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City wants to fix ‘paramount’ dam

Council members hire a ‘specialty’ lawyer to look into issues with one of Nashua’s key assets

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Nashua City Attorney David Skilton made it very clear this week about what the hydroelectric dam means to Nashua.

The barrier that helped create the reservoir of water known as Cedar Lake provides a focal point and identity for the town of 1,500.

The dam is once again in need of repair.

“Since November the Council has

been adamant they want to fix this dam and protect it. This is a paramount asset for this city. It’s very serious,” said Skilton.

The original dam was built in 1916 in Nashua and provides electricity to well over 1,200 homes in the city. A new dam was created in 1990 and repair work to fix damage and rehabilitate the dam was completed in late October of 2020.

That repair work was done by Minnowa Construction and came to a tune of \$1.3 million. The 2016

FEMA project started out as a \$300,000 construction bid but skyrocketed to the million-dollar price tag after a leak in the dam was discovered as well as other structural problems that needed to be taken care of. The final payment of \$975,000 to Minnowa Construction, a bridge and heavy civil contractor in Minnesota, was approved by the city council at a special meeting shortly after construction was finished in November 2020.

Passers-by or those in cars driv-

ing by on Highway 346 can see what looks like a big chunk of concrete visible above the surface of the water just below the dam. How that piece of concrete got there is up to interpretation, Skilton said. It’s one of the reasons the city of Nashua has retained legal counsel.

“There is cement that’s broken off and the parties

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Sheriff, chief deputy make pay raise pitch

Law enforcement officers say increasing pay by \$2 per hour could garner more applicants

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of The Reporter

Chickasaw County’s sheriff and his chief deputy expressed concerns about the lack of applicants the office has received for open positions and asked the Board of Supervisors Monday morning to up the pay of the county’s law-enforcement officers, jailers and dispatchers.

Sheriff Marty Hemann and Chief Deputy Ryan Shawver requested that county leaders reopen its union contract so that the office’s employees could receive an across-the-board \$2-per-hour raise, which is similar to what the city of New Hampton recently did with its police department.

“When we’re competing for people in the workforce to work for Chickasaw County,” Hemann said, “we’re competing not only with other law enforcement agencies but also with the private local industries, wherever they may be.”

Shawver told supervisors that he had researched a number of industries in and around New Hampton along with the pay for sheriff’s deputies in counties in Northeast Iowa and in Winnebago County, a similar-sized county in north-central Iowa.

What he found is that the Sheriff’s Office is “losing the battle.”

“This doesn’t affect me one iota financially,” Shawver said, “because I’m not a part of this. It’s for everybody else that we work with in our office [and those] that we’re trying to get to come and work here. ... It’s going to benefit us so we can fill

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Photos courtesy of Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield teachers (above) hold a brainstorming session on Wednesday, the first day all teachers were required to report back to work, and students Kendall Bailey-Pint and Autumn Nelson (below), members of the Husky Student Leadership Team take part in planning the first day kickoff and setting goals and vision for the year.

BEST DAY OF YEAR!

EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, N-P’S TOP
ADMINISTRATOR LOVES FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Todd Liechty has been in education — as he puts it — a “long, long time so it’s OK to call me old.”

But even after all these years, when it comes to the first day of school at least, the Nashua-Plainfield superintendent is like the proverbial kid in the candy store.

“I love it when the kids come back,” Liechty said on Tuesday morning. “I love seeing the excitement on the kids’ faces and, you know, it’s just too quiet around here without them.”

And next week, the quietness will come to an end, although, honestly, it’s been a bit louder around the hallways of Nashua-Plainfield’s school buildings this week as teachers returned to work go gear up for the start of the school year and to

conduct professional development.

The district’s eight new teachers had their orientation to the district on Monday, and the following day, a number of instructors took advantage of an “optional day” to get ahead before all teachers were required to report to work on Wednesday.

Their goal is to be ready for next Tuesday, when students return to class to start the 2022-23 school year.

Students in grades 6-12 will have their first day of classes on Tuesday, the same day the elementary school will have intake conferences. And on Wednesday, the elementary students will have their first day of classes.

“I think one of the best parts of that first day,” Liechty said, “is that it for kids, no matter what kind of

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Dorothy Huber/Reporter

A blast from the past

For those who love exploring the history of farming, the Northeast Iowa Antique and Power Show in Fredericksburg was the place to be this past weekend.

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Supervisors hire an ambulance consultant

Board votes 3-2 to have Iowa Falls EMS director help get county-owned ambulance service up, running

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approved hiring a consultant to help get a county-owned ambulance service up and running during a meeting Monday in which they learned that an offer made by Chickasaw County Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath to sell the county ambulances and equipment may expire soon.

After more than an hour of discussion, board members by a vote of 3-2 approved a contract for \$22,500 with Iowa Falls EMS Director Corey

Larson to provide consulting services to the county for a service that includes six Chickasaw County cities — New Hampton, Fredericksburg, Lawler, Ionia, North Washington and Bassett.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said he had talked with SafeTech Solutions officials who told him that they “didn’t think it would be out of line for what Cory is discussing.” Kuhn added that SafeTech, which completed a feasibility study earlier this year for the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council, said it could provide consulting services for \$250 per hour.

Kuhn two weeks ago said that Larson, who drew up budgets free of charge for the Ambulance Council last month, would charge \$75 per hour for work done outside the scope of the contract.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said he would vote against the contract because the county didn’t have at least two bids, but Kuhn countered that he felt SafeTech’s information on what it would charge sufficed as a second bid.

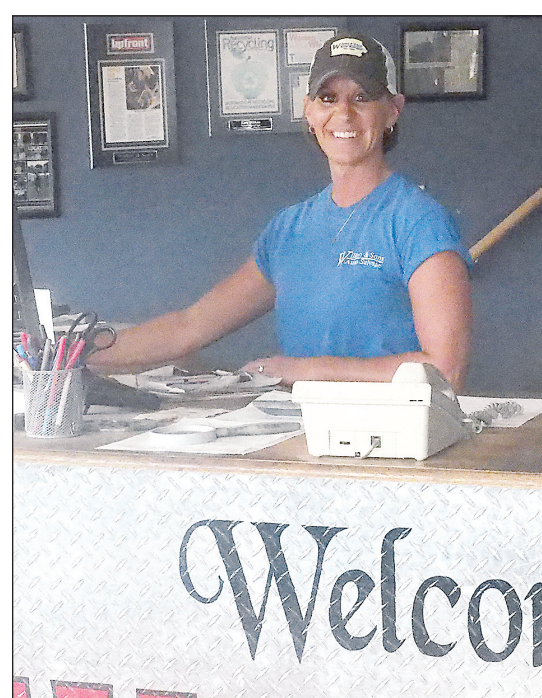
The board chairman, Jason Byrne and Steve Breitbach voted to approve the contract while Tim Zoll joined Hackman in voting against

the contract with Larson.

During the discussion, supervisors were presented with a revised offer from McGrath, who earlier this summer offered the county his ambulances, equipment and a building he owns in New Hampton for a little more than \$1.7 million.

McGrath said he had hired 424-Plus Consulting, a firm owned by New Hampton native Kolby Kolbet, to estimate the value of Chickasaw Ambulance Service’s three ambulances, a new rig that is expected to be delivered in early 2023 and

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Next week’s Reporter

Check out our annual Women in the Workplace special section, which includes a feature on Nashua’s own Sara Wilken.

Hey kids, do your parents a solid and smile for those pictures, OK?

It's been four years since I sent one of my kids off to school with the traditional first-day-of-school breakfast and pictures. You know, the pictures every parent posts on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat or any other social media outlet they actually understand how to use. The same pictures that get tougher and tougher to take as the kids gets older and older.

I thought once Noah departed for his first day of school in his last year of high school that I wouldn't look forward to Day 1 as much.

I mean as a parent of growing boys, I had learned to look forward to the first day of school with an absolute and consummate passion. I could go on and on about the routine would be nice and all that, but the truth was sending back to school meant they would be in class all day and at practice until the evening, which meant that they wouldn't be eating my food at my house for at least 10, 11 hours a day.

There are some things I still don't miss. Back-to-school shopping, for one, although to be fair, my guys weren't exactly high maintenance, especially the older they got, when it came to that.

I still remember asking Josh before his senior year — that's five years ago now — what he needed. "Just a couple of notebooks and some pens." And while there are some kids who love to "dress up" that first day of school, a new pair of sweats was considered "fancy" by Josh and Noah.

Still, getting ready to send the boys back



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to school always was a little chaotic. For much of their K-12 lives, I was a single parent so when Noah headed to school on Aug. 23, 2018, I was both a little sad and a lot happy.

I'm done with first days of school. Hooray for me!

But I'll let you in on a little secret. I miss it.

I realized that today as I was going through the pictures Jenn Kalainoff sent me from Wednesday, the first full day Nashua-Plainfield teachers reported back to work to conduct professional development before they welcome back students next week.

It hit me that I'm just as excited for the first day of school as I was when Josh and Noah were in elementary school. Some of it is incredibly selfish, but it means fall sports are right around the corner and so, too, are school stories. As a newspaperman, those are huge.

I've joked before and I'll joke again that what makes up for covering city council, school board and supervisor meetings is the fact that I get to go to a football game, volleyball match or cross country meet.

Honestly, though, the best part of that first day of school — wherever it may be at — is scrolling through Facebook timeline and seeing all those first-day-of-school photos.

In short, it's neat watching my friends' kids grow up.

This week, one of my Facebook "memories" was from 12 years ago, when Josh was starting the fifth grade and Noah was commencing fourth grade. It almost brought tears to my eyes; OK, it did. They were so little, so cute, and they'd kill me if they knew I was running that photo with this column.

The older they got, the less they smiled. It was a chore for them to take that picture, and yeah, I had to resort to bribery



The columnist's two boys — Noah and Josh — pose for a first-day-of-school picture on the morning of Aug. 17, 2010.

some years.

Maybe that's the message I want to send to kids today.

Don't hassle your parents on the first day of school when they pull out their phone or camera to get a picture before your first day of school. It means the world to them. For years, they have fed, clothed and sheltered you, and smiles on the first day of school is really a small price to pay, don't you think?

Plus, it will be something they will treasure ... as will all of us who may not have kids but loves the first-day-of-school scroll through social media. Besides, on Aug. 23, 2034, you're parents will open up their Facebook memories, see that photo of you and your siblings and shed a tear or two. Trust me on that.



Reporter file photo

TIC rivals no more

Nashua-Plainfield's Tucker Franzen plays defense during a basketball game against Rockford last season, but it appears the Huskies and Warriors may not be Top of Iowa Conference rivals much longer.

That's because the Rockford School Board on Monday voted to accept an invitation to the Iowa Star Conference, effective with the 2024-25 school year.

The Warriors may depart the TIC earlier because Rockford has asked the Iowa Star to allow it to join it next fall.

Superintendent lauds work done by custodians during the summer

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year they had last year, they start the new year believing this is going to be better. There's an optimism there that I just love to see."

When those students arrive, they will arrive in buildings that are pristinely clean, and Liechty gave a shout out to the district's custodians for jobs well done this summer.

"You walk through the high school, and the floors, they just shine, and over at the elementary, it's carpeted and looks great. You walk through that building and you definitely know our school colors are black and red."

And Liechty said that "shine" makes a difference for students and their educations.

"It just sets the tone, in my opinion, and kids, even if they don't know it, appreciate it," the superintendent said. "It's the first step, in my mind, to having a great year for our schools and our communities."

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Briefs

Supervisors move ahead with sale of New Hampton office building

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday moved ahead with its plan to sell a building it owns in New Hampton.

Supervisors voted 4-1 to set a public hearing on the sale of the building at 910 E. Main St. for Monday, Aug. 29.

Earlier this month, the county was offered \$100,000 for the building that sits on a 0.8-acre lot and is home to Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs, General Assistance and other non-profit organizations.

Supervisors learned the plan is to tear down the building and build New Hampton's second Dollar General store.

The lone dissenting vote came from Board Chairman Matt Kuhn, who said "I just don't think that's enough for that building."

Supervisor Jake Hackman also handed out a rough draft of how the offices could be moved to the Heritage building. His plan also showed how the county-owned ambulance service could be located in the old county home.

Bids on the Heritage property are due in the Auditor's Office by 4 p.m. Friday, and the board will open the bids this coming Monday.

The county has reserved the right to reject all the bids for the building and land that had been home to Inspiring Lives until June 30.

New Hampton Rotary Club will recycle computers today

The New Hampton Rotary Club will hold its annual computer recycling program this afternoon (Friday).

Club members will have a trailer parked in the Carquest parking lot near the intersection of Linn Avenue and Main Street and will accept all computers and accessories that will be recycled.

The trailer will be open from 3 to 5 p.m., and Rotary Club members will be on hand to help residents, businesses and organizations unload equipment.

Rotary members are reminding those that will use the recycling program that only computers, monitors and other accessories will be accepted.

Area hospice to hold butterfly release fundraiser Sept. 11

Celebrate someone you love at the 11th annual Cedar Valley Hospice Release & Remember fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 11. This no-cost, meaningful event draws hundreds of supporters to the banks of the Cedar River for an afternoon that has become a tradition of honoring our family, friends and neighbors in an extraordinary way.

A short program and the release of 1,000 monarch butterflies will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the Waterloo River-Loop Amphitheatre. Food (while supplies last), kids activities and live music with Flatland Ridge will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

Community members are encouraged to dedicate one or several butterflies as a tribute to someone important to them. For each donation of \$25, a butterfly will be dedicated in their honor. Tribute names will be displayed at the event if the donation is received by Aug. 26. Release & Remember T-shirts are also for sale for \$15 at any Cedar Valley Hospice location (excluding the Hospice Home) and at the event while supplies last.

At the event, wheelchair ushers will be on hand at the handicap accessible entrance to the Amphitheatre near the Phelps Youth Pavilion where extra handicap parking is also available.

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A large piece of concrete (above) that can be seen sitting in the Cedar River just below the dam in Nashua is a hot topic at Monday's City Council meeting, where Mayor Alex Anthofer (below) makes a point during the discussion.

Council sends check to Floyd Ambulance Council

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disagree as to how that cement got there," said Skilton.

Skilton said the block of material now sitting below the dam may or may not be a result of concrete overpowers to fix the hole in the dam.

"That's subject to litigation," said Skilton. "Is it or isn't it?"

Nashua has hired the services of specialty counsel Roger Stone, a managing partner in the Cedar Rapids law firm of Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC. Stone is considered a top lawyer in the state of Iowa that has won over hundreds of cases litigating construction and environmental cases over the course of 25 years.

His services aren't cheap. Skilton said his hourly rate to defend Nashua in its lawsuit against Minnowa Counstruction is \$400 an hour.

Skilton said Stone's role is to determine what needs to be done in order for the parties to fix the dam.

"The main thing I think is the dam has a hole in it of 18 by 20 feet and how it got the hole and what needs to be done is subject to Mr. Stone and his advice," said Skilton.

Nashua Council members have been briefed by Skilton in closed sessions for months now and the decision to retain Stone and his law firm was made at last Monday's regular City Council meeting when it came back into open session.

In other developments at the meeting, the Council decided to write a \$7,500 check to the Floyd County Ambulance Council as a sign of a good faith effort to have AMR (American Medical Response) potentially provide EMS (emergency med-



ical services) service to Nashua.

Nashua decided not to sign a potential five-year contract at a cost of \$158,000 to join Chickasaw County's publicly-owned startup ambulance service. EMS support for Nashua runs out Dec. 31 of this year and is currently being provided by Chickasaw Ambulance Service, a private entity run by Jeremy McGrath.

Nashua City Clerk John Ott has been in talks with Charles City Administrator Steve Diers about the Floyd County Ambulance Council and AMR potentially partnering up with Nashua to fill that gap in coverage.

"Charles City is trying to figure out what they're trying to do and keeping us on board with everything that's going on," said Ott. "Irregardless of whether

or not they decide to go their own way or re-sign the three-year contract with AMR, they all seem - so far - favorable to keeping us in the picture. What that picture's going to look like, we don't really know."

Currently Charles City and Floyd County are in the third year of a three-year contract with AMR to provide specific types of services in the city and countywide. The contract cost has gone from \$150,000 in the first fiscal year, to \$175,000 last fiscal year, to \$200,000 in the current fiscal year that began July 1 and will end June 30,

2023.

Ott did not have a timetable when AMR or the Floyd County Ambulance Council might make a decision regarding Nashua and it's need to continue life-saving coverage provided by EMS.

"I don't know when we're going to know that. There's been no financial discussions at this point at all," said Ott. "That's why I think it's important that we try to find some alternate sources as well - as maybe a mutual aid agreement. So that if something were to happen starting January 1, maybe we can work something out with Butler/Bremer, Floyd County or something that insures that we get service in case something were to happen to give the residents peace of mind."

Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer said he was quoted a figure of \$15,000 to \$20,000 - which would be the yearly cost for AMR to provide Nashua with EMS coverage for a year. That total would drop down to \$7,500 to \$10,000 for a sixth-month period.

Skilton talked about the check that Nashua cut to the Floyd County Ambulance Council.

"If you wanted to make sure that you had your six-month coverage, you'd say this is just a crumb," said Skilton. "It's a good faith effort to keep us in the mix. We're serious about it."

The next scheduled Nashua City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 6 because of Labor Day.

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A number of Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office personnel attend Monday's Board of Supervisors' meeting to discuss a proposed pay raise for deputies, jailers and dispatchers.

Board lukewarm on sheriff's proposal

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our schedule and get people and not stress our current employees."

Jail Supervisor Jordan Gansen pointed out that the office has had an opening for a full-time dispatcher since June 1 and received just one application. And Hemann and Shawver said they were worried about the number of candidates they would have to replace Deputy Cole Tweten, whose resignation was acknowledged by the supervisors Monday.

Tweten recently accepted an offer to become a Winneshiek County sheriff's deputy, and although Hemann conceded that "is Cole's home county," he added that the pay bump he'll receive by accepting the job would be substantial.

Still, supervisors were lukewarm about the proposal.

"I mean where does it stop then too, with all the inflation going on and everything going else," Jake Hackman said. "Where does it stop? Is it \$50 an hour jobs? Is it \$100 an hour jobs? We have a short workforce. ... Where are we going to attract these people? Money's good, right, but where does it stop?"

Later in Monday's meeting, Shawver said he believed pay was the No. 1 attraction for potential applicants.

"The biggest thing out there that I'm hearing from other people in the same predicament as we are is wages," the chief dep-

uty said. "They don't care about the IPERS, I think health insurance would be a factor but ultimately it's a small one. They look up front, what can I get right now? That's what I'm hearing."

Later in the meeting, the board also acknowledged the resignation of Assistant County Engineer Simon Schmitt, who is leaving Chickasaw County to take a job with Howard County.

Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing said he felt the fact that the county doesn't pay any of the additional family health insurance premiums is a factor in the county losing employees.

During the discussion on law-enforcement wages, Compensation Board member Mike Kennedy told supervisors that they had to face the fact that to attract good people, the county needs to increase pay.

"There are not a lot of bodies out there that are capable of doing a lot of these jobs that people are demanding right now," Kennedy said. "They've got to have someone who can do the job and is capable of doing the job. ... We are in a very competitive labor market."

Only one supervisor expressed some support for the proposal put forward by Hemann and Shawver.

"Unfortunately, I think we're going to have to open up the contract," Jason Byrne said, "because I don't know if we're going to get anyone to apply."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn, though,

worried that the supervisors could be opening up a proverbial can of worms if it granted the request.

"I'm not saying it's wrong," he said, "but I think it will be a trickle-down effect for all the other departments. ... I think we're going to have to look at the bigger picture."

Shawver said there were other factors at work when it came to hiring deputies and almost all of them work against the county.

"The one thing we have is they get every other Friday, Saturday and Sunday off," he said. "Besides that I can't offer better pay, I can't offer them a newer facility, I can't offer them [the fact] they don't have to work in the jail."

Hemann said he was open to any ideas that would attract potential deputies, dispatchers and jailers, although he wasn't all that hip on offering so-called sign-on bonuses although other law enforcement agencies, including the State Patrol, are going down that road.

"We're kind of opposed to that," the sheriff said, "and yeah, it might draw some people in here but what about the loyal people who have been here for so many years?"

In the end, Shawver said something must be done if the county is going to remain competitive when it comes to hiring.

"We can't close," he said. "Businesses can close, restaurants can close. We can't. We still have to maintain this county."

McGrath says he wants a deal with county soon

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

equipment ranging from heart monitors to ventilators to power cots.

That led McGrath to offer his equipment to the county for \$1.1 million, and if one takes out the cost of the building he earlier offered to sell, it adds up to about \$200,000 less than what McGrath originally asked for his equipment.

But the ambulance service owner warned county officials that time was running out.

"I have other offers for equipment, so I'm not going to drag my equipment out any longer," he said. "This is going to be something I want wrapped up in the next week or so. ... I'm not going to hold my equipment forever."

Kolbet joined the meeting by phone and told supervisors that he has more than 20 years of ambulance experience and that he felt "this would be the market value in today's market," pointing out that his appraisal included between \$150,000 and \$200,000 because of supply-chain shortages.

Both Kuhn and Byrne said they had been in contact with Life Line Emergency Vehicles,

and that company officials told them they could deliver two new ambulances at a cost of \$236,000 apiece no later than the end of the first quarter of 2023. That was about \$9,000 less than Kolbet appraised McGrath's new ambulance, but Kolbet also said a new ambulance is basically "the chassis and the box."

After Kuhn told the board that Life Line guaranteed "one brand new rig by the end of the year, possibly two rigs," Hackman expressed his skepticism.

"How do we get two ordered when Jeremy had his order a year and a half ago," Hackman asked. "How do they promise two to Chickasaw? ... If we can't get our hands on any of the supply, what is the truck good for?"

McGrath said even if Life Line could deliver the rigs, he doubted the county could purchase the equipment in time to have its ambulance service up and running by Jan. 1.

"I would be a little cautious," he said. "You have a guy with 20 years of experience, the SafeTech guy with 43 years of experience telling you how hard it is to obtain this equipment. Weigh that into your decision



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath discusses his offer to sell his equipment to a new county-owned EMS entity during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

a little bit please. Because I live here and I don't want you guys with no equipment come December."

Kolbet seconded that opinion, saying to "have it in service by the end of the year would be nearly impossible with the supply-chain shortage and the like."

County Attorney David Laudner, though, said he had some concerns about purchasing equipment based on Kolbet's appraisal, although he

emphasized that he wasn't disparaging the work done by him.

"As the attorney in the room," he said, "my suspicion to be the private auditor might raise some eyebrows that the gentleman who is selling the property hired someone to value his own property."

Kuhn said he would talk to Larson and ask the now-hired consultant to get to work immediately on McGrath's offer so that supervisors can discuss it during next Monday's meeting.

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Charles City to have Art-a-Fest Saturday

By BOB STEENSON

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Art-a-Fest will be held again in Charles City this Saturday, Aug. 20, with a wide variety of artists, musicians, games and food options for people of all ages and interests.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Central Park in downtown Charles City with no admittance charge. Art items and food and beverages will be available for sale.

"This festival fulfills an important role in the community and surrounding areas by supporting and celebrating local artists," said Ashley Koebrick Schmidt, the committee chair. "Our goal is to make the arts accessible to all members of our community during this one-day, free event!"

The event is a juried art show with cash prizes awarded to artists whose work is judged superior, and attendees can register for drawings for Art-a-Fest bucks to use to purchase artwork.

It includes interactive art activities for children, live performing artists, and food from a variety of local and regional vendors.

Art-a-Fest is a rain or shine event, and will be relocated indoors in the event of severe weather only, according to information from the event organizers.

The regular Saturday morning farmers market will also be set up in its usual spot along Blunt Street adjacent to the park until noon.

SCHEDULE:

- 9 a.m. - Early sponsor shopping begins; artist judging begins; James Aissen performs 9-11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. - Art-a-Fest opens.
- 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Der Polka Prost performs.
- 12:15 p.m. - Drawing for Art-a-Fest Bucks, announcements.
- 12:30-2:30 p.m. - Sam

Crosser and Melissa Dorenkamp perform.

• 2:30-4:30 p.m. - Emily Ann Bauer performs.

• 4 p.m. - Art-A-Fest begins wrapping up.

AMONG THE 2022 ARTISTS:

• Anna Gilbert - Native Russian artist who expresses her love through painting and one-of-a-kind jewelry.

• Anne Boerschel - Retired teacher living in Shell Rock, concentrating this year on beading Christmas ornaments in a variety of sizes, and making beaded bead earrings.

• Annette Olesen - Picked up her paintbrushes after two rounds of cancer in 2019.

• Ashley Koebrick Schmidt - A fine art oil painter and commissioned artist based in Iowa, her technique employs clean lines and layered texture for intense, vivid color and depth.

• Barbara Garden - 70-year-old artist who started painting for the first time during the pandemic.

• Brooke Pfeffer - Focuses on metalsmithing and beadwork to create trendy and wearable designs and creating displays incorporating primitive and vintage items.

• Bruce W. Litterer - Self-taught award-winning artist from Shell Rock, known for detailed creations depicting rural Iowa farm life and wildlife.

• Cheryl DeBower - Received oil paints and canvas for Christmas during the pandemic and took up where she had left off painting 50 years ago.

• Cynthia Zelenak - Currently doing paint pouring and teaching classes at the Floyd Community Center.

• Darlene Shultz - Creates fused glass jewelry and loves putting colors together.

• Dennis Helmers - Retired silver shop worker makes jewelry from silver and silver-plated cutlery, creating keepsakes from family silverware.

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Luminary bags (above) that both honor cancer survivors and memorialize those lost to the disease line Mikkelson Park's Ring Road during the Relay for Life, where committee member Lacy Carolan (right) shares her story on how cancer has affected her family.

Relay goal is to KO cancer

Annual event raises more than \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The reason Lacy Carolan stood in front of the band shell's microphone at Mikkelson Park recently in New Hampton was simple.

She, like millions of other devotees of an incredibly important cause, wants to knock out cancer.

That difficult journey to eliminate and find a cure for an ever-adapting adversary starts with showing you care and perhaps most important of all – being there for a loved one that may be dealing with more than they can handle after a recent discovery of cancer.

"It shows support – No. 1, you're not alone," said Carolan. "No. 2 – there are services available to help you get through this process if you are unfortunately the one that got diagnosed or the one that is going through this battle."

Cancer accounts for 1 in 4 deaths in the United States according to the American Cancer Society.

Carolan, a committee member on Chickasaw County's Relay for Life, addressed the audience that attended the American Cancer Society fundraiser – many of the participants wearing purple-colored shirts to signify they have survived cancer's onslaught.

Those survivors of cancer's gruesome grip that came to the ceremony near the eastern outskirts of New Hampton, are living and breathing testaments that one can defeat cancer.

"Together we can make a



great impact to save lives and that's why we are here today," said Carolan.

While those successes and triumphs over cancer are inspiring stories of perseverance and persistence to stay alive – sometime against long odds – the obvious does need to be stated. It's why the fight is even more critical than ever in many people's minds. Cancer is still killing at an alarming rate. The dreaded disease is the second-most common cause of death in the U.S., exceeded only by heart disease.

"It is a worthy opponent to say the least. It has a formidable nature, a resourceful manner and destructive appetite," said Carolan. "But it will never have what we have. We have an advantage over cancer because of the generosity of people like you. You have courage, hope and empathy and determination."

Hannah Mitchell is the Senior Development Manager for the American Cancer Society. She oversees Chickasaw County

and many of the counties in northeast Iowa that are helping funnel time, energy and money into turning a disease – that is as pervasive as it is equally destructive – into a much more treatable form. The end goal is to wipe out the affliction altogether.

That's motivation to keep going for millions of people dealing with cancer across the nation that know they have allies in their corner.

"You can make it through. It gives them the sense of hope that they need. That at the end of the day, sometimes that's it. Sometimes that's what keeps them getting up every single day," said Mitchell.

The statistics surrounding cancer are not only daunting – but scary at the same time. Mitchell said 1 in 3 men – and 1 in 2 women – will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

Carolan and Mitchell continue to push on through. It's that unrelenting drive that has already helped raise over \$25,000 for the Chickasaw

County Relay for Life.

"It's all about getting the awareness out there and raising the funds for the research and the things that need to be done," said Carolan. "It's still impactful. Any funds, anything raised, is important – whether it's \$100,000 or it's \$1,000."

Carolan, who lost her mother, Nita Geerts, at the age of 54 to pancreatic cancer in 2013, said those caring for a cancer patient are also offered tremendous backing by Relay for Life.

"There's also so much support for the caregivers," said Carolan. "It's not only just about the people who are actually fighting the disease – granted they're doing the hard work – but us people that are left behind. Or the one's that are watching our loved ones suffer – they need to realize that there's support for them, too."

Carolan, who has been involved with the American Cancer Society for over 10 years, also lost her grandmother, Rose Kerkove, at 92 years of age. Kerkove passed away due to brain cancer this past June.

Attendees at the relay took part in a "survivor meal" at 5 p.m., followed by a community meal and a closing ceremony. There was also live music being played and several sponsors' booths set up in the park. Of course the evening wound down with a lighting of the luminaries, which helps memorialize and honor those that have lost their fight against cancer or are in the midst of it. Several of the luminaries also had personal messages on the bags that lined the walkway at Mikkelson Park.

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Nashua-Plainfield Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 8, 2022 MS/HS Commons

The August 8, 2022, regular board meeting of the Nashua-Plainfield Community School Board of Directors was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Patrick Lentz. Also present were directors Chris Hagen, Cody Jensen and Lara Lawrence; Superintendent Todd Liechty; Principals Karl Smith and Shannon Wurzer; Board Secretary Brittany McNeil; and 2 visitors. Absent from the meeting was director Laura Folkerts.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lawrence to approve the consent agenda with changes (adding the approval of the 2022-2023 PK Handbook):

- A) approval of the agenda as presented.
- B) approval of the minutes of the previous meetings on July 11, 2022.
- C) approval of the bills for payment.
- D) approval of the monthly financial reports.

E) approval of the personal recommendations as follows: resignation of Samantha Highberger as part-time cook, contract adjustment for Toni Nelson; hiring of Courtney Pimlott as elementary associate, hiring of Billie Rodemaker as MS/HS associate, hiring of Barb Douglas as part-time cook, hiring of Randi Griffin as JH assistant volleyball coach, hiring of Austin Newbrough as JH assistant football coach, hiring of Chaya Feldman as JH girls basketball coach, hiring of Brad Theilen as JH football coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hagen, seconded by Jensen to approve the July 2022 cash flow report. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no visitors to address the Board.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lawrence to approve 2022-2023 K-12 Student/Parent Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Jensen to approve the 2022-2023 MS/HS Paraprofessional Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lawrence to approve the 2022-2023 Elementary Paraprofessional Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Hagen to approve the 2022-2023 Elementary Certified Staff Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hagen, seconded by Jensen to approve the 2022-2023 Preschool Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lawrence to approve the 2022-2023 Employee handbook. Motion carried unanimously.

Fuel bids were reviewed from AgVantage FS in Waverly. There were no other bids. Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to accept the fuel bid from AgVantage FS using pricing alternative (A) pay cost above IDOT daily rack average as follows: Gasohol 87 Octane at +\$0.169 per gallon, Dieselelex Gold (premium diesel) at +\$0.20 per gallon over #2 diesel DOT, #1 Diesel for winter blending at +\$0.359 over #2 diesel DOT per gallon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Hagen to approve the 2022-2023 fund-raisers as presented:

Football Team savings cards (August 2022)
Elementary Believe Kids Fundraiser (August 25 – September 9)
FFA fruit, meat, and cheese (October 2022)
FFA crush sales/Caleb Strong (February 2023)

Motion carried unanimously. Additional fundraisers will be presented and approved as they are scheduled throughout the year.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to approve Heidi Hain's personal leave request due to unique circumstances and to not set a precedent for approvals in future years. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the next steps in setting up a Baseball Softball Complex community awareness plan. Some items of discussion included: fundraising, donations (labor, supplies, monetary), grant writing, community kick-off, advertis-

ing, and overall timelines.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Lawrence to approve Plainfield playground bids as follows:

Swing Set - \$250
Bus Stop Building - \$576
Alligator Ride on Toy - \$175
Combined play piece - \$700
Geo Dome Climbing Toy - \$100
Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative reports were presented.

The next regular board meeting will be held September 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Commons.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Hagen to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes published are unofficial until approved by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled board meeting.

Patrick Lentz, President
Board of Directors
Brittany McNeil
Board Secretary
Nashua-Plainfield Comm. School District

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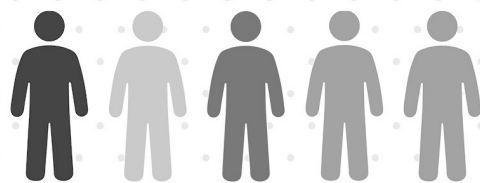
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The full vacancy announcement with mandatory application requirements can be obtained online at www.usajobs.gov by searching in the keywords vacancy announcement number #FSACO-11599155-22-IA-KR.

This vacancy has an opening date of August 10th, 2022, and a closing date of August 23rd, 2022.

There is an essay section requirement entitled: Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA). Applications that do not include KSA's will not be considered.

Applicants should apply at pay grades. Questions regarding this position can be directed to Ron Pethoud at 641-394-5929 or by email at ronald.pethoud@usda.gov. All applications must be submitted online by August 23, 2022.

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Ionia Ball wraps up another great year

It was another banner year for what has become a longstanding tradition in the small town of Ionia.

That, of course, would be "Ionia Ball."

Kids who range from preschoolers to fifth-grade students descended upon the diamond at Ionia's park once a week in June and July.

For years, Ionia Ball participants have come from near and far — including Ionia, New Hampton, Nashua and Charles City — and this year was no exception.

This year's program was led by coaches Chad and Heather Hackman, who appreciated the help they received from their helpers — Hayden and Addie Hackman and Caleb Sinnwell.

The coaches also wanted to thank the city of Ionia for allowing them to use of the fields, supplies and awards and added they are looking forward to Ionia Ball 2023.

Members of the Ionia Ball preschool through kindergarten league include (top photo, front row, from left) Siena Page, Tzuriel Page, Holland Heller, Aubrie Cordes, Lennon Lukes, Blakely Holthaus, Cameron Schutte, Easton Apel, (second row) Lauren Grober, Kash Kubik, Bowen Baltes, Easton Crabtree, (back row) Kenzie Kuehn, Natalie Bailey, Jacelynn Bailey, Drayton Horn, Alex Heim, Anson Smith, Wren Arndorfer, Ryan Edson, Owen Rausch, Mackenzie Bean, (absent) Charlie Kuehn, Weston Kuehn, Hallie Kubik.

Members of the Ionia Ball grades 1-5 league included (bottom photo, front row, from left) Holden Brown, Kinley Kellogg, Becca Miller, Logan Sinnwell, Noah Hoggins, Brayden Tindell, Braxton Novak, Quinn Abbas, (second row) Lynae Abbas, Cora Schutte, Raelynn Nosbisch, Kayci Tindell, Isaiah Auchstetter, Harrison Hackman, Tatum Rings, Ella Novak, (third row) Colleen Schutte, Macy Kellogg, Adyson Brown, Claire Miller, Brock Miller, Easton Brown and (absent) Reese Edson.



Secretary of State provides grants to improve 'voter access'

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is providing a \$1,000 grant to every county in the state to improve voter access ahead of the 2022 general election.

The grant is intended for counties to partner with local advocacy organizations and self-advocates to receive feedback on how polling places can be more accessible for Iowans with disabilities.

"I want all voters to have a positive experience when they cast their ballot," Secretary Pate said.

Approximately 300,000 Iowans have a disability. Counties can use the grant to improve accessibility considerations and receive communication, etiquette, and sensitivity training to understand the perspective of voters with disabilities.

Organizations can apply for emergency food, shelter grants

The Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency, under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP), has awarded Chickasaw County \$3,334 through its annual program and \$10,259 through the American Rescue Plan Act to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide.

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

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

Agencies interested in applying for the EFSP funds should contact Sheri Alldredge, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, at 319-235-0311 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is Aug. 31.

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Newly-crowned Iowa State Fair Queen Mary Ann Fox waves to the crowd after she received her crown during a ceremony in Des Moines Saturday evening.

Mitchell County teen crowned Iowa State Fair queen

Mary Ann Fox, 18, of Mitchell County, was crowned the 2022 Iowa State Fair Queen by Tennie Carlson, president of the Fair Board, and McKenna Henrich, the 2021 Fair Queen.

This year's ceremony took place on Saturday evening at the Anne and Bill Riley Stage sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart Radio.

Fox was chosen out of the 102 contestants, including

Chickasaw County Fair Queen Trinity Brincks, who participated in this year's competition.

Annabelle Newton, 18, of Benton County, was named first runner-up.

Second runner-up was Reagan Schneider, 17, of Jones County. Megan Swan, 18, of Davis County, was named third runner-up.

Halle Evans, of Union County, was given the Outstanding

Leadership Award. Addie Burkett, of Madison County, was given the Personality Plus Award. Bridgett Murphy, of Taylor County, received the Queen Alumni Award in honor of Julie Wolterman.

Fox will receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Branstad-Reynolds Trust along with a \$3,000 scholarship from the Iowa State Fair in addition to her crown, sash and trophy.

She also receives a floral bouquet from Boesen the Florist, a \$600 gift card to Jordan Creek Mall, a pair of diamond earrings from B. Shannon Designs, cowboy boots from Long Creek Outfitters and an Iowa State Fair Brick from the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation.

Briefs

LifeServe to hold monthly blood drive Tuesday afternoon

The blood bank that provides blood to MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center and hospitals in three states will hold its monthly drive this coming Tuesday at the New Hampton Community Center.

The blood drive will be held at the New Hampton Community Center and appointments can be made by calling 800-287-4903 or by going online to lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Research Farm to hold Fall Field Day near Nashua Aug. 24

The annual Fall Field Day at the ISU Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm will run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

The field day is free and open to the public. The program will feature a number of experts in a variety of fields.

Lisa Schulte Moore, ISU professor of natural resource ecology and management, will kick-off the program, by providing her insights on carbon markets titled "Carbon Science for Carbon Markets: Emerging Opportunities in Iowa."

Erin Hodgson, extension entomologist, and Ashley Dean, education extension specialist, will discuss corn rootworm and resistance management.

Bill Long, field agronomist with Pioneer, will discuss the new technology of stacked traits with RNAi (SmartStax PRO from Bayer & Vortec Enlist corn from Corteva) for corn rootworm control.

Dan Anderson, ag engineering specialist, will give an update on water quality research being conducted, including cover crops and manure trials.

Steve Harris, department chair plant pathology and microbiology and entomology, will discuss the latest on sudden death syndrome in soybeans, treatments, and current soybean disease trends to be aware of for the 2022 growing season.

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on August 15, 2022 in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Anthofer presiding. Council members present were Rhonda Dean, Samantha Johnson, Hal Kelleher, Tim Malven, and Ernie Willsher. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present along with Water/Wastewater Superintendent Nick Henningsen, Park Board President Nate Sinnwell, and City Attorney David Skilton. There were also 8 guests in attendance.

Mayor Anthofer asked for consideration approving the regular agenda. Willsher/M, Malven, S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to approve the consent agenda: Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting August 1, 2022; Consent Calendar Payment of Claims August 1-11, 2022 - Payment of Claims (see claims report); total claims to be paid \$79,636.35 + 6,438.16 (wages); and Building Permit: 282 Lakeshore Dr. Malven/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: 5 ayes.

Mayor Anthofer asked for public comments. There were none.

Mayor Anthofer called for a motion to pass Resolution 22-45 Approving the transfer from FSB checking to Library Money Market Account. Dean/M, Kelleher/S, M/C. RC: 5 ayes.

Permits:
The Mayor asked for approval of the following permits:

Special Permit for the Chickasaw County Land Mobile Radio Communications Tower to be used by all local law enforcement, fire, EMS, Emergency Management, secondary roads, city works, and state agencies using the system. Malven/M, Willsher/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Building Permit: 202 Greeley St. and Somerset Ct. and 1014 Greeley St. Johnson/M to approve all permits, Dean/S, M/C. Roll call all ayes.

Johnson motion to waive the demolition excavation permit for 202 Greeley St. since they are putting a new house on their property that had a fire. Malven/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:
The Mayor had no business to discuss.

Department Reports:
City Clerk Ott requested approval to attend the Street Finance Report Training August 17th and the Iowa League of Cities Fall Training September 28-30, 2022. Johnson/M, Dean/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that the July financial reports that they have received are not complete as he hadn't received the financial information for the Water Over the Dam Days fund. He also informed the council that bank reconciliation for July was also not completed for the same reason. He reminded the council

that due to Labor Day, the next city council meeting will be held on Tuesday September 6th and also informed the council of a special election for the Nashua-Plainfield school that will be held in City Hall on September 13th. He talked to the council about setting a goal setting session with Pat Callahan. He will provide the council with more information for them to discuss at the next meeting. He also updated the council on the water meter endpoint situation. Badger Meter has been unable to manufacture LTE-MS endpoints due to parts shortage, they have now started to get some parts in and are hoping to start shipping some in September.

City Council members had no business to discuss.

Nick Henningsen Water/Wastewater Superintendent presented his monthly report. He informed the council that the DNR will be conducting a Pfas test on well #4 (the one under the water tower). He said that if the rating is too high (which the DNR has not determined what that rating is) we may have to shut it down because the only way to remove it would be reverse osmosis which would be extremely expensive. He also stated that he talked with O'Malley about the gear and motor for the clarifier. They have the motor, but they are still waiting for the gear.

Nate Sinnwell Park Board President presented his monthly report. He reviewed the WODD days results and what they are doing to plan for next year. He talked about the great lead team and how they want to put people in planning roles that suit their field of expertise. They have some upcoming activities including Halloween in the Park October 1st, S'Mores with Santa December, and Winterfest 2023 January (dates yet to be determined). He mentioned that Jeanette Schluter would like to donate a lot of land and designate it as Pa's playground. He also talked about the possibility of a bandshell at Cedar View Campground that could be made possible by a donation from the family of Dick Baldwin.

Heather Hackman Library Director shared her monthly report. She informed the council that the library has again fulfilled the tasks required to be accredited by the State Library of Iowa. The accreditation is recognition for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, public relations, access, and facilities. Council member Dean congratulated Heather and her staff for their work.

Discussion/Action
The City Council discussed multiple actionable topics.

The council discussed the land mobile radio equipment transfer from Chickasaw County and who should be responsible for keeping track of the equipment that was transferred to the City of Nashua. Dean/M to table a decision until they can talk to the trustees of the Rural Fire Department. Kelle-

her/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The council discussed how to move forward with the open position for Deputy Clerk. Council member Dean, Mayor Anthofer, and City Clerk Ott will review all of the applications/resumes and each select their top 5 candidates and they will submit them to Rhonda by Wednesday. The council discussed ambulance services. Council member Dean motioned to write a check to the Floyd County Ambulance Council in the amount of \$7,500 to show Nashua's commitment towards working on a partnership. Malven seconded. M/C. RC: all ayes. The council discussed patchwork that had taken place at 1001 Main St. After discussion, Dean/M, and Johnson/S, that it was the property owner's responsibility, and the property owner was responsible for the invoice. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott will draft a letter to the property owner explaining the council's decision.

The council discussed a billing issue for 109 Saint Lawrence St. Johnson/M, Malven/S, that the property owner needs to check for a leak prior to the council making a decision on whether they will adjust their bill. M/C. RC: all ayes. The council discussed a billing issue at 310 Wentling St. Dean/M, Kelleher/S, M/C that the property owner will be billed for water and sewer usage that has not been paid and if the bill is not paid the water to the property will be shut off, but the city is willing to work out a payment agreement to assist the property owner. RC: all ayes.

The council discussed a lien exemption form and landlord deposit requirements. Attorney Skilton recommended a deposit for two months of service. Dean/M Malven/S, M/C to increase the lien exemption to \$200. RC: all ayes.

Johnson/M to end open session and go into closed session. Dean/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting went into closed session at 8:16PM. The reason the council went into closed session 21.5(1)(C) of the Iowa Code to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. After Attorney Skilton provided an update to the council and answered council questions. Malven/M, Kelleher/S, M/C to end closed session and resume open session. RC: all ayes. Regular session resumed at 8:28PM. Dean/M, Willsher/S, M/C to approve the agreement for special council from Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC. . RC: all ayes.

There was no other business. Dean motioned to adjourn. Malven seconded. M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29PM.

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Alpha resident Jake Hackman (above) works on a machine to harvest silage, but it wasn't just the old farm machines that were on display at the Fredericksburg Antique Engine and Powershow over the weekend. An old Maytag washer (below) — powered by a gasoline engine — showed the innovation that, at the time, made housework just a little bit easier.

GOING BACK IN TIME

POWER SHOW PROVIDES A FARMING HISTORY LESSON FOR ATTENDEES

By DOROTHY HUBER

Of the Reporter

When Bill Timp of Fort Atkinson was growing up, he had, what he thought at the time, was a tedious job — cultivating corn.

"It was a two-row, no radio, no umbrella, it used to drive me crazy." He — or rather the corn — would suffer from something he called "cultivator blight."

"You sort of drifted off, not paying attention, maybe got a little close to some of the corn. I did a lot of that."

Still, he was cognizant of the innovations that made his work considerably easier than that of previous generations. That's why Timp and his son William were at the annual Fredericksburg Northeast Iowa Antique Engine and Power Show held over the weekend.

"I've been around this [really, really old farm equipment] but I've never had to operate it," he said. "My dad had all that old stuff. It was a lot of work back then. Of course, they didn't run 1,000 acres like they do now."

Timp was explaining to his son how a particular machine worked, with the draft horses plowing a field.

"Sitting on plows, that had to be a big step from walking behind a horse. Those guys were in shape back then, I tell you that."

The weather on Saturday — overcast and cool — drew no complaints whatsoever from those working their equipment,



such as Randy Schwerin of Sumner.

He was running his steam engine tractor, powered by chucking wood into a blazing compartment.

"This has been a hobby of mine for 50 years now," he recalled. "When I was in first grade my parents bought me a toy steam engine from Montgomery Ward." And he was hooked, owning his first steam engine at 15 or 16.

The tractor he was running on Saturday was 100 years old. The 1922 tractor, he said, weighed in at around 11 tons, including two tons of water. There is 60 HP on the drive belt.

He said getting the tractor started and running would take between one and two hours. "If it's running, it's a full-time job,

to stoke the fire, keep water in the boiler and let the steam off. They were labor-intensive machines."

He would turn a dial here and there to make sure too much steam didn't build up, but there was also a relief valve that shut off steam. "If one of these would explode... there's a tremendous amount of energy there."

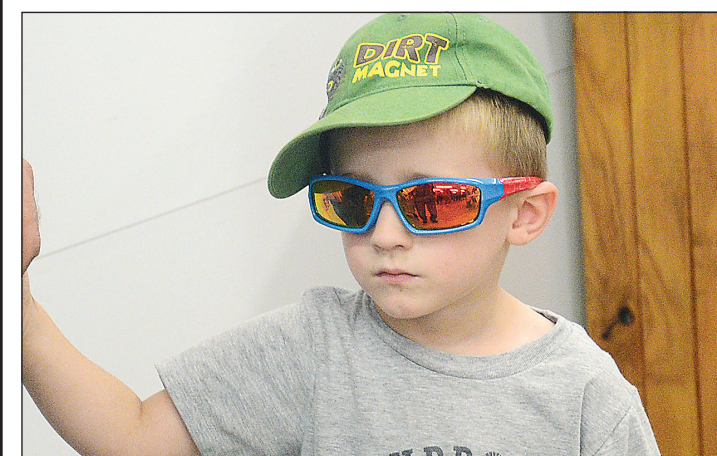
Schwerin called the machine an "external combustion" engine. "They were a great innovation at the time, but by the 1920's internal combustion engines started making these obsolete. People still used them into the 30's though. For one thing, they were a couple thousand dollars, in 1915-1920, that was a big investment."

For the \$5 entrance fee, a lot of history could be gleaned from those who had chosen antique tractors and machinery as their hobby.

People at the Power Show are very friendly and love to talk about their collections. Grain threshing, straw baling, corn shelling, ensilage cutting, a saw mill, wire check planting and a blacksmith shop were among the other activities scheduled, with bluegrass music, a tractor pull and homemade ice cream other perks.

Timp was in a conversation with another former farmer, talking about the times when tractors didn't have power steering.

"My dad had an Allis-Chalmers, I tell you, you built muscles with that thing. But I like to see these shows keep going. We go to 2-3 shows a year. Shows you how it all started."



Jack Hageman (above) of Riceville, who came with his dad and great-grandpa, enjoyed the morning at the show on Saturday and despite his hat that reads "Dirt Magnet" — which his dad, Kurt, said was very appropriate — he managed to keep in pretty good shape through at least half the day. And for those who didn't want to walk the grounds, volunteers (right) gave them lifts.



Sports editor is ready for some football ... and food

FOOTBALL: FROM 10

Nashua on Friday night as soon as I can to take part in the booster club's feed. That spread includes burgers, sweet corn and watermelon. I can't think of a better combo than that. Free-will offerings will be taken and N-P athletic supporters can also help the Huskies hydrate by donating a sports drink.

Husky fall sports teams will also be introduced this evening and the N-P football team takes on Osage in a scrimmage at 6:30 p.m.

With that said, I still can't wait for that first kickoff, that textbook tackle or that amazing run to glory. Sidelines are my friend in the fall — at least most of the time. I will not digress.

As a high school football beat writer — I've covered my fair share of football games over the course of two decades.

That's 20 years for you non-math majors.

Sorry, I'm still a little grumpy about last year's Nashua-Plainfield football playoff game — a 46-16 setback to a ranked North Linn squad. The Huskies put up a helluva of fight and N-P's first playoff game since 2014 was much more competitive than the final score would indicate.

Covering football games is my favorite thing to do as a journalist — sorry City Council and Board of Supervisor meetings.

I've made the four-hour trek (one way) from Ottumwa to Sioux City — twice — to see the Class 4A Bulldogs play. Yes, there are seven classes in football now in case you didn't know. Teams range from Class 5A all the way down to 8-Man now. The Iowa High School Athletic Association made that switch a year ago.

Just an FYI — Iowa City High is taking on Iowa City Liberty at Kinnick Stadium in the first ever regular season game between two prep teams played at the venue named after the University of Iowa's only Heisman Trophy winner.

That's pretty cool. That wouldn't be too long of a road trip to see that one because I don't mind traveling to games — football, baseball, volleyball, etc.

While on the road, you get a real taste of what it's like to

write stories on the go and meet deadlines. I've filed stories — using Wi-Fi — from the seat of my car in a McDonald's parking lot — twice. I actually wrote my football game write-up in a McDonald's booth near Drake Stadium in Des Moines one year. I was definitely lovin' it that evening. Other newspapers have been more than willing to allow me to enter their newsroom and write up a story real quick when a wireless connection wasn't readily available.

I've witnessed heartache and triumph along the way in my journeys across the state covering football games. Seeing a great season come to end is hard to watch. I can only imagine how it felt for the players and coaches that poured their heart into tremendous, winning seasons that just fell short.

I've also seen instances of remarkable achievements and poignant moments — too many to single out.

So as training camp heats up — in more ways than one — and signals that the start of football season is near, I'm also reminded that football often gets too much attention, for better or for worse.

There's also prep volleyball and cross country teams that are putting in a load of work to achieve their goals and live out their dreams. Cheerleaders and band members are also gearing up for what should be a fun fall season. Some schools across the state in Iowa also compete in fall swimming and golf.

Of course in college, football helps fund universities through ginormous television contracts. The NFL is a billion dollar corporation.

Football is King.

That shouldn't take away from the accomplishments of others, but in some way I think it does sometimes. Is a touchdown better than a spike over the net or a personal-best time across the finish line? Heck, no. Those athletes deserve just as much, if not more credit than football players.

I think it's safe to say we can all agree on that.

Just don't serve me nachos for a football game. With chili, cheese and some shredded beef or BBQ pork?

You know I'm not going to turn that down.

XC state qualifying sites named

The Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union this week announced the sites for the Class 1A state qualifying cross country meets.

Nashua-Plainfield, as a Class 1A school, will run on Thursday, Oct. 20, and in all likelihood the Huskies will head to Manly for a meet that is being hosted by Central Springs but team assignments won't be made until later in the season.

Other 1A state qualifying host schools will be ACGC, Cascade, Central Decatur, Iowa City Regina, Ridge View, South Hardin and Southwest Valley.



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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

One week from tonight, the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies will take to the football field for real, and line up on both sides of the ball ready to go, just like they did a year ago in a game against BCLUW.

Are you ready for some football?

Are you ready for some football? I can already smell the smoke coming off the grill.

The sound of a drum reverberates and echoes off my eardrums. Then a singular trumpet blares out and seems to beckon my call.

My pace toward the stadium picks up, but I don't want to walk too fast.

Enjoying these simple, but small moments, are what fall is all about to me.

Kids are tossing footballs back and forth and tickets are being taken.

Smiles envelop friendly faces as the procession of football fans heading in one direction know game time is fast approaching.

As I slip my hooded sweatshirt over my head, I'm already savoring the wafting aroma of pork sandwiches, hamburgers and chili as I make my way to the football field.

Hot chocolate?? You better believe it. The temperature just needs to drop a little bit before I burn my tongue on that piping-hot concoction.

Hot dogs are universal, though. Prove me wrong.

Like my dad always used to say, it's nature's perfect food. Of course he was kidding or was he? I could never tell sometimes with him.

FYI. I don't need a briefing on how frankfurters, sausages, bratwursts, etc. are manufactured and find their way to my bun. I just don't. There are some things in life we just don't discuss. The making of those sodium bombs in the form of processed meat is one of them.

Pretzels, walking tacos or nachos? Pfft! That kind of concession stand fare is relegated to baseball games and seventh-inning stretches – not for when pads are popped and touchdown celebrations make way to high-fives in the end zone.

High School football is this and a whole lot more for me. The scoreboard hasn't even begun to tick away the min-



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utes, then seconds, that count down which team will be the victor in the season opener.

But there's a running clock programmed in my head to alert me when it's time to shift into football mode. I'm not quite there yet. I could use a sundial, an hourglass or any other rudimentary means to mark down this progression of time, but one's "inner clock" is usually right on the money.

There's still some time, though.

Because we still have to watch the Bill Riley Talent Show from the Iowa State Fair on PBS (or in person) and get that one last dip in the swimming pool (or pond) before the leaves change color and aimlessly fall to the ground.

But it's getting close, I can feel it in my bones – which are starting to creak just a little more now days and remind me that my "glory days" out on the gridiron have long since passed.

One can sure dream, though.

These thoughts started to dance around in my head this week and it hit me as I walked down the steep steps from the upper portion of the duplex I live in.

Should I be wearing shorts today? Maybe pants might be the best option on this summer day that started to make me feel like it was fall again.

Pumpkin spice lattes? No thanks. My allegiance to September, October and November only goes so far.

With the biggest fair in all of Iowa already kicked into motion, 70 degrees seemed a tad chilly out for the middle of August. But I do have to remember I reside almost three hours north of where I used to live.

But then I saw the posts on Facebook pages last week letting family, friends, fall sports fans or just anybody in general get the scoop on when our area team's scrimmages will be, I got excited.

I know I'm not the only one.

But there's summer left to be lived and it somewhat irritates when I hear people say summer is almost over. Yes, fall is my favorite time of the year, but summer isn't finished yet. Okay, well, the clock is ticking on that season, too, but just because school is back in session doesn't mean we need to completely ignore summer either. I get it, a lot of people's summer vacations are essentially over.

But there's still time to shuck that sweet corn, sorry nachos.

Pass me the butter and salt because I'm not watching my cholesterol.

Not sad, but true – in case you couldn't already tell from my svelte physique. Maybe a diet should be in order?

But biting into a golden ear of corn is heaven on earth in my estimation – the touchdowns can wait for later.

That's why I need to get down to

SEE FOOTBALL, 9

Nashua-Plainfield fans, it's time to Meet the Huskies!

Fall has arrived, at least on the sports calendar, and Nashua-Plainfield High School and the Nashua-Plainfield Booster Club will hold their annual Meet the Huskies Night tonight.

Boosters will be serving burgers, sweet corn, watermelon and a drink for a free-will donation, beginning at 5 p.m. at the football field.

At 6 p.m., the Huskies' volleyball, cross country, cheerleading and football teams will be introduced, and a football scrimmage between Nashua-Plainfield and Osage will follow at 6:30 p.m.

There is no admission charge for the event, but school officials are asking those who attend to "Help Hydrate the Huskies" by donating a sports drink at the gate.



ON TAP FOR THE HUSKIES

- FRIDAY, AUG. 19**
Meet the Huskies Night, Booster Club grill out at 5 p.m., introduction of fall sports teams at 6 p.m., football scrimmage vs. Osage, 6:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 23**
Volleyball vs. New Hampton and Jesup at New Hampton, 7 p.m.
- THURSDAY, AUG. 25**
Volleyball vs. Rockford, JJV And JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, AUG. 26**
Varsity football vs. North Butler, 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 30**
Volleyball at Northwood-Kensett, JJV And JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.
- THURSDAY, SEPT. 1**
Cross country at Charles City Invitational, Wildwood Golf Course, 4 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Mason City Newman, JJV And JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, SEPT. 3**
Varsity football at Wapsie Valley, 7 p.m.



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Nashua property was a grocery store for many years. It was a family restaurant. There is a grill hood. There are a multitude of possibilities for this property. Could be divided into apartments, a large day care center, offices or retail. **\$50,000**



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