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County jail living on borrowed time

State jail inspector, consultants meet with board to discuss what's next

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Jail is living on borrowed time, which isn't exactly breaking news, but during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, the state jail inspector said he will be "patient" with the county as long as he sees that it is moving "forward."

Supervisors spent 30 minutes with that jail inspector, Delbert Longley, as well as officials from the Samuels Group and both Sheriff's Office personnel and New Hampton Police Chief Zach Nobsch discussing the facility that was built in the 1950s and a possible replacement of the building located across the street from the Courthouse. During the discussion, Supervisor

Jake Hackman said that since he was first elected in 2016, Lumley has consistently said the county needs to have a five or 10-year plan in place to replace the existing jail, and as Hackman put it, "I guess that today is the day we need to get that plan."
"I would certainly agree with that," Lumley said but he added that "if you make some movements

to move forward, I have a lot of patience."
Earlier this year, county leaders approved using a small portion of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to hire the Samuels Group to conduct a feasibility study on the current jail

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Floyd County mulling its EMS options

Ambulance Commission supports providing service to city of Nashua

By BOB STEENSON
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Floyd County voters recently defeated a measure to collect taxes to help pay for emergency medical services, but that doesn't mean those services aren't still necessary.
The Floyd County Ambulance Commission met Tuesday evening to talk about next steps and engaged in a wide-ranging discussion about a new contract with current ambulance service provider American Medical Response (AMR), looking at starting a public ambulance service, and also letting Nashua receive service under the current AMR contract until it expires at the end of this fiscal year.
The commission decided to recommend in favor of the Nashua agreement, and to seek a variety of contract options from AMR, including an extension of the current contract for another year at the same terms, and the prices AMR would charge for a new one-year, two-year or three-year contract.
The Ambulance Commission makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Charles City Council regarding ambulance service. Years ago, before the city and the county started subsidizing ambulance service, the commission made the decisions. Now, since the city and the county are contracting to help pay for the service, the commission is an advisory body only.
The current three-year contract between Floyd

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Fundraising for new Plainfield diamond complex to commence

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools hope to break ground this coming summer on a new high school baseball and softball complex in Plainfield, and while the school district is investing heavily in the project, a fundraising campaign will soon kick off.
Superintendent Todd Liechty said letters will be sent out to district residents next week to coincide with National Giving Tuesday, which this year is set for Nov. 29.
"The idea in my opinion is that it would be nice to raise funds for rec fields on the site,"

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield High School students (above) thank area veterans for their service at the school's annual Veterans Day program last Friday, and earlier that morning, elementary students (below) recite the Pledge of Allegiance during the program students put on at the school.

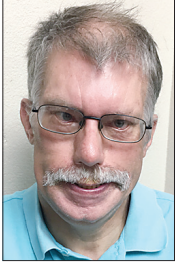
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NAILING VETERANS DAY

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD ONCE AGAIN RISES TO THE OCCASION TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED



When it comes to Veterans Day, Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools do it right. I mean, like the headline says, they nail it.
A year ago, I got my first taste of Veterans Day in Nashua, and I came away, in a word, impressed and promising myself that I would return every single year.
But the forecast last Friday caused a problem. It was cold. Raw. Blustery. Arctic, dang near.
We usually cover the observances in both Nashua and New Hampton, and being the nice guy I am, I let my colleague, Dorothy Huber, choose. Nashua meant an earlier wake-up call and a longer day because of its two programs. New Hampton, though, held their observance outside at the



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Bob Fenske/Reporter

It didn't amount to much, but this week's snow made for a pretty scene along Brasher Street in Nashua Wednesday afternoon.

Old Man Winter makes his first appearance of season

Nashua area gets little snow and lot of cold

By BOB FENSKE
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Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann had two words for area motorists Tuesday morning.
Down. Slow. Not necessarily in that order.
That's because winter had arrived.
"My best advice on a day like this is to slow down, allow extra time to get where you want to go," Hemann said Tuesday, when Chickasaw County received its first "official" snowfall of the season. "It's that time

of the year, and we've already seen a few accidents."
The official National Weather Service station located near Nashua reported that 2 inches of snow fell, and flurries were part of the landscape for much of the week.
The season actually made its first appearance Saturday morning when roadways were, in a word, slick with ice, and on Tuesday, light snow fell throughout much of the day.
And although much of it melted, much of the area was

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Photo courtesy of Jenn Kalainoff

Some pretty cool pillowcases, N-P made!
Nashua-Plainfield High School students (from left) Kristen Lee, Paige Franzen, Lindsey Dietz, Kendall Bailey-Pint, Autumn Nelson and Jalissa White pose for a picture with the pillowcases they sewed in class. Over the past two weeks students of the FCS Construction class and FCCLA members have sewn pillowcases that will be contributed towards the Holiday Shoppe in our local area. The Holiday Shoppe is held each year and allows families in need to pick out items for the children for Christmas.

At least it's going to warm up as Thanksgiving nears

WEATHER: FROM 1
covered with a white blanket, albeit a thin one.
Hermann said the Sheriff's Office responded to two accident scenes Saturday and on Tuesday morning, a semi-truck trailer slid off Highway 63 north of New Hampton.
And get ready for a down right frigid weekend as the National Weather Service forecast for Nashua calls for a high of 18 today (Friday) and temperatures are expected to drop to near zero on Saturday night.
Heck, by next Wednesday, when the high is forecast to be 39 degrees, we might be breaking out the shorts, but until then, welcome to winter, folks.

Briefs

Twin Ponds Nature Center to hold turkey program Tuesday
Want the little ones to learn about turkeys? Bring them to the Twin Ponds Nature Center on Tuesday, Nov. 22 to learn about turkeys, sing-a-long with a song and make a craft. This program will begin at 5 p.m. and is free, but registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

Hospice holding Tree of Life fundraiser next month
Honor a loved one during this meaningful time of the year as part of the 2022 Cedar Valley Hospice Tree of Love fundraiser. With a contribution, you will receive a keepsake ornament or bookmark in appreciation of your donation. Also celebrate the season by attending a special event on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Waterloo Center for the Arts, Schoitz Room. There will be a time for a reflection and a chance to listen to music by The Union Carolers. 2022 ornaments are available for pick up at the Waterloo event, at any Cedar Valley Hospice office or they can be shipped for \$7. Donations to this fundraiser can also be made online at cvhospice.org. For more information, call Cedar Valley Hospice at 319.272.2002 or toll free at 800.626.2360.



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Consultant says current jail is public and staff safety issue

JAIL: FROM 1

and its potential replacement. When the current jail opened, it not only included a jail and offices but also living quarters for the sheriff and his family, and as current Sheriff Marty Hemann put it on Monday, "in all practical purposes ... we've outgrown it, and we kind of outlived its practical purposes." Longley and the Samuels Group representatives, Greg Wilde and Dan Roetry, agreed. "We have jail standards, because of a 1978 lawsuit out of Scott County where seven inmates sued the county and got a \$5 million settlement," Longley said. "My goal here is to keep you folks out of that type of situation."

Longley told supervisors that Hemann's staff is doing an outstanding job in what he termed the "older facility" and that jail staff should be commended. "But it simply does not meet the needs you have now," Longley said. "There's a tremendous amount of safety concerns for the prisoners, for staff. There are certain guidelines laid out in jail standards that require sight and sound separation, some separation of felons from misdemeanors, males and females, unveils, etc., and honestly, you can't meet them."

Wilde said his company is about 80 percent done with its feasibility study and that he hopes to deliver the report to the board by the end of the year. When first hired, the Samuels Group said it would see if the existing facility could be remod-

eled, but that proverbial ship has passed.

"We typically start in a feasibility study with the premise that we start with the facilities there and find ways to use it, but as Greg said, there isn't a way that we can work around that facility by incorporating a new facility into it at less cost than we could if we just did the facility the county needs."

Just what kind of facility the county will attempt to build remains up in the air, although Hemann said "I'm leaning a little bit more towards a 24-hour hold as opposed to a full-blown jail."

He said that tilt not only had to do with the cost of building a new jail and because of staffing costs that would arise.

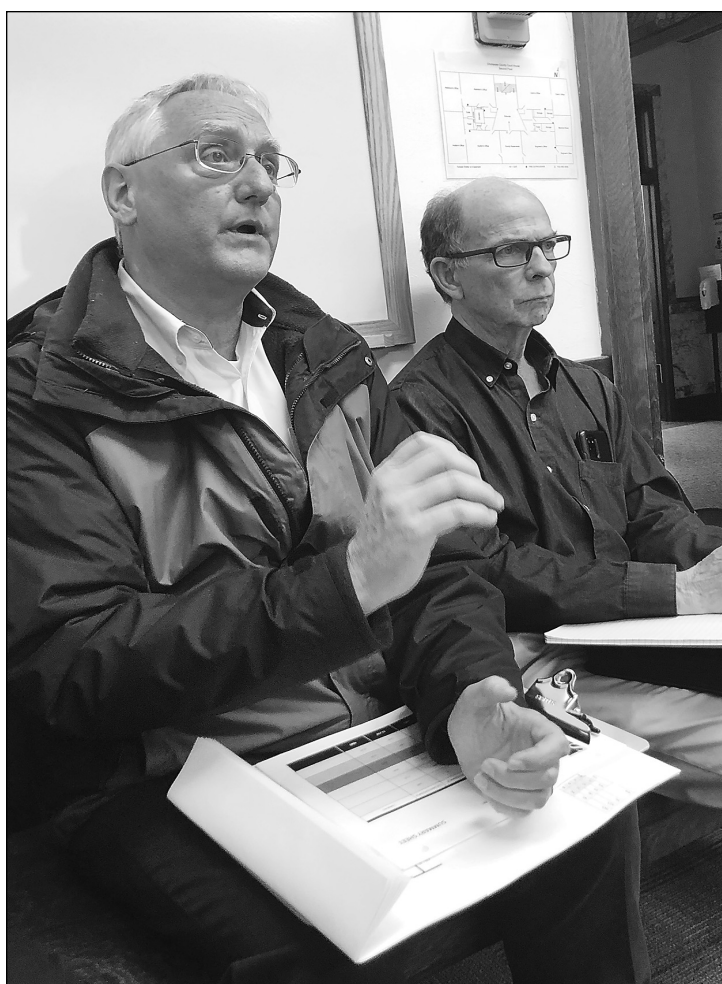
"You have to staff it more than what we have for our current staff," he said, "and that's going to be an annual cost. That could be 3, 4, \$500,000 every year on top of my already existing \$1.9 million budget."

At the same time, Hemann said he would like to talk with other counties that have built 24-hour holding centers and see how it has worked for them.

One idea that has been floated is to have both the New Hampton Police Department and the Sheriff's Office based at a new jail.

The city of New Hampton pledged \$5,000 of its ARPA funds to the feasibility study, and Hackman asked Nobsch if having the new facility located in the city limits was a must for New Hampton?

"I suppose it all depends



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Samuels Group representative Greg Wilde makes a point about the Chickasaw County Jail situation during the Board of Supervisors' meeting Monday.

because I know there are some other places where they're located on the edge of town," the police chief said. "So it probably depends on how far out we're going to go."

In all likelihood, any kind of new facility would have to be approved by voters, and Wilde once again reiterated that his company would be more than willing to sign on for a "Phase 2" of its contract to help the county during that process.

He said that the Samuels Group has a 100 percent track record in Iowa when it comes

to having referendums pass on the first try, although he prefaced that remark with "knock on wood."

In all seriousness, though, he said educating voters will be a key once the county decides what kind of jail or holding facility it wants.

"Honestly, building a jail is not a pretty thing," Wilde said. "It's not like building a school. Schools are investing in the next generation; however, this is a public safety issue and a staff safety issue for law enforcement in particular."

Students shine during Veterans Day programs

VETERANS DAY: FROM 1

Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial located on the courthouse square.

Dorothy may hate the cold, but she's not a morning person; years of late nights covering sports saw to that.

So while she froze, I enjoyed the warmth found inside the all-purpose room at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School and the gymnasium down the road at the high school.

And just like in '21, I left impressed. Actually, even though I didn't think it was possible, I left more impressed in 2022 than I did the year ago.

Veterans Day is an important day for me for a number of reasons. It's a day to honor those who served, it's a day to say thank you for the sacrifices veterans have made since this county told King George to go to you know where. And, of course, I come from a military family.

You see, I am a brat — as in a military one — because my dad served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years.

Throughout his life, he believed in country, flag and his fellow service members. In retirement, he passionately fought for his fellow veterans as an American Legion commander.

Dad died in October 2004, and I think about him almost every day, but on Veterans Day, those feelings are more acute, more personal, if that makes any sense.

Veterans Day done right reminds me of Dad.

And Nashua-Plainfield does the holiday right.

The elementary school puts on its own program, and it's just so damn cute. From the Star-Spangled Banner rap to the student speakers to the pictures of the students' family members who have served, it's just ... well, it's just really cool.

After that program ended, I headed over to the gym, where junior and high school students did a fantastic job helping with the program that the veterans plan.

The music — by both the band and choir — was outstanding and the traditional 21-gun salute (held outside, of course) and "Taps" were mov-

ing.

But Veterans Day 2022 belonged to Bob Thran, a 93-year-old Korean War veteran who spoke to a rapt audience of teenagers for almost 30 minutes as he shared the story of a Nashua veteran named Dale Maynard.

The tale about Thran's friend, who spent almost three years and nine months as prisoner of war of Japan during World War II, was both inspiring and heartbreaking.

Maynard enlisted in the Army seven months before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and was sent to the Philippine Islands.

For almost one-half hour, Thran told his friend's story — how he fought on Corregidor, the last American stronghold on the islands, how he and his friends finally surrendered, how Dale and his fellow POWs was treated by the Japanese who did not adhere to the Geneva Convention.

Dale lost dang near half his body weight during his captivity, going from 185 to 100 pounds, and Thran pointed out that his friend was a prisoner of the Japanese just about as long as students today go to high school.

Slowly but surely, Bob Thran made his way through his address.

He didn't make any grand proclamation; instead, when he was done, he simply said "that is the end of the story" and as one, the students of Nashua-Plainfield, grades 6-12, rose to their feet as one.

A few minutes later, as they always do, the students lined up and went through the receiving line to thank those veterans, and I overheard a few comments made to the man — Bob Thran — at the end of the line.

I missed who said it, but this one stood out.

"Thank you for sharing your friend's story," the girl's voice said. "I know it wasn't easy, but we have to know about people like your friend."

We hear these days about how kids are soft, they're not respectful, yada, yada, yada.

Evidently those people haven't met the kids at Nashua-Plainfield, who do Veterans Day perfectly.

Goal is to have diamond teams both playing in Plainfield in '24

DIAMONDS: FROM 1

he said, "and I'm not saying if we don't reach our goal, there won't be rec fields. But the school is contributing a lot of money for the high school diamonds, and to me — again this is my opinion — to have people contribute, too."

The fundraising goal is \$500,000, which would possibly include grants and other awards.

Earlier this year, the district announced that it would use Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) or Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) funds to build the new complex that would allow both of Nashua-Plainfield's summer sports teams to compete in the same city.

Currently, the softball team plays its home games in Plainfield while the baseball team welcomes teams to Nashua. The school district rents the diamond that sits on land owned by the Big Four Fair Board, but that diamond is the lone one in the Top of Iowa Conference East Division that doesn't have lights.

So when the Huskies are

home, both the varsity baseball and softball games start at 6 p.m., meaning some families have to "split up" if they have sons and daughters playing on the varsity. Other TIC East schools — almost all of which have side-by-side diamonds — start their varsity softball games at 6 p.m. and throw the first pitches for varsity baseball games at 7:30 p.m.

"It will be better for families, it will give us a good presence in Plainfield and it will be good for our student-athletes."

Initial estimates are that the complex will cost \$3 million, a number Liechty believes is high.

"I really think we can do this for \$2 million," he said. "Three million seems high to me, but we'll see when we go out for bids."

Liechty said he expected the district would ask for bids in January or February, and for work to start in earnest as soon as the 2023 softball season concludes.

"The plan is we'll be playing all of our ball in Plainfield in the summer of 2024," he said, "and we're excited for that to happen."

Nashua will pay 'additional expenses' for six months

FLOYD COUNTY: FROM 1

County, Charles City and AMR expires at the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2023. Under that contract, the city and the county contributed \$150,000 the first year (\$75,000 each), \$175,000 the second year (\$87,500 each) and \$200,000 this current fiscal year (\$100,000 each) to AMR to provide service countywide.

Ambulance Commission members agreed to recommend that the Board of Supervisors and City Council let Nashua receive service through AMR for six months, from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2023, for a payment of \$10,000, to be split between the city and the county, and with the understanding that Nashua would also pay for any additional expenses.

Nashua City Clerk John Ott said the community is forming its own ambulance service and is purchasing an ambulance, but it will be a first-responder service to begin with, not transporting patients. It plans to get to the stage where it can transport, but that will depend on getting the appropriate personnel, he said.

In the interim it needs to get transportation service, and the Nashua City Council has already decided to not participate in the new ambulance service that Chickasaw County is creating, because of the cost as well as concerns about response time from New Hampton since the county service decided to not base an ambulance in Nashua.

AMR station director Dawn Staudt said AMR would probably not charge additional fees to cover Nashua for the six months, as long as it was not being asked to add extra costs such as additional personnel. She said AMR responds to calls in Nashua already, as well as into Chickasaw County when needed.

"For six months I think this is a good agreement, helping out our neighboring community," said Supervisor Roy Schwickerath.

The Ambulance Commission is made up of representatives of the Charles City Council, Board of Supervisors, Floyd County Medical Center, the Charles City police chief and fire chief, county sheriff and Staudt, representing AMR.



Much of the meeting was spent discussing the next contract with AMR, after the current contract expires next June 30.

In initial discussions regarding the emergency medical services (EMS) tax levy vote, considerable discussion had taken place regarding the potential of creating a public ambulance service, to be run by the Charles City Fire Department or some other public group. No decision was made regarding a new service because of the lack of time before the vote occurred.

Schwickerath said Tuesday evening that if the city and county are seriously considering starting up a service, now is the time. He said the county and the city still have uncommitted American Rescue Plan Act funds that could be used toward start-up costs, and he also suggested a third funding source in addition to the city and the county.

"The hospital, actually, has a taxing ability," he said, "and they could actually levy and help pay for ambulance service through that. That would create a three-way partnership. I think if we don't at least consider pursuing that we really miss an opportunity."

When asked if that would be possible, Floyd County Medical Center CEO Dawnette Willis, who is a member of the Ambulance Commission, said that's a decision that would have to be made by the medical center board of trustees, but she would be willing to present the idea to that board.

In 2019, Floyd County voters approved changing the charter for the Floyd County Medical Center, granting its board of directors — who after the charter change became an elected board of trustees — the power to levy property taxes to support the hospital.

Schwickerath said when the charter change idea was presented to voters the medical center said it would collect \$500,000 per year, and that's what it has been collecting — but circumstances change and the trustees could increase that if they choose to.

The city is at its maximum \$8.10 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for its general fund, and the county is at its maximum \$3.50 per \$1,000 for its general fund, Schwickerath said, but he didn't think the medical center was anywhere near its maximum levy amount.

Discussing a new contract with AMR, Schwickerath said he couldn't support anything more than an additional year because a completely new board of supervisors would be taking office the first of the year, and it should be making any long-term decisions regarding service.

Charles City Administrator Steve Diers, who has done much of the conferring with AMR on the contracts, said it is likely that AMR will ask for a higher subsidy with a one-year contract than it would with a longer term contract.

He said his preference would be another three-year contract with a buy-out option in case the city and county want to end it early to start their own service.

Commission member Keith Starr, a member of the Charles City Council, said he would prefer at least a two-year contract, to give them enough time to work on other options if that's their choice.

The commission eventually voted to direct Diers to work with AMR to see if it would extend the current contract for a year, and to get prices for a new one-year, two-year or three-year contract.

The commission set its next meeting for Dec. 7 and hopes to have those AMR figures ready to discuss by then.

Any new contract will need to be approved by the Charles City Council and the Floyd County Board of Supervisors as well as AMR.

Obituaries

Jeremie M. Ensign, 43

Jeremie M. Ensign, age 43 of Ionia, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics surrounded by family.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Frey, Trinity Lutheran Church, presiding.

The interment was in the New Hampton City Cemetery. Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service

at the funeral home.

Online condolences for Jeremie's family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Anthony Martin, 74

Anthony Martin, age 74 of Cedar Falls and formerly of Nashua, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at Bickford Cottages in Cedar Falls.

A graveside service was held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory have been entrusted with Anthony's arrangements.

CHICKASAW COUNTY RESIDENTS

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Expectant mothers are encouraged to let us know their locations so we can direct our plows to open the roads leading to their homes as soon as possible after a storm.

Home heating assistance applications are now available

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County begins to move offices into renamed building

County offices, including Veterans Affairs, and non-profits should all be in the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center this week

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The newly-named Chickasaw Heritage Building Center is now open for business, or at least it will be by the end of the week as a number of offices that have been housed at a building on East Main Street in New Hampton will complete their move to the former county home.

The Board of Supervisors on Monday voted to change the name of the building that will, for now at least,

house the offices that were located at 910 E. Main St., a building that the county has agreed to sell to a company that plans to build a Dollar General store on the property.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said during Monday's meeting that the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corp./Chickasaw County General Assistance had already moved into the building. By the end of the week, the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs, Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation

Services offices will have completed their moves to the building located just to the south of New Hampton.

Supervisors decided to change the name of the building to help "clean up" records and accounting procedures. Currently, the property is found on county books to be called everything from the "Poor Farm" to the county home to the "Heritage."

Supervisor Jason Byrne first suggested the Heritage Building Center and then changed it to Chickasaw Heritage Building Center.

"HBC, I think that pretty much describes it," he said, and his fellow supervisors agreed.

For nine years, the HBC was home to Inspiring Lives, but when the Board of Supervisors and the mental-health organization couldn't reach an agreement on a lease extension, the county took over the building on July 1.

County leaders at first considered selling the building, but in August, the Board of Supervisors rejected both bids — one for \$300,000 and the other for \$200,000 — it received for

the building.

In the meantime, the board agreed to sell the 910 E. Main St. property for \$100,000, and although that sale is not final, county leaders began seeking office space for both the county offices and the non-profits that were in the building.

Earlier this month, the board voted to hire a second full-time county custodian, and former city of New Hampton employee Deb Rosonke began work with the county on Tuesday and will spend much of her time at the HBC.

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City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Nashua Welcome Center

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on November 7, 2022 at the Welcome Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Harold Kelleher III (Hal) Mayor ProTem presiding. Council members present were Rhonda Dean, Harold Kelleher III, Samantha Johnson, Tim Malven, and Ernie Willsher. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Martin Hemann along with 11 guests were also present.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked for consideration approving the regular agenda. Malven/M, Dean/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to approve the consent agenda: Building Permit 205 Main St., Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting October 17, 2022; Consent Calendar Payment of Claims October 14-November 3, 2022. — Payment of Claims (see claims report): total claims to be paid \$101,595.87+\$13,212.45 (Wages). Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked for public comments. City Clerk Ott informed the council about a citizen who is interested in acquiring the 123 Aspinwall property and putting a storage unit on the property. The citizen wanted to know if they would be required to put a house on the lot. Attorney Skilton informed the council that normally they would have to put a house on the lot; however they could allow them to put up just a storage unit if they chose to do so if they followed the special permit process. The council said they would like to see the plans, but were open to discuss it further with the person.

Resolutions

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions:

22:59 Resolution Establishing the Use of ARPA Special Funds. Malven/M, Willsher/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

22:60 Resolution Updating Bank Signatures for First State Bank (FSB). Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

22:61 Resolution Updating Bank Signatures for Lincoln Savings Bank (LSB). Willsher/M, Dean/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

Public Hearings/Resolutions

Dean/M to open the public hearing for the FY'23 budget amendment. Malven/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:07PM. After discussion, Willsher/M, Dean/S, M/C

to close the public hearing. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:10PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to approve Resolution 22-62 Approving the FY'23 Budget Amendment. Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

Dean/M, Willsher/S, M/C to open the public hearing on the 1st reading adding a new chapter to the Code of Ordinances Chapter #37 Establishing a Volunteer Ambulance Service. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:11PM. After discussion, Malven/M, Dean/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:12PM. Johnson/M, Dean/S, M/C to adopt Ordinance #345 adding a new chapter #37 Establishing a Volunteer Ambulance Service to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua. RC: all ayes.

Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C to forego the 2nd and 3rd reading and move to final passage. RC: all ayes. Malven/M, Johnson/S, M/C to adopt Ordinance #345 Adding a New Chapter #37 Establishing a Volunteer Ambulance Service to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Nashua. RC: all ayes. Ordinance #345 adding a new chapter to the Code of Ordinances Chapter #37 Establishing a Volunteer Ambulance Service will become effective after publication. Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C to set a public hearing for a Special Permit for Land Mobile Radio Tower for November 21, 2022. RC: all ayes. Permits: Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the following permits:

Building: 806 Madison St.
Demolition/Excavation
806 Madison St., 16 Mill St., and 523 Wentling St. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve all permits. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:

The Mayor had no business to discuss.

City Clerk Ott requested approval to attend the budget meeting in Charles City on November 15, 2022. Dean/M, Willsher/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott talked to the council about the safety of working on the dam and some of the concerns that had been brought to his attention. After discussion, the council asked City Clerk Ott to gather more information from IMWCA, other locations and our current dam operator.

City Council:

Dean reminded the citizens that it is election day on Tuesday and wanted to thank the Nashua Volunteer Fire Department for their hot dog feed on Halloween. It was a huge success. Johnson mentioned that the Chickasaw Ambulance Council will be setting a meeting

to disband the current Chickasaw County Ambulance Council.

Sheriff Martin Hemann gave his monthly report and stated that October was a fairly busy month in Nashua. He reviewed some of the calls and cases that they are working on. He also reiterated the fact that if someone sees something that they should say something. Citizens should contact the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department if they see suspicious or illegal activity. He stated that a lot of times the citizens are their eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Department.

Discussion/Action

The City Council discussed and took action on many items.

Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the new Deputy Clerk Melissa Berends to receive email communication and banking information from Forte/Front Desk the CC processing system for G'Works the city's software company. RC: 4 ayes, Johnson abstained.

The council discussed establishing a new policy for snowbirds and absentee residents. After receiving feedback from the public, Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C, to table the decision until they could review and possibly amend the version that was presented. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed amending the Code of Ordinance on snow dumping/removal, but no action was taken.

Dean/M, Malven/S, to accept the donation from the Garden Club for the banners for Main Street, but the banners would need to be paid for by the city and reimbursed by the Garden Club. RC: 4 ayes, Johnson abstain.

The ad-hoc ambulance committee presented some labor costs for the volunteers for the ambulance service. The amounts that were presented to the council were \$30 — EMT, \$25-Driver, \$20-Attendant per call and a monthly fee for the service director/crew chief of \$150.00. There would also be a standby fee of \$10/hour if on a call for an extended period of time. The volunteers would only be paid for calls they respond to. Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C, RC: all ayes.

The council discussed the new criteria for Volunteer Firefighters from IMWCA the insurance carrier. There are some new tests that are required, which will cost the city extra money and so City Clerk Ott will look into what options are available, costs, and if the tests can be administered locally. City Clerk Ott stated that when he last looked Med Compass, which is a company that many cities use; they perform the physicals on site and the cost was \$200/physical. He will compare local costs to Med Compass. The council also discussed some of the recommended

things that the insurance carrier would like to see. Tom Johnson the Fire Chief stated that most of the recommendations are being done currently.

The council discussed changing the name of Cedar Hill St. to Cedar Hill Ave, but after discussion and input from other citizens who live on Cedar Hill St. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to leave Cedar Hill Street as the name, but to change the street sign which says Cedar Hill Ave. to Cedar Hill St. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed ambulance insurance coverage limits for the ambulance service. Dean/M, Willsher/S, M/C to accept the insurance limits as presented by ICAP. The cost will be approximately \$3,600, this does not include Worker's Compensation cost. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed the nuisance properties that were reviewed at the previous council meeting on October 17, 2022. They decided that Mayor Anthofer should send a letter to those property owners who are not following through with what they said they were going to do.

The council discussed broken curb stops. City Clerk Ott will work with Nick Henningsen Water/Waste Water Superintendent on the best way to move forward.

Dean/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve Special Council Agreement for EPA Orders. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed a request by the Nashua Volunteer Fire Department to reimburse the Nashua Fire Association for equipment they purchased for the Nashua Fire Department. The council asked for them to bring in the expenses that they would like to be reimbursed for and they will review them. Tom Johnson will bring in the receipts.

Malven/M to end open session and go into closed session. Willsher/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. The meeting went into closed session @ 8:32PM. After discussion, Johnson/M to end closed session and resume open session. Dean/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. The meeting resumed open session @ 9:00PM. The reason the council went into closed session 21.5(1)(C) of the Iowa Code to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation of where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. After brief discussion, Johnson/M to end the regular session and go back into closed session. Willsher/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. The regular session went back into closed session at 9:01PM. The reason the council went into closed session

21.5(1)(C) of the Iowa Code to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation of where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. After discussion, Dean/M, to end the closed session and resume the open session. Malven/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. Regular session resumed at 9:06PM.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

Pending Approval by Council
John Ott
City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT (October 14-Nov 3, 2022)

VENDOR/REFERENCE AMOUNT

LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK.HSA\$1,500.00

U.S. POST OFFICE,GAR/WTR/SWR POSTAGE NOV22 BILL.....\$215.16

U.S. POST OFFICE,GAR/WTR/SWR BULK MAIL BAL INC.....\$100.00

U.S. POST OFFICE,GAR/WTR/SWR BULK MAIL PTG INC.....\$100.00

20 20 FX LLC,WTR/SWR-NEW SWITCH G'WORKS.....\$114.00

AVESIS,VISION - NOV '22.....\$61.66

BOCKHAUS PLUMBING & HEATING,WTR-TURN OFF SERVICE #13 TRLR.....\$75.00

BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC STREETS - ROAD ROCK.....\$104.19

BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS,PHONE EXP - NOV '22.....\$299.52

CHRISTIE DOOR COMPANY FD-TRANSMITTER.....\$135.00

DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA DENTAL INS - NOV '22.....\$134.34

FELD FIRE,FD-BACKBOARD STRAP KIT.....\$198.76

GIS BENEFITS,DEATH/DISABILITY NOV '22.....\$91.84

GWOKS,CH/WTR/SWR-CY '23 LICENSE FEES.....\$5,981.00

HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY FD-INSPECT FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.....\$375.50

HINDERS TREE SERVICE LLC ST-REMOVE TREES EASEMENT/ROW.....\$21,725.00

IOWA DOT,STREETS- OPERATING SUPPLIES.....\$187.50

IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKERS WORKER'S COMPENSATION PREMIUM.....\$1,262.00

IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC. WTR-IA RURAL WTR MEM DUE '22.....\$275.00

JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE GAR/REC - OCT '22.....\$11,785.57

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL ST-INTAKE FOR MADISON/GREELY.....\$122.70

KAY PARK-REC CORP.PARKS-PICNIC TABLES-COMM FOUND.....\$10,608.00

LEROY'S REPAIR,PARKS-SUPPLIES.....\$99.98

MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT ST-STREET SWEEPER.....\$67.29

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY GAS/ELEC - OCT '22.....\$4,846.00

MURPHY, COE, AND SMITH CH-TREASURER AUG '22.....\$165.00

OTT, JOHN,CH-REIMB '22 TAX FORMS.....\$335.17

PEOPLESERVICE INC.,water waste water contract.....\$20,655.00

RAPID PRINTERS,WATER-PRESORT ENV BULK MAIL.....\$93.12

RONALD J. PEPPLS,FD-LEGAL EXPENSES.....\$2,975.00

T & K TRACTOR REPAIR,ST-SUPPLIES.....\$13.16

ZENDA VIKTUREK FD-CPR RECERT (19X\$25).....\$475.00

BLUE CROSS WELLMARK HEALTH INS - NOV '22.....\$4,639.86

WEX BANK,CITY FUEL EXPENSES.....\$1,459.34

IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT FED/FICA TAX.....\$1,912.92

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....\$289.00

IPERS,REGULAR IPERS.....\$2,834.07

IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT FED/FICA TAX.....\$2,143.35

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....\$359.00

IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT FED TAX ADJUST FROM Q1 2020.....\$973.04

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SEWER-Q4 OCTOBER '22 SALES TAX.....\$316.78

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WET-Q4 OCT '22.....\$1,144.76

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IOWA SALES TAX Q4 OCT'22.....\$347.13

Accounts Payable Total.....\$101,595.87

Payroll Checks.....\$13,212.45

REPORT TOTAL.....\$114,808.32

GENERAL FUND.....\$34,966.14

LAKE/DAM.....\$70.44

ROAD USE.....\$31,248.86

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT.....\$5,098.96

WATER.....\$17,460.19

SEWER.....\$16,963.73

TOTAL FUNDS.....\$114,808.32

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CHICKASAW CO. CLAIMS LIST-ING-11/07/2022

20/20 FX LLC DATA PROC SERVICES & EQUIP CO DEPTS1,732.80

414 LLC.2 STUMP W/CLEAN-UP-HERITAGE.....225.00

ACES,MONTH TECH SUPPORT-NOVEMBER 2022.....189.00

ACKERSON, NICHOLE,MEAL REIMB FOR TRAINING.....36.63

ADDICTED 2 STITCHIN,LABOR TO SEW PATCHES - B. RASH.....70.00

AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.,PROFESS. SERVS THRU OCT. 19, 2022.....1,800.00

ALLIANT ENERGY/ IPL,UTLS CO PARKS, INTRSCN LGHTG & IONIA SHOP ELEC.....491.17

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES W/AMAZON STOCKING HAT -B. RASH.....21.99

ARMEL, RAY,MLG, MTG ISAA EXEC BRD MTG-10/25-27/2022.....102.78

BECKER, TODD,GEN ELECTION TRNG- 11.2.2022 -MLG & TNG.....21.88

BIG FOOT ENTERPRISE,MOWING MATERIALS.....17.83

BLACK HILLS ENERGY,NAT GAS CO BLDGS & RURAL RECY.....1,100.00

BOEHMER, KATIE,VA COMM MTG- 10/26/2022.....25.00

BOYD, NOLAN,LAWN CARE- 10/19,30/2022.....70.00

BUTLER CO REC,UTLS CO TPNC & TWIN PONDS, INTRSCN LGHTG & NASHUA SHOP.....659.90

BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO ,PHONE & INTERNET CO DEPTS.....1,191.04

CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC OUTSIDE ENGINEERING.....7,402.10

CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO,BRIDGE MAINT MATERIALS.....134.65

CARD SERVICES,MAGAZINE SUB-SCRIPTN, LDGHOMELAND SECURITY CONF. -EMA.....276.80

CASTERTON-HUMPAL, MINDY GEN ELECT. 11.2.2022- MLG & SAL.....20.63

CHEMSEARCH,BOILER SUPPLIES GENERAL SERVICES.....659.95

CHICKASAW AMBULANCE SRVS MLG & EMERGENCY TREATMENT INMATE.....1,784.00

CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF,SERVING PAPERS - SEPT. 22 THRU OCT. 22.....1,958.36

CITY LAUNDERING CO INC FIRST AID.....98.97

CJ COOPER & ASSOC INC,DRUG TESTING.....315.00

COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES PAYOUT FUND 0010 BAL.....825.26

CRESCO SHOPPER,FALL FESTIVALS CC TOURISM.....233.00

CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING,RENTAL & BOTTLE WATER CO DEPTS.....548.80

DI Y RENTALS LLC,EQUIP RENTAL F'BURG PROJECT.....3,450.00

ELENZ, KEITH,MLG REIMB- MTGS, FALL SCHOOL & PARKING.....530.94

EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDINGS WATER SAMPLES -TWIN PONDS, AL & SR.....68.25

FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE FUEL CO CONS & SHER DEPT.....3,628.58

FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE,FUEL CO SHER DEPT.....1,368.81

FLIRIS, RACHEL,GEN ELECT.- 11.2.2022-TRNG & MLG.....25.00

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF,INMATE HOUSING-OCT. 2022.....1,050.00

FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF

FREDERICKSBURG SHOP UTLS.....70.68

GAGE PLBG & HTG INC, MICK MTRLS & LABOR TO INSTALL SEWER LINES-AIRPORT LAKE DRAIN AC FOR WINTER - CRTHS.....22,024.00

GALLS ,UNF & POLICE SUPPLS CO SHER DEPT.....1,387.13

HAWKEYE FIRE AND SAFETY COMPANY,ANNUAL FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE.....2,045.50

HEARTLAND ASPHALT INC IONIA RR CROSSING B-57 - ASPHALT.....43,109.54

HENNING'S ELECTRIC LLC PARTS & LABOR AT TPNC SHELTER -CONS.....178.92

HENRY ADKINS & SON INC GEN. ELECTION- BALLOT CODING & TESTING, SUPPORT.....12,639.86

IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES AREA SIGNS, FILTERS - NATURE CENTER AIR EXCHANGE.....1,075.92

IOWA'S COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM,WINTERFEST REG. 2023- CHAD, JUSTIN, MATT.....390.00

ISAC,2023 ISAC OFFICERS SCHOOL-JAN. 2023.....200.00

ISAKSON, ZACH,MEAL & MLG REIMB SOR SCHOOL.....278.30

JENDRO INC,CC-RURAL RECY, GRBG PICKUP CO BLDGS & PARKS.....2,837.53

KOTTKE, RICH,VA COMM MTG- 10/26/2022.....25.00

KRIVACHEK JANITORIAL SUPPLYS CUST. EQUIP CO HERITAGE BLDG.....1,138.82

KUEHN, KATHRYN,LDG FOR IAC-CVSO FALL CLASS, VA COMM MTG, & NAT. ASSOC. OF CO

VET. SERVICE.....1,321.40

KWIK TRIP INC ,FUEL CO DEPTS.....3,510.95

LARKIN, DENISE,HCF - 11-01-2022 - ELECTION.....70.00

LEAF ,COPIER LEASE PAYMENT.....154.74

MAIL SERVICES LLC,PRINT & PSTG CO TREAS.....403.77

MASON CITY TIRE SERVICE STOCK TRES.....7,613.60

MATT CRAYNE,IAN CONF LDG & FUEL-11/04/22.....180.27

MERCY ONE MEDICAL CENTER INMATE MEALS - OCT. 2022.....968.00

MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP,CUST. SUPPLS CO BLDGS.....582.00

MILLER, KERRI J.,MEAL REIMB- SYMPOSIUM 10-16/18/2022.....63.14

MORRIS LANDSCAPING & GARDEN CENTER LLC,TREES FOR PARKS -CONS, REPLACED TREES- SEC RDS.....956.96

NASHUA REPORTER,MINS, CLAIMS, ASSIGNED PRECINCT.....943.28

NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTLS PHONE & INTERNET CO VA, ATTY & EMA.....300.31

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE CLAIMS, MINS, HELP WANTED ADS, & ASSIGNED PRECINCT.....2,044.68

NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF NOV. 2022 GARAGE RENT, AIRPORT PARK LEASE-10 YEARS.....1,260.00

NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER OCTOBER 2022 TOURISM CONTRACT, SIGNS.....1,096.25

NOSBISCH, RANDY,VA COMM MTG-10/26/2022.....25.00

NOSBISCH, SUSAN,GEN. ELECT.

TRNG -11.2.2022.....20.00

PETROBLEND CORP,LUBRICANTS.....3,433.20

PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC RODENT CONTROL - TPNC & LANDFILL.....105.20

RAPID PRINTERS / OFFICE WORLD CUST. SUPPLS CO BLDGS, INK CARTRIDGE & SUPPLS CO CONS ASSR SUPPLS, AMBULANCE SERVICE LOGO.....1,010.86

RAUSCH BROTHERS TRUCKING OF IONIA LLC,BLACK DIRT AT AIRPORT LAKE CAMPSITE WORK.....681.00

RICKS SERVICE CENTER LLC TIRES, SERVICE ON SHER. VEH., RPR LAWN TIRE - CONS.....1,101.85

RILEY'S INC,SUPPLS, COPY FEES & TONER CO DEPTS, CUST. SUPPLS CO BLDGS.....3,245.25

RIVERVIEW CENTER INC,RIVER CENTER FY22-23 BUDGET ALLOCATION.....2,000.00

S & T COLLISION CENTER AND AUTO LLC,LUBR. PARTS CO 19-19 CAR, TIRE RPR - JOHNSON VEH.....82.82

SANOFI PASTEUR INC,HIGH DOSE FLU VACCINE-PUBL HLTH.....2,983.37

SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE PAINT SUPPLS -HERITAGE,SUPPLS CO BLDG & DEPT.....219.21

SCOTT PHARMACY INC,MED SUPPLS INMATE.....47.30

SPEICHER, DEAN,VA COMM MTG- 10/26/2022.....25.00

STATE FOREST NURSERY TREES FOR GILMORE WAPSI WILD-LIFE AREA - CONS.....640.00

STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER AUTOPSY FEE CO RES.....2,046.43

SUPERIOR LUMBER INC,PLYWOOD -HERITAGE BLDG.....27.18

TREWIN PUMPING SERVICE HAUL LEACHATE FROM OLD LANDFILL- 10/04/2022.....175.00

TROYNA, SHIRLEY,MLG & MEALS REIMB -DISTRICT MTG.....72.23

TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES PARTS #22.....276.01

TUPPER, JOANNE,GEN ELECT. TRNG - MLG & SAL.....29.38

U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION CELL PHONE CO SR- SHOP & OFFICE, CO DEPTS.....673.21

VAN DRIEL, JUSTIN,REIMB - UNF.....69.99

VANGUARD PUBLISHING CO LLC AD FOR NOTICE OF GEN. ELECTION.....239.15

VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC PARTS & LABOR FOR CO VEH'S.....2,746.84

WELTON, DOUGLASS,GEN ELECT. TRNG - 11.2.2022.....20.00

WEX,FUEL FOR OFFICE VEHICLE - ASSR.....53.18

WINDSTREAM CORPORATION PHONE CO 911.....278.48

ZIEGLER INC,FILTERS & PARTS.....8,497.31

ZIP-AW DIRECT POLICE SUPPLS - A. HANSON, UNF ACCESSORIES SHER DEPT.....72.97

ZIP'S OUTFITTERS,UNF & LOGO DIGITIZING - CONS.....119.18

ZIPSE, MARGE,HCF - 11/01/2022 - ELECTION.....70.00

ZWEIBOHRER, ELIZABETH MLG REIMB FOR TOURISM.....36.25

GRAND TOTAL.....172,127.52

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CHAPTER 37
AMBULANCE SERVICE

37.01 Establishment

37.02 Membership

37.03 Crew Chief and Officers

37.04 Crew Chief Duties

37.05 Employment Status

37.06 Worker's Compensation and Liability Insurance

37.07 Persons Eligible for Service

37.08 Service Dog/Care Policy

37.09 Fees and Expenses

37.10 Calls Outside City

37.11 Bylaws

37.01 **ESTABLISHMENT.** A volunteer ambulance service is established to provide emergency ambulance services and related medical assistance to the residents of the City and the adjacent area.

37.02 **MEMBERSHIP.** Membership in the ambulance service will consist of up to 36 members and will be open to any City residents or residents of the immediate area with a minimum age of 18 years. Members shall be in good physical health and shall not have been convicted of any felonies or crimes involving moral turpitude. Members shall be high school graduates, possess a GED, or receive a diploma or GED within 12 months after application for membership. Members may be selected by the ambulance service in accordance with their internal bylaws subject to approval by the Council.

Members may be removed by the Crew Chief or by the Council for any violation of the rules of the service or for other good cause.

37.03 **CREW CHIEF AND OFFICERS.** The ambulance Crew Chief

and other officers shall be elected by the members of the service and may be removed by them. All elections and removals are subject to the approval of the Council. The Council may appoint or remove a Crew Chief or appoint a new Crew Chief at any time.

37.04 **CREW CHIEF DUTIES.** The Crew Chief or a delegated officer shall perform all of the following duties:

1. Supervise the care, maintenance, and use of all property of the service and maintain accurate records of all such property. Such records will be furnished to the Council.

2. Maintain an accurate record of all calls by the service, the persons on duty, the work performed, and the persons furnished service, and maintain all other records as required by law.

3. Supervise all members, their training, their performance on calls, and adherence to all laws, ordinances, rules, and internal bylaws.

4. Maintain accurate records for each member, including training certifications and attendance, and make copies of such records available to the Council. The Crew Chief will ensure that all members:

A. Have a valid operator's license.

B. Do not go on call while under the influence of any drug or alcohol.

C. Do not violate any laws.

D. Perform their duties in a professional and competent manner.

5. Provide for rules, not inconsistent with this chapter, and with the approval of the Council, for the operation of the service.

6. Prepare and administer an annual budget and certify all expenditures to the Council.

7. Make an annual report to the Council of all activities of the service, its budget, any future needs of the service and provide other requested information. The Crew Chief will further forward a copy of the minutes of any meetings by the service to the Council.

8. Maintain quality communications with State, regional and County emergency services, to represent the City in a positive manner with such organizations, to periodically review rules and regulations affecting the delivery of emergency services and to keep the Council advised of such information.

9. Perform all such other duties necessary to the operation of the ambulance service.

37.05 **EMPLOYMENT STATUS.** Personnel providing emergency services shall be considered to be employees of the City while in the performance of all duties and services reasonably connected with the operation of the ambulance service, for the purpose of the application of worker's compensation statutes and for the purpose of the application of liability insurance coverage.

37.06 **WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY INSURANCE.** The City shall purchase sufficient insurance to cover the members of the Board and all personnel providing emergency service under the worker's compensation statutes of the State and shall purchase sufficient insurance to protect the City against loss from damages or public liability resulting from the operation of the ambulance service. The amount of such insurance shall be determined by the Council.

37.07 **PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR**

SERVICE. All City residents or residents of the immediate area are eligible for assistance by the ambulance service in emergency situations. The City may, by resolution or approval of bylaws of the service, provide services to other persons.

37.08 **SERVICE DOG/CARE POLICY.** Generally, staff/employees may only ask limited questions if it is not obvious what a service dog provides:

1. QUESTIONS BY THE CREW

A. Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?

B. What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

2. REFUSAL OF SERVICE. Staff cannot require a doctor's note, inquire about handlers' disability, ask for an identification card or training certificate, and/or demand medical documents. It is important to note as well that the two questions above are only allowed if the disability is not apparent. For example, if the service dog is being used as a guide dog for a blind person, it would not be appropriate to interrogate them about their service dog.

3. REFUSAL TO TRANSPORT. Prehospital crews can refuse to transport a service dog for any one of the three primary reasons:

A. If the service dog will "fundamentally alter" the crew's ability to provide lifesaving care. When the patient is unconscious or in a condition requiring critical lifesaving treatment and the dog's presence would compromise the care or safety during transport, it's best to make other transport arrangements for the dog.

B. The dog is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it or

C. The dog isn't housebroken.

The patient is required to maintain control of the service animal at all times. This means that the service dog must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

The ADA doesn't specifically define who's responsible for the service animal should it not be transported, but best practices would certainly encourage prehospital crews to make every effort to reunite the dog, with the patient as soon as reasonably possible (e.g., private car transport with family, friends, law)

37.09 **FEES AND EXPENSES.** The Council shall, by resolution, establish a schedule of charges for individuals receiving the services of the ambulance service. Persons receiving services are defined as:

1. Those persons actually receiving services, such as first aid or transport by members of the ambulance service; or

2. A person or persons responsible for the care, custody or control or having legal responsibility for such person or persons actually receiving services or transport.

37.10 **CALLS OUTSIDE CITY.** The service may provide, in accordance with its bylaws, assistance to individuals outside the City limits. If such assistance is provided, it will be considered a call within the jurisdiction of the City.

37.11 **BYLAWS.** The service shall adopt appropriate bylaws that govern the

internal operation of the service, the delivery of services, the regulations of its members, and other matters. Such bylaws shall conform with all national, State, and local laws or other regulations governing the operation of an ambulance service. The bylaws or any amendments, are not final until approved by the Council.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

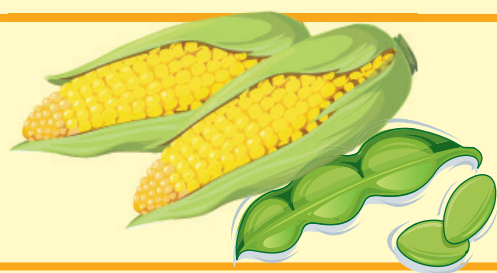
WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2022.

Alex Anthofer, Mayor
ATTEST: John Ott, City Clerk
"I, John Ott, as City Clerk, hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council and signed by the Mayor on the 7th day of November, 2022, and was published in the Nashua Reporter on the 21st day of October, 2022."

John Ott, City Clerk
Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain
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Salute to Corn & Soybean Growers

Trying to make farming more profitable

NHHS grad returns with family to start business

By DOROTHY HUBER
Of the Reporter

Tyler Underwood talks about a corn plant as if it was human. He wants to "help relieve stress off the plant, giving it a chance to relax and live longer."

Corn and soybeans are often under strain during the course of the season. Since yoga classes aren't exactly an option, the New Hampton native finds other ways to take stress off the plant. Though the Channel seed salesman has already done the selling and delivering, his job continues through the growing season. He scouts fields for weeds, disease and bugs, determining and suggesting to his customers what course of action he would take.

But the seed is where it all starts. "We focus on selling the highest performing corn and soybean genetics," said Underwood.

"The seed is the hub of the wheel and you have the spokes coming out from there. But the largest challenge is the weather. Breeding of corn and soybeans has come a long ways, right? I have hybrids that are drought-tolerant, I have hybrids that like stressed soil types. And I have hybrids in my portfolio that like really high-performing soils."

Another product Underwood sells and strongly believes in is Pivot Bio. That company is a stand-alone — not at all affiliated with Channel Seeds — and is focused on the replacement of synthetic fertilizer, as in, nitrogen. We've heard about the downsides of nitrogen, and the damage excess application can cause the environment.

"This is a biological product,

there's two biological strains combined into an on-seed treatment or an in-furrow liquid product. With biology what's important is proximity to the plant. It's way more efficient. The soil is a jungle full of animals, full of prey. Predator or prey. And what you don't want is to become a food source for something else, right? That plant needs it so you want it to be as close to the root as you can get it so that plant has the opportunity to pick it up.

"When it gets on the seed coat it begins to colonize, once it gets in the soil it starts to grow and this colonization of organisms grows with the plant."

Underwood said corn needs the biggest boost of nitrogen at the "V10" stage — which starts around five weeks after the plant emerges — until tassel.

"What Pivot does is it grows in the soil as the plant grows, producing nitrogen for the plant to take up and hopefully by the point when the plant is at V10 it's got the largest population in the soil to do it. What's crazy is, Pivot Bio allows the farmer to reduce commercial nitrogen by 40 units. It's a lot."

AFTER GRADUATION, and a four-year varsity wrestling stint as a Chickasaw, Underwood went to Iowa State and majored in agricultural study.

"That allowed me to see the bigger ag picture which helped me determine I wanted to do a minor in agronomy." His first internship was with Five-Star Coop in Lawler and he worked in Dike a few years, among other jobs. Along the way he found a motto he liked: "If people know you, like you and trust



Dorothy Huber/Reporter

Owners of Underwood Ag, Tyler and Morgan Underwood moved to the area a year ago and have been busy with the operation, as well as raising their son Raleigh, and daughter Aurora. One of the services Underwood Ag offers is strip tilling, and Tyler shows how a field looks (below) after the tilling is done.

you, it'll be easy to do business with you."

Also along the way, he found a soulmate that kind of liked him right back. Her name is Morgan and she is from Jesup.

"We were introduced by mutual friends," she said. "And I thought Tyler was such a character. About a year into our relationship, he was transferred to Indianapolis.... my friends were like 'are you sure you want to move to Indianapolis?' and I was kind of like, 'You think I'm going to meet another guy like Tyler?' and they said 'no, you're right, you should probably go.'"

Morgan has a degree in social work and psychology — which Tyler said she needs "to put up with me" — but what she uses more now as Tyler's marketing manager was experience she gained while studying abroad in Australia in media and marketing. She also picked up a Photoshop course that comes in handy.

"I'm not good at marketing," Tyler admitted. "I have ideas and Morgan's the one that makes it become reality."

Morgan updates social media and does other work on her computer during naptime for their two children, Raleigh —



who at nearly 2 has a hobby of transferring anything on any surface onto the floor — and Aurora at six months. Morgan also runs a 'doggy day care' for those who want to travel without the aid of their furry friends. "That's been super fun, it's mostly weekends but we've met some interesting people that way."

TYLER SAID a highlight of his wrestling career was being able to be on the same team as his brother, Nathan, and the two still work well together.

Tyler runs 58 acres with a large test plot at the farm where his grandparents, Mary and Justin Underwood, lived, not far from where the brothers, the sons of Ron and Deb

Underwood, grew up.

Nathan also lives nearby and the brothers do custom strip tilling.

"Part of the thing we believe at Underwood Ag that kind of sets us apart... we're very proud of the fact we want to be forward-thinking and we think

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Better technology leads to less chemical usage

UNDERWOOD : FROM 6

that less tillage and more precise placement of nutrients is what will help farmers be more sustainable in the long term," Tyler said.

"So with strip till, you're only tilling a band about 10 inches wide and when you're doing that pass, you're doing your fall tillage, your fertilizer application, and that strip is what you'll plant on the very next year. The fuel savings alone are tremendous."

They generally only use the practice in bean fields in the fall, since the corn stalk debris can blow around and cover the strips.

In between the 10 inch cultivated strips there's options. Bean stubble can be left there or a cover crop can be planted.

In the test plot Underwood is experimenting with buckwheat, red clover, rye and rapeseed.

Once he figures out which works best, he'll be better informed on what will work for his seed customers.

SINCE CHANNEL IS a genetically modified organism (GMO) seed — which Tyler says is "very safe," it's bred to resist insects and the amount of pesticide can also be reduced. The idea is by using technology, less chemicals can be used.

But the bottom line is the yield. Though the plant may look good late in the season, Underwood tries to make sure the yield goes from just OK to top-end. That's where the yoga classes come in.

"Late in the year is when you might need to apply a fungicide, that's when you start to see leaf lesions that will stress a plant and kill it from the top down. You want to provide the best offense for the best defense. The longer you can keep that plant alive, the more energy it can put into the kernel itself."

The fungicide only works about 21 days, so timing is crucial.

Then comes the, hopefully, big payoff — the harvest.

"I try to be present as much as I can, riding in the combine with farmers or running a weigh wagon. There we can calculate actual bushels down to the nearest two pounds." He also test the biomass to test the amount of chlorophyll in the plant.

He won't have much time to analyze the results, as corn is ordered and delivered to his place starting in December.

During the planning stage, Underwood tries to talk farmers into experimenting.

"I say 'take 10 percent of your acres and try something new, then take 10 percent of those



Dorothy Huber/Reporter

An Underwood employee works on putting the equipment away for the winter, including this rather large machine which Underwood employee Ron Carpenter uses to do custom strip tilling.

acres and try something wildly new and something wildly different."

IT'S BEEN A whirlwind time for the couple, as in the last year they've moved back to the area, had a second child and started a business.

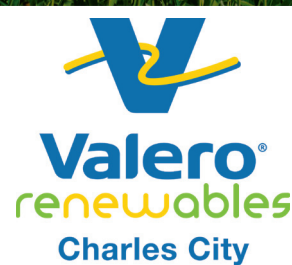
"As our family started to grow, we knew we wanted to be closer to family and our kids to grow up on a family farm, just

like I did. Both Morgan and I grew up in a small community, so we wanted that for our children as well.

"Having the opportunity to move back to Chickasaw County and work as a Channel Seedsman, allows us to surround ourselves with people who want to see us succeed, and at Underwood Ag that's our mission for our customers in Chickasaw County."

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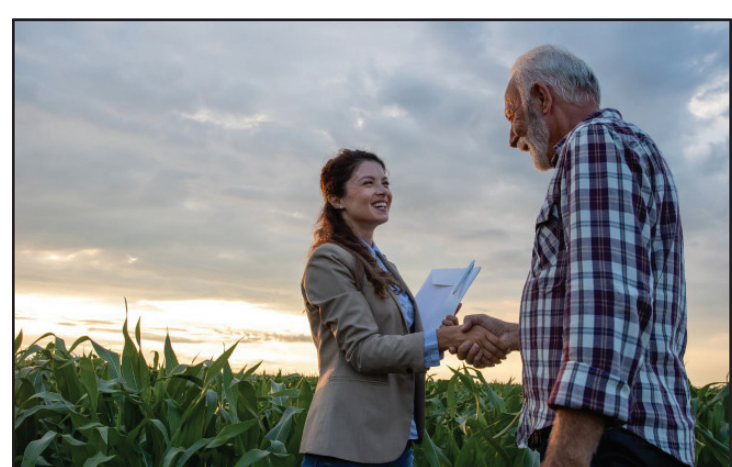
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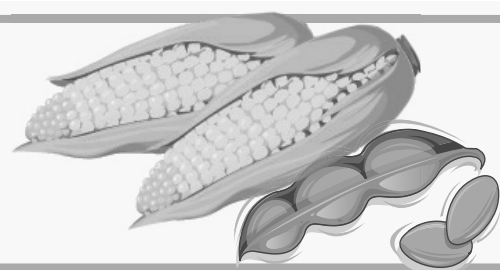
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Numerous other family members and volunteers helped with delivering meals and other food, and coordinating the harvest and grain delivery.

Linda Rosonke and family wish to thank everyone that helped out including Consolidated Energy, R & R Welding, Fidelity Bank, Randy Gilbert, and Five Star Coop for providing services, fuel, and food.

This harvest would not have been possible without the generosity of the community, friends, and family during this time. It is amazing to see how a community steps up and helps others out in times of need.

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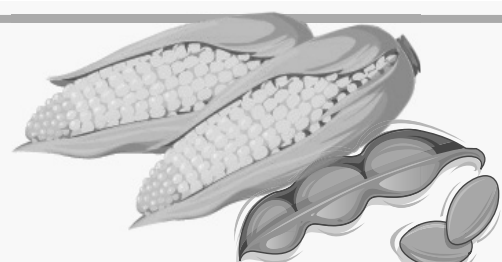
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Putting those soybean checkoff dollars to work

By **BETHANY BARATTA**
Iowa Soybean Association

Checkoff dollars support initiatives globally that boost demand and use of U.S. soy for humans and livestock. Tori Sorensen, a member of the U.S. Soybean Export Council's (USSEC) board of directors and chairwoman for the Soy Excellence Center, shares how USSEC works on behalf of soybean farmers in global markets.

How are you connected to the soybean industry?

I'm the marketing director for Insta-Pro International, based in Grimes. We manufacture chemical-free processing equipment, such as extruders and oil presses, to make food and feed ingredients like full-fat soy, soybean meal and soy oil.

Growing up on a multi-generational farm in southeast Iowa, I am proud to represent my family and farmers across America through my work with

USSEC.

Through my travels and communications with buyers worldwide, I believe U.S. soy is a solution that delivers an unmatched combination of proven quality, sustainability and unwavering reliability. U.S. soy is uniquely positioned to provide sustainable protein solutions for the complex challenges of a rising global population.

U.S. soy is often touted as being a first choice of customers globally. What makes U.S. soy stand out specifically to the livestock industry?

Protein. It's an essential part of human and animal diets worldwide. And as the world's population continues to grow, demand for all protein will remain front and center.

In fact, all signs point to significant growth in protein demand, a trajectory occurring over the last decade and predicted to continue through 2030.

This increasing demand for meat, poultry, fish and other protein sources puts U.S. soybean growers in a great position to be a preferred provider at home and abroad.

Globally, animal agriculture is the largest customer for U.S. soy; nearly 97% of all U.S. soybean meal ends up in feed. Poultry and swine are the largest soybean meal consumers. In 2020, these two groups consumed 88% of the soybean meal in the U.S.

Globally, food production systems rely on U.S. soy to be a consistent source of protein, and it's no secret that for poultry, livestock and seafood, U.S. soybean meal is the best source.

The key difference between the U.S. and our competitors is U.S. soybean farmers provide the feed industry with the most consistent and reliable source of soy protein in the world.

To meet the global demand for animal feed, the farmers who grow sustainable U.S. soy care about being a reliable supplier and take pride in providing a high-quality product to their international customers.

What does soy have that other ingredients don't?

U.S. soy is a source of com-

plete and essential nutrients for humans and animals, providing all nine of the essential amino acids necessary for a healthy diet.

Among global soy origins, U.S. soy has an excellent amino acid profile, increased metabolizable energy content due to higher sugar levels, lower fiber content and improved amino acid digestibility, higher total phosphorus content, and greater uniformity of nutrients.

U.S. soy also has a higher concentration of essential amino acids and digestible energy than soy from other origins.

Why is the amino acid component important?

Critical for animal function, amino acids are responsible for the growth and development of an organism, from building muscles and regulating the immune system to generating hormones and neurotransmitters.

Proteins are made up of several different combinations of approximately 20 amino acids. During digestion, animals break down proteins into individual amino acids that are absorbed into the bloodstream.

Out of these 20 amino acids, there are 10 that animals can-

not make. Animals can recycle some amino acids to build new proteins, but other amino acids, such as lysine, methionine and threonine can only be obtained through feed.

With 10 essential and 10 non-essential amino acids, U.S. soybean meal is cost-effective in supplying essential amino acids and has very good lysine content and digestibility. Soybean meal is also ranked high in threonine digestibility.

How are the soy organizations you are involved with helping producers across the globe learn how to utilize U.S. soy in livestock diets?

Education through training and relationship building is a cornerstone of our work.

Through USSEC, the U.S. soy industry has provided educational training for companies and individuals around the globe. In 2019, we took that training further by launching the first of five Soy Excellence Centers (SECs).

The SEC mission is to provide world-class workforce training and capacity building within the soy value chain to enable local visions for health, nutrition and environmental sustainability in collaboration with diverse food and agriculture stakeholders.

Our vision for SECs is to create a global network of tomorrow's leaders in soy across the globe. As a professional development program, SECs can provide a pathway for participants to achieve professional certification and career advancement.

How do SECs benefit the U.S. soy industry?

Soy Excellence Centers increase the capacity of enterprises in the protein value chain in emerging markets. This increased capacity leads to increased soy utilization and

diversified demand for U.S. soy. Individuals trained in SECs are the future leaders of the protein value chain in these emerging markets.

Through regular communications, advanced learning opportunities and protein value chain community development efforts, SECs create long-term connections and an affinity for U.S. soy among the future decision-makers in these emerging markets.

SECs provide a value-added service in the form of workforce training and capacity building for USSEC enterprises in emerging markets.

Are any new research opportunities on the horizon related to livestock feeding?

By investing in new feeding trials through the United Soybean Board (USB), we continue to showcase how new genetics improve the amino acid profile of the soybean, which translates to improved animal performance.

Is there anything else farmers should know about how their checkoff investment is used to build preference for U.S. soy globally?

We work hard to make farmers' investments work for you and future generations.

The U.S. soybean industry, supported by USB, works through organizations like USSEC and the American Soybean Association's World Initiative for Soy in Human Health to build relationships, provide networking and connect members of the value chain, ultimately creating long-term demand for U.S. Soy in developing and emerging markets.

These organizations allow soybean growers to differentiate U.S. soy and create partnerships built on trust and reliability.

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The Nashua-Plainfield High School gymnasium is packed with fans taking in the Little Husky Wrestling Tournament that was held this past weekend.

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Ty Berger (left) guards Cal Levi on Tuesday during the second day of practice for the N-P boys hoops team. Jalyann Pratt (below) takes part in a dribbling drill. The Husky girls team opens the season at Tripoli next week.



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Nashua-Plainfield senior Garret Rinken officially signed with the University of Northern Iowa on Monday to wrestle for the Panthers. Pictured are (front row, from left) Haley Rinken, Sydnie Martin, Janet Rinken, Garret Rinken, Lynn Rinken, Jayden Rinken, (second row) Nashua-Plainfield wrestling coaches Jason Fisher, Taylor Wedeking, Al Frost, Ben Kalainoff and Shane Huck.

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Of the Reporter

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That's a key attribute that has helped make Garret Rinken a champion for the Nashua-Plainfield Husky wrestling program.

It's also one of the reasons he signed on the dotted line Monday afternoon in the Husky's gymnasium to make it official – he'll wrestle for the University of Northern Iowa and head coach Doug Schwab next year.

Success often hinges on keeping one's composure in the most critical of moments. Couple Rinken's cool, calm and collected demeanor with his determined work ethic and talent and you've got a promising Division I wrestler that is more than likely in store for some big accomplishments down the road – on the prep or collegiate level.

Rinken – who also wrestles for Immortal Athletics out of Cedar Falls in the offseason – received some glowing compliments from his club coach, Cruse Aarhus, who like Rinken, has also won a prep state title out on the mat.

"His emotional consistency is better than anybody I've ever seen," said Aarhus, who was crowned a state champ for the Cougars



Nashua-Plainfield's Garret Rinken picks up a pin during the Class 1A state duals last winter.

of Cedar Rapids Kennedy in 2007 and went on to wrestle for UNI.

Rinken, an N-P senior, was the first highly-touted recruit to commit to the UNI Recruiting Class of 2023 back in May for Schwab – an Olympian, as well as a national champ at the University of Iowa and former state-title winner at Osage.

"I'm just happy for Garret and his family. I'm excited about Garret's future," said N-P head coach Al Frost. "We look forward to Garret down there in the purple and gold."

Frost – who won Nashua's first ever state title back in 1979 and also wrestled for Iowa – said Rinken will be the first ever

Division I wrestler in his 34 years of guiding his perennial-power Huskies.

Frost also knows his best wrestler is eager to reclaim another state crown.

"The work's not done," said Frost. "We got runner-up last year. That's still I'm sure a bitter taste yet – a bitter pill to swallow."

Frost – who began the official start of practice this week for his Huskies – is referring to Rinken's stunning 120-pound state finals loss to Lisbon's Brandon Paez last February. Rinken pinned Paez in the regular season and entered the marquee

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Luke Paplow and Hayden Munn (top left) play "Taps" at the conclusion of the high school program, Lyla Burrichter and Sarah Roeder join their instructor Carlee Bertram (bottom left) in doing the same at the elementary program, and Nashua-Plainfield High School students (above) thank veterans for their service.



Elementary student Joella Schmitt (left) recites the Pledge of Allegiance, one of the highlights of the elementary school program is the video (above) of veterans who are related to students and staff members and Harmony Iriarte (right) is among several soloists who sang during the program.



Veterans Day photos by Bob Fenske



Members of the Ralph Nicholson VFW Post 6792 Firing Squad (left) fire the salute at the conclusion of the program at high school, where choir students in grades 7-12 (above) sing the Armed Forces Salute.