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A little dry spell wouldn't hurt

Agronomist says crops are looking good but it would be nice for 'faucet' to be 'turned down'

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Terry Basol has talked to enough farmers to know that he's not a lone wolf when it comes to the amount of rain the area has received this month.

"I would like to see the faucet

slow down," the ISU Extension agronomist said Thursday morning, "and trust me, I'm not alone. It's just been one of those months."

Not that Basol or the farmers he works with are panicking by any means; after all, as the agronomist put it, area crops "are exploding."

"Anyone who takes a drive out in

the country can see it, but we have the makings of a very, very good crop," he said. "Obviously, we've got a long ways to go, but right now, everything looks really good."

But the rain could stop ... at least for a while.

Nashua's National Weather Service's reporting station, located

just to the west of the city at the Iowa State Research and Demonstration Farm, had recorded 7.58 inches of rain through Thursday morning. That's more than 2.4 inches more rainfall than the area

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N-P fifth and sixth graders (above left to right) Landen Crabtree, Logan Sinnwell, Jenny Wolf, Easton Heinemann and Laura Wolf pose outside Big Willie's Tavern in Nashua on Thursday evening while Eddie Legel (below) doctors up his burger during their fundraising meal at the start of Water Over the Dam Days.

LET'S GET THE DAM PARTY STARTED!

MOTHER NATURE LOOKS LIKE SHE'LL COOPERATE WITH WATER OVER THE DAM DAYS, CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The superstitions look like they're working for the folks who are putting on Nashua's biggest party of the year this weekend.

Earlier this week, the forecast for Water Over the Dam Days' two big days — today and Saturday — looked positively dicey; now, there's little rain in the forecast until Sunday afternoon.

"We've been knocking on a lot of wood," Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell said with a laugh, "and by gosh, it seems to be working."

And maybe best of all for the Park Board that puts on Nashua's annual celebration is that the weekend forecast also provides some good "beer-drinking weather" with temperatures expected to be near 80 today and in the upper 80s on Saturday.

That's a good thing because most of the

SEE PARTY, 7



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Beating the heat on the lake

No question about it, this past weekend was a scorcher with temperatures in the 90s and stifling humidity, which meant Sunday was a great day to get out on the lake and enjoy the water.

Quilts of Valor ceremony is definitely family affair

Local chapter presents 15 veterans with quilt 'awards'

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

If there is a hard-and-fast rule when it comes to Quilt of Valor presentation ceremonies, it is this: Plenty of proud family members will be on hand to see their favorite veterans receive their quilt.

Sunday's ceremony at the Holy Family Parish gymnasium was certainly no exception; after all, there were parents, grandparents, spouses, children and grandchildren on hand to watch 14 veterans receive an "award" for their service to their country.

But without going out too far on a limb, our guess is the proudest family member may

SEE QUILTS, 7



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Little Lettie Bellinger talks with her mother, U.S. Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Taylor Bellinger, during Sunday's Quilt of Valor presentation ceremony.

Beat the grind, head outdoors

Chickasaw County Conservation director touts mental health benefits

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

There are plenty of reasons to enjoy the great outdoors — be it at a pool, a park, a campground or on the water — during the summer months.

It's a great way, for instance, to beat the heat. It's a chance to spend some time with family and friends. It's a chance to enjoy nature at its finest.

But ask Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal, and he'll tell you that there's another benefit to getting out of the house and heading outside.

"In my mind, it gets you out of that grind of everyday life," he said, "and it's great for your mental health. Getting away from work, getting away from all the devices, getting off the couch, we need all those things and we have plenty of opportunities right here in Chickasaw County."

He's not kidding.

There are the pools in New Hampton and Fredericksburg. There are splash pads in New Hampton and Nashua. There's a plethora of city parks. There's the 32 parks and wildlife areas that Humpal's department administers. There are the campgrounds — like the Conservation Board's Split Rock Park and Airport Lake Park, as well as the Nashua Park Board's Cedar View Park Campground. There are the golf courses that dot the area in and around the county.

"For a lot of people, nature invigorates them," Humpal

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One of the most popular newer additions at Airport Lake Park has been the handicap-accessible dock that was purchased a couple of years ago.

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A group of campers (above) are parked in Cedar View Campground in Nashua this past Sunday, and the day before, kids and adults (below) alike beat the heat with a day at the New Hampton Municipal Pool.

Getting outdoors is ‘just good for you’

OUTDOORS: FROM 2

said, “and sometimes we forget that. I talk to so many people who say, ‘Man, getting outside was the best thing I did for myself.’ We’ve got a lot of cool things in and around our county so my advice is to take advantage of them.”

And so far this summer, we seem to be doing just that.

Although the heat last week kept away a few campers, it’s been a solid start to the camping season both at the Conservation and the Nashua Park Board campgrounds.

The relatively new handicap accessible dock at Airport Lake Park continues to be wildly popular as is the park’s swimming beach. Ditto for the swimming area at Cedar View Park in Nashua, area pools and splash pads.

The campgrounds — along with the pools for that matter — also provide a nice assist to the area’s economy.

“We get a lot of people from out of town,” Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell said during a recent interview, “and for some of our out-of-town campers, Nashua’s like a second home for them. They love our little town, they spend money



here, it’s a win-win for everyone.”

And here’s the best part: Like Humpal said, the outdoors is good for our mental health.

“Obviously in my job, I’m a little biased,” he said, “but taking a walk in nature, camping, swimming and all that, it’s just good for you.”



With temperatures in the 90s and nothing but blue skies, Sunday provides a perfect day to get the boat on the water at Nashua’s Cedar View Lake.

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Crooks 65th anniversary

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Farmers are hoping that they don't deal with a '2024 repeat'

CROPS: FROM 1

usually records during the first 26 days of June. The recent rains have turned around soil moisture profiles that were concerning in May. The latest Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report put out by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service that was put on Monday showed that 93 percent of topsoil and 82 percent of subsoil in the Northeast Iowa District that includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties have adequate or surplus moisture. The North Central District that includes Butler and Floyd counties are even wetter as 98 percent of topsoil and 97 percent of subsoil have adequate or surplus moisture. But Basol said that the overabundance of rainfall this month has led to some concerns — especially when it comes to root diseases, the formation of white mold and other diseases. “Yes, there is such a thing as too much rain,” he said. “Farmers want timely rains, not every-day or every-other-day rains. My advice is to the guys is to make sure they're out there scouting for any concerns.” The agronomist also knows that Mother Nature can turn on that proverbial dime, and he has recent proof. In June 2024, Nashua received 9.09 inches of rain during the month and then after a decent start precipitation wise in July, the area dried up, and by the end of August, much of Northeast Iowa was suffering through drought conditions. “It does remind me a little bit of last year,” he said on Thursday. “We had a really rainy May and June and then someone turned off that faucet

A rainy June

Here are rainfall totals for the National Weather Service recording station at the Northeast Iowa Research and Demonstration Farm that is located just outside of Nashua:	
June 1.....	0.00
June 2.....	0.00
June 3.....	0.06
June 4.....	0.56
June 5.....	0.00
June 6.....	0.01
June 7.....	0.00
June 8.....	0.00
June 9.....	0.00
June 10.....	0.00
June 11.....	0.00
June 12.....	2.10
June 13.....	0.00
June 14.....	0.00
June 15.....	0.32
June 16.....	0.06
June 17.....	0.86
June 18.....	1.64
June 19.....	0.24
June 20.....	0.10
June 21.....	0.73
June 22.....	0.00
June 23.....	0.00
June 24.....	0.07
June 25.....	0.63
June 26.....	0.20
Total	7.58

really tight. We don't want a repeat; we just want it to slow down a little bit because like I said, we got the makings of a really nice crop this year.” The good news is it appears Basol's faucet is going to get turned down a bit in coming days. There is no rain in the forecast for today and Saturday, and although showers and thunderstorms are likely for Sunday, there's little rain in next week's forecast.

City, county offices to be closed for Fourth

Nashua City Hall and the Chickasaw County Courthouse will all be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. In addition the Nashua Public Library, which is not open on Fridays, will be closed on Thursday, July 3, for the holiday. **Open Beef Show set for Bremer County Fair** The 2025 Bremer County Fair Open Beef Show will be held at the new fairgrounds located at 300 39th St, in Waverly, on Tuesday, July 29. This is a sanctioned show by the Iowa Junior Beef Breed Association. Registration opened on June 1 but will also be available on the July 29 from noon to 3 p.m. The Open Beef Show will start at 6 p.m., and the entry is \$40 per entry, per class. Contact Superclass Natalie Koepke at 319-464-7300 or bcopenbeefshow@gmail.com or visit The Showman App for more information.



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Paul Greufe of PJ Greufe and Associates discusses his proposal to serve as Chickasaw County's human resources with the Board of Supervisors during a meeting on Monday morning.

Former HR consultant is lightning rod during meeting

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head meetings. And Ahlers & Cooney attorney Michael Galloway told board members that his firm's rate would remain the same as it has in recent years and that his firm, too, would not have a limitation on the number of hours it works for the county. After the presentations were made, county leaders, along with its safety coordinator, engineer, attorney and the county assessor, discussed the presentations, and of the five supervisors, only Steve Breitbach stated that he wanted to keep Ahlers & Cooney. Safety Coordinator Renae Carey said she felt it was important that whichever firm lands the consultant job, the first priority has to be updating the county handbook to clear up HR issues that continue to crop up. “I think what Renae is saying we need more handbook stuff, we need more proactive stuff — not the, ‘Hey, it hit the fan so let's call the attorney,’” County Attorney David Laudner said. “We need more on the front end, making sure we're in compliance and we're servicing our employees, servicing our staff.” Carey agreed, saying that she appreci-

ated Hinders' proactive approach, even if that meant that the firm used more than 10 hours a month in the early going of a potential contract. “I think for everything we truly need to do, we would be way over for the first few months,” Carey said, “but then I think it could work itself out because we would have things more spelled out, more clear and concise.” Meanwhile, County Assessor Ray Armel urged board members to stay away from hiring Greufe and his company. “He has no confidentiality or professionalism,” Armel said. “He would sit in a meeting like this and he would use most any other swear word in our meetings and he would talk about other jurisdictions.” Board Chairman Jake Hackman, though, said he felt the county should consider rehiring Greufe. “I felt Paul was very good,” said Hackman, the lone board member who worked with Greufe in his previous stint with the county. “He was here every month like he said. He had monthly department meetings. I know Ray you voiced your opinion. You guys saw it. He did swear a little bit, [and] that's not professional. But I know he did the job.” Hackman also expressed concern

about “going over” the number of hours Hopkins & Huebner was proposing. Board member Scott Cerwinski, meanwhile, said it might be time for the county to have a more proactive HR consultant. “I guess I would say I agree with Renae that they tend to be more proactive,” he said of the Hopkins & Huebner proposal. “I'm probably a little bit more initially [concerned about the number of hours] because from what I am hearing from Renae, there's a lot of things that have to be done on a few things but I think it would level out.” Also muddying the waters was the fact that the county doesn't have a set-length contract with Ahlers & Cooney; instead, the county must give the firm 30 days notice if it decides it does not want to use its services. And county leaders passed on making a decision because they want to know what kind of “outs” they have if they sign a contract with either Hopkins & Huebner or PJ Greufe and Associates. Instead, they decided to reach out to both firms and see what kind of options they would offer the county if they decided to opt out of a potential contract and will take up the issue again during this coming Monday's meeting.

Supervisors waiting for information on Conservation Board volunteer

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors are waiting for more information before they decide on how to proceed with a County Conservation Board volunteer who is receiving a “free campsite” at Airport Lake Park for the season. During the public comment portion of Monday's meeting,

Supervisors Issac Carter said he had been approached by what he called a “concerned citizen” about the fact that the volunteer does not have to pay for campsite from May 1 through Sept. 30. The contract the volunteer signed states that “the park position is considered to be a volun-

teer position, whereby the person serving as park volunteer provides certain services as set forth below in exchange for the provision of a permit for a campsite at Airport Lake Park commencing on May 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2025. The payment of the normal camping fees by the park volunteer shall be

waived for this period.” County Attorney David Laudner said he has been in contact with the county's human resources consultant to see if a 1099 should be issued to the volunteer and will have more information at next Monday's meeting.

— By Bob Fenske

Briefs

Plainfield Days will begin three-day run on July 10

Plainfield Days Committee members have announced the schedule for the annual town celebration that will kick off its four-day run on Thursday, July 10. The festival will open that evening with several activities and the crowning of Little Mr. and Miss Plainfield and Miss Plainfield and the announcement of the town's Citizen of the Year. This year's celebration has a Paul Bunyan theme and live music is on tap for the first three days of the celebration. Rick & Ron will perform on Thursday, Southland will take the stage on Friday and Recoil will perform on Saturday evening. The annual parade is set for Saturday at 10:30 a.m., and fireworks are on tap for that evening. Plainfield Days will wrap up on Sunday morning with a Community Worship Service, along with donuts and coffee, at the Baptist church.

Hawkeye dean's list

Hawkeye Community College has announced the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. The dean's list is an official recognition of outstanding academic accomplishment by full-time students. To make the dean's list, an individual must be a full-time student and successfully complete 12 or more credits in the fall or spring semesters with a semester GPA of 3.50 or better for courses taken at Hawkeye. Area students named to the list include: • Nashua Savannah Barnes, Bo Harrington, Miah Malven, Chloe Matthews, Keegan Ulrichs and Jakob Whitinter. • Plainfield: Emily Devries, Ellie Eick and Joshua Smith. • Ionia: Dawson Demro, Caydence Phillips and Sophie Phillips.

Iowa State dean's list

More than 11,300 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2025 spring semester

dean's list. Students named to the dean's list must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work. Area students (along with their majors) honored included: Nashua: Kylie Mae Dietz (agricultural studies), Autumn Nelson, (political science) and Jackson J. Zwanziger, agricultural engineering. Ionia: James E. Davis, (mechanical engineering), Greta Mary Glaser (accounting) and Grace W Maloy (elementary education).

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N-P coach lauds freshman’s pitching

BASEBALL: FROM 8

into the system that I’m trying to provide for you. Whether that’s laying down a sac bunt or a squeeze bunt or moving a guy over and getting him in. That timely inning will come and it puts a lot of pressure on the other team,” said Hyde.

Zeke Kalainoff’s sacrifice fly in the top of the seventh proved to be the game-winner.

“I really think it clicked for the guys, that hey, this works if we really focus on it and put the time into it,” Hyde said about this team scratching out runs to win ball games.

Eli Kalainoff made his first mound appearance of the season against the Warriors. Hyde said although he didn’t get out of the second inning, he didn’t pitch as bad as his stat line would indicate. The junior allowed one earned run and walked seven in his first time on the hill since when he was a sophomore back in 2024.

“He’s been battling some arm problems,” said Hyde. “To be honest, he got a little wild there, but he had a chance to get out of the inning to save a bunch of runs, but we didn’t make plays.”

Kalainoff is a valuable weapon on offense and defense and Hyde didn’t want to take any chances by leaving him in the game any longer than he had to. “He wasn’t pitching that bad. Competitive pitches and then some errors got away and his pitch count ran up,” said Hyde. “We just had to get him out of there. It was a lot of stress on the arm for two innings when he hasn’t been out there for a long time.”

Up stepped Hyde’s up-and-comers, like Schmitt, who relieved Kalainoff and pitched well despite allowing six runs (only one earned) over the course of five innings.

“He came in against Rockford, threw strikes and filled up the zone,” said Hyde. “There were times we didn’t make plays when he was on the mound, too.”

In an 8-5 loss at home versus Janesville last week Thursday, N-P’s youth once came through when called upon.

Zeke Kalainoff, a freshman, started on the hill against the Wildcats. It was the second varsity game the Huskies had played that night as N-P made up their postponed second game of a doubleheader with West Fork prior to the start of the Janesville matchup.

Zeke Kalainoff had trouble throwing strikes so Hyde went



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield second baseman Nic Brase gets ready to slap a tag on Central Springs Eddie Pruin during Monday night’s Top of Iowa Conference game.

to the bullpen where freshman Cole Scharnhorst made his varsity debut. He looked like a seasoned vet on the hill as he ate up five innings, allowed three hits, just one earned run and struck out three.

“I called on another freshman and he just delivered,” said Hyde. “He came out and absolutely shoved. I couldn’t ask much more out of him.”

While N-P didn’t win the game, it was a positive sign for later on down the road.

“Our young guys have been starting to step up, especially on the hill,” said Hyde.

N-P is dealing with perhaps its biggest blow of the summer after it was learned senior ace Dawson Glaser’s season is in jeopardy. Glaser is dealing with a shoulder injury, and his status is uncertain.

Hyde said he’ll shelve Glaser at least until Saturday, July 5 – which is N-P’s first round Class 1A playoff game at Calmar against Riceville.

Glaser is an all-conference performer and one of the better arms in the small-school class. He is currently 2-3 on the year with a 1.99 ERA to go along with 49 strikeouts in 38.2 innings of work.

Glaser is also N-P’s leading hitter with a .308 batting average and a team-leading 12 hits.

N-P sophomore Kolbie Vance has also rapped out 12 hits.

“Everybody kind of knows what’s going on. We’re dealt with a tough situation, but you have to find a positive out of it,” said Hyde. “We can either fold and give up or you can be super, super upset that you really want to win for him and for the team.”

N-P lost that second game of the doubleheader to West Fork by a score of 11-1. No. 9 Mason City Newman blanked N-P last Friday, 12-0 and Central Springs blanked N-P, 3-0 on Monday. N-P’s scheduled game at No. 5 St. Ansgar on Wednesday was postponed and will be made up on Tuesday, July 1.

Eli Kalainoff hit his first home run of the season to account for the lone run of the game versus West Fork.

“I think we’re headed in the right direction. I think the energy was good last night,” said Hyde after the Rockford win. “We just really gotta stay positive and it’s going to be hard.”

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Jane 312 100 1 - 8
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Pitching - Zeke Kalainoff 2 IP, 2 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 5 BB, 1 K, Cole Scharnhorst 5 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

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Pitching - Glaser 7 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 5 K.
Hits - Glaser 2, Z. Kalainoff 1, Brase 1.

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Runs - Malven 3, Lucas Sinnwell 3, Gerholdt 2, Vance 1, E. Kalainoff 1, Schmitt 1, Brase 1. Hits - Malven 3, Vance 2, Brase 2, Ethan Franzen 1, Gerholdt 1, Schmitt 1. RBI - Schmitt 4, Gerholdt 2, Brase 2, Karson Chyma 1, Z. Kalainoff 1, Franzen 1.

Waverly Health Center names its Friend of Nursing winner

Waverly Health Center’s (WHC) Melinda Pitt, of Waverly, has been honored with the 2025 Friend of Nursing Award. Pitt has been the volunteer services manager at WHC since 2013.

She was nominated for the award by Cynthia Cmelik-Reams a clinical systems analyst in the Information Services Department.

In her nomination, Cmelik-Reams wrote, “Melinda goes above and beyond in supporting the nursing staff and directly contributing to the care of our patients through her exceptional management of the volunteer program. Her leadership creates a seamless environment where volunteers and nursing staff work hand in hand to provide the best possible care for our patients.”

As volunteer services manager, Pitt ensures that the hospital’s volunteers are trained and available to assist in a variety of ways that alleviate the workload on our nursing staff.

Pitt’s coordination allows nursing staff to focus on patient care rather than these essential but time-consuming tasks.

This not only improves patient satisfaction but also enhances the efficiency of nursing care, allowing nurses to dedicate more time to their core responsibilities.

Nominated by WHC nurses, the annual Friend of Nursing Award provides an opportunity for non-nursing staff or volunteers to be recognized for going above and beyond to support nurses and contribute to the nursing practice. Nursing staff rely heavily on the support from others to maintain the organization and to care for patients.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES June 16, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinski, Suckow, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Engineer Roman Lensing, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Terry Johnson, Arnie Boge

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda for June 16, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the minutes for June 9, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Carter, Hackman. Abstained: Suckow Motion carried.

Discussed that only one bid came back for auditing services.

Motion by Breitbach, second by Cerwinski to approve GARDINER + COMPANY to provide auditing services for Chickasaw County for the years: FY 2026 not to exceed a fee of \$43,275.00, FY 2027 not to exceed a fee of \$47,600.00 and FY 2028 not to exceed a fee of \$52,360.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to enter closed session under Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in a matter that is presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and its disclosure would be prejudicial or disadvantageous at 9:11 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Carter, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to exit closed session under Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in a matter that is presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and its disclosure would be prejudicial or disadvantageous at 9:35 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinski, Carter, Breit-

bach, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to follow County Attorney’s recommendation regarding imminent litigation. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinski, Breitbach, Carter, Suckow, Hackman. Motion carried.

Open bids for Human Resources Services: Ahlers Cooney Attorneys-\$1,800.00 per month unlimited, PJ Greufe & Associates-\$1,500.00 per month, Hopkins & Huebner, PC-\$2,000.00 per month for ten hours.

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to wait till after presentations at the June 23, 2025 meeting for Human Resources to award the Human Resources Contract with Chickasaw County.

Discussion of Chickasaw County’s Purchase and Procurement Policy.

Discussion on what Urban Renewal Plan’s projects shall go first.

Discussion on county owned property and offices.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve payroll check date, June 13, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior bills in the amount of \$9,429.19. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$695,979.23. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman. Abstained: Carter. Motion carried.

No committee assignments.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 11:06 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Carter, Hackman. Absent: Suckow Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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3B MEDICAL, INC, MEDICAL SUPPLIES - EMS 359.11
AG VANTAGE FS INC - GROWMARK INC, DIESEL FUEL - NASHUA SHOP SED RD..... 926.64
AIRGAS, INC., MEDICAL SUPPLIES-EMS 167.62
ALEX AIR APPARATUS 2 LLC, RESCUE JACKx2 & BOAT - EMA 15,501.00
ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTILITIES SEC RD..... 68.36
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, WEAPON LIGHTS & SLING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY-SHERIFF 1,171.39
ANDERSON, BRANNON, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA..... 300.00
ANITA ESCHWEILER, POSTAGE REIMBURSEMENT- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 12.30
ASHLEY JACKSON, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 130.00
AT&T MOBILITY WIRELESS PHONE SVC. EMA 44.96
AUSTIN HEMESATH, SPARE TRUCK BED COVER REPLACEMENT - SHERIFF..... 411.25
BARTELS, KATHLEEN, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 80.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT GAS OUTSIDE SHOPS SEC RD,LEM-C,PH.GS.SHERIFF/JAIL,HERITAGE..... 820.99
BMC AGGREGATES LC, ROCK SEC RD..... 31,752.35
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COMPANY, INSTALLATION OF MOWER DECK - GENERAL SVC, HERITAGE..... 155.26
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC. ROCK SEC RD..... 19,937.17
BUTLER CO REC, ELECTRICITY- 911,SEC ROAD, LANDFILL474.85
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.PHONENET/INTERNET -BOB.AUD.GS.REC.DP.VA.TRES, CSB.HERITAGE SEC RD,1047.72
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC, OUTSIDE ENGINEERING - SEC RD..... 2,071.50
CHAMBERS, DONALD, WELL PLUGGED - EH COUNTY GRANTS..... 700.00
CHEMSEARCH, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES-CO BLDGS..... 244.45
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF, POSTAGE REIMB-SHERIFF 228.53
CHICKASAW COUNTY ATTORNEY POSTAGE - CERTIFIED LETTERS - E.H..... 48.40
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO. DIESEL FUEL IONIA & AV SHOPS SEC RD..... 2,427.44
CORATHERS, TABETHA, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 110.00
CROELL INCARPA-2024-019(01) #2 SEC RD..... 297,223.90
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, COOLER/BOTTLED WATER-ASSESSOR..... 46.51
DANN HEYING, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA 200.00

DETTMER, CHERYL..FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA..... 160.00
DIAMOND MOWERS INC PARTS #87 & STOCK PARTS SEC RD. 286.70
DONNA GEERTS, MLG REIMB-ELECTION TRAINING CR 6/5-6/25 197.40
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC, TIRES SEC RD..... 629.28
EDSON, BRIDGET, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA..... 140.00
ERMAN CORPORATION INC SC1950 REPLACEMENT RAILCARS SEC RD..... 42,400.00
FANGMAN, GINA, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- ELECTIONS142.80
FAREWAY STORES INC, POP MACHINE INVENTORY- COURT-HOUSE 151.01
FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE-DIESEL FUEL FREDERICKSBURG SHOP SEC RD 1,986.84
FARMLAND HARDWARE, HARDWARE AV SHOP SEC RD..... 0.50
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE..DIESEL FUEL, GAS, SUPPLIES SEC RD..... 13,903.88
FLOYD COUNTY AUDITOR.GRANT FUNDING BY COUNTY- 4TH QTR 24/25 - 4TH QTR FY25/26 DHS PYMNT..... 6,871.54
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, MAY BOARDING INMATES-SHERIFF 7,540.00
FOX REHABILITATION SERVICES PC, OT/PT THERAPY - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 12,495.00
FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, FREDERICKSBURG SHOP UTILITIES SEC RD..... 97.70
GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC, STRYKE PANTS-SHERIFF 138.27
GERBER, BROOKELYN, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 100.00
GLASS TECH .LABOR TO INSTALL WINDSHIELD #49 SEC RD 370.00
GLEN GEERTS, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 30.00
GRAVES, MICHAEL, RESCUE CALLS-EMA 400.00
HABLE, ANTHONY RYAN, WELL PLUG REIMBURSE - COUNTY GRANTS- EH..... 1,000.00
HEALTHCARE FIRST, CLERICAL SVC /SURVEYS SENT TO CLIENTS - PH 116.57
HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 1,440.00
HEALTHSTREAM, ANNUAL FEE-EDUCATION SOFTWARE- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 798.30
HINCKLEY MEDICAL INC, SOFTWARE INSTALL AND SUBSCRIPTION - EMA/EMS 3,250.00
HLW GROUP LLC, CONSULTING FEE- APRIL -MAY- OLD LAND FILL..... 273.00
HOBERT, KARAGAN, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 110.00
HOLTHAUS, JORDANFY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA 370.00
HOMETOWN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL - CO BLDGS..... 292.27
HYER, STEPHEN, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 110.00
INOALON PROVIDER INC ,

BILLING SOFTWARE- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 625.90
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, TELEPHONE/INTERNET 911..... 226.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GRANT APP APPLICANT SHARE SEC RD..14,059.93
IOWA PLAINS SIGNING INC, STOP SIGN FLASHER RING (2) SEC RD..... 1,650.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS SEC RD..... 79.30
IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE .NOTARY FEES- TIEDT- SHERIFF 30.00
ISAC ISAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING- RECORDER..... 275.00
ISACA-SEAT, SEAT TRAINING -GINA & SHEILA F- ELECTIONS..... 550.00
IWWA, MEMBERSHIP DUES- ENVIRO. HEALTH..... 90.00
JACK ORVIS FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA..... 40.00
JANE COLLINS, CLIENT CALL - MILEAGE - MAY 2025 254.80
JEFFREY, TONY, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 60.00
JENDRO INC, GARBAGE SVC - RURAL RECYCLING - ALL CO BLDINGS..... 3,491.00
JEREMY MCGRATH, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 50.00
JOEL KNUTSON, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 80.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARTS, SUPPLIES,TOOLS- SHERIFF,JAIL,CONSV 1,259.25
JOHNSON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPT, MEDICAL EXAMINER SVC FOR COUNTY RESIDENT..... 263.95
JONES, SHYLA, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA..... 150.00
JUDY PAULUS GEBEL, MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 316.40
JULIA SHEKLETON MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 204.40
JURGENSEN, NICKOLAS, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA..... 390.00
KARELS, ABRAM, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 90.00
KATIE GILMOUR, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 60.00
K-CONSTRUCTION INC, BROSC019(117)-8J-19 PAYMENT #6 SEC RD..... 186,083.36
KENNETH RASING, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 30.00
KEVIN J GEERTS, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 50.00
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC / MICROBAC LAB LAB FEES FOR WELL WATER TESTS - ENVIRO. HEALTH..... 550.50
KIESLER’S POLICE SUPPLY INC, OPTICS WEAPONS - SHERIFF 2,877.90
KNUTSON, ANN, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - MAY 2025 - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 2.80

KNUTSON, JARED WELL PLUG- EH COUNTY GRANT 2,000.00
KOLBET, ALAN, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 60.00
KUHN, MATTHEW, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA..... 10.00
KWIK TRIP , DIESEL FUEL & GAS SEC RD..... 5,238.37
KWIK TRIP INC , GAS/FUEL - ENVIRO HEALTH,PH,GEN SVC 237.06
L & R MANUFACTURING LLC, AV SHOP HARDWARE SEC RD47.14
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC, INTERPRETER SVC - PUBLIC HEALTH STATE GRANT 25.20
LAURES, ASHLYN, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 40.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC., ELECTRICAL PARTS & SUPPLIES SEC RD..... 162.12
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASE LANIER IMC2500 SED RD 93.84
LESSIN SUPPLY COMPANY.PARTS #30 SEC RD 20.18
LISA WELTER .MILEAGE - CLIENT CALLS- PUBLIC HEALTH 188.30
MAIL SERVICES LLC, PRINTING/ POSTAGE FEES - TREASURER..... 546.36
MARTIN, EARL, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 30.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL, MEDICAL SUPPLIES - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 2,975.84
MEGAN LESTER, CLIENT CALL MILEAGE- PUBLIC HEALTH..... 446.60
MERCY HEALTH SERVICES, SHARPS DISPOSAL - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 44.00
MIDWEST CARD AND ID SOLUTIONS LLC, RENEWAL FEE-COUNTY ID MAKER PROGRAM - EMA 1,500.00
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, ELECTRICITY- CONSERVATION 2,389.07
MISTIE DEERE, MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS- HOMEMAKER 344.40
MITKO LLC. PARTS #26 & #206 SEC RD 39.18
MOHS, DANNON, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 60.00
MORGAN UNDERWOOD, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- TOURISM 19.60
NASHUA REPORTER, PUBLICATIONS -BOS, WEED COMMISS. TREAS..... 1,071.74
NE DISTRICT ISAA, TRAINING EDUCATION - SALES ANALYSIS -ASSESSOR 500.00
NELSON, TONI, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 50.00
NEW HAMPTON CARE CENTER, LLC, MAY JAIL MEAL-SHERIFF 10.00
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, MAY TELEPHONE/INTERNET-SHERIFF 675.77
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS - WEED COM. BOS. TREAS..... 1,646.74
NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, ELEC,

WATER, SEWAGE, GARBAGE - COUNTY BLD/DEPT..... 2,745.70
NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER TOURISM CONTRACT - MAY 2025 1,100.00
NORSOLV SYSTEMS, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES SEC RD..... 253.95
NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING INC.RADIO INTERVIEW- STATE GRANT- PUBLIC HEALTH. 25.00
NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORP, ADMINISTRATION FEES- GENERAL RELIEF - MAY 2025 341.85
NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CPR INSTRUCTION ORIENTATION-SCHUCHHARDT 410.00
NORTHEAST IOWA TASK FORCE, FFY 2025-2026 DUES-SHERIFF 550.00
NOSBISCH, ZACH, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA..... 170.00
PAPOUSEK, ALAN J, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA..... 220.00
PETROBLAND CORP. EQUIP CONSUMABLES & LUBRICANT SEC RD 6,289.99
PHILLIPS, DAN, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 30.00
PHILLIPS, TIMOTHY G, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 70.00
PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP, INSTALLMENT FOR 2025 ARIAL FLIGHTS- ASSESSOR..... 31,815.68
POWER PLAN, PARTS #41 SEC RD.. 1,023.28
PRIA, ANL RECORDER PROP RECORDS MEMBERSHIP 60.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC, POSTAGE MACHINE QUARTERY LEASE- GEN SVC. 739.05
RAPID PRINTERS / OFFICE WARE OFFICE CHAIRS - SHERIFF846.99
RAUM, GARRETT, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA..... 200.00
RAY O’HERRON CO INC, BODY ARMOUR - SHERIFF 5,257.90
RICK SINNWELL, FY25 1ST RESP/ RES SOD CALLS EMA..... 10.00
RICKY ROSONKEGRADE PARKING AREA- HERITAGE 2,500.00
RILEY’S INC. OFFICE SUPPLIES-AUD.REC.GS.SHERIFF, TREAS. DP, PH 465.26
ROSENDAHL, CONRAD, FY25 1ST RESP RESCUE CALLS EMA20.00
RUDE, JASON R, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 120.00
S & T COLLISION CENTER AND AUTO LLC, REPAIR /SVC SHERIFF VEHICLE 609.93
SAVE RITE MEDICAL, WOUND CARE SUPPLIES - PUBLIC HEALTH..... 226.15
SCANLAN, JASON ..FY25 1ST RESP RESCUE CALLS EMA..... 10.00
SCHMIDT, BROCK, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 40.00
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL LLC SET UP FEE - DP ESSENTIALS PKG- ASSESSOR 5,000.00
SCHUETZ ACE HARDWARE, FLEX HOSE AND NOZZLES - GENERAL SVC 247.68
SCHWICKERATH, JOSHUA FY25 1ST

RESP/RES SOD CALLS EMA10.00
SCROGGIN, DEBORAH, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA..... 110.00
SEDIIVY, CARLY, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 120.00
SEDIIVY, TYLER, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 140.00
SEIBLE, JON, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA 310.00
SHELLY LAMPSON-BAST, MILEAGE- CLIENT CALL- HOMEMAKER..... 358.40
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT ISAA, TRAINING /EDUCATION ASSESSOR 275.00
STANTON ELECTRIC ,DRILL ELECTRICAL HOLES - SHERIFF/JAIL..... 200.00
STAPLES INC, OFFICE SUPPLIES - PUBLIC HEALTH 256.48
STATE OF IOWA/STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER, AUTOPSY FEE- CO. RES 2,190.00
SUDOL, MELISSA, FY25 1ST RESP RESCUE CALLS EMA..... 30.00
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO.. WELDING SUPPLIES SEC RD 333.71
TAKE A SHOT LLC, PUBLIC SAFETY WEAPONS UPGRADE-SHERIFF..... 6,270.00
TAMMY FLICK, MILEAGE-CLIENT CALL- HOMEMAKER..... 191.10
TIM SHANK FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA..... 40.00
TISHA MORRIS, FY25 1ST RESP RESCUE CALLS EMA..... 10.00
TREWIN PUMPING SERVICE, HAUL LEACHATE FROM OLD LANDFILL 200.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, PARTS #27 SEC RD 290.03
U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST BOX-ANNUAL FEE- SHERIFF.BOS. AUD.GS.TREAS.REC.PH 806.00
U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, CELL PHONE/TABLET SVC - PH 1,027.78
URIBE-VAZQUEZ, ADALBERTO, FY25 RESCUE CALLS-EMA 380.00
VERIZON WIRELESS, SHERIFF CELL/DATA FOR PATROL CAR LAPTOPS 1,064.10
VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC SRVS 19 RAM-SHERIFF..... 934.84
VISA, MEALS, TRAINING, SUPPLIES.LODGING- SHERIFF,PH, EH 2,127.52
WAYNE’S TRUCK EQUIP & PART INC, OUTSIDE REPAIRS ON TIRES SEC RD..... 421.00
WENDY PETERSMILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS- HOMEMAKER 439.60
ZIMMERMAN, CALVIN, FY25 1ST RESPONDER RESCUE CALLS EMA 130.00
ZIP’S AW DIRECT / ZIP’S TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC, UNIFORM CUSTOMIZATION-SHERIFF65.94
TOTAL 792,297.65

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Veterans who received Quilts of Valor during a ceremony Sunday at the Holy Family Parish gymnasium included (front row, from left) Milford Hansen, Jonathan Grote, Vern Drewelow, Randy Bergmann, Taylor Bellinger, Mark Beckman, Ben Beckman, (back row) John Tieskotter, Daryl Schumacher, Marsha Platt, Steve Loes, Duane Knox, Rodney Knapp Jr. and Nicholas Klunder.

Local Quilt of Valor chapter celebrating 10-year anniversary

QUILTS: FROM 1

have been one of the youngest in the crowd, for there was little Lettie Bellinger watching her mother, U.S. Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Taylor Bellinger.

“That’s my mommy,” she said with a healthy dose of enthusiasm that only a 2 1/2-year-old can have.

It was that kind of afternoon inside the gymnasium, and although we’ve written this before — and will undoubtedly write it again — the local Quilt of Valor chapter, Freedom Strippers, may use the same “script” for its presentation ceremonies yet they are all unique in their own way.

The 14 veterans ranged from those still serving to 94-year-old Milford Hansen. Some served overseas. Some fought in wars. Some did neither, but they all — the point was made by Freedom Strippers volunteer Linda Kapler — all “served.”

It was an idea that Father Jim Goerend touched on during the prayer he offered at the beginning of the ceremony.

“We gather to give thanks to those who have served in the armed forces, the men and women who have stepped forward and answered the call of their county to defend the principles we hold dear — life, liberty and freedom,” Goerend prayed and he asked that God’s “grace be upon these quilts — warming, comforting and embracing.”

The local chapter is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its founding this year, and over the past decade, it has awarded more than 700 quilts to area veterans.

“A Quilt of Valor is priceless,” Freedom Strippers’ volunteer Linda Koenigsfeld said. “It can never be bought. It should never be sold. It is not a birthday gift or a Christmas present; it is an award. Each Quilt of Valor is a lifetime award.”

The veterans who were awarded quilts Sunday included:

- Army and Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Ben Beckman.
- Army Air National Guard Spec. Mark Beckman.
- Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Taylor Bellinger.
- Navy Boiler Tech. 3rd Class Randy Bergmann
- Army National Guard Spec. 4th Class Vern Drewelow.
- Air Force and Air National Guard Capt. Jonathan Grote.
- Air Force Airman 3rd Class Milford Hansen.
- Army National Guard Sgt. Nicholas Klunder.
- Army Master Sgt. Rodney Knapp Jr.
- Army Cpl. Duane Knox.
- Air Force Sgt. Steve Loes.
- Army Capt. Marsha Platt.
- Army Spec. 5th Class Daryl Schumacher.
- Navy Fire Control Sr. Chief John Tieskotter.

WODD in full swing, re-enactment begins its two-day run Saturday

PARTY: FROM 1

revenue the Park Board generates during Water Over the Dam Days comes from sales in its beer tent.

“What Water Over the Dam Days gives us is a chance to put on events throughout the year,” Sinnwell said. “Our goal is to have something once a month, and you know, the Blues & BBQ event we held last month, that probably broke even. We don’t necessarily do Water Over the Dam Days for the money, but it does help us do all our other events.”

The party kicked off on Thursday evening with a fundraising meal for Nashua-Plainfield fifth- and sixth-grade

ers for their upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., and a street dance hosted by Big Willie’s.

The good news is that WODD officials, thanks to Big Willie’s, had a contingency plan in case of rain — move everything, including the meal, into the establishment.

The events at Cedar View Park today and Saturday, though, look pretty solid, at least when it comes to the weather.

The beer tent opens at 3 this afternoon, Food Truck Friday will be held and a host of activities are planned.

Saturday’s events include the annual parade that begins at 10:30 a.m. and a slew of activities at the park while Sunday’s

schedule includes a community breakfast put on by Nashua Area EMS, a community church service and more activities at the park.

Those that love live music will certainly be in heaven as four bands are set to take the Baldwin Bandshell stage during the party. Lonesome Road will play Friday night, Richie Lee & the Fabulous 50s will play from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Chocolate Crackers will play from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and Sushi Roll will wrap up the park activities on Saturday night when it plays from 8 to 11:30 p.m., with a break for the fireworks around 9:45.

Meanwhile, at the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum just

east of Nashua, the annual Civil War Re-Enactment will kick off on Saturday and include a number of demonstrations throughout the two-day event. The highlight of the event will be the “battles” that will be fought between the Union and Confederacy that are set for 2 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Both Sinnwell and Old Bradford officials are hoping that the weather forecasters miss the mark on Sunday, when showers and thunderstorms are likely in the afternoon.

“You know, I think all of us would agree that it can start raining around 3 or 4,” Sinnwell said, ‘and I know I’ll keep doing my part by knocking on as

Huskies get one of their ‘biggest wins’ with 7-2 victory over tournament hosts

SOFTBALL: FROM 8

Stastny-Hall talked about her team’s resurgence, which has been opportune.

“It’s coming at a great time. The juniors that we have and my one lone senior are stepping up and being leaders. They’re helping the younger kids step into their role,” said Stastny-Hall. “Your time and place is gonna come.”

N-P sports five eighth-graders on its roster — Elizabeth Kalvig, Lydia Chester, Ellie Sudol, Ava Schmitt and Allison Miller. Each has had a hand in the team’s success this summer, which bodes well for future success in years to come for the Huskies.

“All the eighth graders that I have currently dress for varsity and all have a role,” said Stastny-Hall. “Their role might change day-to-day, but whatever I ask them to go and play, they’re stepping up and doing it.”

N-P freshman hurler Callie Jensen pitched a complete game against New Hampton and allowed just two earned runs. She is now 4-11 on the year with a 6.00 ERA. She has struck out 88 batters in just over 86 innings pitched. Her strikeout total is fifth-best in the league.

“Callie pitched one heckuva game,” said Stastny-Hall. “She’s really hitting her stride.”

N-P junior Elayna O’Neill collected three hits alongside Jensen. O’Neill also smacked three RBI. Hannah Brahn, a junior, stroked two singles and knocked in two runs as well.

“To beat a 3A team like New Hampton, I would say that’s one of the biggest wins for me as a coach and for that team,” said Stastny-Hall.

Bouncing back from setbacks is always key to getting back into the win column. N-P lost its first game of the weekend tourney to Denver, 11-3.

“I don’t know if it was nerves for an all-day tournament again, but we didn’t really quite show up during the Denver game,” said Stastny-Hall. “I told the girls to flush it — new game.”

N-P continued to roll on Tuesday at Rockford with a satisfying, if not solid, 8-1 win over the Warriors. The game was right after Monday’s 10-0 shutout at the hands of No. 11 Central Springs (9-9, 6-4) on Monday.

“We can have our highs and our really bad lows. It’s just how you reflect on it,” said Stastny-Hall.

Mason City Newman (16-2, 7-1), ranked No. 8 in Class 1A, topped N-P by a score of 10-0 on Friday, June 20. Janesville (11-8) topped the Huskies, 12-3, the day prior on Thursday.

N-P’s suspended game with Northwood-Kensett on Wednesday, June 18 has been moved to tonight (Friday). The second game of the West Fork doubleheader that was postponed earlier this month will

‘Grief camp’ registration due by July 1

On Wednesday, July 16, Cedar Valley Hospice will welcome youth ages 5-12 to its game-themed grief camp.

A special opening ceremony will kick off the ninth annual day camp, which aims to help youth who are grieving the death of a friend or loved one.

Youth will be able to share their story of loss with peers and learn about grief through participating in activities related to the theme.

The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a closing ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

Camp will be held at the Hawkeye Community College’s Tama Hall.

There is also a session for adults at 1 p.m.

Registration is open to any child regardless of their affiliation with Cedar Valley Hospice. RSVP by Tuesday, July 1 by visiting cvhospice.org.

be made up on Tuesday, July 1. N-P’s matchup with St. Ansgar this past Wednesday was also postponed, with no makeup date set as of Thursday afternoon.

Jensen pitched another complete game against Rockford and allowed just six hits and one earned run.

She struck out eight. Stastny-Hall said she will be attending a cattle show in Oklahoma and will miss some time out on the diamond because of that obligation.

The N-P coach talked about the Rockford game, which featured 10 hits from the Huskies — two apiece by O’Neill, Jensen and junior Madison Wahl.

“The girls came in with a mission last night after losing to Central Springs,” said Stastny-Hall. “I’m really proud of how the girls handled themselves last night after coming in with a loss on Monday night.”

JANESVILLE 12, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 3				
Janesville	232	05	-	12
Nashua-Plainfield	000	12	-	3
Pitching - Callie Jensen 3 IP, 8 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 1 BB, 4 K, Hannah Brahn 2 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 0 K.				

MASON CITY NEWMAN 10, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0				
Nashua-Plainfield	000	0	-	0
MC Newman	240	04	-	10
Pitching - Kalvig 3 IP, 11 H, 10 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 0 K, Allison Miller 1/3 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.				
2B - Kalvig. Hits - Wahl 1, Kalvig 1.				

DENVER 11, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 3				
Nashua-Plainfield	100	02	-	3
Denver	154	01	-	11
Pitching - Brahn 2 1/3 IP, 7 H, 8 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K, Kalvig 1 2/3 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.				
Runs - Nevaeh Bloker 1, Wahl 1, Miller 1. Hits - O’Neill 1, Jensen 1, Schmitt 1. RBI - O’Neill 2.				

DENVER 11,
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 3

Nashua-Plainfield 100 02 - 3
Denver 154 01 - 11

Pitching - Brahn 2 1/3 IP, 7 H, 8 R,
3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K, Kalvig 1 2/3 IP, 7 H,
3 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

Runs - Nevaeh Bloker 1, Wahl 1,
Miller 1. Hits - O'Neill 1, Jensen 1,
Schmitt 1. RBI - O'Neill 2.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 13, TURKEY VALLEY 5				
Turkey Valley	003	20	-	5
Nashua-Plainfield	172	03	-	13
Pitching - Jensen 4 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 4 K, Kalvig 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.				
2B - Bloker. 3B - O’Neill. Runs - Bloker 2, O’Neill 2, Kalvig 2, Ava Schmitt 2, Chester 1, Hannemann 1, Miller 1, Brahn 1, Wahl 1. RBI - Bloker 2, Chester 2, Miller 2, O’Neill 1, Jensen 1, Kalvig 1.				

CENTRAL SPRINGS 10, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0				
Central Springs	050	5	-	10
Nashua-Plainfield	000	0	-	0
Pitching - Kalvig 2 IP, 3 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 1 K, Jensen 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K, Brahn 1 1/3 IP, 1 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 1 K.				

**CENTRAL SPRINGS 10,
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0**

Central Springs 050 5 - 10
 Nashua-Plainfield 00 0 - 0
 Pitching - Kalvig 2 IP, 3 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 1 K, Jensen 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K, Brahn 1 1/3 IP, 1 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 1 K.

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 8,
ROCKFORD 1**

NP 003 031 1 - 8
 Rockford 000 000 1 - 1
 Pitching - Jensen 7 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 8 K.
 3B - Bloker. Runs - Jensen 3, Bloker 1, Chester 1, O'Neill 1, Wahl 1, Hannemann 1. Hits - O'Neill 2, Jensen 2, Wahl 2, Brahn 2, Bloker 1, Kalvig 1.

N-P activity director could use some calmer weather

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are scheduled to open the Class 1A district tournament a week from Saturday, on July 5, at Calmar.

“I talked with [Riceville coach] Bryce [Conway] on Sunday because the week looked so crappy with the weather,” Hyde said, “and he said he would be fine if we didn’t play if we had to make up a conference game. I hate doing that, but man, this

is kind of nuts.”

Meanwhile, the softball playoffs open a week from this coming Monday on July 7, and although the Huskies have yet to get their regional assignment, that means the softball team also doesn’t have much time to make up games.

Hyde laughed when asked what he knew on Thursday?

“I know we play Riceville on July 5,” he said. “Seriously, late season rain-outs are

the worse.”

Compounding the issue is the fact that even if teams have mutual open dates, finding umpires is no easy task.

Umpires this week were inundated with emails from assignors that all had a variation of the same subject line.

“Umpires desperately needed.”

So stay tuned, check out the school’s website and social media pages and, oh yeah, pray for some calmer weather.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield Ethan Franzen tracks down a foul popup during Monday's game against Central Springs when the freshman backstop also threw out two would-be base stealers.

Huskies look to find some 'mojo' as postseason nears

N-P boys drop three Top of Iowa Conference East games but their bats wake up in a 12-11 non-league victory over Rockford

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Sit back and wait for the big inning?
No dice.

Nashua-Plainfield baseball coach Mason Hyde has gone into attack mode and that may mean a different look for his team the rest of the way this summer – at least when it comes to his squad's offensive mindset.

The Huskies have struggled with timely hitting under Hyde, a 2018 N-P grad that took over for Husky head coach Levi Miller this year after being his top assistant for a considerable amount of seasons.

N-P's "revamped" offense came out smelling like a rose on Tuesday night in a wild contest at winless Rockford. The end result – despite N-P committing five errors – was a much-needed 12-11 win over the 0-16 Warriors.

"The fifth is what took everything away from Rockford," said Hyde about his team's big inning that saw his team score three runs in the frame.

N-P is now 4-12 on the season and 3-8 in the TIC East after a huge momentum shift took place for the Huskies, who were able to snap a four-game skid with the win over the Warriors, who now play in the North Division of the Iowa Star Conference after being a league foe of N-P's for around a decade.

Hyde has switched gears and tapped into a small-ball style of play that features laying down bunts and being extra aggressive on the base paths.

This change of philosophy and new approach may be a prescription for success and exactly what the doctor ordered as N-P has failed to consistently get big hits, field well and throw strikes on the hill.

"We haven't done this in the past. We went to some small ball and we executed very,

well," said Hyde.

N-P definitely ignited a spark with its ability to manufacture runs via moving runners over through sacrifice and letting loose on the base paths.

With runners on second and third and no outs, sophomore Clayden Gerholdt laid down a perfect bunt down the third base line that helped score a run. Andrew Schmitt, just a freshman, would tack on another run as he scored all the way from second on the heads-up play.

"We got a good jump at third and he's safe by a mile. They throw it to first. They're first baseman's not really paying attention. 'Schmitty' comes around from second and gets into score as well. That's kind of like the swinging moment of the game, I feel like," said Hyde.

It may well be the "swinging" moment of the season.

Hyde hopes the Rockford win can re-energize his team, which is still trying to find its identity after suffering several blowout losses in 2025.

"We know as a team that we have not been swinging the bats very well at all," said Hyde. "It's not up to what our expectations were. We really, really have to buy into how we can manage runs across the plate. If we have to go to the small-ball game the rest of the year – I'm totally fine with it."

N-P didn't need to muster up small-ball in the second inning as Schmitt's triple almost cleared the bases. Hyde said senior Nic Brase was thrown out at the plate on a controversial call or Schmitt's three-bagger would have cleared the bases. The Huskies plate five in the inning.

Hyde is confident in his decision to change the formula for success at the plate. The Rockford game is proof of that.

"What you have to do as a team player, you have to buy

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Zeke Kalainoff makes contact for a single in Monday's game against Central Springs.



Bob Fenske and Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield shortstop Kami Hannemann (above) fires a throw to first to record an out in a game against New Hampton last Saturday while teammate Hannah Brahn (below) delivers a pitch during Monday night's home game against Central Springs.

Huskies go 2-1 at tournament

N-P tops host Chickasaws, Turkey Valley, also get non-conference victory at Rockford

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

A creed or doctrine to live by is usually always a good thing.

So for prep softball on the high school level in the state of Iowa – a motto that a team rallies around can in turn lead to more wins than say a squad that goes without adhering to a theme that can help inspire players.

Every sports team – regardless of level – is different and relies on separate and distinct ways to generate victories out on the diamond.

Whatever phrase the Huskies of Nashua-Plainfield memorized last week sure helped out at the New Hampton Invite on Saturday.

Not only did the Huskies knock off the host school Chickasaws in dominant fashion, but they earned another win in what is turning out to be an awfully interesting summer for this up-and-coming bunch that now sports some confidence to go along with its unearthed talent.

Sure, N-P has trouble knocking off the contenders of an absolutely loaded TIC East, but the Huskies and head coach Jessica Stastny-Hall seem to be moving in the right direction with the postseason just around the corner.

"Our new motto is one pitch, one batter, one inning at a time," said the N-P head coach. "We'll get through all that and then everything will start going into play."

It's that simple approach that led to a 7-2 triumph over New Hampton this past weekend –



the win of the year so far – to go along with a 13-5 victory over Turkey Valley (10-15) to end the NH Invite.

"The New Hampton game – I was on a mission. New Hampton is a powerful 3A team. I know they have some young players on their team as well, but it's always a goal to beat somebody in our county. That was the team I picked to beat and I really wanted to beat at the tournament. The girls stepped up. We almost had an error-free game. We had one, but it didn't get to us," said

Stastny-Hall.

N-P shot out of the gates with four runs in the opening frame against the Chickasaws (10-10) and didn't look back.

"That pumped us up big time," said Stastny-Hall. "We just kept carrying the momentum through seven innings."

Not only did the Huskies beat the favored Class 3A squad from the Northeast Iowa Conference, but they defeated the heat and the wind as well – which made sustaining focus difficult in the three games played by each of the four squads in attendance.

"The wind was tailing them," said Stastny-Hall about the gusts that affected fly balls or popups in play. "They stuck with it the whole time and got the easy out."

N-P is now 4-15 on the year, but is still winless in nine tries in league play. No matter, as don't be surprised when these Huskies pick up that first conference win. The postseason is drawing near – small-school class teams begin regional play on Monday, July 7.

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Kelly Terpstra and Bob Fenske/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Bailey Bond (above) gets ready to make contact with a pitch in a game against Central Springs Monday while two days earlier, the Huskies' Lydia Chester (right) beats a throw to third base during the Huskies' four-run first inning against New Hampton.

Lots of rain means scheduling has become a nightmare for N-P AD

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Ami Hagen answered the phone Thursday afternoon and couldn't help but laugh.

"I'm not going to be much help," the Nashua-Plainfield activities director said, "and about the only thing I can tell you is that we're working on it."

And as bad as it was – the Huskies saw their baseball and softball games on both Wednesday and Thursday get

postponed – it could have been worse.

It wasn't like the forecast was all that great on Monday and Tuesday, either, but the Huskies' diamond games with both Central Springs and Rockford both got played.

Losing two games in the penultimate week of the regular season, though, created a problem for Hagen and her fellow ADs.

Nashua-Plainfield actually got to St. Ansgar on Wednesday,

but as the Huskies rolled into the parking lot, the heavens opened up and the Top of Iowa Conference East Division games had to be postponed.

Nashua-Plainfield then pulled the plug on its games with Osage on Thursday because of the threat of severe storms.

Both Husky teams play at North Butler on Monday and are scheduled to host Riceville on Tuesday.

The baseball team is set to

host Charles City on Wednesday in a varsity only game while softball is supposed to play at Aplington-Parkersburg on Wednesday.

But there's a reason the weekly calendar of sporting events is not in this week's Reporter. It is likely to change.

The Huskies' baseball coach, Mason Hyde, said he would be fine not to play Riceville on Tuesday because the two teams

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