

Nashua firefighters help battle grass fire north of Charles City

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Every fire department in the area was called to help fight a grass and brush fire Tuesday afternoon that a brisk wind was threatening to push into several houses in the 700 block of Shadow Avenue, about 2 miles north of the Charles City city limits.

Colwell and Floyd fire departments responded to the fire and quickly began calling for extra firefighters to help battle the blaze and to ferry water from the nearest hydrants.

Responding to the scene in addition to Floyd and Colwell were the fire departments from Charles City, Rockford, Rudd, Nora Springs, Nashua, Ionia, New Hampton and Osage, bringing four-wheel drive units, portable water supplies, chainsaws, blowers and other equipment in addition to their trucks to push back the rural blaze.

The Charles City Fire Department reported that the fire started with an attended brush fire that grew out of control when fueled by winds greater than 20 mph out of the west

and northwest. About six acres were burned in the incident.

Burning areas that had been doused with water and put out kept erupting in flames again as the wind blew glowing embers throughout the area.

Fire departments were working from staging areas in the yards of three homes directly in the line of the advancing fire.

"With help from numerous surrounding departments we were able to prevent the fire from impacting the nearby homes and stopped it from spreading across the road to additional CRP," the Charles City Fire Department report said, referring to land in the Conservation Reserve Program.

A burn ban in Floyd County had been lifted last week after the area received some rain, but the Charles City Fire Rescue Facebook page had warned that people still needed "to make smart decisions."

"Burning with 20-plus mph winds is not one of those smart decisions," a CCFD post said in response to the Tuesday fire. "Just because there isn't a burn ban doesn't mean things still won't burn," it said.

Pest control class set for March 27

Iowa State University and Outreach Chickasaw County office will host an Ornamental and Turfgrass Pest Control Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, March 27, at the Chickasaw County Extension Office, which is located at 115 N. Broadway Ave. in New Hampton.

Preregistration may be required and walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. with a registration fee of \$55. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

The course will provide continuing instructional credit.

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Snapshots from the Big 4 Chamber Banquet!

Big 4 Chamber of Commerce members pose for a picture during the organization's annual banquet that was held at the Bradford Guest House this past Saturday. Board members include (front row, from left) Jackie Hoggins, Plainfield representative; Nate Sinnwell, recreation representative; Leatha Springer, at-large; Val Johnson, at-large and vice president; Karmen Mehmen, ag sector; Lynn Velman, business representative; (second row) John Ott, Nashua representative; Doug Karsjen, medical representative; Allen Pedersen, civics representative; Ben Bierschenk, president and at-large; (not pictured) Joel LaRue, at-large; and Heather Chambers, at-large.



Receiving the Emerging Business Award are Bradford Guest House owners Paul and Heather Chambers while honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award is Leatha Springer.



Author Linda McCann talks about her books during her presentation at the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce Banquet. McCann, who lives in Shell Rock, has written dozens of books, many of which focus on the history of small-town Iowa.

GoFundMe pages set up for apartment fire victims

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of the apartment building. They also include lists of items that were lost in the fire and what the residents and their families need for the short-term.

The GoFundMe pages include:

- gofundme.com/f/fire-victims-of-nashua
- gofundme.com/f/jordan-birkholz-dustin-crabtree-family
- gofundme.com/f/daughter-fire-fund

Residents also gathered items and held an "open house" on Monday at the Badger's Den in Nashua, where families affected by the fire were welcome to pick up household and other items to replace those that were lost during the fire.

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County, New Hampton are ready to roll on road project

BY BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The issue, though, is that

The loan the county is making to the city, though, will come from its Infrastructure Fund and not from county ARPA funds so that the county complies with the regulations in place for the federal-funded program.

SOURCE: *Chickasaw County Assessor's Office*

NOTE: A reminder that this chart only represents the counties portion of the overall tax. Other taxes would include cities, schools, and other misc. tax levying authorities.

Nuances of property taxes can be confusing

“We all know that property values have increased from 2022 to 2023,” he said, “so I wanted to see what the true effect is on the property owner and the taxpayer.”

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES March 11, 2024 The Board convened on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Cerwinske. Vice-chairperson Breitbach called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, EMA/911SB Jeff Bernatz, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Brennan Anderson Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Armel, Supervisor Cerwinske (Phone). Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for March 11, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from March 4, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair signature on Article 27 Duration of Agreement (Teamster Contract) Roll call: Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Hackman. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge property tax suspension based upon recommendation of Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve compensation for Stapleton Township clerk and three	trustees. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve the updated Chickasaw County Employee Emergency Evacuation Plan. Roll call: Kuhn, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. No public comment. Discussed Secondary Roads' updates with Engineer Lensing. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve final payment to Brennan Construction for Chickasaw Bridge Replacement Project BROS-CO19(109)—8J-19 and authorize chairman of Board of Supervisors signature. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to direct the County Attorney to update the EMS Director's contract for FY 24-25. Changing salary to \$80,000.00 for sixty hours worked in a pay period and no extra pay for call time that goes over the sixty hours. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Nay: Kuhn. Abstained: Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried. Discussed restricted fund for private donations going to the EMS for specified items. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to open CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(C) FOR DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL LITIGATION RELATED TO THE AMBULANCE at 10:22 A.M. Roll call: Aye: Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Nay: Hackman. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion failed due to not having two thirds vote. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to table CLOSED SESSION	OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors intends to enter into a contract for completion of a public improvement project to establish a public water connection between the City of New Hampton and the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center, and the estimated total cost of the public improvement project exceeds one hundred thousand dollars; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 26.12, notice of a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the public improvement project was published as provided in Iowa Code section 362.3; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the public improvement project on March 4, 2024, and received any and all verbal and written comments. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approves of the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the public improvement project to establish a public water connection between the City of New Hampton and the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center following a public hearing.HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 11th day of March, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Nays: Breitbach /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions 10:59 A.M. Supervisor Cerwinske off the phone. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to go with the 6% increase in Health Insurance Renewal. Roll call:

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City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES City Hall The Nashua City Council met in regular session on March 18, 2024, at Council Chambers in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Pro Tem Ernie Willsher presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Ernie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger. Mayor Harold Kelleher III was absent. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott; Library Director Heather Hackman; Street Supervisor Zade McCall, Park Board President Nat Sinnwell along with 4 guests were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Willsher called for a motion to approve the regular agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Willsher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting March 4 and the Consent Calendar: Payment of Claims (March 1-14, 2024) \$51,504.25 + \$8,834.72 (Wages). Mayor Pro Tem Willsher called for public comments: One citizen inquired about the process of putting in a 2nd water meter to water their lawn. City Clerk Ott explained the process to the resident. Bryan McCombs and Craig German from Shuck-Britson Inc. talked to the council about the next steps in the dam repair project. One of the next steps, once the plans have been approved by the regulatory agencies, is to start the bidding process. Bryan explained that the city could choose a heavy site observation, moderate site observation or anything the council decided. After listening to Bryan and Craig explain the options, J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to approve the proposal with moderate site observation. The proposal for moderate site observation was \$89,045. RC: all ayes. The bid for heavy observation was \$141,060. Moderate observation will mean that the city employees will have to do some of the tasks such as measuring and spacing, but having the city employees complete some of these tasks will be a cost-saving measure for the city. Hearings/Resolutions Mayor Pro Tem Willsher asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the FY '23/24 Budget Amendment. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. The public hearing was opened at 7:20PM. City Clerk Ott explained what was being amended and after his explanation, Mayor Pro Tem Willsher asked the council and public if they had any comments. There were no comments, so S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: all ayes. The public hearing was closed at 7:22PM.	Mayor Pro Tem Willsher called for a motion to adopt 24-22 Resolution to Adopt FY'23/24 Budget Amendment. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. Willsher reminded the council that there is a public hearing scheduled for 6:00PM on March 25th for the FY'24/25 Proposed Property Tax Levy Rate. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to Adopt 24-23 Resolution Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2024. RC: all ayes. The council re-looked at the building and demolition/excavation permit for 228 Sample St. due to the plans for the property and how they will affect Cannon Park. J. Johnson/M to approve the cement work and grading into Cannon Park to level off the land for run off. S. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. The property owner would also like to extend the garage. City Clerk Ott said that he will look into whether a special permit will be required due to the garage's current proximity to the West side of Cannon Park. Business of the Mayor: Mayor Pro Tem Willsher had no comments. Department Reports City Clerk Ott reviewed the financial reports for February and informed the council that bank reconciliation for February has also been completed and is ready for council review. He reminded the council that Mayor Kelleher and City Clerk Ott will be gone April 10-12 for the Rural Housing Assessment Conference. He shared some of the city department's requests that they have submitted for different projects they would like to see completed with the remaining ARPA funds. City Council J. Johnson talked about sending a nuisance letter to 701 Greeley St. Zwanziger mentioned that we should find out what the plans for 609 Main St. are as well. S. Johnson requested that City Hall be used as a drop-off location for donated items for the families that lost their belongings in the fire on March 16th. Street Superintendent Zade McCall presented his monthly report. He informed the council that the curb stop at 124 Woodbridge has been repaired. He reviewed several estimates including road ditch repair on Charles City Rd. \$10,288.03; Dock repair \$1,817, and Estimates to put a steel roof on the Cedar View Park restrooms from Hannemann Construction \$5,400. After reviewing the estimates, J. Johnson motioned to approve the estimates. Zwanziger seconded. M/C, RC: all ayes City Clerk Ott reviewed some information to replace the security camera system at the Welcome Center. After discussion, J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S	M/C to approve the purchase of 3 cameras and an 8 camera DVR. RC: all ayes. The estimated cost is \$285.00. Library Director Heather Hackman reviewed the library's monthly report. She reviewed some of the upcoming activities for the month. She also informed the council that National Library Week will be April 8th-13th. She reviewed some of the events they have planned. Heather also explained that due to Mariellen Dietz Rural Library Board member stepping down, this position will need to be filled by appointment by the Mayor with approval of the County Board of Supervisors. The newly appointed member will fill the unexpired term for which the appointment is made, which will be until June 30, 2027. After reviewing the monthly claims, S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the bills. RC: all ayes. Discussion/Action The council discussed and/or voted on several items. The council discussed several issues related to dogs. After discussion, S. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to have attorney Skilton draft a letter for the Henningsens' located at 1400 Greeley St. informing them that the council has decided to take no action at this time for the dog at large issue, but because there have been multiple incidents related to their dogs in the past, if there are any more incidents in the future, action will be taken. RC: all ayes. For the incident related to Doug and Diane Powell's dog, J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, to not take any action since this was an isolated incident and no other violations have been reported. RC: all ayes. For the incident related to Wentling St. Trailer #16, the council was more concerned with the issue being related to neglect of the animal and not the animals being at large. J. Johnson stated that he thought this would be a Sheriff's Department issue related to State Code, so he wasn't sure if there is anything that the council could do about it. J. Johnson said he thought the dogs were already on tie outs, but City Clerk Ott stated the report says the deputy got them on tie outs, so he thought they were at large. J. Johnson/M to talk to the officers and get more information. S. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: All ayes. S. Johnson said she would talk to Sheriff Shawver directly and let him know that the issue is about the animals being neglected and not at large. The council had one last item related to dogs on the agenda. It was about the rehoming of a dog at 821 Main St. City Clerk Ott informed the council that he had reached out to Attorney Skilton about H.E.A.R.T. Animal Shelter but hasn't heard anything back. After discussion, the council took no action. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the Waiver of Service Fee re-	quest for 310 Wentling St. due to a water leak that has been repaired. RC: all ayes. The council discussed camping fees and shelter rental fees. After discussion, J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to increase the shelter rental \$5.00 for each shelter for each time frame. The costs for a ½ day at the band shell, lower and upper (West) shelter will be \$15 for a ½ day and \$25 for a full day and the rental for the middle shelter by the Splash Pad will be \$20 for a ½ day and \$30 for a full day. RC: all ayes. The council also discussed camping fees and where the camp host's site should be. The council talked about having the camp host site at #43 closest to the kiosk. No decisions were made. The council discussed pool fill fees this year if Nashua's Volunteer Fire Department continues to do pool fills this year. S. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to leave pool fill fees the same as 2023. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott talked about a home rehab program that will allow eligible homeowners \$15,000 to \$16,500 for home repairs. This program is for homeowners with low to moderate income. The repairs can include roof, siding, windows, furnace, water heater, electrical, plumbing, energy efficiency improvements, etc. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2024. The funds will be provided as a grant and no lien will be placed on the property. Any interested persons are encouraged to contact Rose Phillips at rphillips@inrcorg.org or by calling (319)235-0311. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the city paying the application fee for Reece Reams for his Water Treatment and Water Distribution Certificate. The cost is \$60.00. RC: all ayes. City Clerk Ott reviewed the proposed FY'24/25 budget with the council and informed them that with budget season deadline coming up the council is encouraged to review the budget and let City Clerk Ott know if there needs to be any changes. There was no other business: S. Johnson/M to adjourn. J. Johnson/S, M/C, RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:41PM. Pending Approval by Council John Ott	SCROGGINS, DEBORAH, 2/21 EMT \$60.00 SHOEMAKER, CINDY, 2/12 EMT \$60.00 ZENDA VIKTUREK , EMS DIR FEB'24 \$150.00 JAN CLEMENT, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$46.13 DEUTH, BRENDA, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$71.06 DORMAN, JOLYNN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN/FEB \$56.25 FRISKY FOX VINEYARD LLP, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$60.48 SHARON LEERHOFF, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$140.25 MAAS, ROBERTA C., WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$87.22 MILLER, TRISHA, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$75.00 JANET PETEFISH, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$39.75 NANCY SCHERER, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$116.36 SENNER, ANN L, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$133.03 SNELLING, MARLENE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$72.75 LISA STEINLAGE, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$111.01 SHIRLEY STEVENSON, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$60.00 WEINBERG, GREGG, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$36.75 WORDES CYNTHIA A., WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION Q1 FEB \$197.20 BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, 1" RR 2/21 90.73TON \$1,312.17 BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS, WC-PHONE EXP MAR'24 \$304.40 JACOBS DOZER SERVICE, SEWER LINE REPAIR-SCHLUTER ADD. \$6,498.46 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARK-PADLK/RAKE/VINYL FOR SIGN \$71.18 KATRINA'S HELPFUL HOUSE CLEANI, WC-CLEANING DEC'23 \$537.00 MURPHY, COE, AND SMITH, CH-TREASURER JAN'24. \$180.00 ENTERPRISE MEDIA INC., CH-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS FEB'24 \$636.30 PCC , AMB-JAN'24 BILLING SERVICE \$279.04 RILEY'S INC. , CH-COPY FEES FEB'24 \$239.28 S & T COLLISION, FD-TIRE MOUNT/TUBE \$52.91 SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP. 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City Council approves raising shelter fees at Cedar View Park, buying security cameras for welcome center

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may want to join us for those first two. We can kind of coach 'em up on what to look for so we can get an extra set of eyes on things, including Terracon being there," said McCombs.

This initial construction project with the pouring of concrete blocks will take three months according to

McCombs.

Council members approved a proposed tax levy rate last month that will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Management as well as a pre-levy amount for the \$3.75 million general obligation bond that will help with the city's dam repair.

Ott said the city is authorized to borrow up to \$3.75 million and the

numbers he proposed are discussion points and will still have to be finalized on a vote later this year.

Nashua still has to put the dam repair project up for bid and that process cannot start until the repair plan has been submitted and approved by regulatory agencies. The Iowa Army Corps of Engineers has approved the plan, but two other agencies have not

come back with their reviews as of yet.

Nashua Street Superintendent Zade McCall relayed the estimates on work to be done on the Cedar Lake docks and the steel roof on the Cedar View Park restrooms. The Council voted to approve the \$1,800 for the docks and \$5,400 for the roof.

The Council also approved the purchase of three security cameras to be

placed at the welcome center. The cost of the cameras is estimated at \$285.

Shelter fees in Nashua were raised by \$5 each by council members. The cost for a half day at the band shell, lower and upper (West) will be \$15 and \$25 for a full day. The rental fee for the middle shelter at the splash pad is now \$20 for a half day and \$30 for use the entire day.

Briefs

Thomson to face challenge for State House seat this fall

The Charles City Republican who represents Chickasaw County in the Iowa House of Representatives will face a challenge this fall as he seeks a second term in Des Moines.

Charley Thomson won election to the District 58 and officially began his campaign when he filed nominating papers with the Iowa Secretary of State on Feb. 26.

Although Thomson won't face a challenge in the GOP primary on June 4, he will have competition this fall. That's because Ionia resident Gail Allison filed her nominating papers to run as a Democrat for the seat that represents all of Chickasaw County and most of Bremer and Floyd counties.

Chickasaw County's other representative, State Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, in the Iowa Legislature is not up for election this fall.

Carter files for Supervisor 4 district seat; filing period ends Friday

With the filing period deadline looming, there still isn't a contested primary race for any of the five Chickasaw County offices up for election this fall.

There is, however, another candidate to add to the ballot as New Hampton resident Isaac Carter filed nominating papers to seek the Board of Supervisors District 4 seat as a Republican. That seat is currently held by Republican Matt Kuhn.

Carter joins three incumbents — Republican Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Democratic District 1 Supervisor Steve Breitbach and Republican Sheriff Ryan Shawver — who filed nominating papers during the opening week of the filing period.

Those who want to be on the June 4 primary ballot must file their nominating papers by 5 p.m. on Friday at the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office.

1619 Project to hold discussion at Fredericksburg church Sunday

The 1619 Project will hold its monthly discussion this Sunday evening at 6:30 at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 111 So. Hamilton.

This study series, produced by the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, is held the fourth Sunday of each month and will continue through June.

Everyone is welcome to any of the sessions. Please call Joe Peraud at 563-237-6148 for more information.

The 1619 Project discussions are being hosted by Hugh and Carol Mackintosh, Gladys Christoph, Robin Kime, Jim Reid, and Kara Johns.

Craft, vendor show is Saturday

Over 40 vendors will be at the New Hampton Spring Craft and Vendor Show this Saturday.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held at the Chickasaw Event Center.

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Chickasaw County Treasurer



DUST CONTROL NOTICE

Chickasaw County residents desiring to use chemicals to control dust on rock roads are advised that such work may be done by permit only. Persons desiring dust control should contact an approved contractor. A list of such contractors is available at the Office of the County Engineer. Persons desiring to apply dust control chemicals themselves are advised that this work may be done by permit only. Residents are reminded that used motor oils may not be used to control dust.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, Chickasaw County has jurisdiction for the maintenance of the Secondary Road system. The application and maintenance of chemicals on crushed rock surfaced roads for the purpose of controlling dust shall be by permit only and subject to the following specifications and conditions.

1.) **FEES:** The dust control applicator will collect fees, send completed permits to Chickasaw County, notify Chickasaw County of applications on file, apply the treatments once the roadway has been approved for application by the County. Applications are due to the Chickasaw County Engineer's Office no later than May 15th.

2.) Any landowner wanting to place dust control prior to contract rock hauling does so at the landowner's own risk. Any costs associated with re-application of dust control materials after contract hauling is done, shall be at the landowner's expense.

3.) Road chemical may be applied for by the owner/tenant after the permit is approved. If landowner applies dust control, they shall notify the Engineer's Office of the date dust control has been applied. If they do not notify the County, the County reserves the right to blade through the dust control and will not be responsible for reapplying dust control.

4.) All first applications shall be applied between May 24th thru June 7th unless poor weather conditions or special circumstances exist. Additional treatments shall be applied as necessary so long as the permit is still valid and road condition is maintained in accordance to Section 5 of this permit. Road condition for additional treatments shall be verified by the dust control applicator.

5.) **MARKINGS:** Dust control applicators are responsible to mark beginning and end of treated area with lath with orange paint that stand 3' above road surface, and the owner/tenant will maintain them during the permit period. Maintenance includes keeping laths up and clear of brush and weeds to ensure that they are clearly visible to the blade operators. If not marked or maintained, the County shall not be responsible if bladed. Laths and paint will be provided by the County.

6.) **RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS:** The County reserves the right to rework the treated areas and maintain them as loose granular surfaces without notice, upon order of County Engineer or Road Foreman if the permit applicant fails to maintain the treated area in an acceptable condition. Defects include, but are not limited to, potholes, ruts and rough surfaces that would cause an unsafe surface for vehicular traffic. The County reserves the right to rework area if utility companies disrupt the area to maintain safety of traffic.

7.) **PERMIT EXPIRATION:** This permit will expire October 1, 2024 to allow the County time to prepare the roadway for winter operations.

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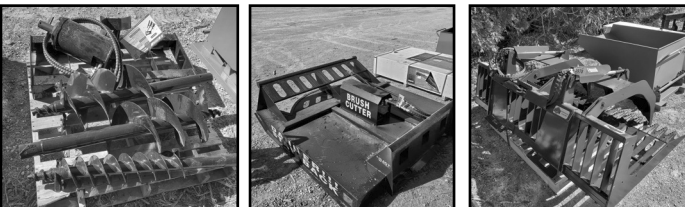
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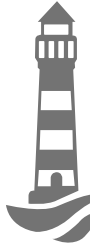
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Nashua-Plainfield seniors: Get involved ... and more than just in sports

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Don't just stand on the sidelines – get involved.

Hayden Munn does that literally. And his Nashua-Plainfield classmate – Jordyn Frost – is a testament and perfect example of a student athlete that doesn't shy away from taking a chance and excelling at what she's passionate about.

When you're involved in as many extra-curricular activities as these two devoted and dedicated N-P seniors – it doesn't hurt to brag, just a little bit.

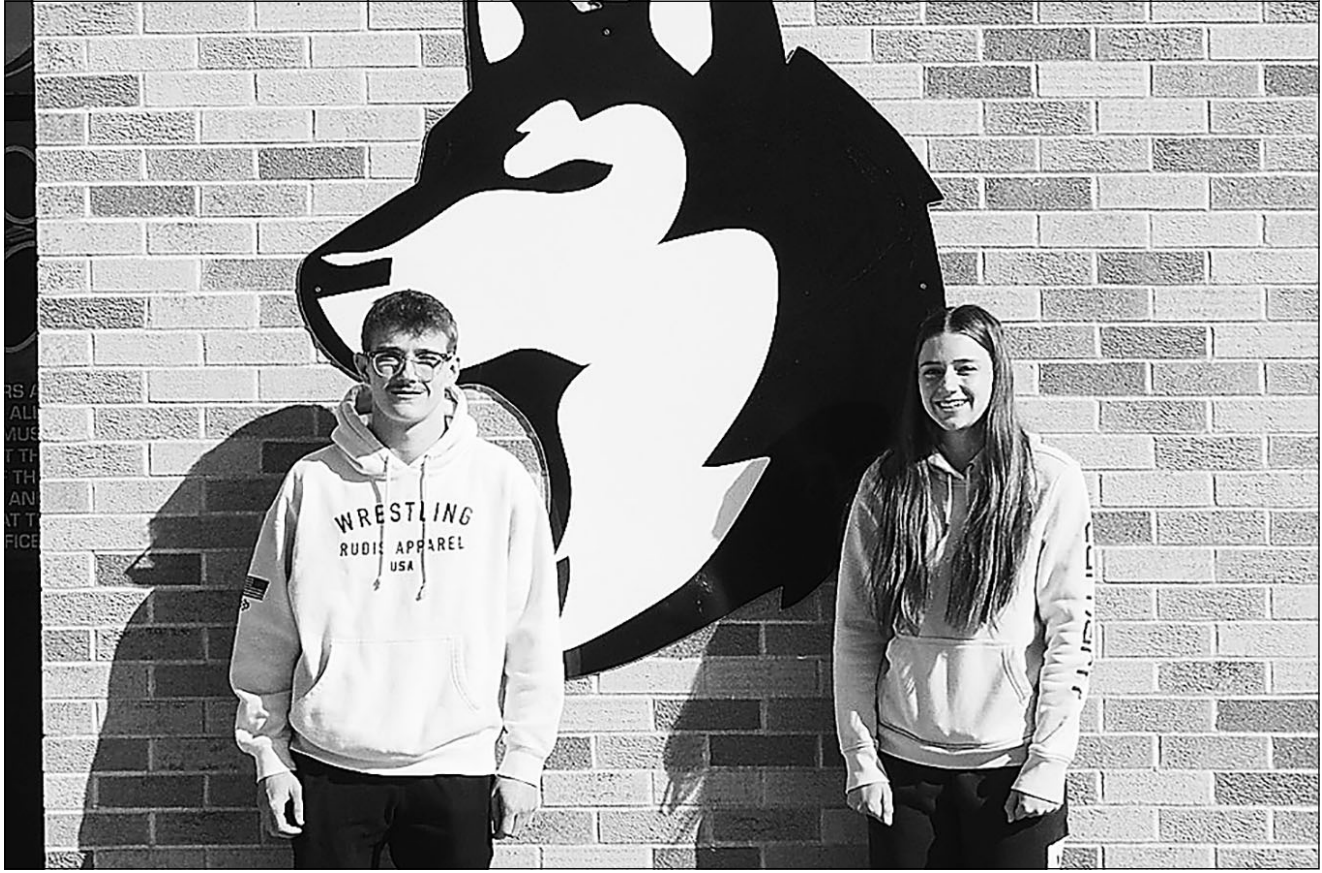
Frost – who is on track to one day become a veterinarian just like her mother and sister – has put herself on a path to achieve her dreams and goals by experiencing a vast array of pursuits and interests that have not only made her a well-rounded individual, but has set her up for even more success down the road.

"It's kind of something to keep me busy – keeps me truckin' forward," said Frost.

Frost has become involved in a vast array of undertakings in her time at N-P and away from the school. The litany of projects and groups that she has become a part of is impressive to say the least.

Frost plays the flute in band, sings in the choir and also went out for the volleyball squad this past fall. She's a wrestling manager for the perennial powerhouse Husky grappling program that her father – Al Frost – still coaches after 30-plus years.

Munn and Frost just two of a number of Huskies who get involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield student-athletes Hayden Munn and Jordyn Frost pose for a picture outside the school where they're involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities.

Jordyn helped the Huskies win a girls track state team title as a sophomore and she's a key runner yet again this spring for N-P in the mid-

dle-distance races. Jordyn qualified for state in FFA, is a member of the National Honor Society and takes part in National History Day as well as

4-H. She also said she participates in a church group at St. John Lutheran in Charles City in addition to those aforementioned endeavors.

Got all that?

"I chose to become more involved just to get experience now to see what I like, what I don't like," said Jordyn Frost. "A lot of these events that I just tried, I find passion in."

When does she find the time to relax?

That's a good question.

"Sometimes you don't really have free time because a lot of times I'm working on the weekends on a project I'm doing for NHD or I have a meeting for 4H or something like that," said Jordyn. "At the same time, you find time for yourself and other people."

Munn – who just wrapped up his senior season in wrestling and cracked the century mark in wins out on the mat – is a math whiz who plans on attending Wartburg College in Waverly in an attempt to nail down a business degree.

"I'm really good with numbers and I've excelled in math," said Munn. "It was a year ahead in math of most people in my class."

Munn said that degree from Wartburg could mean a job in finance, business management or even in the accounting field.

Time will tell what occupation Munn chooses, but he's living his life to the fullest with potentially the best yet to come. He knows there's hard work ahead as well if he wants to achieve his goals.

"The high school days are as easy as it's going to get – you might as well

SEE SENIORS, 7

Husky girls wrap up indoor season

Huck wins 400 and 800 while Lamborn takes fourth with personal best in shot put

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Stopwatches clicked and coaches scribbled down times on their clipboards Tuesday afternoon at Wartburg College.

For most teams in attendance – if not all – this would be the final indoor track meet of the spring.

The Wartburg Indoor – which N-P has competed in twice this month – saw several lineup changes and some personal-bests recorded by Amber McCall's Nashua-Plainfield girls track team.

N-P sophomore Eden Lamborn recorded a career personal-best throw in the shot put of 34-9. That allowed her to place fourth place for the Huskies. Lamborn bested her top throw this season at the first Wartburg Indoor meet of the year by almost two feet as she threw a 32-11.5 on March 4.

"I'm so proud of her and so excited to see what the rest of the season has in store for her for shot and discus," said McCall about Lamborn.

N-P junior Kadence Huck won the 400 and 800 dashes. The five-time state champ ran faster in the open 400 than she did at Wartburg the first time. Her time of 58.47 topped second-place Natalie Ramsey of Iowa City Liberty, who ran a 59.98. Huck's time in the 400 dash is the top time so far in Class 1A and the fifth-best in the state according to times posted on gobound.com.

Huck's time at the Wartburg No. 1 meet was 58.92.

"I feel like Kadence ran strong. I feel like Kadence looks stronger, too. She is sitting at a really great starting point for this early in the season," said McCall.

Huck's winning jaunt around the track four times in the open 800 wasn't as close as she won the race going away – easily crossing the finish line



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Nashua-Plainfield's Rachel Paplow runs her leg of the 4x800 while teammate Eden Lamborn throws the shot put during Tuesday's meet at Wartburg.

first in 2:23.89, almost five seconds faster than runner-up Anna Lursen of Ft. Dodge St. Edmond (2:28.51).

Huck is the defending state champ in the 800 run and is the defending two-time title winner in the 400 dash in Class 1A. Her start to the 2024 campaign has gotten off to a flying start.

"I am proud of her for winning her events and for the times she is getting this early in the season. She has big goals this season, which I am jacked for and love listening to her share her goals and help her watch her work towards achieving those goals," said McCall.

A group to watch this season in the 4x200 is the Husky quartet of junior Marleigh Lowe, senior Ellie Eick and sopho-

SEE GIRLS TRACK, 7



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Nashua-Plainfield's Navarii Williams runs his heat of the 55-meter dash while assistant coach Nick Henningsen (below) talks to the Huskies' 4x800 runners at Tuesday's indoor meet that was held in Waverly at Wartburg College.

Relays headed in right direction for N-P boys

Huskies' coach likes the work ethic he sees from his veterans as well as the 'new pieces' on team

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

If Chase Sudol can push the right buttons and find the correct pieces of the puzzle to fit – his Nashua-Plainfield boys track squad can make plenty of noise this spring.

The rest is up to his Huskies.

N-P is making strides and came up with improvements in key races at the third installment of the Wartburg Indoor on Tuesday over in Waverly.

N-P concluded the indoor season at Wartburg College as the Huskies ran on that same orange track earlier in the month to kickstart the 2024 campaign.

Sudol – starting his eighth year as head coach at N-P – had this to say about a squad that is a defending Class 1A district champ, although the Huskies graduated several key seniors from a season ago.

"We've got a special little group. It's just a matter of me doing a good job as a coach and finding out what these kids are good at. It will all work out for the better in the end," said Sudol. "Our talent level – yeah, it may not be as good as it's been in the past few years, but these kids work extremely hard. That's something I'm so appreciative of. It should be a lot of fun."

It's been pretty fun indeed to watch the progression of Sudol's 4x400 relay and 4x800 relay. Both relays competed at state last year in Des Moines. There's new faces on each of those relays, but there's plenty of potential on each squad.

"We've got some new pieces this year – finding out where guys are going to fit into our team and see what we're capable of," said Sudol. "I think a lot of these guys, it's just a matter of seeing what they're going to do for us – see what their strengths are and piecing it all together come Tuesday."

N-P's 4x800 relay finished 10th on Monday in 9:11 with the threesome of sophomores Jase Hansen, Avery Mueller and Braeden Mitchell. Husky senior Dylan Blanchard ran the second leg. The same foursome – although running in different spots in the exchange of the baton – clipped out at 9:39 at the Wartburg No. 1 meet clear back on March 4. The group lowered their time by over 28 seconds.

"Sometimes it's just a matter of having a different approach towards things to



changing the lineup – getting us in the race a little bit more," said Sudol.

The Huskies' 4x400 bunch – Hansen, senior Titus Evans, junior Aiden Gelner and sophomore anchor Jake Smith – produced a 14th-place finish in 3:53. N-P's time at the first Wartburg Indoor – with a different lineup – was 4:05.

Navarii Williams, a sophomore, is a rising star for the Huskies out on the oval. He placed 26th in the 55-meter dash prelims in a time of 7.17.

"Navarii – we're in a good situation with some of our sprinters where these young kids, we've just got to see what they can do and continue to develop them. Things are going to come together for us," added Sudol.

Husky junior Easton Richards was 19th in the open 200 in a time of 24.9.

N-P sophomores Devon Blanchard and Tyler Zimmer are still trying to find their feet in the hurdle races. When they do – watch out – because Sudol may like how his shuttle hurdle relay team may look when he's able to bring a full lineup out onto the track. Blanchard was 21st in the 55-meter hurdle prelims (9.98) and Zimmer was

24th in that same event in 10.18.

"I still think we're going to have a really good shuttle hurdle team with Zimmer and Blanchard coming into the fold – as much as we can get 'em there," said Sudol.

Devon Blanchard jumped five feet in the high jump – good for 22nd place.

Husky senior Titus Evans is the lone returnee in that shuttle hurdle event – which medaled for the first time in school history last year at state with a seventh-place showing in the finals.

Sudol is looking to get sophomore Landon Foelske back next month. He's still healing from a hand injury and is going to be a key component in that shuttle hurdle relay when he's healthy based off a time run earlier this month.

"If we can get him back it will be huge," said Sudol about Foelske. "He ran the other day for us and he shocked us with his time. If he can come back, it's going to be something special for us."

N-P junior Luke Paplow ran around the track 16 times to finish 16th overall in the 3,200 run in a time of 12:23.

SEE BOYS TRACK, 7



A little primer on both ag’s week and day!

National Ag Week was first held in 1973 and has been a part of the American landscape ever since.

National Ag Day is always celebrated on the Tuesday during the week.

Here are some frequently asked questions about National Ag Day and National Ag Week.

What Is Ag Day?

It's a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

Who Hosts Ag Day?

The Agriculture Council of America hosts the campaign on a national level. However, the awareness efforts in communities across America are as influential - if not more - than the broad-scale effort. Again this year, the Ag Day Planning Guide has been created to help communities and organizations more effectively

host Ag Day events.

What Is Ag Week All About?

Ag Day is about recognizing — and celebrating — the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.
- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

Why Celebrate Agriculture?

Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. But too few people truly understand this contribution.

This is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training.

By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture.

Each American farmer feeds more than 165 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s.

Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

What Can I Do to Help?

Put simply, get involved! Your participation in Ag Week is critical in helping us spread this positive message about agriculture, and it doesn't have to be just during National Ag Week. There are numerous ways you can lend your support, including sending a letter to your local newspaper, calling your Congressional representatives or simply sharing information about agriculture with youngsters in your community.

— Agriculture Council of America

Ag secretary makes a pitch for Iowans to celebrate this week

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig last week encouraged all Iowans to celebrate Iowa Ag Week, which started this past Sunday and runs through Saturday.

The weeklong statewide celebration, which includes National Ag Day on March 19, will highlight the immense importance of agriculture to the state, its people, economy and way of life. The week will also highlight ways that Iowa agriculture gives back, positively impacting fellow Iowans through community involvement and volunteer service.



Naig

“Agriculture is the lifeblood of our state – it powers our economy, shapes our way of life, and feeds and fuels consumers here and around the world,” Naig said. “During Iowa Ag Week from March 17 to 23, I welcome and encourage all Iowans to celebrate Iowa agriculture’s positive impacts on our state while also giving back to our communities through volunteerism and service.”

The recent ag census pegs the value of Iowa crops and livestock at nearly \$44 billion annually.

Approximately one in five Iowans are employed directly because of agriculture.

Maog said the state’s farmers are setting records for conservation adoption and continually adding value to the commodities we grow, including by leading the country in biofuels and red meat production.

He said Iowans are also investing in our youth through 4-H, FFA, workforce and ag literacy efforts, as well as many other initiatives. The Iowa Ag Community is encouraged to share this positive and impactful story in their own special way.

And he said that all Iowans can join in the celebration - by attending an event, helping out in the community, or simply sharing on social media using #IowaAgWeek.

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"It is very difficult to achieve a 100% on these inspections," Five Star Energy Sales Director Bruce Halverson said. "Great work to everyone who helped make this goal possible. This is something to be very proud of. Good job and keep up the good work."

The Five Star Country Store is located at 1949 North Linn Ave. and sells Cenex fuel, Purina livestock feeds, TrueValue hardware and convenience store items.

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Five Star Cooperative is a farmer-owned agricultural cooperative spanning across 14 counties with 18 locations in North Iowa that provides agronomy, feed, grain, energy and retail products and services to its members and customers.



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AG Week

March 17-23



Photo courtesy of Chickasaw County Farm Bureau

Nashua-Plainfield students works on an Agriculture in the Classroom project titled “Food Miles,” in which they did the math to find out how far the farm a particular item of food traveled to be on their dinner table.

One of goals of program is to help ag industry grow

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The topics range from weather to life cycles to careers to crops to pollinators to farm safety to animals to much more.

Rochford documents her visits to schools on the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

The AITC coordinator said students need to learn about agriculture because it makes a big impact on their daily lives. Understanding that agriculture provides them with food, fiber and fuel can make them understand what they use every day.

This is important, Rochford said, because not understanding where these things come from can lead to one having a misperception of agriculture and what it does for the world.

This program helps fill this role so students can understand at a younger age, giving them the opportunity to learn more about it as they grow and a better understanding of what is happening around them.

Some of the other specific things AITC teaches students would be that their food doesn't come from the grocery store, agriculture is more than just production, agriculture is a big factor in their life even if they don't live on a farm and that farmers take good care of their animals/crops to ensure that the consumers are receiving the best nutritional foods they can get.

There is so much to teach when it comes to agriculture because it is literally everywhere. It's the central theme of AITC.

So much comes from agriculture that most people don't even realize. Carpets, beauty products, furniture, buildings, sports ... they all have agriculture production in them in

some way. It might not always be a direct producer to consumer situation, but agricultural by-products are used every day to make the items people use in their daily lives and have no idea that it was made from an agricultural by-product.

Rochford said students are excited to learn about agriculture. Children enjoy having hands-on learning and interacting during the lesson. Having hands-on activities for the students to do makes the quality of education increase because they are more willing and eager to learn.

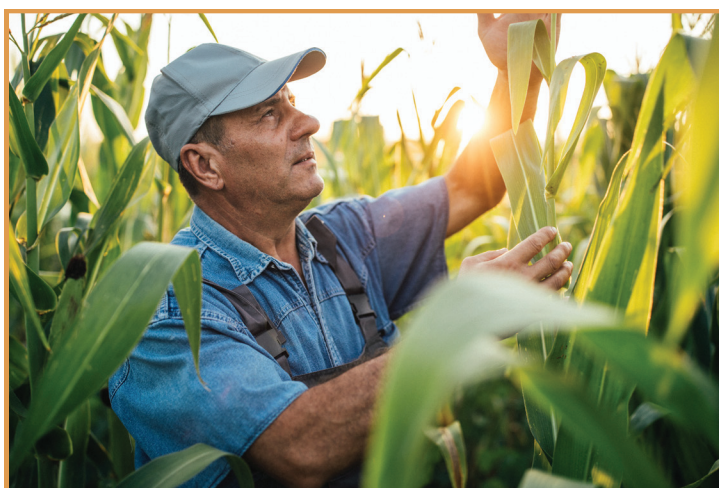
She said people should care about this program and ag literacy because even

though only 2% of the U.S. population is directly related to farming, it impacts the whole world.

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation one U.S. farm feeds 166 people annually in the U.S. and abroad.

The global population is expected to increase by 2.2 billion by 2050, which means the world's farmers will have to grow by about 70 percent more food than what is now produced.

Just by understanding where their food comes from can help the agriculture industry grow to where it needs to be to feed the world.



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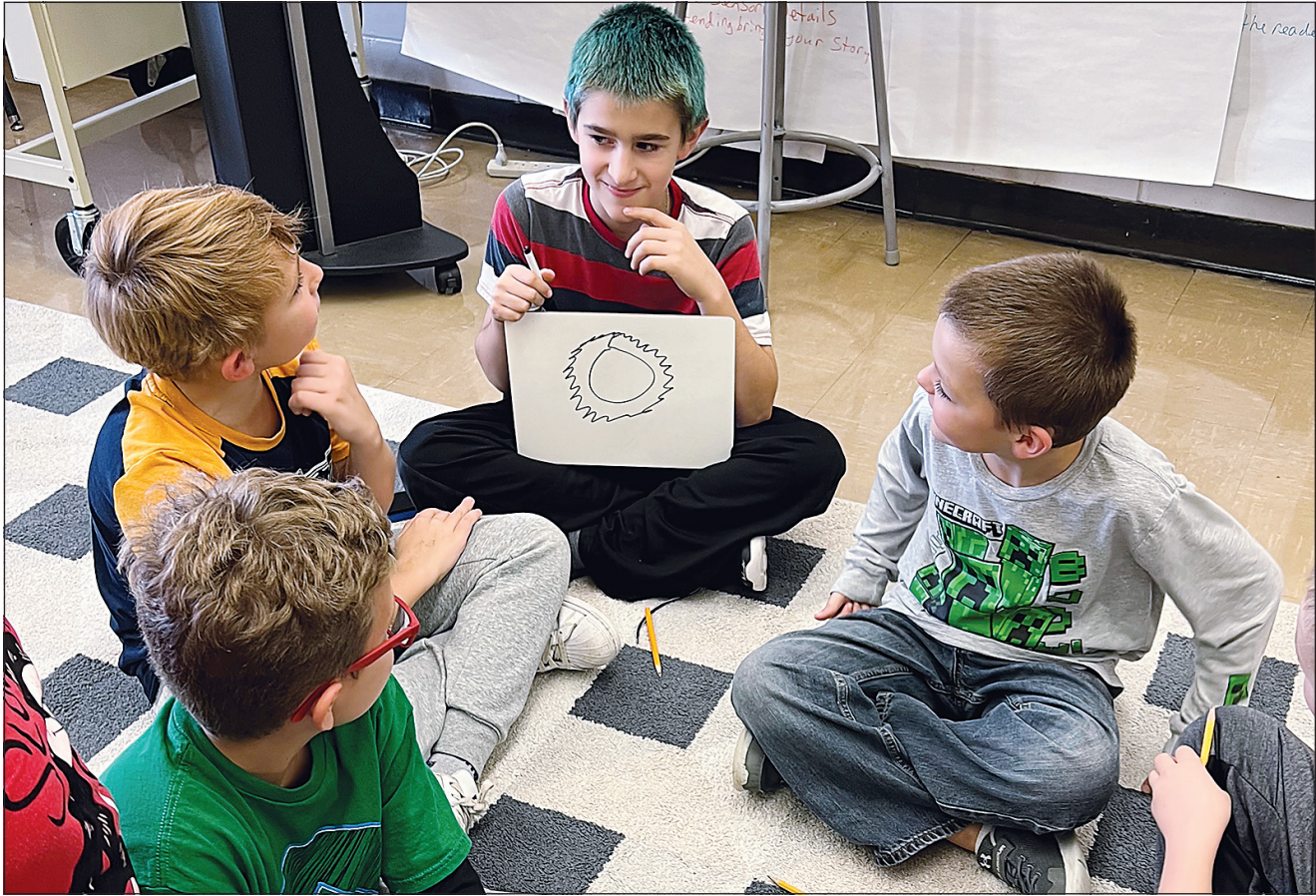
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Photos courtesy of Chickasaw County Farm Bureau
Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School students work on Agriculture in the Classroom projects during a recent session with the program's coordinator, Jessica Rochford.



Program teaches students the importance of agriculture

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau imparts a number of lessons with the Agriculture in the Classroom program that it brings into five area school districts

Special to the Reporter

Agriculture in the Classroom is supported by the County Farm Bureau Federation which supports programs by providing a network that seeks to improve agricultural literacy — awareness, knowledge, and appreciation — among PreK-12 teachers and their students.

National Ag in the Classroom was established in 1981 and has been growing ever since. The mission of Agriculture in the Classroom is to "increase agricultural literacy through K-12 education."

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC)

programs seek to improve student achievement by applying authentic, agricultural-based content as the context to teach core curriculum concepts in science, social studies, language arts and nutrition. By encouraging teachers to include agriculture into their classroom, AITC cultivates an understanding and appreciation of the food and fiber system that we all rely on every day.

AITC is unique within the agricultural education community as the

leading organization to serve the full spectrum of K-12 formal education.

Ag in the Classroom is involved in the schools by offering lesson plans, materials activities, and other agricultural resources to teachers free of charge.

Here in Chickasaw County, we are able to have Jessica Rochford as the Ag in the Classroom coordinator.

She goes into all five local schools that have students from the county to personally teach lessons on agriculture. Maybe you have seen her

around or have heard about her from students. The students and teachers enjoy her visits and lessons. Every month she offers a new lesson with a hands-on activity.

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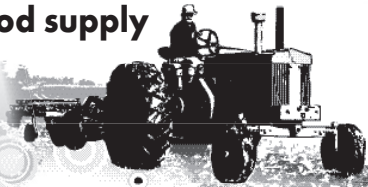


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