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Summer sports come to an end for Huskies

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County won't have Comp Board

Supervisors say they will do their own 'homework' in setting elected officials' salaries

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County will forgo using its Compensation Board this year when it comes to setting salaries for the county's elected officials, thanks to a decision by the Board of Supervisors at a meeting Monday. The panels often referred to as comp boards were required under Iowa law, but in the wee hours of the 2024 Legislative session, lawmakers approved a tax bill, Senate File 2442, that included dramatic changes to compensation boards.

"I'm still not 100 percent certain that I agree with the interpretation as to how this is going to work stylistically," Chickasaw County Attorney David Launder told board members Monday, "but the bottom line is it seems clear that you need to take some action if you in fact want to utilize the Compensation Board. Whether it is automatically disbanded or not, I think is irrelevant at this point."

Under the old law, compensation boards were required to make salary recommendations for a county's elected officials to supervisors, who could then either accept them or decrease them proportionally.

The only exception was for supervisor salaries, which meant that if a board

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North Washington native Michelle Kalinay listens to a young 4-H member talk about her project during the Chickasaw County 4-H and Achievement Show on Tuesday afternoon.

Bob Fenske/Reporter

STARTING OFF THE SHOW!

FOOD AND NUTRITION JUDGE EXCITED TO RETURN TO HER HOME COUNTY FOR ANNUAL 4-H AND FFA ACHIEVEMENT SHOW

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Michelle Kalinay laughed Tuesday afternoon when she was asked if she could remember how she felt the first time she had a project judged at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show that is held each year at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.

"I'm old and that was so long ago, I honestly don't remember," she said, "but I'm sure I was a little nervous, especially that first time."

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Crops looking good but farmers still facing challenges

ISU Extension agronomist says area growers hope Mother Nature finds the right 'balance'

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Ask ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol about the state of area farm fields and he'll be frank when it comes to his surprise.

"Considering what we went through to get the seeds in the field this year," he said Thursday afternoon, "I don't too many of us thought we'd be where we're at today."

And where is that?

"Pretty dang good, but you know people like me," Basol said, "we're going to tell you that we have a long way to go. ... Still, it's pretty good right now. Some of the earliest planted corn is starting to tassel ... our soybeans are flowering. We've got challenges ahead, but if you go back to the end of this winter when we were still in the middle of a pretty bad drought,

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TURNING AROUND THE DROUGHT

Here are the precipitation totals and monthly averages for Nashua since March 2023 (red denotes below normal; black denotes above normal):

Month	Precip	Avg
March 23	1.60	2.05
April 23	1.85	3.79
May 23	1.93	5.12
June 23	1.63	5.89
July 23	1.17	4.74
Aug. 23	1.50	4.42
Sept. 23	1.50	3.64
Oct. 23	2.16	2.75
Nov. 23	0.29	1.81
Dec. 23	1.08	1.51
Jan. 24	1.35	1.13
Feb. 24	0.39	1.24
March 24	2.51	2.05
April 24	4.11	3.79
May 24	9.15	5.12
June 24	9.09	5.89
*July 24	3.69	1.62

* Both rainfall and average are for first nine days of July.

SOURCE: National Weather Service

Reporter owner adds Decorah paper to its roster of publications

The Decorah Public Opinion and its associated shopper, the Driftless Journal, were acquired by Enterprise Media, owner of the Nashua Reporter, as of July 1.



Hall

The Charles City-based publishing company was founded in 2016 by Christopher Hall and his wife Kristin Hall. The pair of Decorah publications were previously under the editorship of Kate Klemish of Driftless Multimedia, whose family purchased the newspaper in July 2021 after being involved with the publications for several years.

The publications will be renamed as part of the transition — the Decorah Public Opinion will be redubbed the Decorah Leader, while the Driftless Journal will simply be known as The Driftless moving forward.

The Decorah Leader will be helmed by incoming News Editor Seth Boyes, while Christopher Hall, the CEO of

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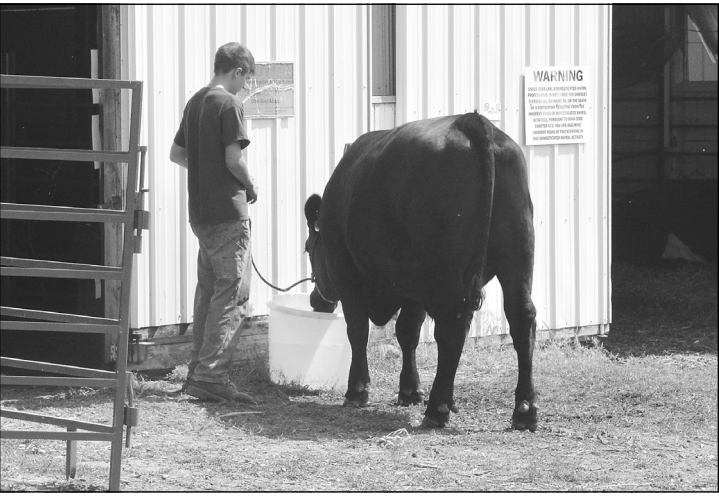
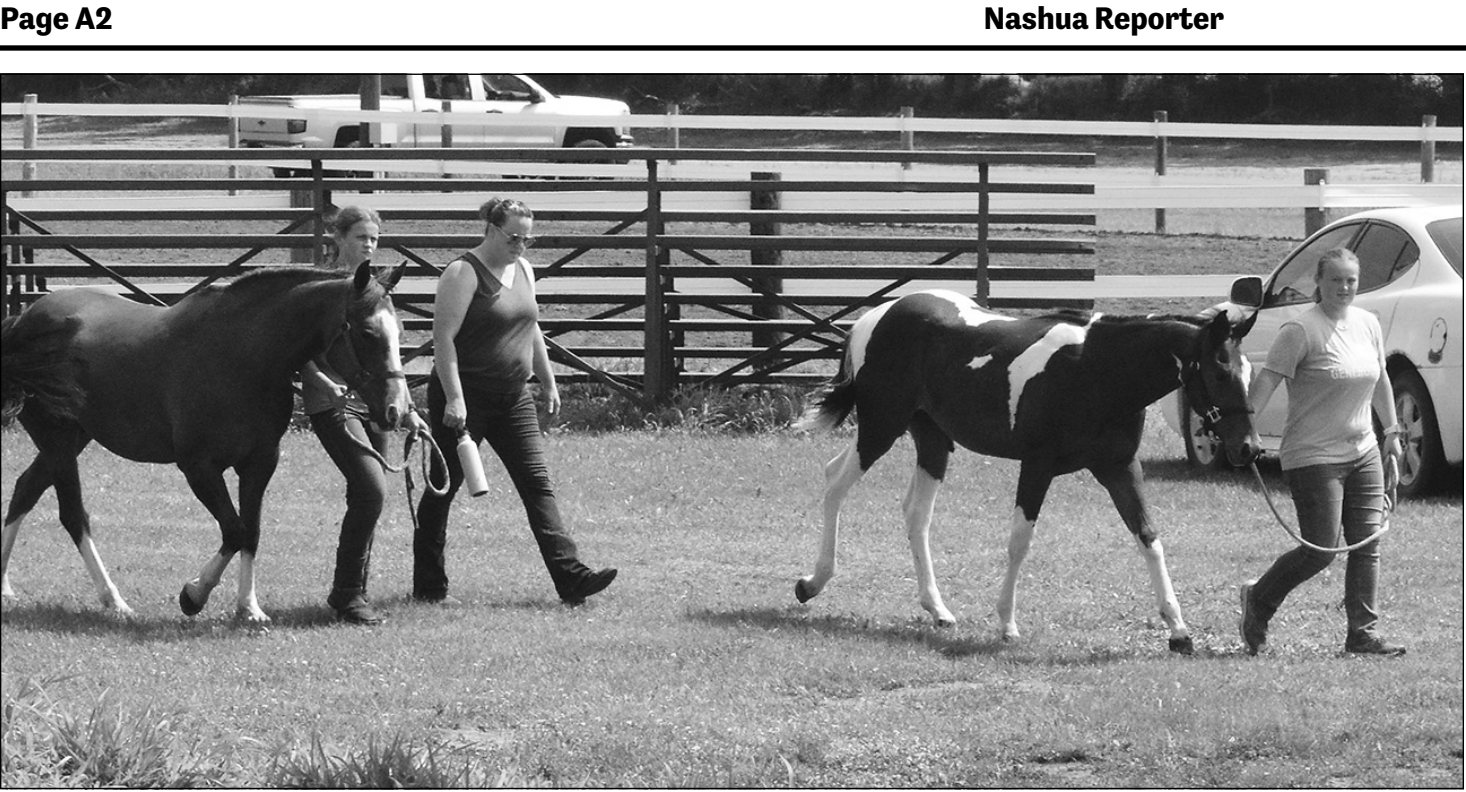
Kicking off Plainfield Days!

Karter McCall (above) is named Little Miss Plainfield at Plainfield Days on Thursday and Sterling Dietz wears the crown of Little Mr. Plainfield. Emerson Franzen (right) was named 2024 Miss Plainfield and stands with last year's 2023 Miss Plainfield, Kristen Lee. The city's annual festival continues through Saturday, when the safari-themed parade begins at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a host of activities throughout the day, culminating with the fireworks at 10 p.m.



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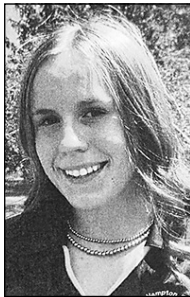
Scenes from the show
A pair of Horse Show participants (left) walk their animals back to the barn while Ely Suhr (right) gives his cow a long drink of water on the fairgrounds Thursday morning.



Emma Brincks



Elizabeth Deere



Aleah Eichenberger



Madelyn Hennings



Luella Reicks

Quintet seeking to be next Chickasaw County fair queen

Five young women are vying to represent Chickasaw County as its fair queen next month at the Iowa State Fair. The new queen will be crowned on Saturday evening, when the Chickasaw County 4-H and Achievement Show will hold its annual barbecue and awards ceremony.

This year's event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua and include a meal provided by the Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association.

The new queen will take over from 2023 Chickasaw County Fair Queen Tori Bearman, who will wrap up her reign during this year's Achievement Show. Those seeking to replace Bearman are the following:

- **Elizabeth Deere** is the 16-year-old daughter of Ben and Mistie Deere. She is currently attending New Hampton High School where she is active in FFA, Interact, Student Senate, and Skills USA.
- Outside of school she is active in 4-H where she has gained many important leadership experiences.
- During her spare time Elizabeth enjoys photography, painting, reading, fishing, hunting, figure 8 races, and babysitting.
- **Aleah Eichenberger** is the 17-year-

old daughter of Jeremy and Heather Eichenberger. She is currently attending New Hampton High School where she is active in FFA, band, volleyball, girls wrestling, trapshooting, large group speech, interact club, and student senate.

Outside of school she is active in 4H and county council where she has served as her club's president and secretary before.

During her spare time Aleah enjoys working with her livestock, going to the racetrack and lifting weights.

- **Luella Reicks** is the 17-year-old daughter of Rory and Trish Reicks. She is currently attending the Turkey Valley High School where she is active in student senate, yearbook, FFA, Cross Age Teaching, and Large Group Speech.
- Outside of school she is active in 4-H, IJBBA, County Council, and Iowa Simmental Association, and donating blood locally.
- In her spare time Luella enjoys showing cattle with her sister, riding horses, getting ice cream, and teaching swim lessons at the New Hampton Pool.
- **Emma Brincks** is the 17-year-old daughter of Emily Brincks. She is currently attending Turkey Valley High School where

she is active in FFA, golf, band, choir, plays and musicals, and student senate.

Outside of school Emma is active in Anne's dancers, Feeding the Farmers, donating blood, and volunteering in her community.

During her spare time, Emma enjoys spending time with her friends and family, going to the races, volunteering, and staying active in her FFA Chapter.

- **Madelyn Hennings** is the 16-year-old daughter of Greg and Valerie Hennings. She is currently attending Nashua Plainfield High School where she is active in cheer, band, jazz band, choir, NHS, FCCLA, Husky Leadership Team, yearbook committee, and youth group.
- Outside of school she is active in 4-H, county council, and dance. Madelyn enjoys volunteering wherever she can including at her church, local concession stands, and even at youth 4-H camps.
- In her spare time you can find her writing music, playing piano, dancing, or baking.
- If she is crowned queen her goals are to grow 4-H membership and increase involvement/participating in 4-H while still being a positive role model for younger children.



Bob Fenske/Reporter
The Static Show draws a big crowd of 4-H and FFA members presenting their non-livestock projects to judges from around the state.

Achievement Show judge meets all kinds of kids at Static Show

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"I've judged before at other fairs," she said, "but this is the first time coming back to Chickasaw County to do it. ... So yes, I'm excited. I love the fair. It's a big part of who I am today, and I'm excited to see kids who are excited to show me their projects."

For two hours Tuesday night, the 4-H members paraded their projects to a table, introduced themselves to judges like Kalinay and talked about how they came up with their projects, what they did to complete them and what they learned by doing them.

Sure, the goal was to earn a trip to the State Fair. It's the same goal kids will have throughout the week at the Achievement Show that shines the spotlight brightly on the youngsters of Chickasaw County.

Tuesday was just the start of a seven-day event that doesn't end until the annual Achievement Show auction that will be held on Monday morning. In between, there will be horses, cows, pigs, poultry, rabbits, dogs, pets, goats and more.

In addition to the variety of shows that are part of the fair, 4-H and FFA members took part in Thursday night's Family Fun Night that included music by New Hampton's Madison Kolbet.

And they're looking forward to Saturday night's barbecue, awards night and queen crowning.

Saturday's meal is being put on by the Chickasaw Cattlemen's Association and will run from 5 to 7 p.m.

But it all started with the Static Show on Saturday, and while judges like Kalinay are gentle and kind, they also have high expectations, especially from veteran 4-H members.

"It is important for me, especially with the kids who have been showing for a few years,

On Tap at the 4-H and FFA Achievement Show!

FRIDAY

- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Beef Show.
- 2 to 3 p.m.: Bucket Bottle Show.
- 4:30 to 6 p.m.: Poultry Show.
- 7 to 9 p.m.: Horse Games.

SATURDAY

- 8 a.m. to noon: Swine Show.
- Noon to 1 p.m.: Celebrity Swine Show.
- 2 to 4 p.m.: Rabbit Show.
- 5 to 7 p.m.: Family Fun Night, including BBQ by Chickasaw Cattlemen's Association, recognition and crowning of the 2024 Chickasaw County Fair queen.
- 7 p.m.: Turn & Burn Racing in the grandstand.

SUNDAY

- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Dairy Cattle and Goat Show.
- 2 to 3 p.m.: Costume contest sponsored by Nashua-Plainfield FFA.

MONDAY

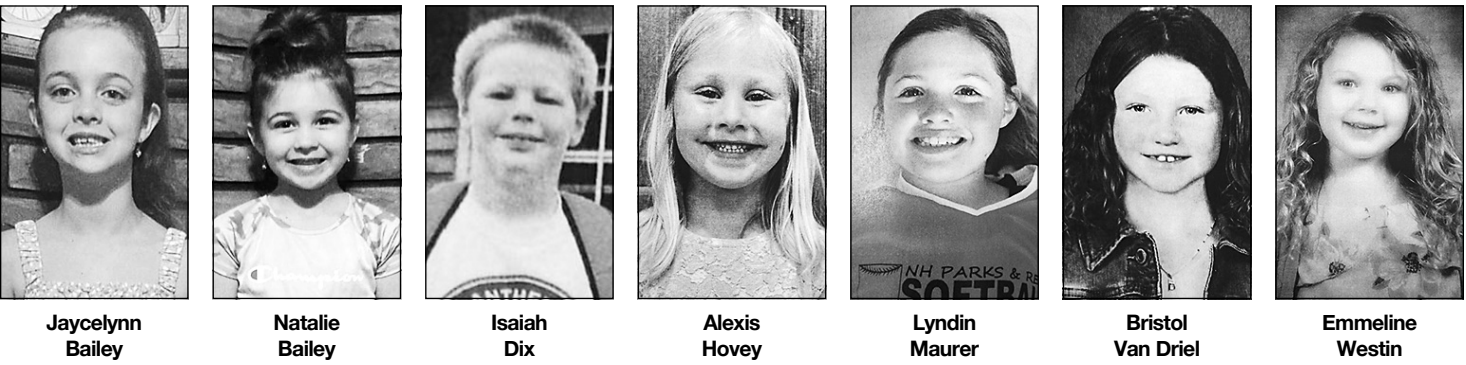
- 7:30 to 9 a.m.: Pancake Auction Breakfast.
- 9 a.m. to noon: Achievement Show Auction.

that they have that degree of difficulty," she said. "4-H is all about growing, and you see so many kids who you know have grown by leaps and bounds over the years.

"For me, the best part is to see the kids who are really excited about their projects."

Yet, she also knew that she was going to see all types on Tuesday, and she did.

"You have the shy ones, the talkative ones, the nervous ones," she said, "but to see someone who has really embraced their project, that's the best."



Meet the youngsters hoping to be fair's 'little miss' and 'little mister'

In addition to the five queen candidates, six girls and one boy are seeking the titles of Chickasaw County Fair Little Miss and Little Mister during Saturday evening's program. They include:

- **Jaycelynn Bailey** is the 7 1/2-year-old daughter of Kelly and Matthew Bailey. She currently attends Nashua Plainfield Elementary.
- Outside of school she is active in her church youth group, and her local 4H club. Her favorite things to do include playing games, traveling to see new places, and making crafts. Her favorite thing about the fair is showing her animals, watching her family show in the celebrity showmanship contest, and of course the milk shakes.
- Her favorite things to do in Chickasaw County are go to the wooden park, bike trial, and the swimming pool in New Hampton.
- **Natalie Bailey** is the 5-year-old daughter of Matt and Kelly Bailey. She currently attends Nashua Plainfield Elementary.
- Outside of school she is active in her church youth group. Her favorite things to do include going to school, playing with baby dolls, camping, boating, and swimming. Her favorite thing about the fair is the playground, helping her sister with her animals, and of course the milkshakes.
- Her favorite things to do in Chickasaw County are go to Dairy Treat for ice cream, play at the wooden park, go on the

bike trails, and swim at the pool in New Hampton.

- **Isaiah Dix** is the 8-year-old son of Jade and Kevin Dix. He is currently attending Fredericksburg Elementary.
- Isaiah stays active in his 4-H Club and with his baseball team. His favorite hobbies include riding his bike, playing with friends, and baseball. His favorite thing about the fair is seeing all of the animals and events and of course getting ice cream.
- His favorite things to do in Chickasaw County are go on the bike trail with his dad and go fishing.
- **Alexis Hovey** is the 6-year-old daughter of Walker and Jennifer Hovey. She is currently attending Nashua Plainfield Elementary.
- Outside of school she is active in dolphin gymnastics. Her favorite things to do include riding her bike, gymnastics, puzzles, color, and play dress-up. Her favorite things about the fair are the rides, animals, and food.
- Her favorite thing to do in Chickasaw County is swim at the beach.
- **Lyndin Maurer** is the 8-year-old daughter of Heather and Will Maurer. She is currently attending New Hampton Elementary.
- Outside of school she is active in her 4h Club and LIGHT. Her hobbies include swimming in the pond, driving the golf

cart, showing cattle, playing with all her animals, softball, gymnastics, and calving season! Her favorite thing about the fair is being able to see her fair friends and showing her animals.

Her favorite things to do in Chickasaw County are swim at the New Hampton pool, Alta Vista Days, Mikkelson Park, and fish/swim at her pond.

- **Bristol Van Driel** is the 7-year-old daughter of Justin and Kim VanDriel. She is currently attending the New Hampton Elementary, where she is active in clover kids and outside of school she is active in LIGHT and Ninja U.
- Her hobbies include riding her bike, playing at the park, softball, basketball, and riding her horses.
- Her favorite thing about the fair is seeing all of the horses and her favorite thing about Chickasaw County is the park.
- **Emmeline Westin** is the 5-year-old daughter of Shannon and Alan Westin. She currently attends Fredericksburg Elementary and stays active in the library program and kids club.
- Her favorite hobbies include riding her bike/scooter, swimming, singing, dancing, and catching bugs. Her favorite thing about the fair is the dragon roller coaster, the music, and of course the cotton candy.
- Her favorite thing to do in Chickasaw County is visit our libraries and all of the learning programs.

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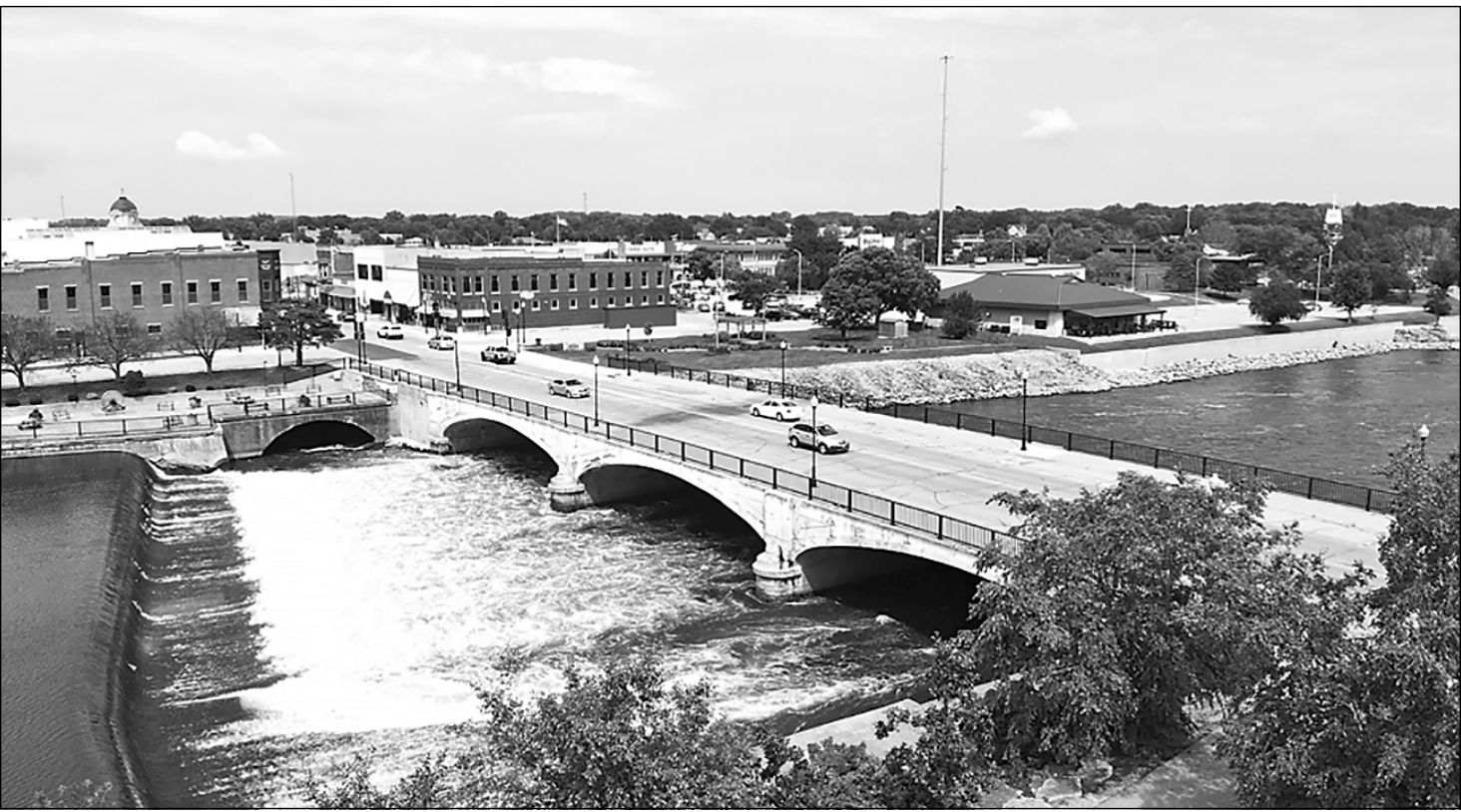
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The Charles City Main Street Bridge over the Cedar River opened Wednesday afternoon after being closed out of concern over potential flood damage since June 23. A weight limit was posted as no traffic allowed over 28 tons.

Charles City bridge finally reopened to traffic

By Bob Steenson
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The Main Street bridge over the Cedar River in Charles City is again open to traffic as of Wednesday afternoon.

The city of Charles City posted a notice online stating, “We have received clearance to reopen the Main Street bridge. Per the recommendation of the bridge inspection firm, we will be placing a 28 ton limit on the bridge.”

The Charles City Police Department posted a notice at about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, saying the bridge was open but noting the

weight limit – “which means no semis or large heavy trucks rated for over 28T,” it said.

The bridge had been closed since June 23, when rising floodwaters covered the entrances to both the Main Street and the Brantingham Street bridges, closing them both. The flooding also caused issues downriver in Nashua, where low-lying neighborhoods and Cedar View Park were affected by Cedar River floodwaters.

The Brantingham Bridge was reopened within several hours as the river level fell, but the Main Street Bridge remained closed out of concern over potential damage from

debris in the river that may have hit it, or damage from the rushing water itself, which at the river’s crest came within a couple of feet of the top of the arches under the bridge.

The Main Street Bridge remained closed awaiting an inspection, which took place on Monday.

City Administrator Steve Diers said on Tuesday they were waiting for the inspection report, but if the bridge was approved for traffic it would be opened immediately.

Diers was out of the office Wednesday for the rest of the week and unavailable for comment regarding the opening.

Bob Steenson/Charles City Press



Iowa County Recorders Association County recorders from around the state, including Chickasaw County’s Shirley Troyna (hint, she’s near the front!) pose for a picture during a recent meeting in which they made a contribution to the Pink Tractor Foundation,

Recorders take a break from continuing ed to fight cancer

Each summer the Iowa County Recorder’s Association meets for continuing education in one of the state’s six districts, and last month, Okoboji was the meeting destination.

As elected officials, the recorders have a formal certification program which offers learning sessions that broadly impact their professional role in the county.

Courses are focused on leadership and ethics, open meetings and open record laws, communication, human resources and office management, Iowa Code, tech applications and local government and budgeting.

The two-year program will culminate with a graduation ceremony at the Iowa State Association of Counties Annual Conference in August.

This year’s summer meeting provided a variety of learning opportunities, as well as long-term planning and team building.

The Iowa County Recorder’s Association often refers to itself as “a family” because the relation-

ships formed throughout the state are more than just professional, they are based on genuine caring for the members.

In the last year, cancer has been a focus of additional concern, so as District 3 (made up of 17 northwest Iowa counties) planned this event it was decided to provide an opportunity to do good work beyond the “good deeds” recorders consistently do in their offices via real estate filings.

The Pink Tractor Foundation provided support to members of our association facing cancer battles in recent years and so it was chosen as our focus for philanthropy. All ICRA members, including Chickasaw County Recorder Shirley Troyna, were invited to contribute by purchasing ICRA & PTF pink shirts, making cash donations and bidding in an Iowa State-Iowa silent auction.

Thanks to many generous personal gifts, the Iowa County Recorder’s Association will be making a contribution of just over \$1,500 to the Pink Tractor Foundation.

Hospice to hold volunteer training

Cedar Valley Hospice will hold a volunteer training for those interested in becoming a volunteer.

The two-day training session is set for Aug. 6 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cedar Valley Hospice Support Center, 900 Tower Park Dr. in Waterloo.

The registration deadline is July 30 and can be made by calling Chris Dunn at 319-272-2002.

Cedar Valley provides services in 15 Iowa counties, including Chickasaw and Bremer.

James Miller, 74

James Miller of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and formerly of Nashua, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2024, with his wife Sandra (Hicok) and three daughters with him at home.

The couple lived in Nashua and retired in 2006 to Arkansas. His family will celebrate Jim’s life Saturday, Sept 7, 2024 in Iowa.

Brown resigns his Iowa Senate seat

St. Ansgar farmer recently won close, says he’s ‘forever grateful’ to his constituents

By Bob Steenson
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Sen. Waylon Brown, who represented Chickasaw County for six years in the Iowa Senate, has announced he is resigning from the Legislature effective Wednesday, July 10.

Brown, from St. Ansgar, had just won the primary election June 4 as the Republican Party’s nominee to seek re-election in Iowa Senate District 30, which includes the parts of Floyd, Mitchell, Worth and Cerro Gordo counties.

Before redistricting took place following the 2020 Census, Brown represented what was then District 26, which included all of Chickasaw, Floyd, Worth and Mitchell counties as well as parts of Cerro Gordo and Winneshiek counties.

He did not give a reason for his decision, but commented on accomplishments he said he had been a part of in the Legislature, as well as thanking supporters.

Brown had defeated challenger Doug Campbell of Mason City in the June 4 Republican primary, by a 52.8% to 47.2% margin across District 30, which includes parts of Floyd, Mitchell, Worth and Cerro Gordo counties.

“I will forever be grateful to the people of my district who entrusted me to represent them

in the Iowa State Capitol,” Brown said in his statement announcing his resignation. “I’m thankful for my wife, Julie, and our two kids, who have supported me throughout my tenure as state senator.”

The Republican Party of Cerro Gordo County announced that the party would hold a nominating convention within the next 30 days to select a new candidate for the Republican nomination for District 30. Republican representatives of the counties that are part of District 30 will attend the convention.

Primary election opponent Campbell would be eligible to be selected by the convention as the party’s candidate, but that decision will be up to the convention delegates.

Brown was first elected to the Legislature in 2016 and won reelection in 2020 and 2022.

Brown is the majority whip for the Republican majority Senate, and is chair of the Senate Commerce Committee.

He has been the object of some disapproval by opponents of carbon dioxide pipeline proposals, because legislation that passed in the Iowa House that would limit the use of eminent domain or make judicial challenges easier has been blocked in the Senate, including in Brown’s Commerce Committee.



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State Sen. Waylon Brown (left) makes a point during a Chickasaw County Farm Bureau legislative forum that included then-State Rep. Todd Prichard in early 2020.

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Large thunderheads can be seen Monday evening, but for what seems like the first time this spring or summer, Chickasaw County missed out on some thunderstorms.

Agronomist says farmers need to be 'scouting' fields

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the guys are happy to be where they're at right now."

Start with the evaporation of a drought that Northeast Iowa endured for more than a year before spring and early summer rains left it in the dust.

The latest USDA Iowa Crop and Condition report that was released on Monday showed that 99 percent of cropland in the Northeast District, which includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties, had either adequate or surplus topsoil and sub-soil moisture. That number is at 100 percent in the North Central District, which includes Butler and Floyd counties.

"If you would have told me on April 1 that we'd be sitting where we're at now, I would have been a little skeptical," Basol said and then added with a laugh, "and yes, you probably would have won the bet with me. I've seen droughts turn

around before, but this is about as dramatic a turnaround as I've ever seen."

After experience less-than-normal precipitation for 11 of 12 months, Nashua has had four straight months of above-normal rainfall, and through the first nine days of July, the city's reporting station has recorded 3.69 inches of rain, more than two inches more than usually falls during the first third of the month.

All that rain that fell in April, May and June, though, made the crop tough to get into the ground, and while it helped rebuild soil moisture, Basol said that one of the concerns he has is that corn plants will develop strong root systems.

"We want those roots to have to dive a little deeper to get to that water," he said, "and so far, they really haven't had to do that. What you don't want are those storms with high winds late in the season causing prob-

lems because the roots aren't deep enough."

Basol also suggested that farmers continue scouting their fields for both diseases and insects.

"We're not hearing a lot, nothing widespread mind you, but we're at an important time to be scouting fields and keeping a sharp eye out for things," he said.

And as much as he wants roots to develop, Basol will also say that farmers don't want the spigot completely turned off.

"I'm a broken record," he said, "because I'm always talking about timely rains. We will still need them. The good news in my mind is that we're entering that part of the growing process where we want to keep the corn plant from stress and we have the moisture in the ground that will help alleviate that stress. I just wouldn't mind seeing the plant have to work at it a little, you know?"

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JULY 2, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, July 2, 2024, at 3:30 PM with members Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Breitbach, Kuhn Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Custodian Dave Gorman

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve new agenda for July 2, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve change order number two for a pressure valve for the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center Water Project in the amount of \$884.00 with Popp Excavating, Inc. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 3:32 PM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach, Kuhn. Motion carried.

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

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Reporter owner adds Decorah products to list of publications

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Enterprise Media, will oversee much of the business and advertising aspects of the operation alongside the local staff.

In addition to the updated mastheads, Enterprise Media plans to place a renewed focus on local news and sports coverage within the Decorah market.

"We're going to grow the Decorah Leader by cultivating more in-depth local coverage of the Decorah market," Hall said. "That is something that we will need the community's help and

support in doing, but ultimately we aim to improve on many of the things the paper is already doing and hopefully make the Decorah Leader into one of the best newspapers in the state."

The Decorah operation will join Enterprise Media's roster of Iowa publications, including the Charles City Press — where the two Decorah products are physically printed — the Kossuth County Advance, the New Hampton Tribune, the Nashua Reporter, the Spencer Reporter and the Dickinson County News.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JULY 1, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Breitbach Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Terry Johnson, Sheriff Ryan Shawver

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve an amendment to agenda for July 1, 2024. Pursuing to Iowa open Meetings, Section 21.4(2) The Law Enforcement Contract between County and City of Bassett, July 1, 2024 notice is impossible or impractical given the constraint the contract starts July 1, 2024. Whereas the Board of Supervisors amend the July 1, 2024 agenda to DISCUSS AND APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN COUNTY AND CITY OF BASSETT.

Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve new agenda for July 1, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Minutes for June 24, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on the 28E Agreement between Chickasaw County and City of Bassett for General Law Enforcement Services starting July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2025. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Supervisor Hackman asked for a moment of silence for passing of David Geerts, the City of North Washington's Mayor. County Attorney David Laudner and Sheriff Ryan Shawver asked if we could start budgets

earlier for FY25-26 compared to FY24-25 budgets.

Discussed the farm leases for the County Farm and Gilmore-Wapsie ground.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve payment Certificate Number 1 for the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center Water Project in the amount of \$135,579.96 to be paid out of Capital Projects Fund to Popp Excavating Inc. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and authorize chair's signature on Heartland Insurance Risk Pool For \$521,867 for county insurance for FY 24-25. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$184,904.57. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to approve payroll check dated June 28, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve prior bills in the amount of \$6,070.26. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

No Committee Assignments
A consensus of the Board of Supervisors to meet July 15, 2024 at 1:00 PM for the Supervisors meeting to allow those who want to participate in the 2024 Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA livestock auction at 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM to attend.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 9:45 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman, and Cerwinske. Absent: Breitbach. Motion carried.

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

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CHICKASAW CO. CLAIMS LISTING 6/24/2024-7/5/2024

20/20 FX LLC, 24/25 CONTRACT FEE & CABLES FOR CTY OFFICES, DATA SVCS-911..... 3,176.00
ACES, SOFTWARE SVC-SHERIFF..... 189.00
AG VANTAGE FS INC, DIESEL FUEL/NASHUA SHOP-SEC RDS..... 735.27
AIRGAS, INC., OXYGEN-EMS 262.80
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELEC FOR CTY & PARK-CONSV.INTERSECTION/SHOP ELEC-SEC RDS..... 589.61
BOARD MTG MLG-CONSV..... 13.40
ALTA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION..... 18,609.00
ANDERSON, BRANNON, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 350.00
ARMBRECHT, RAY, BOARD MTG MLG-CONSV..... 116.58
AUTO VALUE OF NEW HAMPTON, TOOLS/PARTS/HARDWARE/ELECTRICAL PARTS & SPLS-SEC RDS..... 1,260.07
BARTELS, KATHLEEN, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 170.00
BIG FOUR FAIR & 4-H, FY24/25 MAINT BUDGET ALLOCATION..... 6,000.00
BMC AGGREGATES LC, ROCK FOR BRIDGE/CULVERT/SPOT/EROSION/MAINT-SEC RDS 48,824.53
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COMPANY, PARTS-SEC RDS..... 402.99
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MED SPLS-EMS..... 240.69
BRAD SCHMIDT, UNIFORM/POLOS-EMS..... 103.98
BRIDGET EDSON, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 170.00
BROUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, ROCK FOR FLOOD DAMAGE/SPOT-SEC RDS..... 21,889.82
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., PHONE-ASSR..... 89.28
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC, OVERLOAD BR0681-SEC RDS..... 149.25
CAREY, LORI, BOARD MTG MLG-CONSV..... 64.32
CEDAR-WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS INC, JULY-DEC 2024 LAWLER & NASHUA TOWER LEASE..... 3,600.00
CENTURY LINK, PH/INTERNET-911..... 33.95
CERWINSKE, SCOTT, MTG MLG REIMB..... 245.22
CHEMSEARCH, CUST SPLS-JAIL/

CSB/CRTHS..... 268.90
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF, POSTAGE REIMB-SHERIFF..... 107.91
CHICKASAW COUNCIL ON AGING, COUNCIL ON AGING FY25 ALLOCATION..... 7,000.00
CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXT DISTRICT, 4H PREMIUMS-ACHIEVEMENT SHOW..... 9,000.00
CHICKASAW COUNTY FSA, 2022 FLEX PLAN PAYBACK..... 7,277.50
CHICKASAW COUNTY POSTAGE METER, POSTAGE-TREAS..... 4,500.00
CINTAS CORPORATION #762, FIRST AID RESTOCKING-SEC RDS..... 214.53
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER, CHILD SUPPORT RELATED SVCS..... 41.08
CORATHERS, TABETHA, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 150.00
CROELL INC, BRIDGE MAINT SPLS-SEC RDS..... 1,724.00
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, SALT-SHERIFF WATER/COOLER RENTAL-MULT DEPTS..... 400.52
DAWN HEYING, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 250.00
DETTMER, CHERYL, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 300.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC, TIRES-SEC RDS..... 1,151.00
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC, WATER ANALYSIS-CONSV..... 1,783.70
FAREWAY STORES INC, DRINKING WATER - HERITAGE..... 11.37
FISHER, KARAGAN, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 530.00
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, LP/SAUDE SHOP-SEC RDS.SEED/FERTILIZER-JAIL/HERI-CRTHS..... 1,783.70
FLOYD COUNTY AUDITOR, FY 22.23, 4TH QTR LAE REIMB.1/2/3 QTR STATE DHS PAYMENTS..... 8,657.52
FREDERICKSBURG PLBG & HTG LLC, TOILET SEAT-CONSV 19.52
FRIEDRICH, TONI S, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 10.00
GEO-COMM INC, EQUIP MAINT-911..... 9,195.85
GERBER, BROOKELYN, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 350.00
GLEN GEERTS, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 120.00

GRAVES, MICHAEL, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 450.00
HOLTHAUS, JORDAN, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 620.00
HOWARD COUNTY ENGINEER, USED CONCRETE CULVERT-SEC RDS..... 200.00
HUGEBACK FUNERAL SRVS INC, TRANSPORT/MLG-MEI..... 725.00
HYER, STEPHEN, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 380.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, FY 23/24 PCORI INS-CO DEPTS..... 296.24
IONIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION..... 18,887.00
IONIA, CITY OF, IONIA SHOP UTLS-SEC RDS..... 200.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, EDU TRAINING-SHERIFF..... 1,625.00
ISAC, FY25 MEMBER DUES-CRTHS.2024 ISAC CONF-CONSV..... 6,550.00
JACK ORVIS, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 180.00
JEFFREY, TONY, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 190.00
JENDRO INC, GARBAGE PICKUP-CONSV..... 463.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, PARTS/HARDWARE/GEN & CUST SPLS-SHERIFF/CRTHS/SEC RDS..... 284.35
JOSEPH RAYMOND, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 20.00
JULIE ANNE DEBNER, REPORTER/TRANSCRIPT SRVS-CLERK OF COURT..... 469.00
JURGENSEN, NICKOLAS, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 820.00
KAHN TILE SUPPLY LLC, BRIDGE MAINT SUPPLIES-SEC RDS.22.50
KARELS, ABRAM, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 390.00
KATIE GILMOUR, K.GILMOUR UNIFORMS-EMS..... 159.10
KENNETH RASING, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 60.00
KEVIN J GEERTS, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 60.00
KNUTSON, JOEL O., R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 140.00
KOLBET, ALAN, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 130.00
KRAMER, RICK, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 10.00
KURTENBACH, CRAIG J, JULY-DEC 2024 LAWLER GROUND LEASE..... 2,400.00
LAURES, ASHLYN, R.SQD/IST RESP

CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 110.00
LAWLER PUBLIC LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION19,136.00
LAWLER WELDING & SPRAYING, DUST CONTROL/P REICKS-SEC RDS..... 427.50
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASE-SEC RDS..... 190.87
LENSING, ROMAN C. DISTRICT MEETING REIMB..... 20.00
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC, AIR PACK TESTS/MSA BELT-EMA..... 559.41
MAIL SERVICES LLC, PRINT/POSTAGE-TREAS..... 486.17
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS OF IOWA LLC, MONTHLY EQUIP MAINT-SHERIFF..... 237.00
MARTIN, EARL, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 70.00
MCGRATH, JEREMY J., R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 30.00
MEBULBS, LIGHT BULBS-GEN SVCS..... 455.59
MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC, BLACK PIPE-CONSV..... 148.05
MID TECH SERVICES, WATER TEST POSTAGE-HERITAGE..... 37.08
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, POWER @ NASHUA TOWER-911, INTERSECTION LTG-SEC RDS..... 156.15
MIDWEST CARD AND ID SOLUTIONS LLC, CTY ID/INV SOFTWARE-EMA..... 1,500.00
MOHS, DANNON, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 110.00
MULLER, WENDEL, JULY 2024 NASHUA TOWER GROUND LEASE..... 500.00
MYCOUNTYPARKS, EDU TRAINING-CONSV..... 80.00
MYRSIADES, JOANNE, BOARD MTG MLG-CONSV..... 168.84
NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION23,337.00
NELSON, TONI, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 190.00
NEW HAMPTON LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION30,345.00
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PH SVC-EMA..... 176.08
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, SUMMER FUN PUBLICATIONS-CONSV..... 186.00
NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, UTLS-EMS STAFF HOUSE..... 63.36
NOLTE EXCAVATING LLC, ROCK COVER-COSNV..... 261.03
NOSBISCH, ZACH, R.SQD/IST RESP

CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 260.00
ON TRACK SIGNS, NO FIREWORKS SIGNS-CONSV..... 135.00
PAPOUSEK, ALAN J, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 390.00
PASCUAL, SHELENA, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 90.00
PATTI ROSAUER, DOT DIST MTG MLG-TREAS..... 67.00
PETROBLEND CORP, LUBRICANTS-SEC RDS..... 895.36
PHILLIPS, TIMOTHY G, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 170.00
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY, EMS SVC BILLING FEB 2024-EMS..... 3,323.13
PICKAR, MIKE, BOARD MTG MLG-CONSV..... 73.70
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC, PEST CONTROL-CONSV..... 101.53
RAPID PRINTERS, REPL STOCK OF CHECKS-GEN SVCS..... 1,895.75
RAUM, GARRETT, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 290.00
RAUSCH BROTHERS TRUCKING OF IONIA LLC, ROAD ROCK-CONSV..... 649.78
RC&D FOR NORTHEAST IOWA INC, ROAD AND WAPSI/TURKEY RIVER WATERSHED..... 6,850.00
REIMERS, SHYLA, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 540.00
RICK SINNELL, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 110.00
RICKY ROSONEK, DIRT DELIVERY/LEVELING-HERITAGE..... 1,500.00
RILEY'S INC, TONER FOR SHERIFF..... 637.08
RMH SYSTEMS, RAILING & KICK-PLATE MEAAZANINE-SEC RDS..... 5,914.00
RUDE, JASON R, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 120.00
SADLER POWER TRAIN INC, PARTS-SEC RDS..... 217.16
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC, MAJOR EQUIP-EMA..... 9,120.00
SCANLAN, JASON, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 20.00
SCHMIDT, BROCK, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 100.00
SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, PARTS & SPLS/MATERIALS-CRTHS/HERI-SEC RDS/EMA..... 731.28
SCHWICKERATH, JOSH, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 10.00
SCHWICKERATH, TONI, ITAG CONF MLG-ASSR..... 238.52
SCROGGIN, DEBORAH, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 70.00
SECONDARY ROAD DEPT., FY 2023-

2024 ROAD CLEARING REIMBURSEMENT..... 70,000.00
SECTOR LLC, INTERNET ROUTER MGT-SHERIFF..... 4,618.89
SEDIIVY, CARLY, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 210.00
SEDIIVY, TYLER, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 280.00
SEIBLE, JON, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 200.00
SHANK, TIM, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 50.00
SHEKLETON, SHEILA, ISACA MLG/ LODGING-AUDITOR..... 406.36
SHOEMAKER, CINDY, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 40.00
STANTON ELECTRIC, EMS BLDG REMODEL-EMS..... 76,172.00
SUDOL, MELISSA, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 170.00
TISHA MORRIS, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 50.00
TROYNA, SHIRLEY, LODGING/ MEALS-REC..... 716.46
U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, CELL PH SVC-EMA..... 219.90
UPHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, FY25 BUDGET ALLOCATION..... 21,484.00
URIBE-VAZQUEZ, ADALBERTO, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 570.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC, APPRAISAL SVC-ASSR..... 3,866.25
VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC, MV OIL CHANGE-SHERIFF & ASSR..... 174.25
VIKTUREK, ZENDA, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 30.00
WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP, TIRES/TUBES-CONSV..... 301.61
WINDSTREAM CORPORATION, 278.48
WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC, 911 PHONES..... 199.88
YSBRAND, MATTHEW, DOT DIST MTG MLG-TREAS..... 67.00
ZETRON INC, EQUIP MAINT-911..... 23,215.62
ZIEGLER INC, PARTS-MV PARTS-SEC RDS..... 1,304.10
ZIMMERMAN, CALVIN, R.SQD/IST RESP CALLS/MTGS FY24..... 180.00
ZIP'S AW DIRECT, BUG REMOVER/CLEANER-EMS..... 179.90
TOTALS..... 514,715.47

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Law enacted by Legislature allows counties to not have compensation boards

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of supervisors decreased the county attorney's pay increase by 50 percent, then the recommended pay increases for the auditor, recorder, sheriff and treasurer also had to be decreased by 50 percent.

Senate File 2442, though, changed the process.

"You now have 100 percent authority, if you utilize [the Compensation Board], to either accept the recommendation, to lower it or to even raise it now and you can differentiate between the five elected offices," said Laudner, who added the new law was "last-minute add-on" on the last day of the legislative session. "The bottom line is it's giving you more authority to make your own decisions."

Laudner emphasized that he was speaking just as a county attorney in describing the changes to the new law, but later during the meeting, he added what he called his "personal thoughts."

"I don't think it makes a difference as long as someone is doing the homework," he said, referring to the fact that the law requires supervisors to set salaries based on other similar private- and public-sector jobs.

"I don't know that it's a huge benefit [to have the Compensation Board.] If you guys don't want to do the work, have them do the work. The bottom line to me is that you have the ultimate authority ...

it seems logical to me that if you're going to be making that decision, perhaps you should do the research so you can justify that decision."

Sheriff Ryan Shawver said that he, too wondered if it wouldn't be better for supervisors to take over the process, although he also added that he was happy with his representative on the Comp Board.

"I think it's one less step, I guess, in trying to make it quicker and easier and more efficient," he said. "If it's ultimately up to you, do we really want that extra layer?"

Supervisors leaned toward taking on the work.

"I'm disappointed in the current members," Jake Hackman said, "some of them who stated that we just raised it high so you can cut it in half. ... I don't see a purpose for them if the board is the ultimate decision maker."

Supervisor Matt Kuhn said he also was leaning toward not having the Comp Board, at least for the upcoming budget cycle.

"I don't know if the Comp Board is necessarily necessary," Kuhn said. "In the past, myself included, we've just cut it anyway."

Supervisor Travis Suckow said he was in the "same boat," and Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski added that supervisors all do their own research "before we go to the Comp Board meeting or right after the Comp Board meeting anyway."

County Recorder Shirley

Troyna was the one elected official who expressed some concerns over nixing the Comp Board.

"My only fear with this is that the five of you won't each do your own research and come up with your own numbers," Troyna said. "One's going to speak up and the other ones are

all going to agree with it.

"Without you each doing your research and coming up with these numbers and speaking to us as elected officials and finding out what we do in our offices, how are you going to come up with your number ... when you don't know what we're actually doing or how

much money we take in."

But supervisors unanimously supported Hackman's motion to "take on the responsibilities" of the Compensation Board and dissolve it, although at one point, Kuhn wondered if board members should wait until after this fall's election when three supervisor seats will be decided.

Laudner did point out that board members have the option of appointing a new Compensation Board in the future.

"They can put one in place anytime they want to," Laudner said. "This isn't final for the rest of time."

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The program is coached by Chad and Heather Hackman, who receive plenty of help from assistants Hayden and Addie Hackman, Caleb Sinnwell and the parents of the players, who are divided up into “older” and “younger” groups. The city of Ionia, meanwhile, benefits the program by allowing the program to use the field and also provides supplies and awards for the once-a-week program that has just three weeks remaining.

Pictured are the two “teams” that include the older group (above, first for from left) Easton Apel, Gage Apel, (second row) Alexis Johnson, Gregory Brahn, Logan Sinnwell, Hazel Lines, Brayden Tindell, Houston Lines, Owen Rausch, Carli Sears, Drayton Horn, (third row) Kinley Kellogg, Quinn Abbas, Lynae Abbas, Charlotte Lines, Jacelynn Bailey, Harrison Fisher, Grayson Moore, Noah Hoggins, (missing) Mackenzie Bean, Easton Brown, Holden Brown, Joella Schmitt, Sebastian Schwickerath, Alistair Shoemaker and Anson Smith.

The younger team includes (below, first row, from left) Owen Kellogg, Landon Lukes, Hayes Hanawalt, Knox Deutsch, Briar Wilken, Gunner Millima, (second row) Holland Heller, Lily Hofmeister, Sorren Johnson, Brix Deutsch, Kelby Burkle, Lenyx Fundermann, Henry Grober, Lauren Grober, (third row) Oaklynn Nordmeyer, Natalie Bailey, Maxwell Brahn, Lennon Lukes, Abel Abbas, Houston Hillegas, Boone Youngblut, Reece Youngblut, Karter Lincoln, Leah Welter, Grayson Mueller, Mason Samec, (missing)Charlie Kuehn, Harper Poppe, Hayden Poppe, Bodhi Schmitt, Oliver Schmitt, Emmett Schmitt, Makaila Theilen, Maci Theilen and Parker Willitts.



N-P can't take advantage of chances in loss

BASEBALL: FROM 8

a little bit,” said Miller. “He battled through it. Dawson pitched a great game. It just didn't fall our way that day.”

Glaser provided Husky fans this summer with plenty of highlights with his arm, glove and bat.

The all-conference standout also caught behind the plate and led the Huskies in batting average during the regular season with a .406 clip. He collected the most hits on the team with 28. Glaser was one of the top arms in the Top of Iowa Conference, as evident by his 89 strikeouts in 60 innings of work.

Snyder was able to neutralize Glaser and senior Tucker Franzen, who were two of the Huskies' biggest sticks. Neither of them were able to muster up hits.

Both were recently pegged on the TIC East first-team all-conference squad, along with second-team selection, sophomore Eli Kalainoff, and honorable-mention pick, senior Wyatt Bouillon. Franzen was second on the team in batting average (.377) during the 23-game regular season.

“We battled really well,” said Miller. “We had our chances in the game. We had runners in scoring position in multiple innings, we just couldn't get 'em across. We played clean defensively for the most part.”

Even without his best stuff – Glaser gutted it out.

“Dawson threw another great game, even with his thumb bothering him,” said Miller. “He



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield senior shortstop Tucker Franzen gets ready to throw to first base to record an out in the Huskies' game against Turkey Valley last week.

didn't have his curveball like he normally would. You need to throw a thumb to be able to spin off a curve ball pretty good.”

Dunkerton got on the board first in the opening frame with two runs. The Raiders got RBI from junior Noah Fuelling and senior Rylie Marquart.

N-P (11-13) would tie it in the bottom of the fifth on Bouillon's two-out double that plated two Huskies. That knotted the score up at 2-2.

“It was incredibly clutch hitting by Wyatt,” said Miller.

Dunkerton would answer right back with the eventual game-winning run in the ensuing top of the sixth. The Raiders had no extra-base hits.

Snyder pitched a complete-game four-hitter and struck out 11. He walked just two.

“He kept us off-balance,” said Miller. “He attacked us really well. You tip your cap to them.”

Consistency at the plate has been an Achilles' heel for the Huskies this season. The up-and-down nature of the hitting game can be a thorn in the side of squads that swing and miss a lot, as was the case this summer for N-P. The Huskies averaged almost 10 strikeouts at the plate this year during the regular season.

That means bat on ball can win a lot of games on the high school level, even if that contact doesn't find a hole for a hit.

“Offensively, we didn't hit with runners in scoring position like we needed to,” said Miller. “It needs to be a consistent thing throughout a game to get runs across.”

Matthew Malven, a sophomore, also doubled in the elimination contest. N-P's other hits came from Kalainoff and senior Titus Evans. Kalainoff and Evans each stole two bases and freshman Kolbie Vance swiped

one.

Kalainoff led the Huskies in runs scored during the regular season with 24 and was tied with Glaser for the RBI lead with 19. He also slammed a home run this season, as did Malven.

Bouillon worked his way to a team-leading 24 bases on balls.

The Huskies committed one error against Dunkerton.

Dunkerton (9-12) would go on to lose, 11-1, at South Winneshiek on Tuesday in the semifinal round of postseason play.

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Members of the Nashua-Plainfield infield enjoy a “light” moment before the start of an inning early in Monday's regional game at Riceville.

Huskies can't break through against 'Cats

SOFTBALL: FROM 8

Brahn and sophomore Navaeh Bloker.

“We got our first two runners on right away,” said Stastny-Hall about N-P's first inning. “We had at least three innings with at least two girls on base and we just couldn't get 'em scored.”

Riceville accumulated 12 hits off Jensen, who along with Brahn each pitched in the regular season matchup with the Wildcats, which was also played on their home diamond.

Stastny-Hall had this to say about a Riceville team that placed fourth in the North division of the Iowa Star. The Huskies finished sixth in the Top of Iowa East.

“They're young. They're smart. They hit the gaps. They have the same issues that we have with fielding errors and stuff,” said Stastny-Hall. “Riceville definitely hit the five and six gap a lot. We even tried adjusting to it, then they would hit right up the middle between second and shortstop.”

Stastny-Hall was impressed by the gritty defense behind the plate of her junior catcher Paige Franzen, who blocked pitches in the dirt and kept Riceville from going station to station for stretches of the game. Riceville had zero stolen bases.

“Paige did an awesome job behind the plate,” said Stastny-Hall. “Only one runner advanced to second base, otherwise nobody stole on her at all.”

Stastny-Hall also saluted two of her outfielders – Bloker, who started in center field and sophomore left fielder Madison Wahl.

“Nevaeh had a big game in centerfield. She caught four pop

flies to keep 'em on their bases,” said Stastny-Hall. “They didn't tag or anything. That was a big deal.”

Wahl got the Husky dugout fired up early on after her assist to Pratt on a putout at third that cut down a runner trying to advance a base.

“We got a girl out trying to push the limits with her,” said Stastny-Hall. “That was huge Monday night. That really pumped the girls up even though we were down 2-0.”

Jensen gave up six earned runs and struck out two. She walked just one batter.

Pratt led the team in hits (25) and runs (15). Stats aside, it was Pratt's dedication and commitment to the program that Stastny-Hall will probably miss the most along with her skills out on the diamond.

“Jalynn was a big asset to the team. The loss of her glove and bat will hurt next year,” said Stastny-Hall.

Bloker was the top hitter on the squad in terms of batting average (.300) and sophomore Kami Hannemann, who played shortstop the majority of the season, was the Huskies' biggest run producer with 20 RBI. Hannemann also sported a .925 fielding percentage. She committed six errors in 80 total chances.

Kristen Lee, a junior, paced the Huskies with a team-leading .462 slugging percentage. She smacked two homers on the year.

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Runs - Hannah Brahn 1. Hits - Jalynn Pratt 1, Navaeh Bloker 1, Brahn 1. RBI - Pratt 1.				

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Nashua-Plainfield's Hannah Brahn laces a basehit during Monday night's Class 1A regional game at Riceville.

Season comes to an end for improving Huskies

Rough start costs
Nashua-Plainfield
in regional opener

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

A throw to third that hits the mark and a glove that makes a timely tag.
A stop behind the plate that keeps a runner at bay.
Or even just one pitch that hits the strike zone on the outer half that can disrupt a rally and end a scoring threat.

Those plays – although not made enough consistently – were part of the reason the Nashua-Plainfield softball squad improved out on the diamond in 2024.

The Huskies got better as the season progressed this summer and that positive direction moving forward was reflected in N-P's overall record – which was a three-win improvement from last year.

To add more optimism to the mix – the Huskies graduated just one senior this year in Jalynn Pratt. That means N-P will have its entire 2024 roster back – minus one – if those players do indeed decide to go out for the squad in 2025, along with newcomers to the lineup.

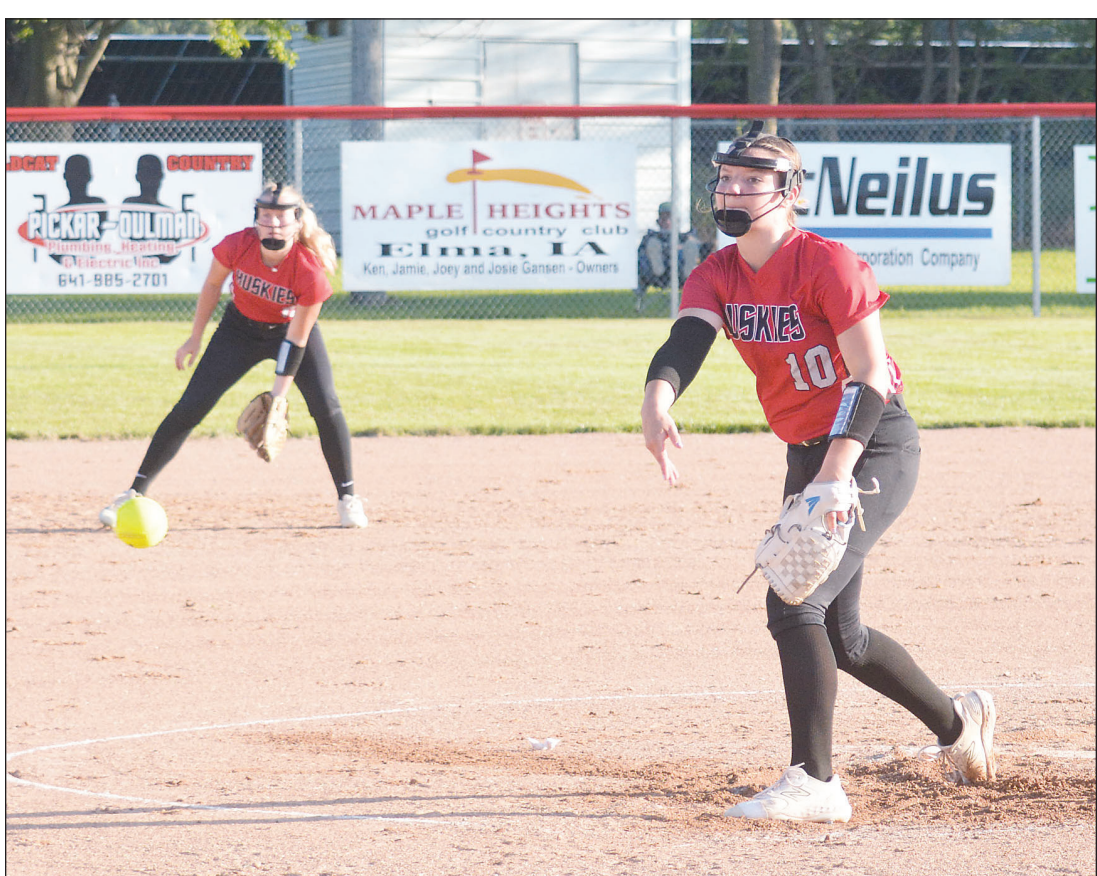
N-P bowed out this summer in a first-round Class 1A regional loss at Riceville on Monday night by a score of 8-1. It was the second time in the last three years that the Wildcats have knocked the Huskies out of the first round of the playoffs. Riceville also defeated N-P, 3-1, in those two squad's opening 2022 postseason tilt.

Riceville (13-17) lost to St. Ansgar (21-9) in the quarterfinal round of Class 1A, Region 2 on Wednesday by a mere margin of just 3-2.

The Wildcats defeated N-P, 5-2, near the end of the regular season on June 25.

The rematch saw Riceville jump out on top of N-P early with two runs in the first inning off of eighth-grade Husky starter Callie Jensen.

“We had a rough start. We



The Huskies Callie Jensen (above) fires a pitch to the plate while Nashua-Plainfield shortstop Kami Hannemann (right) hauls in a pop fly to record an out.

had to play catch up,” said Stastny-Hall.

A big blow came from junior pitcher Lily Fair's bat, which was able to crank out a two-run home run in the third inning to help her team stake claim to a 4-0 lead.

“I will take the heat on that. I called a pitch thinking that she wasn't going to hit it and that's the pitch she crushed the home run on,” said Stastny-Hall about the Fair dinger. “Because before that she struck out – she was chasing the high ball.”

That game-changing blast gave the Wildcats plenty of cushion as Fair twirled her way to a three-hit complete game. She struck out four and walked two. The only run she surrendered was a Pratt sacrifice fly in the top of the fifth that scored sophomore Hannah Brahn. Fair did walk five and she did hit two batters as well.

N-P (5-24) was able to muster up three hits – one by Pratt in her final game as a Husky,

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Nashua-Plainfield second baseman Nic Brase (above) throws to first to record an out in Saturday's district game while the Huskies' Dawson Glaser (below) waits to put the tag on Turkey Valley's Oliver Schmitt during a game last Wednesday.

N-P '9' struggles in season-ending loss

Huskies battle but come up short in loss to Dunkerton in Miller's final game as coach

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

The harsh reality of the situation was that on Saturday night Nashua-Plainfield's baseball season came to a conclusion.

The Huskies' opponent – Dunkerton – obviously had something to do with that. But in baseball and pretty much sports in general, all sorts of factors come into play on why one team wins and the other loses.

Dunkerton moved on in the Class 1A, District 8 opener by a score of 3-2. The contest was also the last game coached by veteran Husky manager Levi Miller, who stepped down at the end of the season after an

impressive nine-season run guiding the Huskies.

“It's never fun when a season ends,” said Miller, who took the job at N-P as head coach in 2016. “It was a good group of guys.”

Dunkerton senior ace Jacob Snyder outdueled the Husky's junior ace – Dawson Glaser. Glaser, who was battling a thumb injury, was relieved by junior Nic Brase in the seventh after striking out 10. He surrendered seven hits along with just one earned run. He issued just two free passes.

“Not to make excuses, but he had a cut on his throwing thumb that I think affected him

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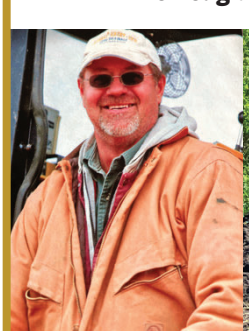
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