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## 'Jail' vote could take place this fall

Supervisors get details on project that could cost between \$6.35 million and \$6.9 million

By **BOB FENSKE**  
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors learned Monday that the cost of remodeling the current Sheriff's Office building, removing the old jail and constructing a new building that would include five 24-hour holding cells will be

between \$6.35 million and \$6.92 million.

And the Samuels Group's Greg Wilde also told county leaders that there is still time for supervisors to call for a bond referendum election this November.

"You do have time for a November election, if that's what you want to do," Wilde said after making his

presentation to the board. "If that's not what you want you do, it's then a year later — in a presidential election."

Wilde's company was originally hired last year by both the county and the city of New Hampton to explore the cost of building a joint law enforcement center and either a new jail or a 24-hour holding

facility.

During a joint meeting between the Board of Supervisors and New Hampton City Council in March, the Samuels Group recommended that the county and city construct a joint

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## Mother Nature about to really ratchet up heat

Weather service says we are in for an extended stay in the '90s'

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

We hope you enjoyed Thursday's weather, when temperatures hovered in the 70s, a cool breeze blew and it was, well, just downright pleasant.

Heck even today is going to be pretty nice — a high of 81 with a low of 62. Again, our advice is to relish in what Mother Nature is offering because starting Saturday, she's going to turn exceptionally cranky as she begins delivering what forecasters say will be the longest heat wave of the summer.

The National Weather Service's forecast for the next five or so days is just downright ugly for those of us who aren't fans of extreme heat.

- Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 94.
- Sunday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 99.

- Monday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98.

- Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 94.
- Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 94.
- Thursday: See Tuesday and Wednesday.

"It's not exactly the forecast you want to see for the first week of school," said Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty, who oversees a school district that has very little air-conditioning in its buildings, "and we're going to monitor it and make sure we do the right thing for our staff and our students."

Students in grades 6-12 start classes on Wednesday, that day has been set aside for intake conferences and pictures at the elementary school, but save for the newer junior high addition at the high school, Nashua-Plainfield's school buildings do not have air conditioning.

"When the heat builds like this, the brick buildings hold it pretty well, unfortunately," Liechty said. "It takes a while for buildings like ours to cool down. We'll keep an eye on it and make decisions as we have to, but hopefully, this is one those times the weatherman is off."

But if forecasters are "on," the National Weather Service is reminding all residents that they need to take precautions during extended heat waves. Among the suggestions are:

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### It's going to be a hot time at Rendezvous Days this weekend

Hey, it was hot in the 1600s, too, right? And that means the show shall go on this weekend as the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum will hold its annual Rendezvous Days on the grounds of the museum located near the Little Brown Church.

Beginning today through Sunday, the annual celebration will have "fur traders from the 1600s" who will be around to trade and barter with attendees, who can also learn how to make rope, throw hatchets, see a blacksmith and tour the Bradford Pioneer Village.

Admission each day is \$5.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield football player Tate White gets ready to boot the football downfield during the Huskies' practice on Wednesday afternoon, and soon, White, his teammates and the rest of Nashua-Plainfield's students will be heading back to class. "Day 1" for students in grades 6-12 is set for this coming Wednesday, the same day the elementary school holds intake conferences.

## KICKING OFF SCHOOL YEAR RIGHT

N-P ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S ADVICE: MAKE SURE KIDS ARE RESTED AND READY WHEN THEY HEAD BACK TO CLASS

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

While Nashua-Plainfield teachers headed back to work this week — the district's new teachers met on Wednesday and the entire staff started in-service professional development on Thursday — summer continues for students.

But if Nashua-Plainfield Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer can offer some advice to her students and their parents, it is this: Enjoy the little summer they have left but start preparing for school.

"I think it's really helpful, especially for our younger students, to start the routine before school

starts," she said, "so that first day isn't like a bucket of ice water being dumped on our kids. So things like bed times, getting up in the morning, if you do that for a little bit before they actually come to class, it's a huge help, I believe, for students."

Wurzer's building is obviously home to Nashua-Plainfield's

youngest students as it serves those in preschool through grade five, and if there's a "bright spot" for those kids, it is this: Their older brothers and sisters have to go to class one day before them.

That's because the first official day of the school year, which is

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## School district getting ready to rebid diamond complex in Plainfield

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter



Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools is hoping the second time will be the charm when it comes to building a new baseball and softball complex on the site of the old school building in Plainfield.

Earlier this year, district voters overwhelmingly approved selling general-obligation bonds to fund the \$3 million project and the hope was that construction would begin on the facility that would include a high school softball diamond, a high school baseball diamond, two youth fields, a concession stand and other items as soon as the 2023 softball season ended.

But the project hit a snag this spring when

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## Cities express frustrations with supervisors over county's ARPA funds

By **BOB FENSKE**  
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Representatives of four Chickasaw County cities took the Board of Supervisors to task for turning down their requests for county American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for their municipalities.

In short, North Washington Mayor David Geerts, Alta Vista Mayor Kevin

Crooks, Ionia Mayor Randy Taylor and Lawler City Councilman Kurt Croell wanted to know why three supervisors — Jake Hackman, Scott Cewinske and Travis Suckow — voted against the requests during a meeting on Aug. 7 just two weeks after the board approved giving Nashua \$50,000 of county ARPA funds for engineering work on the dam that is located within the city.

During that meeting, the board voted 3-2 against the \$50,000 requests made by North Washington, Alta Vista and Lawler for various street projects in each town and also rejected a \$30,000 request from Ionia for improvements to its park and baseball/softball diamond that city officials say is used by residents of numerous county towns.

What rankled the four city officials

the most is the Aug. 7 no votes came without any explanation.

"We'd like to have an answer why one town gets \$50,000," Geerts said, "[and] other towns ask for street repair — actually streets that they own. We just want an answer on why they got turned down."

Geerts' reference to cities "owning" streets referenced the fact that there have been questions if the city

of Nashua even owns the dam; in fact, Chickasaw County resident Terry Johnson said the research he has done shows the city doesn't own the dam.

"I wouldn't half mind this thing if all the paperwork was done," Johnson said, "and they owned the lake, that's one thing. I'm not against the people of Nashua so if that's what people down

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Nothing, and we mean nothing, beats Day 1

Todd Liechty will be the first to admit that he's been around education for a long time; heck, when he was hired as Nashua-Plainfield's superintendent back in April 2021, he joked that he was an "old fart."



**Bob Fenske has been the editor of the Reporter since 2010, and he can be reached by email at editor@nhtrib.com.**

His career began in the early 1980s when Liechty took a job as a high school science teacher and coach at Davis County in Bloomfield, and his career as a teacher, coach, administrator has taken him to New London, Fairfield, North Mahaska and Mount Pleasant.

Much has changed in education over the last 40 years, but one thing remains exactly the same for the top administrator at Nashua-Plainfield.

Nothing, and we mean absolutely nothing, beats the first day of school, and for Liechty, the first day of the school year isn't when teachers report back to work; it means the first day the kids come to school.

"I'm not kidding one bit," he said, "but I'm as excited as a little kid every year when the students come back. Nothing

against the adults — we've got a great staff — but there's just something about having kids back in the building."

He paused for a moment, and although we were talking over the phone, I swear I could see the wide smile lighting up his face.

"They're just always so doggone excited," he said, "and that goes for all the kids. Look, I know there are some kids who don't like school — remember, you just called me old so I've been around the block a time or two — but that first day, they're just glad to see everyone, be back and all that. There's that 'I-can-do-anything' feeling on their faces and I love seeing that."

He'll get his opportunity to witness those looks next week as Nashua-Plainfield holds its first day of classes for grades 6-12 on Wednesday and for grades K-5 on Thursday. The latter — the youngsters of the district — will have intake conferences and a picture day on Wednesday.

I've written this before I'm sure, so I apologize for repeating myself, but the fact is I'm a lot like Liechty.

It's been five years since I sent my last child off to his final first day of school, but Wednesday and Thursday mornings, I will scroll through Facebook, see all the pictures of the kids going back to school



Kelly Terpstra's photo from the first day of the 2022-23 school year, in this columnist's opinion, captures the essence of the "first day of school."

and like them all.

Part of it is pure selfishness. The start of school means the long break that comes between the end of the summer sports season and the start of the fall sports one means I'll have games to cover.

And no offense to the Board of Supervisors, the city council and the school boards, I always joke that getting to go to a Tuesday night cross country meet, a Thursday night volleyball match and a Friday night

football game is well-earned payback for sitting through and covering meetings.

And I'll be honest, if we're "short" a story for this week's paper, having school in session helps a lot. I mean you can't just show up in the middle of a town in the summer and ask "can you put together a quick festival" so I can fill the paper, right?

But it's more than that. Really, I know I'm selfish, but I'm not that selfish. Or at least I don't think I am.

The emotion on Day 1 is what gets me the most.

The kindergartner who's not quite sure she wants to let go of her father's leg and be left in that classroom all alone.

The big brother holding the hand of the little sister as they walk into that big school building — and remember, when you're 5, even a small school like Nashua-Plainfield's seems gigantic — gets me every time.

So, too, does the picture our sports editor, Kelly Terpstra, took last year and that accompanies this column. I love that "hey-I-see-a-friend" look, one

I've seen countless times in my almost 40 years of covering schools.

I can go on and on. I love watching teachers greet their students, I love seeing some kids dress to the "nines" while others — who remind me of my sons, Josh and Noah — look like they grabbed the first thing they could find.

The funny thing is five years ago I didn't think I'd miss it all that much.

I. Was. Wrong. So. Wrong. When you're in the midst of being a parent to school-aged kids, back to school is, well,

it's stressful. The shopping, the physical, the getting them to actually wake up so they can be there on time ... it's a grind.

But it was always worth it — from K through 12 — when Day 1 rolled around. At our house, the tradition was we'd get up early, go out to breakfast, take the "first-day-of-school" picture and go to school.

It's one I miss, and if I could take a day off next week, I'd drive 7 1/2 hours to Carbondale, Illinois, take Noah

out to eat before his first day of classes at Southern Illinois University and drive 7 1/2 hours back home.

Granted, over time, the boys became less inclined with the pictures and one year, when I had a pressing deadline at work, I had to bribe them with five bucks apiece to stop at the office before they went off to high school. On a side note, if you saw the poses I got from them that morning, you would immediately realize how much they fleeced me that day!

So as we get ready for Day 1 next week, my advice to parents is to enjoy the grind, the headaches and the cajoling it takes to get your kids off to the first day of school. Trust me, you'll miss it.

And my advice to you kids is this: Take the dang picture and smile.

It means the world to your mom and dad, and think about it, they do a heck of a lot for you, right?

In the end, take it from two "old farts" — Liechty and Fenske — nothing beats the first day of school.

## School is almost here and it's time to get back into a routine with your kids.

Help give your child the best chance at learning. Here's a good guide for bedtimes based on your child's age.

What time should your kids go to bed?



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# BACK TO SCHOOL



## School hopes for lower diamond bids next month

**DIAMONDS: FROM 1**

the district opened bids on the project and the lowest came in at \$4.5 million, 50 percent higher than the engineer's estimate for the complex.

"We have to find a way to keep it at \$3 million," Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty said, "because that's the limit we can sell to pay off with our [SAVE funds]. So we went to work on it, came up with some changes and are hoping that with those and maybe better timing, we'll get there."

The district expects to open bids on the project early next month, and Liechty said he was still hopeful that the fields would be ready to be used by next summer. But he pointed out that one of the items removed from the bids the second time around was the "restrictions."

During the first bidding process, the district required contractors to begin working on the project as soon as the 2023 season ended and have them ready by the time the 2024 season commences in May.

Part of the issue with the high bids received in the spring was the fact that by the time contractors bid on the project, they had a "full season" of work on their plates. A fall bidding is usually advantageous because contractors are beginning to work on the following year's

schedule.

But Liechty said because of a dry summer, there may be contractors who have finished projects earlier than expected and still looking for work yet this fall.

"There just hasn't been that many 'lost days' this year when it comes to construction," he said, "so if they can start working this fall and finish it up in the spring, there could be a chance it would be ready for 2024. But right now, the important thing is the price and we're hopeful that we're going to get there."

He said among the changes in the call for bids this time around is the removal of some buildings, including a storage shed, moving the ticket booth and "crow's nests" for both diamonds from required to "options" and reducing the elevation of the two youth fields.

"The dirt to raise those diamonds wasn't the issue," he said, "but the trucking in of that dirt was really expensive, and I mean really, really expensive."

And although he was disappointed with the first bidding process, he said the project will still give Nashua-Plainfield what it needs.

"It's still going to be a very nice complex," he said, "and we think one that our communities will not only be proud about but also be well used."



Graphic courtesy of Mid-Prairie Community Schools

### Let's be careful out there!

School officials and law-enforcement are reminding residents to be "school bus aware" as the academic year begins and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said that motorists need to understand what those school bus lights mean. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. You should slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. You must stop your car and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving, before you can start driving again.

### Good news is first week of school is at least going to be 'short'

**SCHOOL: FROM 1**

Wednesday, is used by Nashua-Plainfield Elementary for "intake conference," in which parents and children bring their school supplies and meet their teachers.

This year, that day will also be used as the school's "Picture Day."

"We thought we'd give that a try so that parents can be there, make sure their kids

look good, you know, the hair is right and the collar is down and all that," Wurzer said. "The idea is that maybe this will help make sure parents get the pictures they really want."

If there's a positive about the start of the 2023-24 school year, it is the fact that it starts on a Wednesday. Under state law, schools can't start classes until Aug. 23, and when that date falls on a Monday, it

can be challenging for students, especially for younger elementary students.

"This is almost a perfect way to start the year," she said. "They'll come, meet their teachers and get their pictures one day and then have two days of classes. The start of the year is always tough on our littles. They're not used to sitting as long and honestly, a whole week during the first week can be exhausting for them."

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# William Arthur Kunzman, 85

William Arthur Kunzman, age 85 of Charles City and formerly of Nashua died Tuesday, August 14, 2023, at Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua with Pastor Todd Burrichter officiating.

Military honors will be held at the church following the service.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at Hugeback & Johnson Funeral Home/Olson Chapel in Nashua and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. A Masonic service will be held following the visitation by the Tyrrell Lodge No. 116.

Online condolences for the Kunzman family may be left at [www.hugebackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hugebackfuneralhome.com).

William, affectionately known to all as Bill, was born on Feb. 23, 1938, in Dubuque. Bill was a beloved figure in his community, known for his loving nature, thoughtful actions, and passionate dedication to the betterment of those around him.

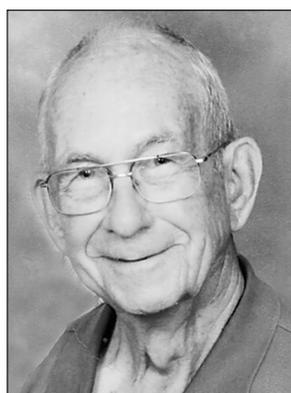
Raised in Dubuque, Elkader, and Strawberry Point, Bill's early education took place at the Strawberry Point School District, where he graduated in May of 1956. He then pursued higher education, earning a bachelor's degree in math and physics from Upper Iowa University and a master's degree in science from the University of Northern Iowa. His love for education and imparting knowledge would later steer him toward a fulfilling career in teaching.

Following his graduation, Bill served in the US Army from 1961 to 1963, a testament to his commitment to his country. He then embarked on his professional journey at Jessens Super Value in Strawberry Point, where he worked from 1963 to 1966.

In 1969, he found his true calling when he became a teacher at the Nashua/Nashua-Plainfield School Districts. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1997, touching countless lives and inspiring generations of students.

Bill's dedication to his community was evident in his active participation in various organizations. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua and held several offices in the local NSEA, including president, vice-president, and membership chairperson. He was a member of the Strawberry Point Jaycees, where he served as president, and he was affiliated with the NSEA, ISEA and NSEA teachers union. He served a term on the Nashua City Council and chaired the Nashua Park Board for over a decade, playing a crucial role in developing the park system, campground, boat ramps and Veterans Park.

As a lifetime member of the Nashua VFW Post, Bill was



Bill Kunzman

instrumental in the establishment of the tank and howitzer in Veterans Park. He and his wife, Phyllis, volunteered for the Nashua Ambulance Service, where he drove and she attended to patients. They also delivered Meals-On-Wheels to shut-ins, reflecting their shared commitment to community service.

Bill was the secretary of Bradford Lodge No. 129, a 32-degree Mason, and a member of the Iowa Consistory. After retirement, he became involved in Mabel's Building Mission and eventually took charge of the organization, leading a group of retired senior citizens in building homes for impoverished families in Mexico during the winter months.

Away from his work and community service, Bill enjoyed spending time outdoors, camping, and fishing. He was an ardent fan of golf and the Hawkeyes. He cherished his morning coffee sessions with the boys and loved taking his science club students on trips to Chicago, the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone.

In his lifetime, Bill was a beacon of love, thoughtfulness, and passion. He left an indelible mark on his community and the lives of those he touched. He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his wife Phyllis; step-son, Steven (Brenda) Thein of Austin, Minnesota; sister, Shirlee (Glen) Davidson of Brentwood, Tennessee; grandchildren, Tonia (Phillip) Knighten of Charles City, Trevor (Devinee) Thein of Mason City, Coty Hemann, and Dakota Thein of Maple Grove, Minnesota; great-grandchildren, Jalen Jones, Akil Knighten, Malik Knighten, Ana Knighten and Safiya Knighten all of Charles City, Asher and Kaylee Hemann of Maple Grove, Minnesota, and Everlee Thein of Mason City; sisters-in-law, Shirley Chesmore of Manchester, Carolyn (Tony) Kipper of Monticello, and Linda (Steve) Moritz of Manchester.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lowell and Ruby Proctor of Strawberry Point and William and Arlene Kunzman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and brothers-in-law, Dick Swartz of Manchester, Curt Chesmore of Manchester, and Steven Moritz of Manchester.

# William F. Wadey Sr., 86

William F. Wadey Sr., age 86 of Nashua, died unexpectedly on Friday, June 30, 2023, in an automobile accident.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 3, 2023, at United Methodist Church in Nashua with Russ Nesbit and Jerry Jennings presiding.

Interment followed at Oak Hill Cemetery with Chad Wadey, Jason Wadey, William F. Wadey Jr, Luke Wadey, Cameron Wadey and Landen Wessels serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Shawn Hauser, Olivia Rademaker, Belinda Swenson, Elizabeth Mahan, Brandie Rogers, Alicia O'Neil, Justin Marvin, Amanda Keyes, Ashley Hunstinger, Larissa Smith and Lakiesha Wessels.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

Online condolences for the Wadey family may be left at [www.hugebackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hugebackfuneralhome.com).

William was born on July 30, 1936, on a farm near Plainfield, the son of John and Martha Wadey.

He graduated from Plainfield High School in 1954.

After school he married the love of his life, Betty Hall Wadey, on May 21, 1955. To this union, five children were born. They eventually made their home on the family farm near Nashua where they lived for several years before retiring to their current home in town. He worked numerous jobs throughout his lifetime to provide for his family.

William loved the outdoors and spent countless hours fishing, hunting, and gardening. One of his greatest joys came from spending time with his family and friends, including the monthly family potlucks.

William accepted the Lord as



William Wadey

his personal Savior on October 16, 1966 by simply trusting that "Jesus died for me." He was in fellowship at the Antioch Gospel Hall near Clarksville, for several years, until he was no longer able to attend services due to his health.

William is survived by his wife of 68 years Betty Wadey of Nashua; three sons, Bill (Jackie) Wadey of Allison, Wes (Terri) Wadey of Charles City, and Doug (Kim) Wadey of Clarksville; one daughter, Lisa (John) Wessels of Allison; 17 grandchildren, Shawn (Aaron) Hauser of Greene, Bill Jr. (Maegann Townsend) Wadey of LeGrand, Luke (Krystal) Wadey of Allison, Olivia (Devan) Rademaker of Greene, Chad Wadey of Charles City, Jason (Sheila) Wadey of New Haven, Belinda (Jason) Swenson of Little Cedar, Elizabeth (Josh) Mahan of Nashua, Brandie Rogers of Charles City, Cameron Wadey of Greene, Alicia (Nate) O'Neill of Nashua, Justin (Michele) Marvin of Indianola, Amanda (Josh) Keyes of Charles City, Ashley (Patrick) Hunstinger of Mukilteo, Larissa (Matthew) Smith of Waterloo, Lakiesha Wessels of Cedar Falls, and Landen Wessels of Allison; 40 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Rhonda Aswegan in 1986.

# Agronomist frets over heat's effect on crops

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endangering your health. • Take cool baths or showers.

And maybe the most important tip is this one: Be a good neighbor. Check on your neighbors, especially older, sick, or frail people who may need help responding to the heat. Each year, dozens of children and untold numbers of pets left in parked vehicles die from hypothermia. Keep your children, disabled adults, and pets safe during tumultuous heat waves.

Maybe the most distressing part of the short-term forecast is the fact that it doesn't come with a single mention of rain, which means the drought situation in the area will continue to worsen.

While parts of Northeast Iowa saw decent rainfall last week, Nashua's official weather station reported receiving .94 inches of rain — far below the 2 inches of precipitation that was recorded just 16 miles away in New Hampton.

"It's not favorable forecast, not by a long shot," ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol said. "I'm a little concerned because we don't have the reserve moisture that you need going into a heat wave. And then the lack of storms; at least if you get that, you have a chance to recoup a little."

"So maybe a little concerned isn't the right way to say it. We're very concerned and all we can do right now is hope for the best."

Reduce, eliminate or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities until the coolest time of the day. Those particularly vulnerable to heat such as children, infants, older adults (especially those who have preexisting diseases, take certain medications, living alone or with limited mobility), those with chronic medical conditions, and pregnant women should stay in the coolest available place, not necessarily indoors.

Dress for summer by wearing lightweight, loose fitting, light-colored clothing to reflect heat and sunlight.

Eat light, cool, easy-to-digest foods such as fruit or salads. If you pack food, put it in a cooler or carry an ice pack. Don't leave it sitting in the sun. Meats and dairy products can spoil quickly in hot weather.

Drink plenty of water (not very cold), non-alcoholic and decaffeinated fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty. If you are on a fluid-restrictive diet or have a problem with fluid retention, consult a physician before increasing consumption of fluids.

Use air conditioners or spend time in air-conditioned location.

Do not direct the flow of portable electric fans toward yourself when room temperature is hotter than 90 degrees, because the dry blowing air will dehydrate you faster,

# New Service: Concussion Baseline Testing for the General Public!

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**How does baseline concussion testing take place?:**

Our athletic training and sports medicine staff will take your sons and daughters through baseline concussion testing utilizing Sway Medical, a platform created to test, organize and store baseline concussion data that can then be utilized in the case of a future head injury.

After registration, your son or daughter will download the "Sway Medical App" on their phone to perform the testing. The assessment consists of a series of tests

which will gather information on your child's:

- balance
- cognition
- reaction time
- inspection time
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**Where will testing take place?:**

Testing will take place at Waverly Health Center at Tendrils Roof Top Garden.

**When will testing take place?:**

Testing will take place at 7 pm on:

- Thursday, August 31st
- Thursday, September 7th

\*\*\*Please arrive at least 15 minutes early with the Sway Medical App already downloaded on your personal phone

**Who is eligible to sign-up for baseline concussion testing?:**

Our baseline concussion testing is offered to anyone currently in 7th grade or older! Candidates include athletes that participate in recreational sports such as rugby or club soccer as well as middle and high school sponsored activities such as football or volleyball. Testing is inclusive to all sports, not just those considered high risk or occur in the fall season. We are happy to baseline test any athlete that reside in or near communities we serve, including Waverly, Denver, Nashua, Sumner, and Parkersburg.

**Is there a cost for baseline concussion testing?**

Yes, there is a cost of \$30/individual for baseline concussion testing. How do we register for baseline concussion testing?:

**Register by scanning the QR code or utilizing the link:**

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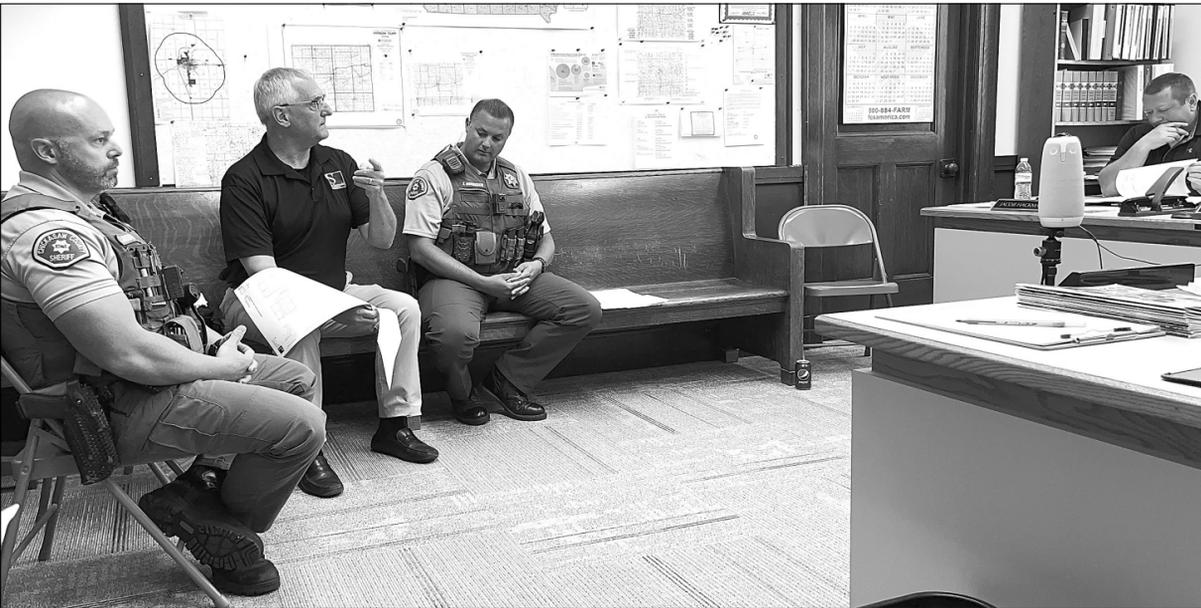
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The Samuels Group's Greg Wilde discusses his company's proposal for the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office as Sheriff Ryan Shawver (left) and his chief deputy, Zach Nobsbisch, listen during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

## Board chair asks if county should 'tap brakes' on insurance

**SUPERVISORS: FROM 1**

facility and a 24-hour holding center at a cost of \$13.24 million, of which \$2.81 million would be paid for by the city.

While New Hampton officials were willing to proceed on that proposal, supervisors balked at the joint facility and instead asked the Samuels Group to do another study and come up with a cost for a project that would use the 65-year-old Sheriff's Office and the adjacent parking lot.

Wilde returned on Monday and said the costs his company had come up with included architect/engineer fees, construction management fees and a 10 percent preliminary design contingency. He also added that Samuels Group calculated 8 percent for an "escalation factor" because of the increased cost of construction.

That total was just a little more than \$6.35 million, but Wilde said the Samuels Group also "highly recommend" that the county also put in new HVAC and electrical systems in the remodeled building, which would have an estimated \$564,500 to the project.

Wilde said the new building that would be constructed in the parking lot just to the north of the building would include five holding cells — two larger ones, two smaller ones and one that would be padded.

It would also include a "sally port" that would offer more safety and security to law enforcement officers.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver said he would favor taking the plan to voters this year for a couple of reasons. Waiting a year, he said, "could potentially add half or three-quarters of a million dollars to this number."

Shawver said the plan would satisfy concerns the state's jail inspector has long had about the current jail facility, but he said the sooner voters could weigh in on the matter, the better.

"I know November of this year is a tight timetable to work with," he said. "I know there's concerns about voter turnout, I just don't want this to get swallowed up in a big general election in '24. I want this vote to be done on the merits of the project and people who come to be educated on what they're voting for."

Shawver handed out information he asked Chickasaw

County Assessor Ray Armel to compile on what the tax impact would be if voters approved a \$6.35 million referendum.

Armel in a note emphasized his figures are "subject to change" but he estimated on a 10-year bond the tax impact would be about \$1.182 per \$1,000 valuation for "county rural" and \$0.814 per \$1,000 valuation for "county general." Those numbers would drop to \$0.707 and \$0.487 if the bond was sold to be repaid over 20 years.

Wilde told supervisors that a new law passed by the Iowa Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds earlier this year has reduced the county's options.

In the past, the county could have held a special election in either March or September, but bond referendums, thanks to the new law, must be decided during a general election.

But to get the question on this year's ballot means supervisors will have to make a decision in all likelihood this month or, at the latest, early next month.

"I would prefer that this option go on the ballot for this November," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "That's just my two cents."

The jail discussion was part of a meeting that lasted for more than 3 1/2-hours and included its chairman wondering aloud if the board should "tap the brakes" on a decision it made just a week earlier.

During a meeting with county employees on the afternoon of Aug. 7, board members voted 4-1 to begin contributing 75 percent of each employee's family health insurance premium, beginning Oct. 1.

Currently, the county pays 100 percent of single premiums and puts that amount to family plans, which works out to 41.69 percent of the family health plan premium.

Department heads, especially County Engineer Roman Lensing, have said the lack of

county contribution to the family health has made it difficult to attract and retain employees.

But Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said he was worried about the financial impact to the county and despite voting for the motion on Aug. 7, wanted to know "if the board wanted to tap the brakes just a minute and look at this."

Department heads reported to the board that at least 16 employees will in all likelihood switch to the family health plan with the changes approved Aug. 7.

That would mean the number of county employees with family health plans would jump from six to 22, with the possibility of nine additional employees who are considering the move.

"If you felt comfortable enough to set it at 75 percent, budget be damned," said County Attorney David Laudner, noting that supervisors knew the consequences and knew "you had to find the money ... what changed from then to today?"

That led Kuhn to reply that "there are other reasons that I can't share with the door open."

But two of the board members — Steve Breitbach and Scott Cerwinske — who supported the Aug. 7 motion both said they believed the board needed to stand by its decision to bump the county contribution up for family health insurance.

Hackman said he worried about how the county's "partial self-funding" (PSF) mechanism would handle the addition of so many family members, and he requested that the board meet with its insurance company to discuss the best way to protect the county's PSF, which he pointed out has already shown signs of strain.

Lensing, though, cautioned supervisors about vacating the Aug. 7 vote, saying morale of employees would take a "huge

hit." In the end board members did not make any decisions, except agreeing to meet this Friday morning to discuss the issue further.

## Briefs

### Carnegie to host annual 'Farewell to Summer' concert Sunday evening

The Carnegie Cultural Center will present a Farewell to Summer concert on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Mikkelson Park band shell in New Hampton.

Entertainment for the free event will be Barefoot Becky and Totally Rolled Ice Cream will be on the grounds from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the New Hampton Elementary School auditorium.

### 45th annual Czech Days kicks off three-day run in Protivin tonight

Czech Days is always a big celebration, but this year's event that kicks off its three-day run on Friday is even bigger than normal.

That's because this is one of those "every five years" that Holy Trinity's Czech Days includes a parade that will wind through the streets of Protivin, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The celebration begins Friday evening with the softball tournament, fireman's water ball, and "Tim the Music Man" performing before the fireworks show goes off at dusk.

In addition to the parade, Saturday's events include a host of activities and live music by "Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen" from 1 to 5 p.m., "Tim the Music Man" from 6 to 8 p.m. and "The Dweebs" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday's schedule includes the "Polka Mass" with "Mollie B" at 10:30 a.m., the "Community Band" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., "Mollie B & SqueezeBox" from 1 to 3 p.m. and "Malek's Fisherman's Band" from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

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Letter to the Editor

Supervisors need to thoroughly vet jail plan before sending it to voters

I understand that there may be movement forward for a bond issue regarding the remodel of the Sheriff's Office and demolition of the current jail and building a new 24 hour holding facility. This needs to be something that the Sheriff campaigns on for next year after it has reached a better assortment of voters for consideration rather than rushing it through for this fall. Informational meetings need to be held for sounding boards on this with the public. Some general observations based on the preliminary plans: 1) Asbestos mitigation. What has been done for a cost estimate on this? 2) The office for the Sheriff should be on the first floor to allow easy access for private meetings. 3) Consideration of turning the existing garage into a work room/stations for the Deputies. 4) What electrical evaluation in the existing structure has been done? 5) Consider a six-month trial now on using the existing jail in a holding capacity only transporting all prisoners not released to another facility out of county. This would give you some good cost estimates before moving forward. No remodel would be needed. 6) Remember, there is no fire sale here so to speak. They were awarded the best of the best in small Iowa jails two years ago by the State Jail Inspector. I have reviewed his most recent inspection and there were no glaring violations. His recommendation I believe was to develop a five-year plan for upgrading to a holding facility. 7) Obtain a fiscal note from the County Assessor on property tax increases for this proposed bond issue over the repayment period. 8) How or what formula was used to determine the number of holding cells? 9) In closing the jail and opening a 24 hour hold, is the position of jail administrator to be eliminated? Are the laundry and cleaning needs something that could be assumed by increased custodial staff? 10) Is it absolutely needed to have an office for the Chief Dispatcher? What additional duties will that person assume which would require this rather than being in rotation with the other dispatchers? These are only a few of my preliminary thoughts/concerns. I am sure myself and others that may look at the plans will have additional. This needs to be thoroughly vetted before obligating the tax payers with a price tag of \$7,000,000 or more. Doug Strike, Nashua

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Just hanging out in the tires!

Amara Gaede sits atop a tire while her friend, Kate Scharnhorst, peeks out from her perch as the two Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School students enjoy their last full week of summer on Wednesday evening. Scharnhorst is heading into the third grade this fall while Gaede will be a second-grader, and they will join 100s of other Nashua-Plainfield students in making the trek back to the classroom next week when the 2023-24 school year kicks off.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES August 7, 2023 The Board convened on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz, Custodian Dave Gorman, EMS Director Joel Knutson (on phone). Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for August 7, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from July 31, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. No public comment. Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to approve Alta Vista's request of \$50,000.00 from ARPA to help with cost for the replacement of S White Ave and W Weber Street. Roll Call: Aye; Breitbach, Kuhn Nay; Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion failed. Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to approve Ionia's request of \$30,000.00 from Chickasaw County to help with cost for the ball park diamond light project. Roll Call: Aye; Breitbach,

Kuhn Nay; Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion failed. Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to approve Lawler's request of \$50,000.00 from ARPA to help with cost for replacing box culverts. Roll Call: Aye; Breitbach, Kuhn Nay; Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion failed. Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Kuhn to approve North Washington's request of \$50,000.00 from ARPA to help with cost to seal coat. Roll Call: Aye; Breitbach, Kuhn Nay; Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion failed. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to direct Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner to draw up same Purchase Agreement with Franke's Farm with same terms as before and apply for a special use permit from Nashua. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Discussion and consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have Custodian Dave Gorman get sign bids for the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to put County Social Services (CSS) in room #7 of the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Discussion of and consensus to have Custodian, Dave Gorman finishing getting quotes for carpet for the meeting room at the Community Service Building. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the County Social Services Organizational 28E Agreement and approve chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Discussed and asked for some revision of policy #401 & #405 of the EMS policies. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve RESOLUTION NO. 08-07-23-65 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOME BASE IOWA PROGRAM WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor of the State of Iowa created a public-private partnership program called Home Base Iowa, which is an effort to match military veterans with jobs available across Iowa; and WHEREAS, Home Base Iowa consists of two separate programs—Home Base Iowa Businesses and Home Base Iowa Communities; and WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor of the State of Iowa is requesting Iowa businesses and communities support Home Base Iowa; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the residents and veterans of Chickasaw County to support Home Base Iowa. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims its support for Home Base Iowa, and encourages residents and businesses of Chickasaw County to take whatever actions are necessary for Chickasaw County to become and continue to be classified as a Home Base Iowa Community. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Office is encouraged and authorized to take actions consistent with this resolution in support of Home Base Iowa. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 7th day of August, 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Cerwinske, Breitbach, Suckow. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Letter of Intent with I+S Group (ISG) for Pipeline Inspection Services regarding proposed Homeland Energy Solutions private gas line. Roll Call: Aye; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. Abstained; Kuhn. Motion passed. Discussed postage machine quotes and waiting on lease agreement. No committee assignment updates. Motion by Cerwinske seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:24 AM. Roll Call: Ayes; Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried. Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor No. 23205 08/17/23 08/18/23

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Other cities say they, like Nashua, need ARPA funds

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they think of me, that's not it." Alta Vista's mayor said the issue was fairness and he pointed out that the cities that requested the funds are four of the five smallest in the county. "It would relieve a lot of pressure on the town," he said and pointed out that the city would use the county's ARPA contributions for a joint county-city project that would make major repairs to two streets in the city. "We're all little towns, too," he said. "We don't have the income the larger towns do." Croell also expressed frustration that it appeared the county didn't necessarily tie any strings to the ARPA money given to Nashua. "So basically the board passed 50 grand out to Nashua," he said, "to do whatever they want to do with it? .... Great for Nashua. ... I think it's fine that you gave one of the cities 50 grand. All these cities, we have issues as well, what are you going to do with them?" Two supervisors who voted against the motions told the city leaders why they voted against the motions. "The reason I voted [against], I'm tired of everybody wanting these ARPA funds," Suckow said. "I voted for Nashua because we're protecting our income. ... If that lake isn't there, there's a lot of tax dollars that won't be coming to New Hampton." But that argument could be applied to the other requests, Crooks said. "When you put a new street through town," the Alta Vista mayor said, "taxes on your property are going to increase." Hackman, meanwhile, said his no votes were cast for two reasons. When he originally voted to give the \$50,000 to Nashua, "it was pending a public hearing notice and a budget amendment, which these motions last week were not," he said, "but I felt the Nashua dam, along with the property values outside of Nashua, is an emergency situation. The others are maintenance issues." Later in the meeting — long after the city officials had left — board members did discuss the status of the county's ARPA funds, and Hackman said he felt that there was about \$500,000 of "unallocated" funds in the account. "I think we should use it to knock out a bridge," Suckow said. "Just my thought." But no motions were made and the supervisors ended Monday's meeting the same way they started it, with Nashua getting \$50,000 and the other four cities not getting any county money.

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# Chickasaw County Relay for Life 'revs' up for a cure

Although event isn't as large as it once was, American Cancer Society fundraiser is still 'really meaningful'

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

Landon Lechtenberg's stern facial expression didn't waver one bit Saturday afternoon as Olivia Eichenberger painted his face.

Until, that is, he got a chance to see the end result of the New Hampton High School student's artistic smile.

All of a sudden, the 4-year-old New Hampton boy's face lit up with a smile that could have lit up Mikkelson Park.

"Cool," he said as he looked over at his parents, Dustin and Jessica Lechtenberg. "I look awesome."

Yes, he did, and when the story was repeated to American Cancer Society Senior Development Director Hannah Mitchell, her face, just like Landon's, lit up.

"That's what the Relay for Life is all about," she said. "It's supposed to be a celebration of life. We're celebrating today the people who have taken on this dreadful disease and we're remembering those who may have lost their battle but who also gave us so many wonderful memories."

"Raising money, obviously, is important, but celebrating, to me at least, is more so."

So for a few hours, folks did both. They celebrated and they raised funds during the 2023 Chickasaw County Relay for Life, dubbed this year "Revvin' Up for a Cure."

So while little Landon and his older brother, 8-year-old Levi, were getting their faces painted, there was much more going on in the corner of the park that hosted the 2023 event.

The "Latecomers" team was selling raffles to two beautiful quilts — one for fans of the University of Iowa Hawkeyes; the other for fans of the Iowa State Cyclones — luminary bags were being decorated with pictures and messages, folks were taking in the sparkling cars and motorcycles, kids were enjoying the bounce house and



Bob Fenske/Reporter  
**A luminary bag (above) celebrates the Relay for Life event, where young Landon Lechtenberg (right) likes the end result of his face painting completed by Olivia Eichenberger.**



participants of all ages were partaking in some tasty food.

It may not be the all-night party it was years ago, but for those attending the 2023 version, the Chickasaw County Relay for Life still holds a special place in their hearts.

"It is different from the first time we were here," said Norma Hackman, a member of the Latecomers team that got its name when it showed up for its first Relay back in 2010 without a name, "but it's still very meaningful for all of us."

"We've all been touched by cancer, and we all know how important it is to raise money for this cause."

The team got its name way back when because when they arrived, they

were asked what their team name was?

"They said we have to have a name and since we barely made it here before it started," Hackman said with a laugh, "we were the Latecomers and it just kind of stuck."

Over the years, the group has come up with some unique ways to raise money. There were the four years in which they held its "Kiss a Pig" fundraiser, one that team member Sue Prosser estimates raised \$150,000 for the fight against cancer.

There have also been the selling of kolaches. And we're talking a lot of kolaches.

"We figured we've sold 3,800," Prosser said before pausing for dramatic effect. "And that's 3,800 dozens, not just 3,800 kolaches."

She laughed and pointed out the obvious. "That's a lot of calories, but it's also a lot of money for the American Cancer Society."

The Relay for Life, of course, has changed dramatically over the years.

At one time, most relays were 24-hour affairs in which participants walked around a track in an effort to raise money for cancer research and to help families going through battles against the disease.

While many of relays used high school tracks, Chickasaw County's relay used Ring Road in Mikkelson Park as its "track." In recent years, though, relays, including the one in Chickasaw County, have become more condensed.

Saturday's event began at 2 p.m., the opening ceremony was at 4, the luminaries were lit at 6 and the closing ceremony closed out the festivities.

"It is different these days," Mitchell said, "but it's still really important, really meaningful, to celebrate the people and the families who are going through this."



Bob Fenske/Reporter

**A group of men get a log ready to be cut in the saw mill at Pioneer Power Acres near Fredericksburg on Sunday while the rainy, drizzly morning kept the grounds (below) relatively quiet during the second day of the annual Northeast Iowa Antique Engine and Power Show.**

# Power Show folks won't argue with rain

After decent first day, weather holds down attendance at event celebrating area's farm heritage

By **BOB FENSKE**  
Of the Reporter

If there is a "target audience" for the Northeast Iowa Antique Engine and Power Show, it is those who farm or, at the very least, have an affinity for farmers.

So no one on the grounds of Pioneer Power Acres just outside of Fredericksburg was complaining about the drizzle and rain showers that fell Sunday morning on the annual event that takes attendees back in time to how farms were run early in the 20th century.

"We need the rain, period, so you're not going to hear a lot of whining from the guys out here," said club member Leo Deutsch. "It obviously hasn't helped attendance today, and we're a little limited on what we can do today, but again, we



need it so we'll take it." The two-day festival opened on Saturday under clear, sunny skies and those who were on the Pioneer Power Acres saw a number of demonstrations ranging from corn shelling to grain threshing to straw baling to hay loading to ensilage cut-

ting, just to name several. "It was obviously better yesterday," Deutsch said Sunday about the show's attendance, "but we also faced a lot of competition these days. You got the State Fair, a bunch of events around the county, we're kind of fighting for a piece of the pie."

Sunday's rain made for a relatively quiet day on the grounds, although guys like Ralph Schultz Steve Deutsch, Fred Murray, Ken Steege and Mitch Grahlman were busy in the "saw nukk."

Schultz is a Pioneer Power Acres "rookie," and he was the first to say he doesn't have any regrets about joining the group.

"I needed some logs cut up," he said, "and came out here to see if I could get that done and I realized right then and there that this is something I wanted to be a part of. We meet for

coffee once a week or so and then we go to work. I love the camaraderie, that's something I've missed in retirement, just hanging out with the guys."

For a while around noon Sunday, Schultz and his buddies were virtually the only "game" on the grounds, and the Beckers — a family of five from Cedar Falls — enjoyed the show and learned a thing or two in the process.

"We came up last year because the boys' great-grandpa told them stories about what it was like to farm back when he was a youngster," Jim Becker said, "and they actually loved it. I think the ice cream helped, but seriously, if you don't remember your heritage, that's not good. We were hoping the rain would hold off, but hey, we'll be back and we'll pay more attention to the forecast next summer and come on the nice day."

# Charles City voters to vote on \$28.5 million referendum this fall

If approved, the measure would fund a major renovation to high school, along with the construction of an auditorium

By **TRAVIS FISCHER**  
Of the Charles City Press

The \$28.5 million bond measure to fund the Charles City High School renovation and auditorium project will be on the ballot this November.

The Charles City Community School Board unanimously approved a resolution Monday ordering an election to issue a bond that will fund a major renovation and remodeling project for the district high school along with the construction of a brand new auditorium addition to the building.

"We have our signatures," said board member Pat Rottinghaus.

The district has collected, at last count, 582 signatures for the petition that would allow them to move forward with the bond measure, comfortably above the threshold needed to put the measure on the ballot.

To inform the community about the bond measure, the district has established a web-

site, charlescitybond.org, which features details about the construction plans, the impact it will have on area property taxes and the history of both the renovation and auditorium projects.

Rottinghaus suggested another method to demonstrate the importance of moving forward with the high school renovations, which includes installing a new HVAC system, would be by inviting the community to visit the building during the first week of school as temperatures are expected to exceed 100 degrees.

"I challenge the community to come up to the high school and feel what that feels like," said Rottinghaus.

Superintendent Dr. Anne Lundquist also noted that she is available to personally discuss the details of the bond measure with anybody that wishes to know more.

"I have a full set of resources available," she said.

# Nashua-Plainfield schools to join Leader Valley this fall

Leader Valley, a school-based initiative designed to empower students, has announced its expansion with three new schools, including Nashua-Plainfield Elementary and Middle/High School this fall.

Leader Valley Executive Director, Dr. Melissa Reade, states, "We are thrilled to be expanding the Leader Valley family! These schools have been in the Leader in Me process for a few years but recognized the importance of being a part of something greater for the benefit of their students. We are excited about what the Leader Valley collaboration can offer these schools to level up their Leader in Me efforts and are thrilled about the experience and expertise they'll bring to our other schools."



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Leader in Me is a school-based initiative designed to empower students with the mindsets and skillsets necessary for success in academics and leadership. Partnering with PreK-12 schools, Leader Valley assists educators in integrating Dr. Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People into the school's culture, fostering leadership learning at all levels.

Through Leader in Me, students of all ages learn to set and accomplish goals, assume ownership of their learning, contribute to school decisions, and hold leadership positions. These experiences cultivate vital employability skills such as work ethic, time management, teamwork, responsibility, and effective communication.

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary Principal, Shannon Wurzer, emphasized the significance of empowering children with leadership skills for their overall development. "We recognize that empowering children with leadership abilities from an early age is crucial for their development. By joining Leader Valley, we aim to create an environment where every student is encouraged to discover their unique potential, take initiative, and positively influence their peers and the wider community."

With the additions of the two schools in Nashua-Plainfield and Grundy Center, Leader Valley now has a membership of 37.

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# Nashua-Plainfield enjoys stellar FFA Breeding Beef Show at State Fair

One hundred-sixty exhibitors showed 214 animals on Thursday, Aug. 10, competing for top honors in the FFA Breeding Beef show at the 2023 Iowa State Fair. And when it was over, Nashua-

Plainfield students had claimed individual awards and the school's chapter had placed second overall in the chapter standings, trailing only the Agri-Power FFA of Eddyville-Blakesburg. Kael Chapman of Tipton FFA, was

awarded Champion Breeding Heifer. Riley Janson of Sioux Center FFA won the Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer. Third Place Overall Breeding Heifer was awarded to Tanner Curtin of

Williamsburg FFA. Nashua-Plainfield won two individual awards as Hunter Brase was the reserve champion for Red Angus and Luke Paplow won the same honor for Simmental.

Other FFA chapters that finished among the top 10 at the show included Pleasantville, Southwest Valley, Williamsburg, Clear Lake, Cedar Rapids Prairie, Creston, Tipton and South Central Calhoun.

## Tonight's the night to meet our Huskies

The Nashua-Plainfield Booster Club will be serving up some great food next Friday evening when the school will hold its fall sports Meet the Huskies Night.

Boosters will be serving a meal that will include pork burgers and Harrington sweet corn, beginning at 5 p.m. Cost of the meal is a freewill donation to the club that supports the Huskies in a variety of ways.

At 6 p.m., the coaches will introduce the members of the Nashua-Plainfield football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading squads before the Huskies take to the gridiron for a scrimmage against Waterloo Columbus that is scheduled to kick off at 6:30 p.m.



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MONDAY, AUG. 28

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TUESDAY, AUG. 29

Volleyball vs. Northwood-Kensett, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

Cross country at Charles City Invitational, Wildwood Golf Course, 5 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Mason City Newman, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

Varsity football vs. North Tama, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

Cross country at Wartburg Max Cross Country Course, 4:50 p.m.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

Cross country at Union Invitational, La Porte City Golf Course, 7 p.m.

Volleyball at St. Ansgar, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Varsity football at BCLUW, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

Varsity volleyball at Aplington-Parkersburg Invitational, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

JV football at West Fork 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

Cross country at Osage XC Invitational, Mitchell County Nature Center, 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Osage, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

Varsity football at AGWSR, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

Varsity volleyball at Nashua-Plainfield Invitational (teams include Clayton Ridge, North Linn, Rockford, South Winneshiek and Starmont), 9 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

Cross country at Denver Invitational, Willow Run Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.

JV football at AGWSR, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

Volleyball at North Butler, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

Cross country at Central Springs Invitational, Pioneer Town and County Club, Manly, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

Varsity football vs. Saint Ansgar, 7 p.m.



## Hanging around football training camp, Husky style

Reporter Sports Editor Kelly Terpstra spent his late Wednesday afternoon watching Nashua-Plainfield's football team continue preparations for its 2023 season opener, which will take place this coming Thursday when the Huskies travel to Postville to take on the Pirates in a non-district game. Among the shots Terpstra captured were Navarai Williams (above) trying to catch the ball in traffic, assistant coach Chase Sudol (below left) taking a turn at quarterback, Dylan Blanchard (below right) staying hydrated and a group of future Huskies (bottom) listening to their YSF coaches during a practice.



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# Nashua-Plainfield star picks up valuable experience in Fargo

Although Rinken fails to medal at nation's premier youth wrestling tournament, he vows to 'keep improving and keep getting stronger'

Jayden Rinken's already proven he's one of the better wrestlers in the entire state of Iowa.

Now the Nashua-Plainfield stand-out wrestler wants to continue to prove it to the nation.

Rinken traveled up north to Fargo, North Dakota last month to tangle with the best the United States had to offer at the USA Wrestling's Junior and 16U national championship tournament.

The Husky state title winner last year in Iowa at 106 pounds in Class 1A as a sophomore did not place at the world-renowned tournament at 120 pounds in 16U freestyle or Greco-Roman competition – but he's gaining valuable experience amongst the best the nation has to offer.

"This bracket was pretty stacked with a lot of good kids in it," said Rinken. "I was small for my weight class this year. A lot of the kids were bigger and stronger than me."

Rinken competed at the Junior Nationals last year in Fargo at 100 pounds and was crowned a double All-American. Jayden, a junior-to-be at N-P, placed third in the freestyle 100-pound weight division up at Fargo and placed seventh in Greco-Roman competition a season ago.

That set him apart from most of the 6,000-plus wrestlers that attended the esteemed event – which is the largest wrestling tournament in the world. Grapplers compete in six different tournaments over the course of a week.

Jayden was one of only three Iowans that were bestowed with double All-American distinction on the Junior level in 2022. The other two were Wyatt Voelker of West Delaware and Tate Naaktgeboren of Linn-Marr.

"This year bumpin' up 20 pounds to 120 – I don't think I was strong enough for 120 yet," said Rinken. "I was still growing. We didn't want to cut all that weight I just gained off."

Rinken – the younger brother of Garret Rinken, a two-time state champ for Al Frost's Huskies and current UNI Panther – went 3-2 in his freestyle bracket and 2-2 in his Greco-Roman weight class. Jayden



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Jayden Rinken, shown here competing for Nashua-Plainfield at the 2023 Class 1A state dual tournament, believes the experience of wrestling at the USA Wrestling youth wrestling tournament, will play dividends in future seasons on the mat.

competed on Monday and Tuesday (July 17-18) in his freestyle matches and Friday and Saturday (July 21-22) in Greco-Roman.

"Last year I was definitely a good size for my weight class. I wasn't small ... I was feeling good," said Jayden Rinken. "I was feeling strong down at 100. I had a little bit smaller bracket last year, which helped me win the matches and keep going on the front side and back side."

Jayden said there was around 150 grapplers in his 120-pound freestyle bracket, where he opened the second round – he received an first-round round bye – with an impressive 14-4 victory by superiority (VSU) over James Sievers of Georgia. That win – which is akin to a technical fall in folkstyle high school competition – saw the match stopped at 3:49.

Jayden – wrestling for Team Iowa – went on to pin Isaiah Torres of Hawaii in the Round of 64 after leading 3-0. Rinken stuck his Aloha State

opponent in 1:52.

That big pin advanced Rinken on to the Round of 32, where he celebrated a victory by points (VPO) over Brian Little III of New Jersey, 9-2.

That would pit Jayden in a showdown versus Karson Brown of Ohio in the Round of 16. Brown raced out to an 8-0 lead in the two-period, three-minute match and topped Rinken, 10-4. Brown would advance all the way to the semifinals, where he lost to national runner-up Michael Romero of California, 9-3.

Rinken's day would end on the back side of the bracket against Stephen Myers of West Virginia, an 11-0 victor over the Husky state champ.

Rinken worked his way to wins over a wrestler from Texas (10-2) and Florida (9-1) in Greco-Roman over the weekend. Both matches were stopped early via VSU's.

That meant Rinken squared off against Blaze Van Gundy of Ohio in

the Round of 16. Van Gundy won 8-2. Rinken's last match of his Fargo tournament came in an 8-0 loss to Dale Corbin of Wisconsin in the bloodround.

Fargo awards the top eight finishers in their weight class with medals. Pennsylvania won the 16U freestyle team title with 183 points.

Illinois was runner-up with 160 points and Iowa finished third with 156 points.

Illinois won the 16U Greco team title with 213 points. Iowa was runner-up (191) and Oklahoma was third (131).

Rinken said some of his training partners for team Iowa are Jace Hedeman (Union, La Porte City, two-time state champ) and Kade Blume, who won two state titles while wrestling for Roland-Story. Another grappler that also wore the Iowa singlet that Rinken has worked out with is Dawson Youngblut, who has competed for Don Bosco in previous

seasons, and is the son of Nashua-Plainfield High School principal, Dean Youngblut.

Jayden, who said he also competed in the Cadet National Duals in early June – which took place in the Rockford, Illinois suburb of Loves Park – said he's taking a short break before hitting the weights and wrestling room soon.

While the result this year at Fargo wasn't what Jayden wanted – he's still on a mission to be a three-time state champ at N-P and continue his onslaught in an effort to prove he's a top-tier wrestler in the nation.

"It was pretty disappointing. I would have really liked to do a lot better," said Rinken. "I just gotta keep improving and getting better for next year. I gotta stay in the weight room and keep getting stronger to make sure I'm stronger for those bigger weight classes."

Jayden was traveling with Garret on Wednesday to help move his older brother into his dormitory on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa – located in Cedar Falls. Jayden said classes at UNI start on Monday. Jayden said Garret did not wrestle at Fargo last month. Garret just got done with shoulder surgery according to Jayden. That didn't mean Garret couldn't give his little bro advice as a coach and provide Jayden with a formidable cheering section as one of his biggest fan.

Jayden – who also wrestles for Immortal Athletics – appreciated the support from not only his older sibling, but one of his mentors and biggest influences in his life.

"It's nice to get out there. It helps get your name out there a little bit when you do good," said Jayden Rinken. "All college coaches from the United States are in there watching, looking for new recruits."

"Just getting that experience in those big places, so that when you go to the state tournament or maybe get to college wrestling – you're not soaked up into the moment and you're not worried about your match. You just have that experience where you aren't going to get too overwhelmed."

I don't think any Husky wrestling fans or followers of Jayden out on the mat are going to have to worry about Jayden not being up for the challenge and being able to star under the bright lights and on the big stage.

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