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City Council receives EMS update

Nashua Area EMS director, councilman say ambulance has ‘awesome group of people’

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Nashua Area EMS Director Zenda Vikturek, along with the help of a whole host of volunteers and first responders, has put in countless hours to get an ambulance service up and running in the town of 1,500 that rests on the shoreline of Cedar

Lake in northeast Iowa. So at Monday’s regular Nashua City Council meeting she gave an update on the progress of the ambulance service that has been almost a year in the making. With that excitement of providing life-saving care for people within the Nashua City limits that need it – has come tons of paperwork and

some headaches along the way. But Vikturek and her crew have pushed through and made Nashua’s volunteer EMS a reality. “We had stock in Tylenol,” joked Vikturek. The Council officially approved the billing rates, a billing service agreement with PCC (an ambulance billing service out of West Bend,

Iowa) and several mutual-aid agreements with various EMS operators in the area that Nashua Area EMS will partner up with. “We appreciate everything you do. It’s amazing,” said Nashua City Clerk John Ott.

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Three more cities ask supervisors for county ARPA funds

Board comes under fire for helping Nashua with dam; Cerwinske defends the decision

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

A week after the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors indicated that it will follow through on using \$50,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help the city of Nashua with dam issues, three more Chickasaw County cities on Monday asked the Board of Supervisors to share some of the county’s federal dollars. Board members agreed to table the requests but only after a relatively lengthy discussion not only about the requests but also the dam project in Nashua. North Washington and Lawler both made formal requests for \$50,000 of the county’s ARPA funds while Ionia asked the county for \$30,000. North Washington Mayor David Geerts, who attended Monday’s meeting, said his city would use the funds to seal coat streets and told supervisors that the city’s budget has been “depleted” after buying a water tank for the city, along with the added expenses of providing emergency medical services. Lawler and Ionia, meanwhile, both made written requests to the county and although neither city had a representative at Monday’s meeting, Lawler’s letter stated that it would use the funds to help fund improvements to city bridges and city streets while Ionia wants the money so that it can continue to make improvements to its city parks. Geerts brought up both the dam and Nashua’s new ambulance service and asked two questions of supervisors. “Who owns the Nashua dam, the Nashua lake and the generator? I would think that would be known before you give money away,” he asked before diving into the EMS question. Nashua last year decided not to sign a 28E agreement to be part of the county-owned Chickasaw County EMS ambulance service and instead struck out on its own and Nashua Area EMS went into service on July 1. “Second question, have you signed a mutual aid agreement with the city of Nashua?,” Geerts asked and pointed out if the county has, “then

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Megan Bierschenk handles her cow like an old pro as she takes part in the Celebrity Beef Showmanship contest that was held last week during the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

FUN TIMES RETURNING TO THE RING!

‘CELEBRITIES’ HAVE A BLAST AT BEEF SHOWMANSHIP SHOW AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR 4-H

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Nashua’s Jada Goddard is a fan of the TV series “Yellowstone.” She also loves animals. So it only made sense that Goddard and her husband Matthew – owners of Goddard Livestock – named one of their Red Angus show heifers “Beth Dutton”

in honor of the popular western drama that stars cinematic acting legend Kevin Costner. The “real” Beth Dutton – a fictional character – is played by English actress Kelly Reilly. Beth is the daughter of patriarch John Dutton (Costner’s role) and is one of several members of the legendary, albeit notorious, Montana ranch family that seems to be in

a perpetual power struggle to see who controls or benefits the most from their lucrative livestock business. Neither of those famous thespians were in attendance at the Big 4 Fairgrounds on Friday afternoon during the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show. But “Beth” was. Tyler Krug – the judge that

picked winners of the Celebrity Beef Show – quizzed Goddard about the name of her entrant in the field. “Beth” was one of 16 heifers – along with their handlers – that helped raise funds to keep county achievements shows like this one in the state thriving.

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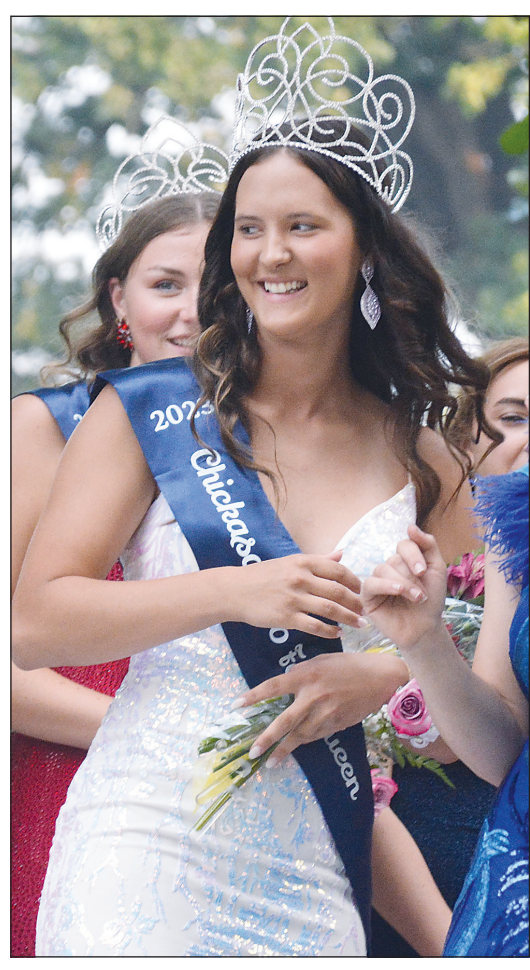
Photo courtesy of Doug Strike

Adding to the legacy
Lewiston Monument Company’s Lee Kennedy works last Friday on etching in the names of those who have recently retired from the Nashua Fire Department. See STORY, Page 2



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Hard work and good times at the Show!
Kash Goddard (above) and his father Mathew get Kash’s beef show animal all gussied up on Friday at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show that was held at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua, where soon-to-be New Hampton High School senior Tori Bearman (right) is all smiles Saturday night after receiving her fair queen crown. See ACHIEVEMENT SHOW, Page 7





Bob Fenske/Reporter

Lee Kennedy of the Lewiston Monument Company gets to work last Friday on etching the names of the latest Nashua Fire Department retirees on a board that usually hangs inside the station.

Nashua couple helps preserve firefighters’ legacy

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Everyone driving by the Nashua Fire Station last Friday probably had the same question — who in the heck is that masked man?

Well, that man was Lee Kennedy of the Lewiston Monument Company, and he was in town to at least in a way chronicle the history of the Nashua Fire Department.

"Every year, we have someone from Lewiston come down and etch the names of the new retirees," longtime Nashua resident Doug Strike said. "It's important to remember the people who have served as firefighters; they give up a lot to make sure we stay safe."

A number of years ago, Strike and his

wife, Carol, donated the sign that includes the names of the firefighters and also donate the costs of the names that are added on an almost annual basis. Lewiston Monument is based in the southeastern town of Minnesota that is located about a little less than 40 miles east of Rochester, and it serves customers in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

The Strikes have served as area representatives of the company for years, and Doug Strike said one reason they have remained with Lewiston Monument for so long is the family-like atmosphere the company has.

"They've been owned by the same family all of those years," he said, "and they put their customers and their needs above everything else."

He said etching the names on the sign that hangs inside the station is not a simple process.

"Put it this way, they can't just show up, go to the wall and start etching," he said. "We have to take the sign down, get it outside and then they go to work. And when you see them working on it, trust me, they're all decked out."

And Strike had the picture to prove it. The names etched this year included Charlie Westervelwt (21 years of service), Joel Betsinger (18), Jeremy Bilharz (10) and Tony Civarelli (10).

"Hopefully, everyone appreciates the names on the whole sign," Strike said. "The volunteers answer calls at all times of the day and night and they never know what they're going to be dealing with, but they go anyway and that means a lot to us."

Cerwinske: \$50,000 worth it to protect property values

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they are getting the same service the rest of the towns in the county are receiving without paying their fair share. It seems to me they are getting everything the rest of the towns are without paying anything, and there's no guarantee as to how many hours a week they will be in service."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn, referencing a six-month mutual aid agreement the county has signed with Nashua Area EMS, said that the deal represents "a trial to see how it works."

It was the county's contribution to the dam project, however, that took center stage for much of the discussion. Nashua spent about \$1.2 million on a dam repair project in 2020, but issues have arisen since the project was completed.

Earlier this year, Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer approached the Board of Supervisors and requested that the county help the city with engineering costs and board members agreed to use \$50,000 of the interest its ARPA funds have earned to help the city.

Supervisor Scott Cerwinske, whose district includes Nashua, stood by the board's decision, even though he conceded on Monday that who actually owns the dam remains up in the air.

"I believe there's some question on whether or not some paperwork was filed properly to determine who actually owns the dam at this time,"

Cerwinske said, "but I would say at the end of the day, the city of Nashua is going to fix that dam — whether they own it or not. I believe the property values that lie in the county along that lake and in the city are well worth the \$50,000. ... There are numerous people outside the Nashua area that use that lake that are Chickasaw County [residents]."

County Assessor Ray Armel said he had done research on the dam's ownership and said that the documents he has been able to locate are "up for interpretation."

In Ionia's request, meanwhile, city officials sounded much like Cerwinske when they pointed out that out-of-town residents use the city's park. They wrote that the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department, for example, uses the Ionia ballfield for youth baseball and softball games and that events like family and celebrations mean "many people from other communities are visiting our park."

Supervisors have a public hearing set for 9:10 a.m. this coming Monday to consider a budget amendment to the county's 2023-24 budget. That amendment includes the funds for Nashua, but does not include the requests from North Washington, Lawler and Ionia. If those funds are eventually OK'd by county leaders, they would need to be part of a future budget amendment.



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Getting it right with a great crew at Nashua Area EMS!

Let's try this one more time because let's just say the Reporter's editor had a rough time when it came to the cutline on this photo of the Nashua Area EMS crew in last week's paper. He left one name out, misspelled three more and so we're going to re-run the photo and the cutline (and hopefully nail it this time!). The volunteers who are making sure an ambulance is available to Nashua residents include (front row) Cindy Shoemaker, Carly Clinton, Karagan Fisher, Brookelynn Gerber, Shelena Pascual, Toni Nelson, Zenda Vikturek, Brandy Molitor, Kurt Nelson, Chad Nelson, (back row) Andrew Pahnisch, Melissa Sudol, Dannon Mohs, Shea Gerber, Abe Karels, Josh Caster, Cheryl Dettmer, Tabitha Corathers, Deb Scroggins, Zade McCall, (absent from photo) Tyler Sedivy and Sharri Dann.

Park Board exploring ways to have more events at bandshell

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Those mutual-aid agreements were signed on the dotted line earlier this month and include Chickasaw County EMS, Waverly Health Center Ambulance Department, AMR Ambulance (Charles City, Floyd County) and Plainfield First Responders. Vikturek said there is also a possible mutual-aid agreement that will be signed off on with Bradford Township (areas near Nashua out by the Little Brown Church and south of town).

"It's nice to be back together again," said Vikturek.

Jake Johnson, the newest member of the Nashua City Council and a member of Nashua's Volunteer Fire Department, made it clear what the overall intent is for the Nashua ambulance service moving forward.

"I wanted to just make sure that you guys know ... we're not here to make money. Money's great, but we want to the provide the service first," said Johnson. "If we can keep it afloat, perfect."

The startup ambulance service has hit a few bumps in the road according to Vikturek in trying to get off the ground – but it's been a relatively smooth process to get the ball rolling and help save lives. Johnson agreed.

"We've got an awesome group of people. We've had a couple trainings with them and they are very engaged. They do a very good job," said Johnson.

Viktirek described her brand new EMS's first call – which took place earlier this month. If that initial response by the Nashua Area EMS to that call is any indication on how the service could run – it bodes well for the small, yet dedicated contingent of EMT's, paramedics and firemen – and most importantly, the citizens of Nashua.

"The first call – every single person was there," said Vikturek. "The lady's like, 'there's so many people.' We said, 'you're our first official call,' and she goes whoopee. She's 92-years-old. She thought that was kind of cool. She's fine. She came back home."

Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer let the Council know that he has submitted a request to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors for \$50,000 in aid to help with repair work on Nashua's hydro dam. He said he will be present at this coming Monday's supervisors' meeting when the board holds a public hearing on the budget amendment that includes the money for the dam project.

Ashley Ludemann, a member of Nashua's Park Board, informed the Council that the newly-constructed Baldwin Bandshell

could possibly have many fun and exciting events planned in the near future for the rest of 2023.

Members of the Park Board are considering renting out the bandshell, she said.

"We have a lot of ideas that we are working on to utilize the bandshell more frequently," said Ludemann.

One such suggestion that came up was to have a "Nashua's Got Talent" at the bandshell, where contestants can sign up to either play an instrument, sing or do a trick, etc. Ludemann also said that local bands, singers or songwriters could also perform at the bandshell.

"There would be a lot of calendars that we would need to correspond with that," said Ludemann. "Once we get that more set in stone and figure out what we want to utilize it for, then we will proceed with renting it out and coming up with a price."

Ludemann also stated that an area of land in front of the bandshell could also be leveled out and built into a dance floor.

"We still have lots of finishing touches and ideas of utilizing it," said Ludemann.

The Baldwin Bandshell was donated by the Baldwin Family and was used at last month's Water Over the Dam Days.

And finally, the City Council approved the retirement of longtime city worker Dan Zwanziger.

Area farm fields get some much-needed rain

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

Even though the U.S. Drought Monitor's Iowa map remains "ugly," its "looks" improved Thursday afternoon when the weekly report was released.

Gone is the big "blotch" hovering over Chickasaw and Bremer counties that showed much of the area dealing with "severe drought" conditions.

Granted, we're still enduring "moderate drought," according to the weekly report, but thanks to last week's rainfall – Nashua received precipitation

five straight days, beginning Tuesday, July 11 – the situation is improving.

The rainfall in Chickasaw County over the five-day period ranged from around 2 inches in the Nashua area to 3.49 inches in New Hampton.

That rainfall also led to improvement in the latest USDA Iowa Crop and Condition report that was released on Monday.

Just 3 percent of farmland in Iowa's Northeast District, which includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties, was "very short" of topsoil moisture while

34 percent remained "short."

Two weeks ago, the USDA report showed that 11 percent was "very short" and 46 percent was "short."

This week's report showed that 37 percent of subsoil moisture was "very short" or "short," down from 59 percent just before the Fourth of July holiday.

Iowa, though, remains dry; in fact, all 99 counties according to the Drought Monitor, are either "abnormally dry" or are experiencing some kind of drought conditions.

Parts of southeast Iowa and

a sliver of far western Iowa are dealing with "extreme drought" while most of northern Iowa is either abnormally dry or dealing with moderate drought.

But here's the bad news: The improving drought picture may not last long.

Save for a slight chance of some weekend storms, there is little precipitation in the forecast and the hottest weather of the summer is expected to descend upon the area when high temperatures are expected to be in the 90s for much of next week.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES July 10, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 9:01 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski 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, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Deputy Zach Nosbisch, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Custodian Dave Gorman, Engineer Roman Lensing and EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for July 10, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from July 3, 2023 with a change. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Cerwinski, Suckow, Kuhn. Abstained; Breitbach. Motion carried.

No Public Comment

Motion Hackman, Seconded by Cerwinski to receive and file Chickasaw County Treasure Semi Annual Report updating June 30, 2023 and authorize publishing in Chickasaw County designated papers. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion on updates of the Samuel Group on the designing for the Sheriff Department by Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Discussion of Vehicle Lease Option/Vehicle purchase for FY24-25 for the Sheriff Department.

Discussion of the Juvenile Court Officer move to the Heritage around August 18, 2023.

Discussion with Conservation Director Chad Humpal about landfill updates.

Discussion about Conservation Department updates.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the purchase of Trailer for \$5,900.00 for the Conservation Department. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion and direction given to

Chickasaw County Attorney Dave Lauder to build lease agreements for the non-profit at the Heritage Building.

Discussion with Custodian Dave Gorman about public water service installation.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to direct Chickasaw County Attorney Dave Lauder to combine the purchase and procurement policies.Changing the purchase to over \$10,000.00 you go for board approval, \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 you get board approval and competitive bids, and over \$25,000.00 the department gets board approval and sends out Request For Proposals. Roll call: Ayes; Cerwinski, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Resolution 07-10-23-53 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INABILITY TO IDENTIFY AN ELIGIBLE AND WILLING APPOINTEE TO THE NEW HAMPTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the city of New Hampton extends its zoning jurisdiction to the unincorporated areas of Chickasaw County within two miles of the city limits pursuant to Iowa Code section 414.23(1); and WHEREAS, in accordance with Iowa Code section 414.23(2), the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors shall appoint two members to the New Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission, including (1) a member of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, or the Board's designee, who shall be a resident of the area outside the city limits over which the zoning jurisdiction is extended; and (2) a resident of the area outside the city limits over which the zoning jurisdiction is extended; and

WHEREAS, at least one of the two members of the New Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission appointed by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors also shall own land that is actively used for an agricultural purpose as defined in section 570A.1, except when such requirement prevents the identification of an eligible and willing appointee for at least six months; HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of July, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair,

Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach Cerwinski. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Resolution 07-10-23-54 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INABILITY TO IDENTIFY AN ELIGIBLE AND WILLING APPOINTEE TO THE NEW HAMPTON BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WHEREAS, the city of New Hampton extends its zoning jurisdiction to the unincorporated areas of Chickasaw County within two miles of the city limits pursuant to Iowa Code section 414.23(1); and WHEREAS, in accordance with Iowa Code section 414.23(2), the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors shall appoint two members to the New Hampton Board of Adjustment, including (1) a member of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, or the Board's designee, who shall be a resident of the area outside the city limits over which the zoning jurisdiction is extended; and (2) a resident of the area outside the city limits over which the zoning jurisdiction is extended; and

WHEREAS, at least one of the two members of the New Hampton Board of Adjustment appointed by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors also shall own land that is actively used for an agricultural purpose as defined in section 570A.1, except when such requirement prevents the identification of an eligible and willing appointee for at least six months; HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of July, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair,

Discussion Pipeline Inspection Service ISG Inc regarding Homeland Energy Solutions potential private pipeline.

Discussion of EMS Building and Martin Gardner Architecture services for \$35,500.00.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to enter into CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DIS-

CUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AT 10:52 AM. Roll call. Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to exit CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY AT 11:49 AM. Roll call. Ayes; Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Cerwinski, and Kuhn. Motion carried.

No action taken out of close session.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Hackman to approve to pay \$415,325.00 and authorize chair's signature on Heartland Insurance Risk Pool for the County Client Authorization to Bind Coverage. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Hackman to approve to pay \$43,455.00 and authorize chair's signature on Heartland Insurance Risk Pool for the EMS Client Authorization to Bind Coverage. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the resignation of Retha Praska from the Auditor's office as of July 14, 2023. Roll call. All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to set public hearing for July 24, 2023 at 9:10 AM for the Amendment #1 of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget and direct auditor to publish Notice of Public Hearing – Amendment of Current Budget in the New Hampton Tribune on July 13, 2023 and Nashua Reporter on July 14, 2023. Roll call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT UPDATES

Supervisor Breitbach-June 26-NE IA Community Action

Supervisor Cerwinski-July 6-Heartland Insurance Risk Pool

Motion by Breitbach seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 12:09 PM. Roll Call: All Aye. Motion carried.

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

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Patricia 'Pat' Ipsen, 75

Patricia "Pat" Ipsen, age 75 of New Hampton and the longtime director of the New Hampton Public Library, died Sunday, July 16, 2023, at 9th Street Chautauqua Guest Home in Charles City.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, followed by a Remembrance Service at 4:00 p.m.

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

Leslie Kellogg, 64

Leslie Kellogg, age 64, of Ionia, Iowa, died Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton and for more information, please call 641-394-4334.

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CHECK OUT NEXT WEEK'S REPORTER AS WE PREPARE FOR THE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH'S ANNUAL MARRIAGE REUNION BY LOOKING BACK AT ITS LONG, RICH HISTORY!

Bilharz 50th anniversary

Dan and Patty Bilharz of Nashua will celebrate their 50th anniversary next week, and the couple's family is holding a card shower for them.

They were married on July 28, 1973 at the Nashua United Methodist Church.

They have two sons, Travis Bilharz (Nicole Banks) and Eric Bilharz (Mariah) — along with nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Cards can be sent to their home at 622 Woodbridge Street, Nashua, IA 50658.



Briefs

Grants open to those who provide food, shelter

Agencies providing emergency food and shelter programs in Chickasaw County can apply for federal funds to assist their efforts.

The county has been awarded \$5,561 through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

A local board will determine how the funds, appropriated by Congress, are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter program run by local service agencies in the area.

Eligible local service agencies must be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government eligible to receive federal funds; have an accounting system and practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs; and have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

Agencies interested in applying for EFSP funds should contact Sheri Alldredge, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, at (319) 235-0311 for an application.

Applications must be received by August 4, 2023.

Upper Iowa graduates

Wartburg College awarded diplomas to 267 students during its Spring Commencement on Sunday, May 28.

Haley Jacobsen of Nashua graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in elementary education.

PBS to air two-part documentary on State Fair

Iowa PBS is celebrating the Iowa State Fair with its new two-part documentary Our Great State Fair. It premieres Tuesday, Aug. 1 and Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. on statewide Iowa PBS, the PBS App and iowapbs.org.

The Iowa State Fair is the culmination of everything Iowa is known for: a social event, a livestock show, a competition stage, an entertainment venue, a political platform and a classroom. It's a place to experience Iowa's past and, at the same time, look towards its future. The film continues Iowa PBS's long standing tradition of bringing the best of the 11-day event to all Iowans.

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City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Council Chambers, City Hall
The Nashua City Council met in regular session on July 17, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Alex Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Harold Kelleher III, Tim Malven and Ernie Willsher. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Heather Hackman Library Director and Zenda Vikturek Nashua Area EMS Director. Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver was present along with 5 guests.
Mayor Anthofer asked for consideration approving the regular agenda. Willsher/M, Kelleher/S, M/C to approve the regular agenda after removing item (6) Val Johnson insurance provider discussing health insurance continuation after retirement and 8 setting public hearing vacating Woodbridge St. RC: all ayes.
Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the consent agenda: Minutes from the Special Council Meeting June 27, 2023; Building Permits: 514 Cedar St., 59 Monroe, and 104 Bradford Parkway; Payment of Claims (see claims re-way): Total Claims to be Paid \$60,253.19 + Wages \$8,683.89. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the consent agenda after moving the building permit for 59 Monroe St. to the regular agenda for further discussion. RC: all ayes.
Mayor Anthofer asked if anyone had any public comments. There were none.
Mayor Anthofer asked Attorney Skilton to lead the discussion on a hearing regarding a dangerous animal. Skilton informed the council that the owner of the dog had stated that they were going to put the dog down after its quarantine period and if that were still the case than no further discussion were needed. The dog owner explained to the council that they have decided that they no longer feel that putting the dog down was what they wanted to do and they were asking the council to please allow them to keep the dog. He stated that they would cooperate in any way if that meant supervising the dog when it went outside, keeping it on a leash, etc. After listening to the resident who stated that they felt horrible about the situation and in no way want people to not feel safe in the neighborhood, decided that they would allow the owner to keep the dog. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to allow the owner to keep the dog; however the dog needed to be in constant supervision, tied up and maintained to their yard unless they were out on a walk and then the dog would have to be on a leash. RC: all ayes.
Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the following resolutions:

23-35 Resolution Setting FY'23/24 Wages for the Library Department. Willsher/M, Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.
23-36 Resolution to Approve the Retirement/Resignation of Dan Zwanziger. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.
Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the following permits: 59 Monroe St. which was moved from the consent agenda, 907 Jay St., Demolition Permits: 907 Jay St., and 514 Cedar St. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve all above permits. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the permit for Big Willie's for WODD 2.0 pending state approval. RC: all ayes.
Business of the Mayor:
Mayor Anthofer informed the council that he had submitted a request for \$50,000 to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors to help with the funding of the dam repair.
Department Reports:
City Clerk Ott informed the council that the June Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation were not completed because he didn't get all the necessary documents to complete the reports prior to leaving for vacation. He also informed the council that Downtown Revitalization is August 1-3, 2023 if the Mayor or a Council Member wanted to attend; however City Clerk will not be able to attend due to a previously scheduled Worker's Compensation Audit.
Kelleher apologized for not attending the Coffee with the Council. J. Johnson wanted to thank city employees Zade and Shea for getting the sewer line cleared so promptly.
Library Director Heather Hackman presented her monthly report. There were some bills that were not listed on the claims report that were on the agenda for approval. S. Johnson motioned to approve the library bills. J. Johnson seconded. Motion Carried. RC: all ayes.
Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver presented the monthly Sheriff's report for June.
Discussion/Action
The council discussed multiple actionable items.
J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to start the 657A process for 34 Charles City Road which would transfer title for a property that has been abandoned for 6 consecutive months to the city. RC: all ayes.
S. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to start the nuisance abatement process or follow up with the nuisance abatement process if the process has already been started for the following properties: 109 Lexington Ave., 123 Lexington Ave., and 515 Brasher St. RC: all ayes.
J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to

send a certified letter to the Estate of 416 Panama St. for payment of past due bills. RC: all ayes.
Malven/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to track Zade's cost sharing to see how much time he is spending in each department to assess if we need to change his wage split. RC: all ayes.
J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the billing rates for the Nashua Area EMS Service that were provided by Director Vikturek. RC: all ayes.
J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve the Billing Service Agreement with PCC. RC: all ayes.
Malven/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the Mutual Aid Agreements with Plainfield 1st Responders, Chickasaw County EMS, AMR Ambulance Service, Waverly Health Center Ambulance, and Waverly Health Center. RC: all ayes.
Malven/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to table action on renting out the bandshell until they received input from the Park Board and the Baldwin family who donated the bandshell. RC: all ayes.
S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the Memorandum of Understanding State Set OFF Program. RC: all ayes.
J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve putting surplus funds from the FY'22/23 Library Department budget into a Money Market Fund. RC: all ayes.
J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to table discussion on campground hosts until they receive input from the Park Board. RC: all ayes.
J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to accept the counteroffer of \$23.00/hour from Jessie Salinas for the Public Works position pending he passes background, credit and MVR checks. RC: all ayes.
Malven/M, Willsher/S, M/C to table further discussion on the final payment to PeopleServices until they respond. RC: all ayes.
Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve purchasing approximately \$2,700 of tools that are needed. RC: all ayes.
The council discussed a counteroffer presented by a resident who had a billing issue. J. Johnson/M, Malven/S, M/C to approve allowing the resident to make a payment plan of 24 or 36 months and paying the full amount of \$2474.21 or if they paid it in 90 days the council would forgive 20% and they could pay \$1979.37. RC: 4 ayes. S. Johnson nay. The resident is supposed to contact City Hall and let them know which option they are going to take.
There was no other business. S. Johnson motioned to adjourn. J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 5 ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.
Pending Approval by Council
John Ott

CLAIMS REPORT
(June 27-July 7, 2023)
VENDOR, REFERENCE, AMOUNT
CITY OF NASHUA, POOL FILL RE-FUND PAID OUT OF.....\$85.00
PEOPLESERVICE INC., WATER WASTE WATER CONTRACT.....\$5,163.75
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS WATER/WASTEWATER CONTRACT-JULY23\$7,385.00
U.S. POST OFFICE, WTR/SWR/GAR/REC JULY'23.....\$220.27
20 20 FX LLC, DAM-RETRIEVE EMAILS.....\$45.00
BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE EXP JULY'23.....\$300.64
CEDAR LAKE EZ DOCK, PARKS-AUGER KIT TRUSS HEAD BOL\$170.13
CHICKASAW COUNTY AUDITOR, HAZMAT FEE - FY'23-24\$775.50
CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, PD-CNTY ADD HRS JUN'23.....\$1,249.50
COOLEY PUMPING, WODD-WABASH REGULAR AND HANDIC.....\$1,555.00
FASTANEL COMPANY, PARKS-ZIP-TIES 8' AND 14.5'.....\$59.28
GERBER, SHEA, ST/WA/SE-CDL TRAIN REIMBURSE.....\$895.00
HENNINGS ELECTRIC LLC, WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATES.....\$3,635.89
HINDERS TREE SERVICE LLC, 11 TREES SERVICED AND CLEAN UP\$13,750.00
IOWA DNR, FY2024 PWSID1967041 H2O PERMIT.....\$170.66
IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKERS, WORKER'S COMPENSATION PREMIUM.....\$702.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, ST-GREASE 10.....\$34.90
LEROY'S REPAIR, PARKS-TRIM LINE\$15.99
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, GAS/ELEC JUNE'23.....\$6,987.07
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO., JET/VAC LINE WOODBRIDGE ST.....\$1,113.75
MURPHY, COE, AND SMITH, CH-TREASURER FEB/MAR'23\$495.00
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUTE NASHUA, CH-LEGAL PUB JUNE'23.....\$530.40
OTT, JOHN, DAM-KUNDINGER EQUIP/PARTS.....\$469.37
RILEY'S INC., CH-COPY FEED JUNE'23.....\$243.00
SENNER, ANN L, WC-REIMB SUPPLIES.....\$8.00
WEDEKING ELECTRIC LLC, PARK-ELEC POLE.....\$201.10

DON BOSS, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$52.50
CALICO MEADOW SOAP LLC, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$52.50
CAPTIVATING CRAFTS LLC, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$30.30
KAREN CARR, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$15.00
JAN CLEMENT, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$94.50
D & B CRAFTS, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$7.50
DEBBIE L FINNEGAN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$22.50
DEUTH, BRENDA, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$50.63
SHERYL DORMAN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$260.27
FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$92.52
ROGER GIGLER, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$9.00
KATHLEEN HENRY, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$33.75
HOMESPUN TREASURER, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$20.25
ANDREA KING, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$33.38
LAVENDER AND LEMON, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$18.00
SHARON LEERHOFF, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$158.95
LINDA LENZ, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$12.75
MAAS, ROBERTA C, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$194.37
MARYLEE MEHMEN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$90.75
MOLLY NEWTON, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$15.00
OLD BRADFORD PIONEER VILLAGE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$25.50
DARLENE RICKART, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$45.00
ROEDER POWDER COAT & MACHINE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$36.80
DANIELLE SCHELL, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$78.75
NANCY SCHERER, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$111.29
SANDY'S STICHES, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$37.50
KEN SCHWICKERATH, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$7.50
SENNER, ANN L, WC-CRAFTER

COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$109.23
SLADEK, CATHERINE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$22.50
TERESA STAUDT, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$51.75
LISA STEINLAGE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$163.50
CURTIS SWINTON, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$108.75
GLADICE TIDEMANSON, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$12.75
SANDRA VANCE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$7.50
WEINBERG, THERESA, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$25.60
WORDES CYNTHIA A, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION 2ND QTR.....\$129.80
CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES, STREETS-FLAG POLES MAIN ST.....\$670.18
CRONIN, SKILTON, SKILTON, LEGAL EXP-MAR 31- MAY 12, 2023.....\$3,453.17
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, CITY FUEL EXPENSES.....\$226.41
IOWA DOT, STREETS/PARKS-SNOW FENCE.....\$373.56
KATRINA'S HELPFUL HOUSE CLEANI, WC-CLEANING JUNE '23.....\$840.00
PLAINFIELD WELDING AND REPAIR, STREETS-VEHICLE REPAIR.....\$61.00
WEDEKING ELECTRIC LLC, PARKS-BREAKER CAMPSITES.....\$321.13
WEX BANK, CITY FUEL EXPENSES.....\$1,185.84
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WC-Q2 SALES TAX JUNE '23.....\$169.93
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WTR-WET TAX JUNE '23 - Q2.....\$1,215.87
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SWR-SALES TAX JUNE '23 - Q2.....\$299.72
IRS USA TAX PAYMENT FEDERAL FICA TAX.....\$2,549.59
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX.....\$387.45
Accounts Payable Total.....\$60,253.19
Payroll Checks.....\$8,683.89
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Nashua-Plainfield Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2023
MS/HS Commons
The July 10, 2023, regular board meeting of the Nashua-Plainfield Community School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Patrick Lentz. Also present were directors Cody Jensen, Chris Hagen, Lara Lawrence, and Laura Folkerts; Superintendent Todd Liechty; 6-12 Principal Dean Youngblut; Board Secretary Brittany McNeil; and three visitors.
Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lawrence to approve the consent agenda as presented.
A) approval of the minutes of the previous meeting on June 12, 2023.
B) approval of the bills for payment.
C) approval of the monthly financial reports.
D) approval of the personnel recommendations as follows; resignation of Brittany McNeil as Business Manager/Board Secretary; resignation of Reece Reams as Girls Wrestling Coach; hiring of Rebecca Marty as K-8 General Music Teacher. Coach Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Jensen to approve the June 2023 Cash Flow Report. Motion carried unanimously.
There were no visitors to address the Board.
Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to enter into a public hearing at 7:07 p.m. to discuss the proposed Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program. A roll call vote was taken to open the public hearing with all ayes (Jensen, Folkerts, Hagen, Lawrence, and Lentz) says (none). Motion carried unanimously. There were no changes to the resolution as presented.
Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Jensen to close the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with all ayes (Hagen, Folkerts, Lawrence, Jensen, and Lentz) says (none). Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Hagen to approve the HWC membership and fee structure as presented by HWC Director, Brandy Hoffman. New rates will take effect on January 1, 2024. The district's lawyer will also review all the documents to ensure there are no legal changes to make. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Lawrence to approve the Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program. A roll call vote was taken with all ayes (Folkerts, Lawrence, Jensen, Hagen, and Lentz) says (none). Motion carried unanimously.
The board discussed the parameters around the future of the SBO (School Business Official) position and sharing agreement with RRMR CSD. They would like to see the job posting as a shared position and continue the 28E sharing agreement. They will reevaluate the sharing agreement if qualified applicants are hard to find.
Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
The next regular school board meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023 in the MS/HS commons area at 7:00 p.m.
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Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Folkerts to approve the Depository Resolution for the 2023-2024 school year with a maximum balance of \$10,000,000 per bank at First State Bank (Nashua) and First Bank (Plainfield). Motion carried unanimously.
Business Manager McNeil reviewed EMC insurance premiums for 2023-2024 school year. The total premium had an increase of 16.3% or about \$23,000. Other school districts across the state have seen large increases as well. The premium is paid from the Management Fund and covers property, liability, automobile, and workers compensation.
Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to approve the bid to Hannemann Construction in the amount of \$7,900.00 to improve and replace sidewalks. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the 2023-2024 nutrition prices with an increase of \$0.10 for the 2023-2024 school year. Adult lunch prices will be set at \$4.85 to meet the minimum rate required by the State.
Current Prices, 2023-2024 Prices
PK-5 Lunch.....\$2.65
6-12 Lunch.....\$2.75
PK-12 Breakfast.....\$1.70
Adult Breakfast.....\$1.85
Adult Lunch.....\$3.90
Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Hagen to approve the 2023-2024 milk bid to Anderson Erickson Dairy. This was the only bid received. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Folkerts, seconded by Lawrence to approve the 2023-2024 bread bid to Pan-O-Gold Baking. This was the only bid received. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Hagen to approve the 2023-2024 legislative priorities with focus on the following: Mental Health, School Safety, Private School Choice, and School Finance. Motion carried unanimously.
Administrative reports were presented.
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Patrick Lentz, President
Brittany McNeil
Board of Directors
Board Secretary
Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District
BOARD VENDOR REPORT
July 2023
Vendor Name, Vendor Description, Amount
ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING, ASBESTOS REMOVAL.....19,440.00
AGVANTAGE FS INC, GAS & DIESEL FUEL.....1,057.14
AMAZON.COM, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES.....2,039.69
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO. MILK/DAIRY.....3,014.46
APPLE INC., TECH SUPPLIES.....(134.85)
ASPI SOLUTIONS, INC., ATHLETIC PURCHASE SERVICES.....96.00
ATLANTIC COCA-COLA, CONCESSIONS/ALA CARTE ITEMS.....248.40
AWARD EMBLEM MFG. CO., INC., AWARDS.....103.30
BASEBALL SAVINGS.COM, ATHLETIC SUPPLIES.....350.35
BECKER, TREY, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....130.00
BEST WESTERN, TRAVEL/LODGING.....72.80
BIG FOUR FAIR ASSN, DIAMOND RENT.....600.00
BLACKHAWK AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS, SPRINKLERS.....235.00
BLANK PARK ZOO, ADMISSIONS.....179.00
BRITTAIN, CHARLES, PURCHASED SERVICES.....450.00
CANVA, FFA BANNERS.....500.00
CASEYS, GAS/SUPPLIES/MEALS.....147.87
CEDAR VALLEY SALES & STORAGE LLC, STORAGE AND SUPPLIES.....500.00
CENTRAL RIVERS AEA, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.....369.13
CENTURY LINK, TELEPHONE/FAX.....781.24
CINTAS CORPORATION #947, CLEANING SERVICE.....142.98
CITY OF NASHUA, WATER & SEWER.....555.28
CLAYTON RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, OPEN ENROLLMENT.....3,380.12
COMFORT INN, LODGING.....1,344.00
COMFORT SUITES HOTEL, LODGING.....134.40
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING CO, EQUIPMENT/REPAIRS.....31,857.76
COOLEY PUMPING LLC, PORTA POTTY RENTALS.....190.00
CRISIS PREVENTION INSTITUTE CPI TRAINING.....319.09
DELTA AIRLINES, AIR TRAVEL.....2,949.00
DELTA DENTAL, DENTAL PREMIUMS.....1,441.96
DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS, -

REGULAR ED SERVICES.....3,350.00
DIETZ, RAY, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....1,414.74
DOLLAR GENERAL STORE #13633, SUPPLIES.....240.00
DONOVAN GROUP, COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.....91.75
DRAKE UNIVERSITY, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.....2,500.00
DRIVEWISE, DRIVERS EDUCATION.....395.00
DUNGEY'S FURNITURE & FLOORS CARPET.....7,274.73
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES, HOTEL LODGING.....495.41
FENSKE, BOB, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....260.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE, VISION INSURANCE.....386.92
FROST, ALAN, REIMBURSEMENT.....100.00
HAISLET, MIKE, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....130.00
HANSEN, JYM, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....260.00
HAWKEYE EXTERMINATING LLC, EXTERMINATOR.....400.00
HOFFMAN, BROOKS, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....130.00
HOMEWOOD SUITES, TRAVEL EXPENSE.....2,115.68
HY VEE, INC, FOOD/SUPPLIES.....115.41
IFIXIT.COM, TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES.....2,889.71
INDEPENDENCE COMM SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.....72.00
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, TELEPHONE/FAX/INTERNET.....18.99
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BACKGROUND CHECKS.....120.00
IOWA DHS, MEDICAID SERVICE.....6,477.10
IOWA DNR, PERMIT.....175.00
IOWA STATE FAIR, ENTRY FEES.....60.00
IOWA TESTING PROGRAMS, TESTING MATERIAL.....1,533.50
JENDRO SANITATION SERVICES, GARBAGE COLLECTION.....652.42
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, GENERAL/MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES.....67.96
KEITH ROGERS, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....240.00
KJ DESIGN LLC, CLOTHING.....73.00
KWIK STAR, SUPPLIES/FUEL.....128.13
LEE, RANDY, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....120.00
LEGEL, LUCAS, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....80.00
LEROYS REPAIR, EQUIPMENT REPAIR.....81.90
LIECHTY, TODD, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.....286.89
LITERACY RESOURCES, LLC, LITERACY CURRICULUM.....59.00
MAPPING STRATEGIES, MAPPING SERVICES.....3,259.50
MARCO, COPIER LEASE PAYMENT

MARTIN GARDNER ARCHITECTURE, ARCHITECTURAL FEES.....1,230.00
MCNEIL, BRITTANY, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.....131.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY.....7,456.18
MILLER CUSTOM PROCESSION, LLC, CONCESSION SUPPLIES.....1,661.00
MILLER, KOLBEN, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....260.00
MOOSE MECHANICAL, MAINTENANCE REPAIRS/PARTS.....475.00
NASHUA REPORTER, ADVERTISEMENTS.....991.08
NEW HAMPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL, SOFTBALL ENTRY.....90.00
O'HERN, TROY, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....120.00
OLY'S TIRE SERVICE, LAWN MOWER REPAIR.....20.00
OTHER WORLD COMPUTING, TECHNOLOGY REPAIR PARTS/SUPPLIES.....1,650.60
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING, NUTRITION FOOD.....368.68
PATHWAYS BEHAVIORAL SERVICES, COUNSELING SERVICES.....1,425.00
PAYMENT SPRING, DATA PROCESSING FEE.....193.67
PAYNE, DAYN, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....120.00
PITTENGER, HENRY, ATHLETIC OFFICIAL.....210.00
PURCLOUR, FUN RUN SUPPLIES/ EVENT.....1,297.55
RHT TECHNOLOGIES LLC, LABOR/ INSTALLATION FOR TECH UPGRADE.....13,635.47
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WILL TRAIN

Sports editor looks forward to fantasy football season

TERPSTRA : FROM 8

school class tournament in Carroll (1A, 2A) and the large-school class' site is in Iowa City (3A, 4A).

I'm rooting for the Williamsburg Raiders to snare their first state softball title in Class 3A. The No. 1 Raiders (35-9) meet No. 2 Davenport Assumption (34-6) on Kruger Field at Rogers Park in Fort Dodge today at 2:30 p.m.

Over in Carroll and Iowa City, I'm pulling for upstart Cascade in 2A to take home the top crown and how 'bout those Ames Little Cyclones!! Ames (30-13) knocked off No. 1 Ankeny Centennial in the Class 4A substate round to advance to Duane Banks Field in Iowa City – the home diamond of the Hawkeyes. They took on Cedar Falls (28-14) in the state semis on Thursday. Cascade (25-8) played at Merchants Park in Carroll against Underwood (24-3) in one of two semifinal bracket games on Thursday.

Training camp is underway for NFL teams and that also means fantasy teams will soon be getting picked.

I've struggled over the years as I have not made the playoffs quite some time in my league – which I've been a part of since 1995.

I ran across some pretty good fantasy football team names – one in particular caught my eye.

"My Kupp Runneth Over."

That team moniker was of course in honor of the Los Angeles Rams' star receiver Cooper Kupp – who proceeded to hurt his ankle and be shelved for the season in Week 10 last fall.

I drafted him with my first pick – I believe in the Top 5 – and that didn't work out.

Here's another hint – don't wait until the last few rounds to draft a quarterback.

That was a swing and a miss in 2022.

Zach Wilson, signal caller for the New York Jets, I'm talking to you.

So I'll stick with my fantasy football team name that I've always had – "Kelly's Heroes."

I came up with that name from the 1970 Clint Eastwood and Telly Savalas World War II movie.

The film centers around a rag-tag bunch of American soldiers who go AWOL (absence without official leave) so they can pilfer Nazi gold bars from a French bank somewhere in Germany.

That cinematic flick is far better viewing than Kiper Jr. and his cronies ranting and raving about the next Peyton Manning.

That I can guarantee. You can bet your entire season on it.



Packing a lot of years into 4-H!

During Saturday's Awards Ceremony at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show, five 4-H members – (from left) Eadie Suhr, Noah Eichenberger, Kandice Eggerichs, Trinity Brincks and Kendall Bailey-Pint – were honored for completing their nine-year careers in the 4-H program.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

County will move ahead with purchasing building for EMS

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors want to move ahead with finalizing the purchase of a building that will permanently house the Chickasaw County EMS, despite an offer from the building's current owner to delay the sale so that he could put the living quarters for ambulance personnel into the building before the county takes ownership.

Supervisors, though, were lukewarm to the offer, especially after County Attorney David Laudner told the board it would be walking a legal tightrope on some of the language that might be included in a new purchase agreement.

Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson said the idea of having the building's living quarters ready for the county came up recently during a conversation with Jeremy McGrath, who along with his wife Lacey, own the building at 204 E. Prospect St. that the county has agreed to purchase for \$350,000.

The county is expecting the sale to be finalized by Aug. 1, and the city of New Hampton has already agreed to let the county out of its lease for the two Police Department garage spaces

Chickasaw County EMS currently uses.

"The only thing he has concerns with ... is it goes out to bid and carpenter x,y and z says it's \$100,000," Knutson said, "but [at the end] the price comes in at \$120,000, he wants to make certain that the county will be agreeable to pay for that overage."

If the building already included living quarters for ambulance crews, the county would not have to spend money for an architect or an engineer, which is one reason the county has explored using donations to cover the costs of remodeling the building so that staff will be at the station 24 hours a day.

Laudner, though, has consistently pointed out that if the county spends any money – he's often used the phrase "a dime" – on a new building or remodeling one it is purchasing then it must follow state codes that require either an architect or an engineer.

The county attorney was not at Monday's meeting in person but joined board members by phone, telling them the county can't take on any of the risk when it comes to cost overruns.

"You can not, can not, have an agreement with him to have him take on the risk and build the building

and then pay extra," he said. "That's very clear in the law."

The issue with collecting donations is that it may take months before a non-profit organization – a "Friends of Chickasaw County EMS" – can be formed, and Board Chairman Matt Kuhn wondered if the board would be setting a precedent.

"Are we going to start asking every other department to come up with donated funds," Kuhn asked his fellow board members. "Why do we single out one department?"

But Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said supervisors only began thinking about using private donations after Knutson brought the idea to the table.

"I don't think we've necessarily singled out this department," he said. "I think this department said way back when that they could get donations."

Supervisor Steve Breitbach said he was in favor of using the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to build the living quarters in the East Prospect building.

"I think there's some money out there that could be donated," Breitbach said, "but it's going to push this project back so far that I think we want to get that building done

sooner."

Supervisor Jake Hackman, too, was in favor of taking possession of McGrath's building sooner rather than later, although he also didn't commit to spending ARPA dollars for the living quarters.

"To stop the purchase agreement that we all agreed to, and now that this is happening, what are we telling the people of this county? I don't think we can wait for the association to get started," he said. "We need to get the staff where the trucks are. I just think we should just move forward with the purchase agreement that we both agreed [upon] and get the building bought."

The biggest hangup, it appeared from Monday's meeting, was a price quote the county has received from an architect that is also helping the county with cost estimates on remodeling parts of the Heritage Building Center.

The architect is charging the county a little more than \$10,000 for the work at the Heritage but has quoted the county a price of \$35,500 for the work at the East Prospect building.

"Do they really understand what we're looking for," Hackman said. "I think we need to go back to them and see why there's such a big difference."

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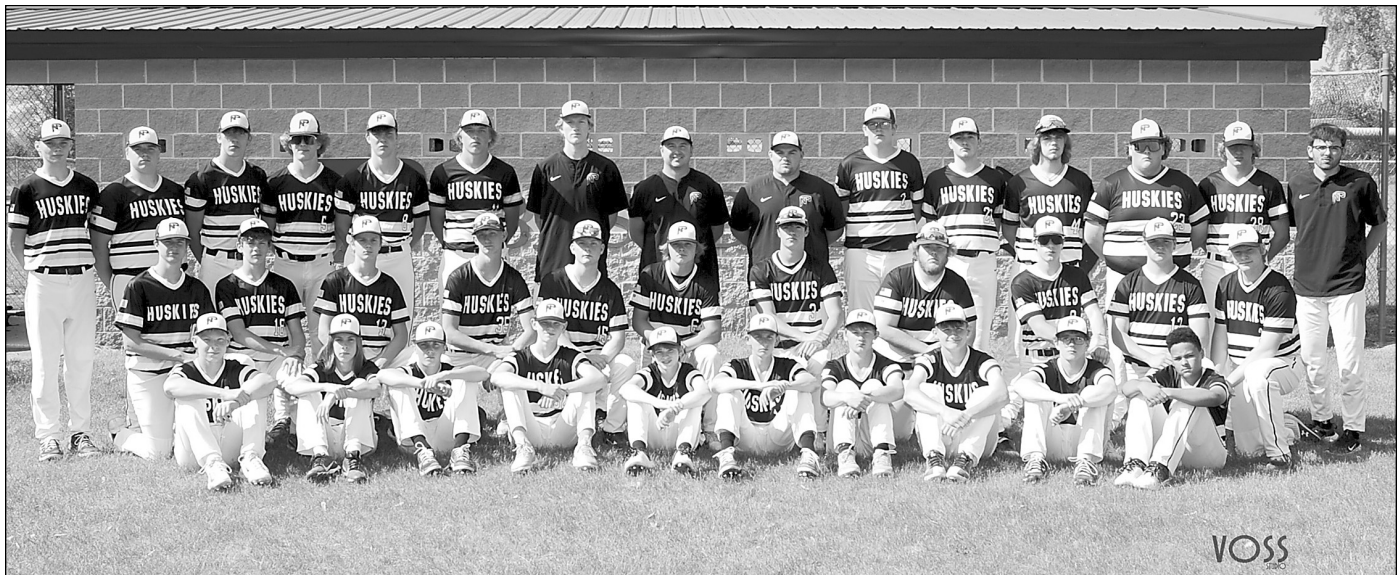
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Members of the Nashua-Plainfield softball team this season included (front row) Lily Eifler, (middle row, from left) Elayna O'Neill, Ellie Woodman, Kami Hannemann, Jalyann Pratt, Abi Schmitt, Ryan Reams, Madison Wahl, (back row) Bailey Bond, Paige Franzen, Kristen Lee, head coach Jessica Stastny-Hall, Eden Lamborn, Hannah Brahn and (absent) assistant coach Randi Griffin.

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Family members of the late Nancy Demro listen to the accolades as Nancy is announced as Chickasaw County's 4-H Hall of Fame inductee for 2023.

Achievement Show hits all right notes

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Maybe the new Chickasaw County ISU Extension director said it best Saturday evening. Scratch that, at least the “maybe” part because Amanda Tupper summed it up perfectly as scores of families, 4-H and FFA members and others gathered at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.

“It takes a lot of people to put on the fair,” Tupper said, “and we are blessed that so many people are willing to step up and be a part of this.”

Although the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show wasn’t done Saturday evening — there was still a Dairy Show to be held Sunday and the annual Achievement Show breakfast and auction on Monday — the folks gathered on a beautiful, albeit a bit smoky, summer evening were there to celebrate.

And the show, a rite of July here in our little corner of the world, had plenty to proclaim Saturday.

There were awards to hand out, Clover Kids to graduate,

nine-year FFA members to honor, a Hall of Fame to induct and, of course, crown a little royalty.

After handing out a number of awards and honors, Achievement Show officials announced that the late Nancy Demro, was Chickasaw County’s newest 4-H Hall of Fame member before concluding the Awards Ceremony with the crowning of Little Mr. Chickasaw Lane Van Drill, Little Miss Chickasaw Ava Peterson, 2023 Chickasaw Fair Queen Alternate Elaina Rosonke and 2023 Chickasaw Fair Queen Tori Bearman, who will represent the county at next month’s Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.

Throw in a scrumptious meal provided by the Chickasaw County Pork Producers, and it was a heck of an evening at the fairgrounds in Nashua.

“It’s been a great show so far,” County Youth Director Patrick Dirks said, “and I think for me, when I look out there and see all the people that were here, it shows you just how much people care about our little show here. And that’s reason enough to celebrate.”



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Young royalty!

This year’s Achievement Show included the crowning of Little Miss and Little Mr. Chickasaws — Ava Peterson and Lane Van Driel (above) — and their two alternates, Little Eli Dix and Addie Rochford.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of the Chickasaw County Pork Producers grill up some tasty food for the show’s Family Barbecue.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Sometimes a cow just needs a break so this one took a “rest” during the Celebrity Beef Showmanship Show that was held during the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show last Friday in Nashua.

Celebrities help support county's 4-H programs

RAGBRAI : FROM 1

Goddard’s response to Krug’s query was to playfully plead the Fifth.

“I said the heifer’s name was Beth Dutton. He asked what Beth Dutton likes to do in her free time and I utilized the right to remain silent,” smiled Goddard.

It’s those witty back-and-forth moments that highlighted the celebrity beef show. Those light-hearted moments also provided spectators in attendance a few laughs as well as showcased some pretty prime, Grade A beef that entered the show arena.

Think ribeye, sirloin or filet mignon — medium rare, of course.

“It’s more for the crowd. It’s fun just to make it comical a little bit,” said Megan Bierschenk, who advanced to the finals of the celebrity show with her heifer named “Blackstone” — named after one of the best-selling outdoor cooking grills on the market.

All entrants were sponsored for \$100 by businesses or organizations like Chickasaw County Youth Development, Bank Iowa, Little Wapsie Legends or the Fredericksburg Futures — to name a few.

This year’s celebrity show was beef. In prior years it’s been swine, sheep or horses. This was the fifth year the celebrity show has taken place. Last year’s proceeds from the sheep showmanship competition bought valuable equipment for 4-H and FFA members to utilize.

“The sheep one was awesome last year,” said Bierschenk, who along with her husband, T.J., helps run Bierschenk Club Lambs. She’s an N-P grad and is currently a grain merchandiser manager for POET — a bioprocessing plant in Shell Rock.

There was \$2,300 raised last year courtesy of the celebrity show and that bought a new scale for the sheep and pigs to be weighed on this summer.

“It’s a good fundraiser for the 4-H program,” said Goddard, a Sumner-Fredericksburg High School grad, who also advanced to the final round with her show heifer — of which there were nine finalists.

Megan, Jada and another celebrity handler — Mary Wards — all grew up together showing animals in FFA and 4-H. Those aforementioned supporters of those agriculture organizations, which help instill many positive attributes in youth growing up, all graduated high school in 2009.

“We have a lot of youth, but you don’t have to be a farm kid to be involved in this,” said Jada Goddard. “We have some of the best producers in the world that are willing to help city kids out. This is all for the kids.”

The achievement livestock shows often pit familiar faces and families against one another to see who can reel in the most blue or purple ribbons.

“We used to show here. Now all our kids are showing here,” said Megan Bierschenk.

The winner of the celebrity show this year was its elder statesman — Garth Griffin, aka “Garth Brooks.” The judge gave him that name, by the way. His heifer — “Top Gun” — bested the other 15 cattle vying for first-place honors. Griffin owns and operates Griffin Red Angus Farm in New Hampton and raised “Top Gun.”

“I told Will Maurer, three guys and all these girls — it’s just a funeral. The girls were our pall bearers,” said Griffin jokingly about alluding to the fact that he was older than all of the celebrity handlers.

Griffin was gracious in accepting the judge’s decision — which selected his cow as top heifer.

“It was definitely my skills,” he laughed. “It was a thrill and an honor.”

The celebrity show’s runner-up — Craig Kolthoff with his heifer “Phyllis” — offered another take on getting older and still being involved in shows like this one so future generations can benefit from the rewards of grooming and taking care of livestock.

“He’s just “seasoned,” said Kolthoff, a 2003 New Hampton



Nashua resident Jada Goddard (above) and “Beth Dutton” take to the show ring at the show Friday, when Garth Griffin (below) was deemed the champion showman.

High School grad who works at P&K Midwest, a John Deere dealership in nearby Sumner.

Kolthoff also cut to the chase when it comes to how the Big 4 Fair Board is attempting to expand the structures on site to house the animals. The goal is to keep the fair’s buildings modern and up to date so it can handle all the livestock that make its way to the fairgrounds every year.

“The fair board has been very proactive to where it’s not letting this fairgrounds go,” said Kolthoff. “We show quite a bit and we’ve been to plenty of fairgrounds that you can tell when there’s a fair board that gets after it. That is building buildings, that is fundraising and is giving back to their communities. When you give back to the community, the community gives to them.”

To give you an idea as to the participation numbers for Chickasaw County and its FFA and 4-H programs — they’re running out of room according to Megan Bierschenk.

“This barn is so full, we can’t fit any more pins in here. We’re at max capacity,” said Bierschenk.

That’s why the fair board and others have hatched a five-year plan to build two new buildings on the property owned by the county. That proposed idea would build a brand new 4,800 square foot open-air show ring and a 12,000 square foot beef barn.

“The fair board has to be commended on where they’ve gone with this. There was a point in time where they could easily just said, you know what, use the buildings we got and it will be what it will be,” said Kolthoff. “There was a handful of them that just absolutely refused to allow that to happen.”

Kolthoff said he grew up at this county



fair. He mentioned the numbers as far as participation are concerned have gotten bigger every year — whether that’s at the achievement shows in the summer or the actual fair in the fall.

“Getting to show at this one was kind of fun,” said Kolthoff. “The kids thought I needed to, so.”

While participation numbers might be dwindling at other county fairgrounds across the state, Chickasaw County remains strong.

“I think we’re lucky here in this area, it’s really growing and it’s become stronger,” said Griffin. “It’s generation after generation. We’re still against you and you’re still against me. It’s a friendly competition.”

Asked for the meaning behind Kolthoff’s heifer name — “Phyllis” — and he said that it’s her registered name. He then added this well-intentioned barb to finish off his sentence.

“Her barn name is something else, but you probably shouldn’t put that in any paper,” laughed Kolthoff.

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Four Huskies are named to 1A all-district squads

Nashua-Plainfield’s big season on the baseball diamond continued to reap rewards as four Huskies have been named to all-district teams.

The Iowa Baseball Coaches Association placed three Huskies — senior Bo Harrington, sophomore Dawson Glaser and freshman Eli Kalainoff — to the Central District’s first team. Junior Tucker Franzen was named to the second team.

Nashua-Plainfield finished the season with a 17-8 record and finished second in the Top of Iowa Conference’s East Division with a mark of 12-4.

Harrington was selected as a shortstop after a year in which he posted a .462 bat-

ting average. The multi-sport star had a team-high nine doubles and four triples and led the Huskies with 31 RBIs. In the field, he made just four errors and had a fielding percentage of .947, which is outstanding for a shortstop. And on the mound, he posted a 2.72 earned-run average, striking out 60 in 36 innings of work.

Glaser, a utility selection, had a 7-1 pitching record with a 1.91 earned-run average, and when he wasn’t on the mound, he was one of the top catchers in the area. He also wielded a potent bat, posting a .385

average, tying for the team lead in doubles with nine and driving in 28 runs.

Kalainoff, the lone freshman on the team, was selected as an outfielder after batting .388 and leading the Huskies in both runs (28) and home runs (4). He also had a solid season on the mound, going 2-2 and posting a 3.23 earned run average.

Franzen was selected to the second team as a pitcher as he went 5-1 with a 3.23 ERA. He also had a solid year at the plate, hitting .284.



Harrington

Glaser

Kalainoff

Franzen



Photos courtesy of Heather Hackman

Another fun summer of ball, Ionia style!

Ionia Ball program participantse recently wrapped up another fun season and coaches — along with helpers Hayden and Addie Hackman, Caleb Sinnwell and parents — want to thank the city of Ionia for the use of the city’s diamond, supplies and awards.

T-Ball participants are in the top photo and they include (front row, from left) Oaklynn Nordmeyer, Kora Waddell, Finlee Pahnisch, Rhett Wangsness, Brix Deutsch, (second row) Blakely Holthaus, Gage Appel, Maci Theilen, Hazel Wesselmann, Maxwell Brahn, Hayden Poppe, Lennon Lukes, (third row) Reece Youngblut, Zuri Franke, Lauren Grober, Holland Heller, Harper Poppe, (back row) Natalie Bailey, Wren Arndorfer, Hayes Hanawalt, Knox Deutsch, Easton Appel, Drayton Horn, Bowen Baltes, (missing from photo) Abel Abbas, Brexten Baltes, Hayden Ciavarelli, Carson Cline, Aiden Edson, Zaylen Mahlstedt Makalia Theilen.

Baseball participants are in the bottom photo and include (front row, from left) Wesson Duff, Makenzie Bean, Owen Rausch, (second row) Ryan Edson, Markell Peterson, Madison Hanson, Holden Brown, Ryder Schott, (third row) Mark Peterson, Markavion Peterson, Amelia Nosbisch, Noah Hoggins, Logan Sinnwell, (back row) Easton Brown, Grayson Moore, Harrison Hackman, Anson Smith, Lynae Abbas, Addison Brown, (missing from photo) Jacelynn Bailey, Kinley Kellogg, Becca Miller, Brock Miller and Brayden Tindell.

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Vegas odds aren’t always right, but they’ll give you a strong indication who has a chance at not being very good this upcoming National Football League season.

In other words, who is the team that is going to suck the most in 2023?

I hate to phrase it that way, but this is football. Harsh realities often require not-so-pleasant descriptions that give you a more accurate representation of what pitiful squad is going to go 2-15 or 3-14. Or dare I say 0-17???

I’m going all in and saying Dan Campbell’s Detroit Lions and the hard-luck franchise that he currently coaches won’t go winless again like they did in 2008. The Buccaneers did the same back in 1976 – their first year of expansion.

Who are Vegas’ prime candidates to snare the coveted 1st pick in the professional football draft? And no, I’m not talking to you XFL and USFL.

Why that would be the Cardinals, Texans, Buccaneers, Colts and the Rams – depending on what sportsbook you utilize.

Let me fill you in on a secret, I don’t bet. But it’s fun to look into a crystal ball and think you can predict the future.

Any one of those five teams could sport the worst record in the NFL this fall and will then pick Caleb Williams – quarterback, USC – with the No. 1 overall selection.

Mark it down, the kid’s sliding off the board numero uno and I don’t care what team’s the first to go on the clock to signal the start of what has become one of the most watchable, yet unwatchable draft shows in the entire stratosphere.

I don’t wanna tune into the NFL Draft, but that debacle keeps pulling me back in each and every year. I’m strangely intrigued to view this monstrosity and not change the channel when it pops up on my television, smart phone, tablet, laptop, Chromebook, etc.

You get the picture – although mine has been a little fuzzy lately.

Sometimes repeated breaks from the draft to watch “The Andy Griffith Show” reruns or “Mike and Molly” help soothe my annoyance when it comes to this spectacle.

But why, why do I waste my time with this train wreck of a show that features longtime analyst Mel Kiper Jr. on autopilot. For starters, it’s live. That’s always fun.

Second, Chris Berman is no longer yelling at the TV anymore in announcing draft picks. Sorry, “Boomer,” I had to go there. His resume reads 1985 to 2016 in hosting the NFL Draft on ESPN. RIP.

Maybe it’s the crazy, face-painted and outrageously dressed professional pigskin wackos (paid actors???) screaming into the camera who have no idea who their favorite team just drafted but have to fake it and act like they’re certifiably insane and love the selection.

That maniacal intensity is followed by repeated fist pumps, slapping their friends and high-fiving them and then chants of ‘let’s go’ permeate the arena in whatever city is hosting that year.

This is a phenomenon all unto itself.

So that begs the question, are you ready for some football, you know like actual games (preseason not included)???

Or maybe I should rephrase that, are you willing once again to jump on to the crazy train and follow your team religiously for yet another mind-bending, hair-pulling season?

I sure am.

Football is fast approaching as a lot of fanatics are already counting down the days before the first official kickoff – whether that’s Pee-Wee, prep, college, pro, flag, intramural, etc.

You smell what I’m cooking.

Monday, August 7 is the first official day of high school sports practices for fall teams in the state of Iowa.

That date will be hear before you know it.

With that said, let’s enjoy the last week of prep baseball and softball.

Those state tournaments are taking place in Fort Dodge (softball) and baseball – where one town hosts the small-



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