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Hot Dog Contest winner Allison Miller finishes off her fifth hot dog Thursday evening at Cedar View Park, where Water Over the Dam Days kicked off its four-day celebration.

Nashua begins its dam party

Water Over the Dam Days gets off to a wet start but officials hoping for brighter days ahead

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

We've said it before and we'll probably say it again, Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell and the folks who put on Water Over the Dam Days are not the kind who see a glass half-empty.

Never was that more true than on Thursday when those folks had to do a little scrambling to kick off Nashua's biggest annual celebration. "Here's what we're hoping," Sinnwell said

Thursday afternoon. "The rain misses us tonight, it rains during the day tomorrow and then it's perfect on Saturday."

Unfortunately, they struck out on the first one, but so what? They let the rain pass through, delayed the start of the prince, princess and queen coronation and then got the party started.

"If it rains, well, we've been through it before," Sinnwell said, "and if there's one thing about Water Over the Dam Days, it's that we're flexible and adaptable."

That they are.

Sure it rained Thursday, but instead of moping, Water Over the Dam Days officials celebrated a junior golf tournament that drew 27 participants and the royalty that included Queen Natalie Sinnwell, Princess Paisley Michael and Princess Rowan Hoffman.

And the folks who have put so much time and effort into the celebration were looking forward to even better days ahead.

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Nashua takes brunt of flooding in county

It's far worse elsewhere in the state, but Cedar creates issues in and around city

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Remember when we couldn't buy a drop of rain?

Those days are long gone, but Chickasaw County — or at least most of it — got off relatively lightly, at least compared to other parts of the state, when it came to flooding earlier this week.

The exception, unfortunately, was Nashua,

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

The Cedar River rushes over the dam in Nashua on Monday afternoon.

Sudol family buys Wilken Auto Salvage

Longtime Nashua businesses will mesh as one

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

When you're headed east along Highway 346 out of Nashua it's hard to miss one of the town's long standing businesses on your left — S&T Collision and Towing.

Keeping the gas on the throttle in the same direction, one will glide by the Big 4 Fairgrounds and then before you cross the Cedar River, you'll witness the property on the north side of the road that encompasses Wilken Auto Salvage — an operation that has been in existence in northeast Iowa since 1955.

Those two staples of the community in Nashua have provided customers with quality auto care needs and parts to keep their vehicles and machines running smoothly.

So when Andy and Sara Wilken

— owners of the family-run scrap yard that also sells parts online — contacted the Sudol family back in January about a business proposition, Steve and Tami Sudol were all ears.

"It was an up-and-down roller coaster. Yeah, we were in — yeah, we were out," smiled Tami.

The Sudols — who first opened S&T Collision and Towing in December of 1987 — eventually ending up buying the Wilkens out and meshing the two companies as one. Andy and Sara had owned the auto salvage business since 2010 when they purchased the company from Andy's father, Jack Wilken.

"It will be Sudol Auto Parts doing business as Wilken Auto Salvage," said Tami. "We wanted to keep the name just because the Wilkens have been known for years out there."

SEE BUSINESSES, 2



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Colin Sudol poses for a photo near a scrap metal container at Wilken Auto Salvage, a business the Sudol family has purchased.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's contingent of National History Day finalists — (from left) Caleb Sinnwell, Ava Kirk, Elexa O'Neill, Emilie O'Neill and Mia Schmitt — pose for a photo on Monday after sharing their thoughts on the national contest that took place earlier this month.

Competition fuels history stars

Students find plenty of fun in extracurricular activity that involves 'homework'

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Let's get one thing out of the way when it comes to National History Day participants, at least at Nashua-Plainfield.

They are a competitive bunch.

"Oh, you want to win," said Elexa O'Neill. "Trust me, you don't put this much time into something and not want to win."

And earlier this month, that's

exactly what O'Neill and Ava Kirk did. They won.

Their group website titled "Point, Click, Shoot: Lewis Hine's Photographs Create a Turning Point for Child Labor" became Nashua-Plainfield's third national championship project.

The young man who won Nashua-Plainfield's first two national championships, Caleb Sinnwell, finished third in the individual website division while two more N-P students

— soon-to-be eighth-graders Emilie O'Neill and Mia Schmitt — were fifth-place finishers in the junior website division.

That's a pretty impressive run, even by Nashua-Plainfield standards, and earlier this week, when we could finally gather all the finalists together, the Reporter sat down with the quintet that made so much "noise" at this year's national contest and talked

SEE NHD, 2

NHD advisor proud of how competitors represent N-P

NHD: FROM 1

about what makes NHD so special to them.

Think about it, this is an extra-curricular activity in which one does a lot of homework. There's a topic to pick, mounds of research to do, contests to attend, editing to accomplish and reworking projects by adding and subtracting.

Yet, they love it.

The passion the finalists — or any other Nashua-Plainfield National History Day participant for that matter — is plainly evident.

"I think it's because when you find a topic you really like, it's so interesting, it doesn't feel like work," Kirk said. "It's fun. I mean it's work, but it's fun work."

The newly crowned national champions, both of whom will be juniors this fall, picked their topic — exploring the life of Hines, about a photographer who helped focus American's attention on the issue of child labor in the early 1900s — last August.

Sinnwell claimed a medal for the fourth straight year with his individual website recounting the 1980s farm crisis, a topic he decided to delve into last July while the two juniors high students began working on their project "The Radium Girls Fight Back and Shine: A Turning Point for Workplace Safety" shortly after the 2023-24 school year kicked off.

In other words, their projects were months in the making.

They first had to get through the district competition to make it to state. There, they had to finish in the top-two of their respective divisions to make it to the national contest that is held each year at the University of Maryland, which is located in suburban Washington, D.C.

And at nationals, they took on more than 100 projects put together by students from not only every state in the Union but also from around the world. That's where the competitiveness comes into play.

"You never really want to settle and say this is good," Sinnwell said. "You always want to make it even better. ... I mean, you want to win. It's fun, sure, but it is a competition."

AT THE NATIONAL contest, the younger students in the junior division compete one day; the older students in the senior division compete the following day. There are a few categories in which finalists that are announced before the awards ceremony, but websites are not one of them.

So the Nashua-Plainfield finalists had no idea how they had fared until the hours long awards ceremony



Nashua-Plainfield's National History Day contingent, the largest from the state of Iowa at the national contest earlier this month, poses for a picture before the awards ceremony.

was held on a Thursday morning at the University of Maryland's basketball arena.

Sinnwell, who won national titles in both 2021 and 2022 and took third a year ago, became a rare four-time medalist with his third-place finish on a topic that had interested him almost from the start of his National History Day career.

"I thought about the 1980s farm crisis as a topic for a couple years but it never fit the NHD theme," he said.

But this past year's theme was "Turning Points in History" and he was off and running.

"I was so excited that the farm crisis fit the theme so perfectly this year and that I was able to bring it to the national stage," he said. "I have never seen the farm crisis topic at the national contest before!"

He will be the first to admit that finishing third was "bittersweet" but Nashua-Plainfield's National History Day advisor, Suzy Turner, said being a four-time medalist — only the top-three in each division medal — is an "amazing accomplishment."

"Knowing how competitive Caleb is, knowing how competitive we all are," she said, "I don't want the accomplishment of a top-three finish to be a disappointment."

FOR THE TWO junior high students, National History Day was an eye-opener.

But it helped Emilie O'Neill that she had big sister to lean on.

"She asked a million questions," Elexa said with a laugh, "and I'm not exaggerating."

But both Schmitt and the younger O'Neill not only survived their first go-around with NHD, they thrived.

"I think we worked pretty well together," Schmitt said, "and it was a lot of work, like a lot, lot, but we had fun, too."

Emilie will be the first to admit that having Elexa in the same home was a bonus.

"She's like done this before so when I was like freaking out or something," she said, "she kind of calmed down. She said 'relax, Emilie, relax' a lot. I mean like a lot."

AND THEN THERE were the champs, who added their own story to Nashua-Plainfield NHD lore long before they claimed their national crown.

"So here's what you need to know about these two," Turner said. "The deadline was 10:59 p.m. for [one of the contests] and they submitted it at 10:56 p.m."

The two girls couldn't help but laugh.

"I think we might have made Mrs. Turner a little nervous," Elexa O'Neill said, "but it all worked out, right?"

It did, even if the wait seemed like days, not hours.

The senior group website results were the final ones announced at the awards ceremony.

Kirk kept telling her partner and friend not to worry.

"Oh my gosh, Ava kept saying 'we're going to win, we're going to win,'" O'Neill said, "and finally, I just gave up and said whatever happens, happens and maybe Ava's right?"

She was.

And the celebration was on.

"I just basically started crying," O'Neill said.

"It was the best feeling in the world," Kirk said and then stole a

look at her friend and laughed, "and yes, she cried a lot. But seriously, we had devoted so much time and energy to this, to hear our names called — even though they started it with 'from Charles City, Iowa [because that's the address of O'Neill]' — it was, it still is, hard to describe what that felt like."

WITH OR WITHOUT a national champion, medals or no medals, finalists or not finalists, the quintet loved their week in and around Washington.

Sinnwell was pumped to see the "Spy Museum," the girls were excited to see the monuments, all of them were proud to represent their school and be the latest in history superstars that Nashua-Plainfield's NHD program has produced.

They were proud that Nashua-Plainfield, one of the smaller schools in Iowa, had the most projects and the most students of any Iowa school at the NHD contest.

The five finalists were joined by Titus Cerwinski, Paige Franzen, Kadence Huck, Callahan Levi, Jena Peterson, Serena Gallmeyer and Jackson Mehmen at the national contest.

And all 12 of the Nashua-Plainfield national qualifiers were underclassmen; in other words, the program is returning a wealth of NHD talent in 2024-25.

"They give me gray hairs," Turner said, "like when they hand in their project three minutes before deadline, but the time and effort they put into their projects, the way they represent our school, it is very special. And that goes for the kids in this room, for all the kids who went to nationals and really for all the kids who competed this year."

Photo courtesy of Suzy Turner

Sudols glad to keep family-run business running in Nashua

BUSINESSES: FROM 1

Steve and Tami — along with their three sons, Collin, Chad and Chase — were ecstatic about the opportunity to keep a family-run business here in this corridor of the state and also make it part of their own.

"One reason I wanted to buy it was in honor of Jim Wilken, Bernie Wilken and Jackie Wilken — just because they gave me my start," said Steve Sudol. "They gave me my start in life."

Steve Sudol — a 1983 grad of Nashua High School — first started working part-time in the summer over at the Wilken scrap yard when he was a teenager. Little did he know that one day his family would own it.

"When we got married, Steve was working there and going to college," said Tami. "We did not want to see another business go out of town."

Collin is the new manager over at Sudol Auto Parts, which his family took over officially on Monday, June 17. Tami said all eight current employees with Wilken Auto Salvage will stay on board during the transition.

"I will tell you one thing. We are so grateful for the workers out there because they're all very, very good," said Tami.

The Wilkens and Sudols — who are family friends — are helping one another get up to speed in this new chapter of their lives.

"Sara and Andy have been very good. They're still coming out and helping me in the morning learn the books. Andy's coming out and helping Collin learn stuff, too," said Tami. "Sara and Andy said they had a 10-year plan out there. They said they always wanted to approach us first to see if we would be interested in it. They wanted our boys to take it over."

The operation — even under new direction with Collin as business manager — will stay the same. Half of the Wilkens' old business is scrap recovery and the other half helps customers looking for that exact right part for their vehicle or motorized piece of machinery. S&T offers the mechanical and body work on vehicles, along with the towing.

"We hope to continue to serve the customers that they had and future customers," said Tami. "Our goal is to try to get more cars in there for parts."

Tami said the hours over at Sudol Auto Parts will be from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. during the week — Monday thru Friday.

"We will take scrap up to four o'clock," said Tami.

The Sudol's new business will operate from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturdays.

The changeover — from one business friend to another — has been as close to seamless as possible.

"A lot of the same customers that come here, I see out there now, too," said Tami. "Even prior to this happening, we were selling parts together."

Sara feels the same way as the Sudols do about the ownership change — as she explained in a Facebook post the same day Steve, Tami and all the boys took over a business that had become a passion for her family. Drew Wilken, a 2022 Nashua-Plainfield grad, will continue on as one of the Sudols' employees over at the scrap yard.

"We know their success will carry over into running the yard and continue to help it grow! We wish them nothing but the best and we hope you show them the same respect you've always shown our family!" said Sara, who along with her husband Andy both graduated from N-P High School in 2000.

While retirement for Steve and Tami might not be right around the bend — it's not that far down the road either. That means the younger generation of the Sudol family will soon take over the business in the foreseeable future.

Tami's already got some of the young bucks hard at work already.

"Our grandkids have been out there working their little butts off," laughed Tami. "They say 'grandma, there's so much stuff to do out here and it's different all the time.'"

Dear Wilken Auto Salvage Customers, friends and family,

After an extremely heartbreaking loss to our family and going through the unimaginable, we have made the difficult decision to sell our business, Wilken Auto Salvage. We can't thank you all enough for your business and support through the years. We have enjoyed working with each and every one of you and we will miss you all! The love shown to our family, especially the last 9 months, has been a true testament to how small towns and other businesses stick together, and it has meant so much to us.

We would like to take this time to introduce the new owners, the Sudol Family. They are the successful owners of S&T Collison and S&T Towing, also of Nashua. We know their success will carry over into running the yard and continue to help it grow! We wish them nothing but the best and we hope you show them the same respect you've always shown our family! The Sudol's have taken ownership as of Monday, June 17th, 2024.

Thank you again for everything and especially for your understanding as we navigate this new chapter in our lives.

-Andy and Sara Wilken

Hawkeye CC dean's list

Hawkeye Community College announces the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester.

Nashua residents on the list, which requires a 3.5 grade-point average for full-time students, were Savannah Barnes, Bo Harrington, Ashlee Olson, Paige Ripley and Chase Rust.

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Briefs

Patrie to be sentenced on murder conviction on Tuesday

A former Charles City man who was convicted of first-degree murder by a Chickasaw County jury will be sentenced this coming Tuesday.

On May 23, the jury deliberated for approximately one hour and found that Patrie had shot and killed Kenneth Gallmeyer, a retired grocer, at Gallmeyer's home in rural Nashua in September 2012.

District Court Judge Richard Stochl will sentence Patrie during a hearing that is set for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Chickasaw County Courthouse.

Under Iowa law, Patrie must be given sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

UNI graduates

The list of recent University of Northern Iowa graduates include Nashua's Jayne Levi who received her degree in interactive digital studies.

UNI held its commencement ceremonies in May during a program that was held at the McCleod Center on the university's campus in Cedar Falls.

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Michael Thomas Cordle, 63

Michael Thomas Cordle, age 63 of Denver, Colorado, passed away on May 29, 2024 in Phuket, Thailand.

After much thought, meditation and soul-searching, Michael decided to end his life on this earth and move on to the next. Michael was very connected with nature and with the beauty of Thailand, and his wishes were to be put to rest there according to Buddhist rites.

Michael was born on Feb. 23, 1961, at University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City to Dennis E. Cordle and Marjorie A. Strike Cordle. He came into the world screaming and trying to find his thumb. His parents knew right then that they had a feisty one on their hands. Throughout childhood, he lived up to his status as the independent middle sibling to his quiet older sister, Julie, and his younger sister Jane.

The family moved to Nashua, in 1965 when his parents divorced. Michael grew up in Nashua with his Grandpa and Grandma Strike close by. There were lots of kids in the neighborhood and all the mothers were called on to referee the fights in their yard. The kids rode their bikes to the Nashua Town and Country Club almost every day in the summer, where Michael golfed and swam.

Michael also went with his grandpa frequently to trout fish in Decorah. While a Boy Scout, he canoed the Upper Iowa River. Later, while living in Colorado, Michael spent time hiking, camping and fly fishing. He loved being outside and in tune with nature.

Michael attended Nashua Schools and played football in junior high and was on the golf team in high school. He graduated from Nashua High School in 1979. He attended college at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa and graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls in 1985.

Michael's first job was in Charles City at Farner-Bocken Co. He went on to work and live in Boston and Chicago; ending up in Denver, Colorado, where he spent the next 30-some



Michael Cordle

years.

His career in real estate started in mortgage financing, and advanced to selling real estate as an agent. Michael had a very out-going personality and loved working with and helping people in his business. He had a keen understanding and knowledge of the housing market and real estate and did his best for his many satisfied clients.

Michael made friends readily and had many in the Denver area and around the world. He loved to have good old-fashioned conversations while sharing food and drinking craft beer at one of his favorite breweries. He was knowledge-seeking and had much to say, with great conviction, on a myriad of topics.

Michael was also a traveler and an adventurer. While in Colorado, he and other family members including his young nephews, rafted the rapids of the Colorado River. In 1993, he did a 1,300 mile self-supported bicycle ride from Washington state to Colorado. He loved road trips and visited many places throughout the United States.

Michael visited Thailand several times, with each visit becoming more in tune with the Thai way of life and feeling at peace there. He loved the beaches, scenery and the weather and absolutely fell in love with Thai food. While in Phuket, he met a lovely Thai woman, Paertong (nicknamed Panda). They traveled together, fished in the sea, cooked together and enjoyed each other's company.

Michael is survived by his parents, Dennis Cordle of

Iowa City, and Marjorie Strike Bullen of New Hampton; sister, Jane (Neal) Henderson of Boulder, Colorado; half-sister Angie (Craig Albright) Cordle; and half-brother Rob Cordle, both of Iowa City; aunt, Mary Parsons, Fairhope, Alabama; uncles, Stan (Kay) Strike of Cody, Wyoming and Stuart Strike, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; nephews, Curtis, Rochester, Minnesota and Christopher Ohm of Flagstaff, Arizona; nieces, Renee Marino (Justin Forthuber) of Tampa, Florida; Abigail Henderson of Boulder, Colorado; and Gracie Albright of Iowa City. (All knew him as Uncle Mike.)

Michael was preceded in death by his grandparents, V.L. and Gladys Strike of Nashua; and Ruth (Mimi) Cordle of Iowa City; sister, Julie Cordle Cravath; uncle, Tom Cordle; aunt, Susan Cordle Parker; step-mother, Lorie Cordle; and step-father, Jerry Bullen.

Michael's cremation and committal took place on June 5, 2024, at Choeng Thale Temple in Phuket, Thailand. Michael's ashes were returned to nature, scattered in the Andaman Sea by his dear companion Panda. Some ashes will be sent to the United States for his family to lay him to rest in favorite fishing streams in Iowa and Colorado.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Nashua, on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at the Nashua Town and Country Club from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

All are invited to attend to celebrate Michael's life.

June is Men's Mental Health Awareness Month, dedicated to shedding light on the issues that men face uniquely; and encouraging men to talk openly about their feelings and experiences.

Upon his death, Michael shared in a letter to his family his thoughts on some of the choices he made in his life—some of which he said “created quite a bit of hardship” and some “led to the greatest experiences during my time on earth.” We are certain he is not the only one.

We must remember that both our burdens and our joys are what connect us as humans. Rather than going it alone, reach out.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

A pair of queens and a prince and princess, too!

Natalie Sinnwell (above), who was crowned the 2024 Water Over the Dam Days queen, poses for a picture with 2023 Queen Faith Franzen Thursday evening and also shares a moment (below) with the prince and princess — Rowan Hoffman and Paisley Michael — of Nashua's celebration.



Water Over the Dam Days kicks off; Civil War Reenactment set for weekend at Old Bradford

PARTY: FROM 1

Now, they just want Mother Nature to cooperate, and that's looking a little iffy for today as forecasters says there is a good chance of rain falling.

But again, these are the-glass-is-half-full kind of people.

“Saturday looks absolutely perfect,” Sinnwell said of a forecast that calls for sunny skies, highs in the 70s and evening temperatures in the 60s. “Whatever happens, we're going to have a good time.”

Then again, the Park Board and the Water Over the Dam Days Committee showed its adaptability earlier this week, when flooding left parts of Cedar View Park, which is home to most of the celebration, under water.

That means they're going to move tonight's event being put on by a local church for high school and middle school students to higher ground and also turn Saturday's sand volleyball tournament into a “grass” tournament because the volleyball courts were still flooded as of Thursday evening.

And Sinnwell did say that the annual appearance by the Waterhawks Ski Team set for Saturday has been canceled because of concerns about possible debris flowing down the Cedar.

“The river's going down, but I get their concerns,” he said, “but otherwise, everything else is pretty much on.”

He said one of the newer Park Board amenities — the Baldwin Bandshell, which opened in 2023 — will pay big dividends this weekend.

“Where we used to have

the bands, that part of the park is still under water,” he said, “but with the bandshell, we don't use that lower part of the park as much as we used to.”

And he's hopeful that the rain will end by the time this evening's events — like the Foam Blaster Party and live music by Sushi Roll — begin.

Saturday, meanwhile, looks good, and Nashua will celebrate with the big Water Over the Dam Days Parade, a slew of activities at the park and a day for live-music lovers who can hear Ritchie Lee and the Fabulous 50s from noon to 2:30 p.m.; Dueling Pianos from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and the band Triple Threat 8 to midnight, with a break for the fireworks that will be shot off over the lake around 10.

Meanwhile, Saturday is also the day that the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum's annual two-day Civil War Reenactment kicks off.

Admission to the two-day event is just \$5, and “battles” between Union and Confederate soldiers will be fought at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

But the event also includes numerous demonstrations throughout the weekend, and lunch will be served on the grounds both days.

Dori Ann Eden, 63

Dori Ann Eden, age 63 of Shellsburg, passed away at the Oldorf Hospice House in Hiawatha on Friday, June 21, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Indian Creek Nature Center in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, June 29, 2024, from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

A small gravesite service will be held prior to the Celebration at Life at Oak Shade Cemetery in Marion.

Dori was born on July 12, 1960, in Charles City. She was the daughter of the late Gary and Beverly (Hurst) Fisher.

On Sept. 21, 1985, Dori married the love of her life, Larry Eden, in Cedar Rapids.

Dori loved fishing, deer hunting, gardening, canning with her husband, and her favorite thing to do was spending time with all of her grandchildren.

Those left to cherish Dori's memory are her husband, Larry, of Shellsburg; her daughters, Colette Atkins, of Iowa City, and Elizabeth Rosonke, of Vinton; her grandchildren,



Dori Eden, with her husband Larry

Ashley Eden, Paige Rosonke, Skyla Atkins, Rick Atkins and Joe Rosonke; one great-grandchild, Paisley; her sisters, Deb McNeilus, of Clear Lake, Dawn (Jeff) Aschoff, of Charles City, and Diana (Paul) Gadeke, of Arkansas; her dogs, Millie and Buddy; and her cats, Sofie, and Shale.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Rick and Rod Fisher; her nephew, Daniel; and her niece, Ashley.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at the Oldorf Hospice House for all the love and care they showed Dori while she was in their care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to Colette Atkins at 927 Walker Circle, Iowa City 52245 to help with medical expenses.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.cedarmemorial.com under obituaries.

Chad Flick, 40

Chad Flick, age 40 of Ionia, died Friday, June 21, 2024, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A private family burial will take place at St.

Boniface Cemetery in Ionia.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory of New Hampton has been entrusted with Chad's arrangements.

Briefs

Achievement Show nears

The 2024 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show will kick off its seven-day run on Tuesday, July 9, with the annual Static Show, which features a variety of non-livestock projects.

The show will continue through Monday, July 15, when the annual livestock auction will

be held.

In addition to a variety of shows, highlights of the annual fair dedicated to county youth include the Achievement Show Family Fun Night on Thursday, July 11 that will feature music by Madison Kolbet and the annual BBQ and Recognition Night that will be held on Saturday, July 13, where the 2024 Chickasaw County fair queen will be crowned.

UNI dean's list

UNI recently announced its spring semester dean's list, which included Nashua resident Shara Ungs.



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Rains to the north lead to Cedar River flooding in and around Nashua

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where the Cedar River raged for several days, spilling out of its banks.

Chickasaw County Emergency Management Agency Director Jeff Bernatz provided an update to the Board of Supervisors via email during its meeting on Monday and said that the biggest challenge facing the county was in Nashua, where the Cedar River flooded low-lying parts of the county's second largest city.

"Sandbagging operations have been going on in Nashua," Bernatz wrote, "and are being headed up by the Nashua Fire Department. Chickasaw County EMA has been in constant contact and working with city officials in Nashua and Ionia and Floyd County EMA in regards to water levels, crests and forecasts."

The Cedar River in Charles City crested at just over 21.5 feet early Monday afternoon and floodwaters led officials to close both bridges — the one on Highway 18 and the one on Main Street — that span the river early Monday morning.

The Highway 18 bridge was reopened late Monday afternoon, but as of Thursday afternoon, the Main Street bridge



Bob Fenske/Reporter

The "lower part" of Cedar View Park becomes part of the Cedar River on Monday afternoon.

remained closed because that bridge needs to be inspected before it can be opened to traffic.

When both bridges were closed, that meant Charles City residents who wanted to get to the "other side of town" had to travel to Floyd to do so.

Bernatz, in his email to supervisors, said that "flow time will be added before it will reach Nashua," which meant the crest in Nashua took place a couple of hours after the one in Charles City.

By Monday evening, though,

water levels began to recede in and around Nashua but parts of Cedar View Park — including the entrance near the swimming beach — were under water.

Nashua officially received 2.48 inches of rain during the storms that moved through the area Friday evening and overnight, bringing the city's June rainfall total to almost 7 1/2 inches.

But it was the rain that fell north of Nashua that was to blame for the raging Cedar River as parts of southern Minnesota received more than

9 inches of rain.

Other parts of Chickasaw County were more fortunate than Nashua, but they didn't

get off scot free, either.

Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing told the Board of Supervisors Monday morning

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JUNE 17, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton, Assessor/Land Use Raymond Armel, EMS Brannon Anderson, Kathy Shekleton

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve agenda for June 17, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for June 10, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Abstained: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve minutes for June 11, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach. Abstained: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve compensation for Stapleton Township clerk and two trustees. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. No public comment.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve RESOLUTION 6-17-24-33 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2024-27 IN the SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF section 31 all in Township 94 NORTH, Range 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa

WHEREAS, ON THE 17th DAY of June, 2024 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2024-27 IN the SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF section 31 all in Township 94 NORTH, Range 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2024-27 IN the SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 OF section 31 all in Township 94 NORTH, Range 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th DAY of JUNE, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach,

Suckow, Cerwinske. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION 6-17-24-34 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcels 2024-24, 2024 -25 and 2024-26 in the NW1/4 OF section 34 all in Township 97 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa

WHEREAS, ON THE 29th DAY of April, 2024 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcels 2024-24, 2024 -25 and 2024-26 in the NW1/4 OF section 34 all in Township 97 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa was presented.

WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of Parcels 2024-24, 2024 -25 and 2024-26 in the NW1/4 OF section 34 all in Township 97 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 17th DAY of JUNE, 2024.

/ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Cerwinske. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the ownership change of the Balk Tank LLC to Gail Tiedt. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve safety committee positions of one designated person from Auditor's office, Public Health's office and Sheriff's office. Including the Board of Supervisor trustee for Heartland Risk Pool, head custodian, County Attorney, EMA director, EMS director, and Conservation director. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed potential Health Care Spousal Exclusion Affidavit and directed Auditor to send the draft to the department heads for input and discussion for Board of Supervisors' meeting June 24, 2024.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve hiring of a full-time dispatcher/jailer to fill the open position that came open June 13, 2024 at the Sheriff's office. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve carry over comp time

New law leads future of Comp Board up in air

County attorney tells the supervisors to wait for 'guidance' before making any decisions

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The future of the Chickasaw County Compensation Board and board of its ilk around the state is a bit murky these days, the Board of Supervisors learned during its regular weekly meeting on Monday.

During the open comment portion of the meeting, County Attorney David Laudner shared that the Iowa Legislature — as part of a tax bill passed late in the 2024 session and signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds — made substantial changes to the "comp board system."

What that exactly means, though, remains up in the air.

Laudner told board members that the Iowa State Association of Counties during a recent webinar "seemed to indicate that the Comp Board was dissolved automatically July 1, and that if you want it in place, you guys would have to pass a resolution to reinstate the Comp Board and folks would have to reappoint their persons on the Comp Board."

But the county attorney added that the Iowa County Attorneys Association "is not 100 percent sure that's how this is going to work so I think we're waiting for some guidance from some folks in Des Moines on whether or not it its automatically dissolved or whether or not you guys have to vote to dissolve it."

Under the new law, supervisors or compensation boards would have to use data from private businesses and comparable counties and jurisdictions, but unlike in the past, supervisors would not have to increase or reduce a compensation board's recommendation for elected officials by the same percent.

In the past, supervisors could take themselves out of the "equation" so to speak but they had to reduce a compensation recommendation by the same percentage for all other elected offices.

"There's no more parallel requirement if you lower it," he said.

Still, Laudner said he was only bringing the matter to the board's attention and that he and other county attorneys are looking for more guidance from state officials about the new law.

"I don't [think] there's a huge rush on this," he said. "It doesn't need to be on the agenda on July 1 in my opinion because the Comp Board wouldn't do their work until later in the calendar year."

He said his opinion is that the Board of Supervisors has the ultimate authority when it comes to the Compensation Board's future.

"I read it as you guys have the authority to get rid of it if you want to," he said. "You have to vote to actually get rid of it."

"Not everyone reads it like that so we need to get some guidance and then we'll bring it back when we have that."

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CHICKASAW CO. CLAIMS LISTING 6/7/2024-6/20/2024

20/20 FX LLC, COMP/POLLBOOKS/CAMERA SVC-SHERIFF/ELECTIONS/911..... 2,970.00

AG VANTAGE FS INC, DIESEL FUEL NASHUA SHOP-SEC RDS..... 735.27

AIRGAS, INC., OXYGEN/MED SPLS-EMS..... 239.43

ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, 3 HEARING TESTS-SEC RDS..... 90.00

ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, ALTA VISTA UTLS-SEC RDS..... 67.12

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, OFFICE EQUIP/UNIFORMS-SHERIFF OFFICE EQUIP/SAFETY/SPPLS-P.HEALTH..... 2,323.21

ANDERSON, SUZANNE, WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 221.25

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY LLP, MAINT/REPAIRS/EQUIP-SEC RDS..... 509.47

AT & T, PHONE/INTERNET-EMS..... 44.90

ATCO INTERNATIONAL, CUST SPLS-GEN SVCS..... 250.00

AUTO VALUE OF NEW HAMPTON, PARTS/GEN SPPLS/ELEC PARTS-SEC RDS..... 1,209.67

AWARDS 'N TIME, M.JOHNSTON NAME PLATE-AUDITOR..... 24.95

BAILEY, HOLLY, MLG/CLIENT CALL/HMKRS..... 40.87

BARKER COMMUNICATIONS & SECURITY LLC, UPDATES TO PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERAS @ SHERIFF OFFICE..... 3,228.00

BECKER, SHIRLEE, WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 217.50

BECKER, TODD, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 221.52

BERNATZ, JEFF, EMA CONF MEAL-EMA..... 13.35

BERST, MARLYS, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 232.64

BIRMINGHAM, NANCY, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 192.59

BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT GAS-LEM/CSB/CRTHS/JAIL/HERITAGE/SEC RDS..... 644.26

BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COMPANY, 2 PARTS/KITS-GEN SVCS..... 64.38

BOEHMER, KATIE, JUNE VA COMM MTG..... 25.00

BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MED SPPLS-EMS..... 626.72

CARD SERVICES, GOV VOL AWARDS/LODGING/MEAL-EMA..... 331.23

CARDIO PARTNERS, AED REPL PADS/BATTERY-HERITAGE..... 391.00

CHARLES CITY PRESS, WATER TEST AD-ENVIRO HEALTH800..... 148.00

CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF, COURT RELATED SVC-SHERIFF..... 862.60

CHICKASAW COUNTY AUDITOR, AUTO/INLAND MARINE/WORK COMP-SEC RDS/EMA..... 165.023

CHRISTOPH, GLADYS, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 229.29

CLEMEN, CINDY, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 229.56

CLEMENS, KAREN, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 230.09

CLOUDCOVER USA, INC, ANTI-VIRUS FIREWALL SUBSCRIPTION-DATA PROC..... 2,000.00

COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER, CHILD SUPPORT RELATED SVCS..... 41.08

COLLINS, JANE, MLG CLIENT CALLS..... 456.27

COMMUNITY INSURANCE OF IOWA, SURETY BOND INSCRTHS..... 539.75

CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, DIESEL FUEL AV & IONIA SHOPS-SEC RDS..... 3,963.24

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INC, SEALER/BRIDGE MAINT SPLS-SEC RDS..... 779.90

CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP, CUST SPPLS-JAIL/CSB/CRTHS..... 423.12

CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, WATER/COOLER RENTAL-TREAS..... 47.10

PROSHIELD FIRE & SECURITY, ANNUAL ALARM INSPECTION/ SVC-HERITAGE..... 1,165.00

DEERE, MISTIE, MLG/CLIENT CALL/HMKRS..... 451.58

DIAMOND MOWERS INC, PARTS-SEC RDS..... 706.47

DIETZENBACH, DONNA, WAGE/MLG-PRI & POST ELEC..... 244.02

DIETZENBACH, LOREN, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 222.86

DON'S TRUCK SALES INC, PARTS-SEC RDS..... 526.02

DUNGEY'S FURNITURE & GIFTS INC, EMS BLDG RECLINERS & BEDS..... 2,184.00

DUNLAP, RICHARD, WELL PLUG REIMB..... 500.00

ELECTRONIC SERVICES SYSTEM, ILR MAINT-RECORDER..... 1,968.18

ELENZ, KEITH, MLG REIMB/FOOD/SPPLS-VA..... 75.17

FAREWAY STORES INC, FOOD/PROVISIONS-SHERIFF..... 21.43

FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, FUEL/DIESEL-SHERIFF/CONSV/SEC RDS..... 3,927.90

FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF, MAY/JUNE INMATE BOARDING-SHERIFF..... 3,050.00

FAYETTE COUNTY TREASURER, DIST 2 TRAINING DAY-TREAS..... 90.00

FIRE SERV TRAINING BUREAU, FF2 TRAINING-EMA..... 50.00

FIRESTAR LTD, PPE/LEATHER GLOVES-SEC RDS..... 573.75

FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, FUEL/DIESEL/PARTS-SHERIFF/EMS/SEC RDS..... 11,263.62

FLICK, TAMMY, MLG/CLIENT CALL/HMKRS..... 229.81

FLIRIS, RACHEL, WAGE/MLG-PRI & POST ELEC..... 57.19

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, MAY INMATE BOARDING-SHERIFF..... 2,600.00

FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, MAY LEACHATE HAUL..... 187.50

GEERTS, DONNA, MLG-PRI ELEC..... 17.42

GILLUND ENTERPRISES, LUBRICANTS-SEC RDS..... 145.60

GLASER, AMANDA, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 221.92

GUNDERSON PALMER LUTHERAN HOSPITAL AND CLINIC, INMATE MEDICAL TREATMENT-SHERIFF..... 3,611.95

HART, CHERYL, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 227.01

HEALTHCARE FIRST, CLIENT SURVEYS-PUB HEALTH..... 111.02

HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE-PUB HEALTH..... 1,680.00

HEALTHSTREAM, EDU SOFTWARE-PUB HEALTH..... 798.30

HOMETOWN TV & APPLIANCE, APPLIANCES/PARTS-EMS..... 4,740.00

INOVALON PROVIDER INC, BILLING SOFTWARE-PUB HEALTH..... 594.97

INRCOG, HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN-EMA..... 7,690.00

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WELL PERMITS-ENVIRO HEALTH..... 250.00

IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE, NAT'L ADDRESS CARD-AUDITOR..... 44.48

ISAC, 2024 ISAC CONF-AUDITOR/RECORDER/TREAS..... 840.00

ISCTA, IA ST CO TREAS ASSOC DUES 2025-TREAS..... 250.00

IVERSON, DAWN, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 240.01

IWVA, MEMBERSHIP DUES-ENVIRO HEALTH..... 85.00

JENDRO INC, GARBAGE PICKUP/RURAL RECYCLING-CSB/CRTHS/JAIL/LEMS/HERITAGE/SEC RDS..... 2,833.44

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SEED/HERBICIDE/SPPLS/PARTS/FUEL/EQUIP/SAFETY ITEMS-CONSV..... 1,513.63

JOHNSON, TERRY ALLEN, 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSION-ASSR..... 300.00

JOHNSTON, KAYCE, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 15.67

JOHNSTON, MELISSA, MLG-PRI ELEC..... 20.77

KARL EMERGENCY VEHICLES, REPL TAHOE BUILD/INSCLAIM-SHERIFF..... 25,108.69

KENDRA LEIBOLD, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 225.54

KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC, LAB FEES FOR WELL WATER TESTING-PUB HEALTH..... 2,259.75

KIME, ANDREA, MLG/CLIENT CALL..... 9.38

KING, MELODY, 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSION-ASSR..... 300.00

KNIGHT, MERRILYN, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 226.34

KNOLL, JOAN, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 236.26

KNUTSON, ANN, MLG/CLIENT CALLS..... 6.70

KOTTKE, RICH, JUNE VA COMM MTG..... 25.00

KUEHN, KATHRYN, JUNE VA COMM MTG..... 25.00

KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK, DIESEL & GAS-SEC RDS..... 10.2033

KWIK TRIP INC, FUEL-SHERIFF/HERITAGE/JAIL/CSB/E.HEALTH/EMS/EMA..... 4,291.20

LAMPSON-BAST, SHELLY, MLG/CLIENT CALL/HMKRS..... 493.79

LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC, INTERPRETER/STATE GRANT-PUB HEALTH..... 8.40

LAWSON PRODUCTS INC, ELEC PARTS/SPPLS-SEC RDS..... 302.79

LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASE-SEC RDS..... 220.70

LECHTENBERG, LOUANN, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 222.59

LESSIN SUPPLY COMPANY, PARTS-SEC RDS..... 2.36

LESTER, MEGAN, MLG/CLIENT CALLS..... 621.09

LYNCH, DON, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 226.34

MARK A MILDRED LAW FIRM, CRT RELATED SVC-CLERK OF CRT..... 219.30

MARK'S TRACTOR & IMP. INC., PARTS-SEC RDS..... 415.30

MARV & ZIPS REPAIR INC, REPAIRS/MAINT-SEC RDS..... 50.00

MCBEE ASSOCIATES, EDU SVCS-PUB HEALTH..... 850.00

MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL, INFECTION/MED SPPLS-PUB HEALTH..... 376.69

MELANIE S ANUNDSEN, TRANSCRIPT FEES-CLERK OF COURT..... 78.50

MERCY ONE-WAVERLY, MED EXAM SVC..... 235.00

MESSERSMITH PROMOTIONS, VA PENS/BOARDS FOR COFFEE CLUB-VA..... 608.04

MIC'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC, PLUMBING MAINT-JAIL..... 112.50

MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP, HORTICULTURAL-HERITAGE/JAIL/CSB/CRTHS..... 559.52

MIENRGY COOPERATIVE, ELEC-TRIC-CONSV/SEC RDS/911..... 2,359.73

MITKO LLC, PARTS-SEC RDS/371.46

MURRAY, JOHN W, WELL PLUG REIMB..... 500.00

NAPA MOTOR PARTS, PURPLE POWER CAR WASH-EMA..... 43.99

NASHUA REPORTER, OFFICIAL PUB/BOARD PROCEEDINGS/ELECTION-BOS/AUDITOR..... 1,269.87

NEW HAMPTON AUTO BODY LLC, 2025 BEHNKE TRAILER-SEC RDS..... 18,745.00

NEW HAMPTON CARE CENTER, LLC, INMATE MEALS-SHERIFF..... 40.00

NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PH/INTERNET-SHERIFF/CO ATTY/SHERIFF/EMA..... 755.91

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, OFFICIAL PUB/BOARD PROCEEDINGS/ELECTIONS/AD-VA/TREAS/BOS/E.H/SEC RDS..... 2,051.75

NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, MAY UTILS-CO BLDGS..... 4,426.57

NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER, MAY TOURISM CONTRACT/POSTAGE..... 1,020.85

NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING INC, RADIO INTERVIEW/STATE GRANT-PUB HEALTH..... 25.00

NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORP, UTLS ASST-NEICA..... 178.00

NORTHERN IOWA THERAPY PC, PT/OT THERAPY-PUB HEALTH..... 7,280.00

NOSBISCH, RANDY, JUNE VA COMM MTG..... 25.00

OSMONSON, ANDREW E, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 16.34

OTTERS, ROSE, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 226.34

PAULUS, JUDY, MLG/CLIENT CALLS..... 316.91

PETERS, WENDY, MLG/CLIENT CALL/HMKRS..... 478.38

PETROBLEND CORP, EQUIP CONSUMABLES-SEC RDS..... 507.50

PHILIP L. ASCHEMAN / PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES, PROACTIVE ANNUAL CHECK IN-SHERIFF..... 2,700.00

POPPE, CALVIN, 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSION-ASSR..... 300.00

QUALLEY, ROSE, MLG-WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 229.69

RAPID PRINTERS, OFFICE SPPLS/BATTERIES-TREAS/CO ATTY/VA..... 186.96

RAY O'HERRON CO INC, FIREARMS/HOLSTER/BADGES/HELMETS-SHERIFF..... 13,606.31

REICKS VIEW FAMILY FARMS LLC, REFUND OF TRANSFER TAX PD X2-AUDITOR..... 347.62

RICKS SERVICE CENTER LLC, MV REPAIRS/MAINT-SHERIFF..... 126.89

RILEY'S INC, SPPLS/TONER/COPY FEES/OFFICE EQUIP/CUST/INK-MULT DEPTS..... 5,609.45

BOB HACKMAN, BLDG REMOVAL/NEW WALL AND DOOR ADD-JAIL..... 3,512.84

S & T COLLISION CENTER AND AUTO LLC, MV MAINT-SHERIFF..... 2,061.00

SADLER POWER TRAIN INC, SCAN TOOL LICENSE-SEC RDS2,080.00

SCHEELS, GARMIN UNDERWATER LIVE SCOPE IMAGER-EMA..... 7,099.95

SCHRANDT-PROUTY, MARY, WAGE-PRI & POST ELEC..... 52.50

SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, KEY-PAD/PARTS/BLDG MAINT-JAIL/CRTHS/EMS/EMA..... 413.66

SECTOR LLC, 19-21/9-7 INSTALL/EQUIP-SHERIFF..... 67,680.19

SHEKLETON, JULIA, MLG/CLIENT CALLS..... 72.36

SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON INC, HERITAGE WATERMAIN EXT..... 4,090.05

that six county roads had to be closed because of flooding over the weekend but added that all but one — Ridgeway Avenue north of Fredericksburg — had been reopened after parts of the county received more than 3.5 inches of rain Friday night into Saturday.

The storms led to flooding at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club, which was closed over the weekend but reopened Monday.

It was far worse elsewhere in Iowa as cities from Forest City to Spencer to Rock Rapids looked more like lakes than municipalities. To the east, the heavy rains led to mudslides and rock slides in and around Lansing.

Gov. Kim Reynolds issued disaster proclamations for 21 counties, including Floyd but not for Chickasaw.

For Chief Deputy Zach Nosbisch into FY24-25 to be used by July 5, 2024 and on payroll July 12, 2024 at new rate. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed the Main Crew Station policy for the EMS no action was taken.

Discussed the EMS Explorer Program and no action was taken.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve final bill of \$160,753.00 from Stanton Electric for the EMS Building remodel and approve final payment of \$76,172.00 to be paid out of 0004 EMS Fund.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$430,633.14. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior bills in the amount of \$4,877.60. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve payroll check dated June 14, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE SECTION 21.5(1)(i) TO EVALUATE THE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL AT 10:01 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to exit CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE SECTION 21.5(1)(i) TO EVALUATE THE PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL AT 10:24 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Out of close session

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to direct the County Attorney to request a waiver from Heartland Insurance Risk Pool's Motor Vehicle policy for a current county employee based upon extenuating circumstances. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Committee Assignments

Supervisors Cerwinske and Breitbach, June 12, TIF

Supervisor Kuhn, June 11, EMC Board of Supervisors, June 10, Department Meeting & Safety Meeting

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 10:25 AM. Roll call: All Ayes Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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SHURTLEFF, DIANE, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 256.08

SINWELL, SUSAN, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 307.80

SPEICHER, DEAN, JUNE VA COMM MTG..... 25.00

STANTON ELECTRIC, BLDG IMPROVEMENT-JAIL..... 1,150.00

STAPLES INC, PENS/FOLDERS/BATTERIES/BAGS-PUB HEALTH..... 134.15

STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, WATER ANALYSIS-HERITAGE..... 14.50

SUDOL, DEB, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 218.84

SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT LTD, RIFLE/HANDGUN TRAINING/SPPLS-SHERIFF..... 9,490.80

TANDY PERKINS, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 226.34

TIMOTHY G PHILLIPS, BLDG IMPROVEMENT/HEAT PUMP-JAIL..... 3,576.03

TONY TROWER, PARTS-SEC RDS..... 350.00

TREWIN PUMPING SERVICE, LEACHATE HAUL-LANDFILL..... 185.00

TUPPER, JOANNE, MLG/WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 231.70

U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, PO BOX RENTAL-MULT DEPTS..... 729.00

U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, CELL/TABLET SVC-EMA/PUB ENVIRO HEALTH/SEC RDS..... 1,356.28

VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC, ANNUAL APPRAISAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT/LICENSE-ASSR..... 14,925.00

VERIZON WIRELESS, PH SVC/DATA SUPP-SHERIFF..... 983.74

VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC, MV INSTALL/LICENSES-SHERIFF..... 1,226.36

VISA, GOOGLE/MONTHLY PLAN/INSTALL/SPPLS/BLDG MAINT/PARTS-MULT DEPTS..... 7,135.82

VISA, FUEL/MEALS/EDU/LODGING/ SOFTWARE-SHERIFF..... 3,956.88

WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP & PART INC, MV MAINT-SHERIFF..... 1,935.00

WEB COMMERCE PARTNERS INC, DYMO LABELS-AUDITOR/ELECTIONS..... 54.96

WEGNER, NANCY, MLG-WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 226.34

WELTER, LISA, MLG/CLIENT CALLS..... 56.28

WELTON, DOUGLASS, WAGE-PRI ELEC..... 221.25

WILLSON & PECHACEK PLC, COURT RELATED SVCS-ASSR..... 5,517.40

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We can be reached by phone at 641-435-4635, and you can reserve books online as well through our online catalog, call the library if you need help by going online to <https://nashua.bibliionix.com/catalog/>.

The library is now offering notary services to patrons. Our library director is now a notary public through the state of Iowa. If you need notary services, make sure to stop into the library or give us a call to ensure our library director is available.

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- The Corpse in the Closet by Lucy Score
- The Blast from the Past by Lucy Score

- Before She Was Found by Heather Gudenkauf
- Camino Ghosts by John Grisham (LARGE PRINT)

- Eruption by Michael Crichton (LARGE PRINT)
- Lone Star Jack by Diane Capri (LARGE PRINT)

- The House at the End of the World by Dean Koontz (LARGE PRINT)
- The Noel Letters by Richard Paul Evans (LARGE PRINT)

- One Bright Christmas by Katherine Spencer (LARGE PRINT)
- Dark Sky by CJ Box (LARGE PRINT)

- 24th Hour by James Patterson (LARGE PRINT)
- A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci (LARGE PRINT)

- #1 Lawyer by James Patterson (LARGE PRINT)
- The Clover Girls by Viola Shipman (LARGE PRINT)

- New DVDs and BLU-RAYS at the library include:
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- Dinosaur- DVD
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- - Compiled by Library Director Heather Hackman

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New state law will shut down Charles City traffic cameras next week

Delay in installing the cameras late last year means the city must shut them off July 1 and can't turn them back on again until at least 2026

By Travis Fischer

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Charles City's experiment with automated traffic cameras will soon come to an end.

After three months of computer-sized eyes watching drivers coming and going from the city, the cameras will no longer be citing speeding drivers as of July 1, because of a new state law restricting the cameras' use.

Intended to slow down traffic and reduce the number of accidents, particularly on high traffic roads like South Grand Avenue, Police Chief Hugh Anderson approached the City Council last year with a proposal to place a series of automatic cameras at Charles City's major entries and exits to serve as a deterrent for speeding drivers.

Utilizing the services of Altumint Inc., which installed and operates the cameras in exchange for a portion of the revenue from fees, the system has been taking photos of speeding drivers and send that information to a local police officer for review, resulting in a civil infraction and fee against the driver.

The council adopted an ordinance to allow the cameras during its last meeting of 2023.

While originally intended to go online before the end of the year, getting DOT approval for use of the rights-of-way and getting electricity in place delayed the process. It wasn't until mid-March that the cameras were ready to go live, located at South Grand Avenue, Highway 14, Highway 18 and Gilbert Street.

The rollout began with a several week grace period where flagged drivers were sent a warning through the mail, rather than the civil infraction notification.

Since then, the cameras have become a hot topic around Charles City, resulting in plenty of communi-



Travis Fischer/Charles City Press

Charles City's newly installed traffic cameras will be shut down on July 1 when a new state law goes into effect.

ty conversations, social media posts, newspaper opinion submissions and more as people discussed and debated their merits.

For a time, local restaurant All About Cheesesteaks even cheekily offered a discount for those bringing in their tickets or warnings.

Regardless of the controversy, Chief Anderson said that the cameras have been effective at reining in heavy-footed drivers. While he said he hasn't gotten a detailed breakdown from Altumint yet about citations issued by the cameras, anecdotally he and his officers have observed a reduction in speeds.

"They're doing their job very well," said Anderson. "They slow people down."

However, any local debate over the cameras was made moot last month when Gov. Kim Reynolds signed HF 2681 into law, establishing new state-

wide restrictions on the cameras' use, and requiring cities to receive a permit from the Iowa Department of Transportation before using an automated traffic enforcement system.

Permits will be issued on a per-location basis if the DOT determines that an automated system would be "the least restrictive means to address the traffic safety issue."

According to Iowa DOT Engineer Chris Poole, the department is working on developing the administrative rules that would govern the applications.

"There is a single permit application that covers all locations that the city wants to use a speed camera," said Poole. "We would work with the city to make it clear which specific locations are permitted."

The law also sets caps on the civil infraction for these systems, with the fee for violations over 10 and up to

20 mph over the posted limit capped at \$75; 21-25 mph over is capped at \$100; 26-30 mph over capped at \$250; and \$500 for speeds exceeding 30 mph over the posted limit.

Outside of operating costs, revenue from these fees can only be used by local authorities to fund police departments, fire departments, or transportation infrastructure.

Many provisions of the new law were already in practice in Charles City, such as the requirement that citations can only be issued for driving more than 10 mph over the posted speed limit, and that a local person (a police officer in Charles City's case) review and approve the violation before issuing a warning or citation.

However, while the new law would have allowed Charles City to continue to utilize the traffic cameras had they been installed in December as planned, the delay in their installation

made a decisive difference in their eligibility for continued use.

The new law allows a grace period for a community to receive a permit if it had cameras in operation before January, but automated traffic systems that went online after Jan. 1 will not be eligible for a permit until July 1, 2026.

"They were delayed just long enough," said Anderson.

With Charles City ineligible to even apply for a permit for two years, the cameras will be taken offline for the time being.

While there was some confusion over the way the law was written and when parts of it go into effect, the DOT has determined that the city can continue to utilize the cameras until July 1.

It has yet to be determined if the cameras will be merely deactivated or removed completely. The city does have the option to continue to use them to send automated warnings, though Anderson said that's not currently in the plan.

Anderson noted that drivers caught by the cameras between now and July 1 can still expect to receive a citation later in the summer, as it may be as late as August before the last citations get through the system.

The city has also contracted attorney Ann Troge to serve as the city's hearing officer for contested citations. The first hearing date for contested citations has yet to be set, but will be once enough tickets are amassed. In the meantime, the Police Department has been working with people, particularly those who have received multiple citations, to work things out.

"The biggest thing is to communicate with us," said Anderson.

As for the revenue the cameras were expected to bring in, Anderson said that the system hasn't been online long enough for the city to receive its first payout from Altumint for its share of the collected civil penalties.

Huskies take on Dunkerton in first round of postseason

BASEBALL: FROM 8

ting challenged by the best, but you know you have to swing it every night. That can take a toll, but we're going to be just fine."

N-P broke open a tight game with Riceville (12-13) last Tuesday with a big blast off the bat of sophomore Matthew Malven in the top of the sixth. With the Huskies holding on to a slim 1-0 lead, Malven got a hold of a pitch from Wildcat senior ace Ryder Fair and took him yard. The three-run blast added a little cushion and insurance runs for N-P's pitching staff – which limited the Wildcats to just two hits.

"Wow! Holy smokes! Talk about clutch. Matt killed that baseball. Once it was off the bat, I yelled at the ball, 'go ball.' I don't think I needed to because that thing landed probably 20 or 30 feet past the fence. It was as close to a no-doubter as you're gonna get," said Miller.

It was Malven's first home run of his varsity career and gave the Huskies much-needed momentum. It was the second home run of the season hit by N-P. Eli Kalainoff has the other homer – which came in a 6-5 loss at home versus St. Ansgar in the prior week's game.

"He's really emerged for us. He's provided us with a lot of value in that five spot," said Miller about Malven.

N-P also played errorless baseball in the field against the Wildcats to back up the three-headed monster of arms that were featured on this night in freshman Kolbie Vance, junior Nic Brase and senior Devon Griffin. Vance pitched five innings, allowed the two hits and he struck out three.

"Kolbie Vance threw incredible that game. It was a very, very good bounce-back performance for him. Kolbie's got a bright future," said Miller.

The victory over North Butler saw junior ace Dawson Glaser pick up win No. 4 on the year with a complete-game nine-hitter. He struck out 12 batters and is now fourth in the conference with 65 K's. Glaser's ERA. Glaser walked just a single Bearcat.

"North Butler got to him a little bit in the first inning and then he locked it down," said Miller. "That's the thing – Dawson responds. He's one of the top arms in the conference and in the class of 1A. He has not had a bad outing in three years. The kid loves to compete."

N-P senior Tucker Franzen came up with two hits against NNB and senior Titus Evans knocked in two runs.

The Huskies were successful in all nine of their stolen base attempts in the league clash



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P's Kolbie Vance (above) slides into third base in a game earlier this year and Karson Chyma (below) goes all out to make a diving catch in baseball action this summer.

with North Butler.

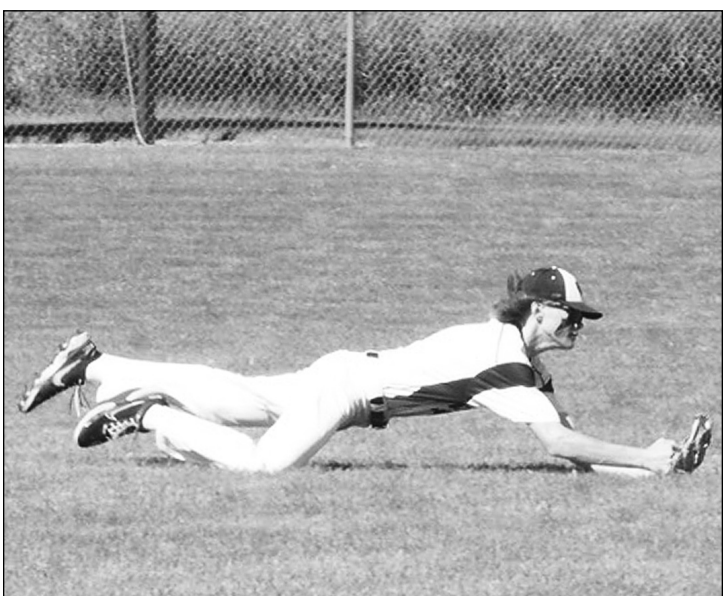
Glaser leads the team in hits with 24 and a .400 batting average. Kalainoff, a sophomore, is the top run producer for the Huskies with 18 RBI. He also leads the team in stolen bases with 18 and runs scored (21).

N-P played at Northwood-Kensett tonight (Thursday) and then turns around and hosts North Fayette Valley in the final home game of the season on Monday. Seventh-ranked Wapsie Valley will entertain N-P on Tuesday in Fairbank and the Huskies will conclude the regular season at Turkey Valley on Wednesday.

Miller had this to say about his squad with one final week of the regular season left.

"We're still a 10-10 ball club that's competing with top-10 teams," said Miller.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association released its small-school class pairings last Thursday and N-P found out its first-round opponent in Class 1A. Postseason play begins a week from this Saturday on July 6 in Calmar. The Huskies' draw was the No. 5 seed Dunkerton Raiders, who play in the North Division of the Iowa Star Conference and are 7-8 on the year as of Thursday afternoon. The winner of that contest squares off against the victor between No. 1 seed South Winneshiek (17-7) and No. 6



seed Clarksville (16-7).

OSAGE 10, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

NP 000 00 - 0
OS 216 01 - 10
Pitching - Eli Kalainoff 2 2/3 IP, 5 H, 9 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 2 K, Tucker Franzen 1 1/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 1 K, Kolbie Vance 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

Hits - Dawson Glaser 1, Gavin Wayne 1, Karson Chyma 1.
NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 8, NORTH BUTLER 2
NB 200 000 0 - 2
NP 300 041 x - 8
Pitching - Glaser 7 IP, 9 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 12 K.

2B - Glaser, Hayden Munn. Runs - Kalainoff 2, Wyatt Bouillon 2, Franzen 1, Matthew Malven 1, Munn 1, Cam Cleveland 1. Hits - Franzen 2, Glaser 1, Titus Evans 1, Munn 1. RBI - Evans

2, Franzen 1, Glaser 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 4, RICEVILLE 0

NP 000 013 0 - 4
RICE 000 000 0 - 0
Pitching - Vance 5 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 3 K, Nic Brase 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 K, Devon Griffin 1 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

2B - Kalainoff, Glaser. HR - Malven. Runs - Bouillon 1, Malven 1, Wayne 1, Cleveland 1. Hits - Kalainoff 1, Franzen 1, Glaser 1, Malven 1, Vance 1. RBI - Malven 3, Kalainoff 1.

WEST FORK 7, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

NP 000 000 0 - 0
WF 103 102 x - 7
Pitching - Kalainoff 3 1/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 3 K, Brase 2 2/3 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

Hits - Glaser 2, Kalainoff 1, Franzen 1, Vance 1.

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accomplished last summer in a campaign that saw the Huskies play to a mark of 2-26 and 1-15 in the TIC East Division.

Pratt leads the team in hits with 21 – one more than sophomore Nevaeh Bloker's 20. Stastny-Hall talked about Pratt and what she means to her program.

"We have a special relationship because she was the first player I moved up to varsity her eighth-grade year," said Stastny-Hall. "Some of her best memories are her playing in that eighth-grade and ninth-grade year during my first couple years of coaching."

N-P took on Riceville the next day on Tuesday – the start of a string of five-consecutive road games to end the regular season. The Wildcats held on for a 5-2 win. The Huskies found out late Wednesday afternoon that Riceville (10-15) will be their opponent in the first round of Class 1A regional play on Monday, July 8. The winner of the N-P-Riceville postseason game plays at St. Ansgar on Wednesday, July 10. Riceville also took on N-P in the first round of postseason play two years ago in the 2022 season, a game the Wildcats won 3-1.

The 2024 regular season version of the Wildcat vs. Husky tilt saw N-P miss out on a scoring opportunity in the fifth as Pratt was nailed at the plate on a throw that cut her down. Pratt had doubled earlier in the inning with two outs and Hannemann made it back-to-back doubles a batter later. That two-bagger appeared like it may score Pratt, but Riceville came up with the big play to end the threat and the inning.

"I will admit, I can take the heat for the fifth inning," said Stastny-Hall about her waving Pratt home after Hannemann's double. "That's on me. I lost the battle with the umpire on that one. We were trying to be aggressive to get back in the lead down 5-0 at that point."

N-P junior second baseman Kristen Lee cranked her first career home run in the seventh. She had two base hits and scored all of the Huskies' runs. "That ball went flying, just like Kami's did at North Butler," said Stastny-Hall. "Some of the people you didn't expect to become big hitters last night became my big hitters after the Riceville performance."

Franzen was 2-4 at the dish, as was Pratt against Wildcat pitching.

Husky sophomore Hannah Brahn started the game versus Riceville and allowed two earned runs. Jensen finished the non-conference battle and surrendered a lone run.

"A solid seven innings is what

I asked and they gave me that – if not more," said Stastny-Hall.

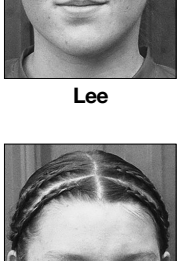
Jensen picked up the win inside the circle against North Butler as she tossed six innings



Hannemann

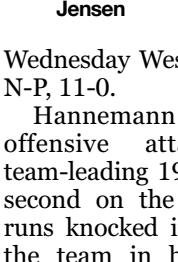
and gave up four earned runs. She fanned eight Bearcat batters.

Stastny-Hall said her Huskies are playing their best ball of the year right now.



Lee

N-P lost to Osage on Thursday, June 20 by a score of 6-0. The Green Devils trounced N-P in Nashua in late May by a score of 17-1.



Jensen

"We went hard the whole time at 'em," said Stastny-Hall about the road rematch with Osage. J u s t

this past Wednesday West Fork blanked N-P, 11-0.

Hannemann paces N-P's offensive attack with a team-leading 19 RBI. Bloker is second on the team with 11 runs knocked in. Bloker leads the team in batting average (.299) and sophomore Elyana O'Neill is second with a .283 clip.

OSAGE 6, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0
NP 000 000 0 - 0
OS 010 041 x - 6
Pitching - Callie Jensen 6 IP, 8 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

Hits - Paige Franzen 1, Jalynn Pratt 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 6, NORTH BUTLER 5
NB 112 000 1 - 5
NP 022 101 x - 6
Pitching - Jensen 7 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 8 K.

2B - Franzen. HR - Kami Hannemann. Runs - Franzen 2, Jensen 1, Pratt 1, Madison Wahl 1, Hannemann 1. Hits - Pratt 3, Jensen 2, Wahl 2, Franzen 1, Nevaeh Bloker 1, Hannemann 1. RBI - Hannemann 3, Pratt 1, Bloker 1, Wahl 1.

RICEVILLE 5, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 2
NP 000 010 1 - 2
RICE 101 300 x - 5
Pitching - Hannah Brahn 3 1/3 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 1 K, Jensen 2 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

2B - Pratt, Hannemann. HR - Kristen Lee. Runs - Lee 2, Hits - Franzen 2, Pratt 2, Lee 2, Jensen 1, Hannemann 1. RBI - Pratt 1, Lee 1.

WEST FORK 11, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0
Nashua-Plainfield 000 00 - 0
West Fork 420 5x - 11
Pitching - Brahn 1 IP, 0 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 0 K, Jensen 3 IP, 8 H, 7 R, 7 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.
Hits - Franzen 1, Jensen 1.

Huskies looking for consistency as playoffs near

N-P breaks losing skid with wins over North Butler, Riceville but drop TIC tilt to West Fork

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Hall of Fame Boston Red Sox outfielder Ted Williams perfected the art of hitting – one of the most difficult undertakings in all of sports.

While the majority of high school baseball players are nowhere near as talented and skilled as one of Major League Baseball’s all-time greats – there’s still a lesson to be learned on the mechanics behind making contact with a hard, round leather ball with stitches that’s challenging to keep an eye on.

It takes precise timing and excellent hand-eye coordination to barrel a baseball. Which moves on to the point that eventually slumps – or downturn in plate production – is inevitable when pitchers almost always win the battle, roughly 70 percent of the time.

That’s why Nashua-Plainfield head baseball coach Levi Miller is shaking it up a little bit at the plate in preparation for the Huskies’ stretch run.

N-P (10-10, 7-8) was involved in three shutouts over the course of the last week and came out on the short end of the stick on two of those. The Huskies were blanked, 10-0, by the Green Devils of Osage last Thursday and also got goose-egged by West Fork, 7-0, this past Wednesday.

That means a change was necessary according to Miller.

“Right now I would say our big focus has to be getting the bats going and throwing consistent strikes. We’re going to try a new approach in batting practice and get away from the same old, same old with our routine. Our swings are fine – we’re just having some timing issues right now,” said Miller.

Miller and his bunch saw



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter
Titus Evans (above) gets his “secondary lead” while teammate Nic Brase throws to first for an out in games played earlier this season.

plenty of top arms across the state in a span of games that saw the Huskies drop five in a row prior to an 8-2 win on Senior Night at home on Monday versus North Butler (4-16, 3-13).

Making solid contact is essential to winning baseball and Miller hopes a fresh approach can spark a run here late in the season.

“We’ll see guys that are throwing low 80s. We’ll see guys that are throwing high 60s and they’re kind of junk ballers,” said Miller. “In these tough stretch of games that we had, I think we saw like six or seven aces in a row and that’s okay. You’re seeing aces for a reason. Teams don’t want to show you their two, three or four – you’re going to see their best. That can be a good thing, but also that can be a bad thing. You’re get-

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Softball at Central City, varsity at 5:30 p.m., JV to follow.

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Softball at Riceville, Class 1A regional first round, 7 p.m.

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Baseball vs. South Winneshiek or Clarksville at South Winneshiek, Class 1A district semifinal, if qualified, 7 p.m.

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Softball at St. Ansgar, Class 1A regional quarterfinal, if qualified, 7 p.m.

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Nashua-Plainfield’s Jalynn Pratt waits for the throw to get to second while teammate Callie Jensen delivers a pitch to the plate during games played earlier this month in Nashua.

SATISFYING SENIOR NIGHT

HUSKIES’ LONE SENIOR GOES OUT A WINNER AS N-P SWEEPS SEASON SERIES WITH NORTH BUTLER

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

Jalynn Pratt stood alone on the diamond Monday evening on Senior Night for the Nashua-Plainfield Huskies and received recognition for a dedicated commitment to the sport of softball.

The lone Husky senior on Jessica Stastny-Hall’s Top of Iowa Conference softball squad waved to the crowd in what was an emotional moment for many in attendance who witnessed the N-P senior’s final home game versus North Butler.

So it was especially satisfying and fitting that Pratt would go out a winner on an evening that honored seniors as N-P topped the Bearcats, 6-5.

Pratt – who started six games as an eighth-grader in the abbreviated COVID-19 season of 2020 – knocked in what would be the eventual game-winning hit in the bottom of the sixth inning versus North Butler. That clutch play will surely go down as one of her most memorable moments in a Husky career that has spanned five seasons.

“She had me crying when I was doing Senior Night. That just shows you the impact that she has as a person and player. She will be greatly missed,” said Stastny-Hall, who took over the N-P program as a first-year head coach in that truncated 2020 season.

Pratt went 3-4 at the dish and laced a single with two outs that scored junior Paige Franzen, who had doubled earlier in the inning. That gave N-P a 6-4 lead headed into the top of the seventh – where the Huskies held on to close out the victory.

N-P eighth-grade hurler Callie Jensen worked out of a jam after giving up a run in that final frame and induced a fly out to Madison Wahl in left field for the final out with a runner on third base.

“Callie pitched an incredible game,” said Stastny-Hall. “They gave us a little scare in the seventh inning but everybody held their own and did everything that they could to get us the ‘W.’”

N-P sophomore shortstop Kami Hannemann blasted a two-run homer off Bearcat freshman Kamri Groen in the second inning. Jensen and Wahl each tallied two hits apiece.

“We came out with a mission and we stuck to it,” said Stastny-Hall.

This was the second win of the season for the Huskies over North Butler as they swept the season series after winning the first matchup on the Bearcats’ home diamond back in early June by a score of 8-4.

With the thrilling victory, N-P (4-22 overall; 3-11 in the TIC East) now has four wins on the season – double what they

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