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to head to
playoffs on
the diamond
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The Water Over the Dam Days Parade (above) makes its way down Brasher Street Saturday morning while later in the day, kids enjoy a “Foam Blast Party” at Cedar View Park during Nashua’s annual town festival.

NASHUA HAS A BLAST AT ITS PARTY!

MOTHER NATURE SAVES HER ‘BEST FOR LAST’ AS SKIES FINALLY CLEAR FOR WATER OVER THE DAM DAYS

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter



Nate Sinnwell paused for a moment Saturday afternoon and took it all in.

The Water Over the Dam Days trifecta — blue skies, sun shining and a packed Cedar View Park — had finally arrived.

“We deserve a day like this,” the Nashua Park Board president said. “This is what it’s supposed to be all about. It’s a perfect day for Water Over the Dam Days, and it’s about time, right?”

Maybe the first two days of Nashua’s annual town celebration, though, said as much about Water Over the Dam Days as the scene that unfolded on a splendid Saturday did.

Mother Nature threw her versions of curbside to the folks who spent countless hours

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PHOTOS FROM A SPLENDID WATER OVER THE DAM DAYS SATURDAY.

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Civil War takes center stage at Old Bradford

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The Confederate cannon nestled in a thicket of trees at the Old Bradford Pioneer Village fired.

BOOM!

At that moment, a young child sitting next to her father as the first of the annual Civil War Reenactment battles was raging put it best.

“War’s kind of loud.”

Indeed, it is, and for 30 minutes Saturday afternoon, the blue-clad Union re-enactors and their Confederate counterparts, dressed in gray and red, engaged in a pitch battle from a time long ago. Cannons boomed, shots were fired and men on both sides fell.

And when the commanders on both sides of the battle met and declared a ceasefire, they all

SEE CIVIL WAR, 2



Bob Fenske/Reporter

A Union cannon fires on Confederate troops during the annual Civil War Reenactment that was held at the Old Bradford Pioneer Village Museum just east of Nashua this past weekend.

Nashua will go month to month with wastewater/water operator

Mayor says city officials were ‘on top’ of recent flooding event

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

While Nashua has not been able to hire a full-time water/wastewater superintendent, the city was able to enter into negotiations with a part-time employee that will fill a void left by the departure of employees from Ion Environmental Solutions.

That was the most recent important news at last Monday’s City Council meeting regarding the city’s treatment plant and water facility that sits along Cedar Lake.

Ion — a water/wastewater company based out of Wichita, Kan. — announced last April it didn’t plan on renewing its contract with the city. The current contract with Ion ran out on June 30 of this year and was not renewed.

That meant the city hired a part-time employee — Steven Hoambrecker — as Water/

Wastewater Affidavit Operator. Hoambrecker was hired on July 1 at a cost of \$3,500 a month and will work between 12 and 20 hours a week. He’ll sign off on paperwork and perform other responsibilities at the plant. His hire will be temporary on a month-by-month basis.

The ION agreement with the city is a one-year contract that ran from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024 and charged \$7,385 a month to conduct such operations as daily data collection at Nashua’s water/wastewater facility. That contract came out to over \$88,000 a year annually.

PeopleService — a water and wastewater company based out of Omaha — was asking for a new contract that would come out to over \$22,000 a month that the city would have to pay for its services on a yearly basis.

ION performed all daily

SEE CITY COUNCIL, 5

Appeal denied; Patrie receives a life sentence

Sister in victim impact statement says her brother ‘cheers’ work done by those to obtain first-degree murder guilty verdict

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The sentence was mandatory, and it was handed down on Tuesday morning when Chickasaw County District Court Judge Richard Stochl sentenced a former Charles City man to life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing a rural Nashua man in the fall of 2012.

The sentence came after Stochl denied two appeals made by Randy Patrie, 41, and his attorneys — one asking for the judge for a new trial and the other asking the judge to overturn the verdict that was handed down on May 23 after a four-day trial.

That jury deliberated less than 50 minutes before reaching its verdict that Patrie shot and killed Kenneth Gallmeyer, a 70-year-old retired grocer in his home located just north of Nashua.

Before Stochl handed down the first-degree murder sentence that is required under Iowa law, Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner asked the court to receive four written victim impact statements, and he read one from Barbara Gallmeyer Marshall, the younger sister of the murder victim.

Marshall said that “putting on paper the anguish, the shock, the pain and disbelief and the anger is just not possible. Randy changed the lives of my family. He brought horrible pain to us when he took Ken’s life. ... Ken deserves justice for the night he would not survive. Randy and evil are one and the same. He has no regard for others and certainly has no respect for the sanctity of life.”

SEE SENTENCE, 4



Patrie

Reenactment serves as fundraiser for the Old Bradford museum

CIVIL WAR: FROM 1

got up and went back to camp. The scene was repeated Sunday afternoon, and another Civil War Reenactment was in the books. For those who came out to watch the battles and the demonstrations that ranged from the infantry to the cavalry to the artillery to the medical "aftermath" of battle, it was a chance to go back in time and get an up-close-and-personal look at the most deadly war America has ever fought.

"It's a good chance for my kids to see what it was like," said Clint Lillenthal, a Mason City man who brought his three children Saturday to the historical park located near the Little Brown Church just east of Nashua. "My oldest is really into history, but I think all three of them learned a lot today. It's a cool event."

He paused for a moment as he reconsidered his statement.

"Well, you know, the war wasn't, but I think when you see what it was like, you get more out of it than you do in a book."

The annual event is a fundraiser for the Old Bradford Pioneer Village, which has been in existence since 1948 with the goal of preserving the heritage of Bradford in particular and Chickasaw County in general.

The site includes more than a dozen buildings that recount life in the 19th century and hundreds of historical artifacts from Chickasaw County's pioneer days.



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Confederate soldiers (above) reload their rifles and Union soldiers (right) fire their weapons that create casualties during the Civil War Reenactment.



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Celebration provides ‘unity’ to area residents

WODD: FROM 1

Putting together the celebration, forcing a delay to the start of royalty coronation ceremony Thursday evening and the movement of all of Friday’s evening activities from the park to the Big 4 Fairgrounds.

In recent years, rain has been a constant thorn in the side of Nashua’s biggest festival of the year, and 2024 was shaping up to be no exception.

And then came Saturday. It was impeccable, and Nashua and its visitors responded — first filling up the parade route and then the park for a day that provided the epitome of a small-town celebration.

If there was a “truth” about Saturday, it was this: We slept well that night.

“You look out here and see all the activities, especially for the kids, and it just gives you a feeling that’s hard to describe,” Sinnwell said and he talked about how one of the Water Over the Dam Days Committee members, Kristi Hannemann,

says her goal is to make sure that children have something to do throughout the day.

“Kristi always says, ‘Let’s keep them busy until 6 p.m.,’ and look at this park, they’re busy,” Sinnwell said and added with a laugh, “and we’re tiring them out. They’re going to hit that pillow and be out tonight, but then again, that’s true for all of us.”

When the party finally ended with a community breakfast and ecumenical church service on Sunday, the Water Over the Dam Days posted a letter to the city it served so well.

In it, committee members said small-town celebrations are “meant to be a time of unity and congregation where people in the community join together to forget about their stresses and laugh, socialize and make memories!”

Mission accomplished.

With the Paris Games on the horizon, Water Over the Dam Days went with an Olympic theme in 2024.

“Just like the Olympics bring



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of Nashua High School’s Class of 1974 celebrate their 50th reunion with a ride in the Water Over the Dam Days Parade this past Saturday.

unity to the global community,” from Mother Nature — who made it another Water Over the Dam Days to remember.

But on Saturday afternoon, Nashua Park Board’s president just wanted to soak it all in.

“This is perfect,” Sinnwell said.

And he wasn’t wrong.

Plainfield takes over the spotlight with annual festival next week

Now, it’s Plainfield’s turn.

City residents will kick off the small Bremer County town’s annual three-day festival, Plainfield Days, on Thursday, and the celebration will include a bevy of live music and events organizers say offer something for everyone.

Plainfield Days commences Thursday with a meal sponsored by the Bremer County Cattlemen’s Association that is being put on in memory of longtime farmer and cattleman Steve Brae, who passed away at the age of 63 this past February.

He was a member of the Bremer County Cattleman for 30 years — serving as secretary, president and grill chairman. Steve farmed with his brother Don, raising crops, and was involved in virtually all kind of livestock but cattle were undoubtedly his favorite.

Thursday’s activities also include the crowning of Little Mr. and Little Miss Plainfield, as well as Miss Plainfield and the naming of the town’s citizen of the year before Rick & Ron take the stage with live music from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Friday’s events include a money bars pull-up contest, the announcement of the “50/50” winner and live music by Recoil.

Saturday is chock full of events, including the annual Plainfield Days Parade, which will have a “safari theme” and begins at 10:30 a.m., a host of afternoon events, live music by “Furious George” from 8 a.m. to noon and the fireworks at dusk.

The rain date for the fireworks will be Sunday, July 14.



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The annual Plainfield Days Parade is set to make its way through the town beginning at 10:30 a.m. a week from this Saturday.

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5-10:30 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. Plainfield & Citizen of the Year

7:30-10:30 pm Music by Rick & Ron

FRIDAY, JULY 12TH Let's Go Bananas

5:00 pm Food Vendors Open

5pm-1am Beer Garden Open

6-8pm BINGO with Lions Club

8pm Monkey Bars Pull up Contest

9pm 50/50 Winner Announced

9pm-12 am Live Music by “Recoil”

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9-11 am Donuts and Coffee - in the tent served by Big 4 Chamber of Commerce

10:30 am “Safari Theme” Parade Down Main St. \$100 for Best Entry

11am Food Vendors Open

11:30 - 1 am Kids BINGO and Crafts at the Library

1-3 pm Book Signing by Author Randall Gritzner

1-4 pm Bounce House & Blow-up Water Slide

2 pm Bean Bag Tournament Registration at 1 pm \$20

11:30-1 pm Beer Garden Open

4:30 pm Banana Eating Contest

8pm-12 am Live Music by “Furious George”

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Check out our **Plainfield Days coverage** in both the **July 12 and July 19** editions of the **Nashua Reporter!**

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Nashua-Plainfield student helps compile FFA survey

A recent survey conducted by the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers (CSIF) at the 2024 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference shows that 70 percent of students would like to farm in the future but continue to have concerns about high start-up costs.



Lentz

Of the 191 members who completed the survey, now in its 19th year, 55 percent currently live on a farm.

Preparing students for career success is a pillar of FFA. This is evident among the responses of Iowa FFA members, with 94 percent planning to continue their education after completing high school. Additionally, 82 percent plan to farm or work in an ag-related field.

Caleb Lentz, a senior at Nashua-Plainfield High School, lives on his family's diversified crop and livestock farm. He plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in agricultural education.

"I've had experiences grow-

ing up on the farm and in FFA that have led me to pursuing a career as an ag teacher. Although I don't plan to return to the farm full-time, I'm open to continue helping when I can," he said.

Nearly 48 percent of respondents indicated that high start-up costs are a primary obstacle to new and beginning farmers. This is an 8 percent increase from last year's survey results.

"My biggest concern looking forward is the lack of available land," said Clarke Community High School senior Elli Blackford. "Land availability and price has been a consistent issue. I currently have to rent land for my livestock because that's what's available right now."

Blackford lives near Osceola and raises cattle and goats. She plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in animal science and ag business and pursue a master's degree.

"I'd like to have my own cattle in the future, but there's a lot of unknowns," she added.

Despite the challenges faced by young farmers, 96 percent have a "positive" or "very positive" outlook towards the future of Iowa agriculture. Eighty percent of students plan to live and work in Iowa.

Cameron Colbert, a sophomore at Woodbury Central High School, is eager to continue his family's farming legacy. He plans to attain his associate's degree, then have an off-farm job in addition to returning to his family's diversified livestock operation. "Farming is a family tradition," he said

The Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers was created by farmers to help farmers raise livestock successfully and responsibly.

It's a partnership involving the Iowa Beef Industry Council, Iowa Cattlemen's Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Iowa Pork Producers Association, North Central Poultry Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Turkey Federation, and Midwest Dairy.

The non-profit, non-partisan organization aids farmers at no cost. CSIF does not lobby or develop policy. Farm families wanting a helping hand can contact the coalition at 1-800-932-2436 or visit www.support-farmers.com.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Convicted murderer Randy Patrie (right) listens Tuesday morning as Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner reads aloud a victim impact statement from Barbara Gallmeyer Marshall, the sister of Kenneth Gallmeyer.

Judge: Evidence against Patrie was 'overwhelming'

SENTENCE: FROM 1

She shared the qualities that she believes made her brother a good man.

"He was endearing, funny, loyal, kind and respectful. Ken was trustworthy with many good qualities — all things you are not, Randy, or ever will be."

Near the end of her letter, she thanked those responsible for finding her brother's killer.

"I am certain that Ken cheers today with thanks to every person who has worked hard to put Randy in a cell forever. It is the right thing, and the jury served the public well with their guilty verdict," Marshall wrote. "Ken deserves justice, but it does not bring him back."

Patrie said little during the hearing, even when Stochl asked him if he had anything he wanted to say to the court?

"Not really offhand, your honor, I mean I wrote a statement," Patrie said, "but I don't feel like it's going to make a difference."

Stochl then handed down the sentence that in addition to the prison term included paying \$150,000 for victim restitution, and touched on why he had ear-



lier denied Patrie's requests for overturning the jury verdict and ordering a new trial.

"I heard all the evidence in this case, and this is basically about greed. You took the life of a 70-year-old man in hopes of finding his treasures," Stochl said. "The evidence was over-

whelming. ... This sentence is appropriate."

Gallmeyer's body was discovered on Oct. 4, 2012, when Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to do a welfare check at his home located north of Nashua.

Patrie became the chief sus-

pect, and in early 2014, he pleaded guilty to possession of firearms by a felon as an armed career criminal and possession of sawed-off shotguns.

In June of that year, U.S. District Court Judge Linda R. Reade invoked an "upward departure" at Patrie's sentencing and said she was handing down a life sentence because she said she believed Patrie had shot Gallmeyer during the burglary.

Patrie, though, appealed his life sentence on constitutional grounds and an appellate court overturned it. He was subsequently sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.

The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office applied for and received an arrest warrant for Patrie in January 2022, and he was transferred from a federal prison in New Jersey to Iowa, where he has been held at the Fayette County Jail since.

He will remain in West Union until federal, state and county officials come to an agreement on where he should go next — either back to federal custody or directly into the custody of the Iowa Department of Corrections.

••• NOTICE •••

The Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach office will be closed Monday, July 8th thru Monday July 15th during the Chickasaw County Achievement Show.

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Chickasaw County to have its annual Relay for Life in August

Chickasaw County Relay for Life — which includes the former New Hampton and Lawler events — will hold its event on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

Highland Park (Hwy. 24) in Lawler. Live music and food will be available. Also included in the event is a 4-person best ball golf tournament, which will be at

the Jackson Heights Golf Course on Friday, Aug. 2.

Those interested in having a team may call 319-240-9300 or 641-210-9871.

Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

JULY

THURSDAY, JULY 4

• 2pm Coffee/Tea and Convo. Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

MONDAY, JULY 8

• 7-7:30 PM Good Nutrition on a Budget, New Hampton/Chickasaw Co. Extension

TUESDAY, JULY 9

• 11am-2 pm Compass Community Outreach Center Lunch and Event

• 5-7 pm Chickasaw Co. 4-H & FFA Achievement Show

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

• 8am-8 pm Chickasaw Co. 4-H & FFA Achievement Show

• Nashua Library Summer Reading Program

THURSDAY, JULY 11

• 8am-8 pm Chickasaw Co. 4-H & FFA Achievement Show

• 2pm Coffee/Tea and Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

• Plainfield Days

FRIDAY, JULY 12

• Plainfield Days

• 8am-9 pm Chickasaw Co. 4-H & FFA Achievement Show

SATURDAY, JULY 13

• Plainfield Days

• 10am-7 pm Chickasaw Co. 4-H & FFA Achievement Show

• 4:30-6:30 pm Chickasaw Co. Achievement Show Family BBQ

SUNDAY, JULY 14

• Plainfield Days

• 10 am -3 pm Chickasaw Co. 4-H & FFA Achievement Show

MONDAY, JULY 15

• 6:30am- 7:30am 7-12 Girls ADP

• NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 7:30am- 8:30am 7-12 Boys ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 7:30am-12 pm Chickasaw Co. 4-H & FFA Achievement Show

• 7:30am-12 pm Chickasaw Co. Achievement Show Livestock Auction

TUESDAY, JULY 16

• 11am-2 pm Compass Community Outreach Center Lunch and Event

• 6-8 pm Extension Council Meeting, New Hampton Chickasaw Co. Extension

THURSDAY, JULY 18

• 2pm Coffee/Tea and Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

• Nashua Library Summer Reading Program

• 6:30am- 7:30am 7-12 Girls ADP

• NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 7:30am- 8:30am 7-12 Boys ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 8:00am- 9:00am Girls Basketball Open Gym NP Gymnasium-High School

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FRIDAY, JULY 19

• Tom and Sue's open on Main

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• 7:30am- 8:30am 7-12 Boys ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 8:00am- 9:00am Girls Basketball Open Gym NP Gymnasium-High School

SUNDAY, JULY 21

• Tom and Sue's open on Main

• 5:30-8:30 4H Family Fun Night, New Hampton/Chickasaw Co. Extension

MONDAY, JULY 22

• Tom and Sue's open on Main

• 6:30am- 7:30am 7-12 Girls ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 7:30am- 8:30am 7-12 Boys ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 8:00am- 9:00am Girls Basketball Open Gym NP Gymnasium-High School

TUESDAY, JULY 23

• 3:00pm- 4:00pm K-2 Girls Basketball Camp Husky Wellness Center

• 4:00pm- 5:00pm 3-6 Girls Basketball Camp NP Gymnasium-High School

• 11am-2 pm Compass Community Outreach Center Lunch and Event

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

• Nashua Library Summer Reading Program

• 6:30am- 7:30am 7-12 Girls ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 7:30am- 8:30am 7-12 Boys ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 8:00am- 9:00am Girls Basketball Open Gym NP Gymnasium-High School

• 3:00pm- 4:00pm K-2 Girls Basketball Camp Husky Wellness Center

• 4:00pm- 5:00pm 3-6 Girls Basketball Camp NP Gymnasium-High School

THURSDAY, JULY 25

• 2pm Coffee/Tea and Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

• 3:00pm- 4:00pm K-2 Girls Basketball Camp Husky Wellness Center

• 4:00pm- 5:00pm 3-6 Girls Basketball Camp NP Gymnasium-High School

FRIDAY, JULY 26

• 6:30am- 7:30am 7-12 Girls ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 7:30am- 8:30am 7-12 Boys ADP NP Weight & Fitness Center - High School

• 8:00am- 9:00am Girls Basketball Open Gym NP Gymnasium-High School

TUESDAY, JULY 30

• 2 pm Coffee/Tea and Convo Senior Hour at Nashua Public Library

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

• Nashua Library Summer Reading Program

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Charles City tabs N-P teacher as its new high school principal

By TRAVIS FISCHER
Of the Charles City Press

The Charles City Community School Board approved the hiring of one new principal and prepared to hire another during its regular board meeting on Monday, June 24.

The board approved hiring from within, selecting lead teacher Chealsey Moen to take the Lincoln Elementary principal position starting July 1. She will replace principal Dan Phipps, whose resignation was approved at the May 13 meeting, effective at the end of the school year.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Dr. Brian Burnight reported that interviews for the open high school principal position have taken place and narrowed

down applicants to Levi Miller, a business and computer science teacher currently working at Nashua-Plainfield.

"He kind of blew the panel away," said Burnight. "He really distinguished himself in that process."

The new high school principal will take over for Jeromiah Bliss, who resigned the position.

Miller has taught at Nashua-Plainfield for the past nine years and has also served as the Huskies' varsity baseball coach during that time.

"I'm excited for this opportunity," he said. "As difficult as it is to leave Nashua-Plainfield, this is a great move for not just my career but also for my family. We get to stay in the area and that's a huge positive."

How to nominate a 2025 Master Farmer

Do you know someone who deserves to be considered for the Iowa Master Farmer Award? Nominate them. Nominations for the 2025 Award are due Sept. 13.

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Henry A. Wallace started the Master Farmer Award program in 1926 to recognize "Good Farming, Clear Thinking, Right Living."

The application includes a nomination form and requires letters of support—but no financial information. There's a rumor that Master Farmer nominees have to share their balance sheet. Not true. No one needs to provide that kind of financial information. The judging panel focuses on growth of the farming operation over the years, productivity and community involvement.

Eligibility criteria

Candidates should have a profitable farming operation, be good managers and take care of the land, while having a strong family and being involved in the community. Who's eligible? Here's a look:

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The selection committee is comprised of Iowa ag leaders, past Master Farmers, ag research or university specialists and the Wallaces Farmer editor. Candidates who don't receive the award the year they are nominated are welcome to be resubmitted in following years. Notify Wallaces Farmer if you would like to amend your nomination in subsequent years.

Master Farmer winners are honored at the Master Farmer Awards Day luncheon, typically held in March. Wallaces Farmer is grateful to Growmark helping sponsor the Awards Day event.

The 2025 nomination form is available online at 2025 Iowa Master Farmer form.

Download the form, complete it with letters of support and send it to gil.gullickson@farmprogress.com by Sept. 13.

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City of Nashua Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the city council of the City of Nashua, Iowa located at Nashua City Hall 402 Main Street in Nashua, Iowa at 7:00 p.m. on August 5, 2024. The purpose of this hearing is to open and review the sealed bids for the demolition project #1B for 223 Main St. Any persons wishing to be heard on this matter will be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Written comments will be accepted through the day of the public hearing at the Nashua City Hall PO Box 38 Nashua, Iowa 50658. Oral questions or comments can be directed to City Hall at 641.435.4156

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JUNE 24, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Terry Johnson, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Public Health Lisa Welter, Recorder Shirley Troyna

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve agenda for June 24, 2024 with a change. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve minutes for June 17, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to direct the County Attorney to write letters terminating lease agreement for the County Farm Land ending February 28, 2025. Then start a new lease bid process to be due by August 30, 2024 and opened at the September 3, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to direct County Attorney to add two acres set aside of the fifteen acres on the West side of Gilmore Waspi not to be harvested in the lease agreement. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to direct the County Attorney to requested bids to start active bidder till bidding is done for county farms. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Board of Supervisor Chair Cerwinski read an email from EMA Director Jeff Bernatz about the water levels, crest, and forecasts for Charles City IA and Nashua IA.

Attorney David Laudner informed the board that Iowa Senate File 2442 precluded the Compensation Board and to wait for direction from the State.

Discussed Secondary Roads updates with Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Final Plans for Kenwood Ave. PCC Paving Project

No. 24087

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Not a bad way to spend the Fourth

Boaters take to the lake in Nashua early on the Fourth of July and beat the storms that moved into the area later Thursday. Those storms forced Charles City officials to postpone the city's annual Independence Day fireworks show, which will now be held this evening.

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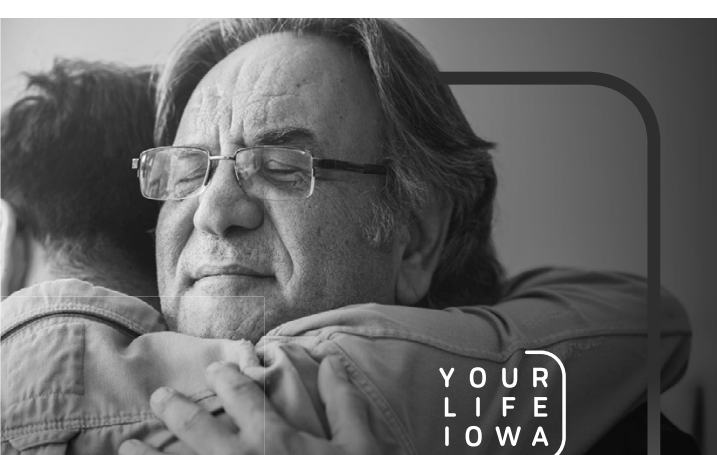
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The storm has passed and there's a clear blue sky on the horizon.

That means the future should be bright for these Nashua-Plainfield Huskies – and that includes this coming Monday's postseason tilt at Riceville.

The Husky softball team and head coach Jessica Stastny-Hall have taken some punches over the years – a few jabs and several knockout punches.

But they've bounced back up from the canvas and are playing their best softball of the season when it matters the most.

"They're showing up and giving me a solid, hard seven innings," said Stastny-Hall. "That is a complete difference from last year. They see the light."

There were dark skies last year for N-P in a 2023 campaign that saw the Huskies only win two games in 28 tries out on the diamond. That included a single victory in TIC East play.

The Huskies (5-23, 4-12) finished off the regular season on Monday at Forest City – a Class 3A squad from the Top of Iowa West Division that N-P led 1-0 until the bottom of the fourth inning. The Indians ended up winning, 6-1, but N-P proved it can take a punch on the chin and remain standing.

"I thought that that was one of the better games we've played," said Stastny-Hall. "We held our own."

Jalynn Pratt, N-P's lone senior on the squad, also laced her first triple and sophomore Kami Hannemann doubled.

Forest City eighth-grader Brooklyn Gerdes pitched a complete-game and struck out eight.

Stastny-Hall said the weather was not pleasant on Monday – the first day of July.

"The weather wasn't the greatest. It was rainy, it was cold and it was windy," said Stastny-Hall. "I thought the girls did a fantastic job."

The previous game on the road at Northwood-Kensett last week Thursday resulted in an 8-4 win for the Huskies and avenged a 9-5 loss to the Vikings at home back in May.

Kristen Lee, a junior, blasted her second home run of the season in a six-run fourth inning. Lee's round-tripper was a two-run shot.

"Last week was definitely a great week for Kristen. She's seeing what she can do when the

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Kristen Lee high-fives her coach during a game earlier this season.



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Nashua-Plainfield's Gavin Wayne (above) makes the stretch at first as a low throw comes his way while teammate Eli Kalainoff just beats the throw to slide into third base during Wednesday's game at Turkey Valley.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD LOOKS TO GET OFFENSE BACK ON TRACK AS POSTSEASON BEGINS

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Pull the trigger and barrel up. In a baseball sense that means lift the bat off your shoulder and swing hard at the pitch coming at you.

Leveraging the lumber in the strike zone is probably a batter's best chance at winning baseball.

Sure, walks and hits batsmen can produce runs – but in the law of averages, making contact with the rawhide "rock" as it hits a wooden bat is going to win out nine times out of 10.

Just ask Levi Miller. "Being a good hitter in high school is hunting fast balls," said Miller. "Right now we're not hunting many fast balls. You have to swing the bat. It's a matter of are we going to swing it or not?"

In his Nashua-Plainfield baseball squad's regular season finale at Turkey Valley (10-15) on Wednesday – it took almost an entire game for the Huskies to get a hit.

And that single was of the bloop variety in shallow left field off the bat of junior all-TIC performer Dawson Glaser – which broke up a potential Trojan combined no-hitter.

Now did N-P have a chance to win that interesting area clash over in Jackson Junction?

Yes. Is that type of play going to keep the Huskies' season alive on Saturday in the first round of district play versus Dunkerton? Probably not.

"If you're looking to walk – we're going to lose. If we're looking to hit – we're probably going to win," said Miller.

But in baseball terminology, the phrase anybody can beat anyone on any given day couldn't be more appropriate.

That means records are reset and the season starts over.

"You're 0-0 – congratulations," said Miller as he spoke to his team after a 2-1 loss at TV, where Trojan senior Oliver Schmitt struck out



the final batter of the game with the bases loaded and the Huskies threatening to tie or take the lead in the non-conference clash.

Miller's blunt, yet accurate statement means postseason heroes are often created and spawned from the most unlikely of sources. That means never underestimate anyone with the chips on the line and the whole enchilada up for the taking come postseason time.

"We're going in there and the other team's nine-hole hitter could go 4-4," said Miller, who will step down this year after guiding the Huskies for nine seasons.

The bigger question is this – which Nashua-Plainfield squad will show up in that postseason elimina-

tion contest?

The one that almost knocked off sixth-ranked St. Ansgar twice this season or the one that dropped a 9-7 tilt last week Thursday at six-win Northwood-Kensett.

Husky fans will find out this weekend when Miller's bunch heads to Calmar – the home diamond of the South Winneshiek Warriors – in an attempt to move along in this state's postseason, bracketed format.

"I'm excited to start a new season with these guys knowing that they can make a run if they put it together," said Miller.

The past is just that – in the rear-view mirror. "Nothing else matters," said

Miller.

N-P (11-12, 7-9) played to a sixth-place finish in the conference and blanked North Fayette Valley, 7-0, behind Glaser's gem on Monday at home.

Glaser struck out 14 batters in his two-hit shutout over the TigerHawks and did not issue one free pass.

"Dawson was electric again. He has had an unreal season on the mound. I really think he's one of the top-10 pitchers or top-five pitchers in the class of 1A," said Miller. "When he's on the mound, we're a different team."

Glaser finished with a 5-3 regular

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Huskies take on Dunkerton in first-round Class 1A district tilt

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season mark and 1.43 ERA. He struck out 79 batters in 53.2 innings – which was fourth in the league for strikeouts. He'll more than likely pitch some innings in the postseason fray on Saturday.

N-P senior Tucker Franzen crapped out three hits against NNFV (3-20). Glaser doubled and plated two runs with his pair of hits. Husky sophomore Eli Kalainoff and senior Hayden Munn each came up with two hits apiece.

Franzen led off the seventh inning with a walk, followed by Glaser's single that seemed to remain suspended in air for an eternity before falling to the outfield grass. TV's center fielder had to run what seemed like a country mile to try and retrieve the ball. With two outs, Schmitt hit back-to-back Huskies – allowing N-P's first run to cross the plate. He fanned the final batter of the game on a 3-2 count.

N-P junior Nic Brase, Franzen and Kalainoff combined to allow just seven hits and one earned run.

"We pitched well. Brase, Tucker and Eli – I really liked us piecing it together like that," said Miller.

N-P has hit just .250 as a team this year – which is fifth-best in the TIC East. Comparatively speaking, St. Ansgar led the league in team batting average with a .342 clip, Osage was second with a .341 average and No. 3 Mason City Newman was third (.325).

Glaser leads N-P in hitting with a .406 batting average and 28 hits. He's tied with Kalainoff for the team lead in RBI (19). Kalainoff, hitting in the leadoff spot, is tops on the team in runs scored with 24.

"I wouldn't say we're disappointed with the year. Coming off last year – finishing second

in the conference – the ball really hasn't bounced our way many times. We haven't gotten many breaks," said Miller. "But that's okay – gosh, that's baseball, man. I think of games where other teams have had five bloop singles and we had five hard liners right at guys. It's just been kind of one of those, ugh."

The winner of the N-P/Dunkerton matchup will face either South Winn (19-9) or Clarksville (1-18) on Tuesday, July 9 back in Calmar in the district semifinal.

First pitch for the Huskies against Dunkerton (8-11) is slated for 5 p.m. Saturday and the South Winn/Clarksville game will follow.

"We need someone to take control of a game and not look for someone else to do it," said Miller.

NORTHWOOD-KENSETT 9, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 7
NP 101 120 2 - 7
NK 330 003 x - 9

Pitching - Tucker Franzen 1 2/3 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 4 BB, 3 K, Devon Griffin 3 1/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, Wyatt Bearman 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - Eli Kalainoff, Griffin. Runs - Kalainoff 2, Titus Evans 2, Franzen 1, Matthew Malven 1, Cam Cleveland 1. Hits - Dawson Glaser 2, Kalainoff 1, Franzen 1, Malven 1, Gavin Wayne 1, Griffin 1, Bearman 1. RBI - Glaser 3, Kalainoff 1, Wayne 1, Griffin 1, Bearman 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 7, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 0
NFV 000 000 0 - 0
NP 011 041 x - 7

Pitching - Glaser 7 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 14 K.

2B - Glaser, Hayden Munn. Runs - Franzen 2, Kalainoff 1, Wyatt Bouillon 1, Evans 1, Wayne 1, Munn 1. Hits - Franzen 3, Kalainoff 2, Munn 2, Glaser 1, Kolbie Vance 1. RBI - Glaser 2, Franzen 1, Munn 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 1

NP 000 000 1 - 1
TV 100 010 x - 2

Pitching - Brase 2 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K, Franzen 3 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K, Kalainoff 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

Runs - Cleveland. Hits - Glaser.



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Nashua-Plainfield's varsity players (above) welcome youth softball players to a recent game while Paige Franzen (below) makes a throw to first to record an out.

N-P fielders step up in win over N-K

SOFTBALL: FROM 8

pitches go her way and she hits the center of the ball on the sweet spot of the bat. It goes flying," said Stastny-Hall. "I'm very proud of her."

N-P eighth-grade hurler Callie Jensen overcame 12 Viking hits. She struck out seven and walked just two batters.

"We got out of a bunch of jams," said Stastny-Hall. "Callie likes the pressure, especially when the bases are loaded."

The Huskies committed three errors against N-K (4-18, 2-13), but made plays when they needed to, to keep the Vikings at bay.

"Our fielders stepped up when they had runners in scoring position," said Stastny-Hall.

Paige Franzen, a junior, doubled and knocked in a run. She collected two hits to lead the Huskies.

Pratt is tops on the team with 24 hits and Hannemann leads the squad in runs knocked in with 20. Pratt also is the top run scorer with 15. Nevaeh Bloker, a sophomore, is the batting average leader with a .299 clip.

Jensen is currently 4-8 inside the pitcher's circle this summer with 82 strikeouts in 80 innings pitched.

N-P's game at Central City on Tuesday was canceled due to heavy rain showers.

The Huskies will get their second crack at Riceville (11-16) in the opening round of Class 1A regional play early

next week. The Wildcats topped the Huskies, 5-2, back on June 25.

"Monday is going to be very interesting," said Stastny-Hall. "They are definitely seeing the strides on where they can go."

The winner of that N-P/Riceville showdown takes on St. Ansgar (19-7) the following Wednesday on the Saints' home diamond.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 8, NORTHWOOD-KENSETT 4
NP 101 600 0 - 8
NK 012 000 1 - 4

Pitching - Callie Jensen 7 IP, 12 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 7 K.

2B - Paige Franzen. HR - Kristen Lee. Runs - Franzen 2, Jensen 1, Jalynn Pratt 1, Madison Wahl 1, Elayna O'Neill 1, Lee 1, Hannah Brahn 1. Hits - Franzen 2, Pratt 1, Wahl 1, O'Neill 1, Lee 1, Brahn 1. RBI - Lee 2, Franzen 1, Pratt 1, Wahl 1.

FOREST CITY 6, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 1
NP 100 000 0 - 1
FC 000 213 x - 6

Pitching - Brahn 6 IP, 10 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 7 BB, 3 K.

2B - Kami Hannemann. 3B - Pratt. Runs - Pratt 1. Hits - Pratt 2, Hannemann 2, Abi Schmitt 1, Wahl 1, Lee 1, Brahn 1. RBI - Hannemann 1.



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Nashua-Plainfield senior Tucker Franzen winds up to throw a pitch in Wednesday's game.

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The St. John Lutheran Church float (left) and the grand marshals, longtime Big 4 Fair Board volunteers Dave and Judy Bucknell, make their way through the parade on Saturday morning.

Water Over the Dam Days photos by the Reporter's Bob Fenske