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Vote on holding facility will happen but when?

Former board member urges supervisors to 'slow down,' vet multi-million dollar project before sending it to voters

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

All four members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors who attended Monday's meeting agree that sooner or later, the county is going to have to send the question of building a 24-hour holding facility to the voters.

But a longtime former supervisor urged the board to "slow down" and not rush to put a bond referendum to voters this fall during the general election that mostly consists of races for city offices and school board seats. Arnie Boge, who served on the board for 24 years before retiring in 2010, told supervisors that he

believes they have a tough road ahead of them if they expect voters to pass a bond referendum this fall to build a 24-hour holding facility and remodel the current Sheriff's Office building. He used his morning card club that includes residents in the Nashua and Ionia areas, as an example. "None of those people are in favor

of the type of expenditure that you're making," he said. "But this is a general election question; it affects everybody in the county and it should be on a general election year. That's just my opinion. ... I'm just telling you [that] you

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Nashua-Plainfield transitional kindergarten teacher Cheryl Smith greets her students Thursday morning for the first day of classes at the district's elementary school.

OFF AND LEARNING ... AND SWEATING?

DESPITE HEAT — AND TRUST US IT WAS WARM — NASHUA-PLAINFIELD KICKS OFF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Thursday wasn't Cheryl Smith's first "rodeo" when it comes to the first day of school, although, as the shirt she wore stated, it was her last. "My last first day of school; #retiring."

Even though she's been doing this teaching gig for more than three decades, however, she was still excited to welcome her transitional kindergarten students to her classroom. "It's hard not to be," she said, "because there's just something about the first day of a new school year — the smiles you get from the kids, the questions they ask — that is exciting. Even when it's really hot, like it is today."

Yep, the first days of school at Nashua-Plainfield were scorching. The hottest day of the summer occurred on Wednesday, when students in grades 6-12 reported for their first day of classes while their younger brethren at the elementary school had a day of intake conferences and pictures. The second hottest day of the summer came Thursday, when the elementary day had Day 1

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Mother Nature going to give us a little break

After six sweltering days in the 90s and beyond, we'll cool down but drought situation worsening

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

It was, in a word, hot. And honestly, the previous paragraph is an understatement, but we're betting the farm on this: 89's never going to feel as cool as it will today. After six straight days with temperatures in the 90s and beyond, we're finally going to cool down — highs this weekend will be in the lower 80s and overnight lows are going to fall into the 50s — but the latest heat wave has led to renewed concerns about the drought that has plagued Northeast Iowa in general and the Nashua area in particular and its effect on local farm fields. The heat began building late last week and Saturday's high temperature of 92 was just the beginning and was followed by highs of 90, 93, 96, 103 and 98. And with daytime dewpoints reaching into the 80s and overnight lows only falling into the

Hot as heck!

Here are the high and low temperatures for Nashua during the recent prolonged heat wave:

	High	Low
Saturday	92	71
Sunday	90	68
Monday	93	68
Tuesday	96	75
Wednesday	103	74
Thursday	98	75

SOURCE: weather.com

mid-70s, it was simply steamy. It marked the most prolonged summer heat wave in the Nashua area since August 2012, when the area recorded nine straight days of temperatures in the 90s. The good news is that the heat wave begins to break today, when the high in Nashua is expected to be

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

It's been a good week to stay hydrated as Jackson Carey takes a drink during the Huskies' scrimmage with Waterloo Columbus last Friday.

Water Over the Dam Days 2.0 set for Saturday

Park Board president gives City Council update on weekend event

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Looking for something fun to do this weekend? Nashua's got you covered. Water Over the Dam Days 2.0 will take place this Saturday — an exciting event that Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell informed the Nashua City Council about this past Monday at a regular meeting. The second incarnation of Nashua's most celebrated town festival will take place this Saturday at Cedar View Park. There will be two bands playing, a Pork Producers meal and fireworks that highlight a planned party that always draws a crowd. "Dam Days went over very, very well. We got rain during it, which always causes some issues, but we were happy to see the rain," said Sinnwell. "It's gotta hold off this weekend." Sinnwell said the money generated by donations to WODD — which took place late last July — exceeded last year's totals. He said that the Park Board and the city was able to raise almost \$5,000 more from businesses than last year's WODD. That figure was accentuated by individual donations that exceeded \$1,000. Sinnwell said the Sunday service breakfast that took place raised over \$800 — which was donated to the Park Board. The icing on the cake was \$2,000 that was made from revenue from the beer tent — which could have been more had the party goers at the tent not been moved inside because of inclement weather on Saturday. The itinerary for WODD 2.0 this Saturday looks like this:

- 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: The Waterhawks
- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Pork Producers meal (upper shelter)
- 7 p.m.-11 p.m.: Big Willie's Beer Shelter
- 7:30 p.m.-11 p.m.: Wichita at the Baldwin Bandshell
- 9:30 p.m.: Fireworks at Veterans Park

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Women in the Workplace

Check out our annual special section that includes stories on Big 4 Chamber of Commerce President Val Johnson (above) and Amber McCall, a teacher and coach at Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools. **B SECTION**



Letters to the Editor

Former supervisor asks board to 'slow down' on holding facility

To the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors: I am writing you regarding the plans for the sheriff's office remodel.

From what I can see from the plans so far there is an excessive amount of demo and reconstruction in areas that have nothing to do with the jail.

A specific plan to remove the steel roof trusses and remodel of the jail-booking-sally port areas are the only things that I thought were connected with the jail inspector's report.

From what can be seen, there appears to be more of what someone wants rather than what is needed to improve the conditions of the jail and the first floor working parts in that area.

Further it is my understanding that you intend to take this matter up and vote on placing a bond referendum on the ballot for this fall.

I am asking you to slow down and discover what is really needed for the sheriff's building and to reduce the nearly \$7 million estimated cost by at least 90%.

We support law enforcement, public safety, and security at our courthouse 100 percent, yet there are limits to what should be expected of the common taxpayer.

During my tenure on the board, a project of this magnitude would be planned and discussed ahead of time long enough to prepare a two-to-three year levy timeline that would soften the impact to the taxpayer.

The jail inspector's letter suggests a five-year or greater timeline to plan for and execute improvements, enabling discussion and informing the public.

There is no indication of an imminent emergency per the inspector's report.

It is apparent to me and others that an urgency by the Board of Supervisors to move this project onto a bond ballot question for this November's election is nothing more than an attempt to run a general election and taxation question onto a historically low voter turnout (off year) year.

I am asking you, board members to please do your homework first, determine the needs, and then present your findings and plans to address this issue to the taxpayers/voters, so they are knowledgeable of this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and your response would be most welcome to all voters and taxpayers.

Arnie Boge, Nashua



Bob Fenske/Reporter

These boys look like they had quite a workout before entering Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School on Thursday, the first day of school for district students in PreK-5.

It's always good to be 'off and running' at school

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of classes.

The good news is that Nashua-Plainfield had "early dismissals" both days, but trust us, as pumped as the kids were to be back Thursday, it was stifling inside the elementary school that was built in 1961 ...

So if there was an upside to getting sent to the principal's office, it was the air conditioning.

"Bob, don't go around saying that to the kids," Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer said with a laugh, "or we're going to have problems."

And save for the first day of school jitters and hiccups, there weren't any problems; instead, as longtime school secretary Barb Renz — who by the way had the same shirt as Smith — put it, "It's always great to see the kids, even if it's a million degrees. We're off and running, and that's always a good thing."



Second-grade students in Dana Frerichs' classrooms collect some papers as they begin their school day Thursday.

Briefs

NICC graduates

Northeast Iowa Community College released its list of 2023 graduates that included Josiah Scobee of Nashua.

Nashua woman wins awards

The best creative artists in the state received ribbons and cash awards in the Creative Arts competition judged prior to the start of the 2023 Iowa State Fair.

Jackie Livingston of Nashua won third place in the metal/wire work division, second place in card-any occasion and third place in "technique not mentioned."

Advertisement for Zimmerman's Greenhouse & Produce, listing various vegetables and contact information.

Advertisement for Total Baseball Development (TBD) Fall League, including dates and contact info.



NOTICE of EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 4th ALL ADVERTISING COPY for the Sept. 5th Advertiser Shopper must be turned in by NOON, WEDNESDAY, Aug. 30th

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School students (left) line up and wait for the "second bell," the one that tells them to head into the building, to ring Thursday morning, and first-grade teacher Sarah Sudol (right) goes over some rules for her classroom once her students reported to her classroom for the first official day of classes at the school.

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Advertisement for 'SELL IT IN THE CLASSIFIEDS' showing various household items.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Nashua resident and former longtime Board of Supervisor Arnie Boge listens to a point made by Sheriff Ryan Shawver during Monday's board meeting.

Cerwinski says referendum should be in '24

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should slow it down a little." Technically, this November's election is classified as a general election, which, thanks to a new law enacted earlier this year, is the only time cities, counties and schools can put bond referendums to a vote. In the past, those entities could call for special elections in March and September.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver took an issue with a number of points made by Boge in a letter he sent to supervisors and that appears in this week's edition of the Reporter.

Shawver emphasized that he has found reports dated as far back as 2010 in which the state jail inspector has expressed concerns about the current Chickasaw County Jail.

He said a report dated Oct. 14, 2010, said "Chickasaw County is an old facility and does not meet the needs" and he also pointed out that in 2019, the county was told it needed to provide a "plan of action" to address the aging facility's deficiencies.

Shawver also told Boge that he came to the Board of Supervisors during its July 10 meeting to find out to what extent members wanted remodeling of the Sheriff's Office to be included in a proposal being put together by Samuels Group.

A week before Monday's meeting, the Samuels Group's Greg Wilde recommended the county proceed with a project that would cost between \$6.35 million and \$6.91 million that would include the construction of a holding facility that would be located in the Sheriff's Office parking lot, the removal of the current jail and the remodeling of the existing building to make

it more "functional." Boge, though, argued that "this jail is in very good shape now, except it is some antiquated, it does need some redirection."

He also wondered why the county couldn't "test" using the current jail as a 24-hour holding facility, but Shawver said that simply wasn't possible because "as soon as we change it, we have to bring it up to current standards."

The sheriff pointed out that the current jail allows for only two classifications for inmates and state mandates call for five separate classifications.

That led to an exchange between Chief Deputy Zach Nobsisch and the former supervisors.

"This is a holding facility. We need five classifications," Nobsisch said. "We can not just put two people in the same cell with different classifications like you used to be able to. You came over there, we told you this before, you toured it and you're still reiterating that fact. So I guess what I need to figure out is how can I get through to you so that you fully understand that what you're telling the board of 'misfactuation.'"

Boge responded that "maybe it's a lack of understanding, I've never been known to broadcast misfacts."

The board members at the meeting — Supervisor Steve Breitbach was absent — agreed something had to be done, but they also expressed concerns about trying to educate the public in what would be just a little more than two months before election day.

"I think it needs to come out at some point," said Jake Hackman, who added that the board needed to meet with a financial advisor before making the decision to put it

on this year's ballot. "It needs to be done, but I don't know if 2 1/2 months is enough to educate people," Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said, "and it's actually less than that because we wouldn't have resolutions done for at least a week."

Supervisor Scott Cerwinski was the lone supervisor to come right out and say he preferred a 2024 vote.

"With the amount of money we have to spend to do that," he said, "I think I'd rather take the time to put it on next year's election ballot."

Boge also urged the county to gather more data, including finding out the costs of transportation costs.

"How long will you burn through \$7 million," he asked.

County Attorney David Laudner, though, said if the board is going to have voters consider the referendum in 2024, it needs to continue to work to gather information.

"What homework is going to be done? I guess my comment is I don't want this to then go into a folder in the back there tomorrow or next Monday," he said, "and then it sits there until next June and we blow the dust off of it and get updated numbers and away we go with it. ... What are we going to do differently over the next nine months is what I'm asking."

Hackman said he needed more of financial information before he could support a referendum this fall.

"I think if we could pull that for another week, I don't want to kick it down the road," he said, "but there are a lot of unknowns."

His fellow board members agreed and will work to gather more of the financial information at next week's meeting.

Board passes on chance to change mind on insurance

Despite supervisor chair's concerns, county will pick up more costs for family health insurance premiums

By Bob Fenske
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Although the chairman of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors expressed grave concerns Monday morning, it appears county leaders are going to move forward with a plan for the county to pay substantially more health insurance premiums for its employees.

During a special meeting on Aug. 7 that was held at the Chickasaw County Secondary Roads Department, board members voted 4-1 to have the county begin paying a substantial portion of family health insurance premiums.

Currently, the county pays 100 percent of a single health insurance premium, and those county employees who elected to have a family health plan get the same amount contributed to their insurance premiums, meaning the county pays a little more than 41 percent of a family premium.

The only exception is for the sheriff's office. That's because under state law, only unions representing law enforcement personnel can negotiate insurance payments with governmental entities. The county currently pays about 64.2 percent of family health plans for those who are represented by the sheriff's union.

County department heads have said that the lack of county contribution to family plans has made it difficult to attract and retain employees, and on Aug. 7, county leaders agreed as they voted to continue the 100 percent contribution to single health plans and bump the family contribution to 75 percent.

But almost from the time that Aug. 7 vote was taken, county employees have quietly expressed concerns that the supervisors could rescind that

vote, and on Monday, Board Chairman Matt Kuhn expressed regret for the vote taken two weeks earlier.

"I'll be up front, I'm not sure we have votes to support the 75-25 today," Kuhn said. "I kind of shared that last week. Yes, I did vote for it, in favor of it. Looking at some numbers, doing my homework like I should have before I voted, I'm at the 64.18 and 35.82 [that the sheriff's employees currently receive]. So if we want to re-vote on this, I'm just saying that's where I'm at."

"I think that vote was pretty hard, Matt, and is going to stay," said Supervisor Jake Hackman, who was the lone nay vote on Aug. 7. "I think today is just on the trust fund."

That discussion came up because the county uses a partially-self funded account to pay down the deductibles for employees, and supervisors have grown concerned about the dwindling amount of funds in the account.

So board members agreed to raise the contributions to the so-called PSF from \$25 to \$50 a month for employees with single health insurance policies and from \$0 to \$100 for employees with family health plans.

"Just for discussion," Hackman said, "I will support this today. I do not support the health insurance change, but I will support this just to make sure the trust funds stays afloat."

The trust fund passed unanimously — with Supervisor Steve Breitbach absent — but no motions were forthcoming on rescinding the Aug. 7 vote; instead, board members agreed that county employees should receive a letter in their paychecks this Friday notifying them that they have 30 days to change the level of health insurance coverage they elect to take, effective Oct. 1.

Heat may build back up by Labor Day weekend

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under 90, albeit barely. The bad news is that the drought picture has worsened considerably over the past week. The weekly U.S. Drought Monitor report showed that the Nashua and Plainfield areas are

both suffering from "extreme drought."

Nashua's weather reporting station received just 1.17 inches of rain in July, compared to the normal 4.74 inches. August isn't much better as through Thursday, just 1.23 inches of precipitation has fallen, less

than half of the usual 2.92 inches the area receives in the first 24 days of the month.

Unfortunately, there's not a heck of a lot of rain in the forecast; in fact, the National Weather Service's forecast, save for a 20 percent chance of storms developing this morn-

ing, the area won't see any rain through at least Wednesday.

And we may not be done with the heat, either, as several forecast models show temperatures could be back into the 90s by next Friday and remain there for much of the Labor Day weekend.

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Field Day in Nashua to discuss impact of drought, smoke on crops

The annual fall field day at Iowa State University's Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm near Nashua will feature presentations on how drought and smoke have impacted crops, corn rootworm and short stature corn.

The event will be held Aug. 31, beginning with a complimentary meal at noon, sponsored by the Iowa Soybean Association, and run until 4:30 p.m.

The field day is free and open to the public. It starts at the Borlaug Learning Center Headquarters, located on the research farm. Certified Crop Adviser Credits will be available.

To help organizers plan for the meal, RSVP at neira@iastate.edu by this coming Monday.

Offices will be closed for Labor Day

Nashua's City Hall and the Chickasaw County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day. Both the Board of Supervisors and City Council will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

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Nashua man pleads guilty to child sex charges in plea agreement

By **BOB STEENSON**
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A Nashua man has pleaded guilty to child sex charges in an agreement that will reduce the severity of the two charges. Ethan William Vorhes, age 40, pleaded guilty to two charges of child endangerment as a sexually motivated offense, both Class D felonies. Judge DeDra Schroeder accepted Vorhes' plea agree-

ment in Floyd County District Court on Monday and set sentencing for Oct. 10. Vorhes had originally been charged with two counts of sexual abuse in the second degree, Class B felonies; two counts of sexual abuse in the third degree, Class C felonies; two counts of lascivious acts with a child, Class C felonies; two counts of indecent contact with a child, aggravated misdemeanors; one count of indecent exposure, a serious misdemeanor; and one count of disseminating or exhibiting obscene material to a minor, a serious misdemeanor. According to records filed in

Floyd County District Court, two girls, one who was age 11 to 13 when the events allegedly occurred, the other who was between the ages of 12 and 15 at the time, said that Vorhes touched them sexually on several occasions. Vorhes was also accused of exposing himself to the girls, forcing them to watch pornography and forcing them to touch him. In the plea agreement one of the counts of sexual abuse in the second degree and one of the counts of sexual abuse in the third degree were both reduced to charges of child endangerment as a sexually motivated offense.

The guilty pleas on the two counts each dealt with a separate victim, with Vorhes admitting that he had control over each of the minor children and did touch of them "in a manner which caused physical pain and knowingly created a substantial risk to her mental health." The guilty pleas filed in Floyd County District Court are not specific on the sentencing recommendation, although it does say that Vorhes agrees to go to prison, with the sentences in the two counts served consecutively, to stipulate the offenses were sexually motivated, and to be required to register on the

Iowa Sex Offender Registry. The maximum penalty for conviction of a Class D felony is an indeterminate term in prison not to exceed five years and a fine of up to \$10,245 and a 15% surcharge. There is no minimum amount of jail or prison time that a judge must order the offender to serve. While free on bond on the sexual charges, Vorhes was charged with assault on a firefighter when the Marble Rock Fire Department responded to a field fire where Vorhes said he was conducting a controlled burn. The criminal complaint alleges that after Marble Rock

firefighters began to extinguish the fire, Vorhes sprayed a firefighter with fuel. Vorhes was charged with possession of explosive or incendiary materials or devices with intent to commit a public offense, a Class C felony; assault on persons in certain occupations with intent to inflict serious injury and assault on persons in certain occupations while using or displaying a dangerous weapon, both Class D felonies; and reckless use of fire or explosives, a serious misdemeanor. A trial on those charges is still scheduled in Floyd County District Court for Sept. 19.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
 August 18, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, August 18, 2023, at 8:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, and Cerwinski 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, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Elections Deputy Laura Wickham, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, World Insurance Vice President of Benefits Denise Ballard (Phone).

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for August 18, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion with World Insurance Vice President of Benefits Denise Ballard on impact to the Chickasaw County budget and to the partial self-funding fund.

Motion by Suckow seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 9:03 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors
 ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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Park Board president gives City Council number of updates

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Sinnwell stated Big Willie's Tavern will collect the money from beer sales, but the city is able to claim money from the meal - which was all donated by the Pork Producers.

The cost for a sandwich is \$5 and a meal is \$8. There are also to-go meals. There will be two 50/50 raffles as well.

"Anything we make will come back to WODD," said Sinnwell.

Sinnwell said the next big project for the Park Board will be to construct and put in a new dance floor at the Baldwin Bandshell. He hopes to have that installed and ready to go for the 2024 WODD.

"The dance floor that we

rented from Celebrations was about \$800. It doesn't take very long to justify putting that out there," said Sinnwell. "We have some momentum for that and I think we can get that raised pretty easily."

Sinnwell also gave an update about work that is still ongoing at Paw's Playground. He said some dirt work and landscaping could still get done before winter arrives. Lynne and Lisa Schluter have also donated a picnic shelter that could be in place before the snow flies.

Sinnwell mentioned that Nashua-Plainfield High School junior Cal Levi is working on a sign for Paw's Playground.

Levi is designing a sign that will feature a International tractor, as part of an Eagle Scout project.

The Council approved an application for a Community Forestry Grant that will help plant trees at the campgrounds.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received Emerald Ash Borer Restoration funds through a grant with the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters.

The total project cost is \$2,100 and the city's match is 50 percent of that amount. The application is based on cost per tree and community involve-



Kids enjoy some fun during "Water Over the Dam Days 1.0," which was held in June, but with several events called off because of rain, the Park Board is holding "Water Over the Dam Days 2.0" this Saturday.

ment. Sinnwell said the community is planning on planting the trees at 3 p.m. - right before the start of Halloween in the Park on Saturday, Oct. 7. The Council also discussed parking at the beach. There have been a considerable amount of people illegally parking at that location. Hal Kelleher made a

motion to erect two "No Parking Between Signs" at the beach. That motion also included a "Public Parking Sign," which will direct beach goers where to park legally. Tim Malven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Zade McCall was promoted to Supervisor in his job with the city. McCall was promoted

to that title after the retirement of Dan Zwanziger. McCall will oversee all parks, public works and street personnel. He would also provide the City Council with a monthly report.

The Park Board will rent out the Baldwin Bandshell for \$10 a half day and \$20 for a full day. That action was approved by the Council.

NOTICE

Chickasaw County and Cerro Gordo County residents needed to participate in a legal focus group. Friday, September 1st from 10 am-4 pm via ZOOM, paying \$200. You must not currently be called for jury duty. We just want your opinions, no experience necessary.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. WADEY, Deceased CASE NO. ESRP 003134 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of William F. Wadey, Deceased, who died on or about June 30, 2023: You are hereby notified that on August 14, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of William F. Wadey, deceased, bearing date of February 19, 2010, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on August 15, 2023.
 William R. Wadey, Proponent
 Christine B. Skilton, ICIS#: AT0007262, Attorney for the Estate, Cronin, Skilton & Skilton, P.L.L.C., 205 Brasher Street, P.O. Box 39, Nashua, IA 50658-0039, cskilton@csskiltonlaw.com
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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES August 14, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breibach, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, and Czerwinski 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 Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Butler-Bremer Communications Andrea Hansen, Iowa Communications Alliance Brittany Morales, Terry Johnson, Alta Vista Mayor Kevin Crooks, North Washington Mayor David Geerts, Ionai Mayor Randy Taylor, Lawler Council Member Kurt Croell, Engineer Roman Lensing, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, First Deputy Sheriff Zach Nosbisch, Samuels Group Greg Wilde, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Assessor Raymond Armel (on phone).

Motion by Czerwinski, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for August 14, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from August 7, 2023 at 9 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from August 7, 2023 at 2:30 PM with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: The mayors and residents from North Washington, Lawler, Ionai, and Alta Vista were wondering why they can't be included in the allocation of Chickasaw County ARPA funds

like Nashua was. Motion by Hackman, seconded Czerwinski to approve Resolution No. 08-14-23-68 A RESOLUTION OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTICS BY BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS TO RURAL AREAS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, Butler-Bremer Communications has identified a need to make improvements to the communication system in parts of rural Chickasaw County with the installation of fiber optics; and the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors fully supports the need for this project. WHEREAS, Butler-Bremer Communications is applying to the State of Iowa's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program to assist with funding. WHEREAS, investment in infrastructure, such as the proposed fiber project, will greatly benefit businesses, agriculture and residents alike in the rural areas of Chickasaw County by providing state-of-the-art broadband services. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its enthusiastic support for the rural fiber installation project and furthermore encourages the State of Iowa to act favorably upon the application for financial assistance. Signed this 14th day of August, 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Czerwinski, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. /s/ 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 Resolution 08-14-23-66 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: ParcelS 2023-29 AND 2023-30 in the NE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF section 21, all in Township 97 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 14th DAY of August, 2023 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of ParcelS 2023-29 AND 2023-30 in the NE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF section 21, all in Township 97 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa has now been considered and should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th DAY of AUGUST, 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Czerwinski, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. /s/ Attest: Donna Geerts, Deputy 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.

Departmental updates by Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Project between Chickasaw County/Fayette County/Guthrie County/Mitchell County/Wapello County/Webster County and the Iowa County Engineers Association Service Bureau and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Resolution No 08-14-23-67 In Support of the Joint MPDG Grant Agreement & Letter of Support for the 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Project and authorize chair's signature. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th DAY of AUGUST, 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Breibach, Czerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn. /s/ Attest: Donna Geerts, Deputy 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.

Departmental update by Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

Humpal also gave Chickasaw County Sanitary Landfill update.

Samuels Group presented preliminary cost study on renovations to the current law facility.

EMS Director Joel Knutson discussed building.

Departmental updates by Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Czerwinski to approve EMS Policies 301, 302, 303, 304, 401, 405, 408, 411, 501, 502, 504, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 701, 702, 703, 704, 801, 802, 803, 804, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1009, 1010. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed contribution changes to family health insurance premiums and effects to county budget and Partial Self-Funding Trust. Meeting scheduled with World Insurance Vice President of Benefits Denise Ballard August 25, 2023.

Discussed ARPA funds. \$679,775.81 current balance with commitments of \$9,000.00 to Samuels Group, \$5,000.00 EMS architectural design, \$2,314.00 for EMS building property taxes. This equals \$663,461.81.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve certification of Abstract of Taxes and Tax List for 2022 Tax Assessment Collectible FY 2023-2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Czerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve the correction to July 24, 2023 board minutes by adding starting wage of \$16.50 to the hiring of payroll clerk, Luanna Britt, in the Auditor's Office. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

July 24, 2023 Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Czerwinski to acknowledge hiring of Payroll Clerk, Luanna Britt, in the Auditor's office effective July 26, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Czerwinski, Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on Hometown Pest Control

contract to service the following county buildings: Heritage Center, EMA storage building, Courthouse, LEMC, Sheriff Building, and Community Services Building. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve preliminary drawing by SEH for Heritage Center water main extension project. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Czerwinski to approve name change for Chickasaw Heritage Building Center to Heritage Center. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Czerwinski to approve claims in the amount of \$490,077.82. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Czerwinski to approve payroll check dated August 11, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments Hackman- August 9 – Emergency Food and Shelter Czerwinski- August 8 – FMC Executive Board

Motion by Czerwinski seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 12:32 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST:Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor

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NASHUA-PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 14, 2023 MS/HS COMMONS 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Pat Lentz. Present: Lara Lawrence and Chris Hagen. Absent: Laura Folkerts and Cody Jensen. Also present: Superintendent Todd Liench. 6-12 Principal Dean Youngblut, Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer, Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff, and 2 visitors.

2. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to adopt agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Hiring new SBO Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Chris Hagen to approve the hiring of Ashley Ratliff as the new School Business Official. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Appoint School Board Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Ratliff was appointed as the District's Board Secretary and Treasurer. The Oath of Office was administered to Ashley Ratliff.

5. Consent Items Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the consent item, including July board minutes, invoices, financial reports, the hire of Ernie Willsher as Bus Driver, Shelley Pimlott as Elementary Paraprofessional, Brynn Wright as Elementary Paraprofessional, Marie Mahoney as Sub Bus Driver, Randi Griffin as Bus Driver, EJ Kunich as Volunteer Football Coach, Jenneh Carpenter as Assistant Cross Country Coach, the transfer of Courtney Pimlott to the kitchen, and the resignation of Toni Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Visitor Correspondence – None

7. Board Communications The board mentioned the community would like to hear more communication on the BB/SB Complex project. They also mentioned hearing positives on the new hires for this coming year.

8. Action Items Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the Bid Package for the BB/SB Complex. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed with the Superintendent the status of the SBO sharing agreement with RMRM. At the next meeting, the board will vote on to dissolve the SBO sharing agreement with RMRM. No action was taken today.

Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Chris Hagen to approve the edits to the Weight Room Supervisor pay to \$100/week. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the Winona Quote for HVAC Repair at the secondary building up to \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chris Hagen, second by Lara Lawrence to approve the 2023-2024 Student and Staff Handbooks as presented by Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer and JH/HS Principal Dean Youngblut. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lara Lawrence, second by Chris Hagen to approve the locked-in rate for the Fuel Bids. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Reports The Administration shared their reports with the Board.

Chris Hagen adjourned at 8:10 pm, seconded by Lara Lawrence. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7 pm in the MS/HS Commons.

Ashley Ratliff, SBO/Board Secretary, Nashua-Plainfield CSD Pat Lentz, Board President, Nashua-Plainfield CSD

ua-Plainfield CSD Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District BOARD VENDOR REPORT Vendor Name Vendor Description..... Amount

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES City Council Chambers, City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on August 21, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Pro Tem Harold Kelleher III presiding. Mayor Anthofer was absent.

Council members present were Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Harold Kelleher III, Tim Malven and Ernie Willsher. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Park Board President Nate Sinnwell and 6 guests were also present.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to approve the consent agenda: Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting August 7, 2023; Building Permits: 45 Merrill St. and 705 Lexington; Fireworks: 304 Sample St.; Payment of Claims (see claims report): Total Claims to be Paid \$24,134.04 + Wages \$9,220.72. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked if anyone had any public comments. There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher asked for a motion to set two hearings for dangerous dogs. Malven/M to set the hearings for a special meeting on Wednesday September 27th starting at 7:00PM for the first hearing and the 2nd hearing immediately to follow. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelleher called for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 23-40 Resolution to Approve a Pay Increase for Attaining a CDL License. Willsher/M, J/Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes; 23-41 Resolution to Approve Licensing the Dump Truck for Sale via Auction. Malven/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. 23-42 Resolution to Approve FY'22/23 Street Finance Report. Malven/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:

The Mayor was absent, but wanted the council to consider setting a date for a workshop to discuss water/wastewater backlog and any other recommended changes. Update dangerous animal policy and AC at the Welcome Center. He also wanted the council to consider the title of the 2017 Freightliner truck that is currently in the city's name to keeping it that way vs. giving ownership to the NRFC (Nashua Rural Fire Company) since it is hard to say how the cost share arrangement worked, but it did go through the city so he thought for simplicity they should consider keeping it 150/50.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott informed the council that July Bank Reconciliation has been completed and is ready for review. City Clerk Ott requested approval to attend the IMFOA Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association training October 18-20, 2023. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

City Council Malven and Kelleher commented on the good comments they have been hearing about the city crew and streets.

Nate Sinnwell Park Board President presented his monthly report and talked about the upcoming WODD 2.0, which is scheduled for August 26, 2023, and filled with activities from the Waterhawks, Pork Producers Meal, Beer Tent,

the band Wichita, Fireworks followed by more music from the band Wichita. He asked the council to approve applying for a Community Forestry Grant application for Trees. The total project is \$2103, and the city's match is 50% of that amount.

J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the grant application. RC: all ayes. He also said that the Park Board had discussed renting out the band shelter and they wanted to rent it for the same amount as the price for the small shelters (\$10/Half Day and \$20/Full Day). J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Heather Hackman Library Director gave a monthly report for the council to review.

Discussion/Action The council discussed and took action on several items.

J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to get bids for the Welcome Center AC unit. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed a waiver of service fee request; however after discussion J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to table until City Clerk can gather more information. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed parking at the beach as there are a lot of people who are parking illegally. Kelleher made a motion to put up two "No Parking Between Signs" signs at the beach as well as putting up a "Public Parking Sign" designating where people are allowed to park legally. Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed promoting Zade McCall to a Supervisor roll with the retirement of Dan Zwanziger. The council discussed setting Zade's wage at \$24/hour and he would be responsible for supervising all parks, public works, and street personnel as well as providing a monthly report to the council and attending council meetings as requested. J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott will draft a resolution for official approval at the next regularly scheduled council meeting September 5, 2023.

J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to table the Community Vision due to the short deadline. RC: all ayes.

The council reviewed and discussed the 28E Agreement with the NRFC taking into consideration Mayor's considerations from earlier. J. Johnson/M to sign the title of the 2017 Freightliner over to the NRFC (Nashua Rural Fire Company) and the (NRFC) would own 100% of the vehicle and be responsible for 100% of the maintenance and insurance. Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

J. Johnson/M and Willsher/S to formally approve the purchase of tires for the skid loader from a previous Department Head Purchase Request Form.

Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to replace the D.A.R.E. sign for a cost of approximately \$50.00 even though it was outside city limits it was still the responsibility of the City of Nashua according to the Iowa DOT.

The council discussed putting up barriers along Woodbridge St. to block one lane of traffic due to the building that is dilapidating. After Attorney Skilton recommended taking a different route, J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to table the purchase of the barriers. RC: all ayes. Skilton stated that if there was a "No Trespassing Sign" and note that violators will be prosecuted. The city could issue a ticket for those who crossed the barrier. The city could assess any costs to

the home owner for the barriers since it is their property causing the need to block off the street; however being able to assess and collect are not the same thing. Council member J. Johnson stated that we need to get at least the South 1/2 of the road open. Attorney Skilton said we could condemn the property. J. Johnson asked if we needed to put barricades up. Attorney Skilton stated that the council will be addressing 657A procedures later and he suggested tabling approval of any expense on barricades for now. The council decided to just move to the discussion on 657A.

Skilton stated that when you are dealing with the 657A and property rights and how significant they are this is an area that is ripe for litigation. He also stated that there is another procedure and if the city council is acting in that accord it is cheaper that way. If the city files a 657A petition he said don't expect it to be cheap or to cut any corners. If you exercise your authority as city council first get the building(s) inspected by an independent inspector and a report, give notice of condemnation, have a hearing allowing the property owner to appeal the decision on condemnation and then get bids for demolition, let the owner know each step along the way how the city feels about it, if they will not let the owner off the hook whether or not they have nothing or are a corporation and whether or not the city wants to take possession and deed, but prior to taking deed always coordinate with the county and school for any back taxes and complete a lien search to make sure there are no liens on the property. He stated that the 657A is the last resort after trying to take care of things yourself to determine if there is a funding source and if not you just let it sit and determine when the city is going to spend the money and take possession or not. Condemnation is a good thing to tell the public because it is linked with a dangerous building and you mark it and tag it no entry and you have done your job and due diligence with the public as the council. His recommendation was to use the process and authority as a council prior to filing a 657A petition due to the costs. After discussion, J. Johnson/M, Kelleher/S to follow recommendation from Skilton and conduct a lien search, and communicate with county and school about forgiving any back taxes for 223 Main St and to search for the steps that have been completed in the condemnation process for the other buildings on Main St. that are dilapidating. RC: all ayes.

J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve blocking off a portion of Livingston St. for an estate auction located at 217 Livingston on September 30th. RC: all ayes. The owner at 214 Livingston would be the only property that would have a driveway blocked due to the closure. The property owners have confirmed with the owner of 214 Livingston that it would not be a problem. Greeley St. to Brasher St. will be closed to through traffic.

S. Johnson motioned to approve amending the sewer portion of a utility bill for a resident who was watering his newly seeded lawn. She motioned to calculate his average usage since he moved in and amend his bill to charge for his average usage. Kelleher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed whether or not it should allow continuation of health

insurance for an employee who retired after the age of 65 with 100% of the premium cost being paid by the employee. City Clerk Ott stated that he didn't think it would be legal since the employee had already retired per guidance that he had received from the city's HR Attorney; however, Val Johnson, the city's insurance agent stated that since she was not notified in writing that the employee had retired she thought the former employee would be able to continue their coverage on the city's plan as long as the city didn't notify her in writing to discontinue his insurance plan because he had retired. After discussion, S. Johnson motioned to check with the legalities of providing continuation of insurance for a recently retired employee and if it is legal, to allow the retired employee to continue their current health insurance plan through December 31, 2023 at 100% of the cost being paid by the employee. Malven seconded. M/C. RC: 4 ayes Willsher nay. City Clerk Ott will check with the HR Attorney.

The council discussed replacing city facilities with LED lighting. Malven/M, Kelleher/S, M/C to table until we get more information. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed nuisance properties and Jake/M. Kelleher/S to table creating the list of nuisance properties and how to address them until they have a workshop.

The council also discussed a couple of potential grant opportunities through Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) and Empowering Rural America New ERA Program. After discussion, J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to not continue with the application process as the project would not be affordable without assistance from other funding sources. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed trailer park service fees and how to bill them. J. Johnson/M to work with the trailer park owner to see if they want individual trash/recycle bins or a dumpster for the trailer park and also to see if they want to be responsible for the water meters or if they still want the city to provide the water meters and continue the monthly meter fee. Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed amending the water ordinance to change the verbiage to include responsibilities for backflow and cross contamination. After discussion, the council decided to add it to a workshop for further discussion.

The council also talked about putting some guidelines in place for pay increases for employees attaining certain certifications. No decisions were made, so it will be added to either a future workshop or council meeting.

The council discussed the culvert on the remainder of Charles City Rd. City Clerk Ott will talk to Zade to get more clarification on the plan.

The council discussed taking care of the weeds along the fence at the end of Main St. No decisions were made.

Other business: City Clerk Ott informed the council that the July '23 Incident Report was available from the Fire Department if anyone wanted to look at it.

There was no other business. S. Johnson motioned to adjourn. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 5 ayes. The meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Pending Approval by Council John Ott

CLAIMS REPORT (August 3-17, 2023)

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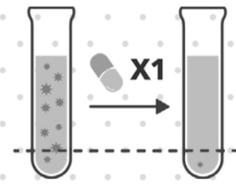
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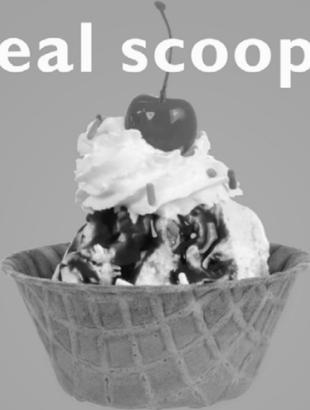
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Snapshots from Meet the Huskies!

Members of the largest Nashua-Plainfield cross country team (above) in years line the track, cheerleader Isabella Dietz (below right) waves to the crowd and Annabel McDonald (below left) delivers some of the tasty treats cooked up by the Husky Booster Club during the Meet the Huskies event that was held last Friday evening.



Key for Huskies will be doing 'little things right'

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a big weapon at tight end for the Huskies. Kalainoff came up with 6.5 tackles for loss, which is second-best for returnees behind White's 7.5 TFL. White led the team in tackles last year with 80.5.

N-P junior Jackson Carey is stout at linebacker for the Huskies. He racked up 50 tackles and had 4.5 TFL.

Both Carey and Geise were selected to the honorable mention all-district squad a season ago.

Franzen is N-P's weakside cornerback. He was tabbed for second-team all-district as a junior in 2022.

White, Evans and Kalainoff are the Huskies' "horses" on defense. If the talented trio can pay attention to detail and remain fundamentally sound - plenty of turnovers could turn into points for the opportunistic Huskies.

"All three are blessed with a ton of natural athletic ability. The biggest thing that we need out of them is doing all the little things right, the things that make a good player great - no false steps, playing with

great leverage, understanding their assignment each game and studying film," said Christensen. "At the varsity level there are a lot of great athletes playing football. The best football players do all of those little things right.

N-P lost to No. 1 ranked West Hancock in the opening round of the playoffs, 44-16. West Hancock was tripped up in the Class A title game by Grundy Center. The Spartans locked down the Eagles, 27-0, to reel in another championship and stop West Hancock's goal of a repeat state crown. N-P lost to fellow-district foe Grundy Center, 35-8, in the regular season.

N-P's Class A, District 3 this year includes AGWSR, BCLUW, North Butler, North Tama, South Winneshiek and Wapsie Valley. N-P was scheduled to open the regular season at Postville this Thursday, Aug. 24. The Huskies' other non-district opponent on its eight-game schedule is St. Ansgar - a contest that is slated to be played at Lloyd Koob Field in Nashua on Friday, Sept. 22

N-P has qualified for the playoffs in 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2021 and 2022.

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Huskies head into 2023 with great expectations

Nashua-Plainfield welcomes back plenty of experience as it begins bid for a third-straight trip to the Class A postseason

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The hype is real – and for good measure.

The Nashua-Plainfield football squad returns a considerable amount of talent this fall. A portion of Husky head coach Andrew Christensen's roster is sprinkled with all-state potential.

That promise is one of the reasons the Huskies have been lauded even before they've played a football contest in 2023.

One such media publication the Cedar Rapids Gazette – has N-P ranked No. 8 in its preseason poll in Class A.

That's quite a distinction for a program where you can count on one hand the number of playoff victories (three) it's achieved since the state began its current, albeit revised, playoff format in the early 1970s.

That means Christensen and his Huskies – in Year Four of this effort to rebuild the gridiron program – have a good thing going.

"If we are able to play to our potential, contending for a district title isn't out of the question, but there is a lot of hard work between there and where we are now," said Christensen in his fourth year as N-P head coach.

N-P – which went 5-4 last season – is gunning for its third-consecutive playoff berth this fall.

The goal is simple – finish as high up the ladder as N-P can in district play and vie for its first postseason win since a 23-20 triumph over AGWSR back in 2014, almost nine years ago.

"We are lucky to have a bunch of starters back. We have our two leading rushers back, which is huge in a Wing-T offense," said Christensen. "Defensively, we are very experienced in the back part of the defense. If the d-line can develop, we should be very stout defensively."

The Huskies will have to replace two-year starter Bo Harrington at quarterback. But with the return of senior running back Titus Evans and junior Aiden Gelner – defenses will have their hands full if the Huskies can block up front.

The Huskies generated over 2,000 yards of rushing on the ground and will attempt to exploit lapses in the defense with the physical running of Evans and Gelner – who possesses excellent vision and a late burst of speed to crank out long runs.

Evans, with his tall, lanky frame, was a punishing runner at fullback and could inflict just

as much damage to opposing offenses at his strong-side line-backer/safety spot.

Evans, a first team all-district standout in 2022, led the team in rushing with 827 yards (eight touchdowns) and gained 100 yards receiving on six catches. He made 45.5 stops on defense and picked off three passes – returning one for a touchdown. Evans blocked several extra-point attempts and led the Huskies in kickoff return yardage (169).

"I think both Gelner and Evans are looking better than last year," said Christensen.

Gelner is still coming into his own at the running back position and that could spell trouble once more for opposing teams that try to limit his big-play capability. He sliced and diced his way to over 800 yards of rushing and eight scores. He averaged six yards a carry.

"Aiden is a kid who has a ton of experience as a running back. He understands using blocks so well, and if he can be a step quicker and a little faster, he will be very good for us," said Christensen.

The signal caller to replace Harrington – who was also an all-district defense back in 2022 – will be another all-district performer in senior Tucker Franzen.

Franzen did a little bit of everything last year in the Wing-T. He rushed for 20 yards and caught seven passes for 111 yards. This year he'll be counted on to guide the offense at quarterback and distribute the pigskin to his arsenal of weapons.

Also in the mix to see time at quarterback are sophomores Devon Blanchard and Matthew Malven. Both will more than likely be backups early on according to Christensen.

"All three have their strengths and weaknesses. I would say Tucker being a senior is probably what pushes him ahead of the other two, just taking charge a little better – but all three could be capable," said Christensen. "The biggest thing to realize is that none of the three have to be Bo. They have to play to their strengths if given the chance."

N-P senior wideout Trae Geise is poised for a breakout year. He amassed 230 yards on 15 catches to lead all receivers last fall. Geise is also an intimidating presence in the secondary at safety.

"Trae has all of the athletic tools to be very good. Trusting his reads and getting to the ball will be the area of improvement that will take him to the next level," said the N-P head coach. "Trae has big-play potential



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Devon Blanchard closes in on a Waterloo Columbus ball carrier during last week's scrimmage.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 28	at Riceville JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	North Tama V	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	North Tama JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	at BCLUW V	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	at West Fork JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	at AGWSR V	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	at AGWSR JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	St. Ansgar V	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	North Tuttle JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	South Wineshiek V	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	at North Butler V	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Central Springs JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	Wapsie Valley V	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	Wapsie Valley JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 20	Class A playoffs begin	7 p.m.

every time we call his name."

N-P senior Hayden Munn – who will get plenty of snaps for the second-consecutive year at cornerback – will see touches in the offense as well at receiver. Braeden Mitchell, Landon Foelske, Karson Chyma and Malven are all sophomores and listed at receiver. That four-some will also vie for action on the offensive end. Foelske and Malven will also see playing time at secondary as well according to the N-P head coach.

N-P returns three starters on the line up front – headlined by all-state senior guard Tate White – who is also one of the small-school classes' best linebackers, along with Evans. Also returning to start on the o-line is senior center Aiden Sullivan and senior guard Dylan Blanchard.

"Tate White was an all-state guard last year and his partner in crime Dylan Blanchard will be back this year pulling on most plays," Christensen added. "Aiden Sullivan is a very smart player and strong player, which makes him a great center."

Junior Isaac Jones and sophomore Trent Rodruck are pen-

ciled in as Christensen's first-team starting offensive tackles.

"Isaac got some experience and showed some flashes of being a very good lineman last year. Trent is young, but could develop into a great lineman by the end of the year if his confidence continues to grow," said the N-P head coach. "To me the biggest things will be playing with great leverage on both sides of the ball, driving our feet on contact, from a fundamental aspect."

Husky sophomores Blaine Brannon, Dawson Becker, Beau Morris and junior Cam Cleveland are other players on the offensive interior that will help build depth and provide many options in the trenches for the Huskies in their overall development.

One player for N-P where the sky is definitely the limit is sophomore Eli Kalainoff – one of the better freshman on the varsity level in all of Class A. Kalainoff could end his career as one of the better gridiron standouts at N-P if his upward climb continues at his defensive end position. He will also be

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404 assists her senior year.

"Maci and Kami have both been working in the setter position for us this preseason. Both girls have varsity experience for us in the back row from last year, which is very helpful," said Foelske. "The setter controls a lot of the offense, and has to learn what sets work best for each player and where to send the ball. They are both working on finding their groove on the court and with their teammates in a new position."

Foelske stressed that communication, passing and serving will be vital to the success of N-P as it looks to improve on its production during the regular season.

Building team bonds and chemistry is also essential in order for the Huskies to pile up as many wins as they can this fall.

"It is really important during offseason and preseason to get the girls playing together, but also just getting to know each other outside of volleyball. The dynamics shift and there are always some "growing pains" in the beginning of the season. Thankfully, a lot of these girls will be playing other sports with each other, so that bond will continue to develop throughout the year," said Foelske.

Other members of N-P's varsity roster are sophomores Alison Mehmen (MH) and seniors Jordyn Frost (RH) and Braylee Schaufenbuel (OH).

Huskies have both quantity and quality

Huck returns to lead Nashua-Plainfield cross country; coach has 26 runners on the roster

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield cross country coach Jennifer Kalainoff isn't complaining, but make no mistake about it, she was happy help is on the way.

The Huskies have 26 runners on the team, and the veteran coach couldn't help but laugh when asked during the first week of practice how she was keeping up?

"It's hard, really hard," she said, "but I'm getting an assistant coach and that will help a lot. We have runners who run the range of ability and keeping track of all of them by myself ... that's a challenge."

That assistant coach – former Husky athlete Jennah Carpenter – is now in tow and the Huskies are looking forward to their first meet of the season, a somewhat unique meet that will be held at Charles City's Wildwood Golf Course next Thursday.

Nashua-Plainfield is one of a relatively few schools that doesn't schedule a meet during the first week that competitions are allowed by the two athletic associations that govern high school sports in the state of Iowa.

Some years that's a bad thing because it feels like "forever" between the start of practice and the first meet. And then there are years like 2023.

"Most of the meets have been called off because of the heat," she said, "so we would have been in the same boat. This year, it worked out just fine."

And it gave the veteran coach more time to get her team in shape.

"Every year, we have kids who experience that 'summer of regret' because they didn't do all that much in the summer," she said earlier this month, "so we have some work to do. But we've got some time."

Time, though, is running out; after all, that first meet is now just six days away, but Kalainoff isn't so much concerned about August; after all, her focus has always been to make sure her team peaks at the right time, i.e., in October when the Huskies run at the Top of Iowa Conference and the Class 1A state qualifying meets.

"The idea is to use the season to make sure we're ready for those meets," she said. "It's not that I don't want them to do well – I'm a competitive person; I like to win as much as the next coach – but we know the times we put up in August or even in September don't matter. October, on the other hand, does."

As the Huskies embark on another campaign, Kalainoff knows she has quantity but she also believes there's some quality among the Huskies.

Start with the girls, who will be led by junior Kadence Huck, who has already built a running resume few high schools girls can claim.

In cross country, she has qualified for the state meet both years she has competed in the sport, and she earned all-state honors a year ago with a 10th-place finish at the 1A state meet. In track, she's a two-time 400 state champion, added an 800 title a year ago and has anchored two state championship relay teams. She has gone 8-for-8 when it comes to medaling at the state track meet, yet Huck certainly didn't spend the summer resting on her laurels.

"She really put the work in and is in great shape already," said Kalainoff, who is entering her 10th year as the Huskies' coach. "It's not that she's a once-in-a-lifetime talent, though, the thing that makes Kadence so special to me is that she is a great teammate, too. She's so



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Kadence Huck is Nashua-Plainfield's top returning runner heading into the 2023 season.

encouraging, so positive."

The Huskies girls have 10 on the roster, but Huck is far from the only experienced Husky this season. Seniors Ellie Eick, Lexie Weiss and Emma O'Neill, junior Amberley Gerholdt and sophomore Jalissa White all ran on varsity a year ago, when the Huskies finished sixth at the 1A state qualifier.

"We definitely have girls who know what to expect," Kalainoff said, "and really, experience does matter when it comes to our sport. People think it's just running, but to be in a field of a hundred runners, that's something where experience helps a lot."

She said the key to success for the Husky girls is to find runners who can fill the fourth and fifth spots. In cross country, the top five runners on each team "score" points for their team, and with Huck as the obvious No. 1 runner and both White and Eick, who battled for the No. 2 position last year, Nashua-Plainfield has potential.

Nashua-Plainfield's boys team also isn't lacking for experience and will be led by sophomore Jase Hansen, who put together a solid freshman season – finishing in the top 30 at the TIC meet and taking 19th at the state qualifier.

"He's another one who came into practice in really good shape," Kalainoff said. "Jase is a really good competitor, and you know every time that gun goes off, he's going to give it everything he has."

The Huskies also welcome back a slew of runners who competed at the varsity level in 2022. That group includes senior Caleb Lentz, juniors Caleb Sinnwell and Luke Paplow and sophomores Brexton Bird and Brady Lensing.

"They're a good group of kids, and they made a lot of progress," Kalainoff said. "The key is to see those guys continue to improve."

The Nashua-Plainfield coach said her team, which numbers 16 runners, also includes two promising young runners like Avery Mueller and Jake Smith.

"Right now, we need to get to a meet and see where it's all going to shake out," she said. "You can get a lot from practice, but until they run against someone else, it's hard to really tell where you're at."

The one thing she won't have to worry about is having enough runners to fill out her varsity teams, and Kalainoff also appreciates the fact that the sport she coaches welcomes, if you will, "all kinds."

"We'll get there, and I remind myself that one thing about our sport is we get all types of kids," Kalainoff said. "Some kids are here for the social aspect, some are here for other sports and that's OK, too. It's just nice to have great numbers."

It's going to be a season of 'change' for N-P

Several Nashua-Plainfield standouts will see roles on the volleyball court change this year

By Kelly Terpstra
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The Nashua-Plainfield volleyball team caught fire towards the end of last season.

Not literally, but the Huskies and head coach Mindy Foelske scorched the competition as the season wended down and started playing their best volleyball of the year during a stretch run that saw them win six out of their last nine matches.

The season was ended – 3-1 – at the hands of Riceville in the Class 1A regional opener. But the seeds were planted in that late finish to potentially blossom this spring into a contender this fall for an upper-half finish in the standings of the Top of Iowa Conference.

There's many familiar faces back for the Huskies and some will be playing new roles this fall after an offseason that has seen N-P get stronger and hopefully better.

N-P went 8-13 overall and 3-5 in league play in 2022. The three wins enabled the Huskies to place sixth in the conference.

N-P starters back this year are seniors Jalynn Pratt (DS), Myranda Webster (MH/RS), Jaci Malven (S/DS) and juniors Mocslynn Glaser (MH/OH) and Paige Franzen (OH/S). Other starters that return for Foelske are sophomores Lily Eiffler (RS/OH) and Kami Hannemann (S/DS).

Look for sophomores Elayna

N-P VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 29	Northwood-Kensett JV/V	5:30/7 p.m.
Aug. 31	Mason City Newman JV/V	5:30/7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Central Springs JV/V	5:30/7 p.m.
Sept. 7	at St. Ansgar JV/V	5:30/7 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Aplington-Parkersburg Invite	9 a.m.
Sept. 16	Nashua-Plainfield Invitational	
Sept. 19	at North Butler JV/V	5:30/7 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Clarksville JV/V	5:30/7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Belmond-Klemme JV/V	5:30/7 p.m.
Oct. 10	N-P quad (Lake Mills, H-D, N. Butler) V	6 p.m.
Oct. 16	Class 1A regional begins	TBA

O'Neill (MH/OH) and Ava Kirk (OH/DS) to also have an impact and log minutes out on the court.

Foelske likes what she sees up front from her hitters, which like a lot of their teammates – have worked hard this offseason in strength and conditioning.

"All six of those ladies have spent a lot of time in the weight room and you can tell," said Foelske, in her third season as N-P head coach.

Franzen has honorable mention all-TIC and did a little bit of everything last year. She produced 22 aces and managed 90 kills. She was also a team leader in digs with 133.

N-P's two other all-conference leaders last year have both graduated in senior setter Paige Ripley (first team) and right side hitter/middle Bailey Fisher (second team).

"We lost two players who had a ton of varsity experience and court time. We have been work-

ing to fill those voids and have seen some players step into some roles they may have not had in the past," said Foelske.

One such player that will slide into a new position is Pratt, who was an outside hitter last year, but will play in the back row this fall as a defensive specialist. Pratt was a TIC honorable-mention selection as a sophomore. She's been around the block and knows what it takes to win matches.

"Jalynn has shifted roles for us this year due to some issues with her shoulder and has been working as a libero/DS for us," said Foelske. "Although she may not be up front this season, her overall volleyball knowledge and experience are going to be valuable no matter where she is at."

Malven and Hannemann will be tasked with replacing Ripley – who was one of the league and N-P's better setters in recent memory. Ripley tallied

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD XC SCHEDULE

Aug. 31	at Charles City Invitational	5 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Wartburg Max Invitational	4:50 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Union Invitational	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Osage Invitational	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Denver Invitational	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Nashua-Plainfield Invitational	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Hampton-Dumont Invitational	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 3	at South Winn Invitational	5 p.m.
Oct. 5	at NH Invite (Fredericksburg)	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 12	Top of Iowa meet at NIACC	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Class 1A state qualifier	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	Class 1A state meet Fort Dodge	2 p.m.



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Nashua-Plainfield's Lily Eiffler (above) eyes the ball as she gets ready to make a serve while teammate Kami Hannemann (below) tries to tip the ball past a New Hampton defender during Tuesday's match.

Huskies' coach finds positives in opener

New Hampton, Jesup sweep N-P but Foelske says team learned and improved in '23 debut

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Nashua-Plainfield may have lost both its volleyball matches to Jesup and New Hampton in a season-opening triangular this past Tuesday – but head coach Mindy Foelske's Huskies now have an idea of what it might take to get that first "W" notched in the victory column.

That potential first win should just be around the corner, but the losses to start the week were a barometer of sorts to see where the Huskies are at. "I told them after the game that I thought we could have done some things better, but not to be disappointed in how they played. They now can see what they need to work on and I feel like they learned and improved against a tough team," said Foelske about the Jesup contest.

Jesup won the first match of the evening on the J-Hawks' home floor by a score of 25-12 and 25-15. New Hampton took home a 25-7, 25-13 triumph back to Chickasaw County after downing the Huskies.

New Hampton – which swept the regular season and postseason Northeast Iowa Conference titles last fall – demonstrated their prowess early and often against the overmatched Huskies.

"The New Hampton game was rough. They are a good team with a lot of very talented athletes," said Foelske. "Tip coverage killed us in this match, along with a rotation in server receive."

N-P – which went 8-13 overall a year ago and 3-5 in the Top of Iowa Conference in 2022 – sports a few underclassmen that are just getting accustomed to see significant time on the varsity level.

One such player is sophomore Ava Kirk, an outside hitter that showed flashes of potential in N-P's road trip battle with the two non-conference foes.

"I am really proud of Ava. She has always primarily been a back-row player, but with the vertical and athletic ability she has, she has moved to an all-around player for us," said Foelske. "She doesn't have varsity experience and we asked her to take on a big role. She didn't have kills for us, but controlled the ball and got some touches at the net. She did a lot of learning tonight."

N-P played its TIC opener at Rockford Thursday night. The Huskies were playing without all-conference junior outside hitter Paige Franzen in the season opener. Foelske said she will make her season debut in the Rockford match.

The Huskies' home opener is slated to be played this coming Tuesday versus Northwood-Kensett. N-P finishes off the week with a home meet with Newman on Thursday.



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Nashua-Plainfield's Tate White (above) leads the way for Aiden Gelner while Husky quarterback Tucker Franzen scrambles for positive yards (below) during Thursday's non-district game against Postville.

Huskies roll to big win at Postville

Nashua-Plainfield strikes early and often as Huskies claim 46-0 victory in non-district clash

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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These Huskies howled, barked and bit – hard.

The Nashua-Plainfield football team made the Pirates walk the plank on a steamy Thursday night season opener in Postville.

The dangerous waters the Pirates were forced to take a dive into would have been a challenge to stay afloat for even the best of buccaneers.

The Huskies made sure the Pirates stayed down in their self-induced murky abyss as N-P head coach Andrew Christensen's highly-touted squad rolled to an easy 46-0 victory. The first game of the season saw the mercury dip just below 90 degrees at kickoff on a hot, early fall prep football clash that was the definition of a mismatch.

Fortunately for the hapless Pirates – losers of 25-straight contests – this one ended early, but not by design.

N-P – which has a good chance to be ranked in Class A after the win when the AP Poll comes out next week – used its power run game out of the Wing-T offense to score on its first seven possessions. Postville received somewhat of a reprieve as the north end zone lights went out with 2:40 left in the fourth quarter. By that time the game had been on a continuous clock and officials decided to call the game early because of the light malfunction.

"Defensively we were attacking pretty well," said Christensen. "The first half – we just kind of played a little bit dead. We were moving the ball and scoring, there just wasn't great energy. The second half we came out with a lot better energy and we started to kind of impose our will."

This blowout was definitely a TKO (technical knockout) that showcased N-P's stellar run game.

N-P fullback Titus Evans scored twice and amassed almost 170 yards of rushing. He scored the game's first touchdown on a six-yard plunge to paydirt and went 22 yards untouched right up the gut to end the first-half scoring with 1:42 remaining before intermission.

N-P led 28-0 at the break. Aiden Gelner – the Huskies' slithery, yet steady junior running back – scored three times and cracked the century mark

in yards gained on the ground.

Tucker Franzen – N-P's senior signal caller – scored on a two-yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter to make it 20-0, N-P.

Tyler Zimmer, a sophomore running back, scored the game's final TD of the evening on a seven-yard scamper.

N-P forced two fumbles and limited Postville to just one first down.

"We got everybody in the game, which was good to see – even if it was just for one play," said Christensen. "Seeing how some of those sophomores could perform was really important."

Postville has played to three-consecutive 0-8 seasons and has not won a game since a 13-0 defeat over Nashua-Plainfield in the regular season finale – clear back in 2019.

N-P hosts North Tama in the district home opener next Friday in Nashua.



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