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Security 1st Insurance's Ami Hagen hands out some "freebies" along the parade route during what turned out to be an absolutely beautiful Water Over the Dam Days weekend in Nashua.

## IT'S ANOTHER DAM WINNER!

COMMITTEE SAYS PLENTY OF FOLKS HELP MAKE NASHUA'S WATER OVER THE DAM DAYS CELEBRATION A HIT

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

The newly-added Color Run proves to be a big hit during the annual Water Over the Dam Days celebration.

Maybe the letter that the Water Over the Dam Days Committee wrote to the Nashua community sums it up best.

"These kind of events don't just happen," committee members wrote. "They require countless hours of planning, preparing, organizing, managing, cleaning up and tearing down."

And just like every other year, the good folks of Nashua put on a dam fine party.

"This doesn't happen without people stepping up and being willing to help," Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell said Saturday evening. "I think it says a lot about Nashua how people come together so that we can have Water Over the Dam Days."

So take a bow, Nashua, you did well — really, really well.

Just ask those committee members who

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## Neighbors to celebrate 'Pa's' 100th birthday

Dedication for playground in the Schluter Addition set for Saturday

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

The timing is undoubtedly perfect. Sure, it's a holiday weekend, but is there really any other day than Saturday to dedicate Pa's Playground in Nashua's Schluter Addition?

After all, the addition's namesake who had an endearing love for his hometown would have turned 100 years old on Saturday.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We know it's a holiday weekend and we might not get a lot of people, but I think to do it on his birthday — his 100th birthday — is just really meaningful," said Kristi Hannemann, whose grandfather bought and developed the addition.

The family will be grilling brats and hot dogs for those who come out to the park. They also say that if residents want to bring a side dish, that's fine although it's not required, but they say the idea is to revive the Schluter Addition Potluck Picnic that Sandy Szalkowski previously hosted.

The event will also include a presentation

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## Living historians find solace in their 'comfort zone' at Old Bradford's Civil War event

Those who play starring roles in re-enactment enjoy bringing history to life

By KELLY TERPSTRA

Of the Reporter

Roughly 160 years ago there was no Internet or widely available phones for most people to use that resided in the United States in the mid-1800s.

It's a time and an important part of American history almost forgotten by a large segment of modern-day society. Heck, you'd even be hard pressed to find a motorized vehicle of any sort prior to the invention of the Model T automobile by Henry Ford some 40 years later.

It was a tumultuous era in America — to say the least — as a country that wasn't even yet 100 years old was still a nation divided, despite the end of the Civil War in April of that year in 1865.

Not even a week later, the burgeoning country, with the stars and stripes as its flag, was torn apart yet again after the assassination of one of the most revered and beloved U.S. Presidents ever — Abraham Lincoln.

But for a select group of "living historians" who converged on the east side of Nashua last weekend — they took a step back in time to relive that storied and gloried past that helped define a nation.

They were there tending to a campfire near their tents on the grounds of the Old Bradford Pioneer Village — right next to the town's famous Little Brown Church — to pay homage to a way of life that has long since passed.

There was Cassandra Joles, who hails from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Her group wore period-piece dresses that represented what homesteaders really looked like back then.

"That's what we do is more of a homestead. My husband is in the war — the Confederate," said a matter-of-fact Joles.

If you wouldn't have seen the cars parked right next to the museum that welcomes your entrance — you couldn't

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

A Union soldier fires a shot while the rest of his company receives its orders during a battle demonstration at the Civil War Re-Enactment that was held this past weekend at the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum.





Water Over the Dam Days attendees take to the “dance floor” at the Baldwin Bandshell as the band Chocolate Crackers plays Saturday evening during Nashua’s annual town celebration that brought Chickasaw County’s “Festival Month” to an end.

# WODD ‘shining example’ what happens when we pull together

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put in countless hours to make sure Nashua ended what folks in Chickasaw County call “Festival Month” with a bang.

“This event belongs to you, Nashua! And it’s as shining example of what happens when a town pulls together for the good of everyone,” they wrote in that letter. “Small towns work best when we all pull our own weight, and this weekend, you showed up.”

From the opening night festivities at Big Willie’s last Thursday to the Color Run at Cedar View Park on Friday evening to the parade on Saturday morning to the activities at the park for the rest of the weekend, it was a heck of a weekend.

Nashuans and their visitors turned out in droves. There were 240 Color Run participants, 425 children at the kids’ events, live music galore, 12 brave couples who took part in the Not-So-Newleywed Game, nine food vendors and so much more.

And Mother Nature behaved quite



Members of the Nashua Garden Club enjoy the ride as their float takes part in the parade Saturday.

nically, too.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better weekend,” said Sinnwell, a member of the Park Board that plans and puts on Nashua’s annual town festival. “The reward for all of us — what tells us the work is worth it — is to see this park full of so many people of all ages. That’s what it’s all about — bringing people together.”

And maybe the lesson in Water Over the Dam Days is this: Small towns work.

It’s not just a once-a-year weekend, either, or at least that’s the message the members of the WODD Committee want to impart to the town they call home.

They wrote about some of the not-so-fun jobs that go along with putting on Water Over the Dam Days. For example, take the garbage detail — what they termed “actually quite stinky and gross” — during the celebration. As they wrote, sometimes the jobs are messy, unglamorous and

thankless, yet in small towns, they get done because people care enough to do them.

“This kind of community pride and support can carry us through all 12 months,” they wrote. “There will always be more work to do — and it sometimes, it won’t be fun — but if we do it together, we’ll continue to build something special.”

And if Water Over the Dam Days is any indication, then Nashua has built something special.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

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## Tourism director: Festivals highlight the best of our small towns

By Bob Fenske  
Of the Reporter

Forgive Chickasaw County residents if they’re all “partied out.”

But the county’s annual “Festival Month” — which began on May 29 with the start of Fredericksburg’s Dairy Days and wrapped up on Sunday, June 29 with the conclusion of Nashua’s Water Over the Dam Days — provided plenty of fun right close to home.

“I think it’s one of the unique things about our county is that for five weekends in a row, you don’t have to go to Des Moines or anywhere else to hear great live music, to have some really good food and have a great time,” Chickasaw County Tourism Director Liz Zweibohmer said. “And I think it says something about our county to see so many people step up to make these events a reality.”

In between the celebrations in Fredericksburg and Nashua, there was Alta Vista Days, New Hampton’s Heartland Days and Lawler’s Irish Fest. Add it all up, and that’s five celebrations the past five weekends in which scores of volunteers not only planned and executed the festivals but picked up trash, sold beer, directed traffic and did all the behind-the-scenes work most party-goers never saw.

Ditto for those who put on Dairy Days, AV Days, Heartland Days and Irish Fest.

The best part of Festival Month 2025 might have been this: Mother Nature, for the most part cooperated ... with one notable exception but even the downpour that hit Heartland Days on its final night made for a memory that will last a good long while.

“It’s the one thing none of us who plan these festivals can control,” Zweibohmer said about the weather and then added with a laugh, “although all of us sure would like to find that secret, right?”

But all in all, 2025 went very well.

“It’s a great way, in my opinion, to show off all of our towns,” Zweibohmer said. “The celebrations all have their unique aspects, but I think the common theme is that they all show that we have great people here who love to come together and are proud of their communities. That’s pretty cool.”

The good news for partiers is that they don’t have to go far this week if they want to continue visiting celebrations.

That’s because both Frederika and Charles City have Fourth of July celebrations on tap, and next week, Plainfield Days begins its three-day run on Thursday evening.

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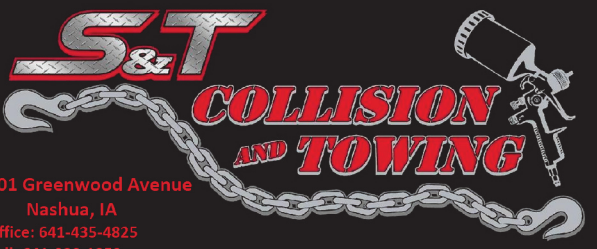
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5:10-10 pm Beer Garden Open  
5:30-7:30 pm Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Hay Stack, Scrambles, Kid Games  
6:30 pm Crowning of Little Mr. and Miss. Miss. Plainfield & Citizen of the Year  
7:30-10:00 pm Music by Rick & Ron

**FRIDAY, JULY 11TH** Channel The Flannel

5:00 pm Food Vendors Open  
6pm-1 am Beer Garden Open  
6pm-9 pm Axe Throwing  
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11:30-1 pm Beer Garden Open  
4:30 pm Flapjack Toss  
9pm-12 am Live Music by “Recoil”  
9 pm 50/50 Winner Announced  
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Check out our coverage of Plainfield Days in the next two print editions of the Reporter and online at [nashuareporter.com](http://nashuareporter.com)



# Reenactors appreciate their outdoor classroom

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tell the difference between 2025 and 1865.

They all play a part as reenactors and also help educate the public, who walked past Union and Confederate soldiers who were preparing for battle Saturday afternoon.

“This is our comfort zone. This is where we’re comfortable,” said Joles. “A lot of us aren’t high-tech. We don’t want to live day-to-day attached to our iPhones or Internet. In this we get to go back in time – even for just a few days.”

Joles was trying to stay cool in the summer heat, protected by the shade of a tree that could well have been as old as the present day was removed from this actual Civil War time period. She chatted with her friends – one of whom she met at her first reenactment when she was around her daughter’s age.

“She was born into doing this,” said Joles. “I’ve been in this since I was 12 and that was 24 years ago.”

When there’s no television to stare at for long periods of time or a phone to scroll through, people talked back then and shared stories – face to face. They still do today, but not like back then.

“We get to talk and spend time with family and not worry,” said Joles.

There’s also an historical element to reenacting. It’s almost like a classroom underneath the stars.

“I do more of the actual research behind it. They need to teach history so we don’t repeat it. History can be fun,” said Joles.

Joles has a daughter, Brittany, who will enter eighth grade this fall and she’s enamored with history as well.

“I love learning. I love history – it’s one of my favorite subjects,” said Brittany.

Asked when she participated in her first reenactment, also called “rendez-vous” – which is essentially recreating a certain time period from the 1820s to 1840s – and Brittany’s sharp wit and humor became readily apparent.

“I was in the womb,” smiled Brittany.

Cassandra said the family often goes to Brittany’s school and informs her fellow classmates on what they do at reenactments or to just give them a quick history lesson.

“I like to do trapping, hunting and I just like outside, even though I also like the comfort of my own room,” said Brittany, who said she would love to work for the Department of Natural Resources one day.

The bloody Civil War between the north and south states of the U.S. at



Civil War reenactor Aaron Saterdalen (left) sits in his tent while a horse (above) nuzzles a baby at a Civil War Reenactment held in Nashua on Saturday.



Confederate soldiers (left) march on to battle while living historians (above) play a game of chess over the weekend in Nashua.

that time sometimes pitted brother versus brother and was fought to preserve a way of life back then. Slavery by the south was also a big issue.

Aaron Saterdalen said he was inspired by his father – that’s why he made the trek to Nashua as part of the Third Minnesota Company C, a volunteer infantry group that he’s representing and educating the public about Minnesota’s involvement in the Civil War.

“I was influenced by my dad. He kind of imparted that on to me,” said Saterdalen.

Saterdalen described his role in fighting for the Union – which officially defeated the South on April 9, 1865 at the Appomattox Course in Virginia.

The surrender by the Southern states was signed by Confederate General Robert E. Lee and the Union’s leader of its Army, Ulysses S. Grant, who would later become the nation’s President in 1869.

Saterdalen wanted to play his part in what the South called the “War for Southern Independence.”

“I do an impression of a company quartermaster sergeant. I would be in charge of supplying the needs of 100 men in a company,” said Saterdalen. “That could mean rations, ammunition, arms or clothing.”

He fights for the Union – who were often clad in dark blue wool uniforms over a century-and-a-half ago.

This was in stark contrast to the

Confederates’ clothing – often a rag-tag conglomeration of color that comprised their fabric worn in some regiments. The standard South uniform – who were often called “Rebels” – was some shade of gray.

Saterdalen – who said he goes to about five or six reenactments a year – worked for an historical society for six years before he became a maintenance technician for a 100-unit family property.

“I took up a trade that pays better,” laughed Saterdalen.

He said enjoys the time spent with friends – even out on the battlefield – where mock “engagements” are played out in front of an audience, just like they were in the 1860s. Although

those skirmishes or integral parts of the war that were played out over a hundred years ago were real and cost over 600,000 lives during a time when there were only 31 million people in the U.S.

In today’s numbers with the current population, the lives lost would have reached a staggering seven million dead if fought during the present day.

Saterdalen described why he keeps portraying this part of Americana and continues to be a living historian. You get the feeling it’s out of respect, above and beyond all else.

“Just being able to immerse myself into the time period and being able to educate people that wanted to learn about it,” said Saterdalen.

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Judges and 4-H members talk about various projects during the Static Show at the 2024 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

# Achievement Show kicks off on Tuesday

## County youth coordinator says the annual fair to give youth a ‘sense of belonging’

By Bob Fenske  
editor@nhtrib.com

The T’s have been crossed and the I’s have been dotted; now, it’s time for Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA members to shine.

But ask Chickasaw County ISU Extension Youth Coordinator Makaela Kime, and she will tell you that means different things for different kids.

“I mean it depends on the youth and what their goal is,” she said, “and that’s OK. Honestly, 4-H means different things to different members. ... I think one of our key points for your youth mem-



Kime

bers is that they find a sense of belonging, a sense of community, in 4-H.”

They’ll find it next week in Nashua as the annual Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show kicks off its six-day run on Tuesday with the annual Static Show — i.e., the non-livestock portion of the fair.

It’s Kime’s second Achievement Show as the county youth coordinator, and it’s one that won’t be quite as rushed as her first one.

That’s because the Turkey Valley High School alum took over her position in late May 2024 when the Achievement Show was just six weeks away from commencing.

To this day, she remains grateful for the support and encouragement she received from her fellow staff members at the Chickasaw County ISU Extension office.

“I learned a lot, and they were so helpful,” she said. “I love my job, and I’m still learning a lot. I want this to be a fun, worthwhile experience for our

4-H and FFA members because you can get a lot of being part of the fair.”

She emphasized that her goal is to help those who take part in the Achievement Show to continue to build those “overall life skills” that range from communication to exploring their creativity to learning responsibility and accountability.

“I think one of the best things we get to see is the kids getting out of their shell,” she said. “When you’re 12, 13 — heck even 17 or 18 — sitting down in front of a judge and telling them about your project, your animal, that’s hard, but they do it. They can take those skills and use them for the rest of their lives.”

Kime and her fellow Extension office staff members, meanwhile, are gearing up for a busy week.

“It’s a long week,” she said, “and I only needed one year to know that, but it’s also a really, really good week, too, because you get to see so many great, hard-working kids do some really awesome things.”

### Achievement Show schedule

Here is the schedule for the 2025 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show that will be held on the Big Four Fairgrounds in Nashua July 8-14.

**TUESDAY, JULY 8**  
4 to 6:30 p.m.: Static Show.  
7 to 8 p.m.: State Fair judging.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**  
9 a.m.: Dog and Pet Show.

1 to 4 p.m.: Vet check-in.  
4 to 7 p.m.: Weigh-in and scanning.

**THURSDAY, JULY 10**  
8 a.m. to noon: Horse Show.  
2 to 6 p.m.: Sheep and Meat Goat Show; Celebrity Show to follow.

**FRIDAY, JULY 11**  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Beef Show; Bucket Bottle Show to follow.  
4 to 6 p.m.: Poultry Show.  
7 to 9 p.m.: Horse Games.  
**SATURDAY, JULY 12**  
8 a.m. to noon: Swine Show.  
1 to 3:30 p.m.: Rabbit Show.  
4:30 to 7 p.m.: BBQ, queen coronation and awards night.

**SUNDAY, JULY 13**  
Noon: Dairy Show.  
**MONDAY, JULY 14**  
7:30 to 9 a.m.: Pancake Auction Breakfast.  
9 a.m. to noon: Livestock Auction.

## Gary Lienemann, 81

Gary Lienemann, age 81 of Nashua, passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025, in Waterloo.

A visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/ Olson Chapel in Nashua.

A funeral service followed at 6 p.m., with the Rev. Bill Quibell officiating.

Interment will take place at a later date at Sunnyside Memory Gardens. Gary’s six grandsons will serve as pallbearers; his eight granddaughters will be honorary pallbearers.

Gary was born on Sept. 16, 1943, in Hampton, the son of George and Marian (McKinney) Lienemann.

He graduated from Nashua High School in 1961, where he was active in FFA and discovered his lifelong passion for farming.

On Sept. 3, 1962, Gary married Delores Pratt. Together, they raised five children — Lisa, Laurie, Larry, Lee and Loren — building a life rich with memories, laughter and lessons rooted in the land.

Alongside farming, Gary also worked the third shift as a machinist and CNC programmer. Although the couple later divorced, they shared many years of partnership and parenting.

Gary found love again with Ruth Rosauer, marrying her on Aug. 28, 2014. They shared a fondness for gardening, buying and selling produce and attending Mennonite sales. Together, they ran G&G Produce and Ruthie’s Café until their retirement in 2010. The daily conversations with patrons and neighbors brought Gary great joy and connection.

A hardworking farmer to his core, Gary raised hogs and managed a dairy herd. His affection for animals extended to ponies, horses, donkeys — and especially his beloved dogs.

Known for his quick wit and



Gary Lienemann

good humor, Gary had a natural ability to light up a room with his smile and clever comebacks. His laughter was contagious, and his presence left a mark on everyone he met.

He cherished the great outdoors, particularly fishing, and spent countless hours in nature. His legacy is one of resilience, deep love for the land, and unwavering devotion to his family.

Gary is survived by his wife, Ruth of Waverly; daughters, Lisa (Dan) Zwanziger of Nashua and Laurie (Dean) Hoffman of Ionia; sons, Larry (Michelle) Lienemann of Lakeville, Minnesota, Lee (Becky) Lienemann of Platte City, Missouri, and Loren (Angie) Lienemann of Dows; stepdaughters, Rose (Cliff) Hunt of Waterloo and Angie (Mark) Simerson of Ames; stepson, Scott (Kerry) Murray of Ionia; and 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren who brought him endless pride and joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Janice (Guy) Millermon; and his brother, David (Karen) Lienemann.

Gary will be remembered for his generous heart, his enduring connection to the land, and the deep roots of love he planted in his family

## Playground will have a farm theme

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for the playground design, one that Hannemann said will have a “farm theme.”

Schluter was born on July 5, 2025, on his grandfather’s homestead, and attended country school before graduating as salutatorian from Nashua High School.

He spent a lifetime building

countless hours, first in Orlando, Florida, and then in Nashua, and as his 2018 obituary stated, “roofed too many barns.”

But he never lost his love for the soil, and his large garden provided enough produce for all of “Schluterville,” hence the farm theme the playground will have.

We’ll have more on the dedication in next week’s Reporter.

## Briefs

### New Hampton pool to be open Fourth of July; late-night swims planned

The New Hampton Municipal Pool will be open on Friday for those who want to get a holiday dip in the water.

Because Friday is a holiday, the pool will be open from noon to 5 p.m.

Pool officials are also touting two upcoming late-night swims. The first will be held a week from today, on Thursday, July 10, and will run from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Pool passes will not be honored and admission is \$10.

The second is set for Thursday, July 24, and is being sponsored by Prairie Lakes Church of New Hampton. Admission is free and the event will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

### Frederika to hold its annual ‘4th Fest Celebration’ this weekend

Frederika will kick off it’s 2025 “4th Fest Celebration” this evening (Thursday) with a Golf Cart Parade that begins at 8:30 and will be followed by Smores at the City Park Shelter.

The annual celebration will have two parades on Friday with the Kiddie Parade set for 1:30 p.m. and the Main Parade set to commence at 2 p.m.

Bingo and “Kiddie Activities” are set for 3 p.m., and St. John’s Church will be putting on its BBQ Chicken Supper from 3 to 7 p.m.

The Frederika Fire Department will put on the town’s annual Independence Day fireworks show at dusk.

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Chickasaw County Assessor Ray Armel talks with Board of Supervisors members about a draft ordinance that would cover potential commercial solar farms in the county.

# Supervisors deadlock on HR hire

## Three different motions to hire human resources consultant all come up short because of 2-2 votes

By Bob Fenske  
Of the Reporter

Put it this way, 2-2 votes were in vogue Monday morning when it came to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting.

And after the four members attending the meeting deadlocked 2-2, just who will serve as the county's human resources in the near future remained up in the air.

Supervisors opened request for proposals (RFPs) during a meeting on June 16 from three firms — current provider Ahlers and Cooney, another law firm in Hopkins & Huebner and the county's former HR provider, PJP Greufe and Associates — and then discussed proposals with representatives of each firm during their June 23 meeting.

The hope was that they would come to a decision on Monday, but with Supervisor Issac Carter unable to attend the meeting, it bogged down into a series of 2-2 votes.

Currently, Ahlers & Cooney provides HR services to the

county and does so on a month-to-month basis. The county must give the firm a 30-day notice before terminating the services and Ahlers & Cooney's Michael Galloway told supervisors last week that the firm would continue to offer its services for \$1,800 per month, the same rate it has charged the county in recent years.

Hopkins & Huebner's bid was for \$2,000 per month and also came with a 120 hours "limitation," which means if the county uses the firm for more than 120 hours during the year, it would pay an additional hourly rate. But that firm's representative, Brent Hinders, said the county could also opt to just use a "pay-as-you-go" hourly rate.

PJ Greufe and Associates, meanwhile, bid \$1,500 per month, and like Ahlers & Cooney, the firm would not limit the number of hours the county can use.

The firm's owner, Paul Greufe, came under fire — especially from County Assessor Ray Armel — during the June 23 meeting. Armel said that he

was firmly opposed to hiring Greufe, who served as the county's HR consultant for much of the 2010s and said Greufe has "no confidentiality or professionalism."

That set the table for Monday's meeting, when Board Chairman Jake Hackman said that all three firms that submitted RFPs indicated that the county would have an "opt out" by giving a 30-day notice.

Supervisor Travis Suckow made the first move when he made a motion to hire Greufe, who is not an attorney but told supervisors last week that the county is already represented by lawyers from its insurance carriers.

"Paul has been here before, and my personal opinion is that we need to give Paul a shot again," Suckow said. "He's the cheapest. If we do end up in a lawsuit, we will have an insurance attorney."

Board Chairman Jake Hackman seconded the motion, which died on a 2-2 vote as both Scott Cervinske and Steve Breitbach voted against Greufe.

Cervinske then made a motion to hire Hopkins & Huebner, but to do so without entering into a contract but using the firm's hourly rate.

Earlier in the meeting, Hackman pointed out that Ahlers & Cooney this year has logged 48.9 hours of work for the county, which works out to about \$441 per hour.

"It might be cheaper in the end to just do an hourly rate if we don't think we won't need more than 120 hours a year," Hackman said, "but that's a big if."

County Attorney David Laudner, though, cautioned supervisors that firms that have contracts or at least receive guaranteed monthly payments may not log all the hours they work for a client.

"My only comment would be as the attorney in the room that billing is more of an art than a science," he said. "To me personally, we had some under contract when I was in private practice and I don't feel like I billed every time they called or e-mailed for something quick

because I knew we had a contract and we were getting paid regardless.

"I only billed for more in-depth projects or responses, but certainly if I was not on a contract and I was billing hourly, I would have probably billed for every single call or every single e-mail."

In the end, though, it didn't matter as once again, the vote was 2-2 with both Hackman and Suckow voting against the motion.

Breitbach then made the motion to keep Ahlers & Cooney and the supervisors nailed the trifecta with another 2-2 vote — with Hackman and Suckow voting against the motion.

The board's votes, though, don't mean that the county is without an HR consultant, for supervisors hasn't given Ahlers & Cooney the 30-day notice. What the 2-2 votes do mean, though, is that if the county decides to go another route with when it comes to HR, a new consultant will probably not be able to begin working for the county until at least Sept. 1.

# Huskies know what to expect from Wildcats

**BASEBALL: FROM 7**

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N-P committed five errors vs. North Butler, but managed just two against the Saints.

The Huskies had to cancel games against Riceville (Tuesday) and Charles City (Wednesday) in lieu of playing league games against St. Ansgar and Osage on those dates.

Hyde isn't worried about not being able to face Riceville (15-10) prior to the district matchup, which is slated for first pitch at 5 p.m. and will be followed by South Winneshiek vs. Edgewood-Colesburg in the nightcap in Calmar.

"I think we have a pretty good idea of what we're going to get from Riceville. They're gonna run, they're gonna play small ball and they're gonna throw strikes. You're going to have to beat them the right way. You gotta make plays on defense and you gotta hit the baseball," said Hyde.

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# Supervisors discuss potential solar farm ordinance

By Bob Fenske  
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors knows solar farms are in all likelihood coming, and board members, along with County Assessor Ray Armel, want to be prepared.

Armel and supervisors spent almost 30 minutes Monday morning discussing the draft of a solar farm ordinance that county leaders will consider adopting in the near future.

"They're coming, and I think we need something in place if we want to protect property rights if we can," Board Chairman Jake Hackman said.

"These are only commercial grade. These are not the residential ones that you see around today. These are not the ones you see on people's roofs, on peo-

ple's sheds or for themselves."

Armel agreed, saying his draft ordinance for "those facilities where the power is completely sold back to the utility companies."

Although Hackman said that he knows of some solar farms that range in size from 200 to 5,000 acres, Armel told board members the inquiries he's received from solar farm companies is between 10 and 30 acres.

Supervisors had a number of questions when it came to his draft ordinance that covers everything from the foliage at a solar farm to mitigating glare for drivers passing by those farms to the application fee that the county would charge those who want to construct a fee.

The draft ordinance calls for a \$500 application fee, the same cost that the

Chickasaw Wind Farm paid for each of the 66 wind turbines that are part of the farm located north of New Hampton.

"When you consider that it cost \$33,000 for the wind farm, \$500 isn't that much," Supervisor Steve Breitbach said. "I think that's a number that can change."

Hackman agreed and pointed out that a solar farm ordinance in Fayette County called for a \$1,000 application fee for a solar farm up to 200 acres and \$100 for each additional 100 acres seemed more palatable to him.

Supervisor Scott Cervinske said his biggest worry when it came to solar farms were the issues it might cause for motorists on county roads.

The one thing I'm more concerned about is the glare on the road," he said. "That's my concern, especially in the

wintertime with snow on the ground, I just want to make sure we're ready for that and have something in place."

Armel's draft ordinance also calls on a solar farm to be at least 50 feet from a residence, and Hackman suggested Chickasaw County should borrow from Fayette County's ordinance, which calls for solar farms to be placed at least 300 feet from a residence that is not a part of the "project area."

"I like that a lot better," Supervisor Travis Suckow said. "Fifty foot is pretty close."

Monday's discussion was just that — a discussion on possible changes to Armel's draft — but both Armel and supervisors said they'd like to get an ordinance in place relatively quickly.

"Probably, the sooner, the better," Armel said.



## Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

# JULY

**TUESDAY, JULY 1**

- 5:30pm Baseball JV vs. Riceville @ Plainfield Baseball Complex
- 6:00pm Softball V vs. Riceville @ Plainfield Softball Complex
- 7:30pm Baseball V vs. Riceville @ Plainfield Baseball Complex
- 7:30pm Softball JV vs. Riceville @ Plainfield Softball Complex

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2**

- 6:00pm Baseball V vs. Charles City @ Plainfield Baseball Complex

**THURSDAY, JULY 3**

- 6:00pm Softball V @ Aplington-Parkersburg
- 7:30pm Softball JV @ Aplington-Parkersburg

**FRIDAY, JULY 4**

- 8:00am-4:30pm Office Closed @ New Hampton/Chickasaw County Extension

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**

- 9:00am-10:00am Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement

Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

- 10:30am-11:30am Storytime @ Plainfield Public Library
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Coffee/Tea & Convo Senior Hour @ Nashua Public Library
- 6:00pm-7:00pm Euchre @ The B, Nashua

**THURSDAY, JULY 10**

- 4:00pm-6:00pm Farmers Market @ Old Bradford Pioneer Museum
- 8:00am-6:00pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

**FRIDAY, JULY 11**

- 8:00am-9:00pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

**SATURDAY, JULY 12**

- 10:30am Parade on Main Street, Plainfield
- 8:00am-7:00pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement

Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

- 4:30pm-6:30pm County Achievement Show Family BBQ @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

**SUNDAY, JULY 13**

- Plainfield Days
- 12:00pm-1:30pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

**MONDAY, JULY 14**

- 5:00pm-7:00pm Step Right Up VBS @ Compass Outreach, Nashua
- 9:00am-12:00pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

**TUESDAY, JULY 15**

- 11:00am-2:00pm Lunch & Event @ Compass Outreach Center, Nashua
- 5:00pm-7:00pm Step Right Up VBS @ Compass Outreach, Nashua

**THURSDAY, JULY 17**

- 4:00pm-6:00pm Farmers Market @ Old Bradford Pioneer Museum
- 5:00pm-7:00pm Step Right Up VBS @ Compass Outreach, Nashua

5:30pm-7:30pm Youth Boys' Basketball @ NP Gymnasium – High School

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**

- 10:30am-11:30am Storytime @ Plainfield Public Library
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Coffee/Tea & Convo Senior Hour @ Nashua Public Library
- 4:00pm-6:00pm Farmers Market @ Old Bradford Pioneer Museum
- 5:00pm-7:00pm Step Right Up VBS @ Compass Outreach, Nashua
- 5:00pm-7:00pm Plainfield Farmers Market @ The Ole 707
- 5:30pm-7:30pm Youth Boys' Basketball @ NP Gymnasium – High School
- 6:00pm-7:00pm Euchre @ The B, Nashua

**TUESDAY, JULY 22**

- 11:00am-2:00pm Lunch & Event @ Compass Outreach Center, Nashua
- 3:00pm-5:00pm Youth Girls' Basketball @ NP Gymnasium – High School

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23**

- 10:30am-11:30am Coffee, Conversation & Kids
- 10:30am-11:30am Storytime @ Plainfield Public Library
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Coffee/Tea & Convo Senior Hour @ Nashua Public Library
- 3:00pm-5:00pm Youth Girls' Basketball @ NP Gymnasium – High School
- 6:00pm-7:00pm Euchre @ The B, Nashua

**THURSDAY, JULY 24**

- 9:00am-3:00pm Outdoor Odyssey Camp (4th-12th Grade) @ Ionia/

Chickasaw County Extension

- 3:00pm-5:00pm Youth Girls' Basketball @ NP Gymnasium – High School
- 4:00pm-6:00pm Farmers Market @ Old Bradford Pioneer Museum

**SATURDAY, JULY 26**

- Nashua Parks Food Truck Festival

**TUESDAY, JULY 29**

- 11:00am-2:00pm Lunch & Event @ Compass Outreach Center, Nashua

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30**

- 10:30am-11:30am Storytime @ Plainfield Public Library
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Coffee/Tea & Convo Senior Hour @ Nashua Public Library
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**THURSDAY, JULY 31**

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# Nashua-Plainfield girls are set to host 1A regional opener

## Weather scrambles Huskies' schedule as softball regular season comes to conclusion

By Kelly Terpstra  
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If you thought Nashua-Plainfield's schedule got a tad confusing with a week left in the regular season, contact Husky head softball coach Jessica Stastny-Hall, because she's just as perplexed.

Blame the rain.

N-P has had to cancel non-league tilts with Riceville and Aplington-Parkersburg during the stretch run here this month to make up conference games versus St. Ansgar, Osage, West Fork and Northwood-Kensett.

Heck, the Huskies played two league foes on the same day in Allison on Monday when N-P entertained the Saints on the Bearcats' home diamond, only to turn around later that same evening to take on North Butler after the completion of that first TIC East tilt.

This isn't a Husky or TIC East problem, it's a statewide issue as a boatload of teams – in some form or fashion – are clamoring to get in league games because of washouts prior to the start of regional play next week.

For teams in Class 1A, that means the postseason begins on Monday. For the Huskies and Stastny-Hall, they'll host Rockford (8-12) in a Class 1A, Region 2 opening round matchup in Plainfield. That's an elimination contest against an opponent that N-P has already beaten, as the Huskies owned Rockford, 8-1, in one of its better wins of the year late last month.

"We do like our chances and we like playing at home, especially in front of our home crowd. Our school and our communities have definitely shown up for the girls at the new complex. We don't want to overlook Rockford because they can hit and they have some pitching," said Stastny-Hall.

Let's backtrack a bit, because there's plenty to uncover in the Huskies' attempt to wrap up the regular season – which came in a rescheduled game that was postponed to Wednesday of this week against fourth-ranked Osage (24-1, 11-1). The Green Devils still lead one of the toughest conferences in the state, regardless of class, by a game over No. 8 Mason City Newman (19-4, 9-1) as of Wednesday afternoon.

N-P, now 4-19 on the year and 0-13 in the league, completed a suspended game from last month with Northwood-Kensett on Friday afternoon. The Vikings ended up holding off the Huskies by a score of 4-3. The game was tied 2-2 in the top of the third with two outs, a runner on third base and N-K batting when it was halted due to rain clear back on Wednesday, June 18.

N-P committed 5 errors vs. N-K, who is now 2-16 overall and 2-11 in the league.

"There were a lot of factors to that game," said Stastny-Hall. "We've never been in a situation with any of these players where you started a game, it got called for rain and then we started up right where it ended. It was a moon game, which nobody was used to playing."

St. Ansgar, who has played to a mark of 8-17 overall and 4-7 in the league despite not having its ace inside the circle for a large stretch this season in Josie Juhl, defeated N-P, 12-4. North

Butler (14-10, 4-8) got past the Huskies by a margin of 6-2.

West Fork (17-4, 10-2) routed the Huskies this past Tuesday in a makeup game by a score of 24-0.

One player that has really come on strong toward the tail end of the season has been junior third baseman Elayna O'Neill. O'Neill collected three hits in the N-K contest and did the same versus North Butler.

"Elayna has definitely stepped up," said Stastny-Hall. "Her bat has come back alive."

O'Neill normally played first base last year, but has also caught behind the plate this season. She's batting .393 with 10 RBI and 22 hits. She's also hit one of two home runs for N-P this year, with Kami Hannemann blasting the other roundtripper over the fence.

"She'll do anything that I ask. She's played third base. I know that's not her preference to play. She likes first base. She's also caught in a couple games when Nevaeh (Blokner) was out. She's a very good utility player," said the N-P head coach.

Callie Jensen – N-P's freshman ace and leading hitter – last played in the N-K game on Friday as she's on vacation down in Oklahoma showing cattle. She'll be back in time for the regional rematch with Rockford.

Jensen pitched all seven innings versus N-K and fanned nine, while not issuing a free pass. She is 4-12 inside the circle with a 5.78 ERA. She's struck out 97 batters in 93.1 innings. She also possesses a potent stick as she is hitting .443 with a team-leading 27 hits.

Blokner leads the team in runs scored with 16 and is first on the squad in stolen bases (15).

The winner of the Rockford/N-P regional clash takes on Kee High (24-11, 13-1) on Wednesday, July 9 in Lansing. The Hawks are currently tied for the league lead in the Upper Iowa Conference with North Fayette Valley (16-14, 13-1). Kee High received an opening round bye.

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Pitching - Callie Jensen 7 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 9 K.

2B - Elayna O'Neill, Kami Hannemann. Runs - O'Neill 1, Jensen 1, Elizabeth Kalvig 1. Hits - O'Neill 3, Jensen 2, Hannemann 2, Hannah Brahn 2, Bailey Bond 1, Kalvig 1. RBI - Hannemann 2, Jensen 1.

| ST. ANSGAR 12, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 4 |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
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Pitching - Kalvig 4 2/3 IP, 16 H, 12 R, 10 ER, 2 BB, 1 K, Allison Miller 0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Runs - Nevaeh Blokner 1, Lydia Chester 1, Brahn 1, Kalvig 1. Hits - Blokner 1, Chester 1, O'Neill 1, Hannemann 1, Brahn 1, Kalvig 1. RBI - Chester 2, Ellie Sudol 1, O'Neill 1.

| NORTH BUTLER 6, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 2 |     |     |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
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Pitching - Kalvig 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K, Brahn 4 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 5 BB, 1 K.

2B - Kalvig. Runs - Blokner 1, Kalvig 1. Hits - O'Neill 3, Kalvig 1, Chester 1. RBI - O'Neill 1.

| WEST FORK 24, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0 |       |   |   |   |    |  |  |  |  |
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Pitching - Brahn 2/3 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 0 K, Ava Schmitt 1 2/3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 0 K, Kalvig 1 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 0 K, Miller 2/3 IP, 6 H, 11 R, 10 ER, 6 BB, 2 K.

Hits - Blokner 1, Sudol 1, Madison Wahl 1, Chester 1.



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Sans hat, Matthew Malven (above) makes a running catch in center field while Nashua-Plainfield teammate Kolbie Vance delivers a pitch to the plate during games played earlier this season at the Huskies' new baseball and softball complex in Plainfield.

# Huskies look for some postseason magic

## Nashua-Plainfield looks to right the ship, will open district tourney with Saturday game against Riceville

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Mason Hyde and his Huskies are turning the page – win or lose in the regular season.

It hasn't been the year N-P had hoped for this summer, but there's always time for a resurgence and a spark to get ignited.

Nashua-Plainfield has struggled in 2023 as it has played to a mark of 4-14 overall and 3-10 in the TIC East prior to putting a wrap on the regular season at home on Wednesday versus Osage (12-10, 8-5).

Come Saturday that all can change.

"It didn't go as we planned. We're still trying to find that click, I would say," said Hyde about his team's up-and-down roller coaster of a season that featured a 1-0 shutout victory over No. 6 St. Ansgar in early June.

That's why the Huskies are maintaining a positive outlook headed into a Class 1A district matchup with the Riceville Wildcats when both teams put their seasons on the line in Calmar.

"Everybody starting Saturday in Class 1A starts back to 0-0. You win, you move on – you lose, you're done," said Hyde. "After today everything is wiped off the table. Your batting average doesn't matter. The way you pitched all year doesn't matter. The only thing that matters now is what you do forward."

Hyde, in his first year as head coach at N-P after manning the dugout as an assistant for several seasons, relayed encouraging news on the injury front concerning N-P senior ace Dawson Glaser.

Glaser has not played since a 3-0 loss to Central Springs on Monday, June 23. He's dealing with a shoulder injury that has started to heal. Whether or not he'll play in the district game versus Riceville is still up in the air.

"It's not ruled out. We got good news today," said Hyde on Wednesday prior to the Osage



regular season finale. "He actually has no pain in his shoulder right now. Obviously, we have been babying it very much so. I'm not totally sure if he's going to be able to pitch, but it looks like he could possibly play the field. He may be able to DH tonight, we're gonna see how BP (batting practice) goes first."

Glaser possesses one of the top arms and most productive bats in the Top of Iowa Conference and his absence has been felt as N-P lost to North Butler, 11-1, on Monday and the Huskies lost the rematch with St. Ansgar, 13-3, on Tuesday.

"If we can get him on the field anyway possible – if he's healthy enough to do that – we will definitely take it. That's going to help us tremendously at the plate and just being a leader on the field as well," said Hyde.

Glaser is 2-3 on the mound this year with a 1.99 ERA to go along with 49 strikeouts over

38.2 innings of work. He leads the team with a .308 batting average.

"I need him at 100 percent before I can put him out there on the mound, for his sake," said Hyde. "I don't want to put him in a tough spot. His arm right now is at about 80 percent. In two days, I don't know if it will be at 100 or not, but we'll see how it goes," said Hyde.

Hyde was encouraged by sophomore Kolbie Vance's start against St. Ansgar, who is 16-6 overall and 10-2 in league competition.

Vance hurled four innings of solid work on the hill before the Saints got to him in the fifth and he was lifted from the game. N-P trailed just 4-2 headed into the bottom of the fifth. St. Ansgar broke the game open-

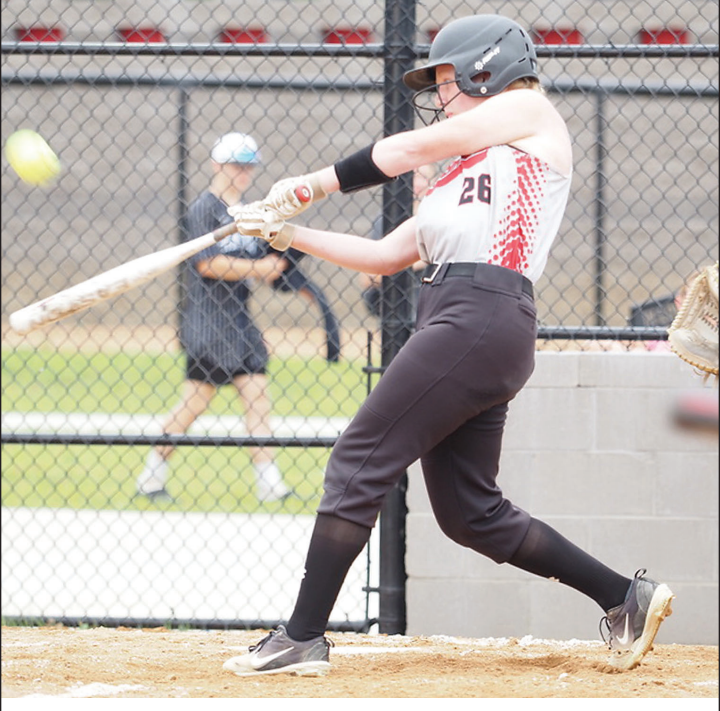
ing in the final two frames by plating nine runs to win by the 10-run rule.

"We had a really, really good showing from Kolbie Vance last night on the mound versus St. Ansgar. We had a 4-2 ball game going into the bottom of the fifth. I decided to take him off the mound because I think we're probably going to lean on him Saturday. We have to roll with the guy that's hot on the mound," said Hyde.

Vance is a solid stick in the lineup for Hyde at his lead-off spot, where he has batted .254. He leads the team with 15 hits and is tied with junior Eli Kalainoff with 16 stolen bases.

N-P has struggled at the plate this year as it has batted .191 as

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N-P's Elayna O'Neill gets a hold of a pitch versus Central Springs earlier this year.



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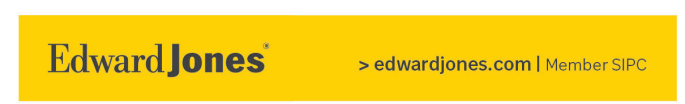
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