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City to keep same number of law enforcement hours

City Council members express frustrations over proposed contract with the Sheriff's Office but say Board of Supervisors has them 'over a barrel'

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

A contract has yet to be signed, but a counteroffer of a counteroffer was made on Monday night in Nashua at a City Council meeting.

In what has turned into somewhat tense negotiations between the City of Nashua and Chickasaw County to provide law enforcement services for the town of around 1,500 residents,

there may be some light appearing at the end of the tunnel.

Nashua city officials voted unanimously to return to the original draft of up to 2,880 yearly hours for service, or approximately 240 a month, in another contract proposal to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors.

"We don't have any other choice, Sam. They have us over a barrel," said Nashua council member Rhonda Dean after Samantha Johnson,

another member of the five-person council, started to make a motion to bump up the hours.

Chickasaw County board members rejected Nashua's initial change to the rough draft of a one-year contract that would provide law enforcement services for the city of Nashua. City leaders voted to lower the hours to 200 hours a month or 2,400 yearly. That would cost the city almost \$143,000.

The county in turn said that hourly rate for law

enforcement services would raise from \$59.50 to \$70 if the city was intent on sticking to its voted upon decision to reduce the amount of hours the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department patrols the streets of Nashua.

That would bump up what Nashua pays the county to \$168,000. If Nashua were to go back to what the original rough draft of what the contract

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Residents get to have say on EMS

Crowd a bit small, but SafeTech hears a range of opinions on ambulance

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

It may not have been the crowd that many expected, but Chickasaw County residents did get their chance to weigh in on an EMS study that may hold the fate of a publicly-owned ambulance service in the county.

Two representatives of SafeTech Solutions — both who have long histories in the EMS field — held a town-hall meeting Monday night to hear thoughts and concerns from residents who weren't part of the interviews of stakeholders that were held that day and on Tuesday, and about 30 residents turned out.

Only six signed up to speak, but others joined in the conversations during the 50-minute meeting that saw residents express a variety of opinions.

They all agreed with New Hampton resident Chad Humpal, who said "we need an ambulance," but they also dove-tailed at times when it came to what the future of EMS should look like in the county.

"In a world that has gotten political these days," Humpal said, "it seems like every time I come to one of these things ... it's about money. I'm not here about money. ... I think we should already have a director on the ground, helping to facilitate those concerns."

Several residents flat out told the SafeTech officials that they believed the county should continue to have a private ambulance service; in fact, only Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, who also serves on the Ambulance Council, spoke up in favor of a publicly-owned service.

New Hampton residents Chip and

SEE AMBULANCE, 4



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield students heading to the state History Day contest include (front row, from left) Maci Malven, Jordyn Frost, Paige Franzen, Kadence Huck, Cal Levi, Titus Cerwinski, Elayna O'Neill, Ella Betts, (back row) Grace Dietz, Caleb Sinnwell, Jackson Mehmen, Sawyer Bottorff, Chris Niedert, Elexa O'Neill, Ava Kirk, Connor Sullivan, Serena Gallmeyer, Rilyn Henningsen, Kamryn Zimmer, Jena Peterson, Rachel Paplow, Lily Jones and (absent) Alyson Reints.

REAPING HISTORY DAY REWARDS

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD TO TAKE 23 STUDENTS, 14 PROJECTS TO STATE CONTEST IN APRIL

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

SEE THE N-P STUDENTS AND THE PROJECTS THEY WILL TAKE TO STATE HISTORY DAY.

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Turner said, "because they've put so much time and energy into their projects. It's been different the past couple of years because they haven't really known if they're going to get to go anywhere. ... That's one of the rewards — going to state or going to nationals — for all the hard work, but they've stuck with it."

Since traveling to Waterloo for the 2020 district competition, Nashua-Plainfield National History Day students have competed virtually. That meant they "handed in" their projects for the state and national contests in 2020, the district, state and national contests in 2021 and this year's district contest.

"It seems like we haven't gone to a live contest in forever," Turner said, "and I know the kids are super excited to get a chance to go to Des Moines."

That's the good news. The bad news is this year's

SEE HISTORY DAY, 4

Splish, splash, the car took a bath

The wait is finally over as fundraiser for Nashua Park Board comes to an icy end

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Monday was not a good day to have a car sitting on the lake near Nashua's dam ... unless, of course, you were Kim Coblenz.

And since it wasn't really her car, it was even better, right?

Shortly after 2 p.m. on Monday — a day when the high temperature in Nashua was a balmy 68 degrees — the car that had been sitting on the lake for a couple of months broke through the ice.

And Coblenz claimed the top prize — a gift basket valued at more than \$200 — for the unique fundraiser put on by the Nashua Park Board as part of its inaugural Winterfest celebration.

Basically, it worked like this: S&T Collision put a car on the lake, residents then bought "time slots" for when they thought the car would crop through the ice and then they waited.

That wait ended on Monday afternoon.

"We were hoping more people would buy chances," Nashua Park Board President Nat Sinnwell said, "but with the donations we received [for Winterfest], it did turn out to be a decent fundraiser for us. ... It was a fun event, and with



Photo courtesy of Nate Sinnwell

SEE CAR, 4



Photo courtesy of Kendra Leibold

Celebrating ag!

As we celebrate National Ag Week, we present "farm life" photos submitted by our readers both in this edition of the Reporter and online at nashuareporter.com.

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High school class to hold dodgeball tourney for former police chief's family

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Students in a Nashua-Plainfield High School leadership class will take what they've learned and put it into practice next month when they host a dodgeball tournament fundraiser in the school gym.

And the money raised will go to a Nashua family experiencing the ultimate heartache — the

loss of a husband and father.

The tournament will be held on Friday, April 8, and the balls will begin flying at 8 p.m. It will feature six-player teams and the cost to play will be \$25 per athlete. A \$2 admission fee will be charged to spectators, and funds raised will go to the family of former Nashua Police Chief Jeremy Iriarte.

SEE DODGEBALL, 12

Council members express their frustration with county supervisors

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stated at 240 hours a month for just under \$60 an hour, the cost for law enforcement services would total over \$171,000.

"If they're going to up the price for us to have the 2,400 hours yearly and there's only like \$3,000 or \$4,000 difference, I think we should just move back up to the original hours. They clearly want us to take the 2,880," said Johnson.

"My fear is if we don't get a contract signed very soon, they're going to up it just to up it."

Johnson made a motion to increase the hours and Tim Malven seconded it. All Council members voted "yes" to move forward with another change to the amended contract and set the hours back up to 2,880 on a yearly basis.

"It's only \$4,000 to go up 40 hours. Can we go up to 280 hours for an additional \$4,000?" said Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer. "Or can we get a fee schedule? That way we could actually break it down."

Dean responded to Anthofer by saying "good luck with that one." Dean also said "we've got to

get this contract going, though."

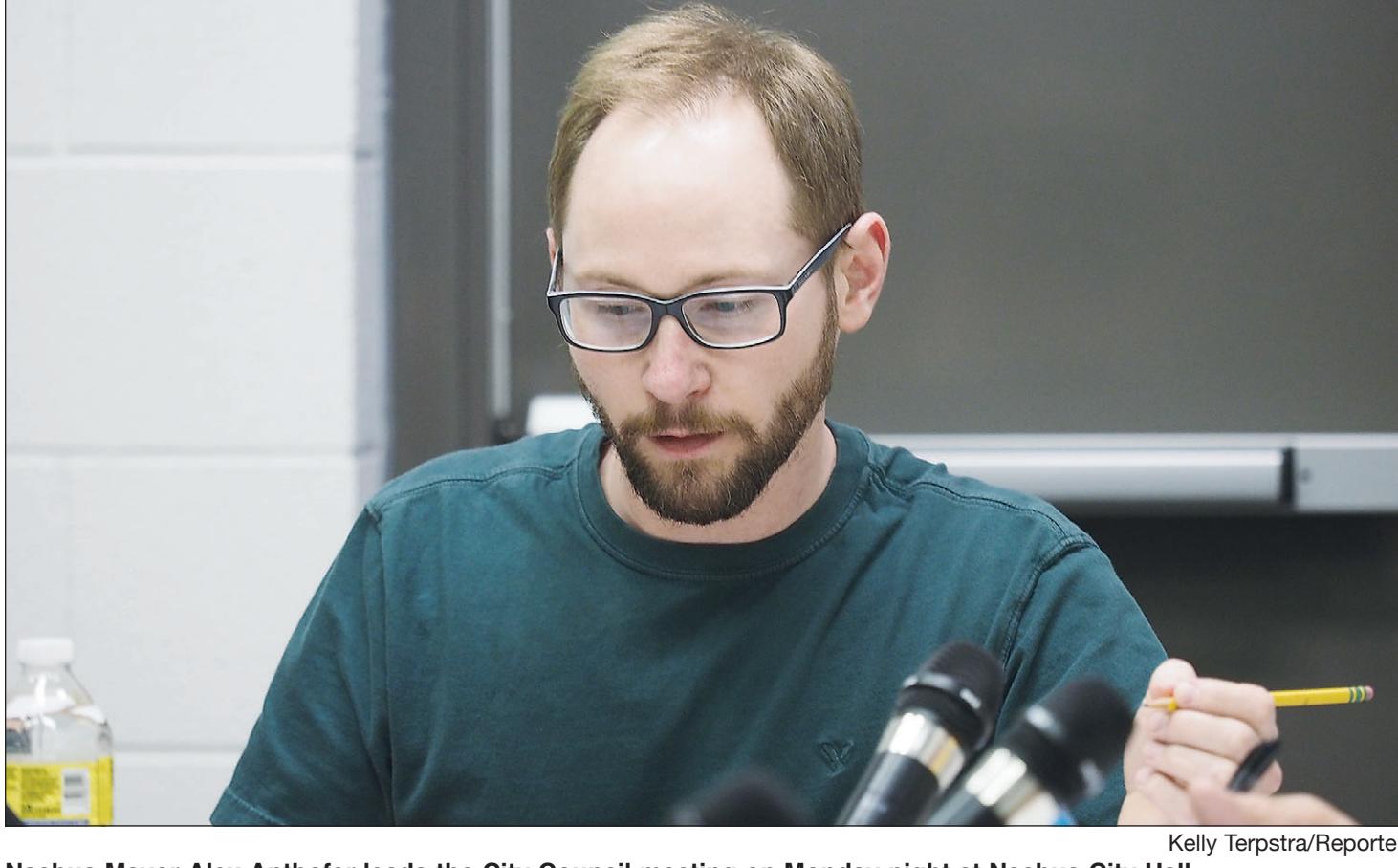
Nashua's current two-year contract with the city runs out on June 30 of this year. The hourly rate in that contract was \$56.81.

The cost to return to 2,880 yearly hours would only cost Nashua an additional \$3,360 for 480 hours of service if the county doesn't act on that hourly increase to \$70.

"This contract's for one year. It's not like we have a three-year contract," said Hal Kelleher, the lone returning member of Nashua's City Council from last year.

Johnson had this to say after the brief discussion by council members returned the proposed contract to what is was initially.

"Somebody needs to talk to the Board of Supervisors and tell them that we're a city of 1,500 people and we're already spending 10 percent of our budget on your services. If you keep upping the hours, just like Fredericksburg's done in the past, we're gonna have to lower 'em because we can't give them 50 percent of our budget every year," Johnson added.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter-Herald

Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer leads the City Council meeting on Monday night at Nashua City Hall.

City Council takes on water issues

Nashua leaders get more details on broken clarifier from water superintendent

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

The city of Nashua is still waiting on word if a broken clarifier in its wastewater treatment plant will be covered by insurance after it broke this month and needs to be repaired.

The city has been working with the insurance company to determine if the claim is covered.

"There's four bolts that hold it down. They were going to clean it out. It froze. The bolts broke off. It shot through. We're hoping it's an insurance claim," said Nashua City Clerk John Ott.

The clarifier, which helps with the treatment and removal of solid sewage by sedimentation, froze at the bottom of the well. The parts and mechanisms inside the clarifier then recently rose six feet according to Water/Wastewater Superintendent Nick Henningsen.

This led to three half-inch cast-iron brackets that broke. Scaffolding and scum baffles also need to be replaced. Henningsen said there was a quote to fix those repairs for \$25,000. But he also mentioned that until the 40-year old clarifier is thoroughly inspected, the city won't know

the full extent of the damage.

"That's not even knowing once we go down and see if any of the legs are broken," said Henningsen. "It should be covered with the insurance."

Henningsen also addressed the council about the process to replace new endpoint water meters on approximately 92 houses in town. He said those endpoints should be delivered by the end of this month or some time in early April.

Appointments will have to be made by homeowners so the city can get the new endpoints up and running because a resident of the property needs to be home at the time of installation.

This led the city to add a monthly \$40 fee if homeowners ignore or refuse to have the new endpoints installed.

"This is after Nick has hung his tag and they've gotten a newsletter," said council member Samantha Johnson.

Henningsen also stated the Iowa Department of Natural Resources wants to take inventory of lead pipes in homes and he said the city can also check on that during installation of the new endpoints.

The city also forgave a substantial water bill at 123 Lexington due to extreme circumstances.

Keeping along with the theme of water, the Council approved a \$5 increase per 1,000 gallons on pool refills. The cost to fill a 1,000 gallon pool in town is currently \$300 for this rate hike.

Council member Hal Kelleher said the Park Board has a meeting scheduled this week (24th) to discuss opening the campgrounds and what the fees will be to camp there are. He also said the board will try to get in contact with N-P schools to get some manpower to help relocate the pergola at the Splash Pad and to help with some repairs.

The City also decided to have Blockhaus Plumbing and Heating to replace the furnace at City Hall at a cost of just over \$3,700.

The new furnace will be a 70,000 BTU (British Thermal Unit), 96 percent efficient 2-Stage furnace.

Council members approved for city employee evaluations to take place and the maximum pay raise would be 2 percent.

Jendro Sanitation sent a memo to the city stating there will now be a \$245 additional surcharge per month because of rising fuel costs. This surcharge will be eliminated once the price of gas goes below \$3.50 a gallon.

Three Republicans vying for Prichard's Iowa House seat

BY BOB STEENSON

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It appears that Chickasaw County for the first time in a long time will be represented by a Republican in the Iowa House of Representatives.

Official filing for state and federal candidates ended Friday, setting the stage for primary elections in June and then the general election in November.

Rep. Todd Prichard, a Democrat from Charles City, lives in what is now District 58, but he previously announced he would not run for another term and he did not file. No other person filed papers seeking the Democratic nomination for Iowa House District 58, either.

After redistricting last year following the 2020 U.S. Census, Prichard's district changed dramatically as it lost parts of Floyd and Cerro Gordo counties and gained much of Bremer County, save for the county's largest city, Waverly.

The state political parties can still approve candidates for legislative districts where no one filed by convening the party precinct committee members

Three people are running for the Republican nomination for Iowa House District 58, including one from Floyd County.

The candidates are Charley Thomson, Charles City; Jim Wright, Sumner; and Sean T. Gallegar, Fairbank. Although Gallegar's address is listed as Fairbank, which is not in House District 58, Gallager's actual residence is in the southeast corner of Bremer County.

In Iowa Senate District 29, one person, Sandy Salmon of Janesville, filed for the Republican nomination. No Democratic candidate filed in Senate District 29. No incumbent Iowa senator lives within the new district.

Chickasaw County's representative in the State Senate, Waylon Brown, is now in Senate District 30.

The state political parties can still approve candidates for legislative districts where no one filed by convening the party precinct committee members

whose precincts lie within the senatorial or representative district involved.

Meanwhile, those seeking county offices have until today (Friday) at 5 p.m. to file candidate papers.

The Chickasaw County offices on the ballot will be county attorney, recorder, treasurer and two supervisors seats, one representing District 2 and the other representing District 5.

Here are the candidates who filed for state and federal offices by last Friday's deadline.

Governor

GOP: Kim Reynolds (i), Des Moines.

Democrat: Deidre DeJear, Des Moines.

Secretary of State

GOP: Paul D. Pate (i), Des Moines.

Democrat: Joel Miller, Robins; and Eric Van Lancker, Clinton.

Auditor of State

GOP: Todd Halbur, Clive; and Mary Ann Hanusa, Council Bluffs.

Democrat: Rob Sand (i), Des Moines.

Treasurer of State

GOP: Roby Smith, Davenport.

Democrat: Michael L. Fitzgerald (i), Carlisle.

Secretary of Agriculture

Republican Mike Naig (i), Des Moines.

Democrat: John Norwood, West Des Moines.

Attorney General

GOP: Brenna Bird, Dexter.

Democrat: Tom Miller (i), Des Moines.

U.S. House District 2

Republican Ashley Hinson (i), Marion.

Democrat: Liz Mathis, Hiawatha.

U.S. Senate

GOP: Jim Carlin, Sioux City; and Chuck Grassley (i), Cedar Falls.

Democrats: Abby Finkenauer, Cedar Rapids; Michael Franken, Des Moines; and Glenn Hurst, Minden.



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Breanna Hackman tosses the shot put at the Wartburg Indoor track meet earlier this month.

Huskies continue upward climb with track program

Sudol begins sixth season at the helm

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

There weren't many jerseys to hand out six seasons ago when Chase Sudol took over the Nashua-Plainfield boys track program.

Fast forward to 2022 and the Huskies are planning on taking another bus load of kids back down to Des Moines this May when the state track meet kicks off.

Numbers dipped below double digits in terms of athletes out for the sport in 2016. That's when Sudol began the rebuilding process and what a resurgence it's been for N-P track and field since.

"Success gets more kids out. It just continues to build the program. It's been everything you could ask for," said Sudol. "It's everything you could dream of as far as a coach. This usually doesn't come this easy within five years."

N-P qualified nine events (six relays) to state in 2021 and the Huskies are looking to at least duplicate if not exceed that total this spring.

Back this year are senior leaders Sam Fundermann and McKade Munn. Fundermann and Munn combined to run in seven events at state – all relays. "That alone speaks for their talent. We're just trying to figure out where they're going to fit in this year," said Sudol. "They're going to be solid pieces in the lineup."

This year they're also looking to score points individually. Munn has been giving it a go at the high jump and Fundermann is also a runner to watch in the open 200 according to Sudol.

Aiden Lamborn qualified for state last year as a sophomore in the high jump. He's still trying to find consistency in leaping over the bar in attempt to get back to his personal best of 6-1 – achieved at the state qualifying meet last year.

"The talent's obviously there. The kids are working hard. It's just a matter of making sure that they execute and get kids to where they need to be to get us to that point," said Sudol.

Is this the year N-P topples St. Ansgar at a meet under the direction of Sudol?

N-P placed second to the Saints at the state qualifying meet in 2021. St. Ansgar placed first with 148 points – N-P was a distant second with 88 points.

"I have high expectations. I have never beaten St. Ansgar in track or in football. That's a goal of mine personally," said Sudol. "We're going to see what we can do on Tuesday."

N-P opens the outdoor season at St. Ansgar on Tuesday.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P sophomore Zach Zwanziger runs at the Cowpath Relays in 2021.

Huskies feature talented team players

Nashua-Plainfield girls track team returns plenty of athletes with state experience

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

Heart and hustle – drive and determination.

Throw in a team-first attitude and you've got yourself the makings of a successful track athlete.

Of course it takes talent to compete among the ranks of the state's best.

The Nashua-Plainfield girls track team pretty much has all of the above when it comes to award-winning attributes.

That's why this season should be a fun one for the Huskies as they look to keep their track record of success rolling along.

N-P kicks off the outdoor season on Tuesday at St. Ansgar under the tutelage of Husky first-year head coach Jessi Mahnesmith

It should be a good one in 2022 as the Huskies will vie for a top spot, not only at that season-opening meet, but in every competition they undertake.

"The team came together to highlight their vision and motto for this year and they came up with 'Back for more -#Unsatisfied.' They all have big plans to continue with last season's momentum," said Mahnesmith.

N-P has a terrific core back from last year's squad that sent seven individuals

and four relays down to Des Moines at the state meet.

When breaking down N-P's roster – most would start with seniors Breanna Hackman, Makenzie Foelske and Abbie Hyde.

Hackman, who will throw at the University of Northern Iowa, placed second in the shot put at state in Class 1A to Audi Crooks of Algoma Garrigan. Hackman holds the school record in the shot put and placed third in the discus at state. Hackman is close to also breaking the school record in the discus and she also wants to get back to

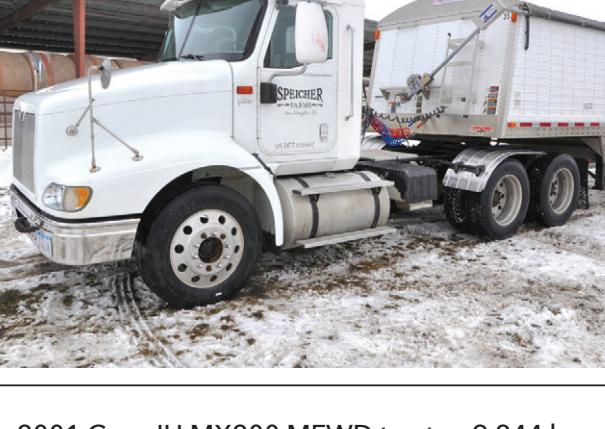
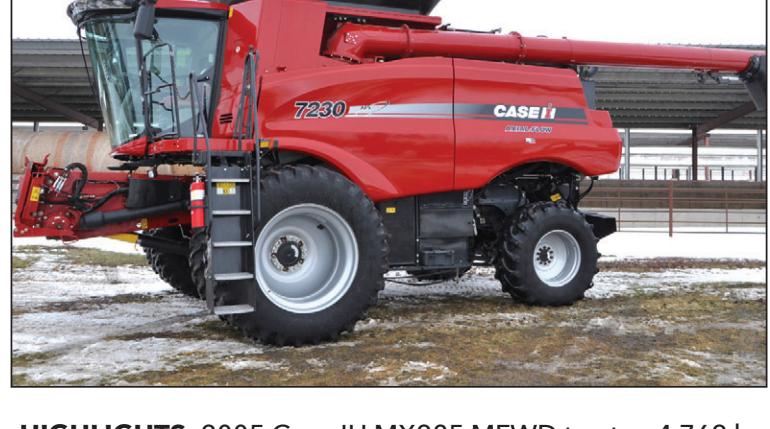
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2020 Haul-A-About Tiger 24' enclosed trailer; 2007 Hillsboro 700 29' flatbed trailer; 1989 Kiefer Built 22' livestock trailer; Shop-built 30' flatbed trailer; Shop-built 15' skid steer trailer; Shop-built 10' flatbed trailer; Shop-built 16' flatbed trailer; 1978 Ford Thunderbird 2-door car, hard top, V8 eng., auto trans., showing 23,976 miles; 1996 Case 580 Super L 4wd backhoe, 6,388 hours; 2005 Case 521D wheel loader, 7,023 hours; Case W14C wheel loader, 13,840 hours; Case 850G Long Track dozer, 3,039 hours; 1998 Case 550G Long Track dozer; 2016 Case SV300 skid steer; Johnson Drainage Plow pull-type tile plow; Wemhoff P-12 12' pull-type box blade; 2018 Can-Am Defender XT HD8 4wd UTV, full cab 4,529 miles; 2015 Can-Am Renegade 1000 4wd ATV, 967 miles; 2008 Kawasaki Brute Force 750 4wd ATV, 3,461 miles; Kawasaki Brute Force 300 2wd ATV, 2,301 miles; 2007 Honda 650LXR dirt bike, 1,642 miles; Grasshopper 620 lawn mower, 438 hours; Case-IH 2350 loader; Erskine 2010X 60" snowblower; 2-prong bale spear; L&M pallet forks; Case 60" material bucket; 3-prong bale spear; L&M 78" high volume material bucket; HLA 84" high lift bucket; Bale spear; 96" manure scraper; L&R 84" high volume material bucket; Case 65" material bucket; Miller 2-prong bale spear; L&R bale spear; Kay 1,000 gal. fuel tank; Kay 1,000 gal. fuel tank; 1,000 gal. fuel tank; Meridian 500 gal. fuel tank; Kay 100 gal. fuel transfer tank; Winco 50PT0C-3/A PTO generator; (75) 24"x12"x3" wooden planks; (15) 24"x16"x4" wooden planks; Overhead fuel tanks; 3-pt. trailer mover; 18.4R42 duals w/10-bolt wheels; Tandem axle trailer dolly; Mi-T-M 2000 PSI hot water pressure washer; Evercrest 20-ton shop press; Strongway adjustable 2-ton gantry crane; 2020 Wild Fire 4-post 9,000 LB. car lift; Homak 60" rolling tool chest; Evercraft 2-ton cherry picker; Torch outfit on cart; Engine stands; Napa 2-ton floor jack; Mi-T-M rotary surface cleaner; DEF totes & pump; Systematics MP175 arc welder; 14 gal. 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Jeremy Iriarte, 33

Jeremy Iriarte, age 33 of Nashua, passed away at the Floyd County Memorial Hospital in Charles City on Monday, March 14, 2022.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Cedar Point Church in Nashua, with the Rev. Bill McLeland celebrating. Pallbearers were Johnathan Iriarte, Zach Huffman, Austin Lines, Joe Franzen, William Stover, John Anderson, Jeff Starkey, and Brent Kruger.

Interment will be at a later date.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2022, at the Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Jeremy's journey began on October 28, 1988, when he was born to Elizabeth Iriarte in Tamuning, Guam.

In 1995, he moved with his mother and brother to Plainfield, Iowa, and received his education at Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools.

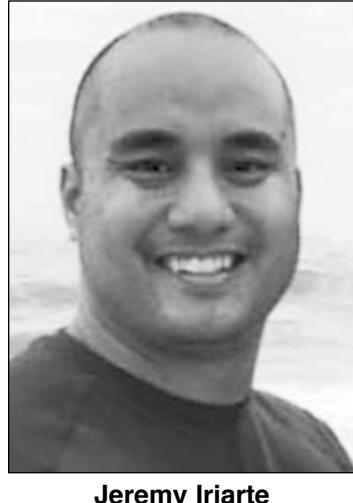
In high school, he participated in football, baseball, track, and golf, and was a member of Nashua-Plainfield High School's Class of 2007.

It was in high school — Spanish class, to be exact — where he met the love of his life, Amber Lines. She found Jeremy to be funny, really nice, and yes, pretty good looking, too, and the two high school sweethearts were married on June 6, 2009, at the Little Brown Church.

Their family grew to include four children — Aidyn, Gabriel, Harmony, and Oakley. Their father was, in a word, involved when it came to the lives of his children.

Jeremy did anything and everything with his kids — from playing with them to going on bike rides with them to attending their events to helping them with their sports. Family always came first with Jeremy, and he was a loving husband and attentive father.

After high school, Jeremy attended Hawkeye Community College and received his associate of arts degree before enlisting in the Army Reserves in 2011. He served with the 445th Transportation Company out of Waterloo, IA, and deployed to Kuwait in 2020 with the 203rd ICTC Company out of



Jeremy Iriarte

Minnesota.

Jeremy found a career he loved in law enforcement, and he served as a Floyd County Sheriff's Office deputy for six years before becoming the police chief for the city of Nashua in 2019. He loved helping people, and he was a very dedicated law enforcement officer who never shied away from putting in the extra hours needed to protect and serve.

He was an avid gamer, loved to go to movies, and played Yu-Gi-Oh! card games with his friends, and would go golfing any chance he got. He was also incredibly tech-savvy and enjoyed tinkering with computers. Jeremy also was dedicated to working out, and he was the kind of guy you'd want on your side if trouble ever broke out!

Jeremy lived a lot of life in his 33 years here on Earth. "Protect and Serve" wasn't just a motto to him; it was a way of life. He was a doting son, wonderful husband, fantastic father, and the kind of friend we all need, and he will be dearly missed by all of us who knew him, even if it was just for a short while.

He is survived by his wife, Amber of Nashua; four children, Aidyn, Gabriel, Harmony, and Oakley all of Nashua; his in-laws, Stanley and Andrea Lines of Nashua; one brother, Johnathan (Chaine) Iriarte of Plainfield; aunts and uncles, Catalina (David) Franzen, Barbara (Scott) Groah, Dinah (Kevin) McMahon, Roland Iriarte, and Rudy Iriarte; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth in 2020; and two uncles, Raymond and Francisco Iriarte.

Marilyn Jean Nordman, 74



Marilyn Nordman

Marilyn Jean Nordman, age 74 of Hampton and formerly of Clarksville, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2022, at the Hampton Rehabilitation Center in Hampton after being diagnosed with cancer in February.

Marilyn was born March 21, 1947, in Waverly, Iowa, the daughter of Ora and Florence (Endelman) Schrage.

She was baptized in Waverly and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Clarksville. Marilyn graduated from New Hartford High School in 1965.

On Dec. 18, 1966, she was united in marriage to Jim Nordman at St. John Lutheran Church. To this union two daughters were born, Shanelle (Kevin) Harken and Shawna (Mark) Lebeck. The couple made their home in Clarksville near the Pleasant Valley Church.

Marilyn worked at CUNA Mutual Life Insurance Company, Stephen Popelka DDS and Bantam Employees Credit Union.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church where she was involved in Women's Circle and helped with Vacation Bible School.

In her spare time, she enjoyed cooking, baking, gardening, and sewing. She also volunteered her time with the Girl Scouts and 4-H while the girls were growing up. She and Jim also loved antiquing and visiting the Amish shops, along with collecting dolls.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Jim of 55 years, of Hampton and formerly of Clarksville; two daughters, Shanelle (Kevin) Harken of Clarksville and Shawna (Mark) Lebeck of Nashua; five grandchildren, Heather (Kasey) Schmidt of Clarksville, Cody Harken of Clarksville, Shane Harken of Greene, McKenna and McKayla Lebeck both of Nashua; one great-granddaughter, Ellie Schmidt of

Burial will follow in the Lynwood Cemetery, Clarksville. Memorials may be directed to the family and on-line condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is in charge of arrangements.

Eleanor Munson, 85

Eleanor Munson, age 85 of Waverly, died Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo, IA.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2022, at Hugelback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua, with the Rev. Ellingworth celebrating the service.

Interment will follow at Horton Cemetery in Horton.

Friends may greet the family two hours prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday.

SafeTech explains process of ambulance study

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

Darlene Schwickerath shared the story of their grandson, who was injured in an ATV accident this summer. They said he had to wait 4 1/2 hours to be transferred by ambulance from MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center to a larger facility, and both Schwickeraths expressed frustration when it came to finding out why it took so long for an ambulance to do the transfer.

"So we get no director answer, and then we can only speculate," Darlene Schwickerath said, "and I think we all know that when we can only speculate and when people talk, it tends to get negative."

While Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, who is a member of the Ambulance Council, again made a push for a publicly-owned service, some in the crowd, like Duane Stanton, were adamant that the county eschew a publicly-owned service and continue to work with a private service like the Chickasaw Ambulance Service in the future.

Residents who live outside of New Hampton also expressed opinions and told SafeTech's Tom Fennell and Lee Huber that they hoped the residents of the county smaller towns will have a voice in SafeTech's study.

"My concern is we're talking a lot right now about New Hampton," said Fredericksburg resident Brad Steege, "but we have to remember that there's Fredericksburg, there's Nashua, there's Lawler. ... I've heard not-so-good stories about response times because we don't have an ambulance in town anymore."

Lawler Fire Chief Eric Fibikar agreed and while he conceded that Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath is a "damn good paramedic," he brought up concerns about response times and other issues.

"What this community needs is somebody who is going to be there all the time, not more worried about doing transfers



SafeTech Solutions' Tom Fennell (right) tells attendees at a town-hall meeting Monday night how the company will report its findings of an EMS study it is conducting in Chickasaw County.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

from Mason City to other towns," he said. "Jeremy could be that, but we need to fine tune him a lot more."

Fennell and Huber, for the most part, listened and took notes, but they also shared how the process will work.

After interviewing stakeholders who ranged from elected officials to current EMS personnel in the county to Chickasaw Ambulance Council members to school superintendents, the two will gather their notes together and put together a report it will deliver to the Ambulance Council.

"We'll have key findings and we'll have some recommendations," said Fennell, who has worked in the ambulance business for the past 40 years. "Now, you might not agree with some of the recommendations, you might agree with some of the recommendations. So those recommendations that you choose to agree with, those are the things we're going to come back the third time and that's the ones we're going to help you mobilize, put into play."

Some residents asked the two SafeTech Solutions representatives if Chickasaw County was unique in facing an EMS challenge, and Huber, who began working in the ambulance industry shortly after 9/11, assured those in attendance that it was not.

"It's a challenge in rural areas, not just

here but across the country," he said, "and our job is to help you meet that challenge."

Fennell said that a typical SafeTech feasibility study will give residents between four and six options and that the Minnesota-based firm will list the options and "peel back each one."

He said that SafeTech's options are going to list "what it's going to take, what it's going to be and how much it's going to cost" but leaves how those costs will be covered to local entities.

He added that "there's three words we use in our assessments and they are sustainability, reliability and viability. Our assessment will recommend a viable ambulance service, one that can pay for itself. We want a sustainable, not just for tomorrow but for years and years to come. And the one thing we've heard time and time again tonight and throughout the day is the reliability."

The goal for the residents who turned out appeared to be the same. Make sure Chickasaw County has an ambulance service.

"We have the best hospital facilities within our reach," Chip Schwickerath said, "but it's just a matter of can we get you to Mayo, can we get you to Mason City as fast as we can? Or Allen? Or Iowa City?"

Nashua-Plainfield students to fine tune projects before state

HISTORY: FROM 1

national contest that was scheduled to be held at the University of Maryland in suburban Washington, D.C., in June will once again be a virtual affair.

"It's disappointing, I'm not going to say it isn't," Turner said, "but I get it. They had to make a decision by January, and the college it's going to be held out was having virtual classes then so how can you say we're going to bring in thousands of other students for this event."

But for now, the Nashua-Plainfield students are focused on that state contest. They are working on documentaries, exhibits, papers, websites and even a performance will fine-tune their projects.

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Nashua-Plainfield girls track team has plenty of weapons heading into outdoor season

NP GIRLS: FROM 3

compete in the Drake Relays next month.

"She is a self-motivator and has been putting in so much effort towards those goals already this season," said Mahnesmith. "This girl has grit and is most definitely working towards going out with a bang and leaving her mark at NP!"

Foelske, recently signed on to run at Wartburg College in Waverly, placed seventh in the 100 dash at state. She's

obviously a key component in the sprint races and relays and has looked tremendous so far in the indoor season.

Foelske is also working on her technique in the long jump and don't be surprised if she racks up many high finishes in that field event for the Huskies in 2022.

"She's already picking up right where she left off last year and I'm confident that she will continue to grow over the season," Mahnesmith said. "She definitely has her sights set

on that blue oval and once she sets her sights on something, the sky is the limit!"

Hyde is a bona-fide wild card this spring as her speed could be utilized in any number of events. She was a member of the state distance medley team last year that just placed out of the money in ninth place. She's focusing more on shorter sprints (100, 200) this year, but could still make an impact in the open 400 as well. Hyde also ran on the 4x100 at state.

"Her and Makenzie are a fantastic

duo in these events and I think she will pull out some great times this season," said Mahnesmith.

N-P senior Jennah Carpenter was a pivotal performer in the 4x800 and her ability to score points in various long distance events will help out the Huskies a bunch this spring.

Rylee Weiss, a senior, ran in the 4x100 and sprint medley at state as well while Kara Levi and sophomore Ellie Eick were integral members of the 4x800 relay that ran at Drake Stadium.

A newcomer this spring that could make serious waves in the long distance races and already has in the indoor season is freshman Kadence Huck, who had a dominating indoor season.

"Kadence is always pushing herself to give 110 percent. She's been putting in miles before and after practice, continually going above and beyond and that is showing in her early season times," Mahnesmith said. "She has proven to be a top contender in all distances."

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers, City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on March 21, 2022 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Rhonda Dean, Samantha Johnson, Hal Kelleher, Tim Malven, and Ernie Willsher. City employee(s) Beth Henningens Deputy Clerk was present along with Nick Henningens Water/Waste Water Superintendent. There were 4 guests in attendance.

Mayor Anthofer asked for consideration/approval of the agenda. Johnson/M, Dean/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions: 22-21 Resolution Establishing the use of ARPA funds. Dean/M, Johnson/S, M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes. 22-22 Resolution Amending Job Descriptions. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes.

Mayor Anthofer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held March 7, 2022. Malven/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes.

Mayor Anthofer asked for a motion to approve the consent calendar payment of claims.

Total Claims to be paid for March 8-March 21, 2022. \$37,700.29 + \$7,339.19(Wages)

General Fund: \$17,708.83

Urban Revit (LOST): \$7,643.37

Road Use: \$6,103.51

Water: \$7,771.90

Sewer: \$4,054.37

Storm Water: \$1,757.50

Total Funds: \$45,039.48

Dean/M, Johnson/S, M/C. RC: All Ayes

Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the building permit for 318 Lake shore Dr. Willsher/M, Dean/S, RC: All Ayes.

Business of the Mayor: Mayor Anthofer thanked the council for everything they do and stated it isn't the easiest when you have the County Board of Supervisors

talk about you in the paper.

Department Reports:

Deputy Clerk Henningsen let the council know that some of our outdated software is going to need to be updated or we will lose access. The council approved upgrading our Microsoft Office to a 365 yearly subscription to maintain access.

City Council

Johnson mentioned that the blue light bulb donation event for Jeremy Iriarte was big success and during the event there was a fire call and she stated her appreciation for the Nashua Fire Department. Dean mentioned that the car dropped through the ice today for those that were in the poll.

Nick Henningens Water/Waste Water Superintendent presented his monthly report.

Library Director Heather Hackman presented her monthly report.

Discussion/Action Items:

Dean motioned to approved doing employee evaluations, setting a maximum pay increase of 2% and for the city to pay for health insurance for FY'23. Johnson seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to have the transaction fee for Forte passed onto the customers if the bill was paid via credit card when the city switches credit card providers. The cost will be \$1.75/transac. Malven seconded. M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes. Dean motioned to have the city pay the fee if it was paid via E-check or automatic payment. The cost to the city would be \$.50/transac. Johnson seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Dean motioned to forgive the bill at water bill at 123 Lexington due to extreme circumstances. Kelleher seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. The council discussed the temporary fuel charge that will be imposed by Jendro Sanitation. The city is going to absorb the cost, since it is a temporary charge due to fuel prices. Dean motioned to go into closed session per 21.5(1)(c) of the Iowa Code discussion of strategy with legal counsel. Kelleher seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to have City Clerk set up timekeeping software "My Hours" for two employees Beth and Zade to test the program. Dean seconded. M/C. Johnson motioned to forgive the bill at water bill at 123 Lexington due to extreme circumstances. Kelleher seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to lock the downstairs and elevator during cleaning for safety. Johnson seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to have City Clerk set up timekeeping software "My Hours" for two employees Beth and Zade to test the program. Dean seconded. M/C. Johnson motioned to forgive the bill at water bill at 123 Lexington due to extreme circumstances. Kelleher seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to have the city pay the fee if it was paid via E-check or automatic payment. The cost to the city would be \$.50/transac. Johnson seconded. M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Other Business:

There was no other business. Dean motioned to adjourn. Johnson/S, M/C. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM.

Pending Approval by Council

John Ott, City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT (March 8-21, 2022)

VENDOR REFERENCE.....AMOUNT

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY

STREETS-ALTERNATOR.....\$163.85

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hour (\$171,360 annual). Malven seconded, M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to approve the bid by Bobkhaus to replace the furnace for \$3,734 for a 70,000 BTU, 96% efficient 2 stage furnace. Malven seconded. RC: Johnson, Kelleher, Malven Ayes and Dean and Willsher Nay. Motion passed 3-2. Dean motioned to hold off on replacing the outdated door drive on the elevator at the Welcome Center. Johnson seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Kelleher motioned to lock the downstairs and elevator during cleaning for safety. Johnson seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to have City Clerk set up timekeeping software "My Hours" for two employees Beth and Zade to test the program. Dean seconded. M/C. Johnson motioned to forgive the bill at water bill at 123 Lexington due to extreme circumstances. Kelleher seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to have the city pay the fee if it was paid via E-check or automatic payment. The cost to the city would be \$.50/transac. Johnson seconded. M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes. Dean motioned to have the city pay the fee if it was paid via E-check or automatic payment. The cost to the city would be \$.50/transac. Johnson seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Dean motioned to forgive the bill at water bill at 123 Lexington due to extreme circumstances. Kelleher seconded. M/C. RC: All Ayes. Johnson motioned to have the city pay the fee if it was paid via E-check or automatic payment. The cost to the city would be \$.50/transac. Johnson seconded. M/C. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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CH-DONATION FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE.....\$1,551.00

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE NASHUA CH-ANNUAL SUB PAPER.....\$36.00

ORIGIN DESIGN GREELEY ST-STORM WATER STUDY.....\$7,030.00

ROB SAND, AUDITOR OF STAT F/Y '20 EXAM ADD'L COSTS.....\$1,258.25

SECRETARY OF STATE CH-APP FOR NOTARY JO.....\$30.00

WEX BANK CITY FUEL EXPENSES.....\$883.14

BAKER & TAYLOR LIB - BOOKS.....\$415.36

BETTER HOMES & GARDENS LIB-SUB.....\$22.00

BOOK LOOK LIB - BOOKS.....\$446.73

BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS LIB - PHONE EXP FEB '22.....\$40.95

CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT LIB-BOOKS.....\$73.50

DECMO LIB-OTHER MATERIALS.....\$106.95

GI PUBLISHING LIB - BOOKS.....\$30.00

HEATHER M. HACKMAN LIB-REIMB TRAINING/MILEAGE.....\$54.92

ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOC LIB-PROGRAM SUPPLIES.....\$461.94

INGRAM LIB-MATERIALS/BOOKS/DVD'S.....\$498.06

MIDWEST LIVING LIB-SUB.....\$14.00

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS LIB-SUB.....\$30.00

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE NASHUA LIB-SUB.....\$36.00

RAPID PRINTERS LIB-SUPPLIES.....\$49.99

WATERLOO COURIER LIB-SUB.....\$435.00

BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC PRIVATE LINE REPAIR-423 MADISO.....\$269.96

CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF OFFIC PD-COUNTY CONTRACT FEB 22.....\$4,544.80

GWORKS WTR/SWR-UB SOFT-

WARE CLOUD.....\$3,447.50

INRCOG URB REV GRANT FEES.....\$1,820.37

NORTH EAST IA REGIONAL LEAGUE CH-22/23 MEMBER-SHIP DUES.....\$15.00

SATERN BUILDERS URB REVIT GRANT-515 GREELEY.....\$5,823.00

SECURITY 1ST INSURANCE SURETY BOND INS CH60%.....\$1,098.00

LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK HSA.....\$1,700.00

IPERS REGULAR IPERS.....\$2,937.05

IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT FED/FICA TAX.....\$2,062.97

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....\$314.00

Accounts Payable Total.....\$37,700.29

Payroll Checks.....\$7,339.19

* REPORT TOTAL *.....\$45,039.48

GENERAL FUND.....\$17,708.83

URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY).....\$7,643.37

ROAD USE.....\$6,103.51

WATER.....\$7,771.90

SEWER.....\$4,054.37

STORM WATER UTILITY.....\$1,757.50

TOTAL FUNDS.....\$45,039.48

NAME (Rev July - Feb '22)....Feb Rev YTD Rev

GENERAL FUND TOTAL.....\$17,708.53

517,308.24

WODD DAYS FUND TOTAL 1.....\$146.00

16,359.36

LAKE/DAM TOTAL.....\$60.52

34,431.04

URBAN REVITAL (LOST ONLY).....\$81.67

9,181.90

ROAD USE TOTAL.....\$17,065.22

148,202.45

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TOTAL.....\$82,242.11

EMRGNY FUND (TRAN TO GF).....\$60.97

TOTAL\$7,570.93

LOCAL OPTION TAX TOTAL.....\$0

152,240.73

SPECIAL REVENUES-LAKE/DAM TOTAL\$0

No. 21892

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Here's to heating up the spring, Huskies!

Wishing Nashua-Plainfield's springs sports athletes and coaches the best of luck in 2022



Emily Becker

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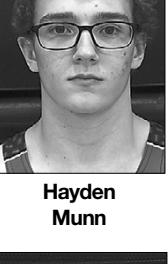
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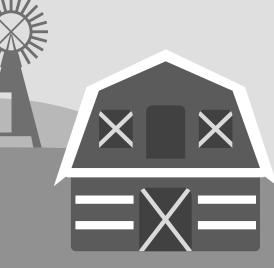


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Program helps pair small farmers with workers

Area producer feels organic practices benefit environment but Labor4Learning helps with labor intensive farming

By DOROTHY HUBER
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It's a win-win situation. When Chickasaw County farmer James Frantzen signed Frantzen Farm, LLC up with the Labor4Learning program last year, he didn't know what he was going to get. He never does.

But he was able to procure a good employee for the length of time he needed, and that employee was able to gain valuable experience.

The Labor4Learning program — implemented through the Practical Farmers of Iowa — is designed for beginning farmers seeking employment and additional training in farm management and production skills. Though both conventional and organic farmers are in the system, the Frantzen farm is organic. Set on 300 acres, it's listed as a "diversified and energetic organic crop and livestock farm, including beef and pork."

Tom and Irene Frantzen, James' parents, have been with Practical Farmers of Iowa since the 1980s, said James. They own and operate Frantzen Farm, along with James and Amanda Franzen, and that farm has been certified organic since 1998. James explained the advantage of hiring through the Labor4Learning program.

"It gives us a chance to recruit younger people who want to learn about farming — it's like a paid intern — it gives us better help and people who are wanting to learn versus someone just wanting a paycheck."

Last year the farm only had one applicant, a man from Waterloo.

"He just wanted to get out of the city and that was a perfect opportunity for him," said Frantzen. "We provided an apartment for him in Alta Vista — that was only three miles away — and that was on top of his pay."

Plus, the worker was provided good home-cooked meals, courtesy of Irene.

"He enjoyed being outside very much, he was passionate about working outside and working with cattle. He didn't have any experience — and that was an OK thing — but he definitely got some training and it was a learning curve for dad and I."

The employee worked during the row crop season, March through November, and Frantzen thought, based on their last conversation, that the man would continue working with cattle.

The Labor4Learning program lists over a dozen "Trainer Farms" for 2022 throughout Iowa. Though only a handful are certified organic, many use organic and sustainable farming



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Farmers endure all types of weather. Tom and Irene Frantzen, along with their son James and his wife Amanda, pose during a bit of a snowstorm on their farm.

practices and raise products from vegetables to bison, from turkeys to mushrooms and from fruit to flowers.

"Being organic is a way for us to survive — we only farm 300 acres of land — and it makes it affordable to stay small and on the land," Frantzen said. "With the cattle and hogs...their market prices have been so up and down, the last 30 years we've been driven to the 'go big or go home' mindset."

Their crop yields are somewhat comparable to conventional practices, but then, they haven't used synthetic fertilizer in decades, opting for manure or cover crops.

"We get around 180 bushels per acre of corn and 50-plus bushels of beans," he said. "But we don't have fertilizer costs and we get double or even triple the market price so it comes out quite profitable."

But without the use of chemicals, it can be a more labor-intensive production, thus the need for a full-time employee.

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The state is also among the top five in nine other categories — including third in milk goat inventory, number of farms and principal crops total value; fourth in beef export value, cash rent per acre for cropland, cattle on feed inventory and steers 500 pounds and over inventory; and fifth in corn for silage production and oat production.

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Dodgeball tourney will give leadership class 'practical' experience

DODGEBALL: FROM 1

who passed away on March 14 at the age of 33.

"Most of us can't imagine what they're going through," said Sam Brown, the instructor of the leadership class, "but we also want Jeremy's family to know that as a community and as a school community that we're there for them and we want to help and support them."

Brown said that his leadership class — which consists mostly of high school seniors — each year plans a project so it can put the things taught in the classroom into the real world.

"We don't want to just tell them that

'you have to show up on time' or do this or that," he said, "and the project is a way for them to see the importance of the things we talk about in class."

As far as the tournament goes, Brown didn't come right out and say it but the instructor who also serves as the Nashua-Plainfield boys basketball coach hinted that the "favorites" to win the title would be a team that has some kind of wrestling connection.

"It's a fun game," Brown said with a laugh,

"but the wrestlers, for them, it's life or death. Seriously, though, we just thought it was a game that everyone

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Those interested in playing in the tournament can sign up online at <https://rb.gy/s6n2uh> or by calling 319-269-8330.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed NASHUA-PLAINFIELD School Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

Location of Public Hearing: Nashua-Plainfield CSD JH/HS Commons 612 Greeley Street Nashua, IA 50658 Date of Hearing: 04/11/2022 Time of Hearing: 07:00 PM
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 22/23 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

	Budget 2023	Re-est. 2022	Actual 2021	Avg % 21-23
Taxes Levied on Property	1 2,990,062	2,819,110	2,652,729	% 6.2
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2 56,069	57,839	123,237	% -32.5
Income Surtaxes	3 107,781	252,038	321,790	% -42.1
Tuition/Transportation Received	4 225,000	222,000	220,609	
Earnings on Investments	5 9,741	9,478	9,162	
Nutrition Program Sales	6 40,900	0	38,720	
Student Activities and Sales	7 141,000	138,000	135,440	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8 271,300	267,600	265,990	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9 0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10 4,189,980	4,047,844	3,827,344	
Instructional Support State Aid	11 14,622	0	0	
Other State Sources	12 689,220	683,200	681,621	
Commercial & Industrial State Replacement	13 0	14,067	52,643	
Title 1 Grants	14 77,500	77,000	76,542	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15 695,800	710,123	688,255	
Total Revenues	16 9,508,975	9,298,299	9,094,082	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17 0	0	2,296,307	
Transfers In	18 330,950	321,305	515,282	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19 0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20 0	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21 9,839,925	9,619,604	11,905,671	
Beginning Fund Balance	22 3,724,018	3,829,133	3,562,953	
Total Resources	23 13,563,943	13,448,737	15,468,624	
*Instruction	24 6,374,103	5,781,461	5,429,643	% 8.3
Student Support Services	25 236,989	224,876	212,230	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26 267,986	249,151	226,240	
General Administration	27 240,875	220,458	200,832	
School Administration	28 356,999	342,896	331,134	
Business & Central Administration	29 268,138	211,914	198,732	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30 722,058	682,106	603,216	
Student Transportation	31 381,349	323,642	304,900	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A 2,474,394	2,255,043	2,077,284	% 9.1
*Noninstructional Programs	32 399,765	373,912	347,053	% 7.3
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33 226,644	232,423	103,457	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34 330,950	475,191	2,896,309	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35 314,521	283,499	270,463	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A 872,115	991,113	3,270,229	% -48.4
Total Expenditures	36 10,120,377	9,401,529	11,124,209	
Transfers Out	37 330,950	323,190	515,282	
Other Uses	38 0	0	0	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39 10,451,327	9,724,719	11,639,491	
Ending Fund Balance	40 3,112,616	3,724,018	3,829,133	
Total Requirements	41 13,563,943	13,448,737	15,468,624	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		10.66489		

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Nashua-Plainfield Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting

March 14, 2022

Nashua-Plainfield JH Commons

The March 14, 2022, regular board meeting of the Nashua-Plainfield Community School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Pat Lentz. Also present were directors Cody Jensen, Laura Folkerts, and Chris Hagen; Superintendent Todd Liechty; Principals Karl Smith and Shannon Wurzer; Board Secretary Brittany McNeil; and eight visitors.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve the consent agenda as presented:

A) approval of the agenda as presented (adding the voluntary transfer of teacher under personnel recommendations)

B) approval of the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on February 14, 2022 and special negotiations meeting with NPESP held on February 9, 2022.

C) approval of the bills for payment.
D) approval of the monthly financial reports.

E) approval of the personnel recommendations as follows: approval of the resignation of Sarah Fisher as elementary teacher; approval of the resignation of Jill Kalvig and Chaya Feldman as JH volleyball coaches; approval of the resignation of Chaya Feldman as assistant varsity/JV girls basketball coach; approval of the hiring of Toni Nelson as part-time elementary cook; approval of the hiring of Paige Malven as speech coach; approval of the transfer of Sara Duhrkopf from JH to elementary teaching position. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the February 2022 Cash Flow Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no visitors to address the Board.

There were no public comments or questions on the use of ESSER III funds.

The Board reviewed questionnaires that were filled out by two community members (Missy Simmwell and Lara Lawrence) who expressed interest in filling the board vacancy seat. Board members noted strengths of each candidate and thanked them both for showing interest. Board members asked the candidates questions and gathered information.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by

Jensen to appoint Lara Lawrence to fill the vacant school board seat. A roll call vote was taken; all yeas. Motion carried unanimously. Board Secretary McNeil administered the oath of office to Mrs. Lawrence and she took a seat at the Board table.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to open the public hearing on the 2022-2023 school calendar at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Liechty reviewed the proposed school calendar. Visitors made suggestions and board members also gave input. Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to close the public hearing at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar with the following changes:

*move fall parent teacher conferences from October 25th to November 1st

*move October 28th comp day to November 4th

*change January 2nd to PD and January 3rd to a student day

*keep February 17th as the first snow make-up day

*move March 3rd to March 15th

*no snow day on March 16th

*May 24th as the last student day

*May 25th and 26th as the second and third snow make-up days

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the first reading of board policies (Series 200, Board of Directors). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the first reading of board policies (Series 300 Administration). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the preliminary options for the 2022-2023 school budget. The Supplemental State aid has been set by the Iowa Legislature at 2.50%. The published tax rate will be set at 10.66489 and can always be decreased but cannot be increased. The previous tax rate was set at 10.518. Taxable valuation will increase. The income surtax rate will increase from .03 to .05 and is included in the overall tax rate that will be published.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to set the Certified Budget Hearing for April 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nashua-Plainfield Junior High Commons. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen, to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative reports were presented.

Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Lawrence to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes published are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled board meeting.

Patrick Lentz, President Board of Directors, Brittany McNeil, Board Secretary

Brittany McNeil Board Secretary

DINGEL, DENNIS	ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....70.00	FICIAL.....140.00	GENERAL SUPPLIES221.62
KUETHE, TIM ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....100.00			SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES.....819.67
LIECHTY, TODD	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT,1,110.92	SHREDDER, THE SHREDDING SERVICE	SHREDDER, THE SHREDDING SERVICE,96.00
LUTHER COLLEGE REGISTRATION	65.00	SICKLES, DANIEL ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	SICKLES, DANIEL ATHLETIC OFFICIAL,100.00
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC.COPIER MAINTENANCE/ SUPPLIES.....5,008.76		SU INSURANCE COMPANY EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN INSURANCE	SU INSURANCE COMPANY EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN INSURANCE,18,998.00
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO. FOOD/SUPPLIES.....27,165.00		SUPERIOR LUMBER CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES	SUPERIOR LUMBER CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES,396.40
MASON CITY GLASS SERVICE	BUILDING REPAIRS,433.14	SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC, NATURAL GAS,7,767.66	SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC, NATURAL GAS,7,767.67
MCNEIL, BRITTANY MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT,296.01		T & K TRACTOR REPAIR RANS-PORTATION REPAIR,4,715.57	T & K TRACTOR REPAIR RANS-PORTATION REPAIR,4,715.57
MEWARDS	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES,942.92	TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS,132.00
MERCER H&B IOWA FIDUCIARY	HEALTH INSURANCE,9,800.59	TITUS LOCK SERVICE	TITUS LOCK SERVICE,684.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRICITY,6,304.27	TRIPOLI COMMUNITY SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	TRIPOLI COMMUNITY SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,5,463.00
MILLER, BENJAMIN ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	70.00	WAGWORKS FLEX REIMBURSEMENT	WAGWORKS FLEX REIMBURSEMENT,2,698.70
MORRIS, RANDALL ATHLETIC OFFICIAL	70.00	WATERLOO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TRAINING REGISTRATION	WATERLOO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TRAINING REGISTRATION,225.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS TRANSPORTATION PARTS,203.63		WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK SCHOOL DISTEDUCATIONAL SERVICES	WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK SCHOOL DISTEDUCATIONAL SERVICES,17,741.42
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE/ NASHUA ADVERTISEMENTS,351.36		WEDEKING ELECTRIC LLSM AIR TENNANCE SERVICES/SUPPLIES	WEDEK