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Nashua residents to supervisors: Slow down

Two former supervisors, former deputy tell board that it should explore other options for 24-hour holding facility

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Three Nashua area residents strongly urged the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors to hit the brakes on a proposed $13.2 million law-enforcement center and "holding" jail facility during the board's meeting on Monday.

Arnie Boge, Tim Zoll and Doug Strike told board members that before they move forward with setting up a Joint Authority Board with the city of New Hampton and putting a referendum to the voters, they should first look at all of their options, including remodeling the current jail and turning it into a 24-hour holding center.

"To jump off the cliff with a special election and a bond issue is not the answer," said Boge, who served on the Board of Supervisors for 24 years. "Slow it up, so we all know where we're going, so we can all support it."

Zoll replaced Boge on the board in 2011 and served 12 years while Strike was a longtime sheriff's deputy who ended his long law enforcement career as the marshal for the U.S. Northern District of Iowa.

All three emphasized that they supported law enforcement, but they questioned the need to replace a jail that not only they claimed was not an imminent danger of being closed by the State Jail Inspector's Office but also received an award from the

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Board OKs county budget with pay raises

Supervisors vote 4-1 to approve 23-24 levy that increases rural tax-asking by 11.38 percent

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday voted 4-1 to approve the county's 2023-24 budget and tax levy as presented, even though there was some discussion about lowering at least their pay in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

That means the county's tax-asking from rural residents will increase by 11.38 percent — from $2,065,067 to $2,300,000 — because of the new county-owned ambulance service and the relatively high inflation rate that has led to an increase in what supervisors call "daily operations."

The public hearing and subsequent discussion on the budget lasted for almost 30 minutes, despite the fact that just one county resident — James Cook of Fredericksburg — spoke during the hearing.

Cook took issue with the recent 2023 assessments that he said raised the value of his property by $75,000 and said that based on the higher assessments, the county could lower the levy rate, but both Supervisor Jake Hackman and Assessor Ray Armel clarified points.

"Those assessments came out on April 1 for next year's budget work session," Hackman said. "The new assessment that came out has nothing to do with today's public hearing."

Armel backed up Hackman's statement, saying that property owners will be assessed taxes on their 2022 assessment and he also pointed out that he expects the rollback to change next year,

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With AMR more than doubling request, Floyd County group looks at public EMS

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Charles City and Floyd County are again looking at the possibility of starting a public ambulance company as a way to keep the cost to provide ambulance service under control, although those involved say they realize it's not something that can be done quickly.

The possibility has come up again because the cost to subsidize AMR ambulance to provide countywide service will more than double starting July 1, going from the current $200,000 per year in the third year of a three-year contract that ends June 30, to $415,000 in the next year beginning July 1. It would continue to increase each year after that.

The Floyd County Ambulance Commission, which is charged with making recommendations to the Charles City Council and Floyd County Board of Supervisors regarding providing for ambulance service in the county, discussed the

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Photos courtesy of Jennifer Lantz

Nashua-area children (above) pick up Easter Eggs and candy during the annual event that is put on by the member of the Nashua Women of Today — including (below, from left) Jennifer Lantz, Angie Dietz Rachel Schneider and Candice Haugh — who took a moment to pose with the Easter Bunny at the Husky Wellness Center.

A group that does so much

Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt just one of many events that the small but mighty Women of Today sponsor

It was the spring of 2021, and I walked into the Husky Wellness Center on the Saturday morning before Easter.

The facility was filled with excited children and patient parents, many of whom were catching up on the latest news from around town. Near the entrance, Angie Dietz and Jennifer Lantz, looking a bit tired, were talking and making sure they had everything ready for the Nashua Women of Today's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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I knew both. Jennifer had been a longtime reporter for us at the paper before taking a job with the Foster Grandparents Program that serves a number of counties, including Chickasaw, while Dietz had served on the Nashua City Council.

What I didn't know was this: They were, at the time, the Nashua Women of Today.

"We knew our events were important to families, especially the kids," Lantz said, "so even though it was just the two of us basically, we didn't want anything to go by the wayside."

In the two years since, the Women of Today kept chugging along, putting on events like the Easter Egg Hunt, the Bike Rodeo, the annual Trunk or Treat event and Santa's Workshop while also handing out scholarships and helping with other events, for example the lineup of the big Water Over the Dam Days Parade.

And almost every time I talked with Dietz or Lantz, they asked me to include some kind of blurb that the Women of Today, i.e, the two women, would love to have some help in the form of new members.

Actually, it wasn't so much of an ask as it was a plea!

By golly, it worked. Granted two of the newest members are their daughters — Samantha Robinson and Kylie Dietz — but the Nashua Women of Today is now up to seven active members, including Candice Haugh, Amanda Huffman and Rachel Schneider.

This past Saturday, scores of

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Photo courtesy of Jennifer Kalainoff

It's good to be home champions!

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield boys track team pose for a photo after the Huskies convincingly won the team title at their home coed meet that was held Tuesday evening.

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Supervisor: Chair needs a 'timeout'

Suckow tells board he wants to 'rescind' January vote for Kuhn

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A member of the Board of Supervisors on Monday said he'd like to take back his vote for current Board Chairman Matt Kuhn that he made in January.

Travis Suckow's comments came six days after Kuhn and Supervisor Jake Hackman argued back and forth over comments Kuhn alleged Hackman had made during a recess at an April 3 meeting.

"Tuesday afternoon through Saturday, I took more calls than anything that has been going on in the county about the actions of the Board of Supervisors," Suckow said. "One person from out of the county called it a kindergarten class. ... And another person say that there's no respect because there's no leadership. As a representative

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Photos courtesy of Jennifer Lantz

Winners in the Nashua Women of Today Easter Egg Hunt included Huxton Wegner and Maizlie Sinnwell (ages 1-3), Knox Deutsch (ages 4-5), Cam Smith and Alexis Testorff (ages 6-7) and Colby Dieckman and Harmony Hiskey (ages 8-10).

Plenty of moms and dads captured memories for a lifetime during and after the annual Nashua Women of Today Easter Egg Hunt that was held Saturday at the Husky Wellness Center.

It's nice to see organization that puts on great events grow

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children and parents came together at the wellness center and enjoyed another great, albeit quick, Women of Today event. If only the kids would clean their rooms like they did the Husky Wellness Center floor, right?

And for once, it wasn't just Dietz and Lantz doing all of the work.

"It was kind of nice because we were able to sit back and make them do all the work," Lantz said with a laugh, "but seriously, it's nice to have people willing to step up and help us with these events. We want them to continue because we know the community loves them."

I'll vouch for that; after all, I've been to Trunk or Treat, for example, in both wonderful weather and not-so-nice weather. Remember the snowflakes that fell in 2021? Hey, I realize it's going to snow in Iowa, but in the week before Halloween? That's a cold dose of reality, but guess what? It didn't affect attendance that day one iota.

And these events don't just magically materialize. Hours of work went into Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt, and that old saying about many hands make light work is old for a reason — it's true.

And while seven pairs of hands may not seem like many, it does when for a few years, there were just a couple doing the work.

It also takes money to come up with prizes, to buy candy, give a bike or two away every year at the Bike Rodeo and to award those scholarships.

You can help out by going out to eat on Tuesday, May 16, at the Applebee's in Waverly, which will donate a certain percentage of your meal costs off its "Together We Care Menu" to the Nashua Women of Today. So take a night off from cooking and enjoy a family night down the road.

The Nashua Women of Today will appreciate it. So, too, will the hundreds of kids who come to their events every year.

And if you're a woman from Nashua, I'll make one more suggestion — think about joining the growing group. Trust me, women like Lantz (641-330-6481) and Dietz (319-239-2174) would love to hear from you.

It's always fun for Easter Egg Hunt organizers to see kids with that "I-don't-know-about-that-Easter-bunny" look!

Briefs

It was nice while it lasted but summer's leaving this weekend

If you're enjoying our heat wave, we've got some unfortunate news for you — summer's departing this weekend.

Nashua's high temperature today (Friday) is expected to hit 81, marking the fourth straight days we've basked in the 80s, but as the saying goes, all good things must come to an end.

By the end of the weekend, we're going to be looking for those jackets we put away as our high temperatur on Sunday is expected to top out at 46. And it's going to feel even colder, too, as northwest winds of 26 to 33 miles per hour, with gusts of near 50 miles per hour, are forecast.

Still, the cold blast isn't going to last long; highs are expected to be back in the 60s by Tuesday.

Everybody Hurts run/walk/ride set for April 28 in New Hampton

Everybody Hurts is looking forward to its third annual 5K, which will be held on Friday, April 28 at Mikkelson Park in New Hampton. This is open to anyone. Check in will begin at 4:30 p.m. that day and the event will start with the opening ceremony at 5:45. The race promptly begins at 6 p.m.

There will be a free will meal and a silent auction from about 4:30-7:15 p.m. If weather is a factor, the race will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 9 a.m.

This year there will be a little twist to the event as a 5K Walk, Run, or Ride is being introduced. "We have been listening to feedback and have decided to add the bike piece this year," said the press release. "We will also have the shorter route for those who still want to participate, but may not be able to do the longer distance."

Everybody Hurts is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit who helps educate the community on suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

Organizers emphasize that this is not just a New Hampton event but one for all of Chickasaw County.

Floyd Ambulance Commission to gather information on public service

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possibility of creating a new public ambulance service at its meeting this week.

Dawn Staudt, the station manager and supervisor of AMR ambulance service in Charles City, is an ex officio (non-voting) member, and Steve Diers, the Charles City city administrator, works with the commission in an advisory capacity.

At the commission meeting, Diers said it wouldn't be possible to start a new service by the time the current contract ends June 30, so the only option for the immediate future is to continue to subsidize AMR.

"I guess no service is an option," he said.

Starting their own ambulance service "looks like maybe we could find some stability in an unstable world, but we need to figure out something in the short term," Diers said.

Floyd County Supervisor Jim Jorgensen, the chair of the commission, said the group needs to consider which direction they want to go.

"I think everyone agrees we need ambulance service," he said.

Charles City Council member Keith Starr said he hadn't been in favor of starting their own service last year when the topic came up as part of the EMS Essential Services tax levy referendum process, based on the AMR subsidy level at that time and what was expected to be a $226,000 subsidy cost in the first year of a new contract.

But when the number from AMR came in at $415,000, Starr said, "it looks more likely."

The group discussed a new contract with AMR, and Starr said it needs to go at least as long as it would take to start their own service, meaning probably at least two more years, and maybe three years with the option of buying out the third year of the contract if a new public service is ready to take over.

The subsidy cost under the current AMR contract has been split equally between Charles City and Floyd County, although with the recent communication from AMR regarding the new subsidy rate the Floyd County Ambulance Commission has requested that the Floyd County Medical Center consider also helping pay the subsidy.

Members of the Ambulance Commission and Diers made a presentation to the Floyd County Medical Center Board of Trustees at that board's meeting last week, and although the trustees had a lot of questions and concerns, they seemed inclined to be willing to contribute $100,000 for the next year.

The Ambulance Commission agreed to form a committee consisting of Starr, Jorgensen and Parcher to gather information including expense and revenue numbers from public ambulance companies that are currently operating.

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Arvan Haase, 74

Arvan Haase, age 74 of Nashua, died Monday April 10, 2023, at his home in Nashua surrounded by his wife and six children.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 14, 2023, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua with Pastor Drew McHolm officiating.

Military honors will be conducted immediately after the service outside of the church.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

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

Arvan was born on March 4, 1949, to Arnold and Arla (Bentley) Haase in Charles City. As a child he grew up in Plainfield as the Haase's only child until his sister was born when he was 13 years old. His work ethic started as a teen when he spent many hours working for a local farmer. This work ethic carried with him throughout his life.

Upon graduating from Plainfield High School, Arvan served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1972 and worked on planes that were part of the attack squadron on the aircraft carriers Midway and Ranger which were located off the shores of Vietnam. He continued his service in the Army Reserves for an additional year.

Arvan Haase

After the military, Arvan began his career in servicing Harvestors and more importantly, building relationships with many farmers throughout Iowa and surrounding states. No need for a phone book, he had a knack for remembering everything numbers. His 34 year career started at Skyline Harvestor and ended after 19 years of being the co-owner(with Eileen) of Haase Sales and Service.

Arvan met Eileen Wood and it was love at first sight. The spark was lit and burned brightly for decades. The two were married on Dec. 14, 1973, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

The family grew to include six children; Teresa, Michael, Julia, Brenda, Tina and Rebecca. He may have been a man of few words but had a wit and good-natured sarcasm that made him fun to be around. Even though he may not have been physically involved in the "kitchen talks" he knew exactly what was being said.

Arvan did love a good card game, especially schafkopt and cribbage. Upon retirement he enjoyed the Subway coffee club and tinkering with his pride and joy, his 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air.

Arvan was also just about the best grandpa and great grandpa there was, and trust us, they got by with way more than their parents did.

He belonged to the VFW, the American Legion and the Little Brown Church, where he served on the Church Council for a number of years.

All of us are going to miss Arvan. He was a standout husband to Eileen for almost 50 years, and he loved his family with all his heart. We're going to miss that smile and those great one-liners, but we know that Arvan today is sharing his wit in a far better place.

Arvan is survived by his wife, Eileen of Nashua; his son, Michael (Tommy) Haase of Des Moines, his five daughters, Teresa (Robert) Tobin of Nashua, Julia (Paul) Bartczak of Manhattan, Illinois, Brenda (Mike) Carr of Urbandale, Tina (John) Palanchar of Manhattan, Illinois, and Rebecca Haase of West Des Moines; his grandchildren, Nathan and Nicholas Hof; Alex and Brady Carr, Dylan Nosbisch and Bryce Bartczak; his step-grandchildren, Spencer Bartczak, Bailey Falcone and Cody, Jacob and Derrick Tobin; two great-grandchildren, Gemma and Titan Hof; and one sister, Aloha (Larry) Oudekerk of New Hartford.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Elmer and Ferne Wood; and

Janette 'Fuzz' Hesse, 72

Janette "Fuzz" L. Hesse, age 72 of Readlyn, and formerly of Plainfield, passed away on April 6, 2023, at UnityPoint Hospital, Allen Memorial in Waterloo.

Janette was born on Feb. 25, 1951, in Nabers, Nebraska, the daughter of Lester and Fern (Bowslough) Fernau.

Janette grew up in Nebraska until her family moved when she was 9 to the Plainfield area. She graduated from Plainfield High School in 1969.

Janette was united in marriage to Doyle Woodman on June 9, 1969, at the First Baptist Church in Plainfield. Doyle passed away on April 9, 2000.

Janette was united in marriage to Craig Hesse on August 14, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Plainfield.

Janette worked with the Nashua-Plainfield schools for 22 years, where she started as a teachers aid. She later became head secretary with the school and retired in 2010.

Janette enjoyed being outside and could be found planting flowers and working in her gardens. She took great pride in taking care of the house and the yard. She also helped Craig with the farming when needed. She was an avid Hawkeye fan. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Janette Hesse

Janette is survived by her husband, Craig Hesse of Readlyn; two sons, Tim (Jenny) Woodman of Plainfield and Wes (Christo Leiso) Woodman of Readlyn; five grandchildren, Zach, Kaylynrae, Ellie, Bradie, and Grace; and three sisters, Joann Norwood, Sandy Nieman and Janice Dietz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Doyle Woodman; a brother, Ted; and two sisters, Debbie and Tammie.

There was a visitation on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, where there was a one-hour of visitation prior to the service.

Burial of her cremains will be held at a later date in Sunnyside Cemetery in Charles City.

Memorials may be directed to the family and online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn is assisting the family.

NIACC Center to break ground today

By Bob Steenson
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A groundbreaking has been planned Friday morning, April 14, for the new NIACC Career Center, which will offer technical education for students from seven area high schools including Charles City.

Dr. Steven Schulz, North Iowa Area Community College president, was the guest speaker at a recent Charles City Rotary Club meeting and gave an update on the project, which has been in the works since January 2021.

Although this is the second career center to be established by NIACC – the first being in Forest City, which began accepting high school students in the fall of 2021 – this is the first to not only include multiple high schools, but also several community college districts, he said.

"What makes it unique is there's seven school districts from three community college territories," Schulz said. The community school districts, in addition to Charles City, are Riceville, Osage, Nashua-Plainfield, Clarksville, North Butler and Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock.

The community colleges are NIACC, Northeast Iowa Community College and Hawkeye Community College.

Schulz said community colleges are usually "pretty parochial."

"We don't leave our territory without permission from the other community colleges, so there's lots of people to thank" for making the Charles City career center idea work, he said.

The career center will be created at the current NIACC Center in downtown Charles City, at 203 Brantingham St. The center had originally been planned for new construction at the Floyd County Fairgrounds, but rising construction costs forced a change to look for repurposing an existing building.

Bids were let on the downtown building project in February, and Woodruff Construction LLC of Waterloo submitted the winning low bid of $4.784 million.

The Charles City Council agreed to essentially give NIACC the part of the city-owned parking lot south of the existing building to expand into.

"What we'll be doing is renovating the existing center, and adding about 9,500 square feet to the south end," Schulz said. The construction project will include work throughout the existing building, including a new electrical system.

"Actually, the longest part of the project is waiting for the new transformer to get here. It's a year out," Schulz said.

The construction timetable calls for the Charles City project to be completed in March 2024, and Schulz said they will begin to use the remodeled building immediately, but the high school career center classes won't start until the new school year begins in the fall of 2024.

The career center will offer classes to mostly seniors from the seven participating high schools in four "career academy" subject areas: advanced manufacturing, construction, information technology and health care.

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A pretty cool gift

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors members and New Hampton city and business leaders pose for a photo Tuesday morning with Lorraine and Kathy Weidler, who donated more than $221,000 to the county for the courthouse's new elevator in memory of Debbie Weidler, a longtime social worker who passed away this past October.

Lorraine Weidler said it was her daughter's wish that her estate help those in need as Debbie Weidler faced a number of health challenges in her lifetime, including receiving one of her mother's kidneys in a 1987 transplant.

"Elevators and ambulances were very important to her," Lorraine said the day before the ribbon cutting when she told her daughter's story, "and we felt that if we could donate the money for the elevator, hopefully that would free up some money for that third ambulance and help that emergency service. I know she'll be smiling down on us tomorrow. I know that for a fact."

Pictured are (from left) Supervisors Scott Cerwinske, Travis Suckow and Steve Breitbach; Chickasaw County Tourism Director Liz Zweibohmer; New Hampton Mayor Bobby Schwickerath, Kathy and Lorraine Weidler; and Supervisors Matt Kuhn and Jake Hackman.

Max Reeves, 80

Max Reeves, age 80 of Nashua, died Monday, April 10, 2023, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Bethany Alliance Church in Charles City with the Rev. Coutler Page officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Bethany Alliance Church in Charles City prior to the memorial service.

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

— Mr. Reeves' full obituary will appear in next week's edition of the Reporter

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Board members keep 9 percent pay raises for elected officials in budget

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which means taxes won't increase by the same percentage that property assessments increased.

He also pointed out that the supervisors were only certifying to the "state their tax asking; the state certifies the levy rate."

Cook, though, asked the supervisors to be cognizant of the county's spending and who will actually pay the bills. While he accepted the information Hackman and Armel gave him, he added, "However, there's nothing wrong with leading the way. Be a leader for the state by watching out for us out there who are paying this."

After the public hearing closed, supervisors spent a considerable amount of time talking about the 9 percent pay increases the Board of Supervisors voted in late 2022 — before current Supervisors Scott Cerwinske and Travis Suckow became members of the board — to give elected officials in the county.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn joined Suckow, Cerwinske and Steve Breitbach in saying that maybe supervisors should pass on the pay raises.

"I have no problems not taking a pay raise," Cerwinske said. "I'm OK with that [the other pay raises] because we're trying to catch up with what happened last year."

Hackman, though, didn't agree.

"I've always said this is not for me. I'll be gone here shortly. It's for the people coming in," he said. "We've always heard it ... how do you attract people to run for this office? ... What are we, 87th, I believe in the state of Iowa. Again, this is not about me. I say if you do it to the supervisors, you have to do it across the board."

County Attorney David Laudner repeated his belief that if supervisors didn't want to take the pay raise that they needed to pass a resolution 30 days before the budget was adopted.

"I guess my comment is the code says 30 days prior to the adoption of the budget," he said. "I think that's how it has been widely interpreted. I can see an interpretation the opposite way. ... But I think you open yourself up to someone saying that's not right."

Hackman, who has consistently opposed the budget because of the tax-asking jump from Rural Services Basic, finally "called the question." The board voted 4-1, with Hackman casting the lone nay vote, to approve the budget with the raises and tax asking as presented.

Suckow says he wants to 'rescind' vote for chairman

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of my district, I take offense to."

Suckow said he was disappointed that "attacks" were made in a public meeting and that he believed that if a supervisor had a problem with a fellow board member, he should talk "one-on-one and not have a shouting match."

"As one person put it, you put first-graders in a timeout," he said. "I know someone has asked the chairman to step down and take a timeout. At this point, I'm asking the same thing. I don't know if I can do this now or it has to be done other ways ... but I would like to rescind my vote of Jan. 3, 2023, for the chair."

Suckow was one of four board members, the lone exception was Hackman, to vote for Kuhn to serve as the board chair for a second consecutive year.

He made his comments during the "public comment" portion that is held near the beginning of each meeting, and Kuhn said he would be willing to put it on next week's agenda and "we can discuss it."

Briefs

Understanding Dementia benefit set for tonight in New Hampton

A benefit dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight (Friday) at the Chickasaw Event Center with the program "Understanding Dementia."

The benefit dinner — with proceeds to go to Chickasaw Chassis Improvements — will include dessert and there will be guest speakers and a silent auction.

Those attending are asked to RSVP to Morgan at 641-394-3173. Organizers are also seeking table sponsors.

Soil and Water Conservation scholarship applications due May 1

Two scholarships in the amount of $750 each will be available for high school seniors to apply for, sponsored by the Chickasaw County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Fidelity Bank & Trust, Bank Iowa, Luana Savings Bank, Security State Bank, Farmers Win Coop, First Citizens Bank, and Lincoln Savings Bank.

Selections will be made based on leadership, character, career, scholastic achievement, and conservation message and will need to be submitted to the Chickasaw SWCD at 420 W. Milwaukee Street, New Hampton, Iowa by May 1.

High school seniors can apply for the 2023 scholarship by visiting the website at http://www.cdiowa.org/awards.html.

Food bank to distribute next week

The Northeast Iowa Mobile Food Bank will make its monthly stop in Chickasaw County on Thursday, April 20.

Food will be distributed at Trinity Lutheran Church from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and the event is open to all residents of Chickasaw County.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

Former Chickasaw County Supervisor Arnie Boge (left) and Sheriff Ryan Shawver discuss some of the concerns Boge and two other Nashua area residents, Tim Zoll and Doug Strike, have about a proposed new law enforcement center and 24-hour holding facility during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Residents want supervisors to explore options

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Department of Corrections for being the "Best of the Best" in the Small Jail Division.

All three attended the joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the New Hampton City Council on March 20, when the Samuels Group presented its jail feasibility report and recommended that the city and county come together to build a $13.2 million law-enforcement center that would include a 24-hour holding facility to replace the current jail that is located across the street from the courthouse.

"At first I thought that's a pretty good idea," Boge said, but then added that the more the trio analyzed the Samuels Group presentation, the more questions they had.

Boge also questioned moving the Sheriff's Office to the southern edge of New Hampton's city limits, saying that he felt it was important to have the sheriff and deputies close to the courthouse.

"Whenever we called over to 3121 ... somebody was over here in about 30 seconds if you needed them," he said, "and there's something to be said for that, to have the presence of law and order in the proximity where you're doing business."

The three also questioned why the current jail couldn't be turned into a 24-hour holding facility, and Sheriff Ryan Shawver said that the Samuels Group said it wouldn't be feasible.

"Once we close ours, there's no opening it back up unless it's brought up to current jail standards or current 24-hour holding standards," he said. "The minute you start remodeling anything in there, you've got to bring it up to those standards."

Strike said he is more than willing to work with a committee or help the Sheriff's Office in any way. He said he supported the plan presented by the Samuels Group when he first heard it on March 20, "but when I got to analyzing, that's where these questions came up."

County Attorney David Laudner said that while he understood the trio's concerns, he also urged supervisors to reach out to get a professional opinion on how much it would cost to turn the current jail into a 24-hour facility.

"If the board is going to take that avenue, the board needs a professional person, similar to the Samuels Group, to give that opinion what that is," he said.

"You get a professional Plan B — not a hodgepodge, no disrespect to you guys ... [but] the first 20 minutes you guys said I heard this and I heard this and some of it wasn't even true. To me, if you're going to do it, you're going to get an actual Plan B, then hire a Plan B."

Supervisor Scott Cerwinske, who represents the Nashua area, appeared to support finding the costs of a Plan B.

"I don't think it would hurt to look at some other options, whatever that entails," he said. "I've probably had more phone calls on this issue than anything that's been brought up in the last three weeks."

Boge said the most frustrating part of the process was the Samuels Group's push for a special election, one that the company's founder, Sid Samuels, said during that March 20 meeting would allow voters to focus on one and only one issue.

"When I heard [Samuels] suggest to both boards that they do a special election so that it would lower the voter turnout, I was surprised that nobody came up out of the chair," Boge said. "To suppress the vote? That's not necessarily representing the will of the people. It's trying to represent the will of a special interest or to drive something through."

Supervisors decided to invite the state jail inspector and a bond attorney to a meeting, and board member Jake Hackman had questions about forming a Joint Authority Board with the city, something the New Hampton City Council agreed to during a meeting last week.

"You know, there were some City Council members that I don't think they understood what they voted for," he said, pointing out that it would be the Joint Authority that would put on the referendum and would have control over the new facility.

He said he wanted to know if the New Hampton Industrial Corporation would consider donating the land to the county if the city wasn't involved, and Chief Deputy Zach Nosbisch, who served as New Hampton's police chief until last month, said he would talk with Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson, and later in the week the IDC board unanimously voted to not offer the land to the county if the city wasn't involved.

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Husky boys still working on eliminating the 'big numbers' on course

Boys Golf: From 8

54 at home on Tuesday.

The low scores for N-P on Tuesday came from junior Wyatt Bouillon (49) and freshman Devon Blanchard (49).

"Wyatt can really move the golf ball off the tee," said Trost. "He's a little inconsistent with where it goes."

Sophomore Ty Berger shot a 51 at Osage and 53 the next round. Fellow sophomore Cal Levi carded a 52 Monday and followed that up with a 54 Tuesday.

Tyler Zimmer, another freshman for Trost, saw his best round come at home with a 57.

"We talked on the way home the other night from Osage. I said you're showing spots of brilliance, but there's that inconsistency where they keep grabbing a big number on one or two holes," said Trost. "We just gotta eliminate the big number that just kind of blows your round up."

N-P played its fourth meet of the year on Thursday at Round Grove Country Club in Greene. That meet is hosted by North Butler.

Trost is hoping his contingent of Huskies can find lower rounds without the added strokes that have held them back from more consistent play this early on in the season.

"We've just got to clean some stuff up and stay away from big numbers on holes," said Trost. "We'll start to get there."

OSAGE QUADRANGULAR TEAM SCORES

Osage 153, West Fork 166, Nashua-Plainfield 197, Riceville 219.

Medalist - Leo Klapperich (O) 36.

Nashua-Plainfield scores - Dawson Glaser 44, Ty Berger 51, Cal Levi 52, Wyatt Bouillon 55, Tyler Zimmer 62, Devon Blanchard 50.

N-P TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORES

Dunkerton 191, Nashua-Plainfield 205, Clarksville 214.

Medalist - Mason Michels (D) 43.

Nashua-Plainfield scores - Glaser 54, Berger 53, Levi 54, Blanchard 49, Bouillon 49, Zimmer 57.

Community Foundation highlights work in 2022 annual report

The Chickasaw County Community Foundation's 2022 annual report is now available on the Community Foundation's website at www.chickasawccf.org.

The report highlights key impacts made and lists funds held with the Community Foundation along with grant-funded projects.

In 2022, a total of $136,189 in grants from all charitable giving funds of the Foundation were awarded to organizations benefiting Chickasaw County residents and communities. Since the Foundation's establishment in 2005, $1.5 million in grants have been awarded.

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The Foundation helps meet the county's needs through funds held with the Foundation and by increasing connections between people and the organizations that serve them.

For questions about the report, contact Jenna Flugum, marketing and communications manager at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, at jflugum@cfneia.org or 319-243-1366.

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RESOLUTION NO. 04-10-23-26
Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds

To All Property Owners in Chickasaw County, IA

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY

Passed and approved this 10TH day of APRIL, 2023

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors announces that the deadline for destruction of Noxious weeds is June 1st, 2023, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed Noxious weeds. This includes weeds on farmlands, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, properties within city limits, and all lands within the limits of the County. Those persons not controlling their weeds in compliance with Iowa's Weed Law, Code of Iowa Chapter 317 Noxious Weeds, and Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Administrative Rules Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds will be notified to use appropriate methods to eradicate or control the weed problem. Failure to do so can incur penalties including, but not limited to, daily fines for non-compliance, and the Weed Commissioner or Deputies entering upon the land to control the weed problem, with all costs, including fines and administrative costs, levied against the landowner. Iowa law provides these assessments can be attached to the real estate tax of the land for collection. Weed eradication/control will still be required to be implemented in all cases where penalties are assessed.

The following weeds have been declared Noxious:

Class A Noxious Weed for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri)

Palmer Amaranth must be eradicated. Each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Chickasaw County shall seek cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, which may include the department's farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency's state office, or any other office or official designated by the department, if Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri)is found on lands enrolled in the conservation reserve program as described in 7 C.F.R. pt. 1410

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control:

a.Canada Thistle (Cirsium arvense)
b.Teasel (Dipsacus spp.) biennial
c.Leafy Spurge (Euphorbia esula)
d.Bull Thistle (Cirsium vulgare)
e. Multiflora Rose (Rosa multiflora)
f. European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis)
g. All other species of thistles belonging in the Genus of Carduus

Matthew Kuhn, Chairman
Attest: Sheila Shekleton,
Chickasaw Co. Auditor

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
April 4, 2023

The Board convened on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa and Suckow Absent. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Terry Johnson, Joan Knoll, Bob Fenske, member of the media.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for April 4, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent- Suckow Motion carried.

Supervisor Suckow arrived 9:04 AM

Budget Work Session

Motion by Cerwinske seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 9:45 AM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske and Hackman, Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
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ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
April 3, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske and Hackman 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, Terry Johnson, Bridget Edson, Alta Vista Mayor Kevin Crooks, Dee Larkin, Assessor Raymond Armel, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Engineer Roman Lensing, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, EMS Director Joel Knutson, MercyOne Aaron Flugum, Louise Harris, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Jeremy McGrath, Environmental Health Director Penny Andorf, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Ahlers & Cooney Human Resources Ann Smizek, Custodian Dave Gorman

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for April 3, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from March 27, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Public Comment Dollar General is closing the sale on April 11, 2023 and Attorney Dave Laudner is working on the deed.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Hackman to enter 9:10 AM PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 03-20-23-22 A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A PROPOSAL TO SELL THE REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL 2022-48. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Email from Assessor Raymond Armel in support of sale.

No public comment

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to close at 9:12 AM PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 03-20-23-22 A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH A PROPOSAL TO SELL THE REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL 2022-48. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 04-03-23-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL 2022-48 and authorize chair's signature on Quit claim Deed. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. 04-03-23-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING *THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS SURVEY PARCEL 2022-48 TO ROBERT HANSEN FOR $200.00*

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors set forth a proposal to sell to Robert Hansen for $200.00 the real property identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48, and legally described as a parcel of real property located in part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 18, Township 94 North, Range 14 West of the 5th P.M., in Chickasaw County, Iowa, described as commencing at the center of said Section 18; thence on an autonomous G.P.S. bearing S 89° 44' 31'' W (record S 89° 05' 50'' W) 795.26 feet along the south line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) to the centerline of Amherst Boulevard; thence N 21° 54' 20'' W (record N 22° 33' 01'' W) 391.76 feet; thence N 66° 43' 17'' E (record N 66° 03' 50'' E) 60.28 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard and the northwest corner of Chickasaw County Recorder's Fee Book 2015-0404 and point of beginning of this description: thence continuing N 66° 43' 17'' E 159.04 feet (record N 66° 03' 50'' E 159.14 feet) along the north line of said County Recorder's Fee Book 2015-0404 to the northeast corner thereof and the westerly right-of-way line of Nashua and Charles City Road; thence north-westerly 303.16 feet along a 196.20 foot radius curve concave southwesterly having a central angle of 88° 31' 55'' and chord bearing of N 75° 49' 24'' W 196.48 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard; thence S 21° 48' 38'' E 119.53 feet along said easterly right-of-way line to the point of beginning, said parcel containing 0.29 acres, and held a public hearing on April 3, 2023, pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.261(2), after publishing notice of said public hearing; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors believes the sale price to be reasonable when taking into consideration the nature of the real property and the overall needs of Chickasaw County; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors believes the sale of the real property to be in the best interests of Chickasaw County; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors intends to proceed with the sale of the real property identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48 to Robert Hansen for $200.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors authorizes the sale to Robert Hansen for $200.00 the real property identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48, and legally described as a parcel of real property located in part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 18, Township 94 North, Range 14 West of the 5th P.M., in Chickasaw County, Iowa, described as commencing at the center of said Section 18; thence on an autonomous G.P.S. bearing S 89° 44' 31'' W (record S 89° 05' 50'' W) 795.26 feet along the south line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) to the centerline of Amherst Boulevard; thence N 21° 54' 20'' W (record N 22° 33' 01'' W) 391.76 feet; thence N 66° 43' 17'' E (record N 66° 03' 50'' E) 60.28 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard and the northwest corner of Chickasaw County Recorder's Fee Book 2015-0404 and point of beginning of this description: thence continuing N 66° 43' 17'' E 159.04 feet (record N 66° 03' 50'' E 159.14 feet) along the north line of said County Recorder's Fee Book 2015-0404 to the northeast corner thereof and the westerly right-of-way line of Nashua and Charles City Road; thence north-westerly 303.16 feet along a 196.20 foot radius curve concave southwesterly having a central angle of 88° 31' 55'' and chord bearing of N 75° 49' 24'' W 196.48 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard; thence S 21° 48' 38'' E 119.53 feet along said easterly right-of-way line to the point of beginning, said parcel containing 0.29 acres, and directs the Chairman and the Chickasaw County Auditor to sign any and all documents necessary to facilitate and finalize the sale of the real property.HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 3rd day of April, 2023. Ayes: /ss/Matthew Kuhn, Scott Cerwinske, Jacob Hackman, Steve Breitbach, and Travis Suckow. Nays: None. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

QUIT CLAIM DEED

For the consideration of One Dollar ($1.00) and other valuable consideration, Chickasaw County, Iowa, does hereby quit claim to ROBERT HANSEN the following described real property: a parcel of real property located in part of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the

Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 18, Township 94 North, Range 14 West of the 5th P.M., in Chickasaw County, Iowa, described as commencing at the center of said Section 18; thence on an autonomous G.P.S. bearing S 89° 44' 31'' W (record S 89° 05' 50'' W) 795.26 feet along the south line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) to the centerline of Amherst Boulevard; thence N 21° 54' 20'' W

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Recorder's Fee Book 2015-0404 to the northeast corner thereof and the westerly right-of-way line of Nashua and Charles City Road; thence north-westerly 303.16 feet along a 196.20 foot radius curve concave southwesterly having a central angle of 88° 31' 55'' and chord bearing of N 75° 49' 24'' W 196.48 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Amherst Boulevard; thence S 21° 48' 38'' E 119.53 feet along said easterly right-of-way line to the point of beginning, said parcel containing 0.29 acres, identified as Survey Parcel 2022-48

This transaction is exempt from transfer tax pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 428A.2(21) & (19). The undersigned hereby relinquishes all rights of dower, homestead, and distributive share in and to the real property. Dated: April 3, 2023 CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA ss Matthew Kuhn. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor NOTARY PUBLIC Donna Geerts.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention month. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded Hackman to proclaim the week of April 3-9, 2023 as Public Health Week. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussed with Public Health Director Lisa Welter about two awards that were awarded: Environmental Health Professional of the Year to Penny Andorf and Health Department of the Year Award to the Chickasaw County Public Health.

Discussed design consultant contract and payment options between Chickasaw County/City of Alta Vista and Erdman Engineering/WHKS for road reconstruction with Alta Vista City limits. The federal grant does not cover survey cost. There was a consensus from the Board of Supervisors to cover up to 40% of the design costs within city limits of Alta Vista.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve and authorize chair's signature to Enter Premises with Merle & Delores Brannon for Chickasaw County FHWA Bridge #111720 Supplemental Pile Project. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chair's signature to Enter Premises with Dale Kolbet for Chickasaw County Culvert Lining Project on V18. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motions by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.5(1)(J) TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE at 10:10 AM Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motions by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to close CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.5(1)(J) TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE at 10:20 AM Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

No action taken out of closed session.

Discussed with EMS Director about possible building locations.

Discussed with Jeff Bernatz the purchasing a server for the Radio Tower Project for $2,000.00 and have him turn it into insurance.

Discussed sale of 910 East Main St, New Hampton, property and earnest money.

Discussed proposed Law Enforcement Center and asking if City of New Hampton was interested in a joint authority with Chickasaw County.

Discussion on Election Equipment Proposal was tabled to next week.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve and authorize chair's signature on Cowbell Cyber Insurance. Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried

Recessed at 11:20 AM

Resumed at 1:00 PM

1:00 PM entered CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.9 A MEETING OF A GOVERNMENTAL BODY TO DISCUSS STRATEGY IN MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO ARE NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 20 IS EXEMPT FROM THIS CHAPTER.

2:17 PM came out of CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.9 A MEETING OF A GOVERNMENTAL BODY TO DISCUSS STRATEGY IN MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO ARE NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 20 IS EXEMPT FROM THIS CHAPTER.

Summary; Vacation policy discussion-follow current policy until Board of Supervisors approve change or approach Board of Supervisors to approve variation in difficult to fill positions.

Supervisor Cerwinske left at 2:28 PM

Discussed going out for RFP for HR Services and Union Negotiations Representative.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS-Supervisor Breitbach—Northeast Iowa Community Action- March 27

Supervisor Cerwinske—Pathways-March 27

Motion by Breitbach seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 2:36 PM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Hackman, absent Cerwinske Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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Huskies back at home next week

80-degree weather helps Huskies post several season-bests at home co-ed track meet

Girls Track: From 8

N-P finished second with 87 team points to the team champion – Northwood-Kensett (112 points).

The distance medley squad of junior Jordyn Frost, sophomore Marleigh Lowe, freshman Jalissa White and junior Ellie Eick produced a season-best by over 18 seconds to earn first place. Their blue-ribbon clip amounted to 4:50.85.

The Huskies also won the 4x400 with a PR of 4:29.6. Frost led off the relay, followed by Eick, White and Huck.

"They looked strong and it showed!" said McCall.

The weather – while not exactly pristine – was gorgeous to run in. That helped push down times and allow for other outstanding efforts in the field events.

"Being able to compete tonight with the weather was huge for making season-bests happen! We were very thankful we were able to have that opportunity," said McCall.

N-P's 4x800 relay of Eick, sophomore Amberley Gerholdt and freshmen Kami Hannemann and White, cut off over 14 seconds off their PR with a third-place time of 11:33.55.

Frost won the high jump with a leap of 4-7. Her career-best is 4-8. She also placed third in the open 200 dash (29.69).

"Jordyn is one of the most coachable athletes I have ever coached. The girl works so hard and takes every word in that you speak to her with eye contact," said McCall. "We are extremely proud of her efforts and leadership this early into the season. Her splits right now are great for where we are in the season. We look forward to continuing watching her grow and compete!"

White, while new to the varsity track scene, is helping fill the void that was left by a super-talented Husky senior class that graduated last year.

"Jalissa has been fun to coach, too. She is another one that just does what you ask. We have asked a lot from her for being only a freshman, but she has stepped up and filled the roles we have asked her well," said McCall. "Tonight was some of the best running we have seen her compete and she will continue to cut time, which is exciting!"

Eden Lamborn, another freshman for McCall, placed runner-up in the shot put with a career-best throw of 33-2.5.

N-P competed in the Lady Bulldog Classic last week Thursday, hosted by Hampton-Dumont-CAL. N-P placed 10th overall with 35.5 points.

Huck won the 400 dash (59.2) and the 800 run (2:30.75).

N-P took part in the New Hampton Co-Ed on Thursday and is scheduled to run at the New Hampton Girls Invite on Monday. Then the Huskies are back home on Thursday, April 20 to host another meet.

LADY BULLDOG CLASSIC TEAM SCORES

Clear Lake 133.5, St. Ansgar 86.5, Humboldt 81, Osage 80, Hampton-Dumont-CAL 61.5, Charles City 58.5, West Fork 49.5, Iowa Falls-Alden 48, Northwood-Kensett 46, Nashua-Plainfield 35.5, Central Springs 28, North Butler 27.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 dash - 14. Elayna O'Neill 15.18, 19. Emily Becker 15.8.

200 dash - 10. Jordyn Frost 29.62, 18. Amberley Gerholdt 32.07.

400 dash - 1. Kadence Huck 59.2, 15. Kami Hannemann 1:14.19.

800 run - 1. Huck 2:30.75, 11. Ellie Eick 2:50.44.

100 hurdles - 13. Marleigh Lowe 19.52, 24. Halie Pendergraft 23.38.

1,500 run - 13. Hannemann 6:45.09, 17. Emma O'Neill 7:43.32.

400 hurdles - 11. Lowe 1:24.86.

Discus - 15. Myranda Webster 77-5, 18. Eden Lamborn 67-2.

High jump - 5. Frost 4-6.

Shot put - 7. Lamborn 30-11.5, 19. Webster 25.25.

4x100 - 12. Becker, Gerholdt, Abi Prugh, El. O'Neill 1:00.52.

4x200 - 10. Becker, Gerholdt, Prugh, El. O'Neill 2:09.8.

4x400 - 3. Frost, Eick, Jalissa White, Huck 4:32.89.

4x800 - 4. Gerholdt, Eick, Hannemann, White 12:11.51.

Sprint medley - 13. Becker, Prugh, El. O'Neill, Sara Buba 2:24.1.

Distance medley - 10. Frost, Lowe, Eick, White 5:08.56.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COED TEAM SCORES

Northwood-Kensett 112, Nashua-Plainfield 87, Clarksville 80, Central Springs 74, Janesville 59, Turkey Valley 58, Dunkerton 57, Riceville 48.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

High jump - 1. Frost 4-7.

Long jump - 8. Hannemann 12-10, 10. Kamryn Zimmer 10-3.25.

Shot put - 2. Lamborn 33-2.5, 10. Webster 25-11.5.

Discus - 10. Webster 78-3, 12. Lamborn 73-5.

Sprint medley - 5. Becker, Prugh, El. O'Neill, Lowe 2:17.45.

4x800 - 3. Eick, Gerholdt, Hannemann, White 11:33.55.

100 dash - 10. El. O'Neill 15.01, 13. Becker 15.64.

Distance medley - 1. Frost, Lowe, White, Eick 4:50.85.

400 dash - 1. Huck 1:00.26, 7. Hannemann 1:15.

4x200 - 9. Becker, Gerholdt, Prugh, El. O'Neill 208.66, 11. Pendergraft, Buba, Paisley McCain, Jayla Patten 2:13.06.

100 hurdles - 5. Lowe 20.13, 12. Pendergraft 22.32.

800 run - 1. Huck 2:20.39, 8. Hannemann 3:01.99.

200 dash - 3. Frost 29.69, 8. Gerholdt 31.27.

400 hurdles - 5. Lowe 1:23.83.

1,500 run - 1. Huck 5:02.81, 11. Em. O'Neill 7:56.28.

4x100 - 8. Becker, Gerholdt, Prugh, El. O'Neill 59.63, 13. Bailey Bond, Brooke Russel, Lillie Caster, Jennifer McLeland 1:15.53.

4x400 - 1. Frost, Eick, White, Huck 4:29.6.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P coach Jeff Trost watches golf action on Tuesday.

Nelson runner-up 52 at Osage

Girls Golf: From 8

"That's what you try to build, is that team concept," said Trost.

Tuesday's biggest surprise was sophomore Faith Franzen's 53. That earned her runner-up medalist honors just behind her cousin, Paige. Faith had shot identical rounds of 61 in her two prior meets to start the 2023 season.

"She's happy with it. She works hard at it," said Trost. "She's out here on the weekends and she's trying to do everything she can to make herself better."

N-P senior Autumn Nelson – a member of the Huskies for four years now – shot a 56. Nelson came into the clubhouse on Monday with a 52 – her lowest round of the year thus far. That total was rewarded with a runner-up medal.

"Autumn's got in her goals to shoot in the 40s," said Trost. "She keeps striking at it – getting close there."

Juniors Natalie Sinnwell and Payton Howland continue to shoot in the 70s, although they lowered their scores on Tuesday at home – which is a more challenging course than the one at Sunny Brae. Howland carded a 70, while Sinnwell shot a 71 on Tuesday.

OSAGE QUADRANGULAR TEAM SCORES

Osage 219, Nashua-Plainfield 232, West Fork 241, Riceville no team score.

Medalist - Paige Franzen (NP) 47.

Nashua-Plainfield scores - Franzen 47, Autumn Nelson 52, Faith Franzen 61, Natalie Sinnwell 72, Payton Howland 76.

N-P TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORES

Nashua-Plainfield 231, Dunkerton 278, Clarksville no team score.

Medalist - P. Franzen (NP) 52.

Nashua-Plainfield scores - P. Franzen 52, Nelson 56, F. Franzen 53, Sinnwell 71, Howland 70.

N-P records personal-bests in five out of seven relays

Boys Track: From 8

talented squad performed well on the big stage, underneath the bright lights and a hometown crowd cheering them on toward greatness.

"They're goofballs, don't get me wrong. Yesterday was probably one of the worst practices I've ever been a part of. I was frustrated with the kids and then they come out here and perform like this. It's just something special. It's a lot of fun," said Sudol.

And what just exactly were the Huskies chanting after the co-ed meet was finished? One couldn't exactly make heads or tails on the precise nature or the exact words of the battle cry that was yelled with an intense fervor. But these Huskies want to do it again and soon.

"Titus is leading that thing. It's a team celebration that they came up with in practice one day," said Sudol. "Just when they win, they get to do that. It's kind of cool."

Up and down the lineup Sudol saw his well-balanced group produce a plethora of season-best times and PR's.

There was fantastic freshman Navarii Williams' blue-ribbon run in the 100 dash in a season-best time of 12.02. How about senior Aiden Lamborn's PR of 24.03 in the open 200 to cross the finish line first? Yes, this 6-7 giant of a track star can run fast. He also won the high jump with a leap of 5-10 and is hoping to produce a height high enough to qualify for the prestigious Drake Relays in the coming days.

Bo Harrington, N-P's all-world senior athlete, won the open 400 in 53.91. Fellow senior Kaden Wilken did the same in the 110 hurdles with another season-best time of 16.15 to snare gold. He was also third in the 400 hurdles (1:01.85).

Husky junior Trae Geise's burst into the sand pit with a leap of 17-6.5 was his career-best in the long jump. That reeled in a second-place medal.

Husky freshman Eli Kalainoff hurled the discus to a distance of 114-5 – good for third place.

Then there were the relays.

N-P won the shuttle hurdle with the squad of Wilken, Lamborn, freshman Landon Foelske and Evans in 1:05. The foursome is looking to once again compete at the state meet in May.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P's Titus Evans runs in the third leg of the distance medley on Tuesday.

N-P was second in the 4x800, sprint medley, distance medley, 4x100 and Sudol's favorite – the 4x400.

That final relay ended the evening and it would have been a perfect finish if Evans – trying with all his might on the anchor leg – would have caught Central Springs' Will Howes for first place in the event. N-P came up just short at the tape – 3:36.22 to 3:37.11.

"It's just a good race. We have good kids in that race. All of them tonight dropped their times down considerably and just battled," said Sudol about the 4x400 relay's effort.

Five of the seven Husky relays PR'd on a night where almost everyone in the stands knew times would be fast as fans were soaking in the sun on a warm 80-degree spring afternoon in northeast Iowa.

The makeup and personality of this team might throw Sudol some curveballs along the way during a season that has been pretty sweet so far.

I don't think he's going to mind too much, because after Tuesday's home meet – track fans should be flocking to the oval to see this exciting bunch rewrite the N-P record books.

"They're goofy. They're not going to be a team that you're going to ever replicate," said Sudol.

N-P won the opening meet of the season at St. Ansgar and finished third at the Pirate Relays in Hudson last week Thursday.

Stay tuned.

"We've got big goals. We just gotta keep working," said Sudol. "These kids strive to get better every day."

PIRATE RELAYS TEAM SCORES

Denver 138, Aplington-Parkersburg 136, Nashua-Plainfield 81, Union Community 81, North Butler 76, Hudson 62, Belle Plaine 58.5, East Marshall 46, Don Bosco 33, Janesville 17, Gladbrook-Reinbeck 8.5.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

100 dash - 3. Aiden Lamborn 12.13, 4. Navarii Williams 12.3.

200 dash - 6. Williams 25.12, 14. Aiden Gelner 26.11.

400 dash - 5. Bo Harrington 55.15, 8. Eli Kalainoff 56.15.

800 run - 8. Dylan Blanchard 2:22.76, 12. Braeden Mitchell 2:28.46.

1,600 run - 6. Jase Hansen 5:26.08, 9. Caleb Lentz 5:32.61.

110 hurdles - 7. Kaden Wilken 16.89, 10. Titus Evans 18.73.

400 hurdles - 12. Wilken 1:07.52, 13. Landon Foelske 1:07.9.

3,200 run - 7. Levi Winters 12:17.39, 9. Caleb Sinnwell 12:48.46.

Long jump - 8. Trae Geise 16-8, 13. Matthew Malven 13-10.5.

High jump - 1. Lamborn 6, 5. Harrington 5-8.

Shot put - 18. Jackson Zwanziger 31-6.25, 21. Dawson Becker 30-7.

Discus - 13. Zwanziger 91-10, 14. Kalainoff 91-11.

4x100 - 5. Williams, Gelner, Wilken, Lamborn 48.26, 19. Richards, Jack Hall, Vinny Runge, Benjamin Percy 58.39.

4x100 Weighman – 8. Karson Chyma, Maverick Dietz-McDonald, Quintyn Boehmer, Becker 56.74.

4x200 - 6. Blaine Brannon, Tyler Zimmer, Devon Blanchard, Joel Winters 1:43.37, 16. Malven, Brady Lensing, Chyma, Jake Smith 1:53.17.

4x400 - 4. Harrington, Kalainoff, J. Winters, Evans 3:46.51, 14. Avery Mueller, Luke Paplow, Brexton Bird, Cal Levi 4:29.95.

4x800 - 2. Dy. Blanchard, Hansen, Mueller, Harrington 9:08.18.

Sprint medley - 4. Williams, Gelner, Brannon, Evans 1:43.41, 16. Richards, Hall, Lensing, Smith 1:57.15.

Distance Medley - 1. Brannon, Gelner, J. Winters, Hansen 4:00.27.

Shuttle hurdle - 3. Wilken, Lamborn, Foelske, Gelner 1:07, 8. J. Winters, De. Blanchard, Mitchell, Zimmer 1:16.2.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COED TEAM SCORES

Nashua-Plainfield 161, Central Springs 116, Northwood-Kensett 65, Janesville 61, Clarksville 54, Dunkerton 54, Turkey Valley 49, Riceville 28.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD RESULTS

High jump - 1. Lamborn 5-10, 5. Harrington 5-6.

Long jump - 2. Geise 17-6.5, 12. Malven 14-9.25.

Shot put - 8. Zwanziger 32-4, 10. Isaac Jones 31-7.5.

Discus - 3. Kalainoff 114-5, 13. Zwanziger 71.

Sprint medley - 2. Williams, Gelner, Brannon, Evans 1:42.12.

3,200 - 3. Winters 12:31.56, 4. Sinnwell 12:34.47.

4x800 - 2. Blanchard, Hansen, Winters, Harrington 9:17.68, 7. Lentz, Mueller, Mitchell, Paplow 10:10.09.

Shuttle hurdle - 1. Wilken, Lamborn, Foelske, Evans 1:05.67.

100 dash - 1. Williams 12.02, 8. Easton Richards 13.25.

Distance medley - 2. Brannon, Gelner, Evans, Hansen 4:00.43.

400 dash - 1. Harrington 53.91, 3. Kalainoff 56.05.

4x200 - 3. Williams, Gelner, J. Winters, Brannon 1:37.25, 8. Richards, Hall, Lensing, Smith 1:47.42, 11. N-P 1:50.47, 14. N-P 2:01.36.

110 hurdles - 1. Wilken 16.15, 3. Foelske 18.68.

800 run - 4. Hansen 2:18.44, 6. Blanchard 2:22.99.

200 dash - 1. Lamborn 24.03, 4. Brannon 24.67.

400 hurdles - 3. Wilken 1:01.85, 6. Foelske 1:08.04.

1,600 run - 6. Winters 5:22.54, 8. Lentz 5:30.52.

4x100 - 2. Williams, Gelner, Wilken, Lamborn 46.77, 12. Richards, Hall, Lensing, Smith 57.05, 14. N-P 59.96.

4x400 - 2. Harrington, Kalainoff, Winters, Evans 3:37.11.

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MONDAY

Boys and girls olf vs. Central Springs, Riceville and Northwood-Kensett, Nashua Town and County Club, 4:15 p.m.

Girls track at New Hampton Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Boys track at Comet Relays, Charles City, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Boys and girls golf vs. West Fork and Osage, Ridge Stone Golf Club, Sheffield, 4:15 p.m.

Girls track at Nashua-Plainfield Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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N-P girls use strong support system to reach long-term goals

Franzen's medalist round leads Huskies to a first-place finish at their home opener

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The Nashua-Plainfield Huskies were all smiles on Tuesday afternoon.

It sure didn't hurt that the mercury reached into the low 80s with the aid of a California-cool breeze during the Husky girls golf team's home opener on Tuesday afternoon against Dunkerton and Clarksville.

Win or lose, Jeff Trost's small, yet talented bunch – perhaps above all else – supports one another.

That means whether there's high rounds shot, or low scores carded – these Huskies have each other's backs.

"It's not all about them. They're excited when somebody else does well," said Trost. "I think that bodes well for them down the road."

The leader for the Huskies so far this spring – as was the case last year, at least scoring-wise – was sophomore Paige Franzen. Franzen is now 3-3 on the young season in medalist honors earned as she carded a 52 on Tuesday.

Franzen's low round of the season came Monday at Osage, where she finished with a 47.

"She's got some things she needs to work on to get more consistent," said Trost. "The work ethic is second to none. She's definitely wants to do well. She's got goals for herself. She's going to go after 'em."

Franzen's medal-winning performance helped her Huskies (231) defeat second-place Dunkerton by 47 strokes for first place on Tuesday.

N-P competed at Sunny Brae Golf & Country Club on Monday and took on the host Osage Green Devils. Osage won the meet 219 to N-P's runner-up total of 232.

While Trost, in his 43rd year of guiding N-P, would like to see his ever-improving roster enter into the 210-range for a team score – he knows it's still early.

That's where the support comes in. Golf is an individual sport, but it's also team-oriented.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield senior Autumn Nelson watches her fairway shot head toward the green during Tuesday's meet at the Nashua Town and Country Club.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Blaine Brannon (above) passes the baton to teammate Aiden Gelner in the distance medley relay while Aiden Lamborn (below) just clears the bar in the high jump at Tuesday's home meet.

Mighty fine home cookin'

Nashua-Plainfield boys give their coach his first home team championship

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Chase Sudol and his Husky coaching colleagues were perched where they always are every year at the Nashua-Plainfield Coed track meet.

That's near the top-tier of seats on the western portion of bleachers.

In that section, nestled amongst the spectators that formed a decent crowd on a beautiful Tuesday spring evening in Nashua, Sudol once again witnessed a celebration led by – you guessed it – junior Titus Evans.

Almost all 40 members of Sudol's Husky boys track team formed a circle post-meet to surround Evans. That's where the all-state wrestler orchestrated the victory huddle – where he helped rain down loud chants in unison and a winning energy that is making this 2023 campaign a season to remember.

It's still early, too, but May will be here before you know it.

"It does go quick. I want this season to last forever," said Sudol, in his seventh year of guiding the N-P boys track program.

N-P won its second meet of the year this week, notching key victory after important win in totaling 161 points to second-place Central Spring's 116 at the N-P Coed Invite. It's the first time under Sudol's tutelage that his Huskies have won a home meet.

"We told them tonight coming in they should run some of their best times and just go out and battle. We wanted to win a team title. Here at N-P we haven't won one on our home track in a long time. So this was a big goal of ours. It hasn't happened since I've been a coach here. It's been at least 10 years," said Sudol.

Once Evans was done leading the Husky chant that honored the team championship, the celebratory party commenced with of course, a victory lap.

That's team unity.

"They want to win. That's the thing that's special about this group," said Sudol. "The leadership with the seniors is what kind of makes everything come together."

Sudol wasn't so sure about his squad the day before on practice Monday, where he left feeling less than impressed. Then his

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N-P girls run to second at home coed meet

Huck breaks oldest school record with blazing 800 run

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

You could feel the winning energy in the air.

As the night wore on, track fans could sense that something special might happen on the big stage during N-P's home co-ed track meet on Tuesday evening.

Sure enough, it did.

While it's getting to the point where it's hard to keep track of all the records she's broken at Nashua-Plainfield – Kadence Huck added another one to her ever-increasing hold on the Husky record books.

The record that fell on Tuesday?

The 800 run – a 32-year-old mark that has weathered the test of time through four different decades. Huck shattered the open 800 N-P all-time best as she just out-clipped Andie Griffith's record in the event. Huck worked her gold-medal-winning run to the tune of 2:20.39. Griffith's old mark of 2:22.4 was set in 1991.

Huck's current time in the open 800 is currently fourth-fastest in Class 1A.

Huck darn near about made it two records broken on a beautiful spring evening that saw the temperature climb past 80 degrees earlier in the afternoon. The crisp breeze that permeated the oval kept spectators cool and allowed for runners, throwers and jumpers to record many season-bests.

Huck – the scintillating sophomore that helped lead N-P to the Class 1A state title a year ago – almost re-broke her school record in the mile run (1,500). Huck broke that her freshman year in a time of 5:01. She ran a first-place time of 5:02.81 on Tuesday – which stands as the third-fastest time in her class according to the website Bound.

Huck holds the top time in the open 400 in Class 1A with a clip of 58.56. She ran a 1:00.26 lap around the track at her home meet, which was another gold medal earned in a career that up until this point has been remarkable – to say the least.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Kadence Huck (above) finishes off a dominating win in the 400 while teammate Ellie Eick (below) competes in the 4x800 at the Huskies' home meet Tuesday.

Huck will have less than a week to qualify for the Drake Relays – which pits the best of the best in all classes against one another later this month at Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

"Kadence is sitting good for qualifying for Drake. Obviously, if she can continue to cut time, which she will, that will be ideal for getting her closer to securing a spot down there. Kadence is one of the best runners in the state, so having the opportunity to run with other top runners in the state is huge and a very big deal and accomplishment!" said N-P head coach Amber McCall.

McCall's bunch – although young – is talented.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Cal Levi keeps an eye on his chip shot as it heads to the green during Tuesday's home meet.

Husky boys show flashes but still searching for consistency

Glaser shoots 44 at Osage; two more break 50 at home

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

While there was no wind coming off the ocean or a sea breeze rippling off the waters of a coastal Golden State community – the Nashua Town & Country Club had a bit of a southern California feel to it on Tuesday afternoon, at least temperature-wise.

Lakeshore Drive, Nashua is not.

Temps in the low 80s with pleasant, but not threatening gusts of wind picked up speed on occasion to make the Huskies' home opener a tad more challenging than normal.

While Jeff Trost's Nashua-Plainfield boys golf team made due with the conditions that they were faced with, it still made for some difficult obstacles to overcome.

These Huskies are getting there.

N-P finished runner-up to the meet's winner at the home-opening triangular for the Huskies. That would be the Dunkerton Raiders, which shot a team score of 191, 14 strokes better than N-P (205). Clarksville was third with a 214. The meet's medalist was sophomore Mason Michels of Dunkerton, who carded a 43.

N-P fared better scoring-wise at Sunny Brae Golf & Country Club on Monday in Osage. The shorter course isn't quite as formidable an opponent as the rolling hills and length of the Huskies' home course. No matter, N-P finished third at that meet with 197. The host Green Devils won the meet as they fired a 153 and West Fork was second with a 166.

Trost, who began his 43rd year of coaching the Huskies, talked about his youthful Huskies – which sported three sophomores, two freshmen and a junior on its top six varsity lineup at home on Tuesday.

"We're inexperienced," said Trost. "Being able to play on the road and away from your home course is always a growing experience."

N-P sophomore Dawson Glaser – one of Trost's longest hitters off the tees – fired a 44 at Osage. He carded a

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