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Nashua still undecided on EMS

City Council wants to explore other options besides a county-owned ambulance service

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

With a deadline looming, the city of Nashua still does not know whether it is on board to become one of several cities within Chickasaw County that could agree to form a publicly-owned ambulance service.

That is why the Nashua City Council decided that it may branch out and possibly form its own EMS

or join another current agency that offers life-saving assistance and treatment.

That was the general consensus made by Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer and council members that held a workshop on Wednesday. That means representatives from Nashua will be in contact with AMR (American Medical Response), which runs out of Floyd County, and an EMS in Waverly — which

offers service for Butler and Bremer counties.

There is also the possibility that Nashua could fund and operate its own EMS.

“It feels like we’re getting strong-armed into something,” said Nashua City Councilman Hal Kelleher.

Nashua requested to have its own in-house ambulance as part of the amended and revised 28E agreement that is still a rough draft. That

request was denied by the county. Nashua City Council member Samantha Johnson also admitted that the town of around 1,500 residents had trouble staffing an ambulance when one ran out of its city in prior years.

“They will do in-kind services and a reduction in cost. As of right now they will not give us an

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Our fair queen!

Kelsey Klassen, the 2021 Chickasaw County Fair queen, crowns her successor, Trinity Brincks, during the Chickasaw County 4-H and Achievement Show at the Big 4 Fairgrounds this past Saturday.

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Kelly Terpstra and

Little Mr. Plainfield and Little Miss Plainfield — Waylan Coleman and Wyatt Wayne (above) — take the stage after receiving their crowns last Thursday while the Plainfield Days Parade makes its way down the street Saturday morning

CELEBRATING PLAINFIELD!

PLAINFIELD RESIDENTS SAY ANNUAL PARTY REPRESENTS THE BEST OF SMALL-TOWN IOWA

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Bruce White vividly remembers Plainfield Days as kid growing up in his hometown.

Back then in the mid 60s there were carnival rides and prizes that could be won from challenging games that kept festival-goers entertained.

There’s nothing like a taking a thrill ride on a Ferris Wheel or winning that stuffed animal for your loved one to help show one’s admiration.

Those were just some of the attractions that

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School looking to move N-P baseball to Plainfield

Superintendent says the project will use SAVE funds, coupled with elementary improvements

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

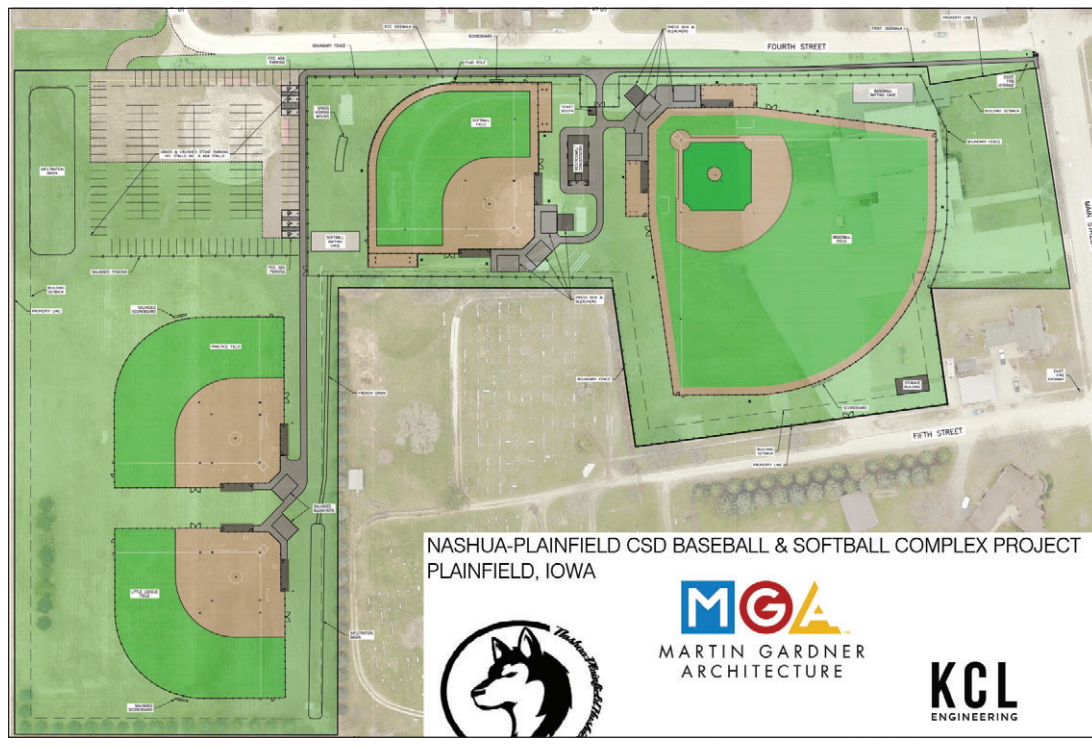
Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty isn’t sure how the rumor that the school district was shelving its plan to build a new baseball and softball complex in Plainfield got started, but he is sure that it’s not true.

“I would tell you that it’s 99.9 percent going to happen,” Liechty said in an interview earlier this week. “We have been working with the architect, and we feel like we can secure bonding through our SAVE fund.”

And if all goes well, the Huskies’ baseball and softball teams will be playing “side by side,” beginning with the 2024 season.

Liechty said the school district would couple the project with improvements to the mechanical systems — including the installation of air conditioning — at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School. He estimated the costs for both projects would be about \$3 million apiece, although he added that “we’re going to do our very best to keep costs down.”

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A proposed baseball and softball complex on the site of the former Plainfield school building would open for the 2024 season.

Former county home officially put up for sale

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors took another step Monday morning to selling the Heritage property as it voted 3-2 to begin the bidding process for the former county home that was recently vacated by an organization that provides mental health services.

The action came two weeks after the board reached a “consensus” to sell the building that has housed Inspiring Lives for the past nine years.

At that time, three

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The Circus is coming to Nashua on Friday, July 29th

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The Plainfield Days Parade Saturday has absolutely gorgeous weather Saturday afternoon as a mom and her baby (left) ride on a float while Rylie Weiss and Jalynn Pratt carry the Plainfield banner down the street.

Bob Fenske and Kelly Terpstra/Reporter



Ron Ihde (left) receives a medal from Plainfield Mayor Tom Geise, 2021 Miss Plainfield Abbie Hyde (above) throws candy at the parade and 2022 Miss Plainfield Makayla Asche (right) and her alternate, Ellie Woodman, pose for a photo on Thursday, the start of the three-day event.



Paige Ripley works to open a "Freezie" as she watches the parade at her grandparents' home on Main Street.

Plainfield Days has plenty to celebrate

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revelers of the small-town festival in north-east Iowa could take part in well over 50 years ago in the tight-knit Bremer County community that celebrates its history every July.

Plainfield Days is still going strong in 2022.

So if you tried driving down the main drag in Plainfield this past week and wasn't planning on being in a parade – good luck.

Plainfield Mayor Tom Geise moved to the town of under 500 residents back in 2000. One of his goals – along with his wife's – was to bring the town's celebration back from the brink – so to speak.

"Over time it kind of faded away," said Geise. "Then probably about 2001, 2002 – a group of people, including my wife, got together and they wanted to reinvigorate Plainfield Days. So we started over. We started from scratch."

The downtown area was blocked off this past week so residents from the around the area or first-time attendees from near or far could celebrate and have a good time.

"We'll have people from all over the place come up here for this event," said Geise.

The town's summer party kicked off on Thursday with the crowning of Miss Plainfield 2022 – which was won by Nashua-Plainfield High School junior Makayla Asche.

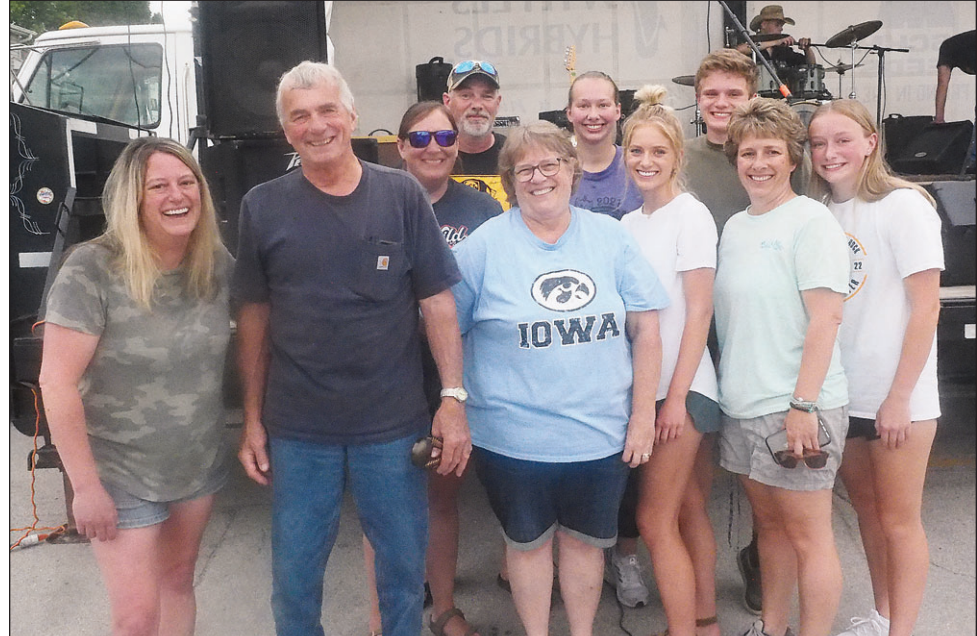
Asche and her best friend – N-P junior Ellie Woodman – were the two candidates vying for the crown.

"Ellie and I do literally everything together," said Asche. "I got her into cheer-leading, too, so now we're cheering together. We used to throw footballs across the street when we couldn't go to each other's houses."

Last year's 2021 Miss Plainfield – recent N-P grad Abbie Hyde – awarded Asche with her customary crown. Asche was one of four nominees last year that were looking to take home the coveted title.

"I never thought I'd wear a crown," said Asche. "I'm definitely not a super-dress-up-kind-of-type. But I get to represent my hometown. Wearing this crown has so many honors and so many activities. You get to spend so much time with kids and the elders and just helping out around here."

White was born and raised in Plainfield. He helped relocate and then build the fire



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Plainfield Citizen of the Year Bruce White poses with family members after receiving his award during Plainfield Days.

station in Plainfield in the late 70s. That was just one of the reasons he was awarded with the honor of "Citizen of the Year" in Plainfield.

White has been Plainfield's fire chief for over 17 years and has been a member of the fire department in town for 48 years.

"This was a surprise. I had no clue," said White. "I think my wife and the girls were in on it."

White – who said he's semi-retired as a self-employed electrician, got home from his job on Thursday and was still in his work clothes when his wife, Karla, told him he "better clean up."

The next thing he knew his name was being announced by Geise as "Citizen of the Year" and his daughter was spraying confetti on him in celebration.

"It's great. I'm a community-minded person. I help everybody," said White, who said he's attended every Plainfield Days since its inception.

"Little Mr. Plainfield" and "Little Miss Plainfield" also picked up their crowns – because a small-town festival wouldn't be complete without its king and his queen – or princess, for that matter.

"Little Miss Plainfield" was won by Wyatt Wayne. She is the daughter of Grady and Nicole Wayne. Waylan Coleman was selected as "Little Mr. Plainfield." He is the

son of Brady and Abigail Coleman.

The theme of this year's festival was "Bring Back the 80s." So there was a 80s-themed parade and fashion contest on Saturday. That meant there was plenty of big hair and neon-colored dresses strutting their stuff for the judges. There was also a watermelon-eating contest during the three-day event and plenty of rocking-good music from bands like Butler County Line and Throwback Jack.

Friday saw a luminary lighting and of course the beer garden was open all three days. There was also face painting, a golf cart parade and tons of other fun things to see and do last week at the annual event.

Fireworks late Saturday evening was a definite highlight, as was the hometown supper sponsored by Complete Ag on Thursday.

"It's free for everybody," said this year's President of Plainfield Days, Sue Koblicka.

Sunday morning's community service provided donuts and coffee at Baptist Church in town.

Ron Ihde was tabbed as the "Honored Veteran" for 2022. Ihde, who was raised in nearby Horton, served as a mechanic in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1960. He is currently the Commander for the AMVETS (American Veterans) at the Waverly Area Veterans Post.



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Kendall Dean Cordes, 60

Kendall Dean Cordes, age 60 of Nashua, died Thursday, July 7, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family.

A celebration of his life will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 16, 2022, at the Big-4 Fair Grounds Uncle G Pavilion.

Services were entrusted to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Online condolences for the Cordes family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Kendall was born on Jan. 13, 1962, to Kenneth Cordes and Sharon Fabor of Bassett.

He attended Charles City Community Schools. As a youngster Kendall enjoyed spending time with family and friends, working on the neighborhood kids' bicycles, listening to music, and playing with his various pets throughout the years.

Kendall was united in marriage to Joyce Lawson in 1984 to which they had four children, Sara, Josh, Cody, and Kallie. Kendall and Joyce later divorced.

Years later, in 2004 Kendall was united in marriage to Cynthia Studer and welcomed her and her four children, Randall, Porscha, Amber, and Malina into his home.

Throughout his adult life, Kendall had worked at Tri-Mark in New Hampton, GMT in Nashua, and Featherlite in Cresco. He also did odd jobs to help family and friends such as small engine repair, auto mechanics, cutting down trees, and splitting wood.

One of his greatest attributes and passions among so many other things was helping people with no regard for himself or the exchange of money.

Some of his other passions included watching the weather ... religiously, going for drives, listening to music, spending time with family and friends, and having a nice cold drink to take it all in.



Kendall Cordes

Kendall will be remembered as a great husband, amazing and genuine friend, a caring and unconditionally loving father and grandfather. He was a wonderful father who fought hard to give his children and grandchildren everything they needed.

He is survived by his wife, Cyndi; daughter, Sara (Donnell) McGreevey of North Liberty; sons, Josh (Lynn) Cordes of Charles City, and Cody (Kristina) Cordes of New Hampton; daughter, Kallie (Matt) Loecher of Charles City; step-daughter, Jamie Griffin of Nashua; step-sons, Josh (Ashley) Griffin of Oelwein, and Randall (Terra) Studer of Oelwein; step-daughters, Porscha (Wallace) Vosburgh of Conroe, Texas, Amber (Robert) DeLaRosa of Cleburne Texas, and Malina (Austin) Vosburgh of Mason City; brother, Tim (Caroline) Cordes of Snyder, Oklahoma; sisters, Connie (special friend Dan) Schoenfeld of Floyd, Kathy (Keith) Martin of Bassett, and Laura (David) Huffman of Charles City; step-father, Merle Fabor of Bassett; father and mother-in-law, Ray and Linda Studer of Charles City; 27 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Kendall was preceded in death by his mother, Sharon, and father, Kenneth, as well as many aunts and uncles.

Eugene 'Gene' Martin, 85

Eugene "Gene" Martin, age 85 of Charles City, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

A Memorial Mass for Gene Martin will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Charles City with the Rev. Tom Heathershaw officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held one hour before Mass at the church on Tuesday.

Eugene "Gene" Lewis Martin was born to George and Chloris (Cowell) Martin in Eldora on June 27, 1937.

He graduated from Eldora High School in 1955, then packed up his clarinet and set out for his beloved University of Iowa, majoring in music education. He, and lifelong friend Larry Linkin, battled for principal chair of the clarinet section, studying under famous clarinet professor Himie Voxman. Gene was thrilled to travel to California with the Hawkeye Marching Band for the Rose Bowl in 1957 and 1959.

In November 1959, after an Iowa-Notre Dame football game, Gene asked his college sweetheart, Jan Mishak, to marry him. She said "yes" and they began their 47-year journey on August 13, 1960.

Gene graduated in 1960 and joined his good friend, Bob Gower, as co-directors of elementary school band in Williamsburg — Bob taking on brass and percussion and Gene teaching woodwinds.

When Bob was hired as director of bands for Charles City High School, he convinced Gene to come with him to create an orchestra program. Gene agreed, but having no experience with strings, he gamely started taking violin lessons and began building the immensely successful program which became his professional legacy.

In 1961, Jan and Gene welcomed their first daughter, Tracy, and in 1965, their second daughter, Terry, was born.

Over the next 37 years, Gene and Bob created a music program whose excellence was a point of pride for Charles City. Their students earned "Superior" ratings year after year in both large group and solo contests. Dozens of Gene's woodwind and string players were selected for All-State Band and Orchestra, and many went on to careers in music education and performance.

Gene rocked the International Marching Band competition in Winnipeg when he entered his "Marching Strings," a never-before-seen innovation. He direct-



Gene Martin

ed the orchestras for several high school musical productions, conducted "The Messiah" with the strings and chorus for holiday seasons, and taught individual lessons through the school and privately.

Gene, along with Bob Gower and choral director Chuck Ruzicka, presented the first Fine Arts Festival in 1969. Over the years they brought such talents as Clark Terry, Bud Brisbois, Stan Kenton, Count Basie, Rich Matteson and many others to CCHS, giving students incredible opportunities to clinic and perform with world-class musicians.

Gene's hobbies and interests were many. He could be found on the golf course, occasionally chasing down his flying club; at his cabin on Stony Lake in Minnesota; at Kinnick Stadium; in his backyard listening to jazz, classical, and blues; wailing on his bari sax "Bertha" at the Three C's; or in the kitchen whipping up an authentic Caesar salad. Thousands of students have been inspired, educated, and/or terrified by Gene Martin; they are the living legacy of a man of fortissimo talent, passion and love.

Living family members include his children, Tracy (Scott) McGregor of Nashua and Terry (Mark) Shaffer of Marshalltown; two grandchildren, Brendon McGregor (Haley Welsh) and Chet McGregor (Kelsey Carpenter); along with several nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Janice on Sept. 2, 2007; brother, Roger (Judy) Martin; and his niece, Christy Kane.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Gene and Jan Martin Orchestra Scholarship which will be set up at First Security Bank & Trust in Charles City.

Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

Nashua remains undecided on publicly-owned EMS

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ambulance," said Johnson. "I kind of understand their point in a way because when we did have an ambulance here and an on-call sheet was given to the county or the Sheriff's Department and half of the time those people were on call they never responded."

The clock is ticking for that decision to be made, as the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors and the Chickasaw Ambulance Council will meet this coming Tuesday, July 19 and see whether cities are on board or not to sign a 28E Agreement to form an EMS.

That's the hard deadline set by the county. Now the next move will need to be made by the eight towns in Chickasaw County that could jump on board — New Hampton, Nashua, Alta Vista, Bassett, Ionia, North Washington, Fredericksburg and Lawler.

So far the only towns that have said they will not sign the 28E Agreement are Nashua, Alta Vista and Bassett.

"We can look around for other places but we're gonna be in the same boat," said Johnson.

Those supporting a publicly-owned EMS service in the county are pushing the Board of Supervisors to use a large portion of its American Recovery Plan Act, known as ARPA, funds to purchase the equipment for and a building that would house the ambulance service.

Jeremy McGrath, owner of Chickasaw Ambulance Service, has offered to sell three ambulances — including a new one that will be delivered early in 2023 — equipment and a building he owns just off downtown New Hampton for a little more than \$1.7 million.

County officials, though, have learned that to use ARPA funds, the county must go through a bidding process, which has added to the "time crunch."

Chickasaw Ambulance Service has a contract with the Ambulance Council through Dec. 31, 2022.

Nashua, and a couple other cities, are apprehensive to sign on the dotted line as the towns have issues with the 28E

Agreement and the cost to each municipality.

"We have to practice fiscal restraint as well," said Nashua Council member Tim Malven. "I guess knowing what we know, I don't see how this can be a good thing for us."

Under the agreement, cities would fork over 60 percent of the funding to operate a county-run EMS and the county would foot the other 40 percent of that bill.

Nashua said the amount it would be asked to pay — which is \$175,000 — is two-thirds of its general budget.

Nashua's share of payment is the second-highest total out of the eight cities that could potentially form an alliance to run the EMS, which would be a five-year contract in the language written out by the 28E Agreement.

That didn't sit well with most everyone in attendance at the workshop — which included members of Nashua's Fire Department and several current or former EMTs.

"Apparently, basically if we sign it we can't negotiate with the Board of Supervisors," said Johnson. "I hate this for our town."

The problem for many towns, not just in Chickasaw County, is if those communities or townships want to run an EMS — there are staff shortages across the board.

"This is a crisis all over," said Cindy Shoemaker. "I don't know how the community of Nashua can come up with solutions. If we have the service, I don't know where we'll get the people."

Shoemaker is a retired EMT (emergency medical technician) that worked for Waverly's EMS for a decade and five more years at Nashua.

There are many questions still left unanswered — whether or not Nashua joins the county-run EMS or comes up with its own idea.

"I don't have an answer for you, but also if it just goes back to the city, what will county dispatch do to you?" said Shoemaker. "Are you they going to charge you then for calling?"

Shoemaker, and others that were in

attendance in the Council Chambers, also took issue with Chickasaw County for not putting on the ballot a chance for citizens to vote whether or not EMS should be an essential service.

Cities or counties can than levy property taxes if that measure passed by 60 percent to help pay for an ambulance service.

Fire and police protection are the only essential services mandated in Iowa.

"They had a chance to put this on the ballot and the five of them had to continue to argue and hash over legalities. So they did put you as cities in a dilemma. So if they can't come to you with a plan, how can you endorse that plan?" said Shoemaker.

In an amendment to the 28E agreement — starting in the second year of the five-year agreements — if the ambulance fund had two consecutive quarters with a balance of \$750,000, the county would automatically waive the cities' payments until the fund's balance dropped below \$750,000.

Johnson said if towns breach or back out of the contract before the five-year term is up — there is an exit fee that has to be paid.

Anthofer said he would talk to Charles City Mayor Dean Andrews and Nashua City Clerk John Ott said he has been in contact with Charles City Administrator Steve Diers, but has not heard back from him.

Those in attendance also felt getting the word out on social media to gauge interest in potential volunteers or staff members to help run an EMS would be a wise idea.

Shoemaker said a medical director would need to be hired if Nashua were to run its own EMS and the town would have to obtain its state licensing. There would also need to be an ambulance and equipment purchased, as well as staff hired to run a functional EMS.

"There's a lot of things to this whole pie that you're in," said Shoemaker. "It is a process."

One person in attendance raised the all-important question — what if Nashua does nothing and does not join the county or create its own EMS?

"The only other option is to call 911 and hope for the best," said Johnson. "They will call it out and choose to respond or not."

Board of Supervisors votes 3-2 to take bids on old county home

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supervisors — Matt Kuhn, Steve Breitbach and Jason Byrne — said they favored selling the building.

During a meeting on July 5, the supervisors opened what County Attorney David Laudner termed an "unsolicited offer" from New Hampton residents Chip and Darlene Schwickerath, who offered the pay \$200,000 for the building — subject to receiving a 10-year tax abatement — to turn the former county home located just south of New Hampton into multi-family housing units.

Board members last week did not act on the request, and Darlene Schwickerath came to Monday's meeting to ask board members how they intended to proceed.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said he was confused, saying "there was a consensus, the paper published it [in a news story] that the building was for sale. I don't know if there was a motion but I believe it was consensus."

"So now we're saying it's not for sale? I'm asking you three that had the consensus."

Schwickerath said the details were "very vague" and that the details of "as is" was also very vague. She asked board members to share the legal process of how the building could be sold.

"I think anyone interested in the building needs more clarity," she said.

Laudner, who attended the meeting via phone, said that no matter how the supervisors proceeded, it would need to formally approve a resolution to sell the building that is located on 16.15 acres.

Earlier this year, supervisors and Inspiring Lives could not reach agreement on terms for a new lease, and the county gave the organization 90 days to vacate the premises, which it did officially on June 30.

The board has discussed the property during almost every meeting since, and in June, they agreed to have the property and the adjoining farmland surveyed and split into two parcels. The farmland, county officials have repeatedly said, is not for sale, but that they are interested in selling the building and land around it.

But there is a "cold storage" building on the grounds that the county uses for storage, and supervisors have said they may need a to use that building — at least on a temporary basis — after the building is sold.

Laudner said that even if the board had accepted the offer from the Schwickeraths, it would still need to publish a legal notice and hold a public hearing on the sale before it could be approved. He added the same process would be needed if the board decided to take sealed



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The Heritage building (above) is now officially up for sale by Chickasaw County

bids on the property.

"The bottom line is that the public has a right to come in and talk about whatever you're doing if you're selling the property," Laudner said.

After a lengthy discussion, Byrne made a motion to accept bids on the building until 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5 and have the bids opened during the Board

of Supervisors meeting the following Monday, Aug. 8.

Byrne's motion asked bidders to submit two prices — one with no restrictions and one that allowed the county to keep the use of the storage area on the property — and that passed by a 3-2 vote. Both Hackman and Tim Zoll voted against.

But when supervisors real-

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

JULY 5TH, 2022
The Board convened on Tuesday, July 5th, 2022, at 9:00 AM with members Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Breitbach and Hackman, absent. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek and Emergency Management Jeff Bernatz, Sheila Uhlenhake, and Terry Johnson.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the agenda for July 5th, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Breitbach and Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the minutes from June 27th, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Breitbach and Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to allow for the Quilt of Valor presentation to be held on the Courthouse front lawn on September 18th, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Breitbach and Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Assessor Ray Arnel present at 9:06 AM.

Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to appoint Dean Speicher to the Veteran's Affairs Commission commencing July 1st, 2022 for a three-year term. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Breitbach and Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the invoice to ISAC for FY23 dues for \$6,100.00 Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Breitbach and Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

9:10 AM Arnel discussed the Minor Subdivision for the Heritage.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve the Minor Subdivision for Heritage Property Resolution 07-05-22-50.

Roll Call: Ayes- Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Breitbach and Hackman, absent. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION 07-05-22-50 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCELS 2022-37, 2022-38 IN THE SE1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 24, AND PARCEL 2022-39 IN THE N1/2 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 25, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON the 5th DAY of July, 2022 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of PARCELS 2022-37, 2022-38 IN THE SE1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 24, AND PARCEL 2022-39 IN THE N1/2 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 25, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of PARCELS 2022-37, 2022-38 IN THE SE1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 24, AND PARCEL 2022-39 IN THE N1/2 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 25, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 95 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th DAY OF JULY, 2022. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /s/ Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

Arnel left at 9:14 AM. 9:15 AM Sheila Uhlenhake discussed the Summer Daycare.

Engineer Royan Lensing present at 9:24 AM.

Discussed Class B Beer Permit for Backpacket Brewing, LLC.

9:34 AM Lensing discussed department activities.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to acknowledge the hiring of new equipment operator Cole Orthaus starting wage of \$22.55 per hour starting July 5th, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Zoll, and Kuhn. Breitbach and Hackman, absent. Motion Carried.

Lensing and Uhlenhake left at 10:03 AM.

Discussed Budget Amendment for FY22-23.

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ized that they had not set a "time limit" on how long the county would use the storage building, Byrne amended the resolution to include "up to one year" on the county use of the building for storage, and that passed by a 3-2 vote, with Hackman and Zoll once again voting against the measure.

Finally, the board voted 3-2 — with Hackman and Zoll again casting nay votes — to approve the final measure that included asking for a bid with no restrictions and a bid that would allow the county to use the storage area for one year.

Supervisors also discussed the contents of the building and agreed to make sure other county departments would have a chance to take what they felt they could use before the county holds an "open house" for potential bidders to tour the building and see what is remaining.

"If we're selling as is, I think that would be a good idea," Kuhn said, and Schwickerath readily agreed.

Kuhn said the Heritage building would be open to all interested buyers from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, July 29.

Auditor appreciates her staff, county department heads

AUDITOR: FROM 1

Mashek told the board that she had talked to the Iowa Secretary of State's Office and that no matter how supervisors proceed, the auditor's seat must be on the ballot during this November's general election. Political parties will have the opportunity to hold special conventions and nominate candidates to be placed on the ballot. The winner of the November election will serve the remainder of Mashek's term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2024. Mashek was elected in November 2020 when the Republican won a fairly convincing race against Democrat

Mary Beth Kamrath-Ovel, and she took the reins from longtime Auditor Joan Knoll, who did not seek re-election, in January 2021. The supervisors acknowledged the resignation shortly after a longtime New Hampton resident, attorney Michael Kennedy, spoke out about the need for better compensation and the fact that Mashek and Knoll have done excellent jobs as the county's commissioner of elections. Kennedy has served on the Chickasaw County Compensation Board and chided supervisors for consisting reducing the raises the board has recommended in recent

years. "I'll tell you I run a county-seat office, two of us run it, and finding personnel for that type of position and the types of position [in county offices], you don't just walk out on the street, pick up somebody and say come in and start pounding the typewriter. ... "I think we'd better wake up folks, this is a very, very competitive labor market." Kennedy also touched on the complexity of jobs like Mashek's, pointing out that in addition to serving as auditor and board secretary, she is also the county's commissioner of elections. "The idea that there is even

somebody in this county to have the [idea] to suggest that there is election fraud in this county over the last four cycles" Kennedy said, "is just absolutely ridiculous." During an interview Monday afternoon, Mashek said she will be returning to the commercial agriculture industry and although she is excited to do so, what made the decision so tough was the fact that "I work with a great staff and I've got a good working relationship with department heads." But she added that the county is "very political and I only wanted to do what's best for the residents of Chickasaw County."



Bob Fenske/Reporter
Chickasaw County Auditor Stephanie Mashek jots down some notes during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting.



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Getting the word out about the circus coming to town!

A group of children ride in a convertible during the Plainfield Days Parade and advertise the coming of the circus to Nashua later this month. The Big 4 Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an appearance by the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus at the Big 4 Fairgrounds on Friday, July 29, and tickets for the two shows — one at 5 p.m. and the other at 7:30 p.m. — are now on sale.

Advance tickets for the circus are \$12 for ages 13 to 64 and \$7 for those ages 2-12 and 65 and older, and can be purchased at Lincoln Savings Bank, S&T Collision, Cedar Valley Sales and Storage, Smoke, Sizzle and Sear, Pederson Plumbing and Heating, Roeder Metal Craft, First State Bank in Nashua and First Bank in Plainfield.

Chamber officials are urging residents by tickets in advance because a higher percentage of funds go back to the sponsor, meaning more money back into the communities the chamber serves.

Tickets at the box office will be \$15 for ages 13 to 64 and \$8 for those ages 2-12 and 65 and older.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 26.12.

You are hereby provided notice pursuant to Iowa Code section 26.12 that Chickasaw County, Iowa, intends to enter into a contract for a proposed public improvement with an estimated total cost of \$200,000. The proposed public improvement is to remove the existing elevator system at the Chickasaw County Courthouse, 8 E. Prospect Street, New Hampton, Iowa, and replace it with a new elevator system. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract for the proposed public improvement are available for inspection at the office of the Chickasaw County Engineer at the Chickasaw County Courthouse, 8 E. Prospect Street, New Hampton, Iowa, during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A public hearing on the proposed public improvement will be held in the boardroom at the Chickasaw County Courthouse, 8 E. Prospect Street, New Hampton, Iowa, at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 1, 2022. At the public hearing, any interested person may appear and file objections to the proposed plans, specifications, contract, or estimated cost of the proposed public improvement. Written objections may be filed with the Chickasaw County Auditor, 8 E. Prospect Street, New Hampton, Iowa, until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022. Following completion of the public hearing, sealed bids for the proposed public improvement will be opened and a contract may be awarded.

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF CASE NO. ESPR003059 THE ESTATE OF NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL LUCILLE E. CRONIN, DECEASED WITHOUT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION.

To all persons interested in the Estate of Lucille E. Cronin, Deceased, who died on or about May 10, 2022: You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of July, 2022, the last will and testament of Lucille E. Cronin, deceased, bearing date of December 19, 2007, and First Codicil dated September 26, 2016, were admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the 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 reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Dated July 7, 2022. Thomas R. Cronin, Executor, 309 Somerset Court, P.O. Box 682, Nashua, IA 50658, Executor of the Estate of Lucille E. Cronin John L. Duffy ICIS No. AT0002227, Laird Law Firm, P.L.L.C., 11 Fourth Street NE, P.O. Box 1567, Mason City, IA 50402-1567, Attorneys for Executor Date of second publication, 22 day of July, 2022. No. 22166 07/15/2022 07/22/2022

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET CHICKASAW COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

The CHICKASAW COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023				
Meeting Date/Time: 7/25/2022 09:15 AM		Contact: Stephanie Mashek		Phone: (641) 394-2100
Meeting Location: Second floor of the Courthouse in the Boardroom located at 8 E. Prospect New Hampton, IA 50659				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	6,694,445	0	6,694,445
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	21,203	0	21,203
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	325,850	0	325,850
Net Current Property Tax	4	6,347,392	0	6,347,392
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	500	0	500
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	10,200	0	10,200
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	915,093	0	915,093
Intergovernmental	8	5,333,121	0	5,333,121
Licenses & Permits	9	23,233	0	23,233
Charges for Service	10	871,971	0	871,971
Use of Money & Property	11	66,927	0	66,927
Miscellaneous	12	201,800	0	201,800
Subtotal Revenue	13	13,770,237	0	13,770,237
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	2,326,061	0	2,326,061
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	16,096,298	0	16,096,298
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	2,631,327	84,000	2,715,327
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,622,989	0	1,622,989
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	10,000	10,000
County Environment & Education	21	700,272	80,030	780,302
Roads & Transportation	22	6,764,223	480,190	7,244,413
Government Services to Residents	23	553,321	0	553,321
Administration	24	1,754,373	455,836	2,210,209
Nonprogram Current	25	5,000	0	5,000
Debt Service	26	478,060	0	478,060
Capital Projects	27	1,396,694	367,662	1,764,356
Subtotal Expenditures	28	15,906,259	1,477,718	17,383,977
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Tranfers Out	29	2,326,061	0	2,326,061
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	18,232,320	1,477,718	19,710,038
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-2,136,022	-1,477,718	-3,613,740
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2022	33	8,944,876	0	8,944,876
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	3,637,144	0	3,637,144
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	3,171,710	-1,477,718	1,693,992
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2023	40	6,808,854	-1,477,718	5,331,136
Explanation of Changes: Line #18-Ambulance Service increase & K-9 surgery expense. Line #20- MHDD Distribution of late tax collection. Line #21-Security Cameras for Conservation , Co. Betterment for Airport Campground & culvert expense for walking trail & Increase budget for Weed Commissioner. Line #22-Increase in Rural Roads Infrastructure, rock, sand, and snow control, work comp, and box culvert materials. Line #24-Purchase Elevator for Courthouse, increase for property insurance, increase Heritage Building budget, Salary, FICA, and IPERS. Line #27-Radio Tower Project & Box Culvert Materials.				

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Plan has Plainfield being home for the Huskies in summer

DIAMONDS: FROM 1

The district's top administrator said many of the mechanical systems in the elementary school "are getting to their end-of-life dates." He said the Plainfield school building's boiler was moved to the elementary school but that most of the mechanical systems date back to when the building was constructed in the 1960s.

"It's one of those things that once we're done, save for the fact that building is cooler, people won't see," Liechty said, "but they'll be much better, much more efficient."

The "diamond complex," meanwhile, could come with a price tag near \$3 million, but Liechty believes that it would "be a pretty good use for the property and a really good thing for Plainfield."

Currently, the Huskies play their home softball games in Plainfield while the baseball team plays its home games in Nashua on a field that is owned by the Big 4 Fairgrounds. The current baseball diamond, however, does not have lights.

Nashua-Plainfield is the lone Top of Iowa Conference East Division school that plays its home baseball and softball games in different towns, and the Huskies are the only team in their division that doesn't have lights on its baseball field.

"It's a disadvantage, I will say that," Nashua-Plainfield baseball coach Levi Miller said. "The field is serviceable, I'm not saying that, but not having lights hurts, and we don't have bathrooms, except for the porta-potties...It's time, I think. If you look around and check our football stadium, our track, our gym, the Husky Wellness

Center, we have great facilities ... except for baseball and softball."

Both Miller and Liechty said having adjacent diamonds would have other advantages for families, most notably the fact that parents who have both softball and baseball players wouldn't have to "split up" to watch them play home games.

The plan put together by Martin Gardner Architecture would include each diamond having a press box and bleachers. In between, the two fields, a ticket booth, concession stands and permanent restrooms would be constructed. Two smaller diamonds, more conducive to youth baseball and softball, would also be constructed on the property, and a parking lot with about 150 stalls would also be placed just to the west of the softball diamond.

"We want people to know that we want to move ahead with the process," Liechty said, "and we're getting ready to make a community splash to get people excited."

Under Iowa law, school districts can bond for projects and pay it back with future SAVE funds without voter approval. SAVE funds are generated by the statewide 1-cent sales tax that used to be known as the local-option sales tax (LOST).

Liechty said the district originally was going to take bids on the project in either August or September, but because of a variety of factors, the plan now is to go through the bidding process this winter.

"Our SAVE fund is in good shape," Liechty said, "and we just want to get the word out — despite the rumors — that we're still moving ahead."



Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield senior Max Hillegas shows the umpire his glove and the ball after tagging out a South Winneshiek runner at the plate in the sixth inning of Saturday's Class 1A district title game.

N-P coach: We'll 'certainly miss' five seniors

TITLE GAME: FROM 8

Hillegas would try to get the Huskies' goose-egg off the board with a double a short time later and Sam Funderman would walk.

That happened with two down and when Kendrick Huck made contact it looked as if the Huskies would score, but the sharp hit went right to the Warrior third baseman for the out.

South Winn would add another run in the sixth, again utilizing a bunt where the ball was not picked up in time for the throw to first for the out. But that inning ended with a nice defensive play, as, on a passed ball, catcher Dawson Glaser got to the ball fast enough to fire

back to Hillegas, who made the tag to prevent another score and end the inning.

Miller was, to say the least, pleased with how the season had gone up to that point.

"We were the only No. 4 seed in the state to knock off the No. 1 seed," he said of the Huskies' 4-3 win over St. Ansgar that propelled them to the district title match-up. "Something our kids should be proud of. When we started the season out at 2-7 a lot of people wrote us off. But the kids stayed with it, made it to the second district championship in three years — I wish we could have pulled this off tonight but [South Winn] bunted well and it ended up costing us."

Hillegas struck out six in six

innings of play, with two earned runs on five hits and two walks.

"Max has always been one of our leaders, he threw a great game tonight," said Miller. "We just didn't execute on the little things. I think that if we play that team 10 times, we're 5-5. We're very evenly matched."

The only other hit allowed by South Winn senior pitcher Nick Holien was a single by Bo Harrington. Holien struck out 13.

"With tough pitchers like this, you have to take advantage of opportunities and we didn't." The game was played at Calmar in front of a hometown crowd, but Miller discounted any "home field" advantage for the Warriors.

"Our crowd was big. We've

had a lot of support all year, they really stuck through the tough part of the season with us."

The seniors playing in their final game as the 12-14 season came to an end for the Huskies were Hillegas, McKade Munn, Fundermann, Drew Wilken and Drew Rodruck.

"They've had a lot of success as a class — had winning records two of the last three years — they'll go on to bigger and better things but we're certainly going to miss them."

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Members of the Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association grill up some of the more than 650 hamburgers they served during the annual Family BBQ that was held Saturday during the 4-H and FFA Achievement Show at Nashua's Big Four Fairgrounds.

Bob Fenske/Reporter



Darin Dietz escorts his daughter, Isabella, to the stage during Saturday evening's queen coronation ceremony.

BEST OF RURAL IOWA

ON BEAUTIFUL EVENING, ACHIEVEMENT SHOW BBQ'S JUST PERFECT

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

There's just something about the Family BBQ that is held each year at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show. Maybe it's corny, but it represents everything good about rural Iowa, and the 2022 edition was certainly not an exception.

Just take a look at the snapshots from Saturday's event that was held on a summer evening that was, well, just about perfect.

There's the Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association grilling burgers. A lot of burgers. Like almost 650 burgers. And they were tasty, too.

There were the families gathered together to celebrate one hell of a show.

There were the Ag Olympics going on just behind the stage.

And there was the first-ever Fair Dance that was held after an awards ceremony that featured the crowning of 2022 Fair Queen Tiffany Brincks.

Sure, the fair didn't officially wrap up until Monday morning, and Sunday's schedule, for example, was chock full of events. But Saturday was a celebration of 4-H and FFA kids who had poured their hearts and souls into their projects — be it cows, pigs, sheep, photos, wood-working creations and so much more.

But it was that family atmosphere that will resonate for those attending for years to come.

Before the queen was crowned, this reporter wandered around the fairgrounds, gave people grief, took grief from some and just caught up with people he may only see once a year. And, oh yeah, he waited for the "food

line" to go down.

While he did so, the reporter met Brincks and the young boy who would escort her onto the stage.

Little Breck Morris — no offense to the other escorts — was the bomb. Black shirt, red bow tie, flower pinned to his shirt, cowboy hat on the head, I immediately knew I had to get a picture of him.

He agreed, struck a pose and didn't see me wave Trinity into the picture.

"I think he wants a picture of me, Trinity," little Breck said, and both the reporter and soon-to-be queen laughed.

"Nah, let's let Trinity be in it, OK," the reporter said.

"OK."

Twenty minutes later, the awards ceremony started, and the reporter realized the food line was still long. No supper tonight, he told himself.

He sat on the bleachers, snapped pictures — some that will be in this paper; others that will be in our annual "fair section" that will come out later this month — when young Eli Suhr came up to him..

"Hey, green beans or pork-n-beans," he said.

"Huh?"

"You gotta eat, Bob," he said and disappeared, only to return a few minutes later with a meal for me.

So there I sat, taking bites of my hamburger and potato salad while covering the crowning of the queen.

For those of you who didn't read the reporter's column last week, he'll stand by how he ended it. Kids these days are doing just fine.

Former N-P student presents cancer research at conference

Caleb Lines, of Nashua, was one of four Wartburg College students to present his ovarian cancer research at the 2022 annual meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

The 2022 biochemistry graduates presented "Matrix Metalloproteinase-9 Promotes Membrane Protrusive Activity in Ovarian Cancer Cells."

"Our group chose to study ovarian cancer because it is the second most common gynecological cancer in the United States, with over 20,000 new cases in 2021 alone," said Katelyn Finnegan.

"Unfortunately, ovarian cancer has a five-year survival rate of only about 49 percent, mostly because we don't have effective screening methods and symptoms often don't appear until later stages of the cancer."

The lab group, led by Shawn Ellerbroek, director of undergraduate research, looked at the effects of a certain protein on the metastasizing of ovarian cancer. The research revealed a correlation between increased amounts of the protein and an increased ability for cancer cells to spread.

"It was such a surreal experience being around so many other brilliant scientists and taking a step back to realize that we too were there to present - that we were scientists," Finnegan said.

"This experience was meaningful to me because I got to work in a close group and learned how to work as an efficient team," said Sam Reyes.

Ellerbroek's lab will continue to research the topic with help from new students.

Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls 1,543 students. Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and named after the castle in Germany where Martin Luther took refuge disguised as a knight during the stormy days of the Reformation while translating the Bible from Greek into German.

Striegel earns Simpson honor

Simpson College has recognized Tanner Striegel for making the president's list during Spring 2022.

Striegel is a 2019 graduate of Nashua-Plainfield High School, where he was involved in a number of activities — including sports, band, choir, National History Day and drama.

Simpson's dean's list is announced after each fall and spring semester of the regular academic year. The dean's list includes the names of all students who, regularly enrolled in the college, complete at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average between 3.70 and 3.99 for the semester.

Students achieving a grade point average of 4.00 are named to the president's list.

Naturalists to lead July 23 float

Chickasaw County Conservation Board Naturalist Matt Crayne and his Floyd County counterpart, Heidi Reams, will lead a float down the Cedar River on Saturday, July 23.

The float will begin at 1:30 p.m. and start from Floyd County's Midway Access and end at Chickasaw County's Howard's Woods.

Kayaks and canoes will be available, but if residents want to float their own boats, they can do so.

Pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714, and those taking part in the event will be required to wear a life jacket or legal PFD as part of the float.

There is no charge for this event.



Clover Kids' graduates (above) — i.e., they're off to 4-H now — are called to the stage to receive their "diplomas" while Rhonda Wehling (right) waves to the crowd after it was announced that she was this year's Chickasaw County 4-H Hall of Fame recipient.



Chickasaw County Fair Queen Trinity Brincks (left) poses for a photo with her escort, Breck Morris, and a group of 4-H members present Nashua's Charlie Edson a thank you gift for the countless hours he puts into the Achievement Show.

NIACC considering a different location for its Charles City Career Center

By MARY PIEPER
For the Charles City Press

The Charles City Board of Education signed an educational service agreement Monday with North Iowa Area Community College for a new high school career center in Charles City that has been in the planning stages since late 2020.

However, that center may be in a different location in town than originally planned. The move could result in a construction cost savings of \$1 million to \$1.5 million, according to NIACC President Steve Schulz.

At Monday's regular Charles City school board meeting, Schulz confirmed rumors that NIACC officials are considering a pre-existing building for the career center instead of building it on donated land east of the Floyd County Fairgrounds.

However, "it would be premature for me to talk about where that location is," Schulz said.

The goal of the career center is to provide area high school students with instruction in specific high-demand career areas. The students will receive high school and college credit for the classes simultaneously at no cost to their families

through concurrent enrollment.

The cost of building a facility from scratch is "creeping up," according to Schulz. He said the current estimated price tag for construction of the career center near the fairgrounds is \$4.4 million to \$4.7 million.

NIACC is also concerned about being able to get the sheet metal needed for the exterior of the facility in time to complete the 18,000 square foot structure by the August 2023 target date, according to Schulz.

Using a pre-existing building would eliminate the need for additional sheet metal, he said.

NIACC officials expect to make a decision on the location soon, according to Schulz.

The Charles City School District is the last of the seven districts in the career center consortium to sign the educational service agreement with NIACC. The other districts are Riceville, Osage, Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock, Nashua-Plainfield, North Butler and Clarksville.

NIACC has received a \$1 million state grant for the Charles City career center.

The community college has raised nearly \$2 million in private funds for the project so far, according to Schulz.

N-P gives South Winn a battle before falling in district final

Huskies put up a ‘good fight,’ but Warriors’ use ‘small ball’ to pull out a 2-0 victory on its way to state tournament berth

By DOROTHY HUBER
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield is, at least, in good company. Yes, they were held scoreless by South Winneshiek in the district final played on Saturday, but then, every one of the teams South Winn beat on the way to its state tournament berth were in the same boat.

The Warriors started with a 10-0 shutout over Riceville, then won 2-0 over Rockford, 2-0 over N-P and 2-0 over Kee High in a substate game played Tuesday at Decorah.

“That’s an excellent program we lost to, they’re going to be very, very tough in the future,” said coach Levi Miller after the contest in which his Huskies were held to a pair of hits.

“Still,” he continued, “our kids put up a good fight and never gave up and for that I’m incredibly proud of them.”

It wasn’t like the 23-8 Warriors, who earned a trip to state with by defeating 36-4 Kee, ran roughshod over the Huskies. But they did utilize the “small ball” to win.

A SW batter hit by a pitch and a bunt with no play made by the Huskies led to a run, even though Husky pitcher Max Hillegas got out of a bases-loaded situation by locking onto a fly ball himself for the final out of the bottom of the third inning.

SEE TITLE GAME, 5



Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield players (above) console each other after suffering a tough 2-0 loss to South Winneshiek, Hayden Munn (bottom left) rounds second base while Kendrick Huck (below right) makes contact during the Class 1A district championship game that was played in Calmar this past Saturday night.



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