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County road project bid higher than expected

Board of Supervisors receives one bid for joint county-city paving project but it's 113 percent of engineer's estimate

By **BOB FENSKE**
 Of the Reporter

It wasn't the news the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors wanted when it came to a much-talked about road improvement project. During Monday's board meeting, supervisors received just one bid on a paving project for a 0.7 mile

stretch of Kenwood Avenue from Highway 18 south to 210th St., and that bid came from Croell Inc. for \$797,120.71.

The bad news? That, according to Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing, is 113 percent over the engineer's estimate that is a joint venture between the county and the city of New Hampton.

Board members last month set Monday as the bid letting date and had hoped that by giving contractors the option of completing the project in 2025 that the county would attract more competitive bids.

Instead, supervisors hit "pause" on the project, although it appeared that board members were still in support of the project that would fix

a road that Lensing has said often in the past has fallen into disrepair.

After Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski opened the only bid the county received, Lensing asked the board if it would go into a short recess

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It's been a hot summer at our library

Family Fun Nights draw crowds; four more programs are on tap

By **BOB FENSKE**
 Of the Reporter

It's been a hot time at the Nashua Public Library this summer as the facility has held Family Fun Nights each Wednesday.

But while all the programs have been hits, none were "hotter" than the one held this past Wednesday. Just ask the library's director, Heather Hackman, who agreed to have her hand set ablaze during the "Big Bang Bubble Show" that was put on by Absolute Science.

"The guy putting on the program had a little fun with the kids," Hackman said, "but he had warned me at least. So during the show he tells them that 'I saw this on YouTube and I think it will work but I'm not quite sure so I need a volunteer. How about the library director?' And they hooted and hollered."

Hackman took the "stage," if you will, and her hand sprayed with the bubble mixture that included some butane.

"And Ken lit my hand on fire! It wasn't very long, but the kids loved it," she said Thursday

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Photo courtesy of Heather Hackman
Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman has her hand set on fire during Family Fun Night program on bubbles that was held this past Wednesday evening.



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It's all quiet now in the second floor hallway (left) at Nashua-Plainfield High School but as the digital sign shows (above), we're not that far away from kicking off the 2024-25 school year.

SUMMER VACATION COUNTDOWN ON

FOUR WEEKS FROM TODAY, STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO THE CLASSROOM FOR THE START OF THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

By **BOB FENSKE**
 Of the Reporter

Dear kids;
 We hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the end of summer is in sight ...

If this story was a letter to the students of Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools, it may start out something like this:

It's true; summer's flying by, and four weeks from today, on Friday, Aug. 23, those students, at least the ones in grades 6-12, will be sitting

in a classroom. The younger kids won't be off the hook, either, for they will be taking part in Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School's intake conferences.

SEE SCHOOL, 3

Circus, barbecue part of busy month for the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce

By **BOB FENSKE**
 Of the Reporter

August isn't exactly going to be a quiet month for the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce as the organization will start and end the month with two big events.

A week from today, on Aug. 2, the chamber will be sponsoring the Culpepper and Merriweather Great Combined Circus, which will put on two shows — one at 5 p.m.; the other at 7:30 p.m. — at the Big 4 Fairgrounds.

And the chamber will end August with its annual "Best Dam BBQ" event that will take place on the Saturday of the Big 4 Fair, which as always be held over the Labor Day weekend.

The chamber's Val Johnson said the circus is the same one that visited Nashua in 2022 and is part of the organization's plan to have a circus entertain area residents on an every-other-year basis.

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Photo courtesy of Suzy Turner
Nashua-Plainfield National History Day advisor Suzy Turner and one of her students, Kadence Huck, pose for a photo at the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in Fort Scott, Kansas.

N-P students exhibit unveiled at the Unsung Heroes museum

National History Day project put together by Franzen, Huck and Levi is on display at Lowell Milken Center in Kansas

By **BOB FENSKE**
 Of the Reporter

attend the program.

The heroes in this story, at least in Suzy Turner's eyes, are the three students, and late last month, the research that Kadence Huck, Paige Franzen and Cal Levi conducted was honored at the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes in Fort Scott, Kansas.

The students' 2023 National History Day project on women's sports pioneer Dr. Christine Grant was one of two exhibit panels that were unveiled at the museum late last month, and Turner and Huck were able to

"It was a thrill to take part in the festivities surrounding the unveiling of the Dr. Christine Grant exhibit at the Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes," Turner said. "It is also incredibly exciting to know that the story tellers and designers of the exhibit were three students from Nashua-Plainfield High School. ... Dr. Grant did so much to expand opportunities for females in sports and society, and their exhibit provides another way for her story to be seen and heard by the masses."

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Supervisors give OK to engineer to fill an open assistant position

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so he could calculate what the costs would be to the city of New Hampton. Instead, supervisors said they were comfortable with waiting until this coming Monday's meeting before voting on whether or not to award the project.

Supervisor Matt Kuhn pointed out that the New Hampton City Council doesn't meet until Aug. 5 so "there's really no rush" and his fellow board members agreed.

The project between the county and the city of New Hampton was first proposed in January, and two months later, the city came on board and signed a 28E agreement with the county to pay back its portion of the project costs over a five-year period.

Because the Croell Inc. property along the east side of the road is within the city limits, the city is responsible for half of the costs for about 2,016 1/2 feet of the project. The preliminary engineer's estimate for New Hampton's portion of the project was just under \$175,000, and if the city's portion increases by 13 percent, that would mean New Hampton would pay about \$22,750 more.

Under the terms of the agreement between the two entities, the city will pay the county back in five equal annual installments, beginning on July 5, 2025.

The county plans on using most of its remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to fund its portion of the project, and will front the city money through its Infrastructure Fund.

The bid opening took place after supervisors gave the go-ahead to Lensing to fill an open assistant engineer position created by the recent resignation of Leighton Gaul.

New Hampton resident Terry Johnson questioned Lensing on the need for two assistant engineers, especially in light of the fact that before Dusten Rolando resigned his engineer position in 2021, the county shared an engineer with Floyd County and had two assistants. "Dusty will tell you right away, he didn't do much design," Lensing said. "I am picking up a lot of that design, and I am picking up a lot of that design and I'm also trying to train two assistants to pick up that design."

In the past, Lensing has pointed out that doing design work "in-house" saves the county money because it doesn't have to pay consultant fees.

The engineer added that he's hoping the county will add TIF road projects and that the county is seeking and receiving more grants.

"It's a lot of time, Terry. If you want to come in, I'll tell you," he said. "Bremer County has three assistants to their engineer. Howard County has a singular engineer and he has two assistants."

When Johnson countered with "Bremer has more paved roads than you'll ever have," Supervisor Jake Hackman, who joined the meeting by phone, made a motion to fill the open position and it passed on a 5-0 vote.

Lensing, though, had less luck when it came to raising a new employee's pay two months earlier than the contract with the union that represents Secondary Roads Department.

Under the terms of the contract, a new employee is paid 90 percent of the base wage for six months and then 95 percent of the base wage for his or her second six months.

"I will say he has done a great job working and fitting in with all the guys," Lensing said and added that he had reached out to the union and had been told it had no qualms about granting the bump from 90 to 95 percent two months early.

Kuhn, though, expressed doubts because he thought the county would be setting a precedent. "My concern is that we're starting something here by doing this earlier," he said. "I'm not saying this guy isn't a great employee, but I'm just concerned we're starting something."

"Starting to incentivize doing good work or being above and beyond," Lensing responded. "It's not like I'm saying we want to give it to everybody ... but that would force us to look at their performance by setting this precedent and it could go one way or the other. It could go good; it could go bad."

But on a 3-2 vote — with only Supervisors Steve Breitbach and Travis Suckow supporting the motion — the board voted not to grant what would have been a \$1.41-per-hour wage increase.

Briefs

'Parade-less' Ionia Fun Days set for Aug. 2-3

Ionia Fun Days will take place next weekend, but the Aug. 2-3 celebration will have a notable absence this year because organizers have decided to forego a parade because the normal parade route is temporarily a state highway.

Still, organizers are excited for the celebration that his themed "Crazy in Ionia."

The town festival will begin Friday night with the recognition of the grand marshals — the Jeremy and Christy Deutsch family — the crowning of Little Mister and Little Miss Ionia and the start of the annual Fun Days softball tournament.

Friday night also includes a "Glow in the Dark Foam Party" at the Ionia Public Library from 9 to 10 p.m.

Usually, the parade is held on Saturday morning, but with Highway 18 detouring through the city because of a bridge project, the Fun Days Committee decided not to hold the parade and bring it back "bigger and better" in 2025.

Still, there are plenty of events on tap Saturday — starting with the Ionia Fire Department's freewill donation pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., the softball tournament, a bloody mary, food trucks, kids games and activities, bean bak tournament, the Ionia Community Library's "50th Anniversary Bash" and live music by The Smokin' Notes from 8 to 11 a.m.

AgVantage FS, Nexus to make asset exchanges

AgVantage FS (Waverly) and Nexus Cooperative (Charles City) have reached an agreement whereby Nexus will acquire the Applington, Chapin, and Dewar grain assets from AgVantage FS, and AgVantage FS will acquire the Elgin, Lamont, and Randalia agronomy assets from Nexus. This asset exchange follows extensive discussion between the two cooperatives around how each could better utilize their facilities, staff, and other resources to improve operational efficiencies in service to their members.

"We believe this asset exchange is a better strategic fit for both cooperatives," said Jason Schwenneker, CEO of Nexus.

"Every day we work to do what's right for our employees and producers for the long term and this exchange will enable more investment and enhanced services to area producers going forward."

Leaders within both companies are finalizing details for an early August transition of ownership.

"Every decision we make is with the benefit of our members in mind. By focusing on our strengths in the agronomic services area, the facilities and equipment we'll gain in this agreement will position us for long-term growth," said Matt Kruse, Retail Division Manager for AgVantage FS.

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Motorists make their way down a stretch of Kenwood Avenue that Chickasaw County and New Hampton officials hope to complete a paving project on either later this year or in 2025.

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Jeanne Marie Blum, 92

Jeanne Marie Blum, age 92 and formerly of Nashua, died Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

Jeanne requested cremation and a private family graveside service at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford at a later date.

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

Jeanne was born May 13, 1932, at Rockford, the daughter of Helmer and Muriel (Parcher) Helmers. Her father died when she was 4 years old, and her mother later married Lester Blum, who also had a 4-year-old daughter, Viola. Jeanne grew up on a farm west of Marble Rock.

She graduated from Marble Rock High School in 1949, attended Hamilton's Business School, and worked as secretary at Standard Oil in Mason City for two years.

She was married to Donald E. Blum on Nov. 2, 1952, at the Marble Rock Methodist Church. Don was stationed with the United States Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside,



Jeanne Blum

California, where they resided until his discharge in 1954.

They returned to Iowa with their 6-week old son, David, and farmed at Rockford for a number of years. In 1964, they moved to Nashua, where Don was employed at Hydrotile. By this time, they had four sons, David, Steven, Robert and James.

When the youngest was in school, Jeanne started working as a secretary at White Farm Equipment Co. in Charles City, and later as an Interviewer at

Job Service of Iowa, retiring in 1996.

When their family was young, Jeanne was active with the Methodist Sunday School program, Cub Scouts, paper routes, and the many school and sport activities of their four sons, along with her full-time job.

She loved camping, hunting and fishing trips with her family and good friends. Jeanne and her husband were very supportive of conservation and environmental preservation issues.

She also enjoyed cooking for her family, and loved the holidays when they all gathered together.

Jeanne is survived by her sons, Steven (Laura) Blum, Nashua, and James (Nancy) Blum, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; daughter-in-laws, Dawn Tracy Blum, West Des Moines, and Maria Blum of Logan, Minnesota; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren, and sister-in-law, Carol Jensen, Queen City, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sons, David and Robert; parents; step-father; step-sister; and infant brother.

Charles (Charlie) Kevin Kellner, 63

Charles (Charlie) Kevin Kellner, age 63 of Ionia, passed away Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Unity Point-Methodist Hospital in Des Moines after a very short battle with leukemia.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua. A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2024, at United Methodist Church in Nashua with the Rev. Sarah Namukose.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua has been entrusted with Charles' arrangements.

Charlie was born on Dec. 18, 1960, in Charles City, to John and Lorraine (Rogers) Kellner of Ionia.

Charlie graduated from Nashua High School in 1979.

After high school, Charlie continued his lifelong passion of working on the family farm. Over the last 40 years, Charlie saw a lot of changes on the farm



Charlie Kellner

— selling off the cattle in 1991 to building his own grain drying system in 2001. He truly loved the farm.

When not farming, Charlie enjoyed politics. He became involved in politics and watching everything on Fox News since 2016. He enjoyed a good debate. He would always let you know when you were wrong and

why you were wrong.

He had many cherished dogs and cats throughout the years.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Nashua.

Charlie is survived by his siblings, Diane Oltmann of Grimes, and Cindy (Mason Larson) Kellner of Cedar Falls; his nephews and nieces, Jimmy (Kate) Oltmann of Polk City, Jamie Oltmann of Waterloo, Stacia (Nate) Marra of Deltona, Florida, Krista Kellner of Wheeling, Illinois, and Austin (Dana) Kellner of Wheeling, Illinois; and great-nieces and nephews, Brinley, Bishop and Maren Oltmann, Athena and Maximilian Marra and Carolyn and Levi Kellner.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents, John and Lorraine Kellner; brothers, Craig and Leroy Kellner; and brother-in-law, Jim Oltmann.

Please direct memorials to Chickasaw County S.N.A.P. and Charles City P.A.W.S.

Paul Hauser, 91

Paul Hauser, age 91 of Hampton, passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Funeral services will be at

10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton with burial in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in rural Nashua.

Visitation will be on Tuesday,

July 30, 2024, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sietsema-Atkinson Funeral Home in Hampton.

Pre-planning your funeral can be a final gift to family

BY BOB FENSKÉ
Of the Reporter

Years ago, when Andy Hugeback was in mortuary school, he heard some sage advice from one of his instructors.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," Hugeback said, "because it's so true. He told us, 'The last gift you can give your kids is to plan your own funeral.' And he was right. It's such a difficult time for family members that pre-planning makes perfect sense."

Hugeback is now a funeral director at his family's business, Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory, and he estimates that he has met with 80 residents this year and helped them pre-plan their funerals.

"It's become a pretty big thing," he said, "and I think people are realizing a couple of things — how much it takes the pressure, if you want to call it that, off their family members and that they can have the funeral they want."

And how detailed are those plans? That, the funeral director said, is entirely up to those who come in to have a chat about pre-planning their funeral.

"It can be super detailed or it can just be the rough design of what the funeral will look like," Hugeback said. "I have a bunch of questions I ask them — like do you want it in a church, do you want a visitation here at the funeral home, do you want a burial or cremation? There's a lot that goes into funeral planning, and I'll go in as much, or as little, detail as they want."

He said Hugeback-Johnson's pre-planning can take two different routes. It can just be a simple planning of the funeral or it can be the beginning of "pre-paying" for that last rite.

"That's another gift you can give your family," he said. "Let's face it, funerals aren't cheap and to have that off their plate, if people can afford it, it's something to think about."

He said one of the advantages of pre-paying for a funeral with Hugeback-Johnson is that the funeral home will honor that price even if that funeral occurs years in the future.

At the same time, Hugeback said he is up front with those who meet with him.

"I can't promise them the exact casket, for example," he said, "because if it's 10, 20, 30 years down the road, I don't know if they'll still have that. What I tell people is that we will get really close to it."

And while he asks a lot of questions, he also said that pre-planning isn't a "one-and-done" process.

Pre-planners always have the option of changing their minds.

"Some people are really specific," he said, "right down to knowing what songs they want played and sang at their funeral, but over time, they change their minds. I just had someone stop in and say they wanted to change their songs, we



Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory Funeral Director Andy Hugeback poses for a family picture with his wife, Hayley, and their two children — Mila and Brooks.

pulled out their folder and changed it."

And just like no two funerals are alike, so, too, no two pre-planning sessions are the same.

Some people know exactly what they want included — and not included — in their obituaries. Some people basically just want to make sure their funeral is in this church. Some people know they want lunch served at the funeral home or catered by this restaurant.

But the comforting part of the process for many who visit with Hugeback is that they are not adding an extra burden on their spouses or children when they pass away.

Hugeback said that while most of the people he visits about pre-plans are in their 70s, "if you're 25 and want to plan your funeral, we'll sit down and talk."

In the end, funerals are really about a lot of logistics, and getting those out of the way is a comfort to both the pre-planner and their families.

"You hear it all the time, 'I'm not sure what mom wanted' or 'would dad like this?' Pre-planning is a way to know what mom wanted and what dad liked."



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Construction employees work Thursday on landscaping an area around Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School that was part of a tiling project earlier this summer.

After Family Week, things heat up at school

SCHOOL: FROM 1

in a classroom. The younger kids won't be off the hook, either, for they will be taking part in Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School's intake conferences.

And it's worse for teachers and staff members. Three weeks from today, on Friday, Aug. 16, they head back for the beginning-of-the-year professional development. Like we said, summer's flying by.

Not that Nashua-Plainfield's new superintendent is a buzzkill, but Jay Marley's attitude can be summed up in three words: He can't wait.

"I always tell people that schools are lucky to have a grand opening every year," said Marley, who will not only be the top administrator at Nashua-Plainfield but will also retain his position as superintendent at Tripoli. "In the summer, it gets a little lonely around here and I'm always ready to welcome back teachers and students. That's our mission, to serve these kids and give them a great education, and I can't wait to get the school year going."

Now, it's not like the "grand opening" is happening tomorrow; in fact, Nashua-Plainfield, like every other school district in the state, will observe "Family Week," beginning this Sunday. Started in 2022 by the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, the week is one in which school coaches are prohibited with having contact with their student-athletes.

When the "dead week" ends, though, in some ways the 2024-25 school year will begin.

At Nashua-Plainfield, camps for sports like football and volleyball will be held, as will the annual Band Camp for the award-winning Marching Huskies.

"A lot of families will be taking vacation next week, and that includes me," Marley said, "but when we get back, really, that's when we really kick into high gear. I think what I like about this time of the year is that we get to begin with a clean slate. It's that grand opening effect I was talking about for both our kids and our staff."

He said Nashua-Plainfield's buildings are in good shape as the new school year nears, and he lauded the district's custodians for the work they've done over the summer. Workers, meanwhile, are finishing a tiling project near the elementary school that will help with water issues in the building, but "otherwise, we're close to be ready to go."

Along with the return of sports and other extra-curricular activities, online registration for Nashua-Plainfield's students and families will also kick off in early August.

Marley said one thing he is really looking forward to is welcoming back teachers, and he said staff members will take part in a daylong retreat at Cedar Springs Camp near Floyd on Monday, Aug. 19.

"We're going to do some team building activities, really dive into it and get to know each other," he said. "It's exciting because when we come home from that, we're not going to be too far away from doing what we do best — working and helping our kids."

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Circus, Best Dam BBQ Challenge make it busy August for chamber

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"Back in 2020, we thought it would be a great way for us to provide great family entertainment," Johnson said, "and that's really what we're all about. At the same time, we thought having a circus every year would be a bit much, but every-other-year would be perfect."

She said the circus will be one of the key fundraisers for the chamber, adding that the organization is pushing hard to complete a signage project. "We really want to get going on it, but the problem is the cost has doubled since we first started talking about it," Johnson said. "We're talking in the neighborhood of \$30,000 so fundraisers are critical for us."

"Circus Day" in Nashua will begin long before the first show commences as the tent raising and tours of the circus will take place at 9:30 a.m. And the midway will open at 4 p.m., an hour before the first show starts. Advance tickets are \$8 for senior citizens and children ages 2 to 12 and \$13 for those ages 13 to 64 and can be purchased at several area business-

es (see the ad on Page 1). Tickets, if available, will be sold at the box office and will be \$9 for senior citizens and children ages 2 to 12 and \$16 for older children and adults. And while the circus is the first big event on the August calendar for the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce, officials are already working on the eighth annual Best Dam BBQ Challenge that

will be held on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Aug. 31. "We're excited because we already have seven competitors registered," Johnson said. "It's a great event, one that we love sponsoring and not just because the food's amazing. It's always a lot of fun, and it's another event that families love, and like I said, that's what we're all about."



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

High-flying circus performer Kelly Leeth performs during the 2022 appearance of the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus in Nashua.

Salsa making workshop set for Aug. 6 in New Hampton

Learn all the basics of water bath canning and salsa making at a Food Preservation Workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The workshop, offered at the Chickasaw County Event Center, 301 N Water Avenue, is part of the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Preserve the Taste of Summer program. Jill Weber, a human sciences specialist in food and health with ISU Extension and Outreach, will lead the workshop.

During the hands-on workshop, participants will:

- Learn the basics of water bath canning,
- Hear the most up-to-date canning and salsa making recommendations,
- Make and can salsa, and
- Take home and enjoy a jar of salsa that they canned.

"These workshops are fun and helpful for beginning canners as well as experienced canners," states Weber, workshop instructor. "We will provide the most up-to-date science and guidelines for water bath canning."

The cost of this hands-on workshop is \$40, and participants can register for the workshop at <https://go.iastate.edu/EHH54P>.

Registration is limited and the deadline to register is July 30.

To learn more or to ask questions, contact Jill Weber, jrweber@iastate.edu, or at 319-234-6811.

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City of Nashua 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 5, 2024. The purpose of this hearing is to solicit citizen input on a Special Permit for extending the garage 20' to the South. The reason the special permit is required is due to the fact that the garage is nonconforming due to the setbacks on the East side do not comply with City of Nashua Code of Ordinances setback requirements.

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.

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Thank You

To the Charles City, Colwell, Floyd and Nashua Fire Departments we want to express our most heartfelt thank you for your quick response to our farm June 20th. Your crews did an amazing job controlling the fire so that it didn't damage nearby buildings. The brave hearts, strong hands and selfless commitment of these volunteers is not to be taken for granted.

Thank you also to the guys passing by who helped move vehicles and equipment out of the nearby building. And also to our family and neighbors whose support meant so much. Keeping us calm and extending sympathy over the loss of our sweet German Shorthair Pointer, Ellie. Blessings to every one of you!

Jean and Dave Thorson

Thank You

The family of Michael T. Cordle sends a sincere thank you to all who reached out to us at the time of his passing. The beautiful flowers sent were enjoyed greatly and the sympathy cards contained wonderful messages. Memorials will go to a special cause.

We were overwhelmed by the attendance at Michael's Celebration of Life. All members of his immediate family were represented. Members of the Nashua Class of 1979 attended, also college friends, and good friends from Chicago and Denver, plus many others. They expressed how Michael affected their lives and what a good friend he was. The family was humbled by their messages. He had a wonderful send off as he passed on in his journey.

Our thanks go out to everyone who was a part of Michael's life. May he rest in Peace.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JULY 15, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 1:00 PM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Safety Director Ranae Carey, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Custodian Dave Gorman

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for July 15, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for July 8, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Heartland Risk Pool-Risk Pool Agreement with the changes made in Part 3.1 Section 3. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Safety Director

Ranae Carey gave a thank you to Dave Gorman, Jacob Hackman, and Tim Riley for their help at the Tower Sites.

Discussed Heritage Water Project with Custodian Dave Gorman.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on Blackhawk Automatic Sprinklers for \$13,950.00 and Proshield Fire & Security not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be paid out of the Capital Fund for the Heritage Water Project. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, and Cerwinske. Nay: Breitbach Motion carried.

EMS updates from Joel Knutson

Consensus of the board to have the Auditor's office work on a policy, Employee Eligibility Look-back Measurement Method for Health Insurance.

There will be an open house at the EMS Building on July 24, 2024 at 4 PM-7 PM.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the EMS Explorer Agreement with Ella Knutson effective July 15, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF

IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 2:10 PM. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to end CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 2:25 PM. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinske. Motion carried.

No action taken out of close session.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the rate change for Megan Lester, Public Health, from \$27.89 to \$29.61 effective July 8, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Acknowledge the rate change for James Ludwig, Secondary Roads, from \$26.25 to \$27.71 effective July 8, 2024. No action taken because more information needed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$1,487,846.72. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve payroll check dated July 12, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to void checks in the amount of \$131,798.00 for libraries and approve checks in the amount of \$131,797.75. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Breitbach, Upper Wapacipinon River Watershed Project, July 11. TIF, July 10.

Supervisor Cerwinske, Heartland, July 11.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 2:42 PM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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ADDICTED 2 STITCHIN, SEW PATCHES 2 UNIFORMS-SHERIFF 20.00
AG VANTAGE FS INC, DIESEL FOR NASHUA SHOP-SEC RDS ... 21.47
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C., HR SVCS-COUNTY DEPTS. ... 1,800.00
ALTA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION-REVISED AMOUNT 18,608.90
ALTA VISTA, CITY OFm AV SHOP UTLS-SEC RDS 60.36
ALUM-LINE INC, TOMMY GATE/EQUIP-SEC RDS 3,000.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, BOOTS/POLOS-SHERIFF. 196.43
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS, HIVZ UNIFORMS-SEC RDS 3,739.59
ANDERSON, WILMARCH, VAN DER MAATEN, BELAY & FRETHEIM SPECIAL ATTY FEES-CO ATTY 7,257.95
ARROWHEAD SCIENTIFIC INC, SPECIMEN COLLECT KITS SHERIFF..... 260.86
AT&T MOBILITY, PH SVC-EMS44.90
AUTO VALUE OF NEW HAMPTON, BATTERY-EMA. PARTS-SEC RDS 553.65
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, LP FOR SHOPS-SEC RDS 209.13
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MED SUPPLIES EMS 6.00
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, CONTRACT ROCK PAYMENT/MATERIALS-SEC RDS629.317.70
BUTLER CO REC, ELEC-CONSV/SEC RDS/LANDFILL/911 986.21
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., PH/INTERNET-MULT DEPTS. 1,289.80
CALLY MUELLER, C.MUELLER UNIFORM-EMS 120.95
CARD SERVICES, MEAL/PROVISIONS-EMA 32.21
CENTURY LINK, PH SVC-911 ... 33.95
CHARLES CITY PRESS, NOTICE OF ADEQUATE VISIBILITY PUBLICATION-CONSV 20.00
CHICKASAW COUNTY AUDITOR, PLAT BOOK FOR SHERIFF 27.00
CINTAS CORPORATION #762, UNIFORMS/CUST SVCS-SEC RDS 2,035.69
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER, CHILD SUPPORT RELATED SVCS 41.08
CRESCO SHOPPER, PUBLICATION-CONSV 300.00
DIY RENTALS LLC, MINIEXCAVATOR RENTAL-SEC RDS. 3,750.00
DAVE DENNER SIDING AND WINDOWS LLC, NASHUA SHOP ENTRY DOOR MAINT-SEC RDS 500.00
DAVID KRIVACHEK, CUST SPPLS-JAIL/CSB/CRTHS 254.97
DIAMOND MOWERS INC, MV PARTS/FILTERS-SEC RDS 891.53
FAIRHURS 133.99
FAREWAY STORES INC, FOOD/PROVISIONS-SHERIFF/CONSV. . 76.09
FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, FUEL-SHERIFF/SEC RDS/CONSV 2,403.59
FASTENAL COMPANY, HARDWARE-SEC RDS 389.20

FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, FUEL-SHERIFF/HERITAGE/EMS/SEC RDS. SEED-SEC RDS 10,734.17
FOX REHABILITATION SERVICES PC, JUNE PT/OT THERAPY SVCS-PUB HEALTH 4,725.00
FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, LEACHATE HAUL-SANITARY DISPOSAL 274.17
GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC, 19-1 UNIFORM-SHERIFF ... 74.78
GINA FANGMAN, TRAINING MLG ISAC DES MOINES-AUDITOR 229.78
HAWKEYE FIRE AND SAFETY COMPANY, INSPECT/TEST EXTINGUISHERS FOR PATROL CARS-SHERIFF 952.00
HCPRO LLC, HOME HEALTH CODING MANUAL-PUB HEALTH..... 205.10
HEALTHCARE FIRST, PH SURVEYS TO CLIENTS SRVS-PUB HEALTH 111.02
HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, SOFTWARE FEES-PUB HEALTH 1,680.00
HEARTLAND INSURANCE RISK POOL, FY 2025 INS-COOUTY DEPTS 578,014.00
HOLLY BAILEY, JUNE CLIENT MILES-PUB HEALTH 40.87
HOMETOWN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL-CSB/JAIL/CRTHS/LEMS/HERITAGE/EMS/EMA 313.87
HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF, COURT RELATED SVC-CLERK OF COURT 32.00
ICEOO, REGISTRATION ICEOO 2024-SEC RDS 250.00
ICUBE, FY2025 ICUBE DUES-AUDITOR 200.00
INOVALON PROVIDER INC, BILLING SOFTWARE SRVS JUNE-PUB HEALTH 594.97
IONIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION-REVISED AMOUNT 18,886.80
IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEY CASE MANAGEMENT PROJECT, FY 2025 FEE-CO ATTY 6,560.00
IOWA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOC, IOWA ACTS OF INTEREST REGISTRATION-SHERIFF ... 300.00
IOWA COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSOCIATION, NAME TAGS-RECORDER 12.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PRIVATE WELL CONSTRUCTION PERMITS-ENVIRO HEALTH 75.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OIL/ASPHALT/EMULSION-SEC RDS 1,449.60
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING INC, IONIA FLASHING STOP SIGNS-SEC RDS 9,690.00
ISAC, FY 2025 SUP DUES/CONF-BOARD OF SUPERVISORS650.00
JANE COLLINS, JUNE CLIENT CALLS MLG-PUB HEALTH200.33
JENDRO INC, RURAL RECY/GARBAGE PICKUP-MULT DEPTS. 2,945.52
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SPPLS/FUEL-GEN SVCS.MATERIALS/CUST SPPLS-CONSV.GEN SPPLS-SEC RDS 1,007.78
JUDY PAULUS, JUNE CLIENT CALLS MLG-PUB HEALTH131.99
JULIA SHEKLETON, JUNE CLIENT

CALLS MLG-PUB HEALTH 283.41
KEVIN J GEERTS, MLG/LODGING FOR TRAINING/MEI FEE-MED EXAM 1,651.97
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC, PUBLIC WATER TESTS-ENVIRO HEALTH 1,858.75
KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK, DIESEL/GAS-SEC RDS ... 6,678.26
KWIK TRIP INC, FUEL-MULT DEPTS 5,478.47
LAWLER PUBLIC LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION-REVISED AMOUNT 19,136.08
LAWLER, CITY OF, LAWLER SHOP QTR ELEC APRIL/MAY/JUNE-SEC RDS 59.34
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC, ELECTRIC PARTS/SPPLS-SEC RDS 634.98
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASE-SEC RDS. 220.70
LESSIN SUPPLY COMPANY, PARTS-SEC RDS 285.13
LESTER, MEGAN, JUNE MTG & CLIENT CALLS MLG-PUB HEALTH 640.52
LISA WELTER, JUNE CLIENT CALLS MLG-PUB HEALTH 64.32
MATTHEW YSBRAND, TOP LOAD WATER COOLER PURCHASE REIMB-TREAS 142.50
MCKESSON MEDICAL, MED SPPLS-PUB HEALTH 63.41
MELANIE S ANUNDSEN, RANSCRIPT FEES-CLERK OF COURT 9.00
MIC'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC, PUMP INSTALL-HERITAGE..... 1,864.86
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, INTERSECTION LIGHTING-SEC RDS 7.38
MIDWEST PATCH, ASPHALT MAINT SPPLS-SEC RDS 884.50
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, ELEC-CONSV LOCATIONS 2,329.50
MISTIE DEERE, JUNE CLIENT CALLS MLG-PUB HEALTH345.05
MITKO LLC, PARTS-SEC RDS187.14
NAPA MOTOR PARTS, PARTS-SEC RDS 2,524.75
NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION-REVISED AMOUNT 23,336.44
NEW HAMPTON CARE CENTER, LLC, INMATE MEALS-SHERIFF 65.00
NEW HAMPTON ELECTRIC INC, REPAIRS TO GENERATOR CORD-EMA 183.60
NEW HAMPTON LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION-REVISED AMOUNT 30,345.20
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PH/INTERNET-CO ATTY/ SHERIFF/EMS/EMA 880.14
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, PRINTED PUBLICATIONS-BOS/ WEED COMMISSION 2,809.47
NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF ELEC/WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE-MULT DEPTS 4,629.87
NEW HORIZONS CHAMBER, JUNE TOURISM CONTRACT/FREEDOM ROCK MAP AD 1,300.00
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PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY,

MARCH/APRIL/MAY 2024 BILLING-EMS 15,532.62
POPP EXCAVATING INC, WATER MAIN EXT-HERITAGE135,579.96
R & R WELDING INC, PARTS-SEC RDS 1,157.75
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RILEY'S INC, COPY FEES/EQUIP/ DATA PROC SPPLS-SHERIFF/ BOS/TREAS/AUDITOR ... 1,566.68
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TAMMY FLICK, JUNE HMKR CLNT CALLS MLG-PUB HEALTH268.00
TIMOTHY G PHILLIPS, MATERIALS/LABOR FOR AC VENT-JAIL 96.00
TREWING PUMPING SERVICE, JUNE LEACHATE HAUL-LANDFILL CONTRACT 185.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, PARTS-SEC RDS 165.49
U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, EH & PH CELL PHONE & TABLET SRVS.SHOP/OFFICE PHONES-SEC RDS 1,164.71
UPHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION-REVISED AMOUNT 21,484.33
VERIZON WIRELESS, SHERIFF CELL & PATROL CARS LAPTOP SRVS 983.70
VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC, 19-8 OIL CHANGE/MAINT.19-6 OIL CHANGE-SHERIFF 341.40
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WENDEL MULLER, NASHUA TOWER GROUND LEASE-AUG 2024 500.00
WENDY PETERS, JUNE CLIENT CALLS MLG-PUB HEALTH 371.85
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City Wide Garage Sales in Charles City | August 2nd - 3rd | See ads for dates/times

1648 SHADOW AVE August 2nd and 3rd 7am to 5:30pm. Lots of new items, New rainbow vacuum, like new washer and dryer, new clothing, toys, books, antique sewing machine cabinet, 2008 Ford Edge, and much miscellaneous.

404 6TH AVE Wed to Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 3pm weather permitting. Tools, grill/campfire items, kitchen items, home/car cleaning supplies, painting supplies, AA/AAA batteries, Disney Banks, socks, packing tape, letter boards, wireless earbuds, misting diffuser, disinfecting wipes, house wash, dog playpens, restraints, lounge, toys, carpet/floor cleaners, fishing items, bikes and much more!

1005 19TH AVENUE Thurs. Aug. 1st 9am to 4pm. Fri. Aug. 2nd 9 to 4 and Sat. Aug 3rd 9 to Noon. Space heater, air compressor, toolbox and tools, lamps, rocking horse, records, dishes, furniture, ninja cooker, car ramps, totes, 8 tracks and player, men and women's clothing and much miscellaneous.

1102 21ST AVE Fax Machine, baskets, baked goods, gift bags, cookie cutters, greeting cards, wine signs, shoes, photo albums, home decor, seasonal decor, bedding. Thursday August 1st 12:00-? and Friday Aug 2nd 8:00-?

1802 OWEN STREET (in alley) Friday 8-5 and Saturday 8-2. Women's and Men's clothing various sizes, multiple brands. Pull behind tube and rope, exercise bike, truck tent, tackle boxes with tackle, burp wedding aisle runner, household items, much miscellaneous.

1930 GIL AVE. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8 to 5. Gas generator craftsman, 6 inches planer with stand, fishing poles, lures, tools, tv stand, home decorations, kids Halloween costumes, women clothes, Harley clothes, small kitchen appliances, furniture, high chair, household items, baby stuff, hand dolly and many more items.

1947 DAVID AVENUE Thursday and Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. Kitchen items and small appliances, home decor, men's women's plus and regular kids clothing, jewelry, craft items, compound miter saw, electric folding bikes, road bike, fisher-Price think and learn smart cycle, toys, paintball gear, over cab rack.

202 S JOSLIN August 2nd and 3rd 8 to 4. Scentsy, Velata, Avon, cell phone accessories, hanging flags, bags, women's clothing and shoes, coffee table, lamps, bathroom sink top, Elvie breast pumps, oak pantry cupboard, inflatable paddle boards, Pheasant Forever prints, walk-in bathtub, 8x10 oak picture frames, miscellaneous.

411 3RD AVENUE Friday August 2, 8am-5pm. Multi-family garage sale tons of Women's plus size clothing mostly brand new or gently used. Name brand and boutique quality. Indoor and outdoor yard and home decor and items for repurposing. A junker's paradise! Many misc items.

418 MEADOW LANE Multi family garages sale Friday 8 to 5 and Saturday 8 to 1. Girls newborn to 4t clothing, toys, 8x10 rug, stoneware drinking glasses, vacuum, adult name brand clothing women's and men's, webet grill, computer monitor and key board, collector knives, home decor, lots of miscellaneous.

509 CEDAR STREET Estate sale 9am to 5pm August 2nd and August 3rd. Tupperware, Avon, candles, bedding, kitchenware, cleaning supplies, clothes, LOTS of fabric, home and holiday decorations, mattresses, furniture, lawn chairs toys, tools, gas cans, gardening supplies, plastic and metal shelving, paint, stain, caulking, spray paint, miscellaneous.

600 J STREET Friday and Saturday 8:00 to 6:00 items from the love of quilting of Patty Miller, HUGE fabric sale, fat quarters, quilting rulers, scraps, UFO's patterns, batting, thread, stencils, buttons, wall mounted quilt rack, vintage sewing machines, wooden hoops, dollies, hankies, knitting needles, looms, hangers, lots of miscellaneous.

600 S JOHNSON ST Charles City, Garage Sale: Women's and Men's clothing medium-3x, record player, record albums, movies, car ramps, twin headboard, movie projector, tons of miscellaneous. August 1st 8-12; August 2nd 8-4; August 3rd 12-4.

702 8TH AVE multi family garage sale August 2nd 7 to 5 and August 3rd 8 to ?. Women's clothing, craft items, church pew, smoker grill, tools, saddle, kitchen items, camping gear, new 6 person tent, electric cooler, BB and Pellet guns, hallmark ornaments, handbags, yarn, games, puzzles, misc items.

913 S. MAIN ST The Bridge Church Women's Ministry. Free will donation Garage Sale. Friday, August 2nd from 9-4 and Saturday, August 3rd from 8-12. Come support our ministry and find some great treasures. Thank you for helping us Bless Others.

913 11TH STREET Friday August 2nd 9 to 5 kid's clothes misc. sizes, kids toys, misc furniture, home decor, women's plus size clothing, men's clothing XL to 2X, household goods, kitchen items, lawn chairs, outdoor items, boys bike.

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Applications are available on-line at www.cityofcharlescity.org, Charles City Housing office, or may be picked up at City Hall, 105 Milwaukee Mall. Submit completed applications to the City of Charles City, Personnel Department, 105 Milwaukee Mall, Charles City, IA 50616 by 5:00 p.m., August 2, 2024.

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Nashua-Plainfield students Cal Levi and Paige Franzen get ready to go on the air and do a radio interview about Dr. Christine Grant.

Teacher, student enjoy an 'unforgettable event'

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Grant was the first director of intercollegiate athletics at the University of Iowa, and she led the fight for gender equity in athletics — significantly impacting the implementation of Title IX.

week, both Franzen and Levi discussed their project and the honor it received during an interview with KCHA radio. "Kadence did a superb job representing the project and her team in honoring Dr. Grant's legacy," Turner said, and she added that the event in Fort Scott was especially meaningful because also in attendance was Grant's niece, Andrea Weiss, a native of Scotland and Dr. Peg Burke, Grant's best friend and the former president of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, which oversaw women's collegiate athletics before the NCAA recognized them.

In late June, the center unveiled a panel about Grant, along with one detailing the life of Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte, the first Native American doctor in the United States.

"They were blown away by the quality of the students' work and how aptly it captured Dr. Grant as both a person and a trailblazer for female athletics," Turner said. "All in all, it was an unforgettable event and I am so proud of the impact these young people are making."

Briefs

Cedar Valley Hospice to hold training session for volunteers

Cedar Valley Hospice will hold a volunteer training for those interested in becoming a volunteer for the organization. There will be a two-day training session on Tuesdays, Aug. 6 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cedar Valley Hospice Support Center, 900 Tower Park Dr. in Waterloo. Registration deadline is July 30 by calling Chris Dunn at 319-272-2002.

Cedar Valley Hospice volunteers support the organization in several ways, including patient-family and grief support, fundraising/event coordination, office assistants, Hospice Home greeters, rest-assured callers and more. They serve patients and families in 15 counties, including Chickasaw and Bremer.

New Hampton pool may alter hours

The New Hampton Municipal Pool, because of a shortage of lifeguards, may be altering its hours in August so before heading to the pool, it's best to call 641-394-5464 to make sure it is open.



Photos courtesy of Jordan Holthaus

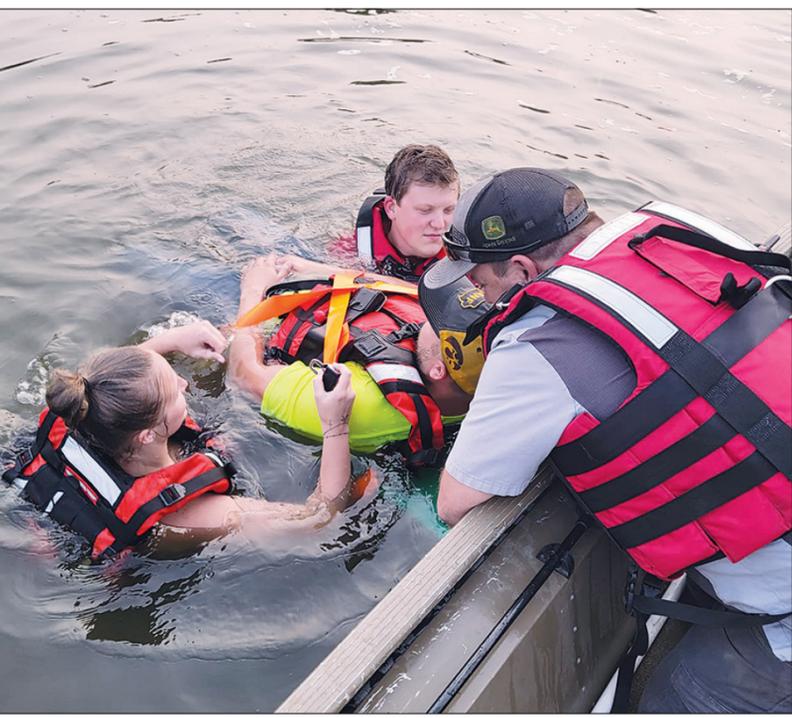
Nashua Fire and Rescue and Chickasaw County Rescue Squad personnel take to Cedar Lake Tuesday evening to train on water rescue techniques.

Joint training critical for rescue agencies

Four agencies — including Nashua Fire and Rescue and Nashua Area EMS — train for something they hope never happens

By BOB FENSKÉ
Of the Reporter

The men and women who gathered on the shore of Cedar Lake Tuesday night hoped the training they were about to undertake will never had to be used. "I know it sounds weird," Chickasaw County Rescue Squad member Jordan Holthaus said, "but you do it, you learn it, hoping it's all for nothing."



He paused for a moment and smiled. "Any training we do — this, a house fire, a school shooting, whatever — you know if it happens, it's probably going to be bad so we do this just in case so that we're ready." For a couple of hours, volunteers from the Rescue Squad, Nashua Fire and Rescue, Nashua Area EMS and Chickasaw County EMS worked to make sure if a water rescue needs to be done, they can do it safely and with the best possible outcome for the victim.

"Water rescues can be really tricky," Holthaus said. "You could be dealing with someone really intoxicated or really panicked and the goal obviously is to get them out of the water before tragedy strikes."

And that's not always easy. From getting them out of the water into a boat to getting them back to shore to getting them into an ambulance takes time and effort.

And the best way to be prepared for the unthinkable is to realize that often times those incidents will have multiple agencies responding.

"If I'm bringing our boat down here from New Hampton, for example, because of work schedules and all that, it might just

be me," Holthaus said. "To be able to work with these guys, the fire guys from Nashua, the ambulance people from Nashua, that's important because I'm going to need their help. The more we do together when we train, the more we know each other when it's real."

of town — so-called mutual aid has become a critical part of the rescue landscape.

And he called Tuesday's training a success.

"We learn from each other, and I think everyone who was there would agree, we're better at water rescues now than we were before the training. And that's why we train and train together."

Holthaus pointed out in this day and age — when so many of the volunteers work out



Bob Fenske/Reporter

It's that time of the year for area farm fields

A helicopter begins a pass over a cornfield just east of Nashua Thursday morning as area farmers are in the midst of the "spraying" season.

Library's summer programs have been popular this summer

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afternoon. "I could definitely feel the heat, trust me, but it wasn't that bad. I'm at work today, right?"

It's been that kind of summer at the library.

Wednesday's attendance was right around 80, continuing the trend of strong turnouts for Family Fun Nights at the library.

"Our programs have been really popular," Hackman said, "and it's a great way to get families to the library and to keep kids interested in reading over the summer."

The Family Fun Nights include a light supper, and each week, children receive a free book to take home.

"We're so grateful for the donations and grants that we received for our summer programs," Hackman said. "We couldn't do it without the support our library gets."

And the library isn't done yet.

Four more Family Fun Nights are on tap and include the following:

- Wednesday, July 31: A program on dinosaurs that will include puppets ranging from a cute baby Triceratops to a life-sized Raptor.
- Wednesday, Aug. 7: The program will feature reptiles and amphibians put on by the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.
- Wednesday, Aug. 14: The National Eagle Center will present a program on the majestic bird and bring a live bald eagle to the library.
- Wednesday, Aug. 21: The National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium will present a program on stingrays.

"We've had a lot of fun this summer," Hackman said, "and we're not done yet. We'd love to see even more people come out as we finish off our Family Fun Nights before the kids have to head back to school."



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Kids had plenty of fun during Wednesday night's Family Fun Night at the Nashua Public Library.



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