Once you find the clover, bring it back to the Extension Office to take your picture and claim your prize.

Wednesday October 9th - Wear your 4-H shirt to school day! Take a picture of yourself in your 4-H shirt & tag Chickasaw County 4-H in a Facebook post. Any photos that are tagged to the Chickasaw County 4-H page will be in the running for a prize. Only 1 prize per participant

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Youth coordinator makes 4-H pitch

4-H: FROM 6

have all the Static divisions where you can find something you truly love to do."

That variety is part of what Kime loves about the job she took at the beginning of the summer, and she also enjoys the fact that she gets to work with youth of all ages.

"One day I might be with high school kids and the next day, I'm with the little ones in an elementary school," she said. "It's like no two days are the same. I love working with kids of all ages and this job gives me that chance."

Chickasaw County has nine active 4-H clubs spread throughout the county and is also home to an active Clover Kids program that serves younger students who don't become eligible for 4-H until they are in the fourth grade.

Kime's goal is simple: Grow 4-H in the county.

Not that it isn't successful now, but Kime said that she wants more kids to experience the benefits of the program. She said it helps that the county is blessed with a number of veteran 4-H leaders, and she added that her goal is to attend club meetings to not only get a chance to meet more members but also learn from those lead-



Eli Suhr, a 4-Her from Fredericksburg, gets his cow ready for this past summer's Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

ers, many of whom have been a part of 4-H for decades.

She believes 4-H offers two things — opportunities and rewards — for its members.

"I think it's so cool to see kids discover things and to grow," she said. "It doesn't matter if you've never picked up a camera; 4-H is a place you can find that you not only love photography but you can be good at it. That's just one example. There are a million

things like that in 4-H and it's why we should celebrate it."

She said the program offers an array of different opportunities, and during the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show this past summer, which was her first as youth coordinator, she said the rewards came in all shapes and sizes.

"Sometimes it's just how much they've improved their project, sometimes it's going to the State Fair," she said, "but the diversification of 4-H, that's what makes it so cool. I can't wait to see where 4-H goes from here, but I know it's going to impact a lot of kids."

It's one reason she is touting the map and the list of clubs that can be found above this story.

"My hope is that parents will see them and say to themselves, 'This would be really good for my kids,'" she said, "and trust me, it will."



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From Clover Kids to graduation, a lifetime of memories!

Several Clover Kids — the precursor to 4-H — are honored at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show's awards ceremony before the 4-H "seniors" take the stand, but although Clover Kids and 4-H serve a variety of ages, the county's youth coordinator has little doubt that the kids pictured below will look back on their 4-H experiences fondly in the years to come.



A little lesson in 4-H history

Since 4-H began more than 100 years ago, it has become the nation's largest youth development organization.

The 4-H idea is simple: Help young people and their families gain the skills needed to be proactive forces in their communities and develop ideas for a more innovative economy.

Late 1800's: Making connections

In the late 1800's, researchers discovered adults in the farming community did not readily accept new agricultural developments on university campuses, but found that young people were open to new thinking and would experiment with new ideas and share their experiences with adults. In this way, rural youth programs introduced new agriculture technology to communities.

The idea of practical and "hands-on" learning came from the desire to connect public school education to country life.

Building community clubs to help solve agricultural challenges was a first step toward youth learning more about the industries in their community.

1902: Youth clubs are formed

A. B. Graham started a youth program in Clark County, Ohio, in 1902, which is considered the birth of 4-H in the United States.

The first club was called "The Tomato Club" or the "Corn Growing Club". T.A. Erickson of Douglas County, Minnesota, started local agricultural after-school clubs and fairs that same year. Jessie Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with an H on each leaf in 1910, and by 1912 they were called 4-H clubs.

1914: Cooperative extension system is created

The passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA and nationalized 4-H. By 1924, 4-H clubs were formed and the clover emblem was adopted.

The Cooperative Extension System is a partnership of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 100 land-grant universities and more than 3,000 county offices across the nation.

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4-H today

Today, 4-H serves youth in rural, urban, and suburban communities in every state across the nation. 4-H'ers are tackling the nation's top issues, from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to childhood obesity and food safety.

4-H out-of-school programming, in-school enrichment programs, clubs and camps also offer a wide variety of STEM opportunities — from agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science — to improve the nation's ability to compete in key scientific fields and take on the leading challenges of the 21st century.

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The Four H's

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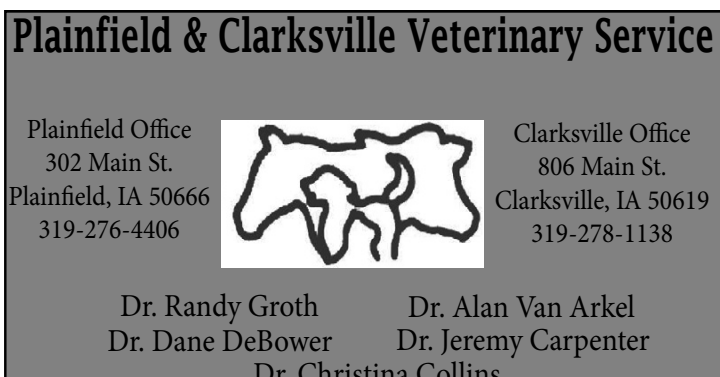
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love everything that they’ve done for me,” smiled McLeland, who also is a member of the Husky girls track squad and basketball team.

McLeland was one of three seniors for Mindy Foelske’s Huskies that played their final home volleyball match of their careers and it was an emotional sendoff for the girls.

“Yeah clearly, I’m literally bawling,” said senior Josslynn Glaser. “I can’t stop bawling.”

Glaser and her Huskies – along with all-conference senior Paige Franzen – swept Clarksville by scores of 25-18, 25-18 and 25-16.

N-P went on an 11-0 run in game three after Clarksville (2-19) had taken a 13-9 lead. N-P junior all-conference setter Kami Hannemann helped spark the rally with four aces during that hot streak for the Huskies. Several more points after that 20-13 N-P advantage and the Huskies clinched the match. Then emotions overtook Glaser, who lost the last half of her season a year ago as a junior with an ankle injury. She returned about a third of the way though this fall campaign – her last go-round as a Husky. “It literally hit me right away. We got that last point and I was literally done for. I didn’t expect to ball as much as I would because it’s not our last game,” said Glaser.

Franzen once again rose to the occasion on a big night for her Huskies with 10 kills, 11 digs and three aces. It was a bittersweet victory in her mind as well, even knowing there’s a decent amount of the season left to improve on last year’s six-win total.

“I know it’s Senior Night and I know it’s a great win to have. I haven’t realized that we’re not ever going to play here again,” said Franzen. “Senior Night for me, it hit me when they gave us our gifts, but they all came and hugged us. They all gave us big hugs. I’m not going to be able to play with them next year.”

N-P has been playing without one of its top talents in junior outside hitter Lily Eiffler – who re-aggravated a prior knee injury and has been out of action since the Osage match on Sept. 17. That meant there’s been lineup changes. Glaser moved from her normal middle position to the outside. That also pushed junior Alison Mehmen from her rightside slot to the

middle. It also meant junior Hannah Brahn has seen more playing time in Foelske’s rotation up front.

“Hannah’s stepped up big. Hannah’s doing some really good stuff. She’s very smart offensively. She struggles a little on the block...but she does so much,” said Foelske. “She places the ball really well. She’s done a lot for us in the last two games.”

Brahn finished with three kills against Clarksville and notched two kills in last week’s sweep over North Butler (4-16, 2-4).

N-P has won three matches in a row and will look to add to its win total this weekend at the Oelwein Invite. That’s a tournament that Eiffler is slated to return in and add even more firepower and experience to the Husky’s lineup.

“It’s just really important that they work as a team and that they work together because now that I’m hopefully back – we should click back into place,” said Eiffler, who is one of N-P’s best all-around players with 50 kills, 70 digs and 12 aces in just eight matches played in 2023.

Hannemann recorded 25 assists and seven aces in the Senior Night win against the underdog Indians.

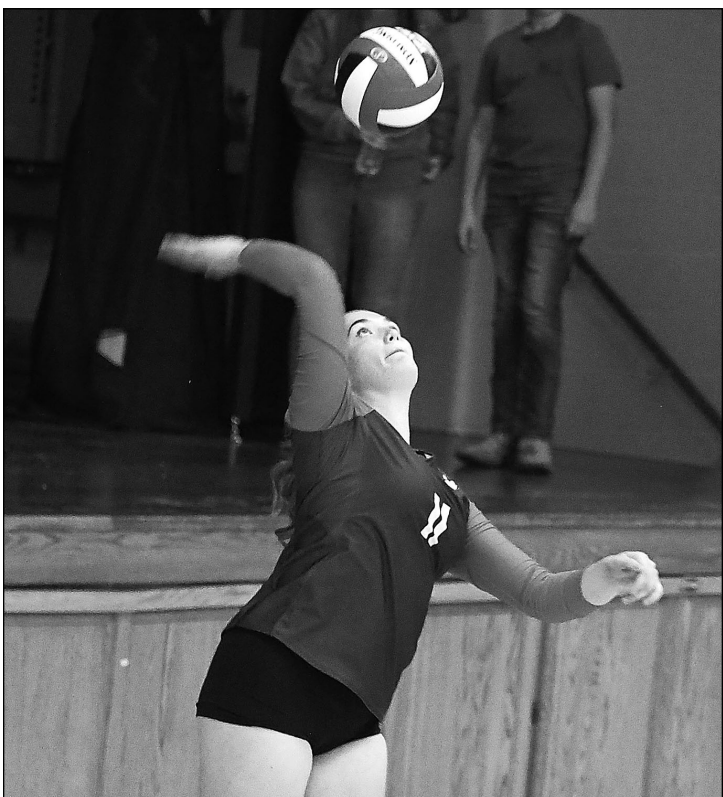
“I think it was a good match for us getting back into it again,” said Foelske. “We had times where we did some really, really good stuff – tried to get some plays running that we haven’t run too much. Then we had times where we’re kind of beating ourselves.”

The Bearcats of North Butler will get another crack at N-P at the Oelwein Invite. The other teams in attendance are Alburnett, Kee High, Turkey Valley, Valley Lutheran and Waukon.

The Huskies take on Belmond-Klemme on Monday on the road. N-P (5-8, 2-4) plays its final Top of Iowa East Conference match this coming Tuesday at West Fork (5-8, 2-3). There are just seven TIC East matches this year as Rockford is no longer in the league and now competes in the North division of the Iowa Star Conference.

The Huskies’ final matches of the season will take place in a quad at Hampton-Dumont-CAL on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The other two teams N-P will take on are Lake Mills and North Butler.

Franzen, who is tops on the team in kills (79), digs (134) and sports a 96 percent serve-suc-



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Nashua-Plainfield's Josslynn Glaser (above) serves the ball while fellow Husky senior Paige Franzen (below) tips the ball over the net in Tuesday's match against Clarksville.



cess rate, talked about the final push here before regional pairings are released next week.

“We gotta make a run. We maybe didn’t play the best tonight, but we had every moment and every piece there to do exactly what we wanted to do every single game,” said Franzen. “We can execute on the highest level of volleyball, it’s just a matter of trusting each other. We’re seniors, we’re leaders, but everybody else is a leader too.”

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 3, NORTH BUTLER 0			
North Butler	21	18	23
Nashua-Plainfield	25	25	25
Kills - Paige Franzen 10, Alison Mehmen 9, Josslynn Glaser 4, Elayna O'Neill 4, Hannah Brahn 2, Kami Hannemann 1.			
Assists - Hannemann 26, O'Neill 2.			

Digs - O'Neill 10, Makenna Bouillon 6, Glaser 6, Jade Maia Gicquel 4, Franzen 3, Brahn 2, Hannemann 2.
Blocks - Hannemann 1, O'Neill 1.
Serving - Maia Gicquel 9-10, Hannemann 19-23, Glaser 9-12, O'Neill 5-8, Mehmen 10-10, Franzen 11-11.
Aces - Hannemann 5, Mehmen 3, Franzen 2, Glaser 1, O'Neill 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 3, CLARKSVILLE 0			
Clarksville	18	18	16
Nasnu-P	25	25	25
Kills - Franzen 10, O'Neill 8, Brahn 3, Glaser 3, Mehmen 3, Ava Kirk 1.			
Assists - Hannemann 25, Makenna Bouillon 1.			
Digs - Glaser 12, Franzen 11, Hannemann 10, O'Neill 5, Maia Gicquel 4, Kirk 3, Bouillon 1, Mehmen 1.			
Blocks - Hannemann 1, Glaser 1.			
Serving - Maia Gicquel 7-9, Hannemann 21-22, Glaser 9-10, O'Neill 11-12, Mehmen 2-2, Franzen 12-12, Kirk 7-7.			

N-P heads to Calmar this week for key district game

FOOTBALL: FROM 10

St. Ansgar (4-1) – which lost a 21-20 heartbreaker to top-ranked West Hancock in week three after a 30-yard field goal was blocked by the Eagles as time expired – struck first and kept up its relentless pressure that held the Huskies’ ground game to just 42 yards on 28 carries. N-P entered the contest as the second-best run squad in Class A, but found little room to roam on this beautiful fall evening.

“They keep coming at you and they don’t let up,” said Sudol. “You just gotta be disciplined every play. We do well at times and the next time when we’re not disciplined – they hit a big play or something like that.”

The Saints played perhaps their best game of the season – even considering the loss to West Hancock. The hyped Class A non-district battle of ranked squads clearly swayed St. Ansgar’s way – despite the favored Saints turning the ball over twice.

St. Ansgar worked its full-house backfield to a tee and piled up the yardage with 342 rushing yards. This is old hat for the Saints, who have been a perennial power for decades and sport 23 playoff appearances all-time. The “new kid on the block” – the up-and-coming Huskies – got a lesson in disciplined football, even with the Huskies forcing two turnovers against the Saints’ vaunted rushing attack.

“That’s the type of football team we’re trying to build here,” said Sudol. “That’s the type of program we want to establish. That’s what we ultimately want to be. Hats off to them. It shows that we’ve got some work to do.”

The Saints’ first score on its second possession saw senior quarterback Jayce Schwiesow run right on an option play. N-P outside linebacker Miles Carpenter, just a sophomore, jumped on top of Schwiesow as the mobile signal caller saw daylight down the right side-line. The Saint QB shucked Carpenter and scampered all the way down to the Husky 7-yard line for the biggest rush of the night – 41 yards. Schwiesow would finish the job with a one-yard plunge to start the night’s scoring.

“With a team like this you gotta tackle low because they keep their feet moving,” said Sudol.

N-P, ranked No. 8 at the time, didn’t turn the ball over, but it didn’t matter as the Huskies were suffocated by the Saint’s powerful and physical ball-hawking style of defense. N-P averaged over 350 rushing yards in four games against its previous opponents but could not get any consistency and rhythm going.

N-P didn’t score until early third quarter after Sudol and his staff pulled off one of the prettiest flea-flickers you’ll ever see on the prep level.

The gadget play is called “Manilla” and it’s essentially a double reverse with a twist devised by Husky assistant coach Brad Moses. The “trickeration” play froze the Saints’ defense and saw three pitches – the final one from tight end Eli Kalainoff. He tossed it back to Blanchard, who launched a towering pass that found a wide open Landon Foelske for a 45-yard gain all the way down to the Saint 5-yard-line.

“He calls it “Manilla” for some reason. I don’t know why it’s called that,” said Sudol. “It’s just the way we do it. “Mose” said it’s the perfect time to run it, so we went for it and it hit. It got our guys fired up and kind of brought us some life there.”

The Saints responded on the next possession as Michels raced past all Husky defenders for a 28-yard rushing score left sideline with 4:56 left in the third quarter. Michels would score again on a 25-yard scamper with some slick moves that saw him jump cut and zoom past N-P defenders untouched into the end zone with 2:13 left before the final quarter.

Six of the Saints’ drives stalled – two of them because of turnovers. N-P forced a turnover on downs on the very first drive of the game after Michels was stuffed on a fourth-down play at the Husky 21-yard line with 8:10 to go in the first quarter.

Matthew Malven – N-P’s junior in the secondary – picked off a Schwiesow pass on a jump ball with 2:30 left before half-time.

St. Ansgar punted on its third

Class A, District 3 Football

	Dist.	All
Nashua-Plainfield	3-0	4-1
Wapsie Valley	2-1	3-2
North Tama	3-1	3-2
South Winn	2-1	2-3
AGWSR	1-3	1-4
North Butler	1-2	3-2
BCLUW	0-4	0-5

LAST WEEK’S RESULTS

St. Ansgar 27, Nashua-Plainfield 7
North Butler 22, BCLUW 0
South Winneshiek 42, AGWSR 7
North Tama 22, Wapsie Valley 13

TONIGHT’S GAMES

Nashua-Plainfield at South Winneshiek
AGWSR at Wapsie Valley
North Butler at North Tama
BCLUW at Martensdale-St. Mary’s

possession, but struck gold a series later as Dylan Brumm was wide open in the second quarter as he got behind the Husky defense for an easy 48-yard TD reception from Schwiesow.

“It was broken coverage. It was a little mixup in communication potentially. The guy messed up one play and they took advantage of it. That’s what Saint does. That’s just the way it goes sometimes,” said Sudol.

The Huskies also recovered a fumble after the Saints had it 1st-and-goal at the N-P 5-yard line with just 5:31 remaining in the game.

Aiden Gelner, who is the Huskies leading rusher, was held to 29 yards on 12 carries. Kalainoff, one of N-P’s leading receivers and a beast of a back in N-P’s offense, was held to a minuscule six yards on six carries. He caught one pass for 17 yards.

Tyler Zimmer, a junior, led the Huskies with nine tackles and Blanchard registered eight stops.

This is the second year in a row that the Huskies have started out 4-0 and the Saints beat them in this same scenario last year in the fifth game of the year. St. Ansgar defeated N-P in the pouring rain in 2023 by a score of 28-6. The Saints were ranked No. 1 in the state back then.

“That’s a good football team right there. That’s what you want to get to. Someday that’s what you want to be right there,” said Sudol about St. Ansgar. “This was a good, valiant effort.”

N-P is looking to crack the playoffs for the fourth-straight year – but a playoff win has been elusive in those three-consecutive postseason appearances. The Huskies’ main goal is the district title this fall – something N-P hasn’t done since it went 10-2 in 2014. That’s also the last time N-P has won a playoff game.

“With a new coaching staff, a new offense and new defense with Jason (Fisher) – everything coming in. None of us knew what we were going to have,” said Sudol. “To start out 4-0 was kind of a dream come true and now it’s a little bit of a reality check going into district play here with some big games coming up.”

N-P (4-1, 3-0) plays at South Winneshiek (2-3, 2-1) in Calmar tonight (Friday).

ST. ANSGAR 27, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 7			
NP	0	0	7
SA	7	7	13

FIRST QUARTER

SA - Jayce Schwiesow 1 run (Schwiesow kick) 3:06

SECOND QUARTER

SA - Dylan Brumm 48 pass from Schwiesow (Schwiesow kick) 6:06

THIRD QUARTER

NP - Devon Blanchard 3 run (Landon Foelske kick) 9:16

SA - Korben Michels 28 run (Schwiesow kick) 4:56

SA - Michels 25 run (kick failed) 2:13

TEAM STATS

	NP	SA
Rushes-yards	28-42	47-342
Passing-yards	71	127
Total yards	113	469
Att-Comp-Int	9-4-0	11-7-1

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STATS

Rushing - Aiden Gelner 12-29, Devon Blanchard 7-6, Eli Kalainoff 6-6, Jackson Carey 3-1, Navarii Williams 2-(-5), Ethan Franzen 1-8.

Passing - Blanchard 4-9-71.

Receiving - Landon Foelske 2-46, Kalainoff 1-17, Gelner 1-8.

Tackles - Tyler Zimmer 9, Blanchard 8, Trent Rodruck 6, Zeke Kalainoff 3.5, Karson Chyma 2.5, Jake Smith 2.5, Carey 2, Williams 2, E. Kalainoff 2, Matthew Malven 1.5, Beau Morris 1.5, Foelske 1, Avery Mueller 1, Braeden Mitchell 0.5.

Interceptions - Malven.

Kickoff returns - Foelske 3-5.3, Gelner 2-5.5.

Punts - Carey 8-34.0.

Punt returns - Foelske 1-0.

Nashua-Plainfield celebrates seniors, gets non-league win

Huskies get a feel-good sweep of Clarksville ahead of Saturday tournament in Oelwein

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

When Nashua-Plainfield senior Jennifer McLeland's opening-match serve grazed the top of the net and trickled to the floor for a let ace, you knew it was going to be a pretty good evening for the Husky volleyball squad.

Sure, there was the lead that Clarksville took in game three, but McLeland's "honorary serve" set the tone for the Huskies and made it an extra special Senior Night for all involved.

McLeland was playing in the first varsity match of her career and she also gave the team some solid advice during timeouts in the team huddle that helped N-P earn the win over the visiting Indians.

"I told the team to get low and get ready to bump it over the net every time," said McLeland. The senior talked about the memorable moment when her underhand bump serve clipped the net, yet had enough spin on it and momentum to fall to the opposing team's side of the court for a winner. The clutch serve – which was essentially the signal to the start of the match – had everyone in the stands cheering, even if you were a Clarksville fan.

"It means a lot to me. I just

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 9



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Hannah Brahn (above) gets ready to deliver a kill while Jennifer McLeland (below) is congratulated after coming up with an ace honorary serve before Tuesday's match against Clarksville.



Huskies shine again one of their favorite cross country courses

N-P's Huck claims third win of season at Central Springs Invite

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Kadence Huck knows the Pioneer Town and Country Club's golf course in Manly all too well.

No, she's not launching tee shots 150 yards down the middle of the fairways at the nine-hole golf course – but she is making her way around them and doing it in a timely manner.

For the past two seasons, Huck – the school record holder at Nashua-Plainfield in a 5K girls cross country race – has tamed the course at Manly in her quest to run at state. She could well run her penultimate race in her remarkable XC career at that same course in Manly when the state qualifier goes down Thursday, Oct. 24.

"Pioneer" is where Huck has cracked the state field the past two seasons and the odds are the Huskies will more than likely run there again with a chance to move on to Fort Dodge.

The state has yet to release the qualifying meet site assignments, but if Huck and her Huskies do indeed run again at Manly – which is flat and does not present the challenge of a hill to climb – they'll be ready.

"There are so many things in our favor when we think about running there for our state qualifying meet. Running is so men-

tal and when they go in with a positive attitude because of the results from previous meets, it all works in our favor," said N-P head coach Jenn Kalainoff. "The upperclassmen's attitudes and confidence influences the underclassmen."

Kalainoff calls the Central Springs home XC course one of her squad's favorite places to run and it's easy to understand why. The Huskies generally post low times there at "Pioneer" and they proved that again last Thursday as nine N-P runners ran season-best times (seven PRs).

While Huck didn't, she once

SEE CROSS COUNTRY, 4



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Navarii Williams (above) tries to shirk a tackler while teammate Matthew Malven (below) goes up to make an interception during Friday's game against St. Ansgar.

Huskies fall in battle of ranked teams

Nashua-Plainfield falls 27-7 to St. Ansgar, looks to rebound in return to district play against South Winn

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

There was just no room to run – and that's not a knock on the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies.

The St. Ansgar Saints played that good in a dominant defensive lockdown of Chase Sudol's high-powered flexbone offense on Friday night in Mitchell County.

The thing is – the tradition-rich Saints have a pretty good ground-and-pound squad as well.

Check that, they have a great rushing attack – spearheaded by junior jitter-bug Korben Michels, who rushed for two touchdowns and 143 yards to help his No. 5 Saints to an impressive 27-7 homecoming victory over the Huskies.

Sudol, though, isn't worried one bit about the three-touchdown loss to the Class A powerhouse. He looks at the setback as a lesson learned and an opportunity for his talented squad to learn from their mistakes.

"I feel good where we're at right now – the way the kids battled," said Sudol. "We're gonna build. We're going to get better from this."

The Saints managed to squeeze the life out of Sudol's run-heavy squad in a game that N-P pulled to within one touchdown – down 14-7 early in the third quarter after



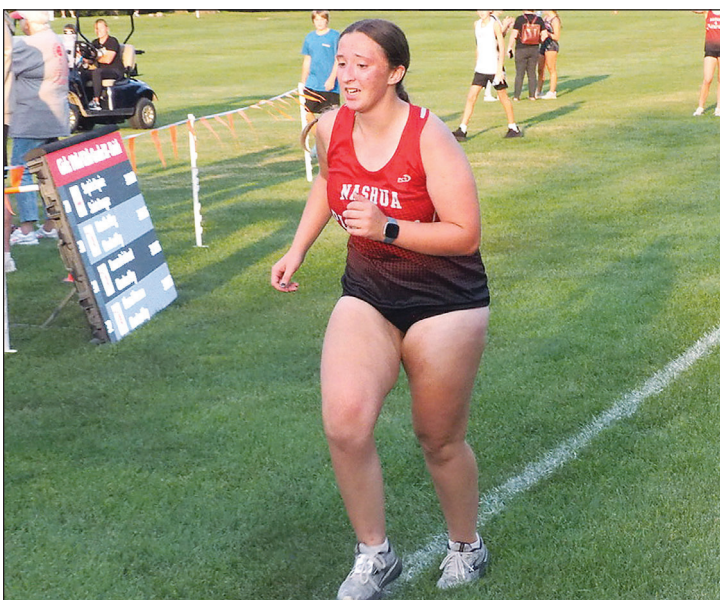
Devon Blanchard's three-yard QB keeper slapped up six points on the scoreboard.

There were positives for Sudol and his new revamped offense – just not enough.

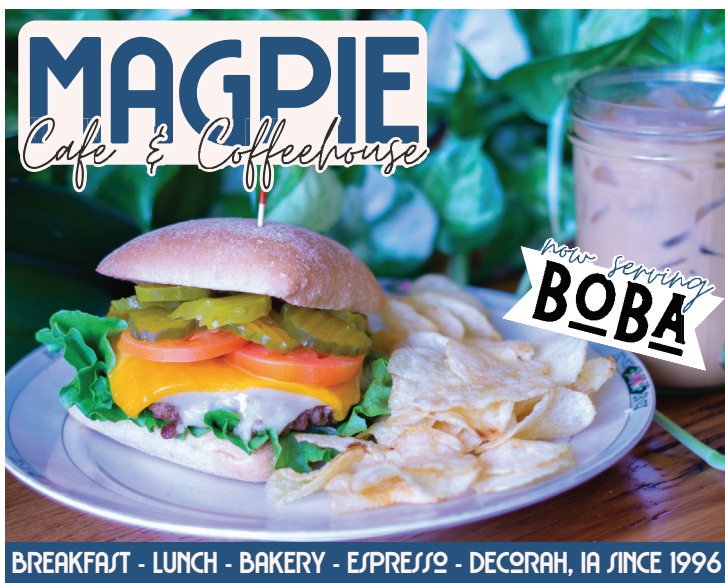
"Coming in there was a lot of hype surrounding us. We know we're a good football team. We're not quite there yet. We gotta

continue to work. We'll be alright. We'll bounce back," said Sudol. "Like I told the guys, this game ultimately doesn't mean a whole heckuva lot towards anything. It's a good test to see where you're at."

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Bailey Bond nears the finish line at a meet held in Charles City earlier this season.



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