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HARVEST ROLLS ALONG BUT DROUGHT CONCERN GROW

A farmer harvests a cornfield northwest of Nashua on Thursday morning, and experts say that if the recent dry weather continues, growers could be done with their field work early this year.

SOLID HARVEST CONTINUES BUT FARMERS WOULD TAKE A BREAK FOR SOME RAIN

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

There's no sure-thing in farming, ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol is quick to point out, but he's 99.9 percent sure that area growers would take a break from a hectic harvest season if Mother Nature came a calling.

"Where we're at right now, I can honestly say that the guys would give up a few days for 1 or 2 inches of rain," Basol said Tuesday afternoon on what was another beautiful, albeit a bit cool, fall day. "They know we need the rain, and if that meant pushing back the end of the harvest a week, they'd take the precipitation."

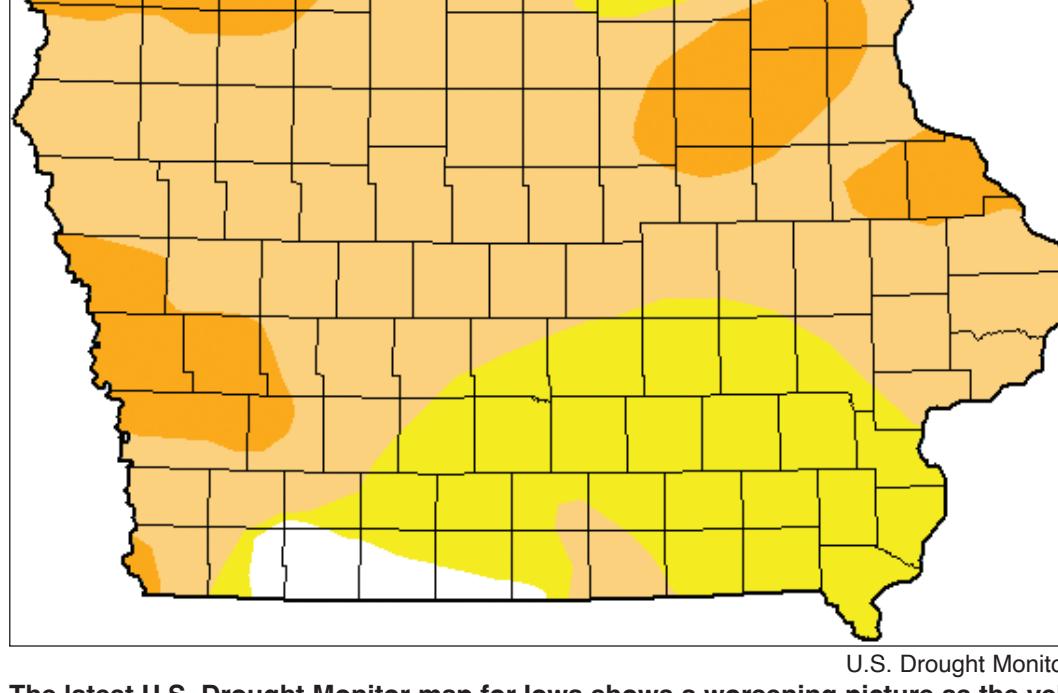
Granted, the lack of rainfall the past two months, Basol said, hasn't hurt this year's crop, but farmers have growing concerns about 2025 as another drought appears to be taking hold in Northeast Iowa.

In the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, which came out Tuesday, all of Bremer County and much of Chickasaw County, save for the northwest corner, were classified as suffering from "severe drought" while parts of Floyd and Butler counties are in the same boat.

That has left folks like Basol frustrated.

"Our climate has gotten goofy," he said, "and to go through this two years in a row, there's

SEE DROUGHT, 3



The latest U.S. Drought Monitor map for Iowa shows a worsening picture as the yellow areas are "abnormally dry," the lighter orange areas are in "moderate drought" and the darker orange areas, including much of the Nashua and Plainfield areas, are enduring "severe drought."

Ionia church has taken licking, keeps on ticking

St. Boniface Catholic Church will celebrate its eventful 125-year history during event that will be held Oct. 26

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

When the good folks of St. Boniface gather a week from this Saturday, they will have gratitude in their hearts.

After all, this is a church that in its 125 years in Ionia has been through a lot. Heck, it's been hit by three tornadoes — one in 1920, another a year later and a third in 1948. Yet, each and every time, the Ionia church rebuilt and came back stronger than ever.

So on Saturday, Oct. 26, they will celebrate a quasquicentennial Mass with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula at St. Boniface and then gather together for a Swiss steak meal to mark a milestone anniversary.

"I think it's a testament to the people of this church that all the things they've gone through the past 125 years," said Father Jim Goerend, the current priest at St. Boniface, "that they always rebuilt, always found a way, to make sure that the church would be there for their kids, their grandkids and their great-grandchildren. It's a wonderful story, one I'm so happy to be a part of celebrating."

Before St. Boniface opened its doors, Catholics in the Ionia area attended parishes in Charles City, Nashua, New

Hampton and North Washington; in other words, going to Mass was a day-long affair.

That all changed on All Saints Day in 1899, when the Rev. Michael McCarthy celebrated the first Mass at St. Boniface.

In 1920, a tornado swept through Ionia and demolished the church that was located on the northeast side of the city. During the construction of a new building, another tornado roared through town — damaging the church, the rectory and the school.

The rectory was remodeled. The school was repaired. But it took years to rebuild the church, and Mass was held in the church basement. Finally, the building that St. Boniface still calls home opened in 1936.

Twelve years later, the third tornado struck — blowing out all the windows in the church, heavily damaging the school building and leaving one student dead.

"Our church has been through so much," said Jane McGrane, a lifetime member of St. Boniface and Ionia's de facto town historian, "but when you look at the people who came before us — our forefathers — they always

SEE ST. BONIFACE, 4



St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia will celebrate its quasquicentennial on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Nashua fire chief: 'Common sense' needed in dry times

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The wind was howling outside the barber shop Thursday morning when Nashua Fire Chief Tom Johnson, the shop's owner, was asked about the burn ban that is currently in place.

The chief's response was quick.

"Even if we didn't have a burn ban in place, it makes no sense for anyone to be doing a controlled burn on a day like this," he said. "To me, you need to use some common sense. When the wind's blowing 30 miles per hour, you don't burn — no matter what the conditions are."

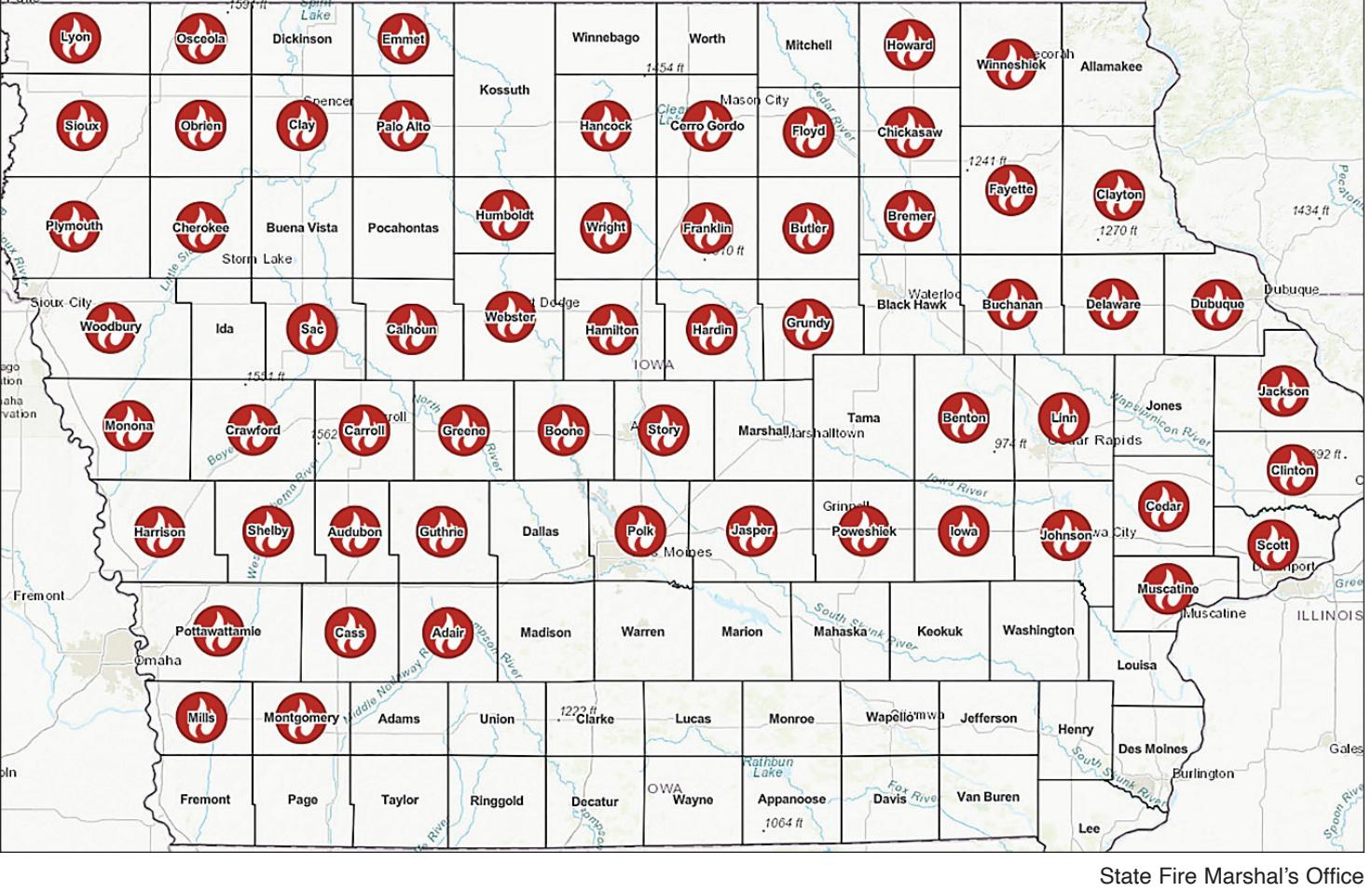
And the fact is conditions these days are brutal when it comes to burning.

Since Sept. 1, Nashua has received less than a quarter of an inch of rain, and it's — pardon the cliche — bone dry out there.

That led to the State Fire Marshal's Office to approve a burn ban for Chickasaw County late last month, and with little, if any, precipitation in sight, that burn ban will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

"You get a little wind behind it and fuel in front of it," Johnson said, "and a little fire is going to become a big fire in a hurry right now. The grass is so

SEE FIRE, 2



State Fire Marshal's Office

Save for extreme southern Iowa, most counties in the state are now under burn bans because of dangerous fire conditions caused by the lack of rainfall in recent weeks.

Burn bans may remain in effect for a while

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dry right now, it's going to burn and it's going to spread."

Chickasaw County isn't alone when it comes to burn bans in place. As of Thursday, 59 of Iowa's 99 counties had burn bans in place. Among counties in Northeast Iowa, only Mitchell, Black Hawk and Allamakee counties do not have bans in place.

The conditions were especially ripe

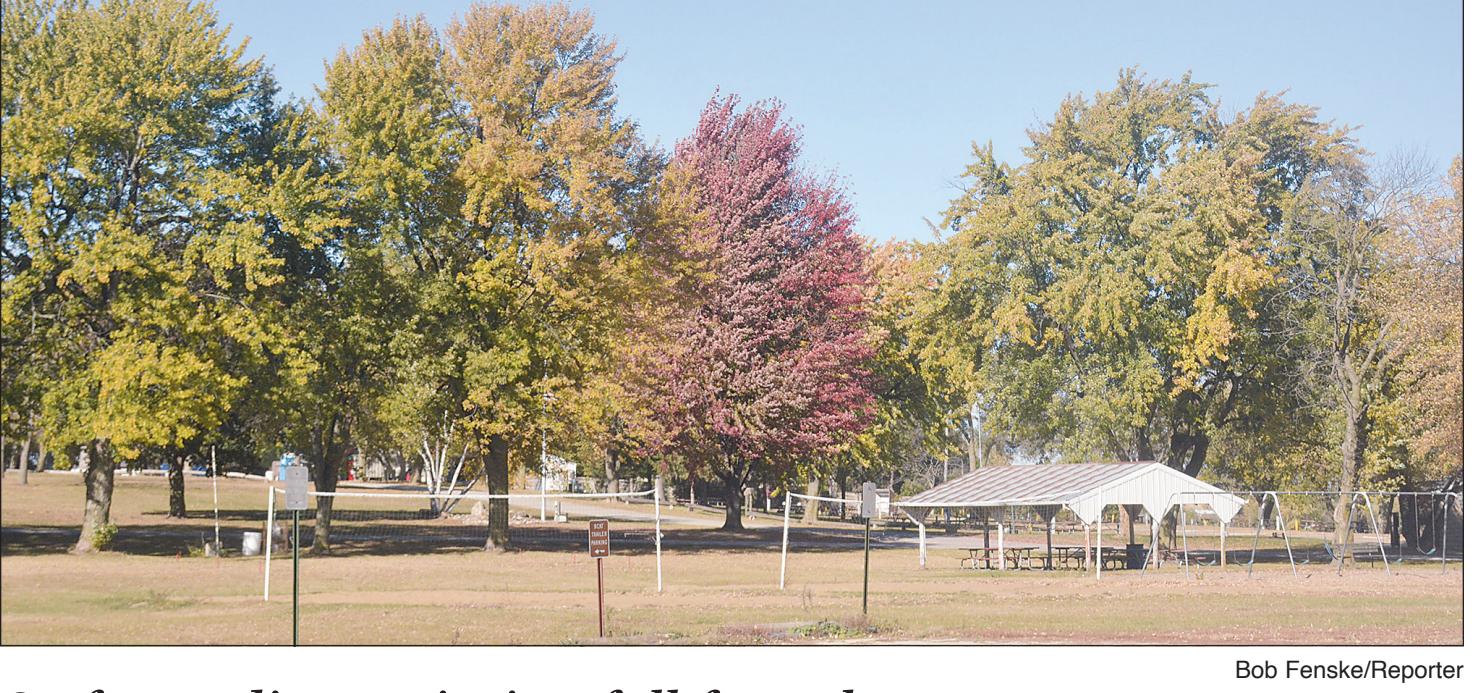
for fires on Thursday, when the National Weather Service issued a red flag warning for much of the upper Midwest. Almost all of Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska was affected by the warning, as were the eastern parts of the Dakotas.

"The combination of dry weather, fall curing, low relative humidities and gusty winds will result in critical fire weather conditions this afternoon across southeast Minnesota and northeast Iowa," the

National Weather Service office in La Crosse, Wisconsin, said in its warning.

And although conditions are expected to improve a bit today and into the weekend — i.e., winds are not going to be as strong — Johnson's advice was simple: Put the matches away.

"Like I said, everyone needs to use their common sense," he said. "Until we get some decent rain, we're going to be at risk when it comes to fire."



Bob Fenske/Reporter

So far, a disappointing fall for color

We caught a few colors in the trees at Cedar View Park on Thursday morning, but honestly, with the dry weather and strong winds of late, it looks like it's going to be a mediocre 2024 when it comes to fall color.

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Recent 'wacky' weather leads to concerns for '25 growing season

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definitely some angst there. ... No, no, no, the dry weather hasn't hurt this year's crop, but it's concerning because we really need to replenish our subsoil moisture profile before we put the '25 crop into the ground."

How dry is it?

Since Sept. 1, Nashua has received just 0.22 inches of rain, just 4.3 percent of the 5.13 inches that normally falls between Sept. 1 and Oct. 17.

The good news is that farmers are saving a ton when it comes to drying costs this fall and they're making fast progress on the harvest.

"I mean you can't ask for better harvest weather," Basol said, "and the guys know that. But we desperately need a soaker one of these days."

Still, Basol said from the farmers he's talked to in recent weeks, the 2024 crop is, in a word, solid, especially when it comes to corn yields.

The most recent USDA's Iowa Crop and Condition Report showed the progress farmers have made in the Northeast District that includes Chickasaw and Bremer coun-

ties. The weekly report showed that 49 percent of corn has been harvested, up from the 18 percent brought in a week ago. The soybean harvest, meanwhile, is nearing completion as 85 percent of the crop in the district has been harvested, up from 58 percent a week ago.

Ditto for the North Central District, which includes Butler and Floyd counties, where 46 percent of corn and 90 percent of soybeans have been harvested, up from last week's percentages of 17 and 70, respectively.

This week's report, though, showed the growing concern about topsoil and subsoil moisture content as only 29 percent of the subsoil and 23 percent of the topsoil in Northeast Iowa have adequate moisture. The numbers are only slightly better in the North Central District, where 27 percent of topsoil and 34 percent of subsoil have adequate moisture.

"I don't want to panic because it's better than last year when we were in the extreme drought," Basol said. "If we could get a couple of decent rainfalls before the ground freezes, that would go a long way but our weather, there's no other way to put it, has been wacky."

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Kuhn. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Lauder, Bob Fenske member of the media, Terry Johnson, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for October 7, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for September 30, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to update the Chickasaw County Vehicle Operations Policy and consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have the Chickasaw County Vehicle Operations Policy updated.

No public comment.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-1 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-49 IN THE NW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 15 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024 AT A REGULAR MEETING BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA A MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF PARCEL 2024-49 IN THE NW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 15 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-2 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-42 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-43 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-44 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-45 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-46 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-47 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-48 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-49 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-50 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-51 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-52 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-53 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-54 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-55 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-56 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-57 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-58 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-59 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-60 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-61 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 10-7-24-62 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-48 IN THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 12 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, /ss/ SCOTT CERWINSKE, CHAIRMAN, AYES: HACKMAN, SUCKOW, BREITBACH, CERWINSKE. ABSENT: KUHN /ss/ ATTEST: SHEILA SHEKLETON AUDITOR.

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Civic group has plenty to celebrate

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but Lantz said, more importantly, the winner gets "bragging rights for the next year and I think that's what they like the best."

The Trunk or Treat event is one of several that the Women of Today put on each year. In December, members put on "Santa's Workshop" and during the Easter season, the Women of Today has its Easter Egg Hunt. It also puts on a "Bike Rodeo" for students at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School and hands out an annual scholarship to a graduating Nashua-Plainfield High School senior.

Membership, meanwhile, in the Women of Today is growing.

"We have picked up some new members," Lantz said, "and we're always looking for people who want to help us put on events. I look at Trunk or Treat as a way to do something really good for our community and beyond, because we get people not just from Nashua and Plainfield but Charles City, New Hampton, Ionia, a lot of different places."

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The U.S. Women of Today are celebrating its 40th year as an organization, having chartered in June 1985. Among the 21 charter states was the Iowa Women of Today, with 29 chapters, including the New Hampton Women of Today.

Three years later, in 1988, the New Hampton WT "extended" to Nashua and the Nashua Women of Today chartered



Reporter file photo

Tami Sudol of S&T Collision passes out candy at the Nashua Women of Today Trunk or Treat event in 2020, when snow flurries didn't have an impact on the number of folks who turned out for the annual event.

in January 1989. Women of Today is an organization dedicated to personal development, leadership training and community service

Over the past 40 years, the New Hampton and Nashua WT have continued to "make a difference" in their community, including hosting many fund-raisers for other community businesses and philanthropies, including Breast Cancer, Ronald McDonald House, local food banks and Special Olympics.

In addition, the New Hampton WT have also hosted several well-known, fun

activities for the community, including the Spook Walk, Santa Store, Easter Egg Hunt, and "Egg Your House" event; while the Nashua WT have also hosted fun activities for their community, including the Water Over the Dam Days parade, Trunk or Treat, Santa Workshop and Easter Egg Hunt.

Over the past 40 years, members of both chapters have not only been active at the local level, but many have shared their time and talent at the state level, holding offices on the IAWT Board:

At least two of Nashua current mem-

bers have served as IAWT state presidents as Angie Dietz served in that role in 2009-10, 2013-14 and 2017-19 while Lantz did so in 2023-24.

In addition, both Dietz and Lantz served at the national level as Dietz held national office for six years, including serving as the USWT president in 2020-21 while Lantz was the national public relations director in 2021-22.

For more information on the Women of Today and how to become a member, contact Dietz at mayorangie22@gmail.com.

Changes come to St. Boniface, but the church continues to thrive in its own way

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hitched up their pants, went to work and made sure we had a church."

And for years, a school, too.

McGrane is a proud graduate of St. Boniface High School; she was the valedictorian of the five-member strong Class of 1959, and she remembers growing up in a church and a school that was the center of many people's lives.

"Back in those days, we had two Masses — one at 8 and one at 10 — and there was no such thing as Saturday Mass," she said. "I always remember that with my dad, we'd arrive in the nick of time, but if we were with Mom, we had to be there at least 15, 20 minutes early."

She paused and laughed. "I came from a divided family — one early, one hopefully on time."

Much has changed since McGrane's childhood days. The school — and the Franciscan nuns who ran it — are long gone, and St. Boniface is now part of the Good Shepherd Cluster, which includes Holy Family Parish in New Hampton and Immaculate Conception in North Washington.

Today, Mass is celebrated



Photos courtesy of St. Boniface Catholic Church

The original St. Boniface church building sits next to the rectory in this photo from the early 1900s.

every-other Saturday at 6 p.m., and during an "off-week," parishioners can attend Mass either in North Washington or in New Hampton.

Sure, she misses the days when Masses were a Sunday ritual in Ionia, but McGrane, like some other St. Boniface members make the best of it.

"Cars are so good now and since we don't have a grocery store in Ionia, when we don't have Mass here on Saturdays, I go to the grocery store and then go to Mass [at Holy Family]," she said. "Times have changed. We used to have all these farms around here and, you know, I came from a family of five kids and that was small back in those days, so we don't have the people like we used to do."

But McGrane believes, in its own way, St. Boniface is still thriving. "It's a good church for this Catholic girl," she said with

a smile, "and I'm excited for Oct. 26. It's going to be a good day."

Members of the Parish Council that includes Sandy Clark think so, too.

"We've been planning this for quite a few months now," she said, "and I think it's going to be a day that we'll always remember. We'll get to see some familiar faces and some ones we haven't seen for a while, and that will be nice."

The parish priest is certainly looking forward to the celebration, too.

Goerend grew up in the

Catholic parish of St. Luke in St. Lucas, and he pointed out that years ago, the high altar that was in his home church was given to St. Boniface.

"They came with wagons and brought it over here," Goerend said, "and so my first Mass at St. Boniface, I told everyone that you got your high altar from St. Luke and now you have their priest." ... But seriously, I think anytime any church can look back on 125 years, that's a wonderful way to see faithfulness that has gone from generation to generation."

Election Day 2024 Tuesday, November 5

Save the date! The General Election is on November 5, 2024. Polls will be open from 7am-8pm. It is never too early to make a plan to VOTE! Register to vote, identify your polling place, and find additional voting resources at voterready.iowa.gov or sos.iowa.gov.

Important dates to remember:

October 16: First day absentee ballots can be mailed out; first day of in-person absentee voting.

October 21: Pre-voter registration deadline; deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed: Both by 5pm.

November 4: Last day of in-person absentee voting.

November 5: Election Day, polls open 7am-8pm; absentee ballot must be received by county auditors by 8 pm.

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Supervisors hold off on TIF request from ethanol plant

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors certainly didn't slam the door Monday on a request made by Homeland Energy Solutions for tax-increment financing (TIF), but county leaders want more time before deciding if it will create an urban-renewal plan to support the ethanol plant's \$40 million expansion.

Homeland Energy Chief Financial Officer Beth Eiler made the pitch on behalf of the ethanol plant that is located between New Hampton and Lawler and told supervisors that the expansion will allow the plant to be permitted to produce 250 million gallons of ethanol a year.

She said that the plant's capacity for producing dried distillers grains would jump from 435,000 to 512,000 tons per year and to increase corn oil production by 18.4 percent a year.

Eiler said the \$40 million expansion would lead to the taxable value of the plant increasing \$6.7 million, which would see its property tax bill increase by about \$131,000 a year.

Homeland, she said, is requesting that the Board of Supervisors eventually approve a tax-increment funding request of 90 percent for 10 years, which would work out to around \$117,900 a year. That would add up to just under \$1.18 million over the 10-year life of the proposed TIF.

"We're asking you to create an urban-renewal plan and area that would just create the possibility of this TIF we're asking," she said, "so it's not obligating you to provide the TIF. But it's just creating the urban plan to make it possible."

Eiler said that Homeland currently pays more than \$640,000 per year to Chickasaw County, but she agreed with Supervisor Jake Hackman when he pointed out that the ethanol plant's property taxes includes "the school districts, townships, not just the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors."

Eiler pointed out that the original plant was built in 2009, Homeland utilized the High Quality Creation Program, which exempted some property taxes for 20 years.

When that exemption ends with the 2029 assessment, the plant's property taxes will increase by about \$550,000 per year.

The plant currently has 67 full-time employees and is owned by more than 1,250 members, many of whom, Eiler said, are farmers in Chickasaw County and the surrounding area.

The expansion will lead Homeland to increase its "corn needs" by nearly 12 million bushels per year, up 17.1 percent from the 70 million bushels the plant currently purchases each year.

In addition to the possible effects on both corn and land prices, Eiler said that the expansion would lead to "at least five new Chickasaw County jobs" that would have combined wages of \$386,000 per year.

Hackman asked Eiler if the county didn't move forward "is this project dead in the water?"

"Probably not," the CFO said. "It's a fair question."

County Attorney David Laudner said as the board's representative, he was "apprehensive" about moving forward with the resolution on Monday.

"I guess to me, if this is the direction the board wants to go," he said, "I would encourage the board to probably meet with Homeland, meet with [County Assessor] Ray [Arnell], meet with whomever, meet with me and make sure we have all the t's crossed and the i's dotted, that we've negotiated these details ... perhaps who's going to pay for this stuff, a timeline for all this and then move forward."

Hackman said he agreed and suggested that the county reach out to the county's TIF attorney, Jason Comiskey of Ahlers and Cooney, before supervisors move forward.

"I think it's a great project, and I appreciate it," Hackman said. "I think you're a great asset to the county ... but I think it would be good for us to meet with Jason for his legal advice time."

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Briefs**Absentee balloting for the Nov. 5 general election begins**

The first votes for the Nov. 5 general election have been cast as absentee — or early — voting began on Wednesday at courthouses around the state.

By state law, early voting can't start until 20 days before the election, which is also the day that auditor's offices can mail out ballots to residents who have requested them.

In Chickasaw County, voters can cast ballots at the Auditor's Office during its regular business hours — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays — through Monday, Nov. 4.

This coming Monday, meanwhile, is the final day for voters to pre-register for the election; those that miss the deadline can register at the polls on Nov. 5, and on Tuesday, a satellite voting station will be open in Alta Vista from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for voters in the Chickasaw North Precinct that includes the cities of Alta Vista, North Washington and Protivin.

Polls on Nov. 5 will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reporter seeking photos for Veterans Day Commemorative Edition

In an effort to "switch things up a bit," the Nashua Reporter will be changing the format of its Veterans Day section this year.

But, as in past years, the money received goes back to local veterans organizations.

Photos of the veterans submitted by Oct. 24, along with a \$5 fee per photo, will run in the Nov. 7 edition of the New Hampton Tribune and the Nov. 8 edition of the Nashua Reporter. The special section will also include feature stories on 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@nhtribe.com by the Oct. 24 deadline or taken to the Tribune office in New Hampton, located in the Main Event building, from 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.

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The Chickasaw County Extension Office is excited to announce a creative and engaging workshop on designing visually stunning table settings for your autumn gatherings.

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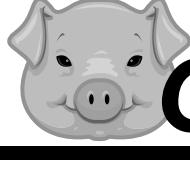
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Pork is a versatile meat with plenty of flavor and nutrition. It can be worked into weekly meal plans in many different ways.

'Moove' over beef; get on board with pork

Culinary options multiply when individuals and families are open to trying different foods and recipes.

There are many protein sources individuals can consider, and pork ranks highly among them. Pork is consumed worldwide and can and should be part of a healthy diet.

According to WebMD, ground, cooked pork comes in at roughly 297 calories for a 3.4-ounce serving.

One such serving of pork offers 25.7 grams of protein and is richer in thiamine than other red meats like beef and lamb. Thiamine is a B vitamin that is vital to a range of bodily needs. Selenium found in pork is essential for thyroid function.

Pork is considered a "red" meat. Don't let pork's lighter coloring fool you into thinking it is closer to poultry products.

Despite that classification, today's pork

has about 16 percent less fat and 27 percent less saturated fat compared to the pork of 30 years ago, according to the National Pork Board.

In addition, thanks to changes in feeding practices and quality control, pig-borne trichinosis, which was once behind the well-done cooking recommendations regarding pork, has dropped to relatively nil.

That means diners may be able to enjoy pork at slightly pinker temperatures than once believed.

However, an internal temperature of at least 145 F for whole pork and 160 F for ground pork is recommended, according to Healthline.

Pork is quite versatile, as evidenced by its availability in many different forms. It's amazing to think that breakfast bacon and pulled pork enjoyed at dinner is from

the same animal. Pork also shines in lunch meats and specialty cured products like salami and prosciutto. In fact, a typical charcuterie board features a variety of pork products.

With that in mind, when curating food options for your own charcuterie platter, consider these ideal pork and cheese pairings that will delight guests, courtesy of the National Pork Board.

- Prosciutto with parmesan
- Aged country ham with sharp cheddar
- Salami with gouda
- Pepperoni with aged goat's milk
- Guanciale with asiago
- Pâté with gruyere
- Mortadella with Swiss
- Pork rinds with queso fresco

Chopped bacon in cream cheese or neufchâtel also can make a tasty spread for charcuterie crackers or crostini.

Pork producers throughout the state contribute to Pork in the Pantry

Pork producers across Iowa — including members of the Chickasaw County Pork Producers — donated more than \$43,000 worth of pork to local food pantries during the past few months.

It was done in conjunction with the Pork in the Pantry program, organized by the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA).

Its second year, Pork in the Pantry provided up to \$1,000 to each of the 38 county pork producer organizations that partic-

ipated. Counties are responsible for purchasing the pork and donating it, and IPPA reimburses them.

"Food insecurity remains a major issue in Iowa, and these donations to local food pantries will help," said IPPA President Matt Gent. "Pork producers care a lot about their communities, and this is one of the many ways we show it."

Food pantries are frequently short of meat products, officials say, and these pork donations will provide an estimated

55,000 servings of protein for Iowans facing food insecurity.

"Hunger is rising in Iowa," said Linda Gorkow, executive director of the Iowa Food Bank Association. "Pork in the Pantry is an incredible opportunity to ensure greatly needed protein is provided to families, individuals and seniors who don't have enough food to eat."

"Protein is one of the highest-requested items at food banks and pantries across the state," she added, "so every ounce of the pork donated will

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make an incredible impact."

In addition, many county groups purchased the pork from local businesses to keep those dollars within their communities.

"What a tremendous opportunity for pork producers to help support needs throughout the state of Iowa," said Gregg Hora, president of the Webster County Pork Producers, who participated in Pork in the Pantry for the second time. The

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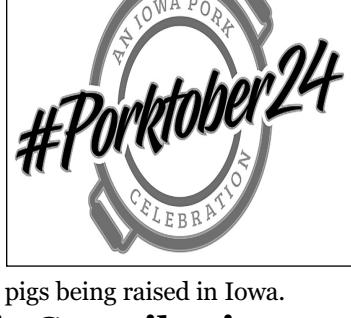
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Iowa Pork Facts

On the Farm

- Iowa is the No. 1 pork-producing state in the U.S., and the top state for pork exports.*
- Nearly one-third of the nation's hogs are raised in Iowa.
- Iowa has more than 5,400 pig farms.
- There are pig farmers in every Iowa county. The top five Iowa counties for pig production are Washington, Sioux, Lyon, Hamilton and Plymouth.
- Iowa producers marketed almost 48 million hogs in 2018.
- At any one time, there are approximately 24 million pigs being raised in Iowa.



The Economic Contribution

- As of 2019, 147,105 jobs were associated with the Iowa pork industry.*
- One in nearly 10 working Iowans has a job tied to the pork industry.*
- Exports of pork from Iowa totaled more than \$2.1 billion in 2018.
- In 2019, Japan, Mexico, China, Canada, and South Korea were the leading value export markets for Iowa pork. The largest export markets by volume were Mexico, China, Japan, Canada and South Korea.*
- Hog production contributed \$13.1 billion to the state economy in 2015.*
- The pork industry contributed \$40.8 billion in sales in 2019.*
- Pork slaughtering and processing facilities generated 66% of the sales, hog production generates 34% of sales.*
- From wean to 270 lbs., a pig eats approximately 12 bu. of corn and 2.5 bu. of soybeans.
- During the year, Iowa pigs will eat corn from 22% of Iowa corn acres and 23% of Iowa soybean acres.

The Sustainability Side of Pork

- Livestock production in Iowa supplies about 25% of Iowa's cropland fertilizer needs.
- Pork sustainability keeps improving. When compared to 1960, the use of natural resources per pound of pork produced has been reduced significantly. Nearly 76% less land is used, 25% less water, and 7% less energy. In all, that shrinks the carbon footprint by nearly 8%.***

*Source: Decision Innovation Solutions 2020 Economic Contribution Study.

**Source: U.S. Meat Export Federation 2018 Pork Export Statistics

***Source: A Retrospective Assessment of U.S. Pork Production: 1960 to 2015, University of Arkansas, 2018.

Letter to the Editor

A big thank you and tip of the hat to our area pork producers

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau would like to wish all pork farmers and those in the industry a Happy Pork Month.

Iowa is the top pork producing state in the country! We tip our hats to all of those involved in the industry from farm to fork for their hard work and dedication to a quality product we can all enjoy.

Did you know to make footballs, gelatin, pet foods, ingredients to some medications and cooking oils it requires by products from pigs?

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Jessica Grober, Chickasaw County Farm Bureau vice president

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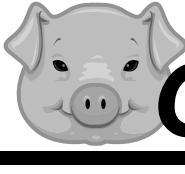
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Pork producers make difference with donations

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group donated to five different organizations in the county, including four in Fort Dodge and one in Gowrie.

"The needs — not only in Webster County, but in rural Iowa — are there," Hora said. "You look at the rising cost of food in a lot of different areas. Pork is still a high-quality product at a very reasonable price in the stores."

"The sense that we have families out here or kids out here who don't get enough quality protein is real, and by providing this pork loin product, that's just one way to help from a nutritional aspect."

Last year's Pork in the Pantry resulted in more than \$40,000 worth of pork being donated to local food pantries throughout the state and a similar drive will be held this coming spring as well.

The county pork producer organizations that participated in Pork in the Pantry in 2024 included Adair, Clayton, O'Brien, Adams, Delaware, Page, Allamakee, Greene, Palo Alto, Benton, Grundy, Plymouth, Black Hawk, Hamilton, Pocahontas, Boone, Hardin, Ringgold, Bremer, Henry, Sac, Buchanan, Ida Sioux, Buena Vista, Jefferson, Story, Calhoun, Jones, Taylor, Cherokee, Kossuth, Washington, Chickasaw, Madison, Webster, Clay and Marshall.

Anyone up for a trip to Muscatine?

Texas-style barbecue restaurant wins contest for best pulled pork in state of Iowa



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A 29-year-old restaurant owner in Muscatine came up with the perfect recipe to nab the 2024 title as the best pulled pork sandwich in Iowa.

to 350 pounds of pork each week. The pulled pork tops everything from nachos to tacos. Diners can buy it by the pound, as well.

The starting Pulled Pork Madness bracket was based on public nominations submitted during the winter months, and IPPA received about 850 nominations representing nearly 70 Iowa restaurants. The two restaurants with the most votes in each of IPPA's eight districts made up the initial lineup.

Kleist, 29, opened Skinny's Barbecue

in September 2019. The Muscatine native got started cooking meat on a Traeger grill his parents gave him for his 21st birthday, and he became inspired by Texas techniques after visiting a friend in Austin. He previously worked at his family's restaurant and sports bar, Boonie's on the Avenue in downtown Muscatine. Skinny's is located about two blocks away, along the Mississippi River.

Winning the title "brings a tear to my eye," says Kleist, who will receive \$250 and a Pulled Pork Madness plaque. "It's

crazy to see how far we've come and adapted and changed."

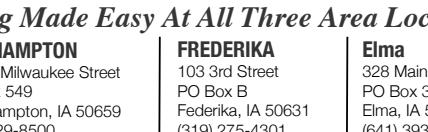
Previous winners include The Flying Elbow, Marshalltown (2023); Starbeck's Smokehouse, which has since relocated to Waterloo (2022); Smokin' Butt Barbecue, Davenport (2021); Whatcha Smokin? BBQ + Brew, Luther (2020); Warehouse Barbecue Co. + Brewhouse, Ottumwa (2019); and the now-closed Moo's BBQ, Newton (2018).

Fun pork facts!

- Pork is the most widely eaten meat in the world.
- Salt pork was a key staple food for Washington's troops at Valley Forge in the winter of 1776 to 1777.
- A pig's squeal can range from 110-115 decibels, a Concorde jet is usually under 112 decibels.
- Insulin and about 40 other medicines are made from pigs.
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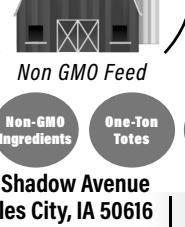
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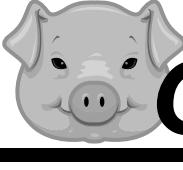
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Burger

- 1 pound ground pork
- Salt
- 4 hamburger buns
- 4 lettuce leaves
- 4 cheddar cheese slices
- 8 slices bacon, cooked until crisp
- 4 tomato slices

Directions

Combine all burger sauce ingredients in a small bowl. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Divide the pork into 4 portions and gently shape each into a patty. Season both sides of the patties with salt.

Heat grill to medium-high heat. Grill the burgers until the center registers 160 F and remove from the grill.

Build the burgers in this order: bottom bun, lettuce, burger patty, slice of cheese, two bacon slices, burger sauce, slice of tomato and the top bun.

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Salt the patties after they're formed (don't mix salt into the meat as it'll bind the proteins, making a tough, less juicy burger)

Don't overwork the ground pork; handle gently for tender burgers.

Press a thumb into the center of the patty for even cooking (this will make it less likely to puff up in the middle and cook unevenly)

Use a thermometer and cook until the pork is just 160 F. Overcooking will dry the burgers out.

Other notes

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In a large bowl, combine the cream cheese, cheddar cheese and onion powder. Then stir in half of the bacon mixture (save the rest for later).

Lay a sheet of plastic wrap on the counter and dump the cheese mixture over the wrap. Roll into a log, tighten the ends and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Dump the remaining bacon mixture onto a plate.

Unwrap the cheese log and roll it in the bacon mixture, pressing it in to stick.

Place the Bacon Cheese Log on a serving platter, drizzle with honey and serve with crackers.



One Pot Ground Pork Stroganoff

- 1/4 cup butter
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup sliced yellow onion
- 1 pound ground pork
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 3 1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 8 ounces egg noodles
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- Fresh parsley for garnish, optional

Directions

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the sliced mushrooms and onions; cook for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onions are tender. Move the mushrooms and onions to one side of the skillet.

To the other side of the skillet add the ground pork and minced garlic.

Brown the ground pork until completely cooked then stir it all together.

Sprinkle the flour into the skillet and stir; let cook for 1 minute.

Add the wine, broth, Worcestershire sauce, black pepper and egg noodles.

Bring mixture to a boil, and let cook for 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally until the pasta is soft.

Remove from the heat and stir in the sour cream.

Add salt and pepper to taste, and sprinkle fresh parsley on top for garnish. Serve warm.

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- 4 thick cut "Iowa" Porterhouse Pork Chops (1 1/4" thickness)
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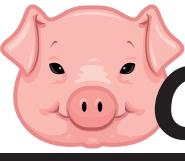


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Five finalists in the running for Iowa's Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin

The annual competition for the title of Iowa's Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin has been whittled down from 40 restaurants to just five finalists across the state, showcasing the best of Iowa's beloved, hand-breaded delicacy!

The top five restaurants still in the running for the coveted title this year, listed alphabetically, are:

- Bronson Bar - Bronson
- Dairy Sweet - Dunlap
- Ruby's Pub and Grill - Stuart
- The Blind Pig - Monticello
- The Market at the Tap - Monticello

"There were 532 restaurants nominated for our 22nd annual contest, which goes to show that Iowans love their breaded pork tenderloins," said Kelsey Sutter, marketing and programs director for IPPA. "Over the years, I've seen firsthand that Iowa has no shortage of these hand-breaded favorites."

To win the "Iowa's Best Breaded Tenderloin" title, a restaurant must offer the sandwich on their menu year-round.

Seasonal eateries, caterers, concession stands, and food trucks are

not eligible. While the style of tenderloin can vary, the pork must be hand-breaded or battered to qualify!

This summer, judging commenced for the top 40 restaurants, selected from public nominations. The list featured the five restaurants with the most nominations in each of IPPA's eight districts, ensuring statewide representation.

IPPA members and industry affiliates visited these locations anonymously, evaluating the tenderloins on porktaste, quality, physical characteristics, and presentation. After reviewing

all 40 evaluations, IPPA's Restaurant and Foodservice Committee chose five finalists to move on to the next round.

A panel of three judges was then appointed to visit each finalist and determine the first and second place winners.

The winning restaurant and runner-up will be announced later this month, during a month-long celebration of pork called Porktober, or National Pork Month.

The runner-up will receive \$250 and a plaque from IPPA, while the winning restaurant will receive \$500,

a plaque, a banner, and statewide publicity — which has been known to send pork tenderloin sales hog wild!

Winners from the past five years:

- 2023 — Cliff's Place, Manning
- 2022 — Lid's Bar & Grill, Waukon
- 2021 — Victoria Station, Harlan (closed)
- 2020 — PrairieMoon On Main, Prairieburg
- 2019 — The Pub at the Pinicon, New Hampton (we all know this was the best one, right?)

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A unique Iowa Pork Producers campaign — one that has made national news, has taken on some extra "Bacon" this year with the addition of Logan Bacon to the Iowa State football team.

Unique campaign adds another helping of 'Bacon'

Iowa State freshman walk-on Logan Bacon earned a spot in the 'Purchase Moore Hamann Bacon' promotion with his impressive tryout for the viral campaign with the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

Bacon, the younger brother of Cyclone junior linebacker and original 'Purchase Moore Hamann Bacon' roster member Caleb Bacon, was the final student-athlete to try out for the promotion.

The Lake Mills native showed up with a wheelbarrow full of bacon, and wisely declared, "Because, you can never have too much bacon!" The judges quickly agreed.

Additionally, Tommy Hamann made a surprise return to give his stamp of approval. Due to the addition of Logan Bacon, the "Purchase Moore Hamann Bacon" campaign will henceforth be known as "Purchase Moore Bacon Hamann Bacon."

The obvious goal is to encourage everyone to purchase bacon, ham and other delicious pork products.

Logan Bacon joins Myles Purchase, Tyler Moore, Tommy Hamann, Caleb

Bacon, Alec Cook and Zach Lovett in the promotion that launched last September and quickly went viral across social media, earned national media attention, and was named the Best NIL Deal of 2023 by the Sports Business Journal.

Logan Bacon was one of 19 Iowa State student-athletes to appear in the tryout videos. Like his older brother Caleb, Bacon joined the Iowa State football roster as a preferred walk-on. Caleb emerged as one of the team's best defensive players last year and earned a full scholarship from Iowa State University at the end of last season. Logan Bacon hopes to follow in his brother's footsteps, in multiple ways.

"It's definitely a blessing to be able to get this opportunity right away," Logan Bacon said. "I haven't really done much yet, I just have a cool last name, and it's been a lot of fun so far. The people at Iowa State have been great. All the coaches, the staff, the players, everyone takes you in with open arms, so I'm really blessed to be part of it."

The Iowa State football team started this

season 6-0 and they are currently ranked 11th in the nation.

"It's really cool having Logan join this effort, especially with him having essentially the same start that I had as a preferred walk-on coming into the Iowa State program," Caleb Bacon said. "I look forward to seeing him progress and hopefully have a lot of success."

The Iowa Pork Producers Association is donating \$1,000 worth of pork to every video tryout participant's food pantry of choice. The Bacon brothers both chose the Lake Mills Food Shelf in Lake Mills, Iowa. That \$2,000 worth of pork equals approximately 2,700 servings of protein to fight food insecurity in their hometown.

"It's huge, especially for a little town like we're from," Caleb Bacon said. "All that pork is important to them. That will help feed families in our town that need some help. It's just really rewarding to be able to give back to the community that we started from and we're really glad the Iowa Pork Producers can do that for them."

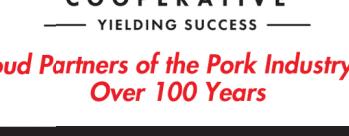
October is National Pork Month, aka 'Porktober'. The 'Purchase Moore Bacon Hamann Bacon' initiative is a key component of Porktober in Iowa. Hy-Vee grocery stores are promoting the campaign to encourage consumers to buy more pork products.

In-store displays featuring the Cyclone players went up in 200 Hy-Vee stores across the Midwest.

Hy-Vee will give away free bacon for a year to 20 recipients and Blackstone Griddles to 10 recipients in conjunction with the promotion. To qualify, consumers simply need to purchase pork at any of the 200 participating Hy-Vee stores between now and Oct. 31.

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Husky coach says his team needs to accept 'challenge'

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punches with his players.

Most good coaches don't as the up front and blunt take on what actually happened can often do wonders for teams that come out of the gates flat and lack energy – which the Huskies accomplished for most of an unforgettable evening against the underdog Bearcats.

Some of Sudol's message to his talented team wasn't exactly family friendly – but the point seemed to be driven home to his Huskies, who turned the ball over three times and could not stop North Butler's passing game. NB managed two perfectly orchestrated aerial strikes and had another called back near the goal line after a block in the back yellow flag was tossed by an official.

The serious talk and heart-to-heart postgame break down then shifted gears where Sudol point blank challenged his team to be the best they can possibly be and attain something the Huskies haven't done in a decade – take home the district crown.

That's what's on the line tonight (Friday) over in Fairbank as the Warriors of Wapsie Valley play host to the Huskies for all the chips and salsa – or is it the whole big enchilada?

Either way, somebody's going home with a district championship as both teams are 5-2 overall and 4-1 in district play.

The winner gets the coveted No. 1 seed and the chance to host two playoff games.

"You gotta accept the challenge next week and you're

going to go to Wapsie Valley and you're going to go win a district title now," said Sudol. "The best football players are going to play next Friday. You gotta earn it this week in practice."

Sudol said there is no alternative to losing, so he's expecting his team's best effort in the regular season finale.

"Show up and win and win a district title," said Sudol. "We don't want to go in as a two or a three seed. We want to go in as the one seed."

The state accepts the top four district teams out of eight districts in A, 1A and 2A – which constitutes 32 teams that will play for a state title in each of those classes.

After doing the math – N-P is guaranteed a home playoff game as it clinched the No. 2 seed as it holds head-to-head tiebreakers over North Tama (4-3, 4-2) and South Winneshiek (3-4, 4-2) – teams the Huskies have already beaten this season.

If the Huskies lose to Wapsie, N-P would be tied with both aforementioned district foes with two district losses if South Winn defeats BCLUW (1-6, 0-5). North Tama has already concluded district play and competes at North Mahaska this evening. The first tiebreaker criteria is head-to-head competition.

North Butler (4-3, 2-3) was playing for its playoff life and looked like it last Friday. The fact is, though, even if the Bearcats defeat one-win AGWSR this evening, these is no conceivable way they can make the playoffs because South Winn – even in a loss at BCLUW and with three



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Dawson Becker comes up with a sack of North Butler quarterback Brody Wangness.

district losses – holds the head-to-head tiebreaker over North Butler courtesy of a 35-14 win back in early September.

As far as the game action went for Husky fans – it wasn't pretty.

North Butler's Tucker Pecha picked off a Devon Blanchard rollout pass on the Huskies' second possession of the evening. The first quarter would end scoreless.

North Butler struck first in the second quarter against N-P on a quick slant that went awry as Clayton Townsley took the pass from quarterback Brody Wangness and was gone – 63 yards to the house.

NB would tack on another scoring strike late in the first half on a 3rd-and-18 that resulted in a 25-yard TD pass to Ryan Austin on a stop-and-go route. Previously in the possession Austin torched the Huskies on a 56-yard pass he took to the end zone, but a block in the back brought the ball back to Husky 17-yard line. NB also hit on the two-point pass for a 14-0 lead with just 25 seconds left before halftime.

N-P came out with some short-lived energy early on in the second half as it forced a NB punt on the game's first possession of the third quarter. Blanchard ended up throwing a pick to lineman Aiden Witte on a screen pass on the ensuing possession. Witte had himself a game as he also recovered a fumble on N-P's best drive of the game late third quarter to preserve the shutout.

North Butler capitalized on the turnover and interception return that brought the ball to midfield. After several successful runs, Wangness took

it across the goal line on a one-yard plunge. NB also made good on its two-point pass and the game was now a three-score deficit at 22-0.

On N-P's next drive, the Huskies brought the ball all the way down to the Bearcat 8-yard line but Austin blew up a Husky handoff that forced a fumble and was recovered by Witte with 1:29 left in the third quarter.

That pretty much stuck a fork in this district battle and preserved the satisfying win for the energized Bearcat crowd.

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SECOND QUARTER

NB - Clayton Towsley 63 pass from Brody Wangness (pass failed)

8:01

NB - Ryan Austin 25 pass from Wangness (Towsley pass from Wangness) 0:25

THIRD QUARTER

NB - Wangness 1 run (Sam Stirling pass from Wangness) 4:54

TEAM STATS

NB NP

First downs 12 7

Rushes-yards 35-113 30-119

Passing yards 147 51

Total yards 260 170

Att-Comp-Int 12-7-0 10-4-2

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD STATS

Rushing - Aiden Gelner 10-33,

Jackson Carey 7-36, Devon

Blanchard 7-24, Eli Kalainoff 6-26,

Passing - Blanchard 4-10-51.

Receiving - Gelner 2-42, Matthew

Malven 1-5, Kalainoff 1-4.

Tackles - Tyler Zimmer 7, Carey

6.5, Blanchard 6, Trent Rodru

4, Karson Chyna 3.5, Jake Smith

3, Kalainoff 2.5, Malven 2, Miles

Carpenter 2, Beau Morris 1.5, Zeke

Kalainoff 1.5, Braeden Mitchell 0.5,

Avery Mueller 0.5, Isaac Jones 0.5,

Landon Foelske 0.5, Cam Cleveland

0.5.

Kickoff returns - Gelner 2-22,

Foelske 1-5, Ty Berger 1-0.

Punt returns - Foelske 3-0.

Punts - Carey 4-25.8.

Boys golf will stay in the spring for 'foreseeable future'

Veteran Nashua-Plainfield coach applauds decision by Iowa High School Athletic Association to not move the sport to the fall next year

BY BOB FENSKA

Of the Reporter

The Iowa High School Athletic Association did an about face Thursday when its Board of Control voted to postpone any change in golf seasons for what the IHSAA called "the foreseeable future."

And that came as welcome news to golf coaches around the state, especially those who coach at smaller schools like Nashua-Plainfield.

"They listened, and I'm appreciative of that," said Jeff Trost, who has coached the Huskies for the past 44 seasons. "It would have caused our program some major issues, and fall golf, in my opinion, just isn't going to work for 1A schools like ours."

The IHSAA and Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union had announced

in August a move for girls' tennis and all boys' golf classes to be played in the fall starting in 2025-26. However, the Board of Control voted Thursday to delay the boys' golf change indefinitely, so the sport will remain in the spring for 2025-26 and until the board considers additional information.

"We considered the feedback from our member schools and the board ultimately decided it was worth recon-

sidering our initial vote," said board chairperson Dr. Andy Crozier, superintendent at Central Lee. "It became clear that there were too many obstacles that need to be resolved in the short-term to make this change for the 2025-26 school year."

The change was announced in August as a way to reduce spring schedule congestion for school activities and improve the student-athlete

golf experience.

Since then, the IHSAA's numerous committees and school feedback structures often cited challenges with small school participation in fall sports, coaching conflicts and golf course availability.

Three of the six Huskies who took to the course for last spring's Class

SEE GOLF, 11



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Nashua-Plainfield senior Kadence Huck holds the lead midway through the New Hampton Invitational last week.

N-P crowns TIC cross country champ

Huck beats Osage's Byrnes in an 'instant classic'; Huskies set to run 1A qualifier at Central Springs

BY BOB FENSKA

Of the Reporter

The legend of Kadence Huck grew even larger on Thursday as the Nashua-Plainfield senior made a spirited run to her first-ever Top of Iowa Conference cross country championship.

Huck's performance highlighted a solid day for the Huskies on the wind-swept course at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City as the Huskies also got an all-conference run from Jase Hansen and season-best times from Adiley Gerholdt and Bailey Bond.

But it was the incomparable Huck that wrote the best story of all as she finished the 3.1-mile race in a time of 19:31.4 to finish one-tenth of a second ahead of her nemesis, Osage's Scarlett Byrnes.

"It was vintage Kadence," Nashua-Plainfield coach Jenn Kalainoff said, "and nothing she does really surprises me anymore. It was a great race, one that I don't think anyone who saw it will ever forget."

The Osage junior led the field for much of the race and appeared to be pulling ahead between the 2 and 2 1/2-mile marks, but Huck would not be denied as she chased that elusive TIC title.

With 400 or so meters to go, she had reeled Byrnes in and the two stars were running step for step.

"I kept saying, 'You're a sprinter, you're a sprinter,' and she showed it," Kalainoff said. "What makes her so special is her competitiveness and we saw that today."

As a freshman in 2021, Huck finished fourth at the TIC meet and then had to settle for second in both 2022 and 2023.

"I think it was obviously one of her big goals," Kalainoff said, "but it's also Kadence. She has big goals, and this was



Nashua-Plainfield's Jalissa White (above) and Luke Paplow (right) at last week's meet in New Hampton.



Nashua-Plainfield's Chase Sudol will never get confused with Knute Rockne of the famed Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Huskies on wrong end of a stunner

Despite loss to Bearcats, N-P can win the district title with win over Wapsie

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

Class A, District 3 Football

Dist. All

Nashua-Plainfield	4-1	5-2
North Tama	4-2	4-3
Wapsie Valley	4-1	5-2
South Winn	3-2	3-4
North Butler	2-3	4-3
AGWSR	1-4	1-6
BCLUW	0-5	1-6

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

North Butler 22, Nashua-Plainfield 0
South Winneshiek 44, North Tama 36
Wapsie Valley 46, BCLUW 0
Belmond-Klemme 26, AGWSR 21

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Nashua-Plainfield at Wapsie Valley
AGWSR at North Butler
South Winneshiek at BCLUW
North Tama at North Maha

119 total yards on the ground.

"They just came ready to fight. From play one they came in and hit us in the mouth. Our kids just didn't respond," said Sudol. "The effort wasn't there and the execution. Our guys needed to make a play and we just didn't make the plays. That's what the game of football comes down to and we just didn't get it done."

Could it have been worse? It always can.

Should the outcome of the Class A, District 3 contest on the Huskies' Senior Night been a lot better?

According to Sudol and probably most of the followers of Husky football – absolutely.

"We gotta get better and we gotta get better now," said Sudol. "No excuses come next Friday. Seniors this week – you need to lock in. This is the season you remember for the rest of your life. This is a learning moment for our foot-ball team."

Sudol clearly didn't pull any

SEE FOOTBALL, 11



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Lily Eiffler puts down a kill in a match against Rockford played earlier this season.



SEE FOOTBALL, 11

Nashua-Plainfield heads into volleyball postseason

Huskies close out regular season, prepare for home regional opener Monday evening

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

Find a way – one hit at a time.

That goes for digs, blocks and serves as well.

That's the attitude the Nashua-Plainfield volleyball team is taking into the postseason after finishing off the regular season in a quad at Hampton on Tuesday.

The Huskies (9-14) and head coach Mindy Foelske ended up placing in a tie for sixth place in the Top of Iowa East with rival North Butler (6-21). Both league foes played to 2-5 records in the league.

N-P played some good volleyball this week at that quadrangular hosted by Hampton-Dumont-CAL, but didn't manage a win versus those aforementioned Bearcats of North Butler, Lake Mills and the host Bulldogs.

The Huskies started out the last three matches of the regular season against Lake Mills (18-11), which placed third in the TIC West. Lake Mills, also nicknamed the Bulldogs, eked past

the Huskies 22-20 and 21-19.

"We came out really strong against a good Lake Mills team. We started this match really strong in all aspects of the game – serving, passing, communicating, hitting. We were aggressive at the net. Finding a way to get past a few mistakes and miscues was our downfall in the match and on the night overall," said Foelske.

HDC (17-10) – a fourth-place finisher in the North Central Conference – turned back N-P by identical scores of 21-18 in that straight-set victory.

"We did some really good things during the quad. It was kind of the same story as it has been all year – just finding a way to overcome is going to be key going into the postseason," the N-P coach said.

North Butler earned a win over N-P in a two-set sweep, although the scores and stats from that match were not available to the Reporter at press time. The Bearcats finally got one on the board versus the Huskies this fall after losing

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 11

Nashua-Plainfield's Lily Eiffler puts down a kill in a match against Rockford played earlier this season.