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Council tackles trail's pros, cons

Nashua city leaders offer suggestions during lengthy discussion on proposed route

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Going down the right path is obviously essential to a happy and productive life for almost anyone.

That's why the city of Nashua is trying to figure out which road to traverse to help aid citizen's safe journey across town.

A lot of information was unpacked

and plenty of numbers were floated around when proponents of a proposed trail project discussed the matter inside Nashua's City Hall on Monday during a regular Council meeting.

Nashua has taken some of the first steps publicly in a process that has been ongoing for quite some time to potentially build a trail that could one day connect the entire

town of 1,500.

"The trail talk has been around for quite a while, we just haven't done anything on it," said Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell.

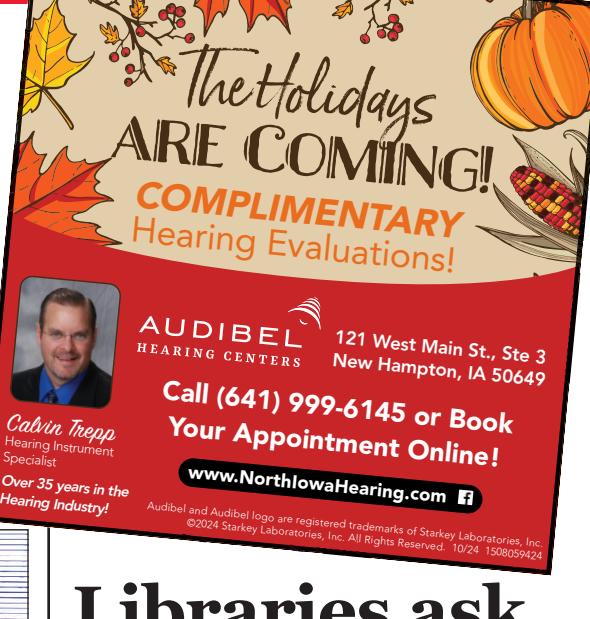
The financials and proper pathways are still being worked out and obviously the City Council would have to approve any of the proposed three phases of the project before work begins, but the end goal is

clear according to Sinnwell.

And that possibility along the horizon might be a lot later on down the road, so to speak.

"I think long term we want to do a whole loop around the city. You're going to have to buy some properties,

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Libraries ask supervisors for 6 percent hike in funding

Fredericksburg Library Board president: Facilities are a good investment for county leaders

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County's six public libraries are asking the Board of Supervisors to increase its funding of the facilities by 6 percent during the 2025-26 fiscal year.

The six county library directors and Fredericksburg Library Board President Ken McFarland made the request during the weekly meeting of the board on Monday, but supervisors did not take any action on the request and aren't expected to until they tackle the 2025-26 budget and tax levy in earnest early next year.

The county, through its Rural Services Basic fund, is providing libraries in New Hampton, Alta Vista, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and Nashua, with \$131,797.75 in funding.

If Monday's request is granted, the county's share of library funding will increase to \$139,705.62 during the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2025. The six cities with libraries are providing \$357,912 in funding to their facilities.

"First of all, we'd like to thank you all for the funding we received last year," Lawler Public Library Director Cathy Humpal said. "It really helped us a lot. With that money, we were able to continue to offer free programming and services, we can provide areas for our patrons to read, study, hold small meetings, and also we could improve our physical spaces and make them [American Disabilities Act] compliant."

"That's getting to be an issue when we do some of our reports and things. The state wants to know we are working on it."

McFarland told the supervisors that they would be making an "investment" in the county.

The retired veteran told board members that he has been to 46 different countries and all 50 states, "and I brought my kids back here and my kids have been going out and now are coming back here."

He said there are three key reasons — security, jobs and infrastructure — both he and his

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Our kids, another reason to be grateful on Thanksgiving!

Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School first-graders are anxious to answer one of teacher Amy Chester's questions during class

on Thursday morning, and students in both Chester's and fellow first-grade teacher Mindy Foelske's classrooms are featured

in this week's Reporter as they share how they would kick a Thanksgiving turkey.

SEE HOW TO COOK A THANKSGIVING TURKEY, Pages 4-5

Finding the way back to Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving for years was probably my favorite holiday; after all, how can you go wrong on a day built around turkey and football?

Then came Nov. 20, 2014, the worst day of my life.

And Thanksgiving, I didn't think, would ever be the same.

Ten years ago, my wife at the time and I made the drive from New Hampton to Mason City so we could check on Teresa's daughter and somewhere between New Hampton and Charles City we received

the awful news that Samantha Jo had died from suicide.

A week before the holiday in which we celebrate gratitude and express thankfulness for all the good things in our lives, our lives were slammed into a proverbial concrete wall.

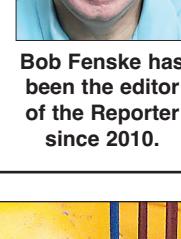
Sam's funeral arrangements were held during Thanksgiving week. The visitation was on Monday. The funeral was on Tuesday. And Thursday we gathered at her brother Scott's home for Thanksgiving and tried our best to count

our blessings.

It was the most excruciating Thanksgiving of our lives, and while so much has changed since then — Theresa and I are no longer married; Sam's step-brothers, my sons, are no longer teenagers but grown men; and Sam's sisters, Alyssa and Danielle, are busy raising families — I am still at times ambivalent when it comes to Thanksgiving.

I wish you could have known Sam.

SEE THANKSGIVING, 2



Bob Fenske has been the editor of the Reporter since 2010.

Geepers, we get a hint of the winter that's near

Drought situation, at least, is improving

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Those snow showers that filled the air at times Wednesday technically didn't qualify as Nashua's first snowfall of the year, but they were a reminder that winter could arrive any day now.

So, too, did those cold temperatures and frigid winds.

But the good news is that we continue to take a bite out of the drought that re-materialized late this summer and persisted into the fall.

Start with the snow showers that fell on Wednesday. Hardly any of it stuck, save to some a few grassy areas and on playground equipment around town, and since it didn't reach the 1-inch mark, the National

Weather Service didn't consider it the first snowfall of the season.

Still, along with temperatures in the 30s and winds gusting to near 40 miles per hour, it was a slap in the face for us hoping that winter was still a ways off.

The good news is that earlier in the week, more than three-quarters of an inch rain fell on the city, bringing Nashua's rain total for the month to 3.11 inches, far above the 1.24 inches that usually falls during the first 20 days of the month.

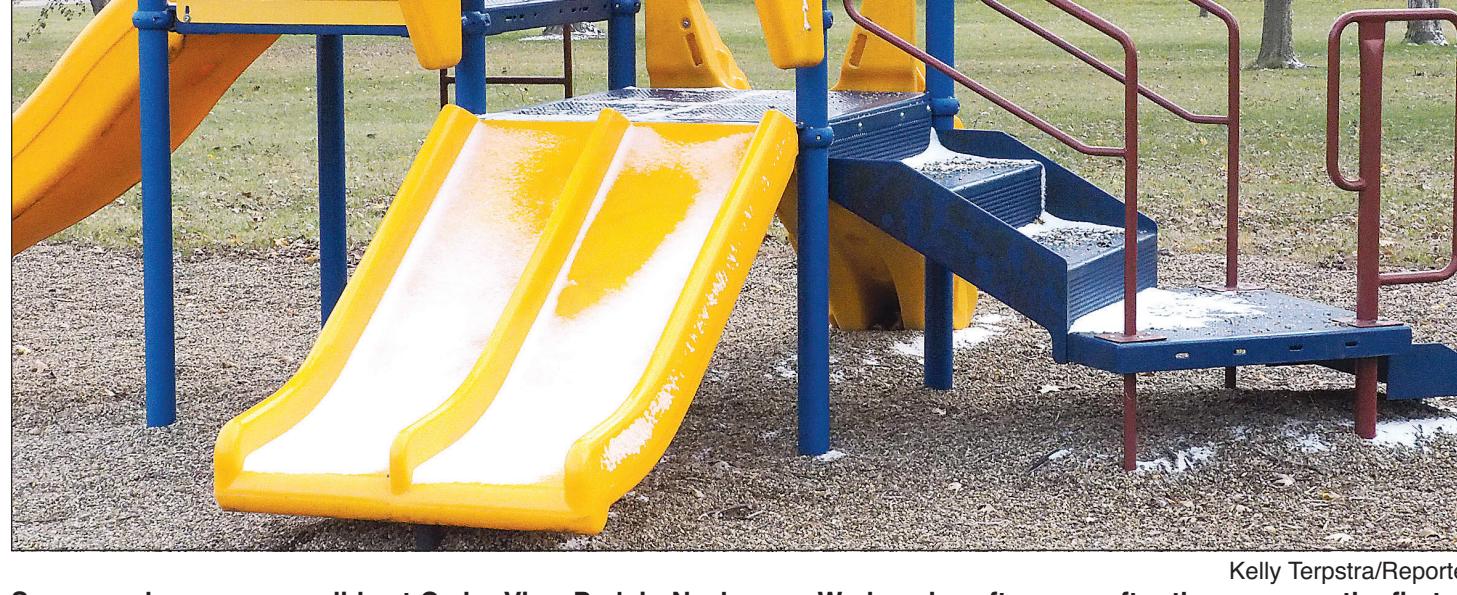
Although the latest U.S.

Drought Monitor report showed

that all of Chickasaw, Bremer,

Butler and Floyd counties are

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Snow can be seen on a slide at Cedar View Park in Nashua on Wednesday afternoon after the area saw the first of

the white stuff with intermittent snow showers that didn't amount to much but reminded us what's coming.

Everybody Hurts scholarship applications due by end of the month

Special to the Reporter

Officials from a local non-profit organization are reminding those who have completed a year in a higher-learning health-related field or mental-health related field that the deadline for a scholarship opportunity is fast approaching.

Everybody Hurts is a local nonprofit

that helps bring mental health awareness and suicide prevention education to Chickasaw County. The organization was established in 2020 and has brought numerous guest speakers to the county, funded scholarships and helped residents seek mental-health treatment.

In October, Everybody Hurts

opened its four annual scholarship program.

Anyone who is a Chickasaw County resident or former resident and is still residing in Iowa is eligible for the scholarship.

The application process is open through Nov. 30, and those interested in applying can contact Dawn Heying at

319-406-2508 or dawnheyng@gmail.com or visit organization's Facebook page at EverybodyHurtsCCIA

Everybody Hurts also has funds that may be available to those who need counseling services and are unable to pay for it. The provider would be paid directly if necessary.

For more information, please con-

tact Heying or your provider.

And finally, if anyone is interested in QPR training (Question, Persuade, and Refer), which provides three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide, please contact Everybody Hurts, which funds the two-hour course. To sign up for the training, contact Heying.

Supervisors accept resignation of county safety director; auditor backs off on deputy pay increase

By BOB FENSKA

editor@nhtrib.com

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Monday morning dealt with the fallout from a meeting last week as board members unanimously accepted the resignation of the county's safety director.

During a Nov. 12 meeting, Safety Director Ranae Carey — citing the larger-than-expected workload — requested that her pay for her safety position be increased from 96 cents per hour to \$5 per hour, but while supervisors lauded the work she has done since taking the newly-created position in April, turned the request down.

During the meeting, all four supervisors who attended the meeting expressed reservations about granting a pay increase in the middle of the fiscal year and said they would be more comfortable discussing a pay increase that would take effect when the 2025-26 fiscal year begins.

Later that day, Carey, who works as the administrative assistant in the County Engineer's Office, handed in her resignation for the safety position, effective that day.

On Monday, supervisors accepted the resignation and said they would discuss the vacancy during an upcoming meeting.

At that Nov. 12 meeting, board members also were told by County Auditor Sheila Shekleton that she was going to increase the pay of one of her employees, Deputy Commissioner of Elections Gina Fangman, from 65 percent to 70 percent of the auditor's salary, or from \$26.51 to \$28.55 per hour.

A day later, though, Shekleton changed her mind, and on Monday, during the

public comment portion of the meeting, Shekleton explained why she was foregoing the increase.

"I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the thoughtful consideration each of you gave to the board's decision regarding the deputy's raise," Shekleton said as she read from a prepared statement. "While the decision is not what I had hoped for, I respect the outcome and the collaborative process that led to it. I have decided not to move forward with the increase in pay for the deputy and hope we can revisit it during the budget session."

Under state law, an elected official controls the amount of pay a deputy receives, basing it on a percentage of said elected official's salary, but a county's board of supervisors determines the number of deputies that the county has.

At that Nov. 12 meeting, Supervisor Jake Hackman pointed out that the "only power" the board has "is to eliminate that deputy position and make her a clerk again." He conceded at the time he didn't know "what the appetite" would be for that action, which would become effective at the beginning of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Shekleton on Nov. 12 went ahead and said she was going to approve the raise, but on Wednesday morning, after discussing the issue with her office staff, she emailed supervisors and said she would hold off on the raise and instead discuss the increase for the deputy during budget work sessions that will help forge the 2025-26 budget and tax levy.

"Please know I remain fully committed to supporting the direction we're headed and working together as a team to achieve our shared objectives," she said Monday morning.

Briefs

New Hampton church to host annual Thanksgiving meal

The place to be on Thanksgiving Day will again be Trinity Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall as the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. a week from today, Thursday, Nov. 28.

A free-will monetary donation will be asked, with proceeds to benefit the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Serving a full turkey and ham dinner with dessert, the meal, supported by the Pub at the Pinicon and Grant and Krissy Anderson, will also be available for take-out.

No reservations are needed, but questions may be directed to the Trinity church office at 641-394-2552.

Women of Today gearing up for Santa's Workshop and Bake Sale

The Nashua Women of Today will be putting on its annual Santa's Workshop and Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Nashua Public Library.

The event will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and take place during the annual Christmas in Nashua event that will also include a variety of other activities, including the return of the always-popular Tour of Homes.

For a listing of all Christmas in Nashua and Plainfield's Christmas on Main events that will also be held on Dec. 7, see next week's Reporter.

'Talkin' Turkey' set for Tuesday at Twin Ponds Nature Center

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will be holding a program on turkeys at the Twin Ponds Nature Center this coming Tuesday.

"Talkin' Turkey" begins at 5 p.m. and will include discussing the habits of turkeys and how turkeys communicate, including turkey calls. The event will finish up with children completing a "turkey craft."

Although the event is free, registration is required by calling Chickasaw County Conservation Board Naturalist Matt Crayne at 641-394-4714.

Students in Mindy Foolske's first-grade classroom at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary take in a lesson from their teacher Thursday morning.

Students going on this guy's gratitude list

THANKSGIVING: FROM 1

She was one of a kind, and I believe with all my heart that if she was alive today, she'd be doing great things.

Sam would have been a hell of a nurse; she was less than a month away from graduating from NIACC's nursing program. She would have been a marvelous mother; I'm positive she would have passed on her love of reading to her children.

I have a lot of Sam stories from the short time I knew her, but my favorite is so simple that it might be one of those you-had-to-be-there tales surrounding one of our common bonds — the love of a good book.

In 2012, she was living with Teresa in Mason City, and I spent a lot of weekends at their house located just a hop, skip and jump from Highland Park Golf Course. I ran out to NIACC one Saturday, and when I left the house, Sam was reading. Three hours later, I returned home, and there was Sam, still on the couch, wrapped in a blanket and still reading.

What 19-year-old girl spends a rare free Saturday reading a book? Sam, that's who. And I knew I had found a kindred spirit, and when we lost her 10 years ago, I figured Thanksgiving would never be the same.

For years, it wasn't, and that was true even long after Teresa and I divorced. Nov.

20 would come around and I'd relive that horrible night again. And Thanksgiving was worse, because I'd remember the incredible sadness of that holiday in 2014 when Sam's death was so fresh.

Yet, they say that time heals wounds — not all of them but some of them — and the past couple of years, I began to embrace the holiday again.

Thanksgiving at the Fenske house isn't a blown-out affair; in fact, because he plays college football, Noah hasn't been home on Thanksgiving since he was a senior in high school.

The usual M.O. is this: Josh comes to the house, we head to Trinity Lutheran Church for its annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner, we return home, we watch football and play cribbage and he heads home after our traditional Thanksgiving supper of pizza and pie. The latter is purchased, not baked by yours truly, and for that alone, we are grateful.

But there are other reasons I've come back to Thanksgiving, a holiday that I think took on new meaning for me when I sobered up so long ago.

When I first put down the bottle, my Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor was adamant that I write out gratitude lists. They, Jim C. told me so long ago, are a reminder we have so much to live for and that looking at that list would be an admonition that today was not the day to pick that

bottle back up.

Thanksgiving is now a mere six days away, and by the time it arrives, I will have my annual holiday gratitude list completed.

And on that list this year will be 42 Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School first-graders who shared with our Reporter readers how they would cook a Thanksgiving turkey. They can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this edition, and they are, in a word, cute.

Now, I'm not suggesting we follow their recipes to a T, because if we do, we're going to be eating some pretty raw turkey. But if you want a reminder of the wonderful innocence that comes out of the mouths — or the pens — of youngsters, pages 4 and 5 are absolutely golden.

Also on that list will be Samantha Jo Vining.

This past summer, I began running again, or at least what I call "running" and at least once or twice a week, I make sure my running route takes me through the cemetery that is Sam's final resting place.

As I run past, I always say hi, and I almost always see her on that couch, wrapped in a blanket and reading a good book. And I am grateful for that memory, realizing that over time, I have learned to remember her life and not her death.

And that's enough to once again embrace Thanksgiving.

Trump names Iowan to serve as new U.S. ambassador to NATO

By ROBIN OPSAHL

Iowa Capital Dispatch

Former acting U.S. Attorney General Matt Whitaker was tapped Wednesday as U.S. ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in President-elect Donald Trump's upcoming administration.

Trump said in a news release announcing the appointment that "strong warrior and loyal Patriot, who will ensure the United States' interests are advanced and defended."

"Matt will strengthen relationships with our NATO Allies, and stand firm in the face of threats to Peace and Stability — He will put America first," Trump said in the news release.

The NATO appointment is seen as a potentially sensitive position, as Trump has been critical of the alliance in the past — specifically, criticizing U.S. spending and obligations to the organization. Trump has said on the 2024 campaign trail that the U.S. may not intervene on behalf of NATO-allied countries if they do not con-



Whitaker

tribute financially and face a threat such as Russia expanding its war in Europe.

"One of the presidents of a big country stood up and said,

"Well, sir, if we don't pay and we're attacked by Russia, would you protect us?" I said, "You didn't pay, you're delinquent?" He said, "yes," Trump said at a February rally in South Carolina. "No, I would not protect you. In fact, I would encourage them to do whatever the hell they want. You've got to pay."

As the war between Russia and Ukraine remains ongoing, the importance of supporting official NATO allies has been emphasized by U.S. lawmakers from both parties — as have discussions on allowing Ukraine to join the alliance.

However, future support for Ukraine in the conflict under the Trump adminis-

tration is unclear. U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik, the New York Republican picked by Trump to become the U.S. ambassador for the United Nations, is no longer standing by her previous position pushing for Ukraine to join NATO, according to CNN.

While Whitaker does not have notable foreign policy or national security experience, he comes to the position with a legal background from serving in the former Trump administration's Department of Justice and as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa from 2004 to 2009.

Whitaker, an Iowa native, has been a staple on the campaign trail leading up to Trump's election in 2024 as one of the few members of his previous administration to continue supporting and appearing with Trump. He has criticized the legal challenges Trump faced as president and in subsequent years.

Whitaker rallied for Trump in Iowa regularly in the lead-up to the January Iowa Republican caucuses and served as a member of his entourage at events

like the Iowa State Fair. He also appeared as an Iowa surrogate in swing states like Pennsylvania in recent months before the Nov. 5 general election, when Trump defeated Vice President Kamala Harris.

In Trump's administration, Whitaker served as acting attorney general from November 2018 through February 2019 after former AG Jeff Sessions resigned from the position. Before the appointment, Whitaker worked as Sessions' chief of staff.

Before joining Trump's administration, Whitaker had made multiple runs at Iowa positions, including an unsuccessful GOP primary campaign for the open U.S. Senate seat in 2014 where he lost to now-U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst.

He applied for an appointment to the Iowa Supreme Court in 2010 and ran for state treasurer in 2002. As Trump noted in his announcement,

Whitaker is also a former football player for the University of Iowa, winning a Big Ten Medal of Honor in 1993.

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City Council questions route of proposed trail

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Sinnwell said.

There's a lot of hoops and hurdles that need to be crossed before any dirt is tossed around and concrete is poured, not to mention the acceptance and okay from several Nashua residents that will be directly affected by the project, but Sinnwell stated the possibilities are intriguing.

"From Pa's Playground, from day one, we've talked about putting in some sort of walkway on "Old 218" once we figured out that property has been donated and the city owned the property behind it," said Sinnwell.

That would be Phase 1 of the project, which would stretch from the playground constructed in Howard Schluter's memory to Wentling Street, near the Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School. Pa's Playground is located on property near the cul de sac at Ridgeway Circle in Nashua.

The trail would be 1.29 miles long and that Phase 1 project cost would be \$305,000. Supporters of the trail are asking the city to provide \$33,000 for engineering costs that over the three phases is estimated to cost almost \$700,000.

Phase 2 – at a cost of \$163,000 – would link Wentling St. to Highway 346.

"The crosswalk issue on Highway 346 has been an issue for quite a while," said Sinnwell. "We originally had those little yield things out there and that did not work very well."

The final phase would come at a price tag of \$228,000 and would be a direct link to Cedar View Park from Highway 346.

Sinnwell has compared Nashua's trail project to that of New Hampton's – called the TRIBE Trail.

The blueprint and land surveying work is being done by the engineering company of Fehr Graham, based out of West Union.

Nashua City Council member Peggy Hall raised a pertinent question during the Council meeting about how work could begin and where.

"Is there a possibility you could start the Phase 2 instead of one," said Hall. "For now, they could use that 'Old 218 Trail' as an alternative. It would be – in my eyes – a compromise going forward because we are getting some feedback from Main Street, which you're well aware."

Sinnwell said that could be a possibility where Phase 2 work could begin before the initial first phase.

The city of Nashua is also in the process of trying to revitalize its downtown on Main Street and tear down nuisance properties and/or decrepit buildings.

Phase 2 could well be the most problematic of the phases as it deals with several intersections where heavy traffic passes, not to mention businesses.

"I don't like the location of it across from Casey's to get parked on. If you're going to put it five foot off the road from there, we're going to have to do more grading to fill that ditch in there, more than people realize," said Council member Jake Johnson. "There's a lot of right away there, but it's a pretty steep ditch."

Then there's the issue of residential households, which could have to potentially give their blessing to the city before any construction could pass on or around their property.

"I think before we commit anything to Phase 2, somebody needs to get together with Noah Cerwinski, who bought Chase Sudol's old house and Bigelow's old house, probably Jayden and Gaylen and see if this is something they want in their backyard. In my opinion, they should have more say. You're not going to want me to come dam the lake off just because I can," said Johnson.

There is a figurative bridge that needs to be crossed in terms of safety – especially for school-aged children that will use the pathway. That's where talk on Phase 3 was brought up by Johnson.

"I get it, it's a public park now. I just don't like the back-side entrance coming in. I'd like to lock everyone off, period, now. There's so many kids down there all the time," said Johnson. "The way it's set up now, we know who's coming

into the neighborhood all the time and we know what's going on."

Nashua City Clerk John Ott piggy-backed on Johnson's comment about one of the paths in the proposed three-pronged undertaking that could potentially be re-routed if city leaders deem it necessary.

"We did have a resident come in and express concerns about the location of the trail because of the access to be able to jump on and jump off the interstate and snatch a kid," said Ott. "They proposed maybe going down by the bus barn as a possibility."

Ott also said the path could also be re-directed toward the water tower.

Sinnwell said online talk on social media about the path trail project is buzzing – as one could imagine. He said there's been positive comments about the project and not-so-nice comments that have all been taken into consideration. He said there were over 100 comments on a Facebook thread as of last Monday afternoon.

"I tried to tally up the Citizens of Nashua comments as best I could as far as whether people were positive, neutral or other," said Sinnwell. "I tried to be very unbiased on this."

The trail project has been supported by time and financial commitments from the Nashua Community Foundation, N-P Schools, and the 5-2-1-0 HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) initiative through the National Institute of Health. Private donors have also stepped up to the plate according to a press release.

The Nashua Community Foundation and the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce are proposing to merge their signage projects with community-driven projects. The trail project would establish essential signage and enhance tourism by minimizing hazardous intersections in the city according to the Foundation and Commerce's memo regarding the trail project.

Those initiatives have a combined cost exceeding \$100,000, which makes the trail project eligible for federal funding via the TASA Safe Routes to School 80/20 Program.

There is a \$12,000 grant via 5-2-1-0 that can be given out to Nashua that must be spent by June of 2025.

HEAL conducted a survey with 60 Nashua residents and 79 percent of those participants that filled out the questionnaire were from the ages of 18-65.

Brenda Vavroch, a Safe Routes to School Coordinator for INRCOG (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments), which is based out of Waterloo, was present at the meeting and listed 11 proposals for Nashua projects that could receive aid.

There was Lifetime Sports P.E. Curriculum equipment for N-P schools, water stations at Pa's Playground, Cedar View Park and the Nashua Public Library. There was also a pickleball court brought up by the Park Board, a kayak launch, nine-hole frisbee golf course and a GaGa Ball Pit. Tables and chairs for event space was the Fair Board's selection for grant money to be spent on that project.

St. Lutheran Church in Nashua requested money be distributed to mental health community training and the Chamber/City/School gave a vote for a school route sidewalk in-fill and crossing improvements.

Nashua Mayor Hal Kelleher and Council member Ernie Willsher were not present for Monday's meeting.



Photos courtesy of Heather Hackman/Nashua Public Library

A large group of adults (above) take part in an adult painting class while one of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (below) visits the Nashua Public Library.

Supervisors told libraries are key part of 'infrastructure'

LIBRARIES: FROM 1

children have returned to Chickasaw County.

McFarland said that libraries fit into infrastructure, which he said "makes the world go around."

He said "nobody wants to do anything unless they have someplace to go — some grocery store, some library to assist them, all the way up to a bike path."

He pointed out that Fredericksburg's library — Upham Memorial — is a valuable asset not just to the city but to the county as a whole and said the other five libraries in the county are just as important to the area.

McFarland said he realized that while the current inflation rate is lower than 6 percent, he said that inflation earlier this year was much higher.

"We're not trying to get ahead of the game," he said, "but we're trying to stay whole. That's all we ask is to stay whole. We're not trying to be greedy here or anything of that nature. We sat with 16, 17 percent inflation a year ago. You guys tried to help as much as you could with that aspect. We cut corners ... but still kept the critical infrastructure things required to make your job easier."

He touted the fact that Upham Memorial and other county libraries are busy places for people of all ages.

McFarland said the 6 percent request would represent an increase of "\$7,900, plus or minus a few dollars, out of your entire next year's budget."

He closed with a rhetorical question, why 6 percent.

"We're still backwards from last year," McFarland said, "and I'm not blaming you guys for not making us whole. You can't. You're trying to make everybody in the entire county whole. ... But this would help us — all the libraries — greatly."

N-P schools to take Thanksgiving break

Staff members and students at Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools will have a short week next week because of the district's Thanksgiving break.

Classes will be held Monday and Tuesday before the break begins on Wednesday.

Classes will resume on Monday, Dec. 2.



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Nashua-Plainfield First Grade Class

My goes to Wal-mart and gets the turkey. She brings it home and puts it in the oven for 20 minutes. All of us set the table and then we eat the turkey. We eat corn with the turkey.

Madyn S.

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My dad shoots the turkey. Then dad cooks the turkey in the oven for 14 hours. We do not do anything to the turkey. The turkey is ready to eat. I like to eat a jelly sandwich with my turkey.

Houston L.

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My dad gets the turkey from the farm. Then mom puts it in the oven for 8 minutes. Then she takes it out and puts it on a plate. She cuts the turkey up and then we eat. We like to have mac & cheese with the turkey.

Rolan H.

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My dad hunts for a turkey. He shoots it and takes it home. When he gets home, he puts it on the grill. He grills it for 2 minutes. He takes it off and Grandma and Grandpa come over. Then we all eat it. We have cream cheese, sour cream and mashed potatoes with our turkey

Hazel W.

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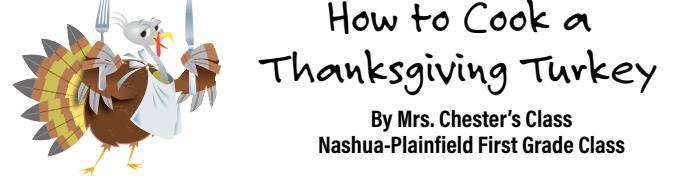
My dad will go out and shoot a turkey. We will then take the feathers off and then cook it. Dad or mom will put the turkey in the oven for 10 minutes. When the turkey is done, dad will slice it.

We then will eat it with different types of food.

Jason N.

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First my uncle and dad cook the turkey. They cook it on the grill at Gramma's house. They cook it for 10 minutes. Grandma and I set the table and get the decorations ready. We eat the turkey with mashed potatoes.

Daisy R.

SUBWAY

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My dad shoots a turkey. He brings it home and puts it in the microwave for 20 minutes. My mom, dad and me eat the turkey. We just have turkey at Thanksgiving.

Rhett W.



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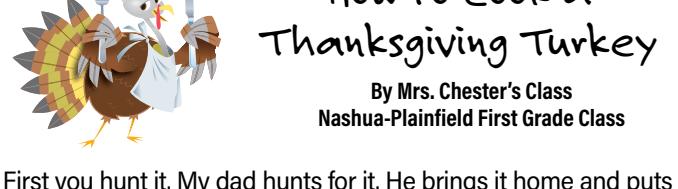


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First you hunt it. My dad hunts for it. He brings it home and puts it in the oven for 45 minutes. Then we set up the table and invite my uncles over and eat turkey. I like to put ketchup on my turkey.

Easton C.



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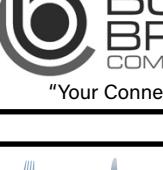


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We will buy it from Wal-mart. We will cook it at home in the oven for 20 minutes. We will cut it into pieces so everyone gets a piece. We have green beans with the turkey.

Ernie B.



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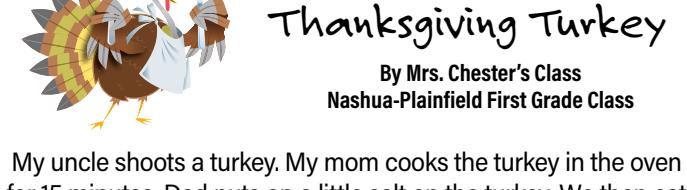
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My uncle shoots a turkey. My mom cooks the turkey in the oven for 15 minutes. Dad puts on a little salt on the turkey. We then eat the turkey. I do not even like turkey so I have nothing!

Bennett M.

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I think dad goes out and shoots the turkey. Then mom and dad put it in the oven for 2 hours. We take it out of the oven and wait for it to cool off. We then eat the turkey and have steak with it.

Kenzie K.

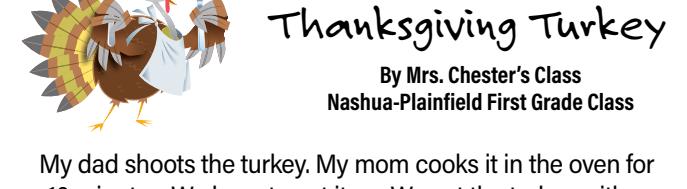
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My dad shoots the turkey. My mom cooks it in the oven for 10 minutes. We have to cut it up. We eat the turkey with a ham sandwich.

Zander S.

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We buy the turkey from Wal-mart. We check out and take it home in a bag. Jason will cook it in the stove for 10 minutes. He cuts it up and puts it on the plates. We put powder on the turkey to make it yummy. Then we eat.

Melody A.



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My dad gets the turkey from the farm. He brings it home and then we eat it. I like to put ketchup on my turkey.

Olivia F.



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Mom goes to Target and buys the turkey. She takes it home and puts it in the oven. She cooks it for 61 minutes. She takes it out and cuts it up. We then eat the turkey.

Isabella M.



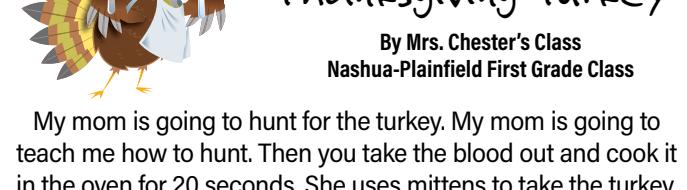
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My mom is going to hunt for the turkey. My mom is going to teach me how to hunt. Then you take the blood out and cook it in the oven for 20 seconds. She uses mittens to take the turkey.

Finally we eat it with Taki's

Sterling D.



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How to Cook a Thanksgiving Turkey

According to Nashua-Plainfield First Graders



How to Cook a Thanksgiving Turkey

By Ms. Foelske's Class
Nashua-Plainfield First Grade Class

My Dad shoots a turkey. He cuts all the meat out. Then we cook it in the oven for 10 minutes. We cut it up and eat it with BBQ sauce.

Mya



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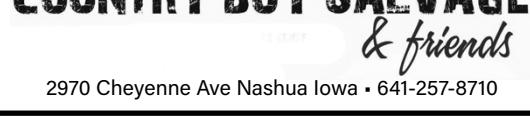
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I get a turkey from a farm. You go home and cook it for 20 minutes. Take it out. We put seasoning on it. We eat it with rolls and watermelon.

Freya



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We buy the turkey from the store. We bring it home and bake it in the oven. We put a little salt on it. We take it out and eat it. I eat it with ketchup.

Aycie



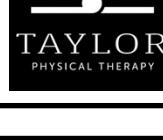
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We buy it from Walmart. I put it in the oven for 1 hour. I put salt on it and put it on the plate. I eat it!

Hazel



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You go to the store and get a turkey. Cook it in the oven for 20 minutes. Eat it!

Emersyn



How to Cook a Thanksgiving Turkey

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We get the turkey from a store. Put it in the oven for 1 hour. Take it out. Then we eat with pumpkin pie.

Dexter



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My dad shoots two turkeys. He puts seasoning on them. He cooks them for 20 minutes. He takes it out. People come over and bring food for Thanksgiving. We eat it with our hands.

Elijah

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First, we get a turkey from a store. Second, we put the turkey in the microwave for 5 minutes. Take the feathers off and put salt on it.

Then we eat it with Grandma's orange jello.

Lennon

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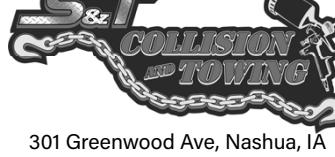
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We get our turkey from the store. We put it in the oven for 20 minutes. Cut it up. Put some salt on it. Put it on the plates. Eat it!

Shelby



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I buy it from a store. We put it in the store. It cooks. We take it out. Eat it with mashed potatoes.

Wyatt



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I get my turkey from the woods. I bring it home. I put it in the oven to cook. I let it cool and then we eat it.

Marshall



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I get my turkey from the woods. We take the skin off. Cook it in the oven for 15 minutes. Then we eat it with mashed potatoes, green beans, and tator tot casserole.

Porter



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I would get my turkey from a store. I bring it home. Cook it on the grill for 10 minutes. We let it cool down and we eat it!

Crayton



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First, we buy a turkey. Then we go home and cook it in a pan in the oven. We wait for it to cook. When it is done we put veggies around it and eat it.

Ikora



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I would snatch one from a turkey man. Then take the feathers off. I would cook it for 11 minutes. Then I cut it and eat it.

Emery


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Someone hunts the turkey. Aunt Stephanie gets it and cook its when I get to her house it is on the table. We eat it with potatoes and peas. After we have pie.

Jax



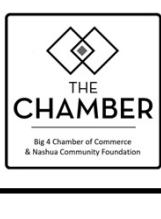
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Eva



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Dexter

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We get the turkey from the store. We cook it on the stove top until it gets brownish tanish. We take it off and eat it with mashed potatoes.

Nicholas



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We get our turkey at the store. We cook it. We make mashed potatoes gravy (with the turkey broth) corn and stuffing.

Loki



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Drought situation better, but we're not out of the woods yet

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experiencing "moderate" drought conditions, experts say the drought situation is improving and concerns about soil moisture profiles heading into 2025 are ebbing.

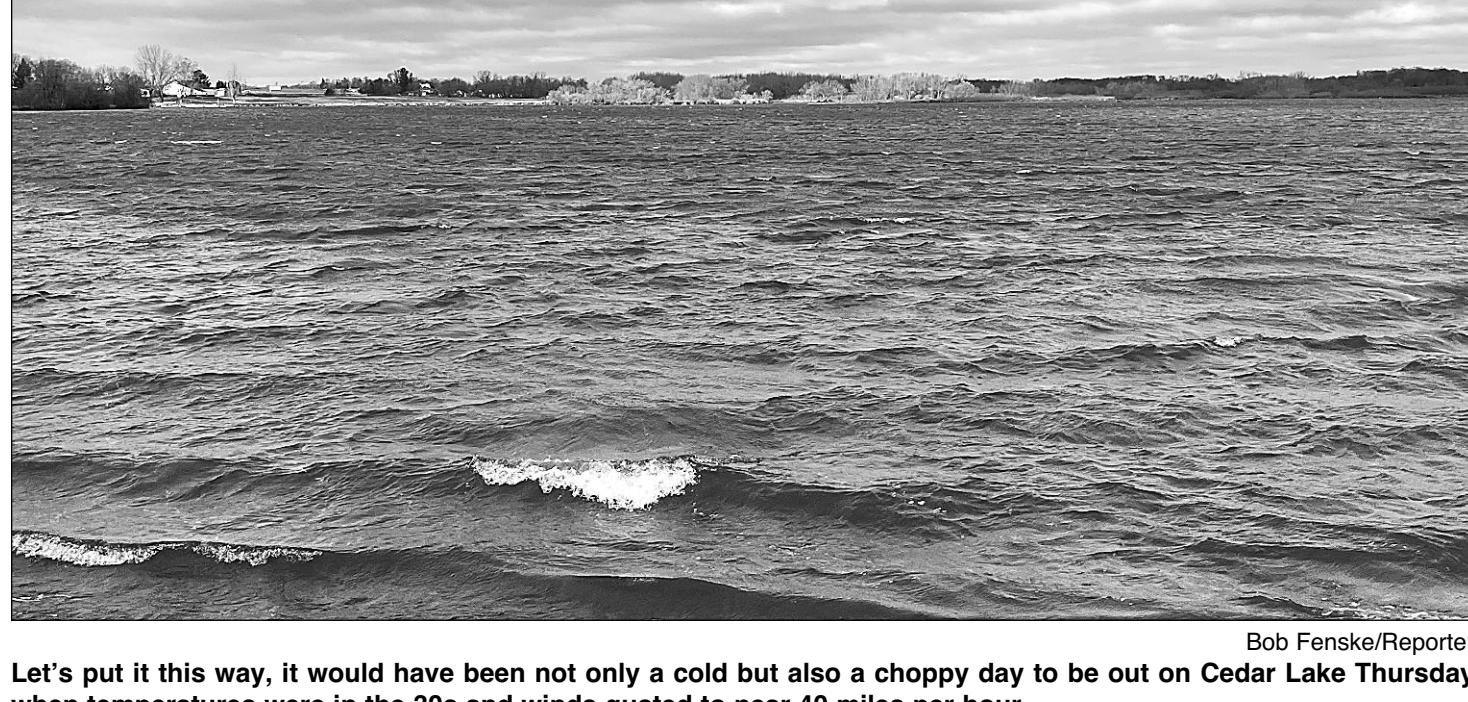
The latest USDA Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report showed that 75 percent of topsoil in the Northeast District that includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties have either adequate or surplus moisture.

Experts, though, say another decent rainfall or two would be

helpful when it comes to subsoil moisture profiles as just 43 percent of deeper soil has adequate or surplus moisture.

The short-term forecast, though, isn't all that promising as save for a slight chance of rain and snow on Monday, there's little precipitation in the forecast through Thanksgiving.

At the very least, temperatures will creep up this weekend; in fact, by Sunday, we may be flirting with a high of 50 before we cool down into the low 30s for much of the Thanksgiving week.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

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Let's put it this way, it would have been not only a cold but also a choppy day to be out on Cedar Lake Thursday when temperatures were in the 30s and winds gusted to near 40 miles per hour.

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CITY OF NASHUA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on November 18, 2024, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Council Member S. Johnson presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, and Dan Zwanziger. Mayor Harold Kelleher III and Council member Ernie Willscher were absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott, Street Superintendent Zade McCall, Park Board President Nate Sinnwell and Brenda Vavroch from INRCOG were present along with 4 guests.

Council member S. Johnson called for a motion to approve the regular agenda. J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent.

Council member S. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting November 4, 2024; Building Permit: 524 Aspinwall St.; Alcohol Permit: Kvirk Trip; Consent Calendar Payment of Claims: (November 1-14, 2024) \$35,823.73 + \$11,158.60 (Wages) See Claims Report.

General Fund: \$19,161.53

Road Use: \$11,103.14

Employee Benefit: \$1,370.43

Debt Service: \$2,187.50

Dam Repair After FEMA: \$3,966.00

Water: \$6,967.56

Sewer: \$5,891.17

Sewer Sinking Fund: \$6,335.00

Total Funds: \$46,982.33

J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent.

Council member S. Johnson called for public comments: There were none

Hearings/Resolutions:

Council member S. Johnson called for a motion to adopt the following resolutions: 24-78 Resolution to Enter Into a Loan Agreement with Rooster's for the Purpose of Economic Development.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to table the passing of the resolution because City Clerk Ott has not had a chance to visit with the owner about the agreement. RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent. 24-79 Resolution to Approve Kenton Vukturek as a Nashua Area EMS Driver. J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent. 24-80 Resolution Amending the Snowbird/Absentee Resident Policy. J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent. 24-81 Resolution Amending the Building Permit Application. Hall/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent. 24-82 Resolution Amending the Employee Handbook Adding New Sections for Comprehensive Time, Lodging, and Pregnancy Leave and Amending the Section on Vacation. J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to table after City Clerk had talked to the

council about some questions the HR Attorney had. RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent. Business of the Mayor:

City Clerk Ott asked if anyone had talked to the Mayor about truck parking at Core Plastic. Council member Zwanziger stated that he had talked to Bill and they didn't want trucks to park there for liability reasons.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott informed the council that bank reconciliation for October has been completed and is ready for review. He also reviewed the October financial reports.

Deputy Clerk

City Clerk Ott reviewed the information from the address verification project that Deputy Clerk Berends has been working on. She referenced several properties that do not have an address in Beacon or G'Works. These are mostly properties that do not have any services; however, they should still be getting billed for storm water and brush site fees. She is going to be sending a letter to these property owners. It was also in the report that 24 Cemetery Road has sewer service and has not paid for several years because the account had been inactivated and no one came back in to activate the services. The council directed Deputy Clerk to send a letter to the property owner about the unpaid services.

City Council:

They didn't have anything to report.

Zade McCall Street Superintendent presented his monthly report to the council. He informed the council that the 1,000-hour service for the loader had been completed and the warranty work was also done. He informed the council that he is getting a quote for the street sweeper. The person who looked at it thinks it is the hub drive assembly, but he is still waiting for a quote.

Heather Hackman Library Director shared her monthly report with the council.

Discussion/Action:

The council discussed and/or acted on several items.

The Departments shared their requested budget for FY'25/26 with the council. The council will review the budget information and discuss them at a future date.

Brenda Vavroch from INRCOG was present to share information about the 5-2-1-0 program and her and Nate Sinnwell Park Board President discussed the proposed trail project. There was a lot of good conversation about the trail project, but no decisions were made. There were comments made in support of the trail project and there were comments made in opposition to the trail project and there were also comments about changing the location of the trail project. One of the concerns that was shared with the council by City Clerk Ott was from a citizen who was not able to be present, but still

wanted to express their concerns about having the trail by Pa's Playground because it would be easy access for a child to get abducted. The citizen recommended that the city spend money to put in sidewalks by the bus barn where there is more traffic.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that the application window was now open for the Chickasaw County Community Foundation Grant. He wanted to get the council's input on if they had any ideas for projects for the Community Foundation grant funds. City Clerk Ott noted a few projects that the council may be interested in applying for some funds for, which included the 5-2-1-0 projects, outdoor warning system, and a mural at the welcome center. The council wanted City Clerk Ott to put it on the next agenda for further discussion.

The Council discussed what could be done to get compliance from residents who have not yet had a new endpoint installed. City Attorney Skilton stated that he would work with City Clerk Ott to devise a plan.

The council discussed the water leak in the basement at the Nashua Veteran's Hall. Attorney Skilton recommended getting estimates to clean the basement and ensure it is mold free; checking the furnace for water damage; removing the portions of the wall that sustained water damage and may have mold; and making sure everything is cleared with public health prior to being used for rentals. J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve following Attorney Skilton's recommendations. RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent.

Council member J. Johnson gave the council a brief review of what was discussed at the first Downtown Steering Committee Meeting. He stated that he thought the meeting went well and said that one of the things that MSA Planning recommended the city consider is a Comprehensive Plan with one chapter dedicated to the Downtown/Main Street area.

Hall/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve a Waiver of Service Fee Request for 167 Lakeshore Dr. RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent.

City Clerk Ott reminded the council that all of the ARPA funds have to be allocated (under contract) or spent by December 31, 2024. There is still about \$27,000 in unspent funds. There are still some funds that were allocated to the Nashua Area EMS that have not been spent and they were thinking about using the remaining funds to swap out the ambulance chassis; however the cost of doing so will be over \$100,000. The council also discussed using some of the ARPA funds for an addition at the fire station. No decisions were made.

J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to not approve the change order request from Terracon for the additional work for the dam project. The change order

was for \$7,150 which included the mileage for the change of location for the block pours from Nashua to Charles City and an increase in the number of trips because they are only getting 6 blocks per day vs. the 8/day that they originally estimated. RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent. The change order request was rejected unanimously.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that there will be a Christmas Party for all city employees, city elected officials, and city volunteers on December 6th at 6:00PM in City Hall.

There was no other business.

J. Johnson/M to adjourn, Hall/S, M/C, RC: 4 ayes, Willscher absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.

Pending Approval by City Council

John Ott

CLAIMS REPORT
(NOV. 1-14, 2024)VENDOR, REFERENCE AMOUNT

U.S. POST OFFICE, WWTP-WEEKLY SAMPLES TO KEYSTON.....\$20.10

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CAPTIVATING CRAFTS, LLC, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$292.31

JAN CLEMENT, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$118.50

DEUTH, BRENDA, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$35.63

DORMAN, JOLLYNN, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$157.50

SHERYL DORMAN, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$207.39

FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$96.78

DAVID KESLER, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$35.25

ABIGAIL KROMMINGA, WC-VEN-DOR SALES OCT'24.....\$46.50

SHARON LEERHOFF, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$127.93

MAAS, ROBERTA C., WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$113.51

ROBERSON, AMANDA, WC-VEN-DOR SALES OCT'24.....\$47.25

NANCY SCHERER, WC-VENDOR SALES OCT'24.....\$65.03

SCHUKNECHT, SANDY, WC-VEN-DOR SALES OCT'24.....\$52.50

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 9:01 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, Bob Fenske member of the media, Assessor Raymond Armel, Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for November 4, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve minutes for October 28, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Abstained: Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Discussed compensation paid to a county supervisor when serving as member of a 28E entity and the supervisor was going to donate \$606.05 that was received.

Public comment. Supervisor Hackman shared that the Toys for Tots would like to use the Heritage Center for storage again this year. Also, that Restore Independent Mobility (non-profit organization) who help put power of mobility under the people that need it for their own independence and wellbeing would like to store some units at the Heritage Center.

Assessor Armel shared that he has completed the updated descriptions for Homeland Energy to be included in Chickasaw County's TIF.

Secondary Roads updates by Engineer Lensing.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Board convened on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Kuhn. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Lauder, Bob Fenske member of the media, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Custodian Dave Gorman, Safety Director Ranae Carey.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for November 12, 2024 with the removal of the 9:55 AM Assessor Raymond Armel and moving it to Monday, November 18, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve minutes for November 4, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve allowing Toys for Tots, Local Chapter, to store toys at the Heritage Center. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve allowing Restore Independent Mobility Inc to keep some of their units at the Heritage Center and direct County Attorney, David Lauder, to draw up a contract. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve receiving and having the auditor file the annual report for Chickasaw County Conservation Board, Twin Ponds Nature Center for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Conservation updates by Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

Recessed: 10:47 AM Resumed: 10:50 AM

Acknowledge Election Deputy, Gina Fangorn, percentage increase from 65% to 70% of the auditor's salary or \$26.51 per hour to \$28.55 per hour effective November 11, 2024. No action taken.

Budget work session Committee Assignment:

Supervisor Cerwinski, November 5, 2024 - Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County Landfill

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:56 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Little Light of Mine to flip switch in New Hampton next Friday

BY BOB FENSK

Of the Reporter

Dixie Zeien was home for a quick break Tuesday afternoon, but after grabbing a quick sandwich, the Little Light of Mine Committee member was heading back to her second home — New Hampton's Mikkelson Park.

"We're putting the finishing touches on

it," she said, "because, you know, we're not too far away from the big day."

And that big day — one in which the lights are flipped on at New Hampton's annual holiday display — is definitely nearing. The annual holiday lights display kicks off its 2024 run on the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 29, and this year's opening weekend will include horse-drawn wagon rides through the park on

both Friday and Saturday.

The opening-weekend wagon rides, which will cost \$5 per person, are the first of two big events the committee has planned.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, Santa Claus will be talking with kids and parents from 5 to 7 p.m. and when he's completed his work, the annual fireworks display will be held at the park.

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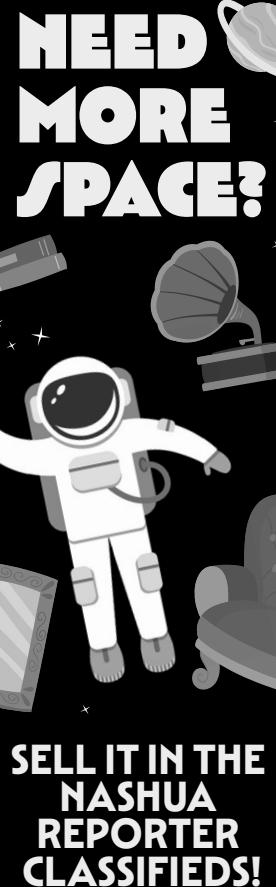
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Before I regale you with tales of yesteryear, which I enjoy doing, let's take a trip back in my travel machine to a time and place not that long ago.

You know, like last Friday night – when Netflix was throwing its big party for all the world to see.



Kelly Terpstra
has been the
Reporter's
sports editor
since 2020,
and he can
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Side note, this was shortly before I got sick on Saturday – which carried over into the beginning of this week – and ending up “struggling” to maintain my positivity during my beloved Chiefs’ first loss of the season against Josh Allen and the vaunted Buffalo Bills.

I’m better now physically (for the most part), but mentally I’m still recovering after several letdowns – no disrespect thrown to a formidable Bills squad or the two “boxers” that failed to captivate anyone’s attention late Friday evening.

Bust would be the proper word and the phrase “epic failure” basically described the debacle known as the Friday night fight between Jake “The Problem Child” Paul and everyone’s favorite slugger – the now much-loved Mike Tyson.

The “Dynamite Kid” – as he was dubbed when he took the boxing world by storm as a teenager in the mid 80s – was basically a shell of himself against the Paul, who is now a multi-millionaire celebrity (wanna-be boxer) that gained fame through stupid and off-the-wall Internet stunts.

When most males (or females) were talking about Paul’s stunning girlfriend – Dutch Olympic speed skater Jetta Leerdam – after the fight, you might have gotten a good inkling the fix was in on this one.

Was this showdown in front of 80 million Netflix subscribers rigged?

When a ton of fight watchers’ attention was drawn more to the “ring girls” than the actual glove action out on the canvas – Paul and Tyson used heavier boxing “mits” by the way – you know there may be a slight problem with this particular pairing.

“Jerry’s World” – the dubbed AT&T venue in Arlington, Texas named after Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones – couldn’t even save this fast-sinking ship or Rosie Perez for that matter.

Although, it was nice to see Perez’s face outside of a Spike Lee film – but I kept telling myself, what does this bubbly and fast-talking actress have to do with boxing?

We all know what Tyson brought to the table. The convicted rapist – yes, he’s been a bad boy during stretches of his 58 years on the planet – is a much more tamer version of himself in the 21st century. Gone are his lightning-quick reflexes and menacing knockout power. In its place has been transplanted a more lovable Mike – but still intimidating and threatening all the same.

Listen to his pre-fight interview with a 14-year kid journalist to decipher that you can take the “Iron Mike” out of Tyson, but you can’t remove the hardened and gruff personality. The brawler’s life was shaped as a young boy in less-than ideal situations where he encountered countless hardships without a birth father on the streets of Brooklyn growing up.

Tyson’s story is pure Americana – meaning almost anyone can strike it rich if given the opportunity to drive and succeed. Or be blessed with as much God-given talent as Tyson.

For those not old enough to remember – I was – watch his

fights on YouTube.

Tyson’s apex – which I watched on HBO as a 14-year old jumping up and down in front of the television screen with my eighth-grade buddy – was when he decimated heavyweight champ Michael Spinks in the summer of ’88. The knockout took all of 90 seconds (actually 91, but who’s counting at that point).

It was sadly all downhill from there for Tyson – at least in the boxing world. He’s never been the same inside the ring since. He had lost his “father figure” and trainer in “Cus” D’Amato two-and-a-half years earlier. Then corrupt boxing vultures (mainly fight promoter Don King), a huge entourage of “friends,” and drugs, etc. corrupted Tyson even more – not that he was a saint to begin with.

So why is Tyson – almost 60 years of age and near 20 years removed from his last sanctioned fight – in the ring against somebody half his age that he would have torn to shreds 30 years ago?

The answer is simple. Money – the root of all evil.

So when Netflix’s bandwidth couldn’t keep up with all viewers that logged on to their service and the buffering issues reared their ugly head during its streaming broadcast – I wasn’t necessarily surprised.

Maybe it was meant to be, in a weird sort of way. Netflix stock is still up, but if those issues persist, you can bet your bottom dollar that the behemoth of a company could well be trending down and in a big way.

Netflix’s next “free” sports and entertainment broadcast to its paid subscribers is Christmas Day as my Chiefs take on the Pittsburgh Steelers in a key AFC gridiron clash.

Stay tuned.

I will say this. I much preferred to watch my Mediacom TV lineup – yes, I haven’t cut the cord yet – and witness state semifinal prep football on Thursday and Friday.

Although, there was a glitch with Saturday’s games, which seemed apropos and par for the course for last week’s prime viewing festivities.

I was able to watch my alma mater – the Pella Dutch – advance to their fourth title game in Class 4A on Thursday. Yes, I’m Dutch (no relation to Leerdam that I know of). Pella – winners of three-straight titles from 2014-2016 – are led by longtime coach Jay McKinstry. He announced prior to the start of his 29th season at PHS that this fall campaign would be his last. He’s going out on top – win or lose – Thursday night, obviously before this paper is printed.

McKinstry was my Pony League baseball coach my seventh grade season out on the diamond.

I remember a transgression that took place out on the ball field that I don’t fondly recall in that summer of ‘87, roughly a year before the Tyson-Spinks fight.

And kids, don’t ever do this – No. 1, because we’re not professionals and even the pros rarely do this if ever.

I was playing center field and a single was hit out to me in the shallow grass. I decided to hold on to the ball and bait the runner to try to advance to second. It didn’t work as he beat the tag and my throw to second was late.

Coach McKinstry wasn’t happy and pulled me from the game. He wasn’t mean about my bone-headed gaffe, but he did get his point across in the dugout.

I continued to start the rest of the season in spite of that careless and ill-timed mistake. But a valuable lesson was learned – know your fundamentals and stick to them. They’re essential to everything you do in life – whether that’s respecting someone or just dealing with hardships.

When I say fundamentals –

I mean act like how you were raised and the core principles that were taught to you. One should never deviate from those impressionable moments and the times when you were learning about who you were or were becoming.

I talk to my mother almost every day as she often helps me or gives advice about life’s challenges or opportunities. She’s 82, so she won’t be around forever. My father passed away seven years ago due to cancer.

I’m sure there’s many readers of this column right now that wish they just had one of their parents to talk on the phone to or share a hug with.

They may be gone, but they’re here in spirit. I’m sure their words still echo to this day for many who knew they were loved and guided in the right way by their parents. And the “right way” is different for everybody.

That’s what I took out of the Tyson-Paul fight. Mike Tyson could just have easily been raised on another planet compared to me. His worldview growing up on the mean streets of Brooklyn was vastly different from mine in a predominately white, midwestern town such as Pella that is mostly devoid of serious crime and the everyday worries that take place in the big city of New York.

But there’s always parallels and something we can draw from someone – no matter how obscure of a comparison it might be.

Tyson found solace somewhere – an inner peace somehow, no matter how he accomplished it. Maybe it was an almost three-year prison stint. Maybe it was just time. You can see it on his face – a resignation that he’s not as young and vibrant as he once was. The controversy surrounding him has dimmed, the out-of-control behavior lessened. This is the “Mellow Mike” – Version 2.0. The older incarnation of Tyson might not knock you out, but you’re sure to get a hug and thumbs up from him after the fight is over.

Just don’t whisper in his ear. Ding, ding.



Big 4 Chamber of Commerce

The fall winner is ...

The winner of the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce fall planter decorating contest is Shari Vohsmann for her the above creation. Big 4 Chamber volunteers are reminding resident to take time during the Dec. 7 Christmas in Nashua to check out the winter-themed planters.

Sheriff's Office reminding everyone to buckle up for holiday travel

The Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office is teaming up with the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) to promote road safety during the Thanksgiving holiday season, and drivers can expect to see an increased law-enforcement presence on Iowa roads through Dec. 1.

GTSB is urging everyone to “Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time” and officials are pointing out that 34 people died or suffered serious injuries on Iowa’s roads last year during Thanksgiving week. Of those killed or seriously injured, 40 percent were not properly restrained.

“The Thanksgiving holiday marks the beginning of a cherished season for many,” said Marigrace Porcelli, the occupant protection program coordinator for GTSB. “Whether your journey is short or long, it’s essential all drivers and passengers buckle up — every trip, every time.”

City's Veterans Park will close Dec. 2 for work on the dam

Nashua city officials announced on Thursday that Veterans Park will close on Monday, Dec. 2 so that work can be done on the Nashua dam.

City officials say the park will remain closed through the duration of the project and will announce when the park will be reopened so that anglers can access the river from the park that is located just off Highway 346.

City Hall, courthouse to be closed for holiday

Nashua City Hall will be closed next Thursday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Meanwhile, folks who have business to conduct at the Chickasaw County Courthouse need to get it done early next week.

That’s because the courthouse will be closed both Thursday and Friday in observance of the holiday.

The courthouse will reopen on Monday, Dec. 2.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The Board convened on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 1:00 PM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinsky present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinsky called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for November 13, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Drew a name for County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner for the write in because there was a tie between two .

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the canvass of the General Election held November 5, 2024 and authorize Auditor to certify results to the State and record in permanent Election Register. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, and Cerwinsky. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 1:36 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinsky, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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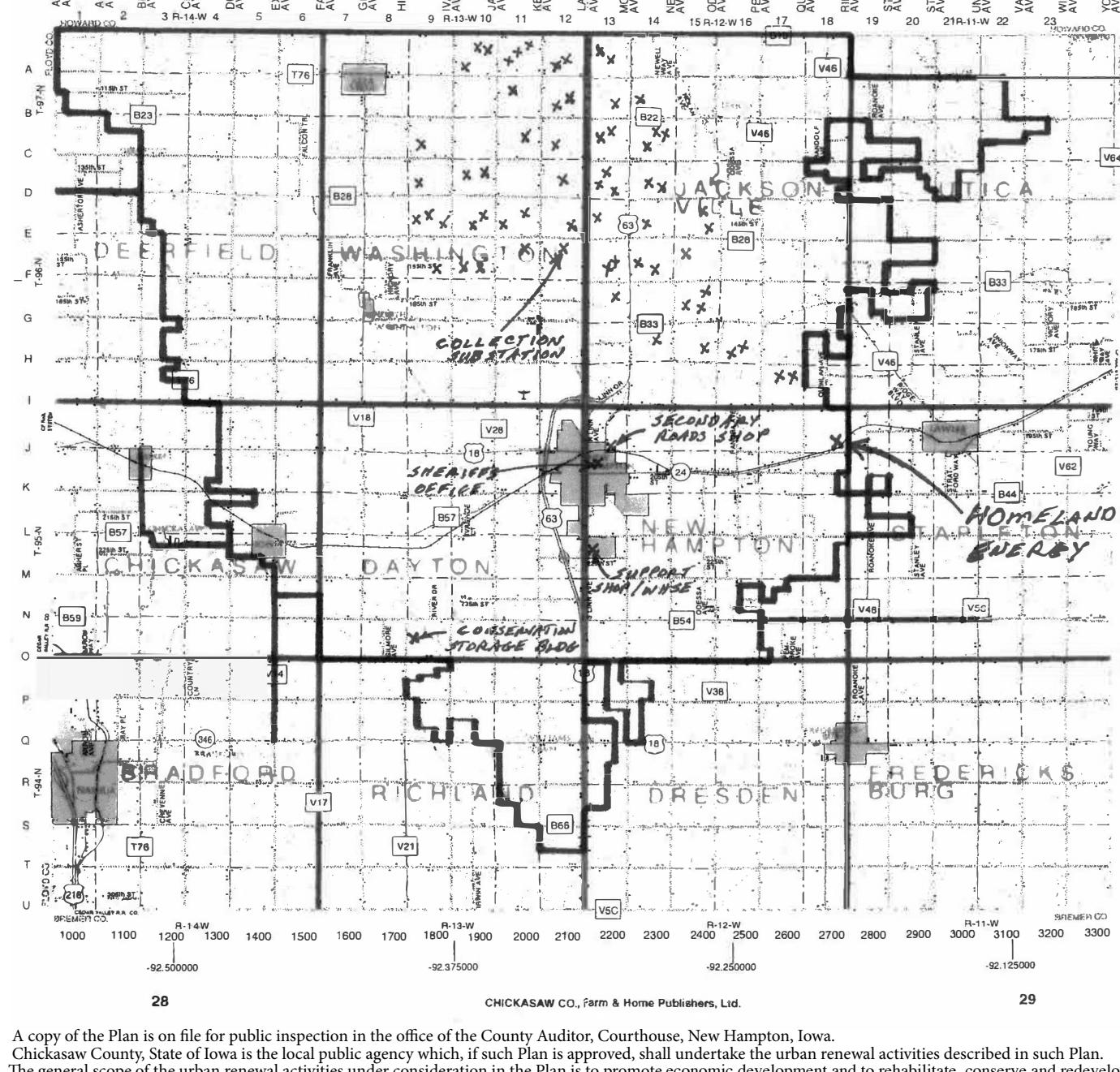
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED CWEC URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR A PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL AREA IN CHICKASAW COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA

The Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing before itself at its meeting which commences at 9:00 A.M. on December 9, 2024 in the Boardroom, County Courthouse, 8 East Prospect Street, New Hampton, Iowa, to consider adoption of a proposed CWEC Urban Renewal Plan (the “Plan”) concerning a proposed Urban Renewal Area in Chickasaw County, State of Iowa.

The CWEC Urban Renewal Area is proposed to contain the land generally depicted in the following map:





Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Huskies gearing up for winter sports!

Michael Stroud and Isaac Jones (above) go through a wrestling drill while Brexton Bird (right) goes in for a layup as Nashua-Plainfield winter sports teams gear up for another season on the mat and court. The Huskies' girls wrestling team kicks off 2024-25 with a tournament at Decorah on Saturday, the Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball team opens the season Tuesday with a game at Don Bosco on Tuesday and the boys wrestling and basketball squads have their first action during the first week of December.



Carson Mundorf (left) goes up for a layup, girls basketball coach Josh Smith (above) offers up instruction during a practice and Nashua-Plainfield wrestlers (below) take part in a conditioning drill.



ON TAP FOR OUR NASHUA-PLAINFIELD HUSKIES!

SATURDAY,
Girls varsity wrestling at Decorah Invitational,
10 a.m.

TUESDAY
Girls basketball at Don Bosco, JV at 6:15
p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 2
Boys basketball at Rockford, JV at 6:15 p.m.,
varsity at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3
Girls varsity wrestling at Central Elkader Invitational,
5 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5
Boys wrestling vs. Lake Mills, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and MC Newman at Lake Mills, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6
Basketball at Northwood-Kensett, girls JV at 4
p.m., boys JV at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m.,

varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Boys wrestling at Wapsie Valley Chris Davis
Invitational, JV at 8:30 a.m., varsity at 10 a.m.

Basketball vs. Clarksville, boys JV at 3 p.m.,
girls varsity at 4:15 p.m., varsity boys at 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

Basketball vs. Mason City Newman, girls JV
at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15
p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

Girls varsity wrestling at Waverly-Shell Rock
Invitational, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Boys basketball vs. Central City, JV at 5 p.m.,
varsity at 6:15 p.m.

Girls varsity basketball vs. Janesville, 7:30
p.m.

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