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Nashua signs off on contract

City Council votes 4-1 to approve one-year law enforcement contract with Chickasaw County

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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After months of back-and-forth negotiations, a one-year contract for law enforcement services by Chickasaw County to patrol the city of Nashua was officially signed off on by those city leaders on Monday after a 4-1 vote in the Council Chambers.

Nashua has also left the door open to explore the possibility of hiring a police chief after this new, one-year contract is finished on June 30, 2023. The new contract signed begins on June 1, 2022. The town of 1,500 most recently utilized a police chief in 2018.

Since then, the town has contracted the services of the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department

– which agreed to patrol the area for an allotted annual total of 2,880 hours for a cost of just over \$171,000. That comes out to roughly 240 hours a month. But in the amended contract by the county – Nashua can be charged overtime for any amount of hours that exceed those 2,880 hours at the end of the year.

In prior contracts, Nashua was not

charged for hours the county went over in patrolling the city in the agreed upon total – or what is essentially overtime hours logged.

The hourly rate for the Sheriff Department to provide patrol and conduct investigation as well as

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Issues with attorney lead to a delay in murder arraignment

Man accused of killing rural Nashua man a decade ago will make his first court appearance on April 19

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

First, the public defender found out he was representing the former Charles City man accused of murdering a retired rural Nashua man 10 years ago through the news media.

And then he learned of a conflict of interest with said client.

So on Monday morning, attorney Aaron Hawbaker asked for and received a continuance for the arraignment of 39-year-old Randy Patrie, who was scheduled to make his first court appearance since being charged with the September 2012 murder of Kenneth Gallmeyer.

In his motion to delay the arraignment, Hawbaker, who works for the Public Defender's Office in Waterloo, wrote that "our office did not receive notice of this appointment from the clerk of court; we learned of it through news accounts." He added that he subsequently learned the clerk had incorrect electronic document management system information for the office and that officials were working to correct that.

Hawbaker also said he spoke with Patrie on Monday via telephone and learned of "a conflict of interest precluding the completion of an arraignment on Mr. Patrie's behalf." The attorney said he is in contact with public defender offices that "serve as conflict designations to determine who will represent Mr. Patrie" upon his withdrawal from the case and that he needs additional time to find substitute counsel.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

It may have been chilly but at least they were running!

Nashua-Plainfield's Hannah Lechtenberg gets out of the blocks for the 100-yard dash at the Osage Early Bird Coed Monday, the one day this week that had hint — albeit a small one — of spring weather.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

A large group of residents turn out at Monday's City Council meeting to express their concerns about how a city employee was treated by city leaders after she conducted a fundraiser for the family of Nashua's police chief, who passed away last month.

Fundraiser leads to city employee being written up

Nashua residents turn out to speak up in support of Henningsen during City Council meeting

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The Council Chambers were packed at City Hall this past Monday in Nashua.

Members of the public – most of them residents of Nashua – were there to support their community and back one of their fellow citizens – Nashua Deputy Clerk Beth Henningsen.

Henningsen was present at the start of Monday's Nashua City Council meeting

and spoke during a public comments discussion that dealt with issues and concerns from a group of people that numbered at least 30 strong. They were there regarding Henningsen's employment status and addressed the City Council about a writeup she received that pertained to her actions while working during regular business hours at City Hall.

Henningsen was reprimanded for using the city office she works in to help with a fundraiser she started online to honor her

former co-worker, Nashua's most recent Police Chief – Jeremy Iriarte.

Iriarte recently passed away last month at the age of 33 and Henningsen made public a social media post on Facebook that could help Jeremy's widow – Amber – and his family with donations. Henningsen's idea was to sell blue light bulbs at City Hall for a donation that would benefit Iriarte's family.

SEE EMPLOYEE, 4

Sitting supervisor will face a challenge in GOP primary

If the longest serving member of the Board of Supervisors is to remain on the board, he will have to survive a primary challenge this summer.

Three-term District 2 Supervisor Tim Zoll, who represents the Nashua area, is being challenged by former Nashua City Councilman Scott Cervinske in the Republican primary and it will be one of two contested races in the primary.

Cervinske served on the Nashua City Council until last year, when he decided not to seek re-election.

Zoll, meanwhile, has served on the Board of Supervisors since 2011. He was first elected to the seat in 2010 and run re-election bids in 2014 and 2018.

Candidates had until late

last month to file candidate papers, and along with the Zoll-Cervinske battle, Republicans will also have a race for its county treasurer nomination as both Jackie Bohr and Matthew Ysbrand will seek the nomination.

Here are the other candidates who filed papers for county races:

Attorney: David Laudner (R).

Recorder: Shirley Troyna (D).

Treasurer: Keith J. Hoey (D).

County Supervisor District 5: Jason Byrne (D) and Travis Suckow (R).

The winners of the June primary will move onto this fall's general election, which is set for Nov. 8.

N-P students to host dodgeball tournament fundraiser tonight

For those who need a sports "fix" during a week in which a host of events have been canceled as spring remains elusive, we've got a deal for you tonight (Friday).

That's when Nashua-Plainfield High School leadership classes will put on a fundraising dodgeball tournament in the high school gymnasium.

The tourney starts at 6 p.m., and funds raised will be donated to the family of former Nashua Police Chief Jeremy Iriarte, who passed away last month at the age of 33.

Nashua-Plainfield instructor Sam Brown's classes are putting on the tournament that will include almost a dozen teams. Admission to the tournament is \$2, a raffle for a new grill will be held and Johnny's Seafood and Grill's food truck will be available as well.



Photos courtesy of Heather Hackman

Having a unique sleepover at the library!

The Nashua Public Library held a unique sleepover Wednesday night as part of its celebration of National Library Week.

Children were invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals to the library Wednesday, drop them off and let them enjoy a night at the library, where Director Heather Hackman tucked them in and gave them a few books to read before they called it a night.

And Hackman joked that the stuffed animals behaved themselves quite nicely!

The sleepover was part of a number of activities held during National Library Week, which comes to a close on Saturday.



County to take on added expenses for Patrie trial

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District Court Judge Richard Stochl granted the request and set Patrie's arraignment for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19. On Tuesday, Steven Drahozal, a public defender, filed a notice of appearance with the court — meaning he will take over Patrie's defense.

Patrie is accused of killing Gallmeyer in the former grocer's rural Nashua home in September

2012. Gallmeyer's body was discovered by Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office deputies when they were called to a welfare check at his home north of Nashua on Oct. 4, 2012.

Patrie pleaded guilty in federal court to possession of firearms by a felon as an armed career criminal and possession of sawed-off shotguns and was sentenced to life in prison, but that sentence was later overturned and he was given a 20-year prison sentence.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann said in February that once the life sentence was overturned, his office's goal was to build a murder case against Patrie and have him tried in state court.

Patrie was returned to Iowa from a federal prison in New Jersey last month and is currently being held at the Fayette County Jail because Hemann said that facility is certified to hold federal prisoners and is also better suited than the Chickasaw County Jail to house an inmate like Patrie.

The county is paying Fayette County \$60 a day in housing costs, and on Monday, Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner said he has received a bill for \$3,500 to cover the costs of returning Patrie to Iowa.

Laudner will assist Doug Hammerand of the Iowa Attorney General's Special Prosecution Office with the case, but he said last month

that his office will have to cover a number of expenses related to the trial.

In addition to the travel expenses for the federal marshals and Patrie, he pointed out that the county will also cover expenses incurred by witnesses, some of whom live out of state.

"We're working on our budget to make sure we can cover what we have to cover," Laudner said, "but yes, we know we have some expenses coming that we don't usually have."

Just when the trial will be held, though, remains up in the air.

Once Patrie is arraigned, he has a right to a speedy trial, which means prosecutors must try him within 90 days of the arraignment, but Laudner pointed out that in the vast majority of cases as complex as the Gallmeyer murder, defendants waive their right to a speedy trial to give their lawyers more time to prepare for a trial.

Despite 'inflation,' supervisors move bridge project ahead

County leaders learn SafeTech will present its report to Ambulance Council next month

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing gave his bosses — the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors — a real-world taste of how inflation is making road projects challenging these days.

During Monday's meeting, supervisors opened bids for a bridge replacement project the county has been planning for this summer, and let's just say they got a little sticker shock.

"We're really seeing it right now," Lensing said after the low bid for a bridge on 260th Street east of Cheyenne Avenue came in at \$148,400. "Throw in the rock letting we did last week with this, and it's making it really challenging."

During last week's meeting, supervisors accepted a bid of \$13.91 a ton for road rock, an increase of 8 percent from the \$12.88 the county paid for rock a year ago.

Monday's news was even worse.

Lensing told supervisors a similar bridge project last year cost about \$80,000 and that even when he asked for an estimate on the 260th Street project in November, he was told it would be about \$96,000.

"I mean that's what happened in the last four months," he told supervisors. "The rock, this bridge project ... it makes you think about what can we realistically get done."

But the Board of Supervisors decided to accept the bid from PCI, especially after Lensing told them that "this bridge will probably be closed if we don't do it this year."

Board members debated on how to pay for the extra costs, with Supervisors Jacob Hackman saying he felt the board should consider using federal American Rescue Plan Act, better known as ARPA, funds.

But fellow Supervisor Jason Byrne said he wanted to wait to see about "other projects," including the ambulance feasibility study by SafeTech Solutions before earmarking ARPA funds for road projects.

Board members discussed using rural road infrastructure funds or transferring money from the county's rural services fund to pay for the project.

After Monday's meeting, Lensing said the dramatic increases in everything from road rock to fuel to construction projects has him worried.

"My guess is these fuel prices are going to be with us for a while, and that's a big driver on this," he said, "but if we see inflation like this every year, some things just aren't going to be able to get done."

In other news from Monday's meeting:

• Supervisors learned that SafeTech Solutions will present a report to the Ambulance Council and the board on Tuesday, May 17.

When SafeTech officials held a town-hall meeting last week, they told residents that they would return to Chickasaw County sometime this spring to present four to six options the county could use for EMS.

"This is basically that Phase II they were talking about," said Hackman, who also serves on the Ambulance Council, "and we don't know a time or a place yet, but we want to get the word out so people who are interested can plan for that day."

Once SafeTech presents its report and the options for the county, company officials say they will return to help the county implement the options they choose.

• Supervisors approved a resolution tabbing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the county.

The county has an active Child Abuse Prevention Council, and member Lisa Welter, who is also the county's Public Health administrator, said the group plans to have displays and information in places like the courthouse, schools and fire departments throughout the county.

Supervisors also set a public hearing for April 18 on an amendment to the county's 2021-22 budget because of changes since the budget was adopted last year.



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Nashua-Plainfield Lions Club will put on fish fry tonight

The Nashua-Plainfield Lions Club will hold its annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 8, at the Nashua Town and Country Club.

This year's event will offer either a dine-in or a carry-out option and will run from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and available from any Lions Club member. Tickets for \$11 will be available at the door, and all proceeds will go to fund various projects by the service club.

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Adding to the History Day busload!

Nashua-Plainfield's state contest contingent for National History Day grew by two on Saturday as two more students — Tyler Zimmer and Devon Blanchard — learned they qualified for the April 25 contest that will be held in Des Moines.

Zimmer and Blanchard entered their junior group website — "The 1968 Olympics: Winning the Race to Put the Spotlight on Race" — in a different district than the rest of the Nashua-Plainfield students.

Nashua-Plainfield will now take 25 students and 15 projects to the state contest.

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Council tables discussion on hiring police chief but wants residents' feedback

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auxiliary and technical services is \$59.50. The overtime rate would increase to \$89.25 – or time-and-a-half.

Nashua voted to lower that hourly total to 2,400 hours a year just last month from what the previous two-year contract was (2,880 hours).

In turn, the county raised the rate they were going to charge the city to \$70 an hour. After Nashua agreed to bump its hours in the contract back up to 2,880 – each party settled on the hourly rate of \$59.50.

Nashua City Attorney David Skilton informed council members and those in attendance at the regular meeting that the county had already made out their budget and allocated funds to their various departments. This created somewhat tense talks between the two parties in coming to an agreement.

"If we had done these requests before the county had generated their budget than we would have had more flexibility," said Skilton. "The decisions were already made."

Council member Samantha Johnson, who motioned to accept the one-year agreement with the county and Tim Malven seconding it, talked about the timetable that it took for a deal to finally get done.

"I think that was the biggest issue with everything with this is that the Board of Supervisors was counting on us to have this set amount of hours because we waited so long," said Johnson. "I think the previous council wanted the new council to be the ones that make that decision. That's where it all kind of snowballed."

Nashua tabled the discussion on hiring a police chief but did want to receive feedback from the public via town hall meet-

ings at a future date.

"We need more community input and this is a service to the community," said Council member Hal Kelleher.

Skilton also said avenues can be looked into that may provide additional funding – like speed cameras near the Avenue of the Saints.

"Long ago – Ernie (Willsher) was aware – we looked at speed cams underneath the bridge on the highway," said Skilton. "The status of the law has changed. Would that make a difference in the budget?"

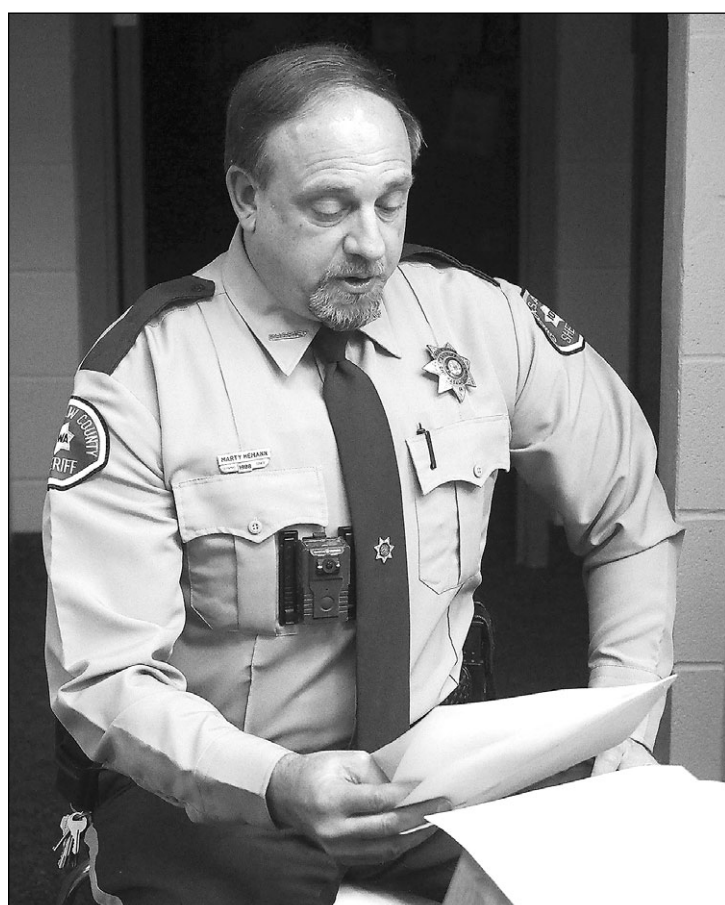
Johnson stated Nashua at one time – as far back as 2017 – had a four-person police force. She said having two full-time police officers in Nashua would in salary alone cost \$199,000. That provided Nashua 48 percent coverage – with full coverage obviously being round-the-clock patrol.

"We're saving a lot of money by contracting with the county, regardless," said Johnson. "Then you also have to consider dispatch cost being put back in there, IPERS, insurance, health coverage for that person or their family."

There's also issues with retention in keeping police officers on the force.

"We do have two Sheriffs that live here in town that are a part of the community," said Johnson. "I think we would turn out to be a training ground to come in, get paid to train – then be taken by a bigger department."

Johnson said that the four-person police force eventually all left the force, whether that was because they were hired elsewhere or for other reasons. Police Chief Jeremy Iriarte took a leave from the force in a military deployment overseas. He recently passed away last month at the age of



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During the same meeting Monday night in which the Nashua City Council approved a one-year contract with his office, Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann gives city leaders his monthly law enforcement report.

33. "Regardless, if we do a contract with them or not, if the right department comes along – if they really want somebody they're going to pay out that contract anyways," said Johnson. "Then we're back to the same process having to hire a new person and put them through training. It keeps going over and over and over again."

Council member Rhonda Dean – who was the lone nay vote when Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer announced the roll call to decide whether or not to accept the one-year contract with the county – said the newly signed law enforcement agreement comprises 10 percent of the city's budget.

"If we hire two officers it will be more than that contract," said Dean. "I completely agree with you – the need. We also

have to figure out how we're going to pay for it without shoving that to you guys."

Sheriff Marty Hemann had this to say about working with the city to try to make sure his deputies don't go over the 2,880 hourly total.

"If we're getting more hours than next month, we need to give less hours so that you're not going to get this whopping bill at the end of the fiscal year," Hemann stated.

Johnson – whose husband is a Chickasaw County Sheriff's Deputy – said she is confident the county won't go over the stated hourly total in the contract.

"Our concern is the overtime, but I have faith in Marty and his deputies that they will allocate hours where necessary and not necessary," said Johnson.

City has to delay water meter endpoint project

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Over 700 houses in Nashua that need their water meter endpoints replaced will have to wait a little while longer.

Nashua City Clerk John Ott said that 200 endpoints will have to be shipped back because they weren't the right fit.

"We ordered 200. We waited six months. We got 200. They had their wrong connectors," said Ott. "Now we're waiting for them to find the new connectors. They don't know how long they're going to take."

Nashua will have to replace brand new water meters on approximately 92 houses in town that have an outdated model along with end point installation.

Appointments will have to be made by homeowners so the city can get the new water meters installed 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 water meters installed.

Nate Sinnwell gave his monthly Park Board report to the Nashua City Council this past Monday and stated the

tentative date to open the campgrounds in Nashua is Thursday, April 14.

The city has a more defined plan to pick up envelope payments from the campers. Council member Hal Kelleher said a city employee will collect the money from the camp fees every Monday.

"I know last year we didn't really have a plan. I think all of April and part of May the envelope sat out there at that park and never got collected," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell also informed the Council that the car drop on Cedar Lake – a fundraiser that was part of the inaugural Winterfest celebration – raised just under \$500. The car fell through the ice on Monday, March 21 after temperatures reached near 70 degrees last month.

"I was a little disappointed in that, honestly. I thought it'd be a little better than that," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell did say the city received over \$1,000 in donations for Winterfest.

"It's really great. It kind of renews your hope in Nashua," Sinnwell added.

Sinnwell mentioned park cleanup will be this Saturday and part of that beautifying

work of that scenic area in Nashua will be to repaint the bathrooms. Of course, fallen limbs from trees will also be collected.

"They took down a lot of trees in the park this winter, so there's a lot of sticks to clean up – a lot of shoreline work to do," said Sinnwell.

The pergola that was damaged in December because of heavy winds was removed from the Splash Pad so it can be fixed. The wooden shelter that provides shade for swimmers and those lounging underneath the summer sun flipped over several times because of inclement weather.

"It's a heavy unit, so some of the brackets and stuff are bent," said Sinnwell.

The Council also discussed allowing county elections at the fire station, but no action was taken.

There is a tripping hazard near the conference center entrance door at the fire station that needs to be addressed where concrete is heaving and sinking.

"They're willing to do a temporary ramp, but they recommend just for safety precautions – the Council look at doing a more permanent fix," said Ott.

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for an important cause, and we couldn't do it without them."

Speaker to share near-death experience on May 7

A Canadian airline pilot will share the story of what he calls his "11 hours in Heaven" during a program next month at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton.

Jim Woodford will share the story of his lying in a hospital bed, clinically dead for more than 11 hours, at the program that will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

Since his experience, Woodford has shared his story – one in which he says he was "transported to the wonders of Heaven and the horrors of Hell" – throughout North America.

There is no cost to attend the program, but the funeral home is asking residents who would like to attend the program to call 641-394-4334 to make a reservation.

Legislative forum set for Saturday in New Hampton

The two lawmakers who represent Chickasaw County in the Iowa Legislature will hold their final forum on Saturday at the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau office that is located on 506 W. Milwaukee St. in New Hampton.

Both State Rep. Todd Prichard, D-Charles City, and State Sen. Waylon Brown, R-St. Ansgar, will attend the forum that starts at 9 a.m.

Sherri Marie Maxey, 56

Sherri Marie Maxey, age 56 of Nashua, died Thursday, March 31, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with the Rev. Matt Howlett presiding. For those unable to attend in person, please join the family via Facebook Live on the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Friends may greet the family from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

Sherri was born on Sept. 26, 1965, to Larry and Karen (Mahlstedt) Good in Charles City, and she grew up just outside of Nashua with her three siblings. She received her education at Nashua schools, and she was a clarinet player in the band and a cheerleader for the Bulldogs at Nashua High School, where she was a member of the Class of 1984.

She had many life adventures after leaving high school, and she lived in many places – including Arkansas, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa – and for many years, she worked as a professional cleaner in both homes and businesses.

Sherri worked with her good friend Sarah, and they called themselves the "Bob and Tim Show," and Sherri would always have a good laugh when her friends and family would find out "Bob" was actually a woman named Sarah!

Sherri had two children, Nicholas and Kayla, and she opened her heart to everyone – her siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends. For the past 17 years, her special friend was Rick Olson, and they loved to travel together as Rick drove his Harley and Sherri sat on the back – loving every minute of life on the road.

She was spunky, and yes, she was the wild child – just ask the 6-foot-4 guy she dropped to the floor after he made an inappro-



Sherri Maxey

prate comment to her! Sherri loved delivering one-liners, and her supply of "dad jokes" was unlimited.

Sherri was an animal lover. She loved riding horses, and over the years, she had pets ranging from snakes to dogs to skunks (yes, she really did have skunks!) to others, and late in life, one of her best friends was Tux, the "Heinz 57" dog who knew he had found a keeper in Sherri.

Her family and friends will tell you that when it came to Sherri, one had to always expect the unexpected, but life was a grand adventure to her. One of the last things she told her family and friends was "don't you cry," but it was too late, for they know that life without this woman for a zest for life and adventure just won't be the same.

Sherri is survived by her parents, Larry and Karen Good of Rogers, Arkansas; her special friend, Rick Olson of Nashua; her son, Nicholas (Kim) Pilgram of Centerton, Arkansas; her daughter, Kayla (Ray) Moore of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; several grandchildren; two sisters, Audrey (Richard) Drewelow of New Hampton, and Amy Good of Rogers, Arkansas; her nephews, Paul Mennenga of Clarksville, and R.J. Drewelow of New Hampton; her nieces, Traci (Chris) Diel of New Hampton, Rebecca (Brent Foster) Mennenga of Greene, and Rachel Mennenga of New Hampton.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Scott Mahlstedt; her grandparents; and her nephew, Dustin Ruth.

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Mayor: Public isn't getting whole story on city employee

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That idea by Henningsen quickly backfired.

Now Henningsen is in hot water because the kind and well-intended gesture was done on company time and inside City Hall.

"Originally I posted on Citizens of Nashua that the bulbs would be here at City Hall for a free-will donation," said Henningsen. "All the proceeds were going to go to Amber. I got a screen shot from the city clerk that [the] mayor sent to him saying I couldn't do it inside of City Hall."

Nashua's mayor is Alex Anthofer and the city clerk is John Ott.

Henningsen said she updated her post on social media to change the location of where the donations could be accepted or the light bulbs distributed.

"I edited the post and said it was going to be at the fire station on Sunday from 1 to 5," said Henningsen. If you couldn't make it, it would be at Posh and Prairie and JT's."

Henningsen said she accepted two cash donations and went out to her car to give a interested party a light bulb for \$20.

"On my writeup it states I didn't get my work done because of it," said Henningsen.

Henningsen said nobody came up to ask her if her work was done and she has proof that her work was completed.

Asked why she received a writeup for starting the donations and Henningsen had this to say standing outside City Hall during a closed session.

"Because they want my time used for that," said Henningsen. "They said it was not fair for the taxpayers to pay my salary to do volunteer work."

A person in the audience during the public discussion asked if anybody else received donations.

Ott responded he that he received a donation from current council member Ernie Willsher — who used to be Nashua's Police Chief.

That same person in the council chambers then asked "were you reprimanded?"

Ott's response was "that's my personnel file and that's not public."

That garnered another pointed retort from the packed crowd.

"Beth's was public because it was made public," said female. "If one person's getting reprimanded for it than the other person should, too. It's a joke — neither one of them should be."

City Attorney David Skilton was also present during the public discussion that lasted for almost 25 minutes.

One person in attendance and not a city employee asked if whether or not there was a law that forbids what Henningsen did with the donations while she was working her job.

There seemed to be some confusion as to what question was asked and the answer that was being relayed to that query by Skilton.

"Because that's really what we're talking about here is whether or not there's a hearing and anything done — and there has not," Skilton said.

Anthofer, who ran unopposed for mayor and was elected to replace Butch Betsinger after his term was completed last year, said the public isn't get the whole story on a situation that got amplified after many users of Facebook took to social media to voice their opinions.

"It's a very devastating tragedy, but we are trying to do due process and we really can't do

that. Right now we are actually at the mercy of social media, because only half the story's been told," said Anthofer. "Unfortunately, we have to have a public hearing and actually get all the facts out there before we can actually make an official decision."

Anthofer stated "we went through eight full days of agony and scrutiny because of a comment online."

A member of the audience in the back of the Council chambers replied — "imagine the families."

Anthofer said a public hearing has not been held regarding Henningsen's reprimand.

"We didn't put it on there to be public. It was supposed to be held in here and go through it together, but instead it was blasted all over the internet and for that, I'm sorry," said Anthofer.

This caused another member of the audience in attendance to respond to Anthofer's comment with this.

"There shouldn't even be a public hearing. Why was it done in the first place? said the male audience member. "Now you guys are sitting here arguing and whining about comments on Facebook. Maybe you shouldn't have done it in the beginning?"

Henningsen, speaking outside after the Council went into a closed session to discuss legal strategy on repair work that needs to be done on Nashua's dam, was emotional in her response to questions that asked for her side of the story.

"I worked with Jeremy for a year, you know," said Henningsen. "He was like a little brother. Yeah, we got close. So when I heard that he was gone ... So I thought to myself, what can I do to help? I can't take that pain away, obviously I can't bring him back. But what can I do to help? So I just thought of blue."

One of the more emotional moments during the public discussion came when a male attendee said "let's make the town blue for Jeremy."

This received plenty of applause from the back of the room.

Another person that spoke to the council wondered why she felt that city leaders were being petty over light bulbs that honored someone who is no longer here.

"With everything going on in this world today, this is what we're nit-picking on? Somebody's that tried to do good for other people — you want to stomp 'em in the ground? It's terrible. You should be ashamed of yourselves," said the female speaker.

The start to the public comments was initiated by a resident of Nashua that stated his name and address. His words perhaps summed up best the anger and frustration of a town of around 1,500 that is hurting and still heartbroken over one of its own — that being the sudden and sad passing of Iriarte.

"I personally feel this is a really bad time to grind an axe on a personal side," said the person in attendance. "What was happening there was a support for a lost citizen of our community — a very valuable citizen to our community and it got publicized in a really bad way simply because a few people gave a donation. They were not made aware that the fundraiser wasn't happening at City Hall. It actually happened at the fire station."

Iriarte passed away on Monday, March 14. He leaves behind his wife Amber and four children — Aidyn, Gabriel, Harmony and Oakley.



Bob Steenson/Charles City Press

Christopher and Gene Hall have joined to purchase several additional western Iowa newspapers and shoppers to add to the publications they each already own individually, the father and son team announced.

Reporter owner joins dad in paper purchases

Halls announce the acquisitions of newspapers in northwest Iowa

Charles City Press Publisher Christopher Hall and his father, longtime newspaperman Gene Hall, have joined forces to purchase several northwest Iowa newspapers and related publications from Rust Communications of Gape Girardeau, Missouri.

The purchases were completed Friday on the Spencer Daily Reporter and Northwest Iowa Shopper, the Dickinson County News in Spirit Lake, the Le Mars Daily Sentinel and Le Mars Shopper, the Remsen Bell, the Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune and the Cherokee Chronicle Times.

The Halls' Hallmark II Publishing company immediately entered into an agreement in principle with John and Art Cullen of Storm Lake to spin off the Storm Lake and Cherokee publications. The Cullins own and operate the Storm Lake Times.

Christopher Hall will continue to own and operate the Charles City Press, New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter, and said the new purchases will not affect those local newspapers, other than to possibly provide opportunities for shared resources and greater

operating efficiencies.

"Newspapers, especially Iowa community newspapers, are still vibrant, thriving businesses, and I expect they have a long future," Hall said.

Brad Hicks, editor of the Kossuth County Advance in Algona, a newspaper owned by Gene Hall's Hallmark Integrated Media, will assume duties as chief operating officer of the newly purchased media group and will be publisher of the Spencer Daily Reporter.

Hicks is a graduate of Iowa State University with an extensive background at Iowa daily and weekly newspapers as a reporter, editor and publisher.

Paula Buenger, who had served as the Spencer publisher, retired after a long career in news and advertising.

Jon K. Rust, president of Rust Communications, noted that Gene Hall is a native of Spencer and said, "We are happy to entrust the award-winning newspapers of Northwest Iowa to the Hall family. They are an Iowa family that knows Iowa well, and they know Spencer well."

Gene Hall said, "Chris and I are tremendously excited for

the opportunity to purchase our hometown newspaper. I believe in Spencer, I believe in great journalism, and I believe that we will do our level best to give our readers and advertisers the greatest value possible."

Christopher Hall said, "These are great towns and great newspapers and our singular goal is to make them stronger."

Hicks said, "The Halls are a great Iowa newspaper family. I've enjoyed working with them the last four years in Algona, and I'm excited to work with them and the newspaper staffs to produce the best newspapers and related products we possibly can."

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The session will begin at 9 a.m. and will run for approximately two and a half hours. The registration fee is \$20. Pre-registration is required. To register or to obtain additional information about the course, contact Lynn Bruess at the Chickasaw County Extension office by phoning 641-394-2174.

The course will fulfill 2021-2022 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include:

- Review of pesticide labels, especially recent changes in pesticides
- Review of pesticide labels as restricted entry intervals and pre-harvest intervals impacted pesticide use decisions this year
- Review of pesticide use and the environment
- Updates on pests and pest management in your area, including insects, weeds, and diseases.

Additional locations offering this course are listed on the Pesticide Safety Education Program website (www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP/).

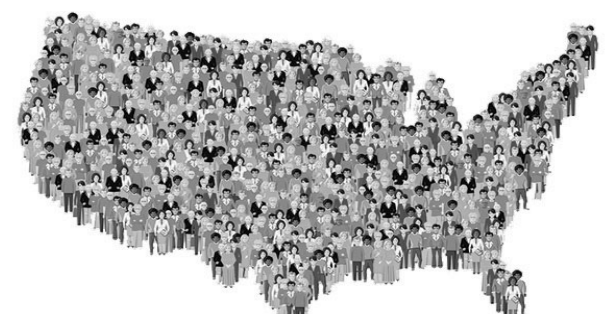
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Boys Track: From 1

The distance medley contingent of Winters, Lamborn, Titus Evans and Harrington also placed runner-up. That squad's time was 4:03.

Wilken finished runner-up in the open 400 in 55.01 and Fundermann placed third in the 100 dash in 12.16.

Kaden Wilken ran to a second-place showing in the 110 high hurdles in 16.61 and Evans finished fourth in 17.99 in the same event. Evans also placed fourth in the 400 hurdles in 1:01.00.

Wilken – a state cross country qualifier – is a bona-fide leader on the track team. He knows it's still early in the outdoor season but if his Huskies keep plugging away good

"We're definitely conditioned. We got experience in these boys. Every day in practice they've been working hard and working as a team – helping each other build on being successful," said Wilken.

Charles City 154, St. Ansgar 141, Nashua-Plainfield 81.5, Crestwood 75, Osage 65.5, North Iowa 56, West Fork 13.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P's Bo Harrington relaxes in the high jump pit on Monday in Oregan.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
MARIE ELLEN BIGELOW, Deceased
CASE NO. ESRP 003044
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marie Ellen Bigelow, Deceased who died on or about March 2, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on March 24, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Marie Ellen Bigelow, deceased, bearing date of July 2, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named county and that Rodney L. Bigelow was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are

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forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated March 24, 2022

Rodney L. Bigelow, Executor of Estate, 1023 Greeley Street, Nashua, IA 50658

Christine B. Skilton, ICIS#: AT0007262, Attorney for Executor, Cronin, Skilton & Skilton, P.L.L.C, 205 Brasher Street, P.O. Box 39, Nashua, IA 50658-0039

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2022
The Board convened on Monday, March 28th, 2022, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn. Also present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa, Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Jeff Bernatz, and Kelly Terpstra-New Hampton Tribune.
Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for March 28th, 2022 with the additional agenda item. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the minutes from March 21st, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, and Breitbach. Kuhn, abstained. Motion Carried.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to amend the minutes from January 4th, 2022, to appoint Dr. Jack Kline as Medical Examiner and Dr. Lucas Brinckman and Dr. Donald Lewis as Deputy Medical Examiners. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Ryan Shawver and Martin Heman present at 9:05 AM.
9:05 AM Laudner made a public comment regarding the progress with the Department of Transportation regarding property in Nashua. Mashek made a public comment regarding the status of the Medical Examiner Investigator.
Breitbach discussed the rural recy-

tion owns those signs.

9:10 AM Sheriff Martin Hemann discussed the need for a replacement mobile patrol camera. Shawver applied and was approved for a \$5,000 grant for a new camera.

David Gorman present at 9:10 AM. Hemann discussed the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Nashua.

Consensus is to put the rate at \$89.25 for any hours over the contracted hours for Law Enforcement with the City of Nashua.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Nashua with the amended amount of \$89.25 for any hours over the contract hours and authorize Chairperson's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Deputy Shawver discussed the Law Enforcement Vehicle quote.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the purchase of a 2022 1500 SSV Crew Cab Dodge pickup in the amount of \$39,435. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hemann and Shawver left at 9:27 AM.

9:27 AM David Gorman provided a department update. Gorman updated the board on the current condition of the courthouse elevator and the availability of parts to repair the current one. Gorman discussed the landscape at the LEMC building.

Consensus of the board is to have Gorman get quotes to address the issue with the extra dirt located between the curb and sidewalk.

was removed from the Engineer's office at 9:41 AM. Gorman left at 9:41 AM.

9:41 AM Jeff Bernatz provided a Radio Communication Tower Project Update.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve the Class B Native wine permit for Real Goods Boutique. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

County Engineer Roman Lensing, Jeff Potratz-Basic Materials Corp, and Chad Wiltgen-Bruening Rock Products present at 9:51 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Resolution 03-28-22-22. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Breitsch, Byrne, and Kuhn. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION NO. 03-28-22-22 RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AN ESSENTIAL COUNTY SERVICE

A resolution by Chickasaw County declaring emergency medical services an essential county service and offering for voter approval the authorization to impose an ad valorem property tax on all taxable property to fund an emergency medical services trust fund pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 422D. /ssa: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Breitsch. Nays- None. ATTEST: /ssa: Stephanie Mashek, Board Secretary to the Board of Supervisors. This is a summary of Resolution 03-28-22-22. Full text of the Resolution is available at the Auditor's office for inspection and was published in the County's official newspapers in full text on March 31st and April 1st, 2022.

Laudner left at 10:05 AM.

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project M-2022-1 limestone resurfacing.

Engineer Roman Lensing provided the following information regarding the Secondary Road department update and discussed purchase of new equipment for Secondary Roads Department. Bruening Rock Products bid \$1,846,495.15 (quadrants \$481,765.76, \$380,105.58, \$558,244.42, and \$426,494.82) and BMC LC bid \$1,877,098.90 (quadrants \$483,074.55, \$382,865.28, \$575,681.24 and \$435,477.79).

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zollner to accept the rock bid from the Bruening Rock Products for all four quadrants in the amount of \$1,846,495.15. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breinbach to authorize chairperson's signature on the rock bid from Bruening Rock Products. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Potratz and Wiltgen left at 10:20 AM.

Discussion of the condition of the county gravel roads.

Lensing left at 10:27 AM.

Kuhn discussed the live streaming of the Board of Supervisor meetings and asked the desire of the board of regarding a streaming policy.

Laudner present at 10:28 AM.

Denny Ungs present at 10:29 AM.

Consensus of the board is not to develop a streaming policy for Board of Supervisor meetings.

10:30 AM Denny Ungs discussed the purchasing of Microsoft Office.

Sheriff Martin Hemmann present at 10:35 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hachman to approve the purchase of Microsoft Office. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

free of \$2,803.20 and to authorize Information Technology to purchase the Microsoft 365 annually.

Byrne withdraws his motion.

Veterans Affairs Administrator Melissa Bierman and Veterans Affairs Commission Member Richard Kottke present at 10:39 AM.

Veterans Affairs Commission Member Katie Boehmer present at 10:44 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the purchase of Microsoft 365 Apps for enterprise at the rate of \$35.04 per seat and to authorize Information Technology to purchase the Microsoft 365 annually. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ungs left at 10:44 AM.

10:45 AM Discussion on budget amendment for FY21-22.

Bierman, Boehmer, Kottke, and Hemann left at 10:59 AM.

Discussed the lease agreement with Prairie View Management DBA Inspiring Lives.

Motion by Byrne, and Second by Breitbach to direct the County Attorney to draft a letter to provide Prairie View Management DBA Inspiring Lives notice to terminate the lease agreement effective June 30th, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Breitbach, and Zoll. Nays- Kuhn and Hackman. Motion Carried.

Discussed Chickasaw County public innovations and efficiency opportunity.

Discussed the Conflict-of-Interest policy.

Discussed creating a policy for committee member assignments for the Board.

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new county website.

Committee Assignment Updates:

Hackman attended a CSS meeting on March 23, 2022

Byrne attended a Work Force Development meeting on March 24, 2022

Zoll signed claims at the FMC Landfill on March 21, 2022

Zoll attended a Heartland Insurance Risk Pool meeting on March 24, 2022

Zoll renewed a Certificate of Deposit for the FMC Landfill on March 25, 2022

Kuhn attended an INRCOG meeting on March 17, 2022

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$37,916.92. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$7,472.51. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$362.97. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to approve the Veteran's Affairs claims of \$1,034.12. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Breitbach, Second by Hackman to adjourn at 12:43 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ATTEST: Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

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Nashua-Plainfield's Drew Rodruck watches his tee shot travel down the fairway during Monday's season-opening golf meet at Charles City.

Huskies will get an additional home meet on Monday

GOLF: FROM 8

"She'll go lower, I know that," Trost said of Monday's medalist, "because Paige is one of those who kids who is a competitor, who has played a lot of golf and who understands that Monday is a starting point. All our kids have to understand that we've got plenty of things to work on and be disciplined enough to look at their flaws and work to make them better."

Faith Franzen (61), Autumn Nelson (63) and Natalie Sinnwell (80) rounded out Nashua-Plainfield scorers as the Huskies finished the meet with a 258, good enough to beat the Osage by three strokes to win the team title.

On the boys side, Charles City fired a 168 to beat Osage by 18 strokes while Nashua-

Plainfield finished with a 230.

Trey Nelson led the Huskies with a 49 while Drew Rodruck had a 55. Devon Griffin and Dawson Glaser also scored for Nashua-Plainfield with 63s.

"Again, it's certainly not where we want to be," Trost said. "Trey's a low 40s kind of golfer, Drew definitely is better than a 55, but all our guys found areas we have to work on and if they do that, I think we'll be OK."

The Huskies are set to have their home opener on Monday, when they will take on St. Ansgar and North Butler at a meet that was originally scheduled to be held in St. Ansgar.

But because the Acorn Park Golf Course is still far from playable, St. Ansgar asked

Trost if the meet could be held at the Nashua Town and Country Club.

"Hopefully the weather starts turning around," he said. "It'll be good to get a home meet in, and our course is pretty ready once spring decides to show up."

GIRLS TEAM RESULTS

Nashua-Plainfield 258, Osage 261, Charles City 263.

Medalist: Paige Franzen (NP) 54.

Other NP scores: Faith Franzen 61, Autumn Nelson 63, Natalie Sinnwell 80, Maddie Foster 84, Payton Howland 90.

BOYS TEAM RESULTS

Charles City 168, Osage 186, Nashua-Plainfield 230.

Medalist: Carson Gallup (CC) 34.

NP scores: Trey Nelson 49, Drew Rodruck 55, Devon Griffin 63, Dawson Glaser 63, Bryce Anderson 70, Cal Levi 71, Ty Berger 76, Kendrick Huck 77.

ON TAP FOR THE NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES

MONDAY

Boys and girls golf vs. St. Ansgar and North Butler, Nashua Town and Country Club (originally scheduled for St. Ansgar but moved to Nashua), 4:15 p.m.

Boys and girls track at St. Ansgar Early Bird Coed, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Boys and girls golf vs. Clarksville, Dunkerton and Tripoli, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Boys and girls track at Nashua-Plainfield Coed, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Boys and girls golf vs. Rockford and West Fork, Ridge Stone Golf Club, Sheffield, 4:15 p.m.

Boys and girls track at New Hampton Coed Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Boys and girls golf vs. Mason City Newman and Osage, Mason City Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Girls track at New Hampton Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Boys and girls golf vs. Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs, Nashua Town and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Boys track at Charles City Comet Relays, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Girls golf vs. Crestwood and Grundy Center, Nashua Town and County Club, 4:15 p.m.

Girls track at Nashua-Plainfield Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Boys and girls golf vs. Osage and West Fork, Sunny Brae Golf and Country Club, Osage, 4:15 p.m.

Boys track at North Butler Invitational, 4:30 p.m.



Sprint medley relay breaks a 22-year-old school mark

GIRLS TRACK: FROM 8

Jenn Kalainoff and last year's Husky track coach – Kristi Hannemann. The news relayed to McCall that history was made went down some time later after the Huskies crossed the finish line.

"I knew it was fast and I knew our splits were fast, but wow! I am still in shock to think they beat a 22-year old record. I'm so proud of each and everyone of them. It's such an honor for those four individuals!" said McCall.

The old mark (1:54.53) was set by Shelby Anderson, Toni Mohring, Casey Willsher and Kristi Haberman in 2000.

"I look for the sprint med record to be broken again throughout the season. I see this event doing big things this year!" McCall added.

Huck, just a freshman, is hot on the heels of Callie Matthews' all-time best mark of 5:03.83 in the 1,500 – set in 2012.

Huck won the race at Osage in a time of 5:06.69 and is within less than three seconds of shattering Matthews' mark.

"Kadence is an incredible runner. I think she could run every event if we needed her to," said McCall. "She has had a great start to her season. I look forward to watching her continue to grow this season."

Huck anchored the 4x200 (Ryan Reams, Kara Levi, Jenna Carpenter), which finished runner-up in a time of 2:00.59, and the winning distance medley relay of Foelske, Jordyn Frost and Abbie Hyde. The d-med relay ran to a time of 4:25.89.

N-P also won the 4x800 relay with the squad of Carpenter, Levi, Amberley Gerholdt and Ellie Eick in 11:23.

Carpenter came within just one second of a PR in the 400 hurdles, which she won in 1:16.97. Carpenter was in second place after leaping over the last hurdle, but mustered just enough speed and energy to cross the finish line first.

"My favorite part of Jenna's entire race was the grit and determination she showed," said McCall. "She gave so much heart finishing her race beating the Saint Ansgar girl to get first. Her fight was simply amazing!"

Aspen Falk of St. Ansgar finished runner-up in 1:17.16 in that hurdles race.

N-P senior Breanna Hackman heaved the shot put to an impressive distance of 40-1.25 to win the event. She holds the school record in the event and competed at the Drake Relays last year – finishing fourth. Hackman also won the discus at Osage with a toss of 122-6. That is nearing Julie Moses' school-record throw of 124-6.

"She was happy. I love when she comes up to the bleachers to talk to us and she has her big smile. I am excited for 'Hack' this season," said McCall.

Osage's Meredith Street might have ruled the roost in the 100 dash and 200 dash – she also won the open 400 – but Foelske and Hyde gave the incredible Green Devil all-around athlete a go.

Foelske placed runner-up in the 100 in a time of 13.07 and Hyde finished in second place in the 200 with a clip of 28.89. Foelske also finished runner-up in the long jump (15-11.25).

"It was a great start to the outdoor season. I don't even know if I can put into words how proud I am of each and every girl. They have been working hard at practice and it showed on Monday," said McCall.

OSAGE CO-ED TEAM SCORES

Osage 117, Nashua-Plainfield 115, Charles City 107, St. Ansgar 95, West Fork 81, North Iowa 41, Riceville 29, Rockford 2.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 - 2. Makenzie Foelske 13.07, 10. Hannah Lechtenberg 16.25.

200 - 2. Abbie Hyde 28.89, 6. Jordyn Frost 30.38.

400 - 8. Grace Gelnor 1:17.24, 12. Maci Malven 1:21.73.

800 - 5. Ellie Eick 2:58.59, 8. Emily Becker 3:08.66.

100 hurdles - 8. Bailey Fisher 20.79, 11. Shey Bergmann 27.786.

1,500 1. Kadence Huck 5:06.69, 12. Emma O'Neill 7:36.59.

400 hurdles - 1. Jenna Carpenter 1:16.97, 8. Ryan Reams 1:32.24.

Discus - 1. Breanna Hackman 122-6, 16. Myranda Webster 58-10.5.

Long jump - 2. Foelske 15-11.25.

Shot put - 1. Hackman 40-1.25, 15. Webster 25.

4x100 - 3. Rylee Weiss, Fisher, Hyde, Reams 57.71.

4x200 - 2. Reams, Kara Levi, Carpenter, Huck 2:00.59.

4x400 - 4. Carpenter, Levi, Eick, Frost 4:44.4.

4x800 - 1. Carpenter, Levi, Amberley Gerholdt, Eick 11:23.5.

Shuttle hurdle - 5. Fisher, Becker, Marleigh Lowe, Reams 1:22.28.

Sprint medley - 1. Fisher, Hyde, Foelske, Huck 1:53.23.

Distance medley - 1. Foelske, Frost, Hyde, Huck 4:25.89.

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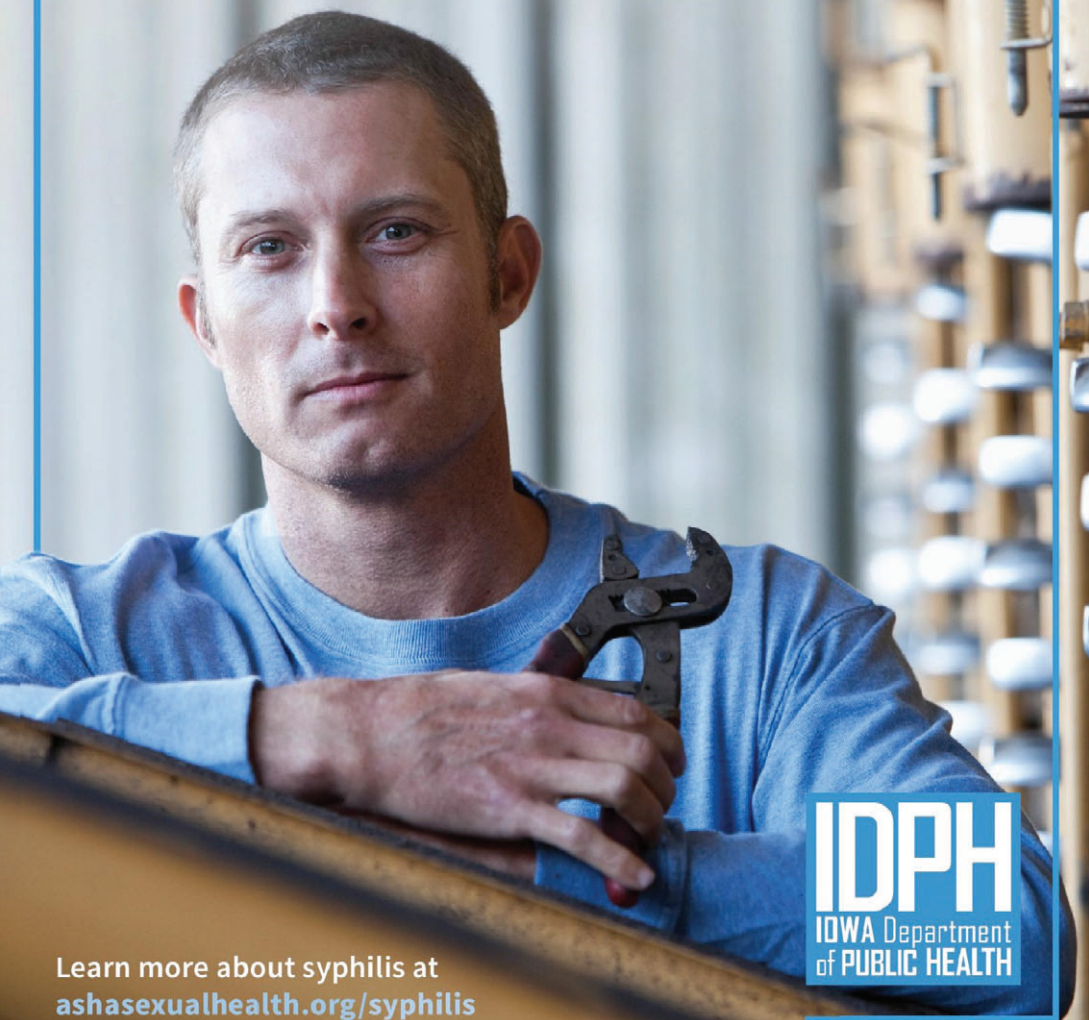
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Makenzie Foelske hands the baton to teammate Kadence Huck (above) during Nashua-Plainfield's sprint medley run to a school record while Ryan Reams (below) anchors the Huskies' shuttle hurdle relay during the Osage Early Bird Coed meet that was held on Monday.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

FAST TIMES ON A COLD DAY!

HUSKIES SET SCHOOL MARK IN SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY, TAKE SECOND AT OUTDOOR OPENER

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

This early – this fast?
Watch out – because these Huskies are flying to the finish line.

Amber McCall was all smiles on Monday at Osage – even if her Huskies came up just two points short of topping the host Green Devils for the team title at the co-ed track meet held in Mitchell County.

McCall – a longtime assistant filling in for first-year head coach Jessi Mahnesmith – even got a mid-meet surprise later in the evening.

The season opening outdoor meet was a home run hit on almost all accounts courtesy of the Huskies' superb performances on the oval and in field events.

Osage won the meet over N-P – but barely. The Green Devils' total of 117 points just nipped the Huskies' 115.

That was just a small part of the story. N-P shot out of the gates and proved this season could well be one for the record books.

Well, because it already started that way for N-P in the sprint medley. The foursome of Bailey Fisher, Abbie Hyde, Makenzie Foelske and Kadence Huck broke a 22-year



school record in that event with a time of 1:53.23.

McCall knew the race went well as the Huskies won the race, but she didn't real-

ize an all-time best school mark was set until talking to N-P cross country coach

SEE GIRLS TRACK, 7



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Jarret Petersen (above) gets ready to "put" the shot while teammate Sam Fundermann (right) gets out of the blocks during Monday's meet at Osage.



N-P boys take third at Osage meet

Huskies win 4x800, have several runner-up performances at first outdoor meet

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

An exhausted Drew Wilken dropped to the infield grass at Osage on Monday after helping this 4x800 relay team takes first place.

He wasn't happy, simply because he may have ran himself out too early in the long distance event that often requires just as much patience as it does speed and endurance.

Wilken explained his reasoning in between deep breaths at the season opening outdoor meet which saw his Huskies finish third as a team behind the winning squad of Charles City and runner-up St. Ansgar. "In my experience, that was probably one of the worst 4x800 races I ran because I had no one to pace me and I was all alone," said Wilken. "I tried pushing myself harder and I killed myself."

Part of Wilken's problem was he was running by himself as he took the baton for the last two laps of the race. The exchange almost saw Wilken lap last-

place Riceville. N-P finished the race in 9:05 with the team of Bo Harrington, Devin Johnson, Dylan Blanchard and Wilken. The relay is looking to get back to state in the event and finish higher than its second-to-last performance down at Des Moines. Wilken is the only one that ran on that state team from last year.

"That team's got a lot of potential," said N-P head coach Chase Sudol. "That's definitely a good starting time. That team could definitely take some time off and be one of the better teams in the state."

There's three new faces on the relay and for some of them – this is the first time running in quite awhile. Sudol said sophomore Caleb Lentz could also factor into the relay.

For Johnson, who ran on the second leg of the relay, this the first time he's ever competed in the sport of track and field.

"Chase always wanted me to go out. I thought I'd try it and I enjoy it," said Johnson, a junior. The goal is to get well below 9:00. The Huskies ran 9:00 flat

at the 1A state meet last year in which Wilken ran the opening leg.

How far can this long distance quartet go?

"Really far. I think we can make it a long ways," said Blanchard, another junior.

Harrington – who hasn't competed in track since his freshman year during the COVID-19 cancelled season –

knows what it means to everyone on the team to place high in the event. There's also some brownie points that can be scored as well if the 4x800 does well for Sudol, in his sixth year at the helm.

"He loves the 4x800. It's his favorite event," said Harrington. "We gotta do good,

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Opening meet gives N-P golfers 'starting' points

Huskies' Paige Franzen claims medalist honors to lead girls to triangular victory

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield golf coach Jeff Trost sat down with his team Wednesday afternoon and his message was simple: Now, we know what we need to work on.

It wasn't that the Huskies didn't find success in its season-opening meet on Monday; after all, the girls – with Paige Franzen winning medalist honors – claimed a triangular victory over Charles City and Osage.

But Trost has been coaching long enough, 43 years to be exact, that he knows the best part of a season opener is often the fact that it gives golfers a "starting" point.

"We talked last night about now we found things that we did pretty well and other areas where we have to improve," he said, "and we talked about working on those things. It's not that you don't work at all on the things you did well because you can't forget about those things, either, but we have to focus the majority of our time now on what we can do better. If that's driving, that's driving. If it's chip shots, so be it."

Monday's meet that was held at Cedar Ridge Golf Course in Charles City turned out to be the lone meet of the week for the Huskies, who saw their home meet with Northwood-Kensett and Central Springs postponed until April 19 because of the weather conditions.

"I guess I'm becoming more and more of a softie," Trost said with a laugh Thursday morning, "but seriously, if we played tonight, it would be more of a survival contest. Not that we don't take it seriously, but it's still supposed to be fun and golfing on a day when you have temps in the 30s, winds, rain and maybe snow, that's not going to be fun for any of us, the coach included."

Yet, he was happy that his golfers were able to get a round in on Monday, although the team was coached in Charles City by Suzy Turner because Trost was in Augusta, Georgia, watching a practice round for this weekend's Masters.

"One, we really haven't had a practice where we've played a whole round," he said, "and two, even if we had, the thing about a practice round is everything's hunky-dory, but in a meet, you learn right away how much that one bad shot can really mess up a hole. It's a great learning experience, especially for our younger kids who quite honestly don't have a lot of golf experience."

Franzen led the way in Charles City as she shot a 54 to beat Charles City's Brinn Lahr by one shot for medalist honors.

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