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County says less hours means higher rate

Board of Supervisors will make counteroffer to Nashua for its law enforcement services

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors expressed their frustration again on Monday with the Nashua City Council when it came to law enforcement services the county provides to the county's second largest city.

And then they came up with a counteroffer, one that will cost the city thousands of dollars more than it hoped to pay when the Nashua

City Council earlier this month voted to ask for a contract that would reduce the number of hours the Sheriff's Office would provide coverage to the city that, as of now, does not have a police department.

"I've had this discussion. These contracts should be done in November or October, not after both of the governing bodies have set their budgets potentially," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "Again, we're at March 14."

The Sheriff's Office currently pro-

vides 240 hours per month of law enforcement service to the city, but Nashua city leaders have pointed out that they would like the contract to provide for a set number of hours on an annual basis.

During a meeting held earlier this month, council members said they believe there are times during the year when city needs more service and other months that are, for the lack of a better term, more quiet.

Late last year, the county announced it would raise the price

of coverage from \$56.81 per hour that is being charged for this fiscal year to \$59.50 per hour for the fiscal year that begins on July, and during the budgeting process, the county figured it would receive \$171,360 during 2022-23 from Nashua.

But with Nashua cutting the number of hours, the county would receive

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Nashua-Plainfield National History Day Advisor Suzy Turner and author and filmmaker Rick Beyer discuss the "Ghost Army" during Beyer's presentation at a school assembly Monday morning.

TELLING A GHOST STORY

FAMED AUTHOR AND FILMMAKER PRESENTS STORY OF GHOST ARMY TO N-P STUDENTS

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Caleb Sinnwell is a historian – among other things.

One could also almost call him a renaissance man – a master of many endeavors, with expert knowledge in a vast array of fields.

That's quite a moniker to hold when you're a 14-year-old high school student, but Sinnwell is

no ordinary scholar.

The Nashua-Plainfield freshman is also a National History Day champion – one of a select few each year awarded with top honors out of over half a million entrants.

Sinnwell could also be considered a preservationist – with a keen eye and a sharp ear that's helping people remember the past in a world that seems is all too quick to forget.

"It's important to remember the past so then

it doesn't happen in the present," said Sinnwell. "The Holocaust and how many people died, we don't want that to happen in the future. We obviously gotta remember the past to make better changes and understand what's right and wrong."

That well-documented past in the early-to-mid 1940s includes what one of Sinnwell's

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Residents will get chance to weigh in on ambulance

In addition to interviewing 'stakeholders,' SafeTech will give others chance to speak at town-hall meeting

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County residents will have a chance to voice their opinions and concerns about the county's ambulance situation during a town-hall meeting that will be held next Monday evening.

During a meeting of the Board of Supervisors

this past Monday, Jacob Hackman, the supervisor who represents the county on the Ambulance Council, said that SafeTech Solutions will allow residents to speak for a set amount of time during a meeting that will begin at 6:30 p.m. and be held at the Community Services Building in New Hampton.

SafeTech is the Minnesota company that is

being paid \$30,000 by the Ambulance Council to conduct a feasibility study on the county's EMS needs and the possibility of the county starting its own publicly-owned ambulance service.

Officials will be in the county next Monday and Tuesday to conduct interviews with various

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Tight quarters at indoor meet

Nashua-Plainfield's Drew Wilken fights for position at the starting line before the 4x800 relay at Tuesday's Wartburg Indoor meet, where the Huskies had plenty of success in a meet that included a number larger schools.

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Supervisors approve budget, tax levy despite disagreement on county's ending fund balance

Hackman says county could do more to save taxpayers money, but remaining board members argue Chickasaw County 'is right where we need to be'

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The biggest question facing the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Monday was how much is too much when it comes to an ending fund balance.

And the board, despite the objections of one supervisor, said they felt the county was where it needed to be when it came to that balance as they approved the 2022-23 budget and tax levy after a public hearing which didn't draw any public comment.

The \$18.25 million budget that

includes \$6.694 million in property tax revenue was approved on a 4-1 vote, with only Jake Hackman casting a dissenting vote.

"Yes, some are restricted," Hackman said when it came to an ending fund balance that will top \$6.8 million at the end of the fiscal year. "Through the

pandemic, we have a lot of funds left over in fiscal 2021 and I think we're going to have the same thing in fiscal year 21-22. I just can't see asking the taxpayers over and over for money when we have that big of a fund balance."

Other supervisors, along with

County Auditor Stephanie Mashek and County Assessor Ray Arnel, pointed out that the county needs to have at least 25 percent of its annual budget in ending fund balances to be able to pay its bills during the first three months

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Area gets nice shot of spring

The good news is that after a short cool down we're heading back to the 60s this weekend

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The timing was, in a word, impeccable when it came to the beginning of spring break at Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools.

The short break began Wednesday and the high temperature in Nashua that day was a balmy 66 degrees.

If that isn't spring like, well, then what is?

Then again, spring was in the air for much of the first part of the week, which is why there may have been an extra bounce in the steps of Nashua-Plainfield Junior High students as they departed school on Monday afternoon.

"Oh my God, this is perfect," one of the students could be heard saying, and let's be honest, if there's any way to make a mid-March Monday to shine, leaving school under sunny skies and feeling the warmth of 57-degree temperatures is it.

A few minutes after school let out, meanwhile, longtime Nashua-Plainfield golf coach Jeff Trost gathered his athletes together inside the Husky Wellness Center to hold the first practice of the

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We'll come right out and say it, the temperature on the First State Bank sign made even a Monday bearable, right?



The beauty of an Iowa spring sky
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Supervisors counter Nashua's proposal for sheriff's contract

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\$142,800 from the city.

After a lengthy discussion — some of which occurred when supervisors went into closed session to “avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters ... which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection” — the board decided to make a counteroffer to Nashua in which the county would charge \$59.50 for an average of 240 hours of service a month but the cost per hour would increase to \$70 per hour if the city only wants an average of 200 hours of service a month.

“If we figure out the hours, the rate has a to go up because there’s soft costs in there,” Supervisor Steve Breitbach said. “We have fixed costs, but we also have other costs, too.”

Supervisor Jason Byrne agreed and went so far as to suggest that the county draw a proverbial line in the sand when it came to the number of service hours.

“I would personally tell them that we’re not going to agree to less than 240,” he said. “Then, we’re not going to do it and you’ll have to find your own service.”

Supervisors said they were, for the most part, OK with the language changes that the city of Nashua is proposing for the contract, but that the financial details needed to be taken care of before they would sign off on an agreement.

At \$70 per hour, a contract that would provide 2,400 hours of service during the year would cost the city \$168,000, and supervisors pointed out that by agreeing to a contract that would provide 2,880 hours of service, the city would pay just \$3,360 for an additional 480 hours of service.

Hackman said that he believes the contract should also detail what happens if the Sheriff’s Office provides more hours of service than is stated in the contract.

“I think there should be a paragraph if it goes over, what rate? We have that with our IT person, right? We go over the block hours, we have to pay him X amount. Anything over, should be billed at this rate.”

Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann said that “there’s never been a month in the last three years we’ve never met our hours” — pointing out, for example that “last month we gave them 253, the month before was right around 250.”

Asked if the city incurred extra charges, Hemann replied, “they don’t get billed.”

County Attorney David Laudner and Hemann will now work on a new contract and submit it to the Board of Supervisors before the county sends it to Nashua’s city leaders.

“That’s our sell to them,” Byrne said. “Less is more per hour, and if we’re here more, we’re providing more service for a cheaper number.”

LifeServe Blood Center drive set for New Hampton March 29

A community blood drive will be held at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E Spring St. on Tuesday, March 29 from noon to 5:30 p.m.

The drive is being put on by LifeServe Blood Center, which provides blood to hospitals in three states, including Iowa.

To schedule an appointment call 800-287-4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.

A flat tire and the story of a man who served so well

The middle-aged man was pulled off to the side of the Floyd County road and was quite literally stuck, or at least the lug nuts on his flat tire were.

The tire that had given him so much trouble in recent weeks had finally said enough is enough and as he heard the wobble, he prayed that he could find the jack in the car that he had just purchased and could remember how to change a flat tire.

But for 20 minutes, he had strained to move the lug nuts. They hadn’t moved a millimeter. He tried the old jumping on the “wrench” trick, and despite its considerable girth, that didn’t work either. He reached for his cell phone to summon help and realized that there’s a reason one is supposed to make sure said phone is charged at all times because it read “1%.”



Iriarte

He punched in a number of a friend, hit send and the phone went dead.

He dug through the car to see if there was a charger and found old pop bottles, notebooks, a half-eaten cookie and a myriad of other unnecessary things, but no charger.

Back to the tire he went, hoping beyond hope that this time he could summon the strength to move the lug nuts. He could not, and on this day, the road where the air left the tire was, in a word, deserted.

And suddenly, a Floyd County Sheriff’s car appeared, and a young deputy named Jeremy Iriarte stepped out of the car.

“Need some help?”

“Do I ever,” the middle-aged man replied. “I’ve been working on this thing for 20 minutes and those lug nuts won’t budge.”

“Here, let me give it a try,” Iriarte said, and with one hand and what appeared to be not that much exertion, he “moved” the first lug nut. “You must have loosened them up and I just got here at the right time,” he said with a smile. His tone was almost apologetic, as if he knew that the middle-aged guy felt like an idiot at that moment.

I was that middle-aged man stuck with a flat tire on that Floyd County highway a number of years back, and that incident was one of a few times when I encountered the man who would later become the police chief in Nashua and who would serve his country so well during a deployment in Kuwait.

There was the time we talked about my penchant for not buckling my seat belt.

“Bob, I’m going to give you a ticket one of these days,” he said with a laugh, “because I’ve seen you drive, and you are the kind of guy who should always put it on, you know what I mean?”

I did, and I swear after that, especially when I was in Nashua doing a story, that belt was buckled.

Yet, my fondest memory of Jeremy Iriarte will always be that day when I was stuck in the middle of proverbial nowhere with a flat tire.

It wasn’t just the loosening of the lug nuts, it was the fact that he, like a lot of law enforcement officers, took the time to not only protect but to serve.

He didn’t just loosen the lug nuts, he stuck around and helped me get on my way. We talked a little bit — about his kids, my kids, what we did in life — and what felt like the worst day of my life turned into a reminder, to me at least, that there are so many good people in the world.

So when I heard the news that Jeremy Iriarte had passed away at the age of 33 on Monday, I was not only stunned but saddened to the point of tears.

I won’t pretend I knew him as well as many of you did, but the tragedy of a young wife losing her husband, the sadness that four children no longer have their father, moved me to tears.

I wish I had the right words for Amber, Aidyn, Gabriel, Harmony and Oakley. I wish I could reach out and give Jeremy’s brother, Johnathan, a hug.

They’ve been through so much the past couple of years — Jeremy’s deployment, the heart attack he suffered in Kuwait — that what happened Monday night seems just so grossly unfair.

Those that knew him much better than I did have some wonderful Jeremy stories to tell, and I hope they do.

Some might say mine isn’t that much, yet I think the story that unfolded on that Floyd County road many years ago tells you what kind of person Jeremy Iriarte was. He served his fellow man — in this case, me — so well and yes, with so much strength, and he did so with a grace and humbleness that the world could use a lot more of these days.

And he will be missed — by those who knew him well and those who were lucky enough to have a chance encounter, say on a road somewhere in Floyd County.



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Jeremy Iriarte, 33

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

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Cedar Point Church in Nashua.

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

Candidates file for state, county offices

By BOB STEENSON

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There will be at least one new Floyd County supervisor elected this year, and Chickasaw County will also elect a new treasurer.

County offices up for election this year are county attorney, county treasurer, county recorder and supervisor seats. Filing period for nomination papers for county offices began Monday and will end at 5 p.m. Friday, March 25.

Floyd County Supervisor Roy Schwickerath said he is not planning to run for reelection — pointing out that when he was first elected, he said he that he would serve two terms, and he is finishing his second — even though there was a two-year hiatus between them.

Supervisors Doug Kamm and Linda Tjaden both said Monday they had not yet made up their minds whether they would run again.

All three Floyd County supervisor seats are up for election as the county moves from an at-large supervisors to those representing districts.

In Chickasaw County, just two of the five supervisor positions will be on the ballot. In District 1, which includes Nashua, Republican Tim Zoll will be seeking a fourth term while Democrat Jason Byrne will seek a second consecutive — and third overall — term in District 5, which includes the cities of Lawler and Fredericksburg.

In Floyd County, even if all three incumbent supervisors ran for reelection there would still be at least one new supervisor, because two of the supervisors live in the same district under the new supervisor districts that are in effect for this election.

Usually elections for supervisor seats — which are for four-year terms — are staggered, with only one or two seats open every two years, to avoid the possibility of every supervisor being new to the office after an election.

All three seats are open this year because this is the first election after a special referendum held last summer that made Floyd County a “Plan 3” county.

Under Plan 3, the county is divided into equal population supervisor districts. Candidates running to represent a district must live in that district, and only voters living in that district can vote for the supervisor that will represent them.

Also, only people living in the district can sign nominating

petitions to put candidates for that district on the ballot.

As just one more curveball in this election, Supervisor District 1 was chosen at random to be for just a two-year term, so the supervisor elections can get back to being staggered. That means whoever is elected for District 1 will serve for just half of a usual term.

Kamm said Monday he had mostly decided to run for reelection, but after District 1 was chosen to be the two-year term he is giving it some more thought.

The third supervisor, Tjaden, lives in Supervisor District 3.

The party primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 7. The general election day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

In Chickasaw County, Treasurer Sue Breitbach said on Monday that she will not seek re-election and retire at the end of her term in December. Recorder Shirley Troyna and County Attorney David Laudner have both indicated they will file nomination papers for the 2022 election.

In addition to the county offices, area state and federal offices that will be on the ballot this year and the incumbents are:

- Iowa House District 58 — Rep. Todd Prichard, D-Charles City; Prichard has said he will not seek reelection; Jim Wright, R-Sumner, has filed for the Republican primary.

- Iowa Senate District 29 — no incumbent; Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, has filed for the Republican primary.

- Iowa Senate District 30 — Sen. Amanda Ragan, D-Mason City, and Sen. Waylon Brown, R-St. Ansgar; Brown has said he will seek reelection; Ragan has said she will not seek reelection.

- Statewide offices — State offices on the ballot will be governor/lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of agriculture and attorney general.

- U.S. House District 2 — After 10 years of being on the eastern edge of the sprawling northwest U.S. House District 4, Floyd and Chickasaw counties are now near the western edge of U.S. House District 2, which covers the northeast corner of the state. Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Marion, is the incumbent in what was District 1 and has said she will run to represent the new District 2.

- U.S. Senate — The seat of U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, is open this year; Grassley has filed for the Republican primary.



Nashua-Plainfield students head out the door after their school day on Monday, when temperatures were, to put it mildly, very spring like.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

Supervisor hopes for ‘orderly’ EMS interviews

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“stakeholders” — ranging from elected officials, the current EMS provider, first responders, area ambulance services, hospital and medical personnel and others.

During a March 7 meeting, Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner asked the supervisors how those who didn’t wear one

of those “hats” or have “clout” could comment on the study, and Hackman said he would look into the matter.

On Monday, he told the Board of Supervisors that SafeTech officials told him they’ve “never done this before” but they understand the history of this and they are doing this [town-hall meeting] for the county.”

He said residents would have a chance to speak for two to three minutes, but whatever time period is established, it will be followed. When residents reach the time limit, Hackman said “you cut them off, they’re done. There will be a very hard time limit.”

He urged residents who want to speak to do so in an “orderly, professional” manner, and he said

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The Nashua City Council met in a planning workshop on March 16, 2022 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Rhonda Dean, Samantha Johnson, Hal Helleher, Tim Malven, and Ernie Willsher. City Clerk John Ott was also present. There were no guests in attendance. The council discussed multiple employee related topics from job descriptions, evaluations, benefits, pay increases, and time tracking. They also discussed some concerns related to utility billing, water meter and end point replacement as well as utilization of the 16 discretionary hours per week allotted by the PeopleServices contract.

Being that there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.
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Sheriff: Murder suspect should be back in Iowa today

Patrie is accused of killing retired grocer in 2012; his arraignment is set for April 5

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

The man charged with the murder of a retired rural Nashua resident almost 10 years ago is expected to be back in Iowa today (Friday) and will make his first appearance in Chickasaw County District Court next month.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann told the Board of Supervisors on Monday that federal prison officials would be returning Randy Patrie to state custody later this week, and on Thursday, Hemann said he expected Patrie would be in Iowa by today.

The 39-year-old Patrie has been charged with the murder of Kenneth Gallmeyer, a 70-year-old retired grocer living in rural Nashua whose body was discovered when the Sheriff's Office was called for a welfare check at his home north of the city on Oct. 4, 2012.

Hemann told the supervisors that Patrie would be held at the Fayette County Jail during his court proceedings.

"They've got more staff, more classifications and more options than we do," Hemann said. "With a jail our size — when you consider the safety of others being held and our staff — it's the right thing to do."

Supervisor Jake Hackman asked Hemann on Monday if Fayette County would be charging the county \$50 a day or the \$65 a day it usually gets for holding federal prisoners, and Hemann on Thursday said that because "Patrie will technically be in state custody," Chickasaw County will get the lower rate.

Patrie has long been considered the chief suspect in the murder of Gallmeyer, and in June 2014, Patrie was sentenced to life in prison in federal court after he pleaded guilty to possession of firearms by a felon as an armed career criminal and possession of sawed-off shotguns, but that sentence was later overturned and Patrie was re-sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.

Hemann said early last month that having the life sentence overturned was one of the key reasons his office moved ahead with charging Patrie in state court.

Patrie's arraignment is scheduled for April 5 at the Chickasaw County Courthouse. Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner said that a judge has already signed off by prosecutors and that an arraignment will consist of the formal reading of the first-degree murder charges and the

entrance of a plea by Patrie.

Laudner, who was appointed to his post this past fall, said he will assist Doug Hammerand of the Iowa Attorney General's Special Prosecution Office with the case.

"Doug's taking the lead and he's been involved long before I got here since obviously he was part of the investigation," he said. "When I got here, I got briefed, but often times in cases like this, county attorney offices our size need help on cases like this. ... This is pretty normal."

If Patrie pleads not guilty on April 5 and does not waive his right to a speedy trial, prosecutors must try him within 90 days, but in the vast majority of cases as complex as the Gallmeyer murder, defendants do waive their right to a speedy trial to give their lawyers time to prepare for trial.

Hemann said he believes law enforcement authorities and prosecutors have a strong case against Patrie.

In a complaint and affidavit filed in federal court, law enforcement authorities said they discovered that Gallmeyer had suffered a gunshot wound to the head and that numerous items — including several firearms and Samsung 40-inch flat-screen TV, had been taken from his home.

The affidavit went on to say that on July 4, 2013, the Charles City Police Department executed a search warrant at Patrie's residence in Charles City and that investigators from the Sheriff's Office and the Iowa division of Criminal Investigation contacted Charles City police and obtained a copy of the times seized during the execution of the search warrant.

It was discovered that several of the items seized were items taken from Gallmeyer's home. They included three firearms, one of which, according to the affidavit was "consistent with the firearm used to kill" Gallmeyer.

An additional search warrant was then executed by the Sheriff's Office and the DCI at Patrie's home, and additional times belonging to Gallmeyer were located and seized. During the second search, officers discovered a Samsung 40-inch flatscreen TV mounted on the wall of Patrie's bedroom.

On Thursday, Hemann said getting Patrie to trial has long been his office's goal.

"Everyone wants to have that closure, that day in court," he said, "and I'm appreciative of all of the people — our deputies, all the agencies involved, the lawyers, everyone — who have helped us get to this point."

Nashua man pleads not guilty to SUV theft, drug charges; trial set for April

The trial for a Nashua man accused of stealing an SUV and possessing drugs and drug paraphernalia has been set for April.

Timothy John Birmingham, age 39, was arrested shortly after midnight Feb. 8 after the 2021 Ford Ecosport he was driving was stopped by a Floyd County sheriff's deputy near the Floyd and Mitchell county line on Highway 218.

The deputy ran the vehicle license plate number on his mobile computer and it allegedly came back as stolen in Black Hawk County, according to the criminal complaint filed in Floyd County District Court.

"After detaining the defendant and the female passenger, the Mitchell County K9 was deployed and alerted on the vehicle," the deputy's report said.

The report alleges that drug and drug paraphernalia including several glass pipes with residue and a scale were located inside the vehicle.

"A field test was conducted and confirmed the substance to be methamphetamine approximately 1 gram," the report said. "Dispatch ran the defendant and the passenger's information. The defendant came back with a barred drivers license with several open suspensions and also wanted out of Cerro Gordo County. Dispatch confirmed the vehicle in question was in fact stolen."

Birmingham was charged with first-degree theft of property with a value of more than \$10,000, a Class C felony, driving while barred, an aggravated misdemeanor, and possession of a controlled substance, a serious misdemeanor.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges, and a jury trial has been set for April 26 in Floyd County District Court.

— Bob Steenson, Charles City Press



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Caleb Sinnwell shares a moment with his grandmother, Darlene Buckholz (left), and his mother, Heather Sinnwell, during an assembly at Nashua-Plainfield High School on Monday morning.

Student appreciates Beyer coming to his school

GHOST ARMY: FROM 1

mentors called "the biggest event in human history."

That, of course, would be World War II.

Fifty million human beings perished this earth as a result of the Second World War and documentarian and scribe — Rick Beyer — made the trip to the midwest on Monday to let people know about it.

Beyer spoke at a packed gymnasium at an assembly Monday morning at N-P Schools in front of the entire junior high and high school student bodies.

In the backdrop and near the basketball hoop that looks down at the stage of N-P's gym sat a huge army green inflatable tank.

That was a prop — or to put it best, a deceptive tool used by a special unit of the Allied Forces in northern Europe to fool or trick the Germans and the Axis Powers.

Then Beyer began to talk about a war that involved six of the seven continents and nearly leveled some of the world's major cities.

"Only Antarctica escaped this war," Beyer lamented.

Beyer, the author of the New York Times best seller: "The Ghost Army of World War II" — specifically talked about the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Service Company — known as the United States military's Ghost Army.

That's the topic of the National History Day project Sinnwell won this past June for the website he created about the 1,100-strong unit that helped trick Nazi Germany and help win the war for the Allied Forces.

Sinnwell spent 10th months on the project his eighth-grade year with the help of his mother, Heather Sinnwell, his grandpa Roger Buchholz, N-P History teacher Suzy Turner, and many veterans in the area.

Sinnwell's story, told via his interactive website, told the legendary fight of the Ghost Army to deceive the enemy through what Beyer called "deception and impersonation."

"Deception gives you surprise and surprise gives you an advantage," Beyer said.

Those inflatable tanks, artil-

lery shells and trucks also involved visual, sonic and radio multimedia deception.

There were the inflatable tanks that looked real, but in actuality weighed just 90 pounds. Bulldozers would groove tracks in the earth so as to not blow the Ghost Army's cover. Sound effects were utilized to mimic the sound of war, as if a regiment was fast approaching.

Beyer produced the 2013 documentary — "The Ghost Army" — which, like the book, is lauded and has won several awards. He also started up the Ghost Army Legacy Project — which preserves and honors the legacy of the Ghost Army, of which there were 10 Iowans that comprised the unsung unit. All of the 50 members of the special forces unit that Beyer interviewed for his documentary have since passed. Beyer first started researching the Ghost Army 17 years ago.

"I don't know if the Ghost Army holds on to me or I'm holding on to the Ghost Army. But I've never been able to move away from it," said Beyer.

It wasn't until 1996 that the general public became aware of the special forces unit as the top secret group of soldiers' tale began to be told. The unit was instrumental in hiding the location of American troops during the D-Day landing on the beaches of Normandy, France.

"This particular story appeals to people who might glaze over other stories. Then they start getting interested in this and some day that opens a lot of doors for them," said Beyer.

This led to last month's historic passage by President Joe Biden of the the Ghost Army Congressional Gold Medal Act, cosponsored by U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and 71 other Senators.

Sinnwell helped lobby congressmen and senators to pass the bill and give the unit its long overdue just reward and recognition.

"I've told Caleb, I don't think the gold medal would have happened without him," said Beyer. "I think his involvement and the involvement of other young people is one of the most exciting things about this project to me. It's been good to me."

Beyer said the Ghost Army

conducted 22 separate missions in the theater of war

throughout Europe. There are now only nine members of that unit still alive today.

Veterans of World II are dying at an alarming rate, in large part because many of them are in the 90s now.

"One of the reasons I'm pleased that Caleb has worked on this and that other young people have worked on it — is they'll be here after I'm dead. Hopefully they'll be passing that story on," said Beyer, 66, who lives in Chicago with his wife.

Keeping a memory alive isn't a one-person job.

"Just like the Civil War and the American Revolution, I hope that the stories of World War II and what went on then will continue to be remembered. But it has to be an active thing," said Beyer. "Somebody like me or somebody like you has to help make sure it's remembered."

Beyer's push — obviously aided by Sinnwell — to honor these veterans started seven years ago.

"This was a grassroots effort. This was regular people. We didn't have any corporate interests, or big money or celebrity endorsement," said Beyer.

Sinnwell is still a bit in awe of all that has transpired in the nine months or so since his award-winning project claimed the top prize in the junior individual website category.

"I expected to go to districts, go to state — go to nationals and then not win first," said Sinnwell. "Then it turned out that I met Rick. Now I'm lobbying and then I passed a bill and now this is going on."

Sinnwell said his next project will deal with former Russian leader Nikita Khrushchev and his trip to Iowa in late September of 1959 to learn about midwestern agriculture practices.

Khrushchev met with just two people while in Coon Rapids, Iowa — seed corn salesman Robert Garst and President Dwight Eisenhower. The Russian Premier wanted to educate himself better on how to help feed his country.

"It was the Cold War at the time and Russia was going through a very hard time with famine and hunger. The way that these two could bond over

food — it could help thaw the Cold War and prevent war," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell's previous project as a seventh-grader that also qualified him for nationals dealt with the Iowa hog lift — a 1960 U.S. operation that flew thousands of pigs from Iowa over to Japan after a typhoon struck the coast of that island country.

Sinnwell has gained a better grasp of a plethora of topics and issues in a short amount of time. It's definitely amounted to a whirlwind period in his life that doesn't seem to be slowing down.

"I've learned so many things. I got to meet many new people, many amazing people," said Sinnwell.

"It means a lot. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It's absolutely amazing. I now know and understand better of how the gears of government actually work."

While Sinnwell feels that he wants to help his family out on the farm or be a lineman for an electric company when he gets older — he may best be suited to serve his state or country as a politician.

"I think he's going to be taking over once Chuck Grassley resigns," laughed Beyer.

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Gardiner + Company today released an audit report on the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:
The Agency had total operating receipts of \$1,281,196 for the year ended September 30, 2021, a 5.03% decrease from the prior year. Operating disbursements for the year ended September 30, 2021 totaled \$921,535, a 25.24% decrease from the prior year.

AUDIT FINDINGS:
Gardiner + Company reported findings related to the receipt and disbursement of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 25 through 28 of this report. The findings address issues such as lack of segregation of duties. Gardiner + Company provided the Agency with recommendations to address each of these findings.

Two of the findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The Agency Board has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Agency's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, March 7th, 2022, at 9:00 AM with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Jeff Bernatz, Chad Humpal, and Joan Knoll.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Hackman to approve the agenda for March 7th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to approve the minutes from February 28th, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:05 AM No public comment
Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to acknowledge the full-time aide position to part time on call effective March 8, 2022, for Jenny Hanson. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9:10 AM Chad Humpal provided a Conservation Department update. Elizabeth Thyer present at 9:25 AM. Bob Fenske, member of media, present at 9:26 AM.

Sue Breitbach, Shirley Troyna, and Ray Arnel present at 9:29 AM. Humpal left at 9:33 AM.

9:33 AM Elizabeth Thyer from Gardiner + Company guided the board through the County Audit report for FY20-21.

Sue Breitbach, Troyna, and Thyer left

at 10:15 AM.

Discussion on insurance values on County owned property. Consensus of the board is that Zoll contact Heartland Risk Pool Insurance.

10:30 AM Ray Arnel discussed the minor subdivision for Glenn Troyna.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Resolution 03-07-22-19. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, Zoll, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 03-07-22-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF:

Parcel 2022-10 and 2022-11 ALL in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 8, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 7th DAY of March, 2022 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2022-10 and 2022-11 ALL in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 8, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa was presented. WHEREAS the minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2022-10 and 2022-11 ALL in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 8, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 13 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 7th DAY of MARCH, 2022. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair to the Board of Supervisors. /s/ ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

Arnel and Knoll left at 10:40 AM.

Gorman present at 10:42 AM.

Committee Assignment Update: Hackman attended the Pathways meeting on February 28, 2022.

Byrne provided an update with RC&D on hiring a new project management director.

Hackman provided an update on the feasibility study for the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council.

10:54 AM David Gorman discussed office furniture and other miscellaneous items stored at the LEMC. Consensus is to allow the head custodian to discard appropriately. Consensus of the board to have a bid process for the wood chairs from the third floor of the courthouse currently stored in the LEMC.

Roman Lensing and Robert Hansen present at 10:55 AM.

Gorman provided a department update.

Gorman left at 11:04 AM.

11:04 AM Roman Lensing discussed Road Department Activities.

Fenske left at 11:14 AM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to enter into a closed session of possible purchase or sale of real property pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(J) at 11:16 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to exit closed session at 11:43 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Breitbach, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

No action taken.

Bernatz present at 11:43 AM.

Motion by Byrne, Second by Breitbach to make the closed sessions available to the public, the audio and minutes, pertaining to property located at 2275 South Linn Ave. New Hampton, IA. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Breitbach, Zoll, Hackman, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Zoll to approve Resolution 03-07-22-20 Declaring Emergency Medical Service as an essential County service. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Discussion on the lease agreement with Prairie View Management, DBA Inspiring Lives. Consensus of the board is to direct the County Attorney to submit a letter providing guidance on how the Board of Supervisors wants to proceed.

Chair declared a recess at 12:27 PM.

The Board re-convened on Monday, March 7th, 2022, at 1:30 PM with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Stephanie Mashek, Joan Knoll, and Bob Fenske, member of media.

1:30 PM Canvas special election for District 1 Supervisor held on March 1, 2022.

Shirley Troyna present at 1:33 PM.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the canvas of the District 1 Supervisor Special Election held on March 1, 2022 and authorize the Auditor to clarify the results to the State and record the permanent election registry. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, and Kuhn. Breitbach, abstained. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 1:50 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Secretary to the Board

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY

IN THE ESTATE OF

Kelley E. Benyo, Deceased
Probate No. ESPR003034

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kelley E. Benyo, Deceased, who died on or about July 31, 2019:

You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of March, 2022, the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court,

as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2022.

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A large contingent of her teammates pose with Makenzie Foelske following her signing ceremony in which she committed to attend school and run track at Wartburg College next year.

N-P senior appreciates all of her coaches

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witness Foelske's continued progression in her attempt to be the absolute best at anything she puts her mind to.

"She is determined and she's a good senior leader," said first year N-P girls track coach Jessi Mahnesmith.

That means hard work — whether it be hitting the books to study and complete her degree — or going that extra mile in practice to help the team out — is ingrained in Foelske's DNA.

"Kenzie" is always one that's willing to come early. She's always one that's willing to stay late," said N-P assistant track coach Amber McCall. "She has a work ethic that is like none other. All of her success is from all of the work that she has done."

McCall coached Foelske on the volleyball court for three years where she was all-conference all four seasons. Foelske also played for Josh Smith's Huskies in basketball and started for the Huskies at guard. Foelske said she plans to play softball this summer as well.

What is perhaps Foelske's finest attribute?

"I think it's important that people know that she's an amazing athlete, but she's also an even better person. She is always inclusive of everyone," McCall added.

Foelske, who said she might walk on for the Wartburg volleyball team, played her

senior volleyball season under the direction of her mother, Mindy Foelske, who coached the Huskies this past fall.

Foelske gave a shout out to her mother, who has been there from the beginning, even when "Kenzie" didn't know whether or not she could run with the state's best or not.

"She's my biggest supporter. She's been coming to everything since I was doing everything, I guess. She's always there," said Foelske.

Wartburg is coached by Marcus Newsom, who has led the program for almost a quarter of a century and led the Knights to a boat load of team and individual national championships.

That amount of success matters to Makenzie, but she also felt the atmosphere was one that was tight-knit — with bond that was strong.

"It felt like home," said Foelske. "Their track program is very family-centered. That was a big deal for me, to be close to people who are on my team, obviously."

Foelske — who placed seventh in the 100 dash at the Class 1A State Tournament last year — is primed for a super senior season. She's got off to a great start so far in the indoor season. She ran well at the Dickinson Relays at the University of Northern Iowa with a top-10 finish in the 55-meter dash. She won the event at her soon-to-be-school at the Wartburg Indoor

— posting a blazing fast time of 7.51.

Foelske's personal best in the 100 dash is 12.97. That's close to breaking Jill Sinnwell's N-P school record of 12.77, set in 1999.

"That's attainable," said Makenzie.

Makenzie also competes in the long jump, on sprint relays and ran in the 200 dash at the Wartburg this week. She placed runner-up in a time of 27.33.

Wartburg wasn't the only school that wanted the services of Foelske to improve their squad.

"I'm very, very excited. I got some offers from some other schools," said Foelske. "When I went to Wartburg it just felt like the right place for me. I like the smallness of it and their track program is super-duper good."

Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Dubuque were also vying for Foelske to come to their institutions of higher learning. Foelske said there were several other schools that were recruiting her as well.

Makenzie gave a ton of credit to all her coaches that helped her become one of the better all-around athletes to compete at N-P.

"My coaches have definitely helped me a lot along the way," said Foelske. They've always believed in me and pushed me to be better."

Floyd County residents will see an 8.6 percent property tax increase

By BOB STEENSON
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The Floyd County Board of Supervisors essentially finished up budget work for the new fiscal year at the regular meeting Monday morning.

The board set a public hearing for 4:45 p.m. on Monday, March 28, for final comments on the fiscal year 2022-23 budget before approving it and certifying it to the state. That meeting will be in the EOC room in the new law enforcement center.

The budget calls for collecting a total of \$8.815 million in property taxes in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. That's an 8.6% increase from the amount being collected in the current fiscal year, but that's partly because the county didn't collect as much as it planned to this year because of an error in a taxing resolution last year.

The total property taxes collected in the county for last fiscal year, the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year average a 3.3% annual increase.

The county property tax rate per \$1,000 of taxable valuation will be \$6.913 for all property in the county. That's an 11.4% percent increase from the \$6.207 per \$1,000 rate in the current year.

People who own property in the rural unincorporated areas of the county will pay an additional rural services rate of \$3.650 per \$1,000, meaning rural property owners will pay a total county rate of \$10.563 per \$1,000, which is a 10.5% increase over the current rate.

The county property tax rate is only a portion of the total property tax bill property owners pay. For rural property tax owners, it's a large part of their bill. For some city property owners, it's a smaller part. For example, the Charles City prop-

erty tax levy proposed for next fiscal year is \$16.20 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

An additional large part of the total property tax bill goes to whichever school district the property is in. For example, the Charles City School District is proposing collecting \$13.06 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation in property taxes during the next fiscal year.

Supervisor Linda Tjaden said she was glad they were able to reduce the property tax asking from what has been proposed at the "maximum tax" public hearing, mostly by using available federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for significant expenditures.

Board members talked about a couple of other cuts they might make, but County Auditor Gloria Carr pointed out that the cuts mentioned are in the general fund, which is at the maximum \$3.50 rate. The relatively minor spending cuts the board was thinking about would not reduce that levy rate, but would increase the carry-over amount in that fund at the end of the fiscal year.

That's the kind of technical issue that the board has to deal with as it goes through the months-long budget process each year, Tjaden said.

After two contentious meetings where a group of county residents spent upwards of two hours accusing the supervisors of not doing their jobs in controlling spending, the board members spent a little time Monday venting their own frustration, although this time to almost no audience.

"Those are just things you have to think through, but we have to say that to the general public, too, so that they understand. We know this, but the general public wouldn't understand that," Tjaden said.

Chickasaw County will collect less in property taxes next year

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of the following fiscal year because the county doesn't receive property tax payments until Oct. 1.

Mashek said that only about \$3.171 million of the projected fund balance on June 30, 2023, will be in undesignated funds and she added that the ending fund balance is "slightly skewed" because of the large amount of American Rescue Plan Act, better known as ARPA, funds that will remain unspent by the time the next fiscal year comes to a close.

Board chairman Matt Kuhn said he felt "we are right where we should be" and also wondered about the timing of Hackman's comments.

"I guess what kind of frustrates me," Kuhn said, "is we've had budget work sessions on this, we could have discussed this and now it's the 11th hour

and things just pop up that we could have done. I find that frustrating."

Hackman countered that "I've brought them up, majority rules, move forward then and I'll voice my concerns."

The budget and tax levy approved Monday will include a tax levy of 8.17770 per \$1,000 for rural residents — a decrease of 7 percent from the \$8.79383 per \$1,000 valuation that was in place this year — and \$5.12612 for urban residents, a decrease of 7.7 percent from this year's rate of \$5.55499.

The budget will bring in \$6.69 million in revenue from property taxes, a slight decrease of 1.1 percent from the \$6.77 million the county will collect in property taxes this year. The reason the decrease in property tax revenue is less than the decrease in the levy rate is that valuations in the county went up in the past year.

Fruit tree pruning workshop set for next week in Waverly

This will soon be the time of year for planning and preparing your fruit trees for future harvests, so Bremer County ISU Extension and Outreach is presenting a free, hands-on learning session covering methods of planting and pruning fruit trees.

It is designed for anyone interested, regardless of knowledge and/or experience. So even if you just have questions about starting or managing backyard or larger fruit tree plantings, this is a nice way to learn what is needed.

The program is set from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, at the Waverly Community Sharing Garden Orchard. It is located on 7th Ave SW and 3rd St SW, just east of the bowling alley. The program is free and open to the public, with a donation of non-perishable food for area food pantries.

Presenting the program on fruit tree planting and care will be Ron Lenth, Director for Bremer County ISU Extension and Outreach, who also manages the orchard. Demonstrating pruning will be Patrick O'Malley, ISU Extension Horticulturalist. After the demonstration, folks are then welcome to practice their new pruning skills on the orchard.

Those putting on the workshop recommend masks and social distancing, plus ask participants to dress for the weather that day.

For further information on the program or others of interest to you, please contact the Bremer ISU Extension office in Tripoli @ 319-882-4275, or email: rlenth@iastate.edu.

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5:23.29. Another fantastic freshman, New Hampton's Natalie Nobsch, placed third in the event in 5:23.91.

N-P senior Breanna Hackman tossed 36-10.5, which placed her runner-up in the shot put to Mount Pleasant's Jadan Brumbaugh's throw of 42-8.25.

N-P's 4x400 relay of Jennah Carpenter, Jordyn Frost, Ellie Huck and Huck engineered a seventh-place finish in 4:36.77.

The Huskies' 4x800 relay ran to a clip of 12:14.64 with the quartet of Carpenter, Braylee Schaufenbuel, Emily Becker and Eick. That put them in the eight-place spot.

Becker, a junior, ran a personal-best split of 3:08 in the event.

Frost placed sixth in the high jump (4-4) and Abbie Hyde placed 10th in the 55-meter dash in 8:07.

Hyde, a senior, mainly ran middle distance last spring, but is focusing on the sprints this year.

"She's been shifting focus. She ran a lot of 400's last year. She's really putting in the effort on her shorter distances," said Mahnesmith.

This was N-P's last indoor meet of the season before traveling to St. Ansgar on Tuesday, March 29 to begin the outdoor season.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

55 prelims- 1. Makenize Foelske 7.47, 10. Abbie Hyde 8.07.

55 finals - 1. Foelske 7.51.

200 - 2. Foelske 27.33, 6. Hyde 28.92.

400 - 18. Rylee Weiss 1:18.11, 20. Maci Malven 1:18.76.

800 - 17. Marleigh Lowe 3:14.89, 19. Lexi Weiss 3:21.5.

1,500 - 1. Kadence Huck 5:09.55, 11. Emma O'Neill 7:14.18.

55 hurdles - 16. Ryan Reams 11.06, 20. Sheyenne Bergmann 14.38.

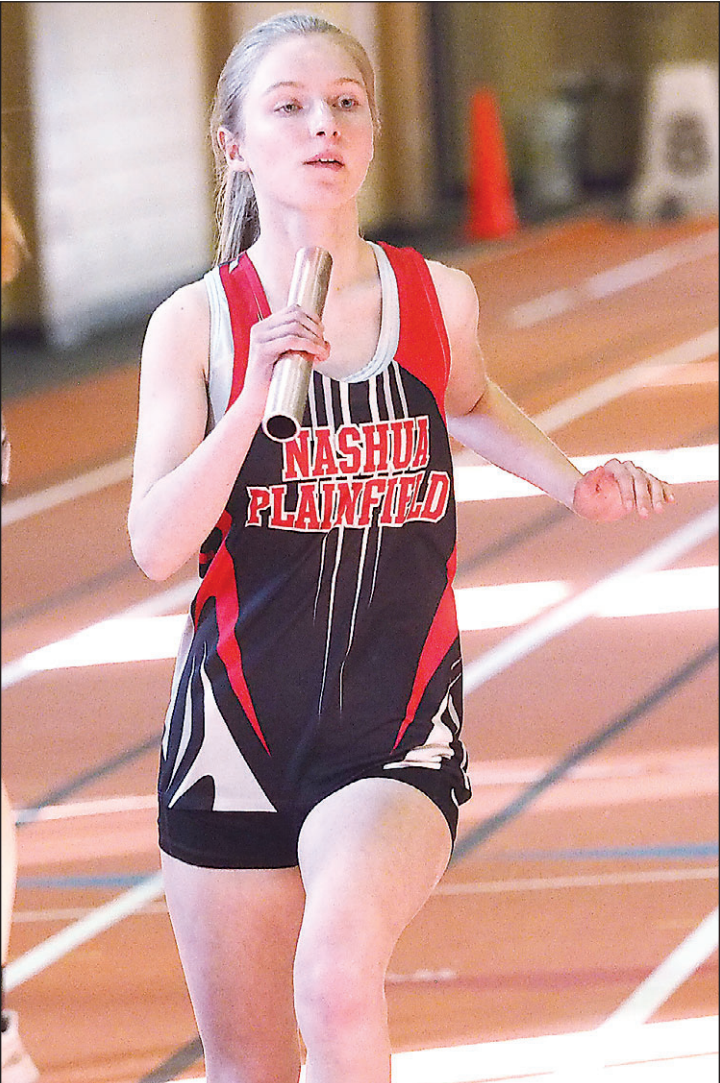
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High jump - 6. Frost 4-4.

Long jump - 6. Foelske 15-2.5, 18. R. Weiss 12-6.5.

Shot put - 2. Breanna Hackman 36-10.5, 13. Myranda Webster 25-6.5.



Nashua-Plainfield's Emily Becker navigates a curve during the 4x800 relay at the Wartburg Indoor that was on Tuesday.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Say this about Nashua-Plainfield's Kaden Wilken; he showed some consistency Tuesday night when he ran the exact same time of 8.84 seconds in both the prelims and the finals of the 55-meter hurdles.

N-P boys track coach likes meet's 'timeliness'

BOYS: FROM 8

the event in 5-10.

"He's real close on 5-8. He did real good," said Sudol. "He just needs to get confidence. He'll get back there - there's no doubt."

It's early, but Husky senior McKade Munn is proving he's also a threat to medal at many meets in the high jump. He leaped 5-2 and placed fourth.

"We think we found a hidden gem with McKade in the high jump," said Sudol, in his sixth year as N-P head coach. "We're very excited to see what he can do, too."

N-P sophomore Tucker Franzen and Lamborn each tied for 10th place in the long jump (16-7.5).

Tyson White, a senior, also placed 10th in the shot put with a heave of 40-4.75.

N-P's 4x800 relay of Drew Wilken, Devin Johnson, Joel Winters and Bo Harrington placed third out of 10 teams. That four-

some's time was 9:06.84.

Sudol said Johnson has never ran track before on the varsity level and Harrington was injured all of last year and did not compete. Harrington ran briefly his freshman season before the state shut down the 2020 track season because of COVID-19.

"We're way ahead of where we were last year at this point in time," said Sudol. "The fact that we're already at this point is very exciting for me as a head coach."

Sudol and his track squad was just happy to be home before 10 o'clock this year after competing at Wartburg. The indoor meet at Wartburg was cancelled last year and N-P did not compete in the event two seasons ago. Sudol said the field was about doubled compared to this year the last time his Huskies ran in Waverly indoors.

"It was almost midnight before we got back to the school," Sudol smiled.

N-P's next competitive meet is outdoors at St. Ansgar on Tuesday, March 29.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

55 - 17. Max Hillegas 7.41, 19. Sam Fundermann 7.57.

200 - 16. James Woods 26.7, 17. Hayden Munn 26.98.

400 - 8. Jackson Carey 58.53, 10. Aiden Gelter 58.98.

800 - 6. Dylan Blanchard 2:22.49, 17. Caleb Lentz 2:38.28.

1,600 - 10. Zachary Zwanziger 5:29.14, 12. Braiden Schaufenbuel 5:44.13.

3,200 - 9. Caleb Sinnwell 13:40.36, 10. Luke Paplow 13:51.3.

55 hurdles prelims - 4. Titus Evans 8.64, 6. Kaden Wilken 8.84.

55 hurdles finals - 5. K. Wilken 8.84, 6. Evans 8.88.

4x400 - 6. Fundermann, Devin Johnson, McKade Munn, D. Wilken 3:54.16.

4x800 - 3. D. Wilken, Johnson, Joel Winters, Bo Harrington 9:06.84.

High jump - 2. Aiden Lamborn 5-6, 4. Munn 5-2.

Long jump - 10. Tucker Franzen 16-7.5, 10. Lamborn 16-7.5.

Shot put - 10. Tyson White 40-4.75, 16. Jarrett Petersen 33-3.25.

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Nashua-Plainfield's Braylee Schaufenbuel (left) runs a leg of the 4x800 relay while the Huskies' Max Hillegas races down the track in the 55-meter dash at the Wartburg Indoor track meet that was held Tuesday in Waverly.

Indoor work meaningful for Nashua-Plainfield track

Husky girls get victories from Foelske and Huck at Wartburg Indoor

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The indoor track season just kept getting better for Makenzie Foelske on Tuesday in Waverly. It was arguably just as good an afternoon for Husky freshman Kadence Huck as well.

Running at the school she recently signed on to compete at – Foelske won the 55-meter dash finals with an impressive time of 7.51 at the Wartburg Indoor track meet on Tuesday.

With her future coach present, Foelske ripped through the competition to snare first place in a sprint event she placed eighth in at the season-opening indoor meet at the Dickinson Relays on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa the week prior.

While that was the 60-meter dash at UNI and her clip was 8.12 in the finals, the time at Wartburg was still fast. Foelske ran 7.47 in the prelims.

"She did awesome. I think being here. Her coach is here. She got to see him, too. That's a little extra motivation there for her," said N-P head coach Jessi Mahnesmith.

Foelske signed her Letter of Intent to attend Wartburg College just last week and will run on the track team. She said she is also interested in possibly walking on to compete for the Knights' volleyball squad.

Foelske placed third the 200 dash (27.33) and ended up sixth in the long jump (15-2.5) against schools in attendance that were much bigger than N-P. Waukee, Waukee Northwest and Iowa City Liberty all made the trek to Waverly to compete indoors.

What's the key to earning top-flight finishes out on the oval for Foelske?



Nashua-Plainfield's Ellie Eick competes in the 4x800 relay during Tuesday's meet.

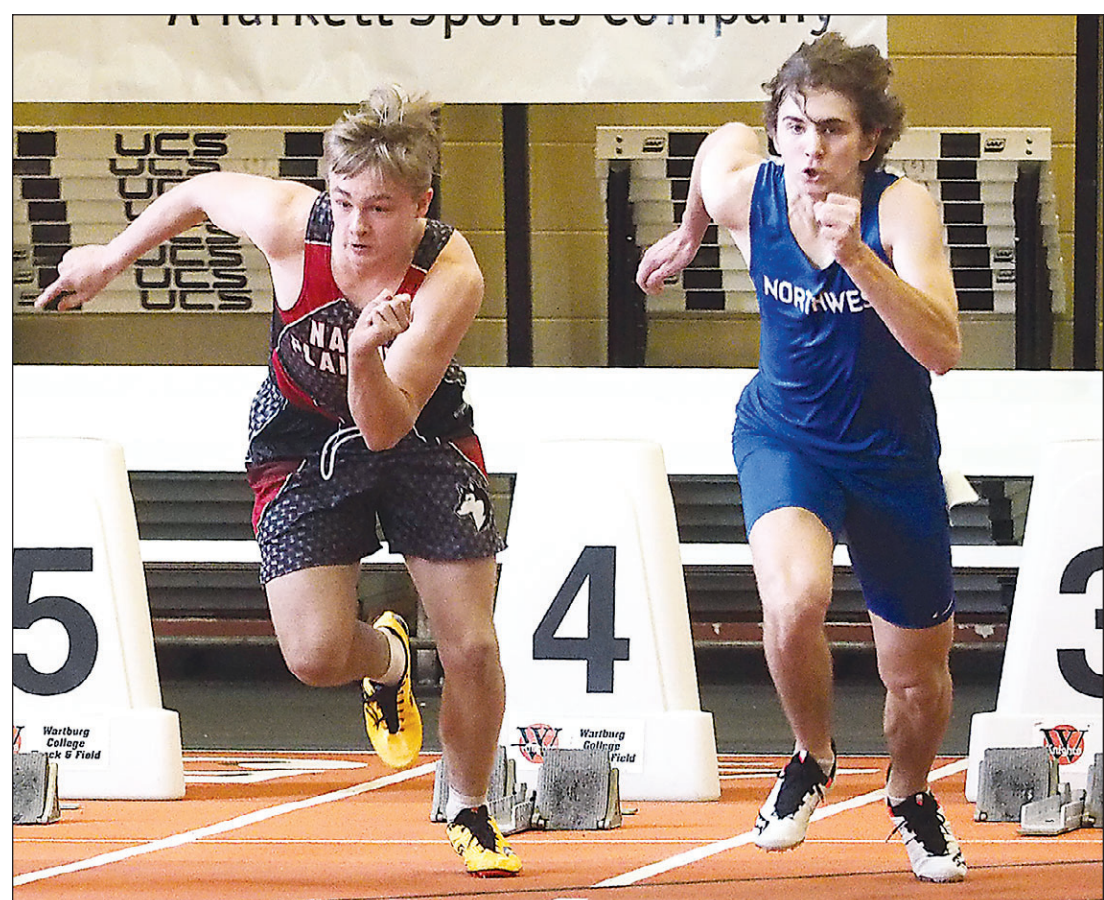
Simple answer.

"I just go out and run as fast as I can. Sprinting is literally making your body go as fast as it can," smiled Foelske.

Huck continues to prove she's one of the state's better

long distance runners as she claimed a gold medal in the 1,500 run in a time of 5:09.55. That bested Waukee Northwest senior Karini Roush's time of

SEE GIRLS, 7



Nashua-Plainfield's James Woods gets off to a good start out of the blocks in a 55-meter dash preliminary during Tuesday's meet.

Boys shine in number of field events at final indoor meet

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Hurdles and high jump.

Watch out for these events if you're a Husky track and field fan.

If you're an opponent of Chase Sudol's Nashua-Plainfield boys track team this spring – you may be trailing the pack when it comes to defeating these talent-laden events for the Huskies.

For Kaden Wilken, a junior for Sudol that specializes in the hurdles, he proved, if anything on Tuesday afternoon at the Wartburg Indoor meet, that he's definitely consistent.

Wilken ran identical times of 8.84 in the prelims and finals of the 55 hurdles to place just in front of his teammate at the Huskies last indoor meet of the 2022 season. His final clip (8.84)

moved him into fifth place – just fractions of a second better than N-P sophomore Titus Evan's sixth-place time of 8.88.

Evens beat Wilken in the prelims – 8.64 to 8.84 – but a photo finish settled the score the second time around in the eight-man finals race.

Wilken and Evens were part of the state qualifying shuttle hurdle relay team last year.

Another state qualifier in 2021 for N-P was junior Aiden Lamborn in the high jump. While Lamborn hasn't climbed the ladder back up and consistently jumped at his personal-best level of 6-1 – which he achieved at the state-qualifying meet last year – he's still getting the job done.

Lamborn leaped 5-6, good for second place. Hampton-Dumont-CAL senior Tate Schmitt won

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N-P sprinter is excited to dash off to Wartburg

After one last track season with the Huskies, Foelske will compete for highly successful Knights' program

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Family first.

That was important for Makenzie Foelske in her decision to take her incredible athletic talent to the next level after her fantastic prep career is finished at Nashua-Plainfield.

So it was a relatively easy decision for the N-P senior to make the choice to attend Wartburg College in Waverly when she signed on the dotted line last week in the Husky gymnasium.

Foelske will run track at Wartburg

– a stone's throw away from home as the Knights' campus at Waverly is just a 20 mile-drive from Nashua.

"I definitely wanted a school that was close because I obviously have two younger siblings here who I'll come back and watch in their sports," said Foelske, who is a four-sport star at N-P.

Her choice to stay in the area to start her collegiate career will allow plenty of Husky fans, coaches, friends and loved ones the opportunity to

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Nashua-Plainfield senior Makenzie Foelske looks up at her friends before signing her letter of intent to attend school and run track at Wartburg College.

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