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Ambulance to be running by July 1

Nashua Area EMS director says she has first nine days of service 'completely filled'

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

public and citizens of Nashua this week.

Viktirek said her volunteer EMS also signed mutual-aid agreements with AMR (American Medical Response) out of Charles City and the Chickasaw County EMS in New Hampton to help provide assistance in Nashua as well. She said another mutual-aid agreement with Waverly should also be agreed upon relatively soon.

The Nashua Area EMS has hit their target date. In fact, the volunteer ambulance service has already been out on calls in the area in attempt to help save lives.

That was the good news that Nashua Area EMS director Zenda Vikturek was able to relay to the

The signing on the dotted line is almost a formality, but it does make the back-up assistance official.

"We don't have to have them necessarily sign it to be get up and running, but it's nice to have it in place," said Vikturek. "All the ambulances mutual aid with each other. If there's a disaster, they're going to come in and help. Say there's a tornado in Nashua, there'll be rigs here from all over. Anything that

outnumbers your ability to take care of the people – that's when you start calling in the other EMS."

Viktirek said most of her crew that will work on the Nashua Area EMS helped respond to a motorcycle accident north of Nashua that took place in the last

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Faith Franzen (above, right) reacts after being named the Water Over the Dam Days Queen alongside last year's winner, Makenzie Foelske, during Thursday's coronation ceremony that also included (below) Michael Benning being selected as WODD Prince. See more coverage on Page 4.

LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

IT'S A DOUBLE-YOUR-FUN KIND OF WEEKEND WITH WATER OVER THE DAM DAYS AND CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nate Sinnwell wanted to make one thing perfectly clear on Thursday morning.

"We sure don't want to wish the rain away," said the president of the Nashua Park Board, the organization that puts on Water Over the Dam Days. "Now if it rained like from 2 to 7 in the morning, that would be perfect, but this is one year we're not going to complain if we have to do a little moving around. Ask anyone, we need the rain."

Rain or shine, though, the Park Board committee charged with putting on Nashua's biggest party — one that started Thursday night with several events downtown — is ready to roll. So, too, are the folks at the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum that will host the park's annual Civil War Reenactment on Saturday and Sunday — with the always crowd-pleasing battles set for 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

"It helps that we have a really good

SEE WEEKEND, 4



Supervisors give go-ahead to sheriff for new cameras

County leaders agree to spend almost \$210,000 on in-car and body cameras

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

By the time the snow flies later this year, the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office should be up-to-date when it comes to camera equipment.

That's because the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday approved Sheriff Ryan Shawver's recommendation to purchase 13 body cameras and 11 in-car cameras from Sector Technology of Urbandale. The GeTac camera systems that Sector uses, Shawver said, are state-of-the-art and compatible with each other.

"They get used on a daily basis," Shawver said in an interview after Monday's board meeting. "We have talked about it being a liability issue, and it really is. If someone makes a claim that is untrue — or for that matter, true — we have a reliable camera system to back us up."

Currently, the Sheriff's Office is using a variety of different cameras that not only are not necessarily reliable but also have different "storage" systems when they are needed as evidence.

"They're really at the end of their useful lives," he said, "and I know this is a huge investment by the county but it's well worth it for both our department and the county attorney, as well as just taking care of that liability issue."

Shawver and his chief deputy, Zach Nosbisch, approached the board earlier this spring with a proposal to buy camera systems from Motorola Solutions and use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to fund the purchases, but at the time, the board asked the law enforcement officers to bring back more than one vendor quote before they would consider the request.

"It actually it worked out well," Shawver said about going out to seek other quotes. "It was a good experience for Zach and I to see what they had to offer, services they had to offer, serviceability, tech support moving ahead."

Motorola Solutions had the low quote at \$186,320, but that didn't include updating six in-car routers that are, as Shawver put it, "very, very old and they're failing."

Sector Technology's bid, which included the updated routers, was \$209,372 while Axon Cameras quoted a price of just under \$215,000. Shawver said that, "at the very least" it would cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000 to replace the routers, but he felt that the best path forward was going with Sector.

SEE SUPERVISORS, 3

Freedom Rock celebrates those who have, continue to 'step into arena'

Veterans from around the county join in dedication ceremony at Lawler's memorial

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Gene Blazek interjected a healthy dose of humor Saturday morning into his dedication speech for the Freedom Rock that graces Lawler's Veterans Park, but the past commander of the town's Sons of the American Legion had a serious message for those attending the ceremony on a beautiful summer morning.

"I realize as a symbol of freedom, this Freedom Rock certainly did not come free," he said. "The cost of freedom is sacrifice. The cost of this Freedom was our sacrifice. But when you look at this rock, remember the seven men who are on it. They made the ultimate sacrifice."

And then he told the stories of seven

Chickasaw County men whose painted portraits adorn the rock that sits in the park just off Highway 24.

Blazek gave short histories on the

short yet so meaningful lives of Fae

Stine, Paul Johann, Ralph Nicholson,

Harold Redman, Robert Thompson,

Donald Fisher and Lawrence Fisher — seven Chickasaw County men who are among the hundreds of thousands of Americans who died while serving their country in the armed forces.

"What we did, what we went

through, is nothing compared to the

sacrifices they made," Blazek said after

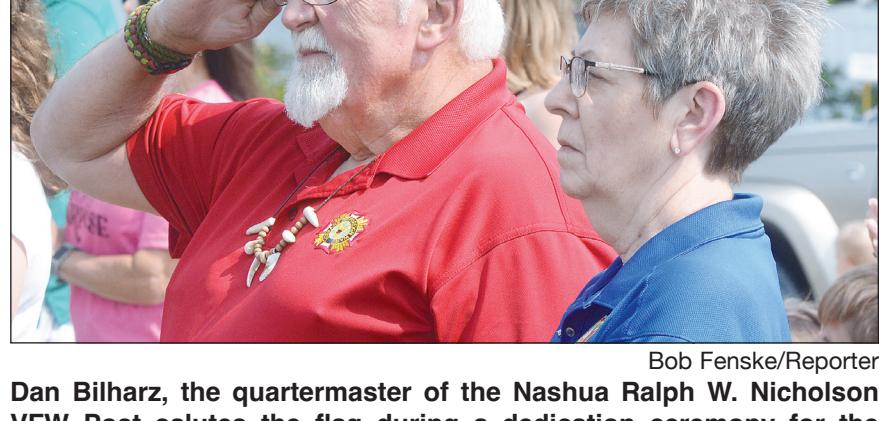
the short, yet poignant ceremony. "To

see so many people come out and

honor them today, that's what makes

this so special."

SEE FREEDOM ROCK, 2



Dan Bilharz, the quartermaster of the Nashua Ralph W. Nicholson

VFW Post salutes the flag during a dedication ceremony for the

county's Freedom Rock (left) that was held Saturday in Lawler.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

Briefs**Drought expands; 'severe' and 'moderate' conditions in area**

This probably won't come as any surprise to anyone who looks outside and sees brown lawns, but the drought picture in Iowa in general and in the Nashua area in particular grew more bleak during the last week.

All 99 counties in the state are currently experiencing drought conditions, according to the latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor that was released on Thursday.

All of Bremer and Butler counties, along with the southern portions of both Chickasaw and Floyd, are enduring "severe drought" conditions while the rest of Floyd and Chickasaw counties are in the midst of "moderate" droughts.

The National Weather Service's official reporting station in Nashua has recorded just .34 inches of rain in June, and the normal rainfall through June 20 is 3.86 inches.

Svec Memorial Tractor Drive will be on the road Sunday

The Bob Svec Memorial Tractor Drive is scheduled for this Sunday, with tractor drivers starting with breakfast at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua and then driving to Mikkelson Park.

They will be provided lunch and then return to the Big 4 Fairgrounds. The New Hampton FFA chapter created the tractor drive last year in honor of Bob Svec. This will be the second annual tractor drive.

Bob Svec was a member of the New Hampton community who not only protected the town as a police officer but promoted agriculture in the area with the FFA Chapter. Everyone is welcome to eat, any additional people attending can pay at the door and receive a meal ticket.

LifeServe blood drive set for New Hampton this Tuesday

New Hampton will host a community blood drive on Tuesday, June 27 from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 112 E. Spring St. in New Hampton.

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Congratulations to everyone at Clarksville Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for a job WELL DONE!
-Heather Sells, MSW, LNHA



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Chickasaw County's Freedom Rock is dedicated during a ceremony Saturday that included former Lawler Sons of American Legion Commander Gene Blazek (above) sharing the story of the rock as well as music (below) provided by bagpiper Ewan Ferguson.

Rock honors all those who 'step into arena'**FREEDOM ROCK: FROM 1**

His words echoed the address made by Brian Quirk, the commander of New Hampton's American Legion Fae Stine post.

Quirk used Teddy Roosevelt's famed "Man in the Arena" speech as the theme of his talk.

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better."

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Quirk pointed out that the Freedom Rock in Lawler not only honors veterans and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice but also those who work in law enforcement, fight fires, answer ambulance calls and respond to emergencies throughout the county.

"To me that's what this park represents is every man in the arena, or woman in the arena,

who serves in each of these branches of our community service," he said. "It amazes me and humbles me, and it makes me proud to live amongst some of the finest people who have given so generously of their time, talent and treasure for the causes that they believe in that make our community great."

Blazek shared the trials and tribulations that led to the rock finding its way from a field adjacent to his acreage to Lawler. From finding the 44,990-pound rock to "digging" it out to moving it to his acreage to moving it into Lawler to building a temporary roadway to place the rock to constructing a "shelter" so that famed Freedom Rock artist Bubba Sorensen could paint it to placing the plaques honoring not only veterans but others who serve their communities, Blazek took the crowd through the tale of the rock.

"Eating soup with a fork or mowing lawn with a pair of scissors would have been comparable to this task," he said. "It got done, but boy, it took a long time."

But so worth it, or so he and those who attended Saturday's ceremony will tell you.

Just ask Quirk.

"The things that unite us — America's past of which we are so proud, our hopes and aspirations for the world and this much-loved country — these things far outweigh what little divides us," he said. "We are all Americans with heart and hand, and through whatever trial and travail, we pledge ourselves to each other and the cause of human freedom, the cause that has given light to this land and hope to the world."

And he concluded by thanking veterans, law enforcement, firefighters and EMS personnel with a simple acknowledgment.

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Nashua-Plainfield coach Levi Miller gets ready to congratulate Husky freshman Eli Kalainoff (above) on his home run during this past Monday's game against Central Springs, when junior pitcher Tucker Franzen (below) picked up the win on the mound.

BATTLING ON THE DIAMOND

HUSKIES PICK UP WINS OVER CENTRAL SPRINGS, A-P, FALL TO TOP-RANKED NEWMAN, ST. ANSGAR



BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Let there be lights.

Nashua-Plainfield sure hopes so.

While N-P's new sports complex in Plainfield should be less than a year away from being completed – with said lights – the Huskies and head coach Levi Miller sure could have used some illumination on its home diamond in the coming weeks.

The state released the post-season pairings for the small-school classes on Thursday in prep baseball and the Huskies understood one simple fact right off the bat – N-P would not be hosting any district games because Stan Burkle Field does not have lights.

With that said, N-P definitely deserved at least two post-season home games as it garnered the No. 2 seed in the Class 1A Substate 3, District 5 bracket that was released by the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

Instead, N-P will have to pack its bags for a bus ride that will consist of over 70 miles one-way and well over an hour away in Winthrop – the site of No. 3 seed East Buchanan's home playing field. That first round of district play for N-P gets underway on Saturday, July 1 against No. 7 seed Central City (3-18). The winner plays the victor between No. 3 East Buchanan and No. 6 Edgewood-Colesburg, North Linn, ranked No. 5 in Class 1A, District 5 bracket and received the bye.

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"He absolutely blasted the ball," said Miller. "He annihilated that baseball. It sounded like College World Series with one of those boys."

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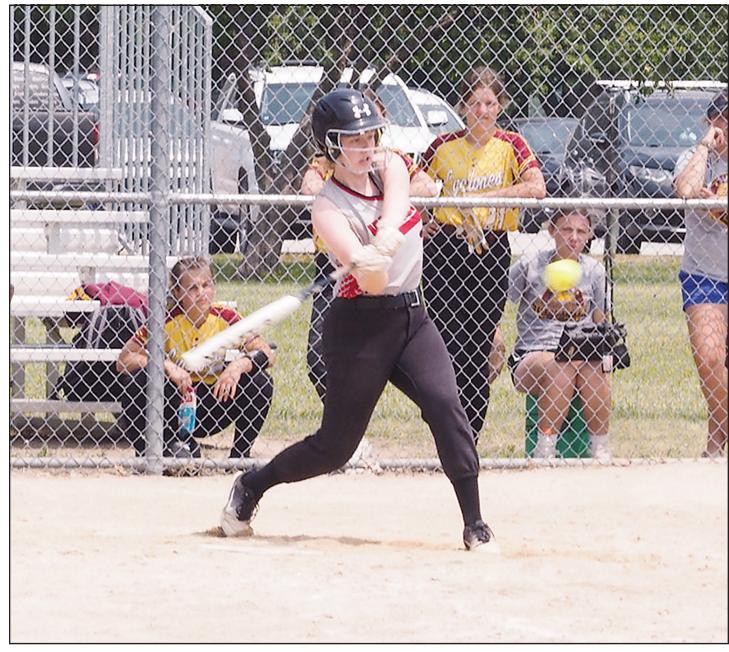
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And for good reason. N-P (13-5) – as of Thursday afternoon – still holds on to second place in the Top of Iowa East Division Conference standings with a mark of 10-3.

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Elayna O'Neill (above) gets ready to make contact with the softball in a game against Denver at the New Hampton Invitational this past weekend.

Effort is there for N-P even if victories aren't

Huskies come up just short in attempt to get third victory at New Hampton Invite

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The clock struck midnight for the Nashua-Plainfield Husky softball team Saturday afternoon in New Hampton.

No, the hands of the time-piece at the invite hosted by the Chickasaws that kept track of the softball games' time limit didn't actually touch the number 12. But game officials did wrap up Game No. 2 against Denver a little early for the Huskies and head coach Jessica Stastny-Hall at the New Hampton Invite.

Yes, Cinderella is still searching for her glass slipper or in the case of the Huskies – they're still looking for another victory before regional play starts soon and the regular season ends.

"We've had a lot of really good wins this year," said Miller. "We're focused on building on success."

One of those victories by N-P came in a non-conference tilt against Aplington-Parkersburg (10-8) at home this past Tuesday. The Huskies held off the Falcons' charge to come away with a thrilling, 4-3, triumph.

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Had the runner on third scored before the final out was made, the game would have been tied at 4-4 and headed into the final frame in the seventh.

Kalainoff pitched over five innings, allowed four hits and zero earned runs. He struck out

tournaments work. You're not guaranteed the whole seven innings, especially when an inning goes long, so you're going to play what you can for an hour-and-a-half."

While this hasn't been a fairytale season for the Huskies – which sits in last place in the Top of Iowa East with a 1-12 mark – there was some encouraging news that came out of the NH Invite.

"One of the umps I talked to earlier today, he's watching us progress and it's getting better from the first time he saw us. It's the little things," said Stastny-Hall on Saturday. "It's making sure everyone's in the right position. I've seen a lot of progress today."

N-P began the tournament against the Chickasaws and lost that fray, 14-2. Area squad Turkey Valley played N-P in the last game of the afternoon for the Huskies and won 14-4.

N-P had another near-miss at a victory – like Denver – against Northwood-Kensett (2-15, 2-9) on Wednesday, June 14. The Vikings stunned N-P with four runs in the top of the seventh to claim victory by a score of 10-7.

"In the Northwood game, even though we lost, we showed a lot of good signs," said Stastny-Hall. "We just need to put everything in place."

Errors and inconsistent pitching has been N-P's Achilles' heel this summer. The Huskies committed four errors apiece against Denver and New Hampton on Saturday. N-P lost at Janesville on Thursday, June 15 by a score of 12-0 and were saddled with five errors. Central Springs (18-5, 12-1), ranked third in Class 2A, capitalized on six Husky errors en route to a 17-1 win this past Monday.

Mason City Newman (22-6, 10-3), rated No. 13 in Class 1A, topped N-P, 14-0, last week Friday. The Huskies made just one error in that contest and did the same in the field against St. Ansgar (17-8, 6-5).

N-P sophomore Paige Franzen doubled, as did

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Nashua-Plainfield's Lily Eiffler tracks a fly ball into her glove during a game against Turkey Valley.

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