



Ambulance remains in limbo

Nashua representative says city must have rig, budget reduced for city to be in

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

A publicly-owned ambulance service for Chickasaw County remains in limbo after a Tuesday night Ambulance Council meeting showed that just five of the nine entities were fully committed to the idea.

And that “drop-dead” deadline

that was supposed to be met by Tuesday night’s meeting was once again extended — this time to this coming Tuesday.

During the latest meeting, representatives of the county, New Hampton, North Washington, Ionia and Lawler all said they were in, but the men and women representing Nashua, Bassett, Alta Vista and Fredericksburg would not commit.

Nashua City Councilwoman Samantha Johnson said “with the way it stands right now, Nashua is out,” although she later said “in order for us to get in, we need a rig in Nashua and that budget has to go down.”

Alta Vista City Councilwoman Amy Lares said the proximity of her city to the small Howard County town of Elma, where Howard

County will have an ambulance based, has kept her city from committing to a service that would be owned by Chickasaw County.

“We have Elma knocking on our door obviously, willing to cover us [for] the same cost we’re paying right now

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Chickasaw County Naturalist Matt Crayne (above) shows a group of amazed children how to start a fire and then works with a group (below) on setting up a tent during the Nashua Public Library’s summer reading program on Wednesday evening.

FUN LESSON ON GREAT OUTDOORS

KIDS ENJOY WORKING WITH NATURALIST AT LIBRARY’S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

By **LYDIA GESSNER**
Of the Reporter

It was on a camping trip in Wyoming’s Big Horn mountains. Matt Crayne was an adjunct instructor at Hawkeye Community college at the time and they were on a “leave no trace” training trip. And as soon as he arrived Crayne wanted to put up his tent.

But the leaders of the trip weren’t going to be persuaded and instead they wanted to teach a 15 minute lesson before they set up camp.

They had made it about five minutes when the storm began and soon even hail was pouring down on the campers.

Crayne wasn’t very happy at the time, but used this story as an example about the importance of making sure your shelter is set up as

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A good week to enjoy the water!

It definitely has felt like summer this week and luckily, kids in Nashua had plenty of options when it came to “water activities” as they enjoy the swimming area in Cedar Lake (left) and the splash pad at Cedar View Park (above) Wednesday afternoon and evening.

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County may go without auditor

Supervisors aren’t sure they’ll appoint replacement for Mashek

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County Treasurer Sue Breitbach may get an addition to her job description — commissioner of elections — before she heads off into retirement at the end of this year.

That’s because under state law, the county treasurer takes over as the commissioner if a county doesn’t have an auditor, and Chickasaw County will soon be without one because Stephanie Mashek’s last day on the job is set for July 30.

And Breitbach wasn’t all that excited about the news that she may be the commissioner of elections this fall.

“That’s great,” she said during Monday’s Board of Supervisors meeting. “Put someone in there who knows nothing about it.”

But board members are in a bit of a quandary on how to replace Mashek, who submitted her resignation earlier this month.

County Attorney David Laudner, who attended the meeting via phone, said the county has two options — appoint an interim auditor or call for an election — but because of the timing of Mashek’s resignation, there is not enough time to

SEE AUDITOR, 2

Circus is coming to Nashua next week

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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Aubrey Folkerts, Connor Anthofer and Logan Sinnwell (left) smile for the camera from inside the tent they just helped put up while Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman (above) looks on while Levi Seamans, Matthias Anderson and Aubrey Folkerts take their turns signing the "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" summer program banner.

Family fun is big part of library's reading program

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soon as you arrive at a campsite. That way you are all ready to go when night falls.

Aubrey Folkerts was quick to point out, however, that you still had to put your PJs on.

"Kids say the darndest things, that's for sure," Library Director Heather Hackman said at the end of the night. "They are always coming up with something. Like little Aubrey today she had some one-liners ... it's just fun to hear what they say and their different experiences that they've had and they're just super excited to do anything different that they don't get to do at home."

While they may never have had an experience like Crayne's, this young audience at the Nashua Public Library last week wasn't unfamiliar with "roughing it" in the great outdoors.

Almost everyone raised their hand to say they've been camping before and parents pitched in literally when the kids headed outside with Crayne to put up tents on the lawn.

Once they had their sleeping place secured (and then taken down again), the kids headed back inside to learn about animal tracks, see how a sleeping

mat can insulate you against the cold ground, pass around pelts including a coyote and a snake skin and hear more about foraging.

Later on, they even made their own tinder and headed back outside to learn how to light a fire without a match, but also with the help and supervision of adults.

Folkerts and Grayson Moore both said that this was their favorite part of the evening, which would also include a take-home birdhouse craft and their very own pair of binoculars to try out.

Matthias Anderson said the birdhouse was his favorite part and was seemingly enjoying the binoculars as well.

When asked about what he learned over the course of the event, Anderson said "everything" and when asked more specifically about what he learned about camping, he said "Snakes are cool."

Last Wednesday was the third Family Fun Night of the summer and Hackman said the attendance has grown with each passing week.

"By far this was the most popular I'm thinking ... Last week we had the ISU extension and we did some bee bots and



At least one young child doesn't seem all that "into" a snake skin that Chickasaw County Naturalist is showing during a summer reading program at the Nashua Public Library Wednesday.

stuff like that with Jenna from ISU."

The fun nights run the month of July every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Hackman is hoping next week's event continues the trend and garners a large turnout.

Next Wednesday's Family Fun Night will be centered around a visit from the AEA's star dome, which will be set

up in the library from Monday through Thursday for patrons to enjoy.

"I had to take a class on how to run it so that I could run the inside of it and do like a presentation with the stars and stuff for the kids," Hackman said.

Hackman said the AEA brings the dome to school sometimes so they know the set up, but she hopes the library setting will make it a fun experience for the kids and something neat for them to enjoy.

The kids have also been enjoying the summer reading logs and bingo challenges. The six jars beside the prize baskets were already filled to the brim with blue slips as of last Wednesday.

"The kids are really enjoying

coming in and bringing their slips," she said. "...so it'll be kind of interesting to see who wins the baskets cause there's a lot of kids that have been in a lot of times to get some slips."

Hackman thinks she may do something like the baskets again next year since they have been such a success. She said each year she changes the programming to fit the year's theme.

"Yeah with programming I mean it's different every year. I try to do the programs that go with the theme so [I] try to think outside the box and do something that they normally wouldn't get to do at home."

But Hackman is also hoping these exciting activities and incentives at the library will keep kids bringing books home and continuing their reading adventures all year long.

"It just seems like they see a book and they want to read every book in that series and are excited when I have the next series book to read," she said, "...and they come back with their slips and put it in the jar. So I hope it continues for the rest of the school year too."

Folkerts has been enjoying the Boxcar Children "The Lighthouse Mystery" recently, while Moore likes the Dogman series and the new "Monsters Love Cupcakes" book at the library.

"That's the whole point," Hackman said about summer programming. "I wanted to try to get [th]em used to the library and get [th]em to come more often so hopefully by getting the books that they want ... they see ... that they're here now and they'll come back and get more."

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

City Council Chambers, City Hall
The Nashua City Council met in a council workshop on July 13, 2022, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Samantha Johnson, Hal Kelleher, Tim Malven, and Ernie Willsher. Rhonda Dean was absent. City Clerk John Ott was also present along with 7 guests. The council discussed several topics. The main topic of discussion was ambulance service. Chickasaw County is looking at the possibility of establishing a county ambulance service and has drafted a 28E Agreement for the cities to consider. The current contract service provider contract ends at the end of the year and the County and cities are researching what options are best for the citizens both from a cost and public service perspective. The council had some reservations about the proposed 28E Agreement and Chickasaw County Ambulance Council representative Samantha Johnson said that she would take any input the council had about the proposed agreement back to the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and present it. The council also received citizen input about the option of providing its own service. One citizen mentioned that Elma has recently established their own ambulance service. The same citizen provided input on requirements needed and resources to look into if the city wanted to pursue looking into providing its own service. Mayor Anthofer is going to try to get some information out to the public to see how many people would be interested in becoming an EMT to help with the ambulance service if the council chooses to go that route. The city is also looking at checking in with surrounding communities to see if anyone is willing to work with Nashua. Waverly has a medical center located in Nashua and Charles City is closer than New Hampton, which are a couple of options that have been mentioned. No decisions have been made.

The council discussed the possibility of amending the Code of Ordinance

Fire Service Fees 35:15. Fire Chief Tom Johnson stated that he would like to remove the service fees because it is a public service and when the Fire Department is called out it is usually for something bad that happened and he expressed concern about charging people a fee on top of whatever incident caused the Fire Department to be called out. Mayor Anthofer explained that the fees would be for those incidents that occurred out of district and would be used to offset the cost of equipment, training, vehicles, etc. Johnson stated that most of the equipment they use is long lasting and not disposable, so replacement doesn't occur very often. Rick Sinnwell another Fire Department volunteer stated that he feels part of the reason that they are able to raise money through the Fire Association is because the Fire Department doesn't charge a fee for service. He stated that most cities around Nashua do not charge a fee for the public service. He stated that he would hate for a person who provides the same public service in a surrounding community have an incident happen and the Fire Department bill them for the same public service that they provide for no charge. No decision was made, and it will be discussed further at the next council meeting.

The council also discussed the Fire Department's current stipend of \$200/year for each volunteer fire fighter. Mayor Anthofer put together a proposal of a monthly wage for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief as well as a per call and training pay schedule for the volunteer fire fighters to replace the current pay structure. Fire Chief Johnson stated he would like to keep it as it is and leave the money out of the equation because he wants the volunteers to do it for the right reasons and if you start throwing money in the mix it can complicate things. He mentioned that he doesn't think with the current crew it would be an issue, but down the line it could potentially cause problems that people "just show up" to get paid. No decision was made.

The council reviewed 3 city logos that Vicky Folley put together for the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber and City Council are considering whether or not the city needs a new

logo. Mayor Anthofer suggested having some type of contest and having the public design the logo and choose the winner via a survey. The council thought having a contest was a good idea.

The council discussed employee wages. They talked about having a fixed % for a raise and including a bonus structure as an opportunity for employees to be able to increase their income. Mayor Anthofer stated that he thought this was a good idea because it wouldn't be an annual cost to the city, but rather a single payout. He gave the example of a long-term employee that had been with the city for several years. Every year that employee's pay would increase where as a bonus would be more performance based. The council would have to set bonus amounts, requirements to qualify, and when it would be paid out. No decisions were made.

The council discussed the open job position at City Hall and what to do to move forward. They would like to repost the position and change the wording to include candidates that have more experience in grant writing, code enforcement, etc with pay being commiserate with experience.

The council discussed the repairs needed at the welcome center. The deck is in bad need of repair and currently poses a safety risk. It has deteriorated due to lack of maintenance throughout the years. The building is also in need of being repainted and Karmen Mehmen a Welcome Center Board member stated that if they don't paint the building soon it will be in the same condition as the deck.

There was no other business. Johnson motioned to adjourn. Willsher seconded. M/C. RC: 4 ayes, Dean absent

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17PM.

*pending approval by council

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WITHOUT PRESENT
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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.

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Thomas R. Cronin, Executor, 309 Somerset Court, P.O. Box 682, Nashua, IA 50658, Executor of the Estate of Lucille E. Cronin

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

JULY 13TH, 2022

The Board convened on Wednesday, July 13TH, 2022, at 5:30 PM with members Byrne, Breitbach, Hackman, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Zoll, absent. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Assessor Ray Armel, Frederickburg Mayor Jimmy Mitchell, and Township Trustee Brad Ellison.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the agenda for July 13th, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Hackman, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Zoll, absent. Motion Carried.

Discussed the proposed annexation of property DGOGFREDERICKSBURGIA10062021, LLC parcel ID 191607475001 located in Frederickburg, Iowa.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Resolution 07-13-22-53. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Zoll, absent. Motion Carried. RESOLUTION NO. 07-13-22-53 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANNEXATION APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Frederickburg received a voluntary annexation application wherein the owners of real property located in rural Chickasaw County but adjoining the City of Frederickburg requested annexation into the City of

Frederickburg under Iowa Code section 368.7; and WHEREAS, a consultation meeting on the proposed annexation between the City of Frederickburg, Chickasaw County, and Frederickburg Township—the three entities that contain all or a portion of the real property to be annexed—occurred in compliance with Iowa Code section 368.7; and WHEREAS, as a result of the consultation meeting and after consideration of the comprehensive plan, Chickasaw County supports the annexation application. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors declares its support for the annexation application pursuant to Iowa Code section 368.7. The County Auditor is directed to immediately file a copy of this Resolution with the City of Frederickburg. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 13th day of July, 2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson to the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Breitbach, Second by Hackman to adjourn at 5:39 PM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Breitbach, Byrne, and Kuhn. Zoll, absent. Motion Carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board

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Cities agree they need ambulance answer by Tuesday

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and obviously we can't afford the current budget," Lares told her fellow Ambulance Council members. "And the service is a lot closer."

Meanwhile, Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, who supports the idea of a publicly-owned service, said his city was still not willing to commit because of budget concerns, especially if other cities don't join the service.

That budget — set at \$1.2 million for the first year of a service — also had Fredericksburg Mayor Jimmy Mitchell concerned and he, too, wouldn't commit his city to publicly-owned EMS.

"It depends on who drops out," he said, "and obviously, if they do, that budget has to go down."

Mitchell expressed frustration with how long the process has taken to get cities to sign 28E agreements with the county so that the Board of Supervisors can move ahead with using its American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase equipment and a building to start the service.

The Ambulance Council currently has a contract with Chickasaw Ambulance Service that runs through Dec. 31, and the Board of Supervisors representative, Matt Kuhn, on the Ambulance Council, said Monday during a board meeting that the service's owner, Jeremy McGrath, had emailed him to say he was not interested in extending his contract.

That means Chickasaw County and its cities have less than 5 1/2 months to either start a publicly-owned EMS service, or have each of the entities find their own providers.

"I mean we can't do this every time we come here, wait another two weeks and another two weeks," Mitchell said. "We're just getting further and further behind in trying to get a public service started."

Mitchell said his city wasn't giving up on the idea of the publicly-owned service, but he said time is critical not just for his city's residents but for all residents of the county.

"I think we would consider the greater good for everybody," he said. "Right, that's what we've been after this entire time ... but at some point, we have to say this is enough, and it's getting awful close to that point."

Lawyer Mayor Mark Muetherthies, who chairs the Ambulance Council, said every entity in the current Ambulance Council will have to pay a steep price to get a service off the ground.

"My city council took the concept that we need an ambulance," he said. "We don't have any other choice so we don't have the money neither, but we're going to have rob Peter to pay Paul."

Monday's meeting lasted just 47 minutes but covered a variety of topics — some of them having little to do with the proposed 28E agreements that the county has sent to the eight cities in the Ambulance Council. Under those agreements, the county would run the service and the cities would pay a "per-capita" amount to the county to receive service.

Nashua's Johnson, for example, blasted the Board of Supervisors for not putting the

so-called 422D referendum on this fall's ballot that would have allowed county residents to decide if they deemed ambulance to be an essential service, thus giving the Board of Supervisors the power to levy property taxes to support EMS.

But eventually the discussion returned to how to get the cities who are out back "in."

New Hampton City Councilman Cory McDonald, who was sitting in for Mayor Bobby Schwickerath, asked Johnson if her city would commit if an ambulance was based in Nashua?

She said that was only part of the city's concern, with the proposed budget being the other one.

"It's two-thirds of our general fund budget," Johnson said, "and we just can't do that and still provide the services we need to provide to our residents."

Others on the council discussed ways to lower the budget and the language changes that their cities have requested in the contract, and County Attorney David Laudner, who joined the meeting by phone, said those changes would be relatively easy to make.

He also added, though, that "all of you at that table have to decide if you can or want to move forward."

Kuhn said he would call for a special Board of Supervisors meeting this week to discuss the issues with a publicly-owned ambulance service and implored the cities to hold special meetings before next Tuesday's Ambulance Council meeting.

He also made an offer to Johnson after she said she expected her City Council to meet this coming Monday.

Nashua couldn't hold its regularly scheduled meeting this past Monday because it did not have a quorum, which means at least three of the council members could not be in attendance either in person, by phone or virtually.

"If I need to, I can come to your meeting as well," Kuhn said, "whatever we need to do to try to work this out because I think we're better if we stay all together."

Others agreed, but they also said the proverbial clock was ticking.

"I think if we have another meeting, it's got to be yes or no at the next meeting ... we're just prolonging this," Muetherthies said. "We're at crunch time."

"We have been for two months," Mitchell said.

Next Tuesday's meeting is set for 5:30 p.m.



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Another fair wraps up!

A cup of frozen cookie dough sounds like just the thing on a warm evening, at the Floyd County Fair, which wrapped up its run in Charles City this past Sunday.

Treasurer may have to serve as elections commissioner

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have a special election before voters head to the polls for the general election on Nov. 8.

Appointing an auditor, though, may be difficult, supervisors learned on Monday.

"The problem is that they've talked to people who are already Chickasaw County employees," she said, "and if they are a current employee ... we have to pay off all of their vacation, everything, and their job — their existing job they currently serve in that capacity — there's no guarantee to get it back."

Mashek used her current deputy, longtime county employee Donna Geerts, as an example. If Geerts was appointed but didn't win the November election, Mashek said "then she actually loses her job as deputy auditor because the auditor can appoint whoever they want."

"Unless she's on board with that, I don't think that's a good option," Matt Kuhn said, and Mashek quickly responded, "She is not."

Supervisor Jake Hackman wondered if the county could do a 28E agreement with a neighboring county in the interim, and Laudner said the county could do so under a statute that allows counties to "employ a person for at least 60 days but not more than 90 days" to handle the auditor duties.

The county could also just leave the position open, with Geerts taking over many of the duties of the auditor.

But that would make

Breitbart this fall's commissioner of elections, and Supervisor Jason Byrne asked if that would mean the long-time treasurer would receive additional pay?

The answer is no, but even if it came with a higher salary, Breitbart was clear that she doesn't want the job.

"I don't care about the money," she said. "I don't know a dang thing about it. ... It makes no sense."

Hackman, though, pointed out that an Iowa Supreme Court decision gives county leaders little leeway.

"I understand that, Sue, [you don't want the job]," he said, "but if the Supreme Court ruled on a ruling many years ago, we have to follow that."

Breitbart asked if supervisors appointed someone, then that person would take over as commissioner of elections?

Supervisors Jason Byrne responded, "But we're not going to appoint anyone."

The discussion continued for several more minutes, but supervisors did not indicate how they were going to proceed; instead, they agreed to put the item on the agenda for this coming Monday's meeting.

Thomas Caswell, 68

Thomas Caswell, age 68 of Nashua, died Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Iowa City Veterans Administration Hospital.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2022, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Military graveside rites will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Nashua.

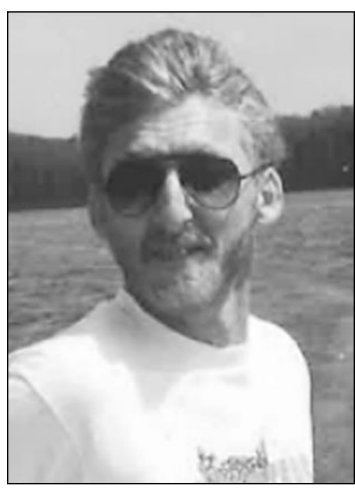
Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Thomas Todd Caswell was born May 5, 1954, in Charles City, the son of Harland and Mildred (Dietz) Caswell.

Tom graduated from Nashua High School in 1972 and joined the U.S. Air Force.

Tom proudly served his country and after receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to Nashua. He met and married Angela (Angie) Meyer on June 18, 1983, and the couple settled in Nashua. Angie passed away in 1986.

Survivors include a son, Travis Caswell of Charles City; a daughter, Chelsea Wilson of San Diego; three grandchil-



Tom Caswell

dren, Shaylyn Caswell, Austin Caswell and Christian Wilson; two brothers, Timothy (Sharon) Caswell and Mark Caswell; two sisters, Eleanor Scharnhorst and Patricia Thompson; mother-in-law, Mary Lu Meyer; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Katz and Barbara Graeser; brother-in-law Alan Meyer; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Harland Grant (Mike) Caswell Jr.; father-in-law, Dale Meyer; and brother-in-law, Marvin Scharnhorst.

Bill Eugene Ohrt, 66

Bill Eugene Ohrt, age 66 of Ionia, died Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Cory Orr presiding.

Friends may greet the family from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday.

Briefs

Floyd, Chickasaw naturalists to lead Saturday float down the Cedar River

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

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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Nashua, Iowa located at Nashua City Hall 402 Main Street in Nashua, Iowa at 7:00 pm on August 1, 2022. The purpose of this hearing is to open and review the sealed bids for the five properties that are being sold individually by the city (204 Main St., 304 Main St., 306 Main St., 308 Main St. and 823 Jay St.) Additional information about the properties can be found at city hall. Anyone who has submitted a sealed bid will have the opportunity to raise their bid. The City Council has the right to reject any and all bids.

Any persons wishing to be heard on this matter will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted through the day of the public hearing at the Nashua City Hall PO Box 38 Nashua, Iowa 50658. Oral questions or comments can be directed to City Hall at 641.435.4156.

No. 22180
07/22/2022

Seniors help N-P finish softball season strong

SOFTBALL: FROM 1

"I'm pretty sure that's pushing the record at Nashua-Plainfield," said Stastny-Hall. "She's super quick. She has the speed."

Two seniors, Makenzie Foelske and Brynn Wright, rounded out N-P's all-conference picks. Foelske, the Husky's centerfielder, earned a spot on the second team. Wright, N-P's main pitcher, was also one of the Husky's best bats and was picked on the honorable mention squad.

"Both my seniors will be definitely missed next year," said Stastny-Hall.

N-P endured a 20-game losing streak during the midway portion of the season. N-P concluded the season with a 3-3 mark, including a hard-fought 3-1 loss in the regional round to Riceville. Stastny-Hall said her seniors helped the young squad climb out of the hole the Huskies had created to finish the season strong.

"It was probably a hard year for both the seniors, I would say," said Stastny-Hall. "Nobody wants to have a losing streak like we did. The seniors carried themselves, Brynn especially, very well. They were the leaders on the field. The underclassmen looked up to them."

Foelske bashed two home runs on the year and hit .274. She led the team in slugging percentage (.461). She was one of the league's fastest and most proficient base stealers as she racked up 20 steals – seventh-best in the TIC.

"She has a very good bat. She

also can put down a bunt when she wants to," said Stastny-Hall. "She's very quick. It's hard for throwers and the defense to get her out."

Foelske could also rise to the occasion and make stellar plays in the outfield to save runs for the Huskies.

"Kenzie is the leader out in the outfield. She kind of shifts on her own. She tells outfielders what to do without me saying. So she definitely fills steps for coaching on that – which is kind of nice," said Stastny-Hall.

Wright hit .291 and also belted two homers. Her pitching stats might not be all-conference worthy (4-17, 9.24 ERA) but she sure pitched like an all-league selection on Senior Night versus North Butler. Wright twirled the game of her senior season against the Bearcats – a game N-P won 2-1. She allowed just two hits against a squad that qualified for state in 2021 and struck out five – walking just one.

"Brynn took a lot of the heat and the complaints," said Stastny-Hall. "She had the defensive behind her, but then some games she didn't have defensive behind her. It all kind of worked out for her, I think. She got stronger toward the end of the season."

Wright generated 34 total bases in the hitting department, which was second to Foelske's team-leading 35.

"Brynn would try to help everybody out when she could. She had a powerful bat as well, same as Makenzie," said Stastny-Hall.

Top of Iowa East Division All-Conference Softball Teams

FIRST TEAM

Kaylea Fessler	Central Springs	Sr.
Ashlyn Hoeft	Central Springs	Sr.
Madisyn Kelley	Central Springs	Sr.
Cooper Klaahsen	Central Springs	Jr.
Lainie Bouillon	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Emily Opstvedt	Newman Catholic	Jr.
Emma Weiner	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Kiya Johnson	North Butler	Jr.
Leah Grimm	Osage	Jr.
Ashley Halbach	Osage	Sr.
Chloe Rooney	Rockford	Sr.
Mallory Juhl	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Kennedy Schwiesow	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Maddie Hubka	West Fork	Sr.
Kalli Trewin	West Fork	Sr.
Libby Trewin	West Fork	Fr.

SECOND TEAM

Lizzy Hamand	Central Springs	Jr.
Azaria McDonough	Central Springs	Fr.
Abby Pate	Central Springs	Jr.
Aurora Stepleton	Central Springs	Jr.
Makenzie Foelske	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Ellyse Ball	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Madi Elwood	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Anna Endelman	North Butler	Sr.
Haley Freeseemann	North Butler	Sr.
Taylor Klobassa	Osage	So.
Sydney Muller	Osage	Jr.
McKinnley Hoffman	Rockford	Jr.
Abby Hemann	Saint Ansgar	Fr.
Josie Juhl	Saint Ansgar	Fr.
Madisyn Bonner	West Fork	Sr.
JoAnna Wallace	West Fork	Fr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Carly Ryan	Central Springs	Jr.
Brynn Wright	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Leah Martinez	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Carly Adelmund	North Butler	Sr.
Kelsi Liddle	Northwood-Kensett	So.
Mari Fox	Osage	Jr.
Maddie Muller	Rockford	Sr.
Emma Hicken	Saint Ansgar	Sr.
Breckyn Dickman	West Fork	So.

Co-Players of the Year: Kaylea Fessler, Central Springs and Madisyn Kelley, Central Springs

Coach of the Year: BJ Fessler, Central Springs

Top of Iowa East Division All-Conference Baseball Teams

FIRST TEAM

Chase Berding	Central Springs	Sr.
Bo Harrington	Nashua-Plainfield	Jr.
Max Hillegas	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Elijah Brinkley	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Max Burt	Newman Catholic	Jr.
Tim Castle	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Nash Holmgaard	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Doug Taylor	Newman Catholic	Jr.
Kolben Miller	North Butler	Sr.
Max Gast	Osage	So.
Nolan Heard	Osage	So.
Tyler Oberfoell	Osage	Sr.
Kolton Lyman	Rockford	Sr.
Tate Mayer	Saint Ansgar	Jr.
Jayce Schwiesow	Saint Ansgar	Fr.
Carsen Sparrow	Saint Ansgar	So.

SECOND TEAM

Cole Christiansen	Central Springs	Sr.
Drew Kelley	Central Springs	Sr.
Brock Mathers	Central Springs	Sr.
Tucker Franzen	Nashua-Plainfield	So.
Dawson Glaser	Nashua-Plainfield	Fr.
Matthew Henrich	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Jack Maznio	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Logan Ott	North Butler	Sr.
Henry Pittenger	North Butler	Sr.
Jace Gentz	Northwood-Kensett	Sr.
Landon Arends	Osage	Jr.
Heath Voight	Osage	Fr.
Drew Hansen	Rockford	Sr.
Terran Romer	Rockford	Sr.
Hunter Hillman	Saint Ansgar	So.
Nolan Shreckengost	West Fork	Fr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Zak Molstad	Central Springs	Sr.
McKade Munn	Nashua-Plainfield	Sr.
Bennett Suntken	Newman Catholic	Sr.
Owen Almellen	North Butler	Jr.
Hayden Moore	Northwood-Kensett	Sr.
Luke Scharper	Osage	Sr.
Brooks Hoffman	Rockford	Sr.
Max Beland	Saint Ansgar	So.
Nate Hubka	West Fork	Sr.

Player of the Year: Doug Taylor, Newman Catholic

Coach of the Year: Alex Bohl, Newman Catholic

N-P will welcome back trio of all-league players in '23

BASEBALL: FROM 8

"Bo had just an absolutely monstrous year for us," said Miller. "Hitting in either the three hole or the leadoff – you could always just count on Bo."

Harrington pitched the fifth-most innings (47.2) in the TIC and limited his opponents with a team-leading 2.64 ERA. He fanned 53 batters over that work load on the bump. His fielding percentage, whether on the hill or at shortstop, was .923.

"He played a really slick shortstop for us, too. Obviously on the mound he's one of our top arms coming back next year. He's going to be one of our horses again next year," said Miller. "He just produced a ton this year."

If there's a brighter future out there than Glaser's rise to stardom as an underclassmen, coaches need to be on the lookout for that player because he might not exist.

"Dawson being his first year really stepped up into a catcher role and filled a void and a hole that we needed to fill," said Miller. "He did a really good job – not just behind the plate, but at the bump and at the dish."

Glaser has a live arm and produced 38 strikeouts in almost 36 innings of work. He

went 3-4 on the hill and generated a 4.51 ERA. He also has plenty of pop in his bat as evident by seven doubles and 18 runs knocked in.

Franzen really found his groove in his sophomore season and was a counted on utility player for Miller. He batted .369 and knocked in 24 runs – the same amount as Harrington. Franzen's fielding percentage was .926 and he played five different positions – third, second, shortstop, catcher and pitcher.

"This year he just really matured into his body. Tucker was our true utility guy. He was never playing the same position every single day," said Miller.

Franzen tallied 22 innings on the mound and went 2-2 with a 5.73 ERA.

"For him to produce the way he did, the way we had to move him around, kind of shows how big of a baseball guy he is," said Miller.

Munn led league in triples with six and made good on a perfect 15 out of 15 in stolen base attempts. He was also a key leader in the clubhouse.

"Leadership-wise, he always knew when to step up or either make a play in the field. He had some really clutch at bats for us, too," said Miller. "His leadership really was excellent for us."

N-P volleyball and football camps set to kick off Aug. 1

CAMPS: FROM 1

On Monday, Aug. 1, from 3-5 p.m., everyone in attendance will receive instruction. On Aug. 2-4, setters and hitters will be focused on from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Setters and passers will work out from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Team will be taught from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. each of the three days.

The cost to attend is \$30 and applications are due by Friday, July 29.

The second camp will be a Future Stars Camp for athletes entering grades K-8.

That camp will run from from Aug. 9-11 and will take place from 10 a.m. until noon each day in the high school gym. The cost to receive instruction for all three days is \$30 (includes T-Shirt) and that includes an attendance gift awarded to each camp participant.

These camps will teach the game of volleyball in a fun way. The focus will be on skill development and ball control. The younger camps will utilize a lighter weight ball.

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The 2022 Husky Football Camp will run Aug. 1-4 from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. each night on the Nashua-Plainfield football practice field.

Athletes entering grades 5-12 are welcome to attend.

The cost is \$30 per person

or \$50 for a family and camp attendees receive a T-Shirt.

Each camper will receive four days of quality football instruction from coaches at the high school, middle school and youth level.

The camp will focus on fundamentals in all areas of the game. The camp will also teach kids how things will be done the "Husky Way" at the high school level, give them a head start on the upcoming football season, and most importantly, have fun playing the game of football.

Those attending the camp should bring shorts, a T-shirt, football shoes, tennis shoes (in the event the camp goes inside), socks and a water bottle.

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The season openers for fall sports are as follows:

- The volleyball team will travel to New Hampton on Tuesday, Aug. 23, for its opener and then will play host to Rockford two nights later.

- The football squad will play its first game of the season on Friday, Aug. 26 when it hosts rival North Butler in a non-district game.

- The cross country team will compete at the Charles City Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 1, and the Huskies' annual home meet is set for Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Nashua Town and Country Club.



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SUBTOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES.....	542,295.92
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No. 22202
07/22/22

11-22-51 for a Minor Subdivision for Charles Burke. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Motion Carried. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2022-42 IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 19, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 11th DAY of July, 2022, at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2022-42 IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 19, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2022-42 IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 19, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH 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 11th DAY of JULY, 2022. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. ATTEST: /ss/ Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board.

Schwickerath left at 11:50 AM.
Discussed future agenda items.
Fenske left at 11:55 AM.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Breitbach to adjourn at 12:12 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board

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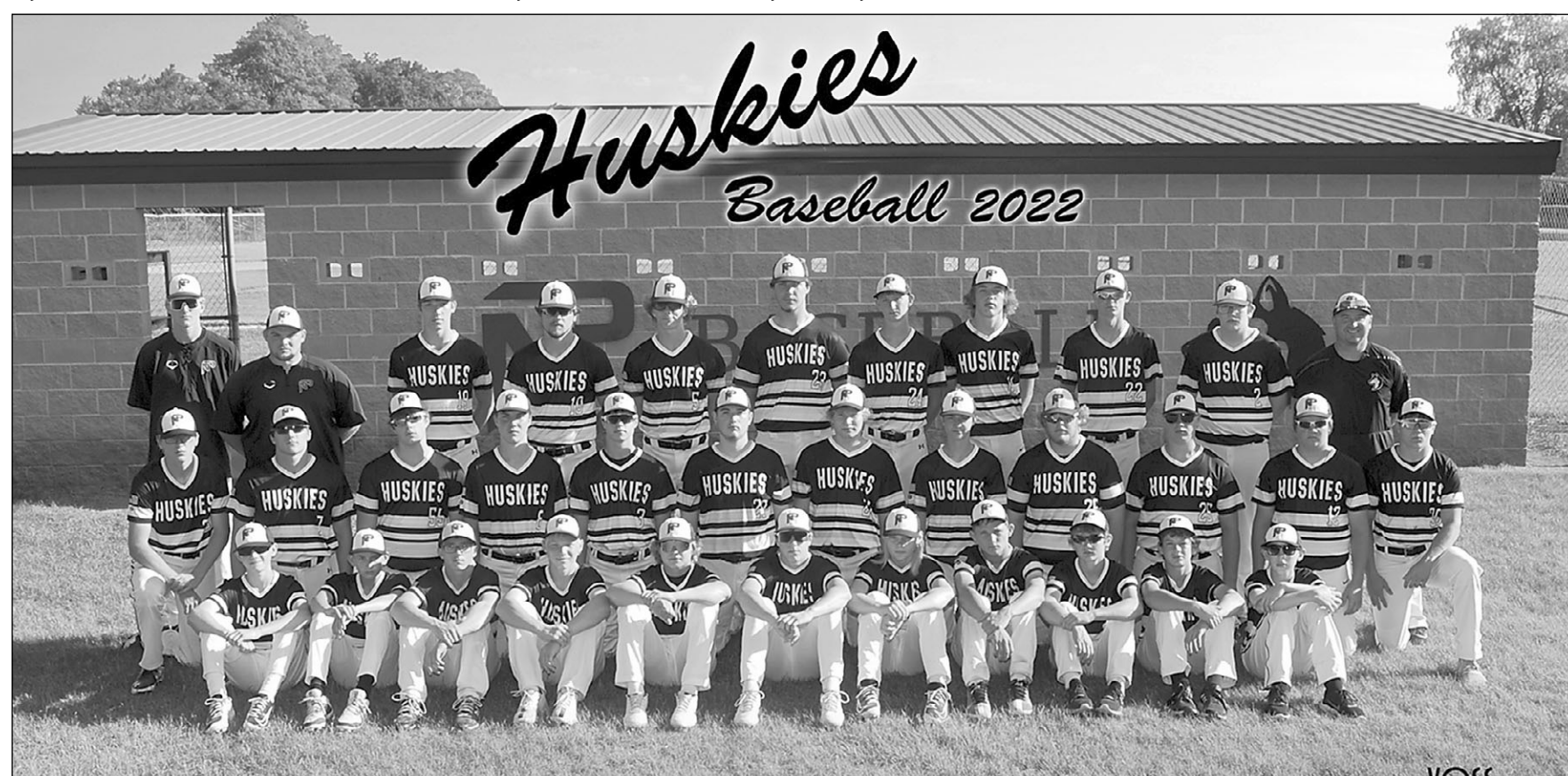
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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD BASEBALL

The Huskies came on strong late in the year to finish 12-14 overall and 8-8 in the Top of Iowa Conference East Division before advancing to the Class 1A district championship game. Team members include (front row, from left) Caleb Sinnwell, Braeden Mitchell, Hayden Munn, Wyatt Bouillon, Kendrick Huck, Tucker Franzen, Karsen Chyma, Devon Griffin, Nic Brase, Landon Foelske, Luke Paplow, (middle row) Dalton Downing, McKade Munn, Tucker Roberts, Trent Rodruck, Bo Harrington, Gavin Wayne, Maverick Dietz-McDonald, Matthew Malven, Landon Pratt, Beau Morris, Cam Cleveland, Sam Fundermann, (third row) assistant coaches Austin Bienemann and Mason Hyde, Titus Evans, Max Hillegas, Eli Kalainoff, Drew Rodruck, Kaden Wilken, Dawson Glaser, Drew Wilken, Hunter Hackman, and head coach Levi Miller.



NASHUA-PLAINFIELD SOFTBALL

The extremely young and inexperienced Huskies played their best softball late in the season as they split their final six games of the season before falling to Riceville in a competitive Class 1A regional game. Team members included (front row, from left) Jalynn Pratt, Lainie Bouillon, Madison Wahl, Ellie Woodman, Kami Hannemann, Paige Franzen (second row) Kristen Lee, Bailey Bond, Nevaeh Bloker, Makenzie Foelske, Brynn Wright, Abi Prugh, Ava Kirk, Eden Lamborn (third row) Hannah Brahn, Makayla Asche, Kadence Huck, assistant coach Randi Griffin, Josslynn Glaser, head coach Jessica Stastny-Hall, Elayna O'Neill, Lily Eiffler, Emerson Franzen.

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Nashua-Plainfield pitcher Max Hillegas (above) delivers a pitch to the plate while teammate Bo Harrington (below) tries to complete a double play during games played this past season.

Five Huskies make all-TIC East teams

Hillegas, Harrington named to first team; Glaser, Franzen, Munn also honored by baseball coaches

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Five-tool players are rare in the sport of baseball. To even possess three of those tools – fielding, throwing and hitting well – is a coveted commodity. If one steps up to the batter’s box with over-the-fence power and can also steal bases – sign he or she up, quickly.

Plenty of Levi Miller’s Huskies demonstrated several of those attributes during the 2022 season and five of them were honored with all-conference distinction in the Top of Iowa Conference’s East Division.

Two N-P standouts made first team – senior Max Hillegas and junior Bo Harrington. Husky sophomore Tucker Franzen and freshman Dawson Glaser were penciled in by the coaches on the TIC second team. Husky senior right fielder McKade Munn finished out his N-P athletic career with a spot on the honorable-mention team.

“All five of these guys – they field, they throw, they hit,” said Miller. “That’s what makes them well-rounded baseball players.”

Hillegas – who will play baseball at Wartburg College next year – engineered perhaps the most significant moment of the 2022 campaign when he stroked a bases-loaded clearing double in district play to help topple St. Ansgar, 4-3.

“That three-run double at Saint? I can’t think of a more clutch hit in the time that I’ve been here,” said Miller. “It’s pretty hard to argue against that. That’s about as big time as it comes.”

Hillegas reached legendary status – if he hadn’t already up until that blast against St. Ansgar – in Nashua-Plainfield baseball lore after the conclusion of his senior season.

Hillegas was as tough an out at the plate as they come. He batted .432 and slugged .750. He hammered three home runs and knocked in 39 runs – fourth-best in the



Franzen



Glaser



Munn



TIC East Baseball		
	Conf.	All
Mason City Newman	16-0	33-4
Osage	13-3	20-5
St. Ansgar	12-4	19-12
Nashua-Plainfield	8-8	12-14
Rockford	8-8	11-13
Central Springs	7-9	10-14
North Butler	6-10	7-13
West Fork	2-14	2-18
Northwood-Kensett	0-16	0-21

TIC. He led the Huskies with 38 hits – 21 of those extra-base hits. That hitting barrage included a conference-leading 17 doubles and one triple.

“You never like to use the word irreplaceable, but you don’t replace a guy like Max. You just replace his production – which is going to be difficult to do and we’re really going to miss him next year,” said Miller.

Hillegas was Miller’s ace on the hill. He hurled his way to a 3.23 ERA and struck out 62 batters in just over 43 innings pitched.

“He did a lot of special things at N-P and

to be honest with you – I think his best baseball’s ahead of him at Wartburg,” said Miller. “He’s going to keep on doing really good things.”

Hillegas was a first-teamer last year. He was a second-team pick his sophomore season and made the third team as a freshman before the TIC split into two divisions.

As impressive as Hillegas’ stat line was, Harrington’s was arguably better in several key categories. After fully recovering from an injury that sidelined him for much of last year, Harrington flourished as Miller’s leadoff man.

“We’re really excited to have Bo back next year,” said Miller. “It’s fun to see what he can do when he finally got a full healthy season under his belt after his injury last year.”

Harrington was fourth overall in the conference in hitting (.481 batting average) and was also fourth in the league hierarchy in on-base percentage (.615). He racked up 37 hits and scored 23 runs, No. 1 on the team in that category.

SEE BASEBALL, 4

Huskies place trio on all-league teams

TIC East softball coaches place Bouillon on first team; Foelske, Wright are also honored

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Lainie Bouillon is the Swiss Army knife of Nashua-Plainfield softball.

Whether she’s cutting through traffic in the field, dodging pitches out of the zone on either side of the plate or using her keen base running skills to produce runs for the Huskies – Bouillon can seemingly do it all.

Bouillon made it four league honors in a row this past summer as she was selected to the first team Top of Iowa East All-Conference squad.

It’s well deserved recognition for the junior Husky shortstop.

Bouillon led the conference in steals with 41 stolen bags. That ranked her eighth overall in Class 1A.

It’s also Bouillon’s ability to switch hit – or slap the ball where she needs to at the plate – that make her a valuable weapon for head coach Jessica Stastny-Hall’s Huskies.

“She can put a bunt down, she can slap, she can hit right-handed. She can hit left-handed,” said Stastny-Hall. “She’s a very versatile player that is very much an asset to us.”

Bouillon was a repeat selection on the first team. She earned first-team status as a freshman and was placed on the second team as a sophomore. She cracked the honorable-mention group as an eighth-grader.

Bouillon paced N-P in almost every single offensive category. She hit .341, amassed 30 hits and scored 29 runs. She committed just five errors at shortstop and registered a .957 fielding percentage.

“Lainie is our infield go-to,” said Stastny-Hall. “Everybody looks to her and (Jalynn) Pratt on the left-hand side. They really work well together.”

Bouillon has swiped 91 career stolen bases.



Foelske



Wright

TIC East Softball

	Conf.	All
Central Springs	16-0	32-1
West Fork	12-3	18-4
Mason City Newman	10-6	26-10
Osage	10-6	22-7
St. Ansgar	9-7	20-9
North Butler	7-9	12-15
Nashua-Plainfield	4-12	4-23
Rockford	3-12	6-16
Northwood-Kensett	0-16	0-21



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Nashua-Plainfield’s Lainie Bouillon fires over to first to record an out for the Huskies during a game this past season.

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The Nashua-Plainfield volleyball program will be holding two different summer camps next month.

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