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Supervisors OK budget changes

County to spend \$733,000 more but board emphasizes it isn't using property tax dollars

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

What started out as a relatively tiny amendment to Chickasaw County's 2024-25 fiscal year has mushroomed in a matter of weeks, but county supervisors are quick to point out that almost all of the \$731,300 in additional spending

will not come from funds supported by local property taxes.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the proposed budget amendment at length during its regular Monday meeting and then held a special meeting Tuesday morning to approve setting Aug. 26 as the date for a public hearing on it.

Board members knew they would

need to approve a budget amendment after the only bid for a joint paving project between the county and the city of New Hampton for a 0.7-mile stretch of Kenwood Avenue came in at 113 percent of the preliminary engineer's estimate.

Because the county is "fronting" the city the money for the project, which will be paid back over

a five-year period, the higher-than-expected cost of the work meant that the county hadn't budgeted enough of an expenditure from its Infrastructure Fund for the city. At the very least, the county would need to amend

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Bob Fenske/Reporter

Members of the Husky Leadership Team bust out laughing after trying — and kind of failing, to be honest — a synchronized walking game during a retreat that was held at Cedar View Park last week.

BUILDING UP SOME TEAMWORK!

HUSKY LEADERSHIP TEAM BEGINS PLANNING FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR WITH FUN-FILLED, OLYMPIC-THREMED RETREAT

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Blindfolded and making his way through the obstacle course, Nashua-Plainfield High School junior Vinny Runge put his trust in his teammates at the Husky Leadership Team retreat

that was held at Cedar View Park.

"I don't know about this; I can't see a thing," he said as he stopped and waited for directions. "Trust us," his teammates all chimed in unison.

And those two words summed up what the HLT is all about.

"We thought it would be a fun way to kick off the school year," said Hannah Holthaus, one of five advisors to the student organization that serves a lot like a student council. "We've got a lot of kids, more than we've ever had before,

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Water Over the Dam Days 2.0 set for Aug. 24

Cedar View Park in Nashua will be the site for a "Family Fun Saturday," or better known as "Water Over the Dam Days 2.0," on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. when the food trucks arrive.

From noon to 5 p.m., an outdoor vendor fair will be held at the park, and a "car cruise-in" is set to roll through Nashua's biggest part at 2 p.m.

Eric Michaels, billed as a "family-friendly magician," will take the stage from 2 to 2:45.

During the original Water Over the Dam Days celebration that was held on the final weekend in June, the annual Nashua appearance of the Waterhawks Ski Team had to be canceled because of high water on the lake.

But the ski team that has strong ties to Nashua will take to the water during 2.0 and perform their stunts and tricks from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The event will conclude with the band The Untouchables taking the Baldwin Band Shell Stage from 6 to 9 p.m., and floating luminaries will be placed on the water when the band is done playing.

Water Over the Dam Days 2.0 is being sponsored by the Nashua Park Board.



A night to learn at Farm Bureau annual meeting

Iowa Farm Bureau's Amanda Van Steenwyk (left) and Erin Herbold-Swalwell as they talk about the Take Root Program that deals with farm succession and business planning during the 106th annual meeting of the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau that was held last week in Alta Vista.

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Agronomist: So far our area crops are looking 'really good'

More than three-quarters of state's corn and soybeans are either in good or excellent shape

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

It seems like an eternity ago, but the reality is it was just three months ago when ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol and the farmers he works with were fretting big time about getting fields planted.

So Basol will be the first to admit that he's a little stunned these days when he visits corn and soybean fields in the area.

"If you would have told me in May, we'd be sitting where we're at right now, I don't think I would have believed you," he said, "but here we are and I'll stand by what I wrote up the other day in my crop chat newsletter. Corn and soybeans are looking really good in the area."

He paused for a moment and laughed.

"Now, you know I always say we still have a long ways to go — I probably say it the day before

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Supervisors hold special meeting to ‘push up’ budget amendment public hearing to Aug. 26

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its budget for the additional \$11,000 it needed for the city portion of the project.

When the bid was opened last month, County Engineer Roman Lensing made it clear that an amendment would be needed but he also suggested that the amendment could

include potential pavement maintenance options.

Supervisors agreed to look at possible maintenance projects and on Monday, they reached a consensus to proceed with all of Lensing’s five suggestions — including an overlay on the county portion of V18 that runs through Alta Vista and maintenance projects on sections of Kenwood Avenue north of Highway 18, T76 from 110th to 140th Streets, B28 from T76 to the Floyd County line and B22 from Highway 63 and V58.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said all those projects could be paid for by using funds generated by the county’s local-option sales tax.

“I think Roman’s right,”

Hackman said. “If we can maintain what we got, buy a few years, I think that’s important.”

Auditor Sheila Shekleton said that she had reached out to all the county department heads to see if they had any budget amendment requests.

“We wanted them to come now if they knew they had something so you guys could

consider it,” Shekleton told supervisors during the 45-minute discussion on Monday.

“Let’s get it out of the way now, if we could.”

She pointed out that the Sheriff’s Office “has been kind of rocking and rolling on these grants and they’re getting this money in to spend for their department. But they have to show that they spent that money.”

Shekleton also said the EMS budget needed amending because the director’s contract had not been finalized when the 2024-25 budget was adopted this past spring, as well as increases to employee health insurance costs and medical supplies.

Basic (RSB), which are funded by local property taxes.

“Just to be clear, I’m not arguing with you,” Laudner said. “I’m just trying to make sure the public understands how this is characterized because you know what they say when they hear a budget amendment. They’re going to say, ‘They raised our taxes last March and here they go again spending all of our money in August already.’”

Hackman said he was comfortable with the amendment, stating that “this is trying to get something done for the people of this county and it’s coming from other sources of revenue besides property tax.”

Board members then spent time discussing when to hold the public hearing. If they hadn’t held a special meeting on Tuesday, the earliest the public hearing could have been held was on Sept. 3.

But by having a Tuesday meeting, supervisors could publish the legal notice of the budget amendment in this week’s Tribune and Nashua Reporter, which means they can hold the public hearing on Aug. 26.

So on Tuesday, they gathered for a nine-minute meeting and approved setting the hearing date on a 4-0 vote. Supervisor Matt Kuhn was unable to attend the meeting.

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Agronomist says farmers ‘in good shape right now’

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we harvest — but right now, we’re in really good shape,” he said. “We could use a shot of rain, but I think we have enough subsoil moisture to pull from that we’re going to be good.”

And despite the challenges of a rainy planting season that came on the heels of a year-long drought, crops throughout the state are in solid shape according to the latest USDA Iowa Crop and Condition Report that came out on Monday and showed that 77 percent of both the corn and soybean crop was in either good or excellent condition while just 5 percent of both mainstays are in very poor or poor condition.

Although the first half of August was dry — Nashua received a little more than a half-inch of rain, down from the normal 1.86 the city receives in the first 15 days of the month — the latest USDA report showed

that 79 percent of farmland in the Northeast District and 90 percent of the farmland in the North Central District have either adequate or surplus subsoil moisture content.

“The plus side is that with the cooler weather, at least for July and August, we’ve had, we haven’t really put plants under a lot of stress,” Basol said.

“We’re in good shape right now. A timely rain would be nice, but compared to last year at this time, we’re sitting in great shape.”

Basol, however, did urge farmers to continue to scout their fields and be on the lookout for aphids, which have found the recent relatively mild weather to their liking.

“The cooler temps are great for keeping the stress away, but these 70s, up to 80 degree temperatures are what aphids like,” he said. “We’re hearing reports and I’d just tell people to keep scouting and stay on top of it.”

Briefs

Big 4 Fair gearing up for another big Labor Day weekend in Nashua

The 124th annual Big 4 Fair is coming to the fairgrounds in Nashua for its four-day run over the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

On Friday, Aug. 30 the event kicks off with the New Hampton area charity truck and tractor pull at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday’s activities start early, with a horse and pony show that begins at 8 a.m. The family fun day starts at 11 a.m. with face painting, kids games and raffles, with Tony Peters The Mind Medder at 4 p.m. at Uncle G’s.

Keith Left, the Everyman Magician, will perform at 1 p.m., but also will be “strolling” from 10 a.m. to noon and 3 to 4 p.m.

Kids power wheel races will be held from 5-6 p.m. with figure 8 races at 6:30 and live music is on tap from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Sunday’s events include a beef show, tough truck races, bulls & barrels and more live music and Monday’s entertainment includes the prospect cattle show at noon and old school figure 8’s at 1 p.m.

Chickasaw County Democrats to host ‘meet the candidates’ event

The Chickasaw County Democratic Party will hold a one-hour ‘meet the candidates’ event this coming Tuesday at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Scheduled to appear at the event, which begins at 5:30 p.m., are Iowa House candidate Gail Allison, District 3 supervisor candidate Joan Knoll and District 1 supervisor candidate Steve Breitbach.

Big 4 Chamber to hold BBQ event during the Big 4 Fair

Organized by the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce, the Best Damn BBQ Challenge is coming to Nashua.

On Saturday, Aug. 31 the eighth annual even will be held at the Big Four Fairgrounds from 4:30-6:15 p.m.

There will be a variety of tickets available to sample and vote for the best entries.

A \$30 VIP BBQ, for example, will get the connoisseur one rib from each griller, advance entrance to BBQ, a vote for People’s Choice Award and a free gate for you and a guest.

An a la carte (three ribs for \$10) ticket may be purchased that afternoon, starting at 5:15.

Farewell to Summer concert Sunday to feature Woodshed Reboot

The Carnegie Cultural Center will present is annual Farewell to Summer concert this Sunday at 7 p.m. in New Hampton’s Mikkelsen Park.

Along with a free concert featuring Woodshed Reboot, Totally Rolled ice cream and All About Cheesesteaks and More will be available for purchase from 6 to 8 p.m.

Kids activities are also planned at the free event, which takes place five days before the start of the 2024-25 school year.

Blood drive set for Aug. 27

LifeServe Blood Center will hold its monthly blood drive on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the New Hampton Community Center.

The drive will run from noon to 5:30 p.m., and appointments can be made by calling 800-287-4903, texting LIFESERVE to 999-777 or by going online to lifeserve.info/schedule.

Virgil Paul Zwanziger, 93

Virgil Paul Zwanziger, age 93 of Nashua, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare in New Hampton. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Nashua with the Rev. Tom Heathershaw celebrating the Mass. Interment was held at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in Nashua. Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass at the funeral home on Tuesday.



Virgil Zwanziger

gold, Virgil's ability to fix anything was matched only by his steadfast commitment to his family. He was a longstanding member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, which he joined before his marriage. Virgil's legacy is not only in the structures he helped build or the projects he completed but in the love and guidance he provided to his family. His children and their descendants will remember him as a pillar of strength, a source of wise counsel and a beacon of the values he held dear. His laughter, his stories and his unwavering presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Sunday's were known to be "Grandpa Virgil" days. Brunch was an afternoon to watch the great-grandkids play and catch up with everyone. It was a day he truly cherished and looked forward to. You never left without a hug and an "I love you" and then having the possibility of smelling like his hair gel. You always knew how proud he was, because he was never afraid to tell you. That kindness ran deep. Virgil is survived by his children, Dan (Lisa) Zwanziger of Nashua, Dennis (Cindy) Zwanziger of Waverly, IA, and Diane (Bill) Schaetzel of Nashua; grandchildren, Dawn (Perry) Lester of Des Moines, Jeremy (Kayla) Zwanziger of Cedar Falls, Alex (Miranda) Zwanziger of Walker, Abby (Mitch) Johnson of Nashua, Alli (Caleb) Wilken of Plainfield, Emily (Josh) Cronk of Evansdale, and Eric (Rachel) Zwanziger of Denver; great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Eli, Colsen, Addie and Brody, Sawyer, Sorren and Scarlett, Briar, Braylee and Barrett, Oliver, Charlie and Theodore; brothers-in-law, Don Niemeyer of Nashua, Bill (Peggy) Zwanziger of Ionia, Bob (Kathy) Harrington of Nashua, and Paul Harrington of Ionia; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Rosemary Zwanziger in 2020; beloved son, David Zwanziger in 2018; sisters, Evelyn Niemeyer and Lois (Bud) Westervelt; brothers, Don (Marian) Zwanziger, and Clark (Eileen) Zwanziger; and Rosemary's siblings and spouses.



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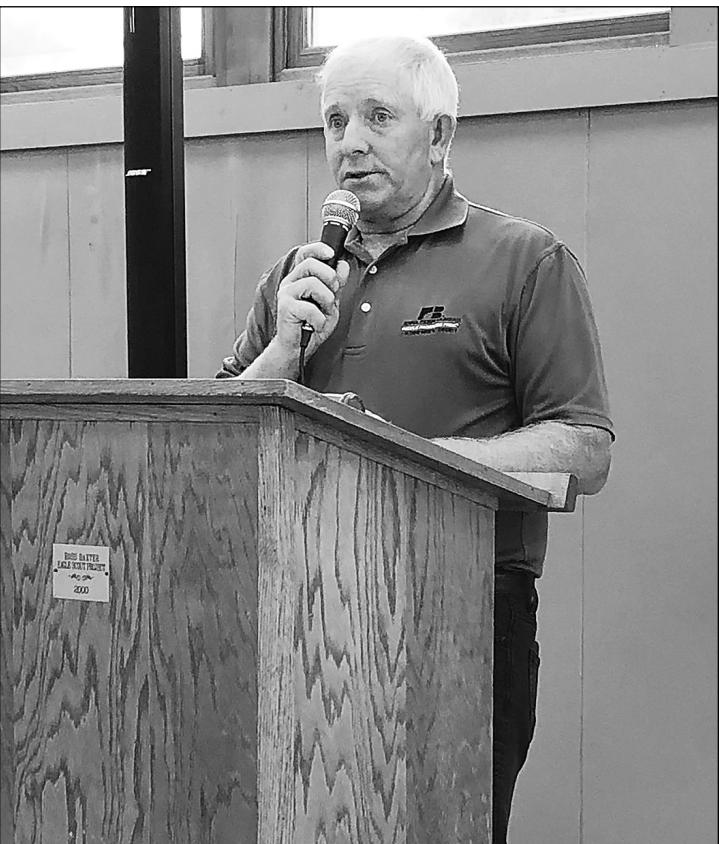
Members of the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau Board of Directors include (from left) District 1 Director Randy Brincks, Voting Delegate Robert Shatek, Drew Dietz, Lexie Maloy, Travis Swehla, President Katherine Balk, Jordan Heit, Vice President Jessica Grober, Treasurer Nolan Webster, Secretary Barbara Schwickerath, (absent from photo) Adam Drewelow and Andy Chambers.

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau holds annual meeting

Special to the Reporter

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau members had plenty to celebrate last Monday, Aug. 5, when they gathered for the organization's 106th annual meeting that was held at the Alta Vista Municipal Hall. From the prime rib dinner served up by the Frederika Locker to receiving an update on state issues to the election of the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau Board of Directors to the awarding of scholarships to a pair of guest speakers presenting a program on the importance of "succession planning," it was a busy evening at the hall. District Director Randy Brincks spoke to members about state issues before the new Board of Directors was elected into place, with Katherine Balk serving as president, Jessica Grober as vice president, Nolan Webster as treasurer, Barbara Schwickerath as secretary and Robert Shatek as voting delegate. Township and at-large directors included Schwickerath, Balk, Webster, Andy Chambers and Grober. Farm Bureau members then

recognized eight scholarship winners — Grace Maloy of Ionia, Brooke Balk of Waucoma, Tori Bearman of New Hampton, Ethan Swehla of New Hampton, Emma O'Neill of Nashua, Colton Zupke of Fredericksburg, Mariah Thronson of Waucoma and Leander Reicks of New Hampton. The evening wrapped up with two Farm Bureau officials — Amanda Van Steenwyk and Erin Herbold-Swalwell — talking about the benefits of the Take Root Program. Van Steenwyk is the farm business development manager for the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation while Herbold-Swalwell is the senior counsel for advanced markets for Farm Bureau. The duo educated the members on Take Root, a series of interactive workshops focused on family farm succession and business planning, and they also discussed the steps needed to complete "succession" in family farm operations. Door prizes were given out by Chickasaw County Farm Bureau and agents Dee Boeding and Curtis Franzen.



District 1 Director Randy Brincks brings Chickasaw County Farm Bureau members up to date on state issues during the organization's annual meeting.



Teams gearing up for Meet the Huskies, season openers

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"The scrimmage is away, so that's why we're doing it on Thursday," said Hagen about the introduction of fall athletes and the football skills contest. The burger/sweet corn/watermelon feed – drink is provided as well – gets under way at 6 p.m. The introduction of the fall athletes is slated to go down at 6:30 p.m. and the run/punt/pass event is scheduled to take place under the lights at 7 p.m. The season opener for the football team will be at home on Friday, Aug. 30 the following week against Postville. N-P went 5-4 overall last year and placed second in district play. The Huskies lost its playoff opener to Lake Mills, 21-14.

The Husky gridiron athletes are under the direction of new leadership this fall as Chase Sudol takes over as head coach in 2024. Sudol had been a longtime assistant coach and was previously head coach of the Huskies from 2015-2017. Sudol took over for Andrew Christensen, who accepted a teaching and football coaching position over at Maquoketa Valley in Delhi. Christensen guided the Huskies to three-consecutive playoff berths during his four-season tenure. Mindy Foelske is back to guide the Husky volleyball team. This will be Foelske's fourth season of leading the Huskies out on the hardwood. The Huskies played to mark off 6-17 overall last fall and went 3-5 league play. The first match for the Husky spikers

will be a triangular at home versus New Hampton and Jesup on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Also back this year for another jaunt around cross country courses across northeast Iowa is Jenn Kalainoff, leader of the N-P cross country program. Back this year for her final season is senior Kadence Huck – a three-time state qualifier for the Huskies. N-P's first XC meet is slated to go down on Thursday, Sept. 5 at Wildwood Golf Course in Charles City. All N-P students will receive free admission to all 2024-2025 athletic events thanks to the generosity and sponsorship of the following: Nashua-Plainfield Athletic Booster Club, Hannemann Construction, Sinnwell Farms, Miller Custom Processing, Barlow Farms and S&T Collision.

ISU fall field day set for Aug. 23; registration is due Aug. 21

Iowans can gain valuable knowledge in various agricultural topics at Iowa State University's Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm annual fall field day on Aug. 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Doug Houser, digital agriculture extension specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, will begin the program by providing the most current and up-to-date information regarding drone/UAV technology, and its use in the agricultural sector. Alison Robertson, professor and extension plant pathologist, will give an update on crop diseases of the growing season and expectations going into this year's harvest. Kapil Arora, extension agricultural and biosystems engineering specialist, will share his insights on tile drainage and water management. "This year's event will offer a diverse lineup of topics and speakers," said Terry Basol, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Participants can enjoy a day of hands-on learning, while networking with specialists and other farmers." The field day is free and open to the public. Lunch is provided and sponsored by Kahn Tile Supply. To assist with meal preparation, register by Aug. 21 by emailing neira@iastate.edu. The field day starts at the Borlaug Learning Center Headquarters on the research farm. For more information about the event, call Terry Basol at 641-426-6801; or Josh Michel at 563-581-7828.

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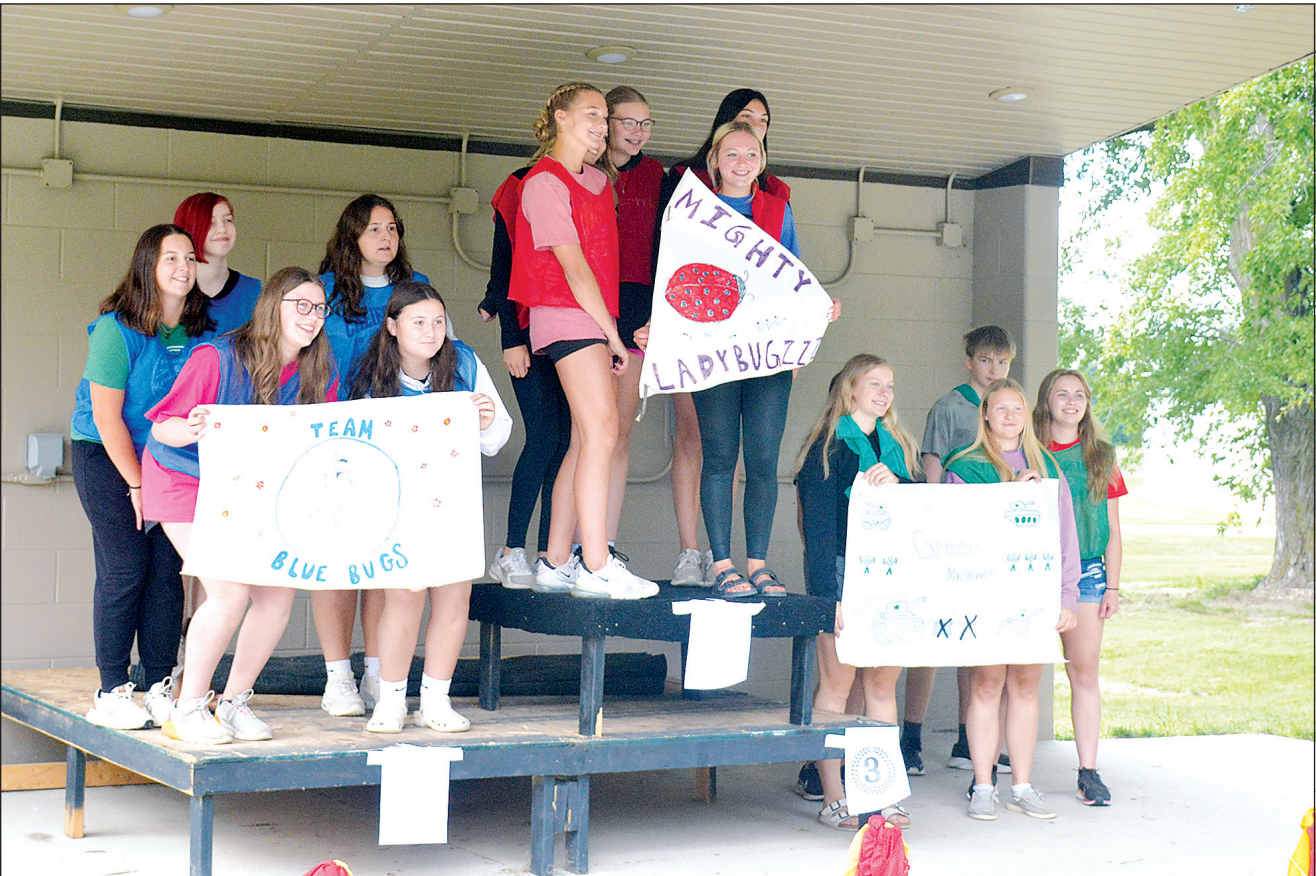
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Back-to-School TIME



Members of the Husky Leadership Team claim their respective medals — gold, silver and bronze — during a retreat held last Friday at Cedar View Park.

Retreat kicks off the year for Husky Leadership Team

HLT: FROM 1

and we wanted everyone to get to know each other a little bit better.”

So for four hours, they played games and they began the planning process for the first day of school and beyond. With the Olympic Games entering their final weekend, the retreat took on that theme.

So from trivia to synchronized walking to relays to that obstacle course in which team members talked their blindfolded member through, each of the three teams earned medals ... or at least a spot on the medal stand that was created at the Baldwin Bandshell.

The five HLT advisors — Holthaus, Amber McCall, Jenn Kalainoff, Taylor Wedeking and Paige Malven — led the event, but the truth of the matter is that the goal of the team is to have students lead various events throughout the school year.

The HLT, for example, plans activities for the first day of school, which was just two weeks away when the students gathered at the park last Friday.

And with homecoming week — another HLT sponsored event — starting on Sept. 16, a jump start on planning is a must.

“It’s a great way to empower our students,” Holthaus said, “but they can’t just throw it together at the last minute, either. We have three weeks of school and then it’s homecoming. We’ve got to hit the ground running.”

At a school the size of Nashua-Plainfield, most students at the very least know of each other, but the retreat gave HLT members a chance to become closer and realize, yes, that they have to trust each other as they plan out big events.

Holthaus said that the HLT has about 45 members this year and is open to virtually every student at the high school.

“They fill out an application, and we make sure they have the grades and the behaviors but basically, if you want to be on it,” she said, “you’re on it. The plan then is they’ll show up and do the work, but when kids have a say in something, that usually happens.”



Husky Leadership Team members (left) take part in a “ball relay” while Vinny Runge (above) gets directions from his teammates as he navigates an obstacle course blindfolded at last week’s retreat.

Back To School Safety Tips!

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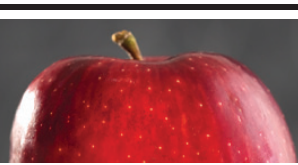
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Back-to-School TIME

It's time to start those school bedtimes!

As first day of classes nears, principal says sooner is better than later when it comes to establishing routine

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

The calendar may say there's still more than a month left of summer — fall officially doesn't start until 7:44 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22 — but make no mistake about it, summer's almost over.

Just ask the kids who are getting ready to head back to school. D-Day, if you will, is just one week away for Nashua-Plainfield students in grades 6-12 while elementary-aged students get a one-day reprieve and will start classes on Monday, Aug. 26.

Granted, the youngsters won't totally have next Friday off, for that's the day Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School will hold in-take conferences.

So, yes, summer is fast coming to an end, and in some ways, the school year has already started for Nashua-Plainfield students. Camps ranging from band to football to cross country were held earlier this month and the official start of fall sports practices was this past month. Teachers, who don't officially report to work until Monday, have been busy prepping classrooms in both the district's buildings.

And one more sure sign that fall is near is being seen in at least some homes throughout the district. School bedtimes have started ... or at least they're moving in the right direction.

"I would say the biggest thing is to start moving to school bedtimes," Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School Shannon Wurzer said when asked if she had any advice for parents as the countdown to the school year moves into overdrive. "It's good to get our kids into a routine so they're used to going to bed and getting up like they do when we're in school. ... You're right, if you're going to bed at 10 and getting up at 9 and you've been doing that all summer, that first day of school can come as a shock."

Wurzer said one reason her building does in-take conferences is so that students and parents will get some one-on-one time with teachers.

"With the age of our kids, I think it's important that they have that time and it's a good way to slide into the school year," she said and added that the two-hour "early outs" Nashua-Plainfield will have next Friday and the following Monday and Tuesday are also helpful.



Bob Fenske/Reporter

The sound of silence about to end ...

The hallways at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary are eerily quiet Thursday morning, but with intake conference scheduled for next Friday and classes to start on the following Monday, that summer silence will soon end.

"It's a lot for the kids to take in," she said, "and those first couple of days, we can talk about expectations, start getting to work and get them ready for full days."

The principal laughed when asked if she and her staff were the lucky ones because younger students not only are ready to go back to school but also will tell you that they can't wait for the first day of classes.

"My guess is most kids, regardless of how old they are, are ready," she said, "but yeah, high school kids aren't going to tell you that, are they?"

And there's always a little nervousness as Day 1 approaches.

As Nashua-Plainfield Junior High teacher Hannah Holthaus worked in her room on Thursday, she was asked about how students in grades 6-8 view the start of a school year.

"The sixth-graders are nervous because they're coming up from the [elementary] building," she said, "the seventh-graders are way too cool to say they're ready to come back to school and the eighth-graders are kind of looking forward to ruling our little area."

But in all seriousness, Holthaus said sixth-graders will be fine.

"Give them two weeks, and trust me, the nervousness will be gone," she said.

What school officials may most want, though, is for the relatively mild weather we've had in August to continue. Save for the junior high wing, Nashua-Plainfield's school buildings do not have air conditioning.

"The last two weeks have been perfect," Wurzer said, "but I also know it's Iowa and the weather can change in a heartbeat."

Still, she and her staff are ready to welcome back students.

"It's been way too quiet in here for way too long," Wurzer said. "I say that every August because it's true. There's nothing quite like the excitement of kicking off a school year."

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made history. It was the first time all three positions on a podium were held by Black women in gymnastics competition on the Olympic level. The Romanian Gymnastic Federation appealed this decision saying Chiles' coach had not made the appeal within the allotted one-minute time frame. Romania was saying the Americans submitted their appeal four seconds late, while the U.S. said they got it done in 47 seconds.

Somebody's wrong. Stay with me here. Long story short – Romania's appeal worked after Chiles' initial score was reinstated, which allowed Ana Barbosu – of you guessed it, Romania, to take the bronze. The International Gymnastics Federation did not take away Chiles' bronze medal the same organization that gave Barbosu a second bronze medal that was doled out. That decision to strip Chiles of her bronze medal rests – according by rule – on the shoulders of the International Olympic Committee.

So does Chiles get to keep her bronze medal – which she obviously has no intention of giving up? Let's dig deeper. The U.S. appealed on Chiles' behalf to keep the medal and was denied. Come to find out the head of the three-person Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) that heard the Americans' case was Dr. Hamid G. Gharavi, who has ties to Romania and has represented the country in several other arbitration cases.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY J.M. WADEY, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003230 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Betty J.M. Wadey, Deceased, who died on or about July 14, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on August 7, 2024 the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF CHICKASAW COUNTY CitiMortgage, Inc Plaintiff, vs. Kelley Nauman a/k/a Kelley L. Nauman; Unknown Spouse (if any) of Kelley Nauman; Parties in Possession, et al. EQUITY NO: EQCV004535 ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Defendants, You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of this court naming you as a defendant in this action. The petition was filed on July 1, 2024, and prays for foreclosure of Plaintiffs Mortgage in favor of the Plaintiff on the property described in this notice and judgment for the unpaid principal amount of \$56,625.13, with 4.625% per annum interest thereon from June 1, 2023, together with late charges, advances and the costs of the action including (but not limited to) title costs and reasonable attorney's fees, as well as a request that said sums be declared a lien upon the following described premises from July 16, 2007, located in Chickasaw county, Iowa.

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NOTICE The plaintiff has elected foreclosure without redemption. This means that the sale of the mortgaged property will occur

I was always told if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's probably a duck.

But again, I do not have a law degree.

There was also an email snafu where the CAS apparently sent "crucial communications" to the wrong email address to the parties involved prior to their latest ruling. Which if that is indeed the case, wouldn't allow each country to get all the facts it needs to defend itself in a proper way.

Where is Vinny Gambini when you need him? You know, the "crackerjack" lawyer that starred in the early 90s movie, "My Cousin Vinny." He may be the right man for this job. Of course we'll need expert witness testimony from his girlfriend – Mona Lisa Vito – played by Marisa Tomei, who by the way won an Oscar for her performance in that cult classic.

You could about imagine Chiles is devastated concerning what has transpired in this last week regarding her performance and the circus-like tug-of-war between both parties because of a lack of transparency from these governing bodies.

"You want answers?" yelled Jack Nicholson in the Academy Award-nominated film, "A Few Good Men."

"I think I'm entitled," Tom Cruise retorted.

Nicholson repeated his line.

"I want the truth," exclaimed Cruise. "You can't handle the truth!" shouted Nicholson.

Maybe we're all scared about the truth or maybe the truth doesn't exist in this dilemma

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES AUGUST 6, 2024

The Board convened on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 8:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman and Cervinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Kuhn. Chairperson Cervinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Engineer Roman Lensing, Bob Fenske, member of the media

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for August 6, 2024. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cervinske. Absent; Kuhn Motion carried.

Discuss Chickasaw County Paving Project ARPA-2024-C019(01) and the City of New Hampton approved increase.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to award contract for Chickasaw County PCC Paving Project ARPA-2024-C019(01) to Croell Inc. for \$797,120.71. Which \$211,479.53 is the City of New Hampton's portion per 28E agreement. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cervinske. Absent; Kuhn Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chair's signature on Final Voucher for Chickasaw Pavement Marking Project FM-C019(114)—55-19. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cervinske. Absent; Kuhn Motion carried.

No Public Comment Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 8:19 AM. Roll call: Ayes; Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Cervinske. Absent; Kuhn. Motion carried.

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

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I've brought forth.

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It's right versus wrong. I've always been told – it's not the position, it's the person.

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Nashua-Plainfield Community School District Board of Education Development Workshop Aug 5, 2024 N.P JH/HS Commons I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Pat Lentz Present: Laura Folkerts, Cody Jensen, Lara Lawrence, Patrick Lentz Also Present Superintendent Jay Marley, MS/HS Principal Dean Youngblut, Elementary Principal Shannon Wurzer, IASB Board Development Director Tammi Drawbaugh. Absent Board Member Chris Hagen and Board Secretary Ashley Ratliff.

II. Approve Consent Agenda Motion by Laura Folkerts, Seconded by Lara Lawrence to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Review and Information Iowa Association School Board Tammi Drawbaugh Governance Role of the Board and Role of Superintendent - The IASB provided an overview of the governance roles of the school board and the superintendent.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES AUGUST 5, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman and Cervinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Kuhn. Chairperson Cervinske called the meeting to order.

Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, County Attorney David Laudner, 911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Bob Fenske member of the media, John Kuhn, Safety Director Raneae Carey, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Jeremy McGrath, Custodian Dave Gorman

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for August 5, 2024. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cervinske Absent; Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve minutes for July 29, 2024. Roll call: Ayes; Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Cervinske Absent; Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Chickasaw County Historical Society Special Class B Retail Native Wine License for a 12-month period. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cervinske Absent; Kuhn. Motion carried.

Public comment: Jeremy McGrath enquired about the Certified Letters to the Cities to waive next quarter's payment for the EMS department. County Attorney Dave Laudner and Sheriff Ryan Shawver wanted to thank the Governor, State Attorney General, and Fayette County for all their help with a Chickasaw County prisoner and getting him into state prison.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET Board of Supervisors of CHICKASAW COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of CHICKASAW COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

Meeting Date/Time: 8/26/2024 09:10 AM **Contact:** SHEILA SHEKLETON **Phone:** (641) 394-2100

Meeting Location: Boardroom, 2nd floor of the Courthouse, 8 E Prospect, New Hampton, IA 50659

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	7,896,909	0	7,896,909
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	233,350	0	233,350
Net Current Property Tax	4	7,663,559	0	7,663,559
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	1,665	0	1,665
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	15,000	0	15,000
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	969,853	0	969,853
Intergovernmental	8	5,500,660	0	5,500,660
Licenses & Permits	9	31,000	0	31,000
Charges for Service	10	1,476,245	0	1,476,245
Use of Money & Property	11	194,502	0	194,502
Miscellaneous	12	248,600	18,850	267,450
Subtotal Revenue	13	16,101,084	18,850	16,119,934
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	15	2,811,676	0	2,811,676
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	18,912,760	18,850	18,931,610
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	4,031,529	73,553	4,105,082
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,757,227	70,000	1,827,227
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	908,270	20,000	928,270
Roads & Transportation	22	8,358,511	345,000	8,703,511
Government Services to Residents	23	562,729	0	562,729
Administration	24	2,328,710	15,000	2,343,710
Nonprogram Current	25	0	6,180	6,180
Debt Service	26	473,033	1,567	474,600
Capital Projects	27	601,721	200,000	801,721
Subtotal Expenditures	28	19,021,730	731,300	19,753,030
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	2,811,676	0	2,811,676
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	21,833,406	731,300	22,564,706
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-2,920,646	-712,450	-3,633,096
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2024	33	7,855,596	3,011,430	10,867,026
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	2,925,962	0	2,925,962
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	2,008,988	2,298,980	4,307,968
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2025	40	4,934,950	2,298,980	7,233,930

Explanation of Changes: Line 12 the Sheriff brought in through grants \$18,850. Line 18 increase in the sheriff expenditures due to spending the grants received. Increase in EMS due to not having EMS director's contract completed for the budget, increase in health care, and increase in supplies for EMS. Line 19 increase in the expenditure for opioid due to receiving more settlement funds. Line 21 increase expenditure in the County Economic Development Fund for job creations. Line 22 Local Option Sales Tax Infrastructure improving roads. Line 24 increase for contract auditing services. Line 25 increase for Pioneer Cemetery. Line 26 increase due to using fund balance as a source to pay debt. Line 27 Increase capital projects due to potential remodels.

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That makes total sense in this case.

Somebody needs to step up and right this wrong. It's not Barbosu's fault. She just went out and did her best. There has to be a better way to solve this.

An interesting twist to this saga?

American Shelby McEwen

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Key Roles and Actions: School Board: - Setting vision and strategic direction for the district.

- Approving policies, budgets, and major initiatives. - Ensuring accountability and oversight of district performance.

- Superintendent: - Executing the board's vision and managing day-to-day operations. - Developing and implementing educational programs and strategies.

- Serving as the primary advisor to the board and ensuring compliance with board policies.

Review of School Board Policies: - The team reviewed the following policies:

- Policy #213. - Policy #401.4 - Policy #402.5 - Policy #502.4 - Discussion focused on the implications of these policies in the context of the board's governance role and the superintendent's operational responsibilities.

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Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve correction for July 15, 2024 Board of Supervisor's minutes and acknowledge the rate change for Megan Lester, Public Health, from \$27.89 to \$29.61 effective August 31, 2024. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cervinske Absent; Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Resolution 08-05-24-36. A RESOLUTION OF CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKE NO POSITION OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, IOWA. WHEREAS, the City of Fredericksburg has received a voluntary annexation application from the owners of property legally describes as Primary ROW U.S. Highway 18 (270th Street) as Depicted in Exhibit "B" WHEREAS, the City of Fredericksburg has assented to the voluntary annexation of said property;

WHEREAS, Section 368.7, subsection b of the Code of Iowa also states that Chickasaw County shall, by resolution, indicate whether it supports or whether it takes no position on said annexation; WHEREAS, Section 368.7, subsection b of the Code of Iowa also states that Chickasaw County shall take its Comprehensive Plan into account when drafting their resolution; NO W THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors as Follows: 1. That Chickasaw County takes no position in the application for voluntary annexation presented. 2. That, if approved, the land legally described above shall become part of the City of Fredericksburg. 3.That the County Auditor shall Forward with resolution to the City of Fredericksburg for

their consideration by their City Council. 4.That the City of Fredericksburg shall subsequently forward this resolution as part of their voluntary annexation proceedings to the City Development Board. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th DAY of AUGUST, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cervinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cervinske. Absent; Kuhn. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Discussed the grounds keeping for the Chickasaw County LMR Towers with 911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz. Consensus of the board to have 911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz take care of the ground keeping for the Chickasaw County LMR Towers.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(c) To Discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 9:32 AM. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cervinske Absent; Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to exit CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(c) To Discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation at 9:37 AM. Roll call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cervinske Absent; Kuhn. Motion carried.

No action taken out of close session. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the rate

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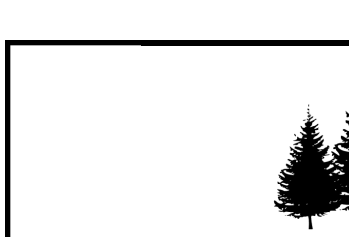
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‘Meet the Huskies’ kicks off fall sports season

Nashua-Plainfield Booster Club to put on Thursday event; football team to scrimmage at Columbus following day

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

Are you ready for some sweet corn? Don't forget the salt and butter! Harrington Sweet Corn – which has been a successful Nashua business in operation for over 50 years – will also provide another sweet treat, its tasty watermelon, when the Nashua-Plainfield fall sports season kicks off next week Thursday, Aug. 22 during the “Meet the Huskies Night.” Oh, there'll be Miller Custom Processing burgers to take a delicious bite into as well. All this classic Midwestern cuisine will be made possible because of those key sponsors and the N-P Booster Club, who will also accept free-will donations at the get-together. “We couldn't do all this without them,” said Ami Hagen, N-P's new athletic director. “We very much appreciate all that they do and being able to host something like this. We're very

thankful.” Husky fans will be able to get their first glimpse of the football, volleyball and cross country teams, as well as the cheerleaders for this fall sports campaign. Lloyd Koob Field will be the setting as the N-P Booster Club will also conduct a run/punt/pass competition open to all N-P kids grades kindergarten thru eighth grade. “I think they did it a few years ago because I remember my son doing it,” said Hagen. “They run for so many yards and they get timed. They have to punt it, they pass it. The varsity boys maybe are helping with that. They tally it all up and they get a winner for each age group.” There will be no football scrimmage at home this year as the Huskies travel to Waterloo Columbus the following evening on Friday to take on the Sailors.

SEE HUSKIES, 3



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield football players cool off at the “water fountain” during the Huskies’ annual football camp that was held last week.



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield golfer Devon Blanchard (above) hits an approach shot while teammate Trent Rodruck (below) watches his putt roll toward the hole during golf meets played this past spring at the Nashua Town and County Club.

N-P coach befuddled by boys golf’s move to fall

Trost says decision by state associations will hurt multiple sports at 1A schools like Nashua-Plainfield

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Jeff Trost doesn't like it, doesn't like it one bit. Asked about his thoughts after the two associations that oversee high school sports in Iowa announced earlier this week that they were moving both boys golf and girls tennis seasons to the fall, the Nashua-Plainfield coach didn't hold back. “The first thing is they just cost a whole bunch of schools like ours a lot of money,” the longtime Nashua-Plainfield golf coach said. “A lot of schools are like ours — we have one golf coach for boys and girls. Now, you basically have to pay two seasons of salary, instead of one. “And the money is minor compared to what we're doing to our sport and what we're doing to kids who golf and play football. How's that going to work? It's going to hurt both sports ... and I'm afraid it's going to kill golf at some small schools.” The Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union made the joint announcement Monday that it will move the two activities from the spring sports season to the fall, beginning with the 2025-26 school year. That means the upcoming 2025 season will proceed as normal for the Huskies as both the boys and girls will play golf in the spring before boys return to the course in the fall. Officials from both associations said the changes address decades-long concerns from member schools over scheduling and were approved by both the IHSAA's board and IGHSAU's board following discussions at a joint meeting in early July but not announced until Monday. “Our member schools have been asking for ways to relieve the crowded spring sports seasons for years,” IGHSAU executive director Erin Gerlich said. “The new changes provide relief in an already busy spring, and an opportunity for the IGHSAU and IHSAA to enhance the state tournament experiences for tennis and golf.



“A lot of work has gone into this process and we appreciate all of the input we have received regarding these changes.” Iowa's current spring schedule includes eight sports – golf, soccer, tennis, track and field for both boys and girls – and overlaps seasonally with baseball and softball. The adjustment was discussed across 2023-24 district meetings, the IHSADA state conference, advisory committees, and the 2023 IHSAA membership survey. “Reducing the congestion in the spring schedule has been a topic of conversation among ADs, our staffs, representative councils, boards, and the joint IHSAA & IGHSAU committee for several years,” IHSAA executive director Tom Keating said. “Moving our Class 3A, 2A, and 1A golf competitions to the fall to align with Class 4A is a step toward easing that congestion.” Class 4A schools, the state's largest, have been playing fall golf since 1993. Among nine other peer state associations in the Midwest, seven separate golf seasons by

gender and all nine separate tennis seasons. The increased availability of facilities, coaching and school resources, plus the reduction of scheduling conflicts are the top cited reasons for those successful season separations. “Other Midwest states have found success with this model and I am confident our schools will adjust to the new format,” said Keating, who served as president of the NFHS in 2023-24. “While we recognize some of the initial challenges, the advantages of reducing scheduling congestion in the spring, reducing lost class time, and giving the option of having the same coach for spring and fall combine to lead us in this direction. “For boys’ golf, fall should provide good course and playing conditions, and the high school season will immediately follow summer, when most golfers have enjoyed the opportunity to work on their game.” Trost, though, isn't sure how schools like Nashua-Plainfield are going to find success with the model that Keating referenced.

Three of the six Huskies who took to the course for last spring's Class 1A sectional tournament were sophomores, which means Devon Blanchard, Trent Rodruck and Tyler Zimmer will have to make a choice when they begin their senior years of high school. Do they play football? Do they play golf? Do they try to do both? “We've had kids do track and golf, and that's tough enough,” Trost said, “but I don't know if it works to try to do football and golf. Like I said, it's going to hurt both sports. This one, I just don't think was well thought out, especially for 1A schools.” The sports “moving seasons” was just one of several items announced by the IHSAA. • Beginning with the upcoming golf season, the top-three teams in each boys sectional and district tournaments will advance in postseason play with no regard for the team hosting the tournament. Currently, only the top-two teams advance, unless the host school finishes as the champion or runner-up; in that case, three teams advance. “This will ensure a set number of qualifiers at district meets,” the IHSAA said in a press release, “and 12 qualifiers at the state meet for those classes. • The IHSAA Board of Control also said that the closely-guarded five-seconds rule will be eliminated in basketball, beginning with the 2024-25 season. Board members said that the state is adopting a NFHS rule that states using shot clocks, which Iowa does, should eliminate the five-second rule. • And both the IHSAA and IGHSAU say they will explore the possibility of a “split season” for boys’ and girls’ bowling to start in 2025-26. This concept would potentially end the current coed championships format and allow for staggered start and finish within the current 16-week schedule. The individual tournament will now also bowl out to eighth place, similar to the team tournament. — This story includes information from a press release put out by the IHSAA and IGHSAU.

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What teachers taught us in kindergarten still applies today Play fair, clean up your own mess, put things back where you found them, don't take things that aren't yours, say sorry when you hurt somebody, share, be kind and responsible. Take a nap every afternoon (that's a big one and advice I should take more often if I could). These words of wisdom are all precepts and bullet points from a book penned back in 1986 by American author Robert Fulghum titled “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.” I'm sure you've heard of it or maybe even read the publication that's composed of short essays. The ideology espoused by Fulghum is somewhat similar to the “Golden Rule,” which if I can recount, I've mentioned in a previous column. I just can't remember when and time is of the essence right now as I type away so I'm not going to look back at the archives and pinpoint it. Sure there are detractors of the book, which I won't divulge why, but it's basically one man's thoughts – Fulghum's a minister by the way – on how us human beings should go about our daily lives. Trying to tell somebody what to do or how to do it – especially in 2024 – can be very problematic. That's not what this column is about. My “beef” centers around what is right and wrong – who deserves what and where do we draw the line around the oftentimes gray area of certainty and uncertainty. Because in my time on this planet – black and white definitions and the subjects that accompany have seemed to blur into a mixture of bias and just flat out asinine behavior as to what the actual meanings are. And when I say subject matter – I mean anything. I blame social media a lot – whether that's good or bad. If I said the sky was blue and water was wet – I could about guarantee I would instigate more arguments about the veracity of that comment if I said that in 2024, as opposed to say 1990. This is just an example. I'm not conducting a case study and there will be no exit polls on this “Issue.” End of discussion. Let's start out with what we know on the particular topic I've chosen to discuss. Jordan Chiles is a world-class athlete that competes for the United States women's national gymnastics team. I'm sure you've heard her name bantered around in the past week or so as she's made headlines for all the wrong reasons – something that is completely out of her control. The 23-year-old – born five months before the 9/11 terror attacks – represents the blue and gold of the UCLA Bruins and is a two NCAA title holder. She is the elite of the elite when it comes to world-class gymnastics. Her resume is sparkling and there are few out on the big stage across the world that have been able to accomplish what she has done on the vault, uneven bars, the beam and floor exercise. Is she an all-time great? No, but she's damn good. She was a key cog in the Americans reeling in gold in the women's team gymnastic competition at this most recent Olympic Games, held in Paris. She also competed in the 2020 Tokyo Games, which were actually held a year later in 2021 because of COVID-19, and won a silver medal in the team competition as well for the U.S. Chiles won a bronze medal in Paris for her final performance of what hopefully won't be her last Olympics on Aug. 5 after her floor exercise routine. She initially finished fifth – a mere tenth of a point away from placing in the coveted top three. The United States appealed and filed an inquiry into Chiles' difficulty score. The judges revised her score by 0.1, vaulting her (no pun intended) into third place to clinch the bronze. Along with gold medal winner Rebeca Andrade of Brazil and the most decorated gymnast in the history of the sport – American Simone Biles, who won silver – Chiles and that trio



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