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Supervisors chip away at levies

Board reduces GS by 7 cents, cuts a nickel from RSB and sets hearing for April 14

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors agreed on Monday to cut a little from the max levy rates for two of the three funds it controls. Board members spent about 20 minutes discussing lowering the levy rates for General Supplemental

(GS) and Rural Services Basic (RSB) and agreed to publish legal notices for an April 14 public hearing on the 2025-26 budget. Last month, the board set its maximum tax levy rate for GS at \$1.92 per \$1,000 valuation and \$3.55 for RSB, and according to state law, once those levy rates are published, they can not be raised

but can be lowered. On Monday, Board Chairman Jake Hackman asked his fellow supervisors to consider lower rates for both levies. The other main levy, General Basic (GB), is capped at \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation, and supervisors have spent the past few months working on making sure that fund's ending balance would

meet the recommended 25 percent of expenditures. Hackman, though, said he felt both GS and RSB were in a strong enough position to reduce the levy rate. He asked board members to consider dropping the GS

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Nashua-Plainfield art instructor Marie Glaser poses for a photo at the Carnegie Cultural Center in New Hampton, where her fourth-grade students' art work is currently being exhibited.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD FOURTH-GRADERS' ART WORK BEING DISPLAYED AT NEW HAMPTON MUSEUM

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

As Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools art teacher Marie Glaser talked in the Carnegie Cultural Center, she was sur-

rounded by works created by her fourth-graders. And she exuded enthusiasm. For art. For her students. For her career. "I'm so proud of these kids," she said. "They really poured their

hearts and souls into their work. They wanted to make it special, and I think they did." Her fourth-grade students' art work is being featured at the New Hampton museum, making this a sort of "art homecoming"

for Glaser, who graduated from New Hampton High in 2013. On Sunday, the Carnegie held an open house for the exhibit, and Glaser excitedly shared the stories behind

SEE ART, 4

**MAKING
ART FUN!**

Governor signs bill banning cellphone use while driving

Beginning July 1, Iowa will become the 31st state to have a 'hand-free' law on the books

By ROBIN OPSAHL
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law Wednesday a measure banning drivers from using cellphones behind the wheel with the exception of hands-free or voice-activated modes. Reynolds was joined by more than 50 people in her office Wednesday, April 2, many of whom were related to people who had died because of distracted driving. The governor recognized the names of many of the people who lost their lives due to distracted driving incidents before signing the measure into law.

"I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to their families for being here today and for their tireless advocacy," Reynolds said. "I can't imagine how hard it's been to tell and to retell your stories, but your courage will save lives. So, on behalf of all the families across our great state, thank you."

With the bill's signing, the measure, which is an expansion from Iowa's current law banning texting while driving, will go into effect July 1. Law enforcement officers will give warnings for violations from July through the rest of 2025.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, using handheld personal electronic devices while driving will result in a fine of \$100. If the incident results in an injury, the fine is raised to \$500, and if incidents that cause death will raise the fine to \$1,000.

The governor said that Iowa has become the 31st state in the country to have a "hands free" law on the books, and that neighboring states like Minnesota and Illinois have seen major decreases in car crashes since enacting similar laws.

"I'm grateful, because this legislation will save lives," Reynolds said. "According to a recent study, a 10% reduction in distracted driving in Iowa will prevent over 1,200 crashes, 700 injuries and six deaths, as well as over \$50 million in economic damages."

Peter Bengtson, the father of Ellen Bengtson of Charles City, who was killed by a distracted

SEE CELLPHONES, 8

Slew of activities on tap for National Library Week

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman is the first to admit that she loves a "packed" schedule when it comes to National Library Week.

And 2025 will be no exception as libraries around the country are getting set for their big week that runs from Sunday through Saturday, April 12.

"My goal is always to have something for everyone, for all ages," Hackman said. "I want at least one program that is for both adults and

kids, too, but I think it's important to celebrate libraries, especially ours, during National Library Week."

Next week's special programs kick off on Monday when local author Kylie Brant, author

SEE LIBRARY, 3

Area rescue agencies bid county EMT a 'sad and beautiful' goodbye

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Brock Schmidt touched so many lives during his all-too-short time on this Earth.

That's a given. It's been said by those who loved him, those who

worked with him and those who only may have only met him a time or two.

If anyone doubted the impact he made on Chickasaw County, they were proven wrong on Monday when Trinity Lutheran

Church was filled to the proverbial brim with those who came to offer love and support to his family during the funeral of the Chickasaw County EMS EMT and Chickasaw County Rescue Squad volunteer who passed away at the age of 41 on March 22 while on duty at the ambulance station.

When the service ended, an extraordinary processional took place as emergency vehicles ranging from ambulance rigs to fire trucks to police cars to Rescue Squad vehicles made their way down New Hampton's Main Street to escort Schmidt to his final resting place.

The processional began in the sky, as a GundersenAIR helicopter conducted a flyover.

It was, as one onlooker so succinctly put it, "sad and beautiful."

For his family and for those who worked side-by-side with Schmidt — both at the Chickasaw Ambulance Service and Chickasaw County EMS — it had been an excruciating week since that Saturday morning when he was found unresponsive in the living quarter at the ambulance station.

Schmidt had grown up in Janesville and while he was a proud Wildcat graduate, he made New Hampton his home — serving for years on the city's Fire Department, joining the EMS

SEE SCHMIDT, 2



A Nashua fire truck is one of more than three dozen emergency vehicles from about 25 Northeast Iowa agencies taking part in a processional in New Hampton after the Brock Schmidt's funeral Monday.

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Butler REC directors

Directors elected to serve on the Butler County REC board for three-year terms are (from left) Allyn Harms, Gary Poppe, and Tom Risse.

Members of Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative re-elected two incumbent directors and elected one new director at their annual meeting that was held on March 26.

Re-elected were Poppe, of Nashua, and Harms, of Clarksville. Newly elected was Tom Risse, Sumner. Almost 500 votes were cast through mail-in ballots.

Following the annual meeting, the board of directors held an organizational meeting and elected the following officers: Poppe, president; Share Brandt, Allison, vice president; Troy Feldman, Greene, treasurer; Tim Schrage, Allison, secretary; and Harms, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Butler County REC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative that provides power to more than 6,600 meters to homes, farms and businesses in Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw and Floyd Counties. The co-op is headquartered in Allison.



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A MercyOne Waterloo ambulance goes on station Monday afternoon at the Chickasaw County EMS building, where the flag flies at half-staff in honor of the memory of Brock Schmidt.

Rescue agencies from near and far take part in processional

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world in 2015 when he was hired by Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath as a driver and then becoming one of the first employees hired by Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson.

He was one of three full-time employees at the ambulance service that began running on Jan. 1, 2023.

“I don’t think the ache’s ever really ever going to go away,” Knutson said Tuesday, “but I know the amount of support that was there yesterday was really impactful for all of us. Knowing Brock, he’s looking down and saying something like ‘for me?’ But he deserved it, he really deserved it.”

Every law-enforcement and rescue agency in Chickasaw County turned out for the funeral. So, too, did ambulances from outside the county, including those from Waterloo, Decorah, Sumner, Tripoli and more.

They all came to pay tribute to a true public servant, one who was always there to help those in need, and when the sad and beautiful processional was complete, a MercyOne Waterloo rig manned the ambulance station where Schmidt worked and served the people of Chickasaw County.

On that MercyOne crew was Jim Stanton, a New Hampton native.

“The support we’ve received, the support I know Marea and the family has received has

just been utterly amazing,” Knutson said. “I think of the people like [Jim], who were willing to do anything for us the last week. It was comforting to know that someone who knew the area was here.”

Then again, those who knew Brock Schmidt will tell you that if the roles were reversed, he would have done the same thing.

They say life moves on, and maybe there’s some truth to that.

But on a gorgeous early spring Monday, when sirens filled the air on Main Street in New Hampton, those who knew him best joined those who just knew of him to bid Brock Schmidt a sad and beautiful goodbye.

Women Marketing Cattle course in Decorah starts April 8

To the Reporter

The Farm Management Team at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering three Women Marketing Cattle courses this spring.

One of those will be held in Decorah on April 8.

Women Marketing Cattle begins at 5 p.m. with a light meal at the Winneshiek County Extension office.

The course starts at 5:30 p.m. and concludes by 8:30 p.m., and will be held each Tuesday night for three weeks. The lead instructor is Joseph Lensing. The registration fee is \$25.00.

This women-centered program offers an opportunity to meet area cattle producers and learn with others in a comfortable setting. A team of instructors will provide different perspectives.

This course is about capturing more value from beef production by understanding the true costs of production and developing an overall marketing strategy.

Instructors will compare and contrast different market channels and pricing strategies. Sales at weaning, background-

ing, and finishing will be discussed. A refresher on carcass value and its relationship to price will be included.

More information about this and other programs for women can be found at the ISU Extension and Outreach Farm Management Team Women in Ag Program at www.extension.iastate.edu/womeninag.

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ISU Extension and Outreach to celebrate its week with ‘I Spy Cy’

To the Reporter

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week is April 7-12. Iowa's 100 county extension offices will host “I Spy Cy” activities and educational events throughout the week to thank Iowans for their support of ISU Extension and Outreach throughout the state.

“This celebration is one way we show our appreciation for the people who participate in our educational programs, as well as the many volunteers, community leaders, organizations, agencies and other partners who support our work in Chickasaw County,” said Amanda Tupper, Chickasaw County Director.

Throughout Extension & Outreach Week, Chickasaw County will host a “Bucket of Spring” social media giveaway. By following our Facebook page, ISU Extension & Outreach – Chickasaw County, and sharing the giveaway post, participants will be entered into a drawing for a bucket filled with spring-themed items. Coloring and activity pages will be available at local libraries and the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office. Additionally, council members will be featured on our social media pages, and free seed packets will be available to the public at the office and local food pantries.

ISU Extension and Outreach is part of the federal Cooperative Extension Service — a network of more than 100 land-grant institutions, including Iowa State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, serving communities and counties across the United States. Every county in Iowa has an elected extension council that decides how to support ISU Extension and Outreach educational programs at the county level.

The Chickasaw County Extension Council members are Diane Brown, Matt Carlton, Ben Freidhof, Tammy Jordan, Kim Kuehner, Mike Nehl, Mary Schrandt-Prouty, Tony Schwickera, and Tara Underwood.

“ISU Extension and Outreach delivers education, facilitates collaboration and sparks action. We’re making a difference for the people of Chickasaw County — whether measured in improved farm profits, stronger families, healthier communities or youth who are ready for their future,” Tupper said.

For more information about ISU Extension and Outreach, visit www.extension.iastate.edu/ or contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office.

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Library has plenty on tap for its big week

LIBRARY: FROM 1

of the “Cady Maddix” series and other thrillers, will visit the library from 5 to 6 p.m. and talk about her work as a writer.

On Tuesday, the library will be going to the animals as the facility hosts its annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Kids can drop off their stuffed animals from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and then pick them up the following day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“It really is one of my favorite things to do,” Hackman said. “Like the flyer says, we enjoy story time, snacks, games and moves and sleep is optional. The kids just love looking at the pictures when they come into pick up their stuffed animals, and that’s probably my favorite part of the whole deal.”

On Wednesday, the library will host a program dealing with frauds and scams from 5 to 6 p.m. Al Perales, an investigator for the Iowa Attorney General’s Office, will present the program and talk with residents how they can avoid becoming the victims of scam artists.

The library’s big week will wrap up Saturday morning when it hosts “Easy-Peasy Grilled N Cheesy,” a program that will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon and include crafts (decorating a chef hat and an apron) and a chance for kids and adults, too, to make a tasty sandwich on National Grilled Cheese Day.

Hackman said that her facility is heading to its big week on a roll.

“We’ve been really busy,” she said, “and I love that people support and use our library.”



Photo courtesy of Heather Hackman

One of Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman’s favorite parts of the Stuffed Animal Sleepover is creating the “shenanigans” the library’s visitors take part in during the event.

In March, the library welcomed 420 patrons to the facility and checked out almost 1,000 items. The library has also worked with Nashua-Plainfield schools more in recent months because of the uncertainties facing Area Education Agencies, which provide the school library books.

“I would say I’m taking 150 to 200 books up there a month,” Hackman said. “It’s been a really busy start to the year, and I think it shows just how important our library is to our community.”

News from the Nashua Pubic Library

The Nashua Public Library is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

We’re here to help all the residents of Nashua and appreciate our patrons, so if you have questions, please don’t hesitate to stop by or give us a call!

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Upcoming events at the Nashua Public Library include:

- Monday, April 12-Saturday, April 1: It’s out annual National Library Week \$1 Fill A Bag Used Book Sale. Special pricing for cake pans, DVD’s, BLU-RAY’s and Encyclopedias.
- Monday, April 7: Kylie Brant Author Visit, (LOCAL AUTHOR from Charles City) – 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8: Kids Stuffed Animal Sleep Over: STUFFED ANIMALS ONLY will stay the night at the library.

- Wednesday, April 9: Fraud/Scam Program with an investigator from the Iowa Attorney General – 5-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 9: Library Board Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 12: Grill Cheese Workshop (Come make a grill cheese and do crafts). 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 23: Coffee, Conversation and Kids (Birth to Preschool and Parents) – 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 23: Alzheimer’s Program with representative from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. 5-6 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26: Children’s Money Program with local banker. 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Some of the new books we have at the library include:

- Three Days in June by Anne Tyler
- We All Live Here by Jo Jo Moyes
- Been Wrong so long by Walter Mosley
- Battle Mountain by CJ Box
- Paranoia by James Patterson
- Bet the Farm by Beth Hoffman
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- Better than Friends by Jill Shalvis (LARGE PRINT)
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- Far From Home by Danielle Steel (LARGE PRINT)

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New DVDs and BLU-RAYs at the library include:

- Wicked (BLU-RAY)
- Wicked (DVD)

— Compiled by Heather Hackman, library director



Terry and Mark Johnston

Johnston 40th anniversary

Mark and Terry Johnston of Nashua will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this month.

Mark Johnston and Terry Becker were married at United Methodist Church in Nashua on April 20, 1985.

Their children are Jessica Johnston of Claremont, California, Felicia (Kevin) Kurt of Charles City, Lindsey (Phil) Johnston of Nashua, and Katie (Tyler) Ledtje of Janesville.

The couple have seven grandchildren.

Cards and other well-wishes can be sent to Mark and Terry Johnston, 1221 275th St, Nashua, IA 50658

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Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
County Name: CHICKASAW COUNTY County Number: 19

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/14/2025 Meeting Time: 09:10 AM Meeting Location: Boardroom, 2nd floor of the Courthouse, 8 E Prospect, New Hampton, IA 50659

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request. County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals

Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

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		Budget 2025/2026	Re-Est 2024/2025	Actual 2023/2024	AVG Annual % CHG
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Taxes Levied on Property	1	8,047,168	7,896,909	7,007,484	7.16
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	23,379	
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	231,600	233,350	256,378	
Net Current Property Taxes	4	7,815,568	7,663,559	6,727,727	
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	1,665	1,665	5,529	
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	13,000	15,000	39,398	
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	1,047,063	969,853	1,303,670	-10.38
Intergovernmental	8	6,152,583	5,755,780	7,805,789	
Licenses & Permits	9	72,350	31,103	144,982	
Charges for Service	10	1,551,312	1,476,245	1,877,722	
Use of Money & Property	11	286,130	194,502	550,620	
Miscellaneous	12	204,100	252,114	310,469	
Subtotal Revenues	13	17,143,771	16,359,821	18,765,906	
Other Financing Sources:					
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	
Operating Transfers In	15	2,567,245	2,697,998	2,818,894	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	0	0	13,102	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	19,711,016	19,057,819	21,597,902	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	4,156,519	3,968,882	3,928,501	2.86
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,472,424	1,760,227	1,528,450	-1.85
County Environment and Education	21	932,680	893,270	728,059	13.18
Roads & Transportation	22	7,439,199	8,653,511	7,446,409	-0.05
Government Services to Residents	23	505,744	550,729	525,439	-1.89
Administration	24	2,329,671	2,269,710	1,951,024	9.27
Nonprogram Current	25	6,200	6,180	6,302	-0.81
Debt Service	26	477,415	474,600	516,896	-3.89
Capital Projects	27	1,791,278	813,791	2,513,789	-15.59
Subtotal Expenditures	28	19,111,130	19,390,900	19,144,869	
Other Financing Uses:					
Operating Transfers Out	29	2,567,245	2,697,998	2,818,894	
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	21,678,375	22,088,898	21,963,763	
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses					
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	7,835,954	10,867,033	11,232,894	
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	4,328,399	0	8,414,175	
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0	
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	13,710	0	103,183	
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	1,526,486	7,835,954	2,349,675	
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	5,868,595	7,835,954	10,867,033	

Proposed property taxation by type:		Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation:	
Countywide Levies*:	5,628,107	Urban Areas:	5.83101
Rural Only Levies*:	2,419,061	Rural Areas:	9.33101
Special District Levies*:	0	Any special district tax rates not included.	
TIF Tax Revenues:	0		
Utility Replacement Excise Tax:	235,003		

Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information:
Line 1 increase in county wide tax asking because we used ending fund balances instead of raising taxes in previous years for General Supplemental. Rural Services increased due to moving a percentage of the sheriff deputies wages to it and giving Secondary Roads 100% of asking. Line 7 increased anticipated in local option taxes and utility tax replacement. Line 18 increased daily operating expenses, salary and fringe benefits. Line 27 increased due to roadway construction. Line 24 increased daily operating expenses and salaries.

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Art instructor says ‘if you’re not having fun, you’re not doing art’

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the art work.

There were the kids who were inspired by Romero Bitto, a Brazilian known for his use of vibrant colors in his paintings.

There were the three students who wanted to make sure their ceramics were put into the art show. Among those three students was a youngster named Drake, who has made a mug every year since the first grade and, as Glaser put it, “they just keep getting better and better.”

There was a piece by a girl named Addison who is a perfectionist, enough so that she wanted to skip recess to make sure her project was exhibit worthy.

“Some of my biggest perfectionists are elementary students,” Glaser said. “They get in there and they’re working on it, and they’re like, ‘Can we stay inside for recess?’ It’s nice to see that at the elementary. You know, they’re very eager and excited to get to come to art class.”

Glaser’s students certainly run the proverbial gamut, for

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES March 24, 2025

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Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for March 24, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to open the Public Hearing, Proposed Property Tax Levy FY 25-26 at 9:02 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Carter, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hackman started the Public Hearing with an agenda for the Hearing.

Supervisor Hackman read a letter from Dennis Hansen, Leslie Hansen, and their businesses

Speakers: Eileen Carolan, Mike Murray, Robert Shatek, Kathy Shekleton, Dixie Zeien

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to close the Public Hearing, Proposed Property Tax Levy FY 25-26 at 9:16 AM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 9:17 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

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she is a K-12 teacher. Mornings are with her high school students, and then she makes the short jaunt for afternoons with her elementary students.

“It’s the middle of the day, and yes, you really have to change gears,” she said. “You really have to switch what you’re thinking about and the way you talk about art and how you handle situations.”

Still, she couldn’t imagine having any other job, for even as a Chickasaw more than a decade ago, her dream was to become an art teacher.

Glaser knows that the vast majority of her students aren’t going to become professional artists, but she’s OK with that. She’s emphatic when she says there’s value in art.

“They learn all sorts of things,” she said, “from getting out their supplies to working together as a team when we clean up. They get to experience art, but they also learn a lot of things that they’ll use no matter what they grow up to be.”

Two big ones are collaboration and problem solving.

“If you accidentally spilled something on your painting or if you accidentally splashed on someone else’s painting, how can we solve this problem, how can we work together? It’s nice to see those creative boundaries to get pushed and for kids to work and kind of explore.”

Glaser is in her sixth year at Nashua-Plainfield, and she said she feels fortunate to be teaching in a district and in a community that supports art education.

And it doesn’t really matter what the ages are or what the talent level is in her classroom. It’s a high-energy place, trust the reporter who has walked by both her classrooms over the past six years.

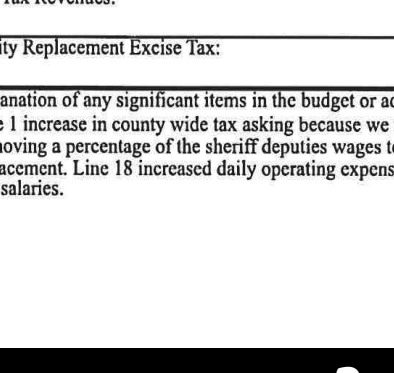
“We have fun every day,” she said. “If you’re not having fun, you’re not doing art.”

Conservation Board will offer shooting event April 15

An introduction to pellet gun shooting sponsored by Chickasaw County Conservation will take place at the Twin Ponds Nature Center Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m.

A promotion for the event promises to be a great opportunity for people of all ages, “except for the very young,” to try some shooting, with safety and technique prior to trying the targets.

There is no cost for the program, but pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.



Nashua-Plainfield Calendar of Events

APRIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

- 9-10 am Chickasaw County Clover Kids New Hampton/Chickasaw Co Extension

MONDAY, APRIL 7

- 4:00pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs Multiple Schools.. @ Cedar Ridge Golf Course, Charles City
- 4:00pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Charles City, Cedar Ridge Golf Course
- 6-7 pm YQCA Chickasaw Co. Extension
- 5-6 pm Author Kylie Brant at Nashua Public Library

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Osage @ Osage High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Osage @ Osage High School
- 11am-2pm Tuesday at Compass-Compass Community Outreach Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Hampton-Dumont @ Hampton-Dumont High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Hudson - Iowa @ Hudson High School
- Coffee & Tea Convo Senior Hour

- 2-3pm Nashua Public Library

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. St. Ansgar @ Acorn Park - Golf and Recreation, St. Ansgar
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. St. Ansgar @ Acorn Park - Golf and Recreation, St. Ansgar

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- State FFA Convention, Iowa State University

MONDAY, APRIL 14

- State FFA Convention Iowa State University
- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua Town & Country Club
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua Town & Country ClubNashua Town & Country Club
- 4:30pmTrack: Girls Varsity Meet (Rescheduled from 04-01-25) vs. Multiple Schools @ St Ansgar High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet (Rescheduled from 04-01-25) vs. Multiple Schools.. @ St Ansgar High School

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- State FFA Convention Iowa State University

- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools. @ Nashua Town & Country Club
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua Town & Country Club
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua-Plainfield High SchoolNP Track
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Nashua-Plainfield High SchoolNP Track NP Coed
- 11am-2pm Tuesday at Compass-Compass Community Outreach Center
- 5:30-6:30 pm Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Co Extension

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua Town & Country Club
- 4:15pmGolf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools.. @ Nashua Town & Country ClubNashua Town & Country Club
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School
- Coffee & Tea Convo Senior Hour
- 2-3pm Nashua Public Library

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- Family Movie Time 2pm and 7 pm Plainfield Library Showing Orphan Horse
- Extension Office Closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- 10 am Nashua Woman of Today Easter Egg Hung, Husky Wellness Center, Nashua

MONDAY, APRIL 21

- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton High School

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

- 4:00pm Track: Boys JH 7th/8th vs. Multiple Schools @ North Fayette Valley High School Track
- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua Town & Country Club
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua Town & Country ClubNashua Town & Country Club
- 5:00pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School
- 11am-2pm Tuesday at Compass-Compass Community Outreach Center
- 9 am-3pm Everything DISC Workplace, New Hampton/

- Chickasaw Co Extension

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

- 5-7 pm St. Michael’s Youth Spaghetti Supper & Bake Sale

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly
- 4:15pm Track: Girls JH Meet vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
- 4:15pm Track: Boys JH Meet Multiple Schools vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School Blaine Thorson Track
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua-Plainfield High School NP Track
- Coffee & Tea Convo Senior Hour
- 2-3pm Nashua Public Library

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Nashua Town & Country Club
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. North Butler @ North Butler High School

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- Dusty Roads 25th Annivrsary Open House 12-6 pm Nashua

MONDAY, APRIL 28

- 8:00am-7:00pm State History Day Location TBA
- 4:15pm Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Ridge Stone Golf Club - Sheffield
- 4:15pm Golf: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Ridge Stone Golf Club - Sheffield
- 4:30pm Track: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Sumner-Fredericksburg High School

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- 4:30pm Track: Girls JH Meet vs. Hudson - Iowa @ Hudson High School
- 4:30pm Track: Boys JH Meet vs. Hudson - Iowa @ Hudson High School
- 11am-2pm Tuesday at Compass-Compass Community Outreach Center

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Supervisors whittle a little bit off GS and RSB tax levy rates

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rate from \$1.92 to either \$1.87 or \$1.80.

“I think either one of those would be a very good, conservative balance for next June,” said Hackman, pointing out that GS expenditures will be lower because the county is moving forward with eliminating six positions. Because GS pays for employee benefits like IPERS, FICA and health insurance, its proposed expenditures will be dropping.

GS, though, needs an ending fund balance higher than the 25 percent recommended for the other funds because in addition to using that fund balance to cover costs for the first three months of the fiscal year until property taxes are collected, it also must pay for a full year’s worth of property and casualty insurance.

Hackman said although he understands that Auditor Sheila Shekleton has said that she needs at least \$890,000 to cover those costs, he believes that figure should be lower.

“Is it 820? Is it 850? I don’t know, but I know it’s lower than \$890 with what we’ve done,” he said.

If the county set the GS levy rate at \$1.87, it’s ending fund balance in June 2026 would be around \$1.06 million and if the rate was \$1.80, that fund balance would be just a shade under \$992,000.

Supervisor Steve Breitbach, though, wanted to know if the \$80,000 the county had projected to spend on unemployment claims would be enough to cover the positions eliminated. “It all depends on, first of all, who applies for it,” Hackman said, “and how long they’re on.” Breitbach said he’d be in favor of setting the GS levy rate at \$1.85, saying that “we’d still be over that million and have a little cushion just in case,” and the rest of the board agreed.

The supervisors then moved to RSB, which this year was set at a \$3.52 per \$1,000 valuation. Board members bumped that up a smidge to \$3.55 for 2025-26, but in recent weeks, they have discussed reducing the rate.

Hackman confirmed that the county would be only about \$4,000 from having that 25 percent ending fund balance with a \$3.50 rate and reminded board members that the county may not have to use RSB funds for its share of the costs for Chickasaw County EMS.

He said that, as of Monday, EMS has a fund balance of \$836,000, which means in all likelihood the county will again be required to waive the next quarterly payment that will be due in July from the six cities that contract with the ambulance service.

“I think that’s where we’re going to, my opinion, stay the next many years,” he said. “I

think \$750,000 to \$850,000 is where we’re going to be at, but then again, are we going to trigger a payment at \$749,000?”

Under the terms of the 28E, the county is required to waive the payments if the fund balance is \$750,000, but Hackman and other supervisors have said they could also waive payments even if the fund balance drops below that figure.

“I’d say \$600,000, maybe is when we start thinking about it,” Hackman said.

“I think that 750 is a high number, but we didn’t know back then,” Breitbach said. “I think now that we’ve done this for a few years, we have a better handle on it.”

And Hackman also pointed out that even if the county has to make one ambulance payment during the fiscal year that begins on July 1, supervisors could elect to use local-option sales tax dollars instead of RSB funds.

“I’d be comfortable with \$3.50,” Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said, and Breitbach pretty much verbatim said the same thing.

After board members reached the consensus to lower the RSB rate by a nickel, Hackman said he was appreciative of the board’s action.

“The taxpayers are struggling, too,” he said. “We know some of them are on fixed incomes, and I think that’s what we heard last week, but I think we’re providing a very good service yet with these levy rates. We still have some very good ending fund balances for GS and RSB.”

The county’s latest notice of the public hearing appears in this week’s edition of the Tribune, and the hearing is set for 9:10 a.m. on Monday, April 14.

Board members on that day are expected to hold the public hearing and then hope to certify the budget and tax levy. Technically, the county has until April 30 to cer-

tify, but because the county must certify its Secondary Roads Department budget

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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Randall Duane Christopher, Deceased, who died on or about December 8, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 20, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on 2/20/25
Rexanna Christopher,
Administrator of the Estate
510-3rd Ave. NE
Oelwein, IA 50662

Christine B. Skilton,
ICIS#: AT0007262
Attorney for the Administrator
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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES March 24, 2025

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Supervisor Hackman ask for a moment of silence for Brock Schmidt, EMS EMT, who passed away, March 22, 2025.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve the agenda for March 24, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the minutes for March 17, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve contract with Pathways using Opioid Funds and authorize chair’s signature. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by

Division		Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
Tons		28,360		24,370		25,860		23,270	
Name of Vendor	\$/Ton	Amount	\$/Ton	Amount	\$/Ton	Amount	\$/Ton	Amount	
BRP	16.069	\$ 455,716.84	16.399	\$ 399,643.63	16.399	\$ 424,078.14	16.399	\$ 381,604.73	
BMC	16.41	\$ 465,387.60	16.77	\$ 408,684.90	18.10	\$ 468,066.00	17.93	\$ 417,231.10	

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: NASHUA
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Nashua City City Hall Council Chambers Meeting Date: 4/21/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets 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-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property	16.52887
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is	3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Phone Number (641) 435-4156	City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME John Ott
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	Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	1 826,467	801,629	843,635
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3 826,467	801,629	843,635
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6 256,944	226,403	240,286
Licenses & Permits	7 12,800	13,100	12,389
Use of Money and Property	8 119,300	107,300	189,644
Intergovernmental	9 279,762	235,502	304,902
Charges for Fees & Service	10 1,065,943	1,061,115	1,355,577
Special Assessments	11 0	10,000	6,479
Miscellaneous	12 182,800	139,750	119,671
Other Financing Sources	13 0	4,750,000	1,190
Transfers In	14 406,936	1,375,528	418,206
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15 3,150,952	8,720,327	3,491,979
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16 353,580	318,550	272,861
Public Works	17 444,473	408,758	368,753
Health and Social Services	18 11,551	11,551	9,035
Culture and Recreation	19 340,784	351,068	270,009
Community and Economic Development	20 57,250	1,056,250	71,038
General Government	21 221,094	190,408	365,188
Debt Service	22 224,983	402,100	108,190
Capital Projects	23 40,000	4,836,592	268,536
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24 1,693,715	7,575,277	1,733,610
Business Type / Enterprises	25 752,390	1,011,635	652,013
Total ALL Expenditures	26 2,446,105	8,586,912	2,385,623
Transfers Out	27 406,936	1,375,528	418,206
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 2,853,041	9,962,440	2,803,829
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29 297,911	-1,242,113	688,150
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 4,185,843	5,427,956	4,739,806
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 4,483,754	4,185,843	5,427,956

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ALLIED GLASS LLC, GLASS FOR NORTH INSIDE DOOR- CRTH..... 410.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, POLICE SUPPLIES- SHERIFF 957.45
ANDREA KIME, FEB25 MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH..... 14.70
ANN KNUTSON, FEB25 MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH..... 21.70
AT&T MOBILITY, TELEPHONE/ FAX/INTERNET - EMS..... 44.96
AUTO VALUE OF NEW HAMPTON , REPAIR & MAINT. PARTS - SEC RD..... 2,678.50
AXON ENTERPRISE INC, PS TRAINING EQUIPMENT - SHERIFF..... 446.00
BENJAMIN SCHMITT, MILEAGE RE-IMBURSEMENT - SEC RD 141.40
BENNETT PHARMACY INC, PRESCRIPTION FOR INMATE- SHERIFF..... 17.98
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT.GAS - LEMC/CSB/CH/JAIL/RECY BLDG/SEC RDS..... 7,375.62
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MEDICAL SUPPLIES- EMS..... 1,057.04
BUTLER CO REC. ELECTRICITY & LP GAS-CONSERVATION HQ..... 686.57
BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, ELECTRICITY - OLD LANDFILL..... 64.36
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CHEMSEARCH/NCH CORPORATION, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES - COUNTY DEPTS..... 499.40
CHICKASAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CIVIL NUMBER 25-000019 CASE NUMBER SCSC008220..... 216.64
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT, COURT COSTS- GUARDIANSHIP..... 30.00
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, RENTAL-COOLER-BOTTLED WATER- ASSESSOR. 49.01
DAVID KRIVACHEK, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES- SEC RD..... 529.08
DEAN SPEICHER, VA COMM MEETING 1.12.25..... 25.00
DUNGEY'S FURNITURE & GIFTS INC, FLOOR TILE PROJ- HERITAGE - WATER DAMAGE REP..... 12,082.80
EASTERN IOWA TIRE INC, STOCK TIRES SEC RD..... 6,437.00
EDSON, BRIDGET, EMS UNF REIMB..... 171.92
ERIC M.BARKER, SECURITY EQUIPMENT- SHERIFF..... 13,325.00
ESSILOR LABORATORIES OF AMERICA INC, SAFETY GLASSES P GLEASON SEC RD..... 92.96
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FAREWAY STORES INC, SODA FILLING MACHINE..... 30.36
FASTENAL COMPANY, HARDWARE SEC RD..... 567.14
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, GRIT-COURTHOUSE..... 43.96
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, BOARDING INMATES- FEB 2025..... 5,005.00
FOX REHABILITATION SERVICES PC, PT/OT THERAPY-PUB HLTH..... 15,330.00
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ATE..... 192.50	HEALTHCARE FIRST, CLIENT SURVEYS-PUB HLTH..... 116.57
HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, CONNECTOFFICEW SUB FEE. PH..... 1,680.00	HOLLY BAILEY, FEB MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH..... 37.10
HOMETOWN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL - HERT/C-HOUSE/ JAIL/CSB..... 273.24	HUB INTERNATIONAL GREAT PLAINS, LLC, AUDITING SERVICES- GEN SVC..... 3,700.00
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2025 VET GRAVE CARE..... 97.50	INDIA WATSON, MEI SERVICE & MILEAGE..... 236.20
INOVALON PROVIDER INC, BILLING SOFTWARE MONTHLY FEE. PH..... 594.97	IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, PHONE/INTERNET 911..... 226.00
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JANE COLLINS, FEB25 MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH..... 307.30	JERRY REICHERTS, WATER DAMAGE REPAIRS- HERITAGE..... 5,400.00
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KATHRYN KUEHN, VA MEETING - 1.12.25..... 25.00	KATIE BOEHMERI, VETERANS AFFAIRS MEETING 1.12.25..... 25.00
K-CONSTRUCTION INC, 1ST PAY BROS-C019(117)-8J-19 K-CONSTRUCTIONSEC RD..... 4,365.00	KEITH ELENZ, UNIFORMS & POSTAGE REIMB - VA GRANT. 248.90
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC, LAB FEES FOR WELL WATER TESTS..... 321.25	KWIK TRIP INC, FUEL - EMA/ENV HLTH..... 351.91
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC, INTERPRETER - STATE GRANT- PH..... 16.80	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC, ELECTRICAL PARTS & SUPPLIES SEC RD..... 2,613.36
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MEGAN LESTER, FEB25 MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH..... 498.40	MERCY ONE MEDICAL CENTER-NEW HAMPTON, MEDICAL SUPPLIES - EMS..... 83.49
MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC, PLUMBING EQUIP. REPRS-MAINT- CH..... 401.89	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, IN-

board members say they want to wrap up work on the bud-

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Cerwinski to update the General Relief Director for Chickasaw County as Martin Arndt. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve Gardiner+Company invoice for \$24,960.00 an advance on audit on financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to appoint member Damien Baltes to fill a vacancy to Magistrate Appointing Commission term which expires December 31, 2026. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve prior claims in the amount of \$7,067.00. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve payroll check date March 21, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of \$103,274.55. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Budget work session
Went over EMS budget
Consensus of the Board to give permission to spend \$50,000.00 out of ARPA under hired services, transfer \$75,000 to General Basic from Landfill fund, \$75,000 to Rural Services from Landfill, permission to spend \$35,000.00 from the Betterment fund for parks

Discussed and reviewed separation letter.

Division		Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
Tons		28,360		24,370		25,860		23,270	
Name of Vendor	\$/Ton	Amount	\$/Ton	Amount	\$/Ton	Amount	\$/Ton	Amount	
BRP	16.069	\$ 455,716.84	16.399	\$ 399,643.63	16.399	\$ 424,078.14	16.399	\$ 381,604.73	
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Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

City of: NASHUA
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Nashua City City Hall Council Chambers Meeting Date: 4/21/2025 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

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get on the day of the public hearing.

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10:00 AM Opened sealed bids for Chickasaw County Limestone Resurfacing Project M-2025-01.

Secondary Roads updates by Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to recommend the Construction Permit for Aquamarinebrook LLC section 34 of Washington Township as per the recommendation of the Environmental Health Specialist. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Health and Environmental Health updates by Director Lisa Welter.

Discussed performance review for Director Joel Knutson per EMS contract.

EMS updates by Director Joel Knutson.

Committee assignments
Supervisor Carter, March 19, F-M
Community Empowerment Board/
F-M-C Early Child of Iowa

Supervisor Breitbach, March 19, Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Decaratorization Board

Supervisor Hackman, March 18 and March 20, CSS

Supervisor Cerwinski, March 20, IN-RCOG Regional Transit, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority Policy Board

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:33 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton,
Secretary to the Board

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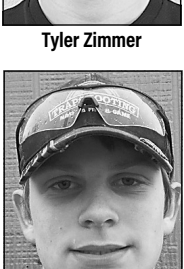
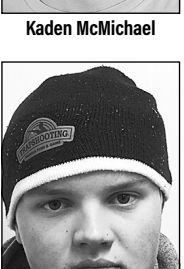
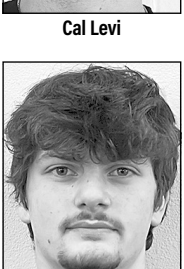
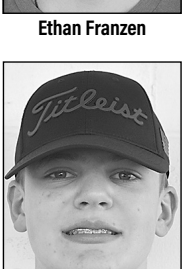
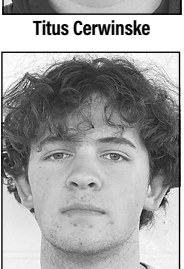
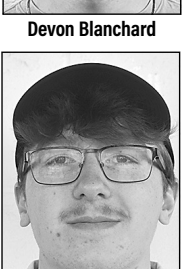
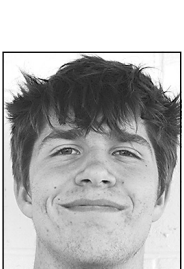
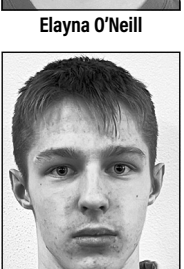
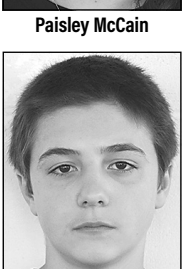
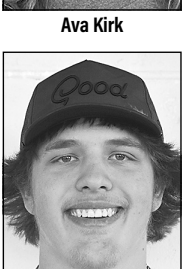
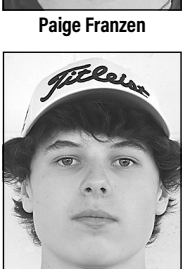
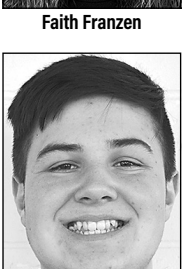
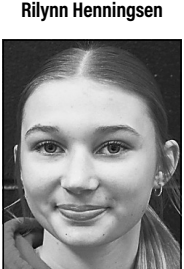
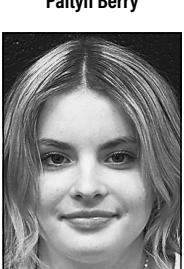
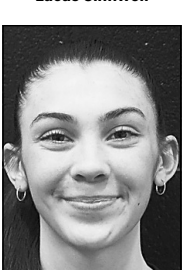
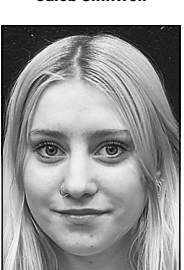
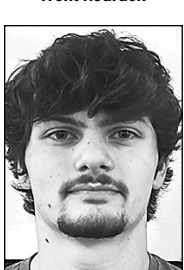
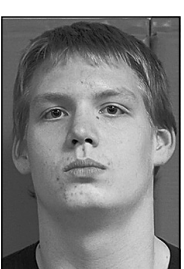
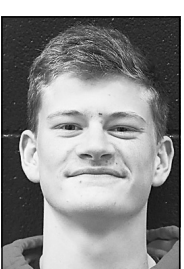
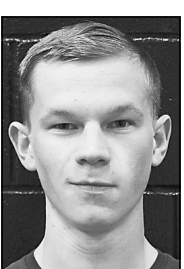
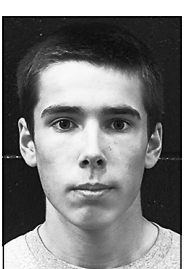
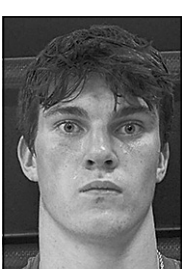
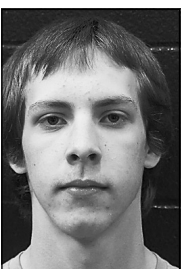
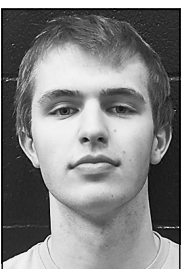
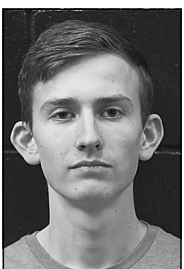
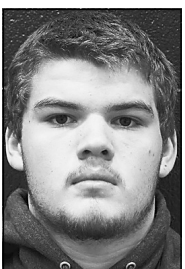
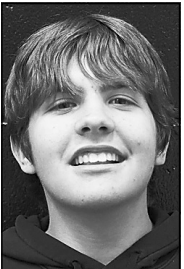
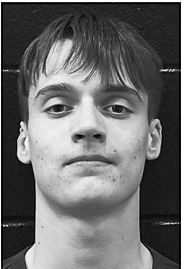
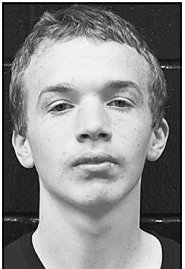
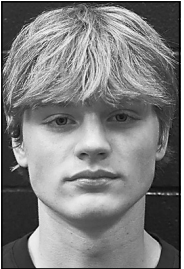
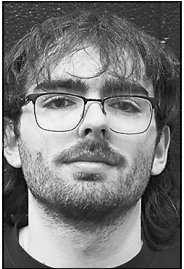
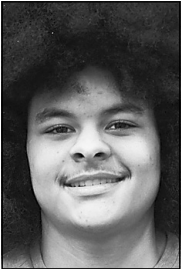
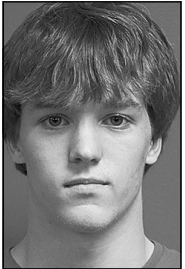
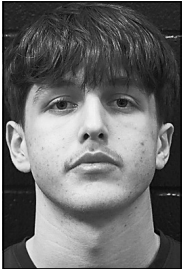
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Charles City man says new cellphone law ‘good first step’

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driver while biking in 2020, said that the years of the bill failing to advance felt like a “kick to the gut,” but that the law being signed Wednesday was a “good first step” toward preventing distracted driving deaths.

Bengtson was in Des Moines Wednesday for the bill signing, and he said the law will allow law enforcement officers to start educating and informing people about the dangers of using phones while driving, and is an important start in stopping preventable deaths on Iowa roads.

Peter and JoAnn Bengtson of Richland, Washington, have been ardent supporters of changing the law, including coming to Iowa to testify to the Legislature in previous sessions.

Ellen Bengtson was killed Aug. 2, 2020, while riding her bicycle on Shadow Avenue south of Charles City, when a man looked down at a Facebook notification on his cellphone and struck Bengtson with his pickup.

A charge of vehicular homicide filed in Floyd County District Court against the man was dismissed in a directed verdict by a district court judge after she ruled that Iowa law did not prohibit what the man did with his cellphone.

“This is an experience you don’t want to have,” Bengtson said. “You don’t want to be on the side of the situation where you lose a loved one, and I can’t imagine you want to be the person behind the wheel who knew that you made a bad choice and you killed other people or maimed them. ...This is an epidemic beyond compare for public safety. We need to do something about it, and this legislation gets us closer.”

The measure had received support from Reynolds at the beginning of the session, when she mentioned the proposal in her January Condition of the State address.

Part of the governor’s push came in part after meeting the family of Roland Taylor of Terril — a victim of a distracted driving crash in 2023. The governor said she signed the measure into law, nearly two years to the day of the crash “in his memory, and we’d do the same for every Iowan killed due to distracted driving.”

Angie Smith, the daughter of Taylor, said she and her family met Reynolds at the Clay

County Fair in 2024 and talked to her about her father’s death.

“My mom stated to the governor, ‘We need to do something about a handsfree bill,’ and it caught her attention, and it was very emotional for the governor also,” Smith said. “So (she) reached out to us and has been pushing and supporting ever since.”

Smith said “there’s not a better way that we could have honored dad today,” saying Taylor would have been proud to see the law being signed and save lives.

“When the governor called me personally last week and said ... that it was passed, I just broke down in tears,” Smith said. “And I called mom immediately, so happy to just know that this is going to save someone else’s life, hopefully that these families will not have to go through this.”

Senate File 22 was an effort that advocates have pushed lawmakers to pass for almost seven years. While in previous sessions the measure failed in the Iowa House, the chamber passed the 2025 bill in a 84-11 vote in late March.

Luke Hoffman, executive director of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, said, “This legislation will save lives and make our roads safer for all Iowans. This was truly a team effort. We are grateful to Governor Reynolds for taking a stand against distracted driving this legislative session and promoting public safety on our shared roadways.”

The Iowa Bicycle Coalition has been a strong advocate for the legislation along with its partners in the End Distracted Driving Coalition, a statewide group of more than 28 organizations including representatives from law enforcement, business, health care, labor, transportation and insurance sectors.

The coalition’s mission has been to reduce distracted driving by passing a comprehensive hands-free driving law in Iowa.

— Bob Steenson of the Charles City Press added to this report.

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Among the seniors on this year’s Nashua-Plainfield golf roster are Dawson Glaser and Faith Franzen, but we’re guessing they’ll be a little more “bundled up” on Monday when the Huskies open the season at a triangular in Charles City. The reason? Temperatures are expected to be in the low 40s for the first competition of 2025.

Huskies ready to tee it up

N-P girls look to make another run at state, boys focus on consistency

By BOB FENSKE

Of the Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield golf in a nutshell: New year; same storylines.

While the Husky girls appear to once again be a contender to make the Class 1A state meet for a third year, the boys will look to find something that has eluded them in recent years — consistency.

“It really is a lot like how we went into last season,” veteran Nashua-Plainfield coach Jeff Trost said. “We have to find a ‘fourth’ for the girls, and we have to find a way to be more consistent for the boys. But overall, I’ve liked what I’ve seen so far. We have a bunch of kids who are playing the game, and that’s probably the most important thing.”

After three weeks of practice — a good portion of which has been outside, thank you very much, Mother Nature — the Huskies are set to open the season on Monday when they play in a triangular in Charles City.

Nashua-Plainfield’s girls have advanced to the past two state tournaments, and the Huskies welcome back one of the area’s best golfers in Paige Franzen. The senior has qualified for state as an individual the past two seasons and is the defending Top of Iowa Conference East Division medalist.

Franzen is looking to close out her prep career with a bang before she takes her clubs to Coe College this fall. As a sophomore, she finished fourth in the state, and a year ago, she rallied from — for her, at least — a dismal first round at the state tournament to fire a closing 80 to finish 11th.

“Paige is just a competitor who is really a student of the game,” Trost said, “and obvi-

ously, just look at what she’s accomplished, she’s talented, but she also really puts time into her game. She’s worked at it. When you have a Paige, that really helps your team score. You know she’s going to give you some room to work when it comes to the team [score].”

And she has plenty of company returning, too.

Senior Faith Franzen, Paige’s cousin, has been a solid player for the Huskies during their recent runs to the state tournament, and junior Paisley McCain had a breakout season a year ago.

“I think the big thing for Faith sometimes is just going out, playing and staying out of her head,” Trost said. “She can play this game, and she’s shown that the last couple of years. ... With Paisley, you know, she got her game into the 50s pretty consistently and I think she can take that next step.”

In high school golf, a team consists of six players, with the four lowest scores “counting,” and the challenge heading into the season for the Huskies is to find that fourth score. The past two seasons, one of the Huskies’ consistent “counters” was Natalie Sinnwell, who graduated last spring.

The Huskies welcome back another veteran in junior Elayna O’Neill, who like McCain improved by leaps and bounds in 2024. Other Huskies vying to be that “counter” include junior Ava Kirk and freshmen Natalie Feldman and Addison Drewelow.

“Ave’s a newcomer, but she’s played a lot of golf,” Trost said. “Same for Natalie, so I think we have potential.”

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