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'Pa' would be proud of dedication

Park proponents emphasize new playground is for all, not just Schluter's Addition



Bob Fenske/Reporter

Nashua residents gather Saturday under and near the shelter of what will become "Pa's Playground."

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Lynne Schluter was absolutely sure about one thing when it came to Sunday's picnic and dedication ceremony for what will become Pa's Playground in Nashua's Schluter's Addition.

His dad, Howard Schluter, was beaming.

"Oh Lord, he's up there smiling," the son said. "To see all the neighbors and all these kids, this is what

my dad was all about."

Granted, there's plenty of work to do, starting with raising the money that is needed to make Pa's Playground a reality, but then again, the folks who knew Howard Schluter will tell you that he was never afraid to get to work.

"My grandfather was one of the hardest working people I've ever met, and just a

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2025 CHICKASAW COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT SHOW
Big 4 Fairground in Nashua
SATURDAY, JULY 12
BBQ MEAL 4:30-6:30 PM

TICKETS \$9 EA.
GRILLED PORK LOIN SANDWICH MEAL

Everyone Welcome
Proceeds Benefit the 4-H Programs

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Sponsored by Big 4 Fair

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4-H/FFA Livestock Auction
Help Support the 4-H & FFA Kids



Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nevaeh Bloker (above right), the newly-crowned 2025 Miss Plainfield, stands next to last year's royalty in Emerson Franzen on Thursday night during Plainfield Days and Kathy Remley (below) accepts the Citizen of the Year award at the local town festival.

Kicking off Plainfield Days!

It's Plainfield's turn to take the spotlight as the small Bremer County community kicked off its four-day celebration on Thursday evening.

Plainfield Days continues this evening with the "Lumberjack Strength and Beard Contest," ax throwing and live music from the band Southland.

Saturday's events include the big parade that begins at 10:30 a.m. and a host of afternoon and evening activities, including music from the band Recoil and the big fireworks display.

The celebration wraps up on Sunday morning with a community church service.



The show kicks off for 4-H and FFA members

Clover Kids turn out in droves as Achievement Show takes center stage at Big 4 Fairgrounds

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

It wouldn't be the Chickasaw County 4-H and Achievement Show without at least a few concerns when it comes to the weather, but around the fairgrounds on Thursday morning, the overriding thought was this: At least it isn't scorching hot.

Still, Mother Nature always seems to find a way to keep show organizers on their toes, and 2025 was certainly not an exception as the Horse Show had to be moved "indoors" Thursday morning because of persistent rain.

The kids who love their horses, as well as those preparing

their other animals, didn't seem to mind, however.

The annual show kicked off in a big way late Tuesday afternoon as scores of 4-H and FFA members, along with the younger Clover Kids, brought all kinds of projects to the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua for the Static Show.

For those not up on fair lingo, the Static Show is for all the non-livestock projects that kids put together for the annual fair that began its six-day run on Tuesday.

One highlight of Tuesday's kickoff was the sheer number of Clover Kids who took part in

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Laurie Tiemessen/Reporter

Bradford Eager Beavers 4-H member Kayla Hennings talks with food and nutrition judge Michelle Kalinay during Tuesday's Static Show at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

Nashua getting closer to decision on bids for Greeley Street property

City Council revamps commission payout to vendors at Gateway to Northeast Iowa Center

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
Of the Reporter

The Nashua City Council has not cast an official vote but city leaders have made notice they are leaning in one direction as far as the potential sale of the city-owned property at 1020 Greeley St. is concerned.

There were three bids submitted to purchase the property – one by Ben and Ashley Caster for \$650, one for \$5,000 from Rod and Doralyn Bigelow and the other by Mike Hannemann of Hannemann Construction for \$1,500.

Council members agreed that they were interested in contacting Hannemann to see if he would agree to the terms of the city's contract to purchase the property.

Hannemann's proposed bid would clean up the property and remove all existing structures so he can build a new home at the residence.

The Caster's future plan for the building project would be to transform the property into a daycare after tear down.

The Bigelows said in their submitted bid to the city that they would contact the appropriate agencies to learn about what could be done with the property.

Part of the property lies in a flood plain.

"I think he'd be our best option," said Samantha Johnson about awarding the bid to Hannemann. "I know we need day care, but I think another house in there would benefit in the long run. I feel like Mike will get it done."

The city said it would like the property cleaned up in six months after the bid is awarded and a house built in three years if Council members would vote on the bids and Hannemann is the one chosen.

"We do need more housing," said Nashua Mayor Hal Kelleher.

Nashua City Clerk John Ott said If those guidelines wouldn't be met, the property can be reclaimed by the city, but Kelleher reminded the Council there is a clause for an extension.

Ott said Hannemann has not yet applied for a building permit.

A key point to remember in the talk about the property is Monday's meeting was just discussion on the issue. Ott said he will consult with City Attorney David Skilton about the proper path to

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County leaders get some good news on ending fund balance

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors learned the county's fund balance at the end of the fiscal year that closed on June 30 were much healthier than county leaders expected during a long and painful budget process earlier this year.

Auditor Sheila Shekleton emphasized that the figures she used during Monday's morning meeting were off what she called a "working document" and that she would have firmer numbers in a week or two.

Still, the working document provided plenty of good news for the county as an ending fund balance that was projected

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Supervisors to stay with the status quo on human resources

After weeks of discussion, board members unanimously vote to keep Ahlers & Cooney as the county’s HR consultant

By **BOB FENSKE**
Of the Reporter

Chickasaw County will stay the course when it comes to its human resources consultant, and the decision came rather abruptly during Monday morning’s meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

After spending three weeks discussing the pros and cons of the three request for proposals (RFPs) the county received, board members needed less than four minutes on Monday to stick with Ahlers & Cooney.

The unanimous 5-0 vote came a week after board members deadlocked three times on the issue. During that

June 30 meeting, supervisors voted 2-2 on different motions to hire the three firms — Ahlers & Cooney, PJ Greufe and Associates and Hopkins & Huebner — to consult the county on HR issues.

“I did get a phone call from the current one, just wanted an update of if they’ve done something wrong, if they could do more, if they could do better,” Board Chairman Jake Hackman said Monday. “I gave her my 2 cents — that we may potentially be lacking in the handbook.”

The three first firms’ bids were opened during a June 16 meeting, supervisors discussed them a week later and then last week, without

Supervisor Issac Carter in attendance, deadlocked on all three motions.

Ahlers & Cooney and Hopkins & Huebner are both law firms while PJ Greufe and Associates, whose owner and operator, Paul Greufe, served as the county’s HR consultant for much of the 2010s, advertises itself as a business consulting firm, specializing in human resources.

Greufe came under fire, especially from County Assessor Ray Armel, for confidentiality issues and a lack of professionalism during the June 23 meeting, but Supervisor Travis Suckow, who made the motion to hire Greufe during the June 30 meeting, said Monday his mind remained unchanged.

“I guess I’m in the same boat where we were last week,” Suckow said. “I think we just need an HR guy right now.”

Carter, though, expressed doubts.

“The only thing that concerns me is the department heads, the emails stating the confidentiality and then his professional in here,” Carter said, referring to Greufe’s pitch to the supervisors two weeks ago. “We need to be as professional as possible. I would be fine staying with our current provider given that they are willing to work with us on the handbook and other things that need to be done.”

Carter said his concern about Hopkins & Huebner is that the firm

also represents the Heartland Risk Pool and he worried that conflicts of interest could arise.

Hackman agreed.

“My concern would be with that,” the board chairman said. “Is it county hours or is it Heartland hours and who is going to dictate the separateness?”

Carter made the motion to have Ahlers & Cooney continue to provide HR services to the county at the same rate — \$1,800 a month — for the next year. The county, as it has since Ahlers & Cooney began working for it in 2019, will continue to have a 30-day “opt-out” clause.

Breitbart seconded the motion and supervisors voted 5-0 to approve it.



Bob Fenske/Reporter
Lynne Schluter (above) shares thoughts about his father, Howard, during a dedication ceremony for Pa’s Playground while his niece, Kristi Hannemann (right) shares the planned layout of the playground that she emphasized is for all Nashua residents.



Pa’s Playground proponents to seek grants, donations

PLAYGROUND: FROM 1

Some work has already been done in the last remaining lot in the addition that carries Schluter’s name. A shelter house is up and a trail that connects the addition with Amherst Boulevard is in place. Later this year, a basketball court will be installed, but the big project is the playground, which proponents hope to complete sometime in the fall of 2026.

It comes with a hefty price tag, \$244,000, but Hannemann said “we want to do this right” and that a good chunk of that cost is for a “rubberized” flooring for the playground so that it will be more handicap accessible.

She also emphasized that the playground isn’t just for those who call Schluter’s Addition home.

“This is for all of Nashua,” she said, “and I can’t say that enough. To have another playground — a real up-to-date one — is going to be so good for our community. I know my grandfather would say the same thing.”

Sunday’s dedication was supposed to take place a day earlier, for July 5 would

have been Howard Schluter’s 100th birthday. Mother Nature, though, had other ideas as organizers decided to postpone the event because of the rain.

Still, a day later didn’t affect the crowd as almost 100 residents turned out for the dedication that included the Schluter family grilling up brats and dogs as a way to revive the annual Schluter Addition Potluck Picnic that Sandy Szalkowski hosted for years.

It was, in short, a day to celebrate small-town America and a man who spent a lifetime in construction — building countless homes and roofing God-only-knows-how-many barns.

“Well, my dad just loved to build things,” Lynne Schluter said. “He worked hard, and he taught me all these skills that all these years later I still use — that it’s not just about work ethic but it’s about how to build things, how you do things. You work for 40-some years because of your reputation, right? It’s about making commitments and keeping commitments and trust. That was Dad. Period.”

Schluter said he realized just how much his father meant to the community of

Nashua when he turned 90 in 2015.

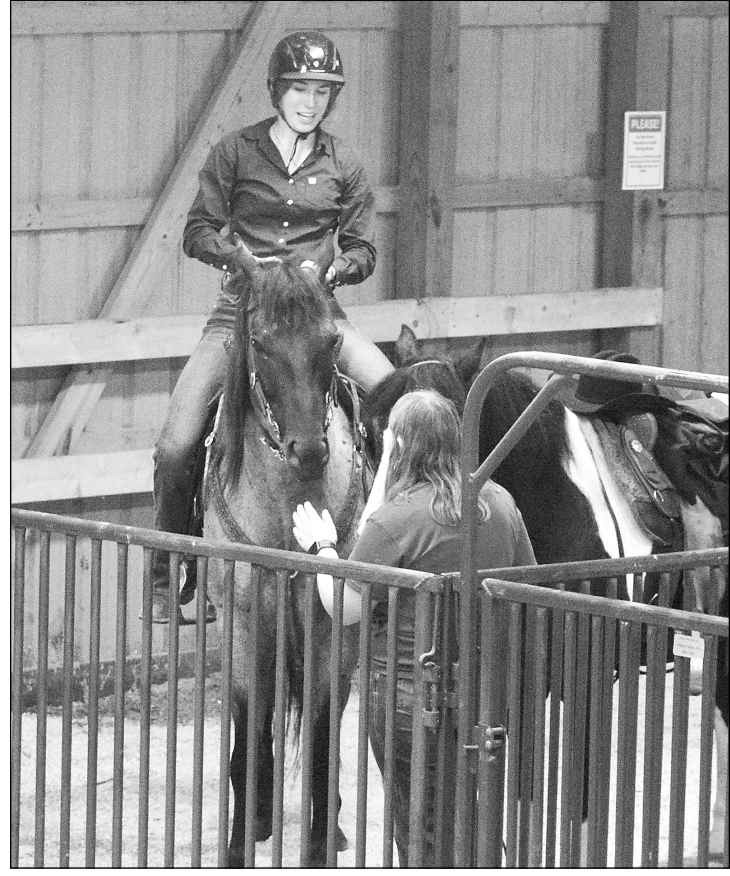
We had a little thing up at the country club,” he said, “and there were over 500 people that showed up to stand in line to shake his hand. That says something. That says a lot.”

To scores of children — including his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their friends — he wasn’t Howard; he was “Pa.”

And those who spoke at the dedication — Hannemann, her cousin, Amy Sinnwell, Lynne Schluter and Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell, all with Howard’s wife, Jeanette, looking on — are determined to see the vision of Pa’s Playground become a reality.

Hannemann said that the committee working on the playground will pursue grants and donations, and during the event on Sunday, they received a few of the latter.

“It is a big goal, and I know it’s a big number,” Hannemann said, “but it’s so worth it for our entire community. We’ve got work to do, but I think my grandfather taught all of us to not be afraid of hard work. We’re excited and can’t wait to see it when it’s complete.”



Bob Fenske and Laurie Tiemessen/Reporter
It’s “tight quarters” at the Horse Show (above) on Thursday morning while Raelynn Nosbisch (below) presents her “fairy garden” during the Static Show Tuesday at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.

Achievement Show BBQ is set for Saturday at Big 4 Fairgrounds

PLAYGROUND: FROM 1

The Static Show as 65 youngsters in grades K-3 brought projects to the fairgrounds.

While Wednesday was a relatively light day at the fairgrounds — the only show involved dogs and pets — the Achievement Show kicked into high gear Thursday with the Horse Show in the morning and the Sheep and Meat Goat Show that was followed by a Celebrity Showmanship Show in the afternoon.

Today’s schedule includes the Beef, Bucket Bottle and Poultry shows, as well as the Horse Games in the evening.

The Swine and Rabbit shows are set for Saturday, and that evening the new Chickasaw County Fair queen will be crowned during the BBQ and Award Show that runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

This year’s meal is being sponsored by the Chickasaw County Pork Producers.

The Dairy Show is set for Sunday and the Achievement Show comes to an end in the morning with the annual pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and the livestock auction that is set to run from 9 a.m. to noon.

During Saturday’s BBQ, a silent auction is being put on by the fair royalty candidates, who are putting together goody baskets that will be auctioned off.

The silent auction will end at the conclusion of the coronation and winners will be announced.

The new royalty will also be selling baked goods at the livestock auction on Monday.

— For more on the Achievement Show, visit the Reporter’s website at nashua-reporter.com and see the July 18 Reporter.



Bob Fenske/Reporter
A nice evening on the lake
We couldn’t have asked for a better “hump day” as far as the weather concerned and several boaters took to the water at Cedar Lake to enjoy a perfect gift from Mother Nature. And while the forecast for today — especially tonight — looks a little iffy, we’re on tap for a gorgeous weekend with highs in the low 80s and temperatures falling to near 60 overnight.

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Friday, July 18th
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Serving from 4:00-8:00pm
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Edward Heimdal, 69

Edward Heimdal, age 69 of Nashua, died Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Whispering Willow Assisted Living in Fredericksburg.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with Andrew Hugeback, certified funeral celebrant, presiding. Interment will be at a later date.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Edward was born on November 26, 1955, in Forest City; he was the son of Edwin and Mattie (Bartleson) Heimdal.

He grew up in the Lake Mills and Forest City areas and graduated from Forest City High School with the Class of 1974.

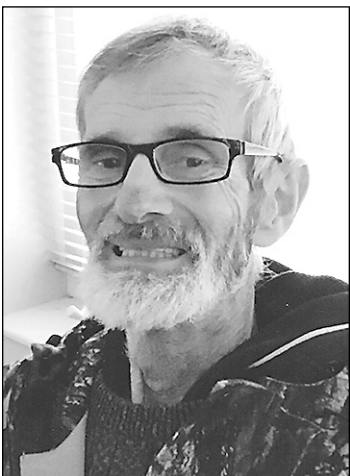
After high school, Ed proudly served his country by joining the United States Army.

He became a paratrooper and cherished the strong bonds and friendships he formed during his service. Following a serious injury, he was honorably discharged in 1978. Ed remained deeply proud of his military service and took great pride in being a veteran.

Following his time in the Army, Ed worked various factory jobs, including a stint at Winnebago.

But life truly changed when he met Karen Goodner during a Memorial Day camping trip with mutual friends. It was a chance meeting that led to a lifelong love. The couple married in Las Vegas on Aug. 29, 1995, and Ed and Karen were a remarkable team, always supporting each other throughout life.

Ed later found his true calling when he joined Heinkle Construction. He was especially proud of his work on the highway overpasses near Nashua, pouring his heart into every



Ed Heimdal

project. His craftsmanship and work ethic left a lasting mark.

A man of many talents, Ed had a passion for sketching. He often traveled the Iowa countryside — drawing historic country churches, animals and classic cars. He was an artist at heart, capturing the quiet beauty of the world around him.

Ed found peace in nature and loved spending time outdoors — whether walking the dogs, enjoying the calm of rural landscapes, or working on his own creations.

A true jack-of-all trades, Ed was self-taught and had a natural ability to learn and master just about anything. His most incredible achievement may have been building the couple's entire home by hand — every board and beam a testament to his skill, creativity and determination.

Ed Heimdal was a remarkable man who will be deeply missed.

Ed is survived by his wife, Karen Heimdal of Charles City; one brother, Randy (Marcia) Heimdal of Lucas; one sister, Elaine Day of Des Moines; and many nieces, nephews and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Martha (Andy) Abraham.

UNI dean's list

The dean's list for the University of Northern Iowa has been released for the spring semester and includes Shara Ungs of Nashua.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while completing at least 12 semester hours,



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors and County Auditor Sheila Shekleton listen Monday morning as Sheriff Ryan Shawver pitches the idea of starting a capital projects fund for his office.

Sheriff proposes using some of fund balance for capital projects

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

to be \$1.6 million was actually \$2,939,926.63.

Shekleton told supervisors that the increased fund balance came from a variety of sources.

She pointed out that the county departments returned \$926,945 from their 2024-25 budgets to the county.

That, she said, represents \$576,000 more than supervisors projected as they put together the 2025-26 budget — one that included eliminating a position each from the Auditor's, Treasurer's and Sheriff's Office and three positions for Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare.

The auditor said she knew the question on most people's minds was could the healthier fund balance have been anticipated? "I've always been taught," she said, "when in doubt, always

recognize all of your expenses and none of your revenues."

The county also brought in \$336,000 in interest earnings that were not in the budget.

Board Chairman Jake Hackman gave kudos to department heads after County Attorney David Laudner said that from his viewpoint, the documents showed that county departments were projected to have a budget shortfall from General Basic and General Services of \$88,000 but actually those departments had a \$1.18 million surplus.

"That's good work by our department heads," the board chairman said, "but at the same time, we need to know that in March, right?"

When Hackman asked his fellow board members how the county should react to the better-than-expected fund balances, Supervisor Scott Cerwinski had one idea.

"I think we all know we have a lot of infrastructure needs — air conditioners, furnaces, roofs, concrete," Cerwinski said. "It's time that we start doing some of that."

Earlier in Monday's meeting, Sheriff Ryan Shawver suggested that his office be allowed to set up a dedicated capital project fund for vehicles and supplies.

Shawver told the county in May that he expected to return about \$100,000 to \$120,000 to the ending fund balance, but on June 30, the office had \$229,000 returned to the ending fund balance.

"Why don't we start a capital projects fund so that I am able to purchase a vehicle or need a vehicle and it's not budgeted for," he said.

"It's kind of like a savings account, but it lessens the ask year after year after year for the budget."

He suggested that supervi-

sors take some of that \$229,000 and "jumpstart" the capital projects fund and "then we either budget for it every year — put money into it — or we see what the ending fund balance is at the end of every year and decide once a year, we put a deposit in there. Put a cap on it if you want."

Hackman, though, had concerns about having a "savings account."

"To me, I always have been told that we were supposed to levy taxes and spend taxes and not save money," he said. "I'll look into it with other counties and see what the private auditor thinks."

Supervisors made no final decisions during Monday's meeting on Shawver's proposal and also want Shekleton's "working document" to be firmed up before deciding how they will react to the higher-than-expected fund balance.

UNI graduates

Local graduates of the University of Northern Iowa this year are as follows:

• Garren Crabtree, Bachelor of Arts, Business Analytics, Magagement Information Systems.

• Thomas Lindloff, Master of Accounting, Accounting and Bachelor of Arts, Accounting, Business Analytics.

• Madalyn Rodruck, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES June 30, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Carter. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA Jeff Bernatz, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, 20/20 F/X Dennis Ungs, Land Use/Assessor Raymond Armel.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for June 30, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the minutes for June 23, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to authorize the chair's signature to a letter of support for Northeast Iowa Community Action. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach. Nays: Cerwinski, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion failed.

Public comment. Attorney David Laudner shared that after receiving word back from the private auditor's office, Gardineer + Company CPA Firm, Attorney Laudner's recommendation is to give the volunteer for the Conservation Department a 1099 NEC. Attorney David Laudner shared an Opioid update.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION 06-30-25-27/WHEREAS, Chickasaw County completes an inspection of all bridges and structures on the Secondary Road System of Chickasaw County and WHEREAS, part of this inspection involves the recalculation of the safe load capacity of any structure showing remarkable deterioration of the structural components of that structure and WHEREAS, that structural evaluation has resulted in the recommendation to increase the safe load capacity that can be supported by certain structures. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on this 30th day of June, 2025 as provided in Sections 321.471, 321.472, and 321.473, Code of Iowa to erect and/or maintain weight limit signs in advance of the following bridges located on the Local Secondary Road System as follows: Passed and approved this 30th day of June, 2025, the vote thereon being as follows: ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chair, Ayes: Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. ATTEST: ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have Secondary Roads send out Request for Proposals for architectural consultant for

Chickasaw County Engineer's Office Building. Secondary Roads updates

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for the Alta Vista Aces 4-H Club to renew their Adopt A Highway permit for litter control along B-22 from Alta Vista east 1.5 miles and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for the North Washington Volunteer Fire Department to remove litter along V18 from 155th Street south to 180th Street and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for 4-H Ionia Rustlers to remove litter along B57 from Durham Ave. east to Fayette Ave and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for the Ionia Volunteer Fire Department to remove litter along V-14 from Hwy 18 south to 230th Street and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Heartland Insurance Risk Pool invoice for \$529,450.37 to be paid in FY25-26 for county insurance. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge increase in pay for Sheila Ferrell, Sheriff's office, from \$25.39/hr. to \$26.89/hr. per union contract effective June 30, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Cellular lease agreement assignment. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to award a two-year contract for Chickasaw County's Human Resources to PJ Greufe & Associates at \$1,500.00 per month for two years. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman. Nays: Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Carter. Motion failed.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to award a contract for Chickasaw County's Human Resources to Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. at an hourly rate. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinski, Breitbach. Nays: Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion failed.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to award a contract for Chickasaw

County's Human Resources to Ahlers Cooney Attorneys at same rate as before. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski. Nays: Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion failed.

Discussion of 28E Agreement with County Social Services (CSS).

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Lacey Kelly to the Upham Memorial Library Board as the rural member to fill vacancy ending December 31, 2026. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to enter closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(k)ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at county owned property at 10:00 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to exit closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(k)ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at county owned property at 10:42 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinski, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

No action taken outside of closed session. Discussion on Commercial Solar Farms with Land Use Administrator Raymond Armel. Discussion on Urban Renewal Plan's potential projects.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve payroll check date June 27, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinski, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bill in the amount of \$153.19. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve claims in the amount of \$342,653.21. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Suckow, June 26, 2025, Turkey River Water Shed & Iowa Workforce Supervisor Hackman, June 25, 2025, CSS, Courthouse Security, June 19, 2025

All Supervisors attended 6 County Meeting, June 26, 2025

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:32 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinski, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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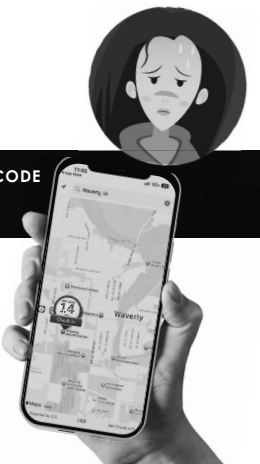
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News from the Nashua Public Library

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!

Upcoming events at the Nashua Public Library include:

- Wednesday, July 16: Family Fun Night: Library Carnival! 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 23: Coffee, Conversation and Kids (Birth to Preschool and Parents) – 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 23: Family Fun Night: Dragon Trainer! 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 30:

Family Fun Night: Game Show! 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

- Becoming Caitlin Clark by Howard Megdal
- It Happened on the Lake by Lisa Jackson
- The Poppy Fields by Nikki Erlick
- Finders Keepers by Stuart Woods
- The Death Mask by Iris Johansen
- A Mind of Her Own by Danielle Steel
- The First Gentleman by Bill Clinton
- Lost Book of First Loves by RaeAnne Thayne
- The Love Haters by Katherine Center
- Hidden Nature by Nora Roberts
- River is Waiting by Wally Lamb
- Return to Sender by Craig Johnson
- The Guest Cottage by Lori Foster
- Going Home in the Dark by Dean Koontz
- Nightshade by Michael Connelly
- Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid (LARGE PRINT)
- Nightshade by Michael Connelly (LARGE PRINT)
- The Housemaid by Freida McFadden (LARGE PRINT)
- The Housemaid's Secret

by Freida McFadden (LARGE PRINT)

- The Housemaid Is Watching by Fredia McFadden (LARGE PRINT)

Stop into the library and pick up bingo sheets or reading log sheets for chances to win one of the prize baskets at the Nashua Public Library!

Get out of the house and have fun with a chance to win a prize basket in August after our

summer program is complete! All ages welcome to participate.

Bingo sheets and reading logs will be available starting Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Rules for entering:

1. You can chose the bingo sheet or the bookmark reading log to get entries slips for the drawing!
2. All ages can do the bingo sheets or the bookmark reading log! There will be themed prize baskets for all ages to register

for!

3. Complete activities on the bingo board; when you get a BINGO (across, down, or diagonal), return the sheet to the library. You will get a prize slip for each BINGO you get up to 5 slips per sheet!
4. Color or mark off a circle on the reading log for every 10 minutes you read. You get 10 prize slips for each bookmark completed!
5. We will be drawing for the

winners on August 19, 2025.

6. All entries must be in by Saturday, Aug. 2 to be eligible for the drawing that will take place on Aug. 19.

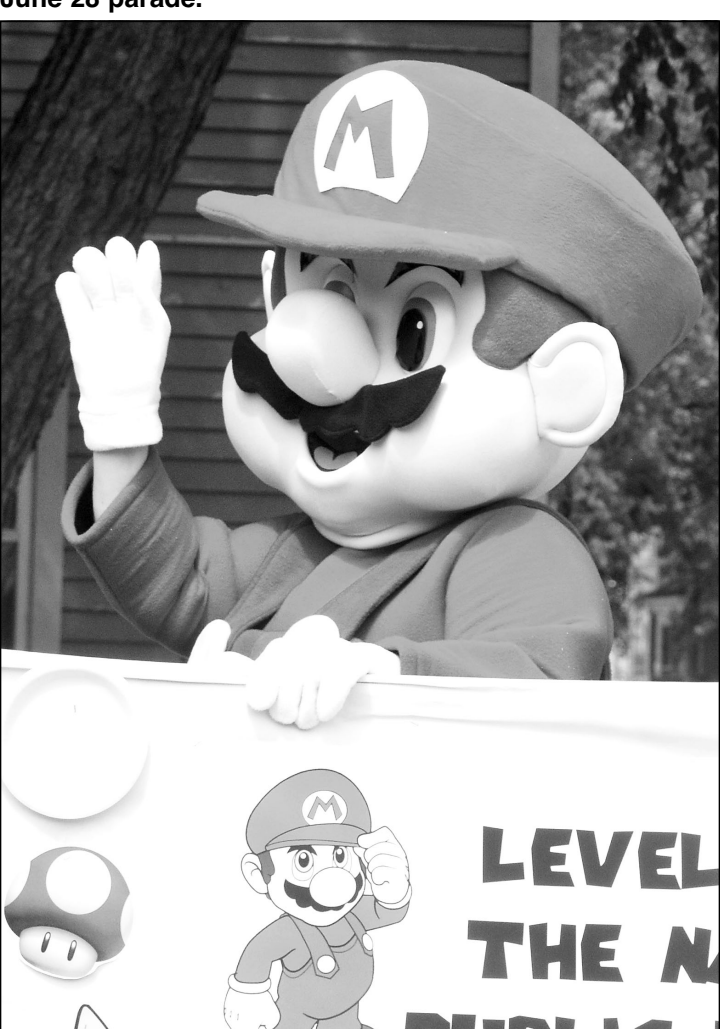
We'd also like to thank Barbara and Alan Kruthoff for the monetary donation to our library for children's books and/or programs.

— *Compiled by Heather Hackman, Nashua Public Library director*

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Chickasaw County Claims	DEAN SPEICHER, VA MEETING- JUNE 2025.....	K-CONSTRUCTION INC. BROS-CO19(117)-8J-19 PAYMENT #7 SEC RD 16,130.29 KOTTKE, RICH, VA COMM MEETING - JUNE 2025.....	MAINT \$19.7 - SHERIFF.....195.80 RILEY'S INC. CHAIRS (8) - HERITAGE /TONER/CUSTODIAL/COPY FEE/-GS.SHERIFF.DP.REC.VA.....1,415.8
20/20 FX LLC...COMPUTER HARDWARE/ SOFTWARE - DATA PROCESSING.....4,014.06	DES MOINES CONSTRUCTION ASPHALT MAINT CONTRACTOR SEC RD.....102,024.06	KUEHN, KATHRYN, JUNE 2025 VA MEETING -.....25.00	S & T COLLISION CENTER AND AUTO LLC, MV REPAIR- PARTS/PAIN/LABOR- SHERIFF.....2,872.00
ACES/ COMPUTER PROS INC, SOFTWARE/DATA SVC SUPPORT- JULY 2025 - SHERIFF.....189.00	DUNGEY'S FURNITURE, COURTHOUSE BREAKROOM FURNITURE- GEN SVC.....949.95	KWIK TRIP INC, FUEL/GAS EMA.....165.11	SCHLUETTER BODY SHOP & TOWING, BUMPER & DOOR REPAIR- 2014 DODGE- SHERIFF.....1,164.60
AG VANTAGE FS INC., DIESEL FUEL NAUSHA SEC RD.....1,391.63	DYNAMIC IOT DATA INC, VEHICLE TRACKING SYSTEM SEC RD 4,899.52	LAERDAL MEDICAL CORPORATION, TRAINING EQUIPMENT - EMA.....2,915.57	SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL LLC, QRTLY CONTRACT, BEACON SITE /SVC - ASSESSOR.....7,771.25
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C. HR SVC THRU 6.15.25.....1,800.00	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, FUEL/GAS - CONSERVATION.....44.83	LAWLER, CITY OF, RUT FM TRANS LAWLER FEB-JULY SEC RD.....3,732.31	SCHUETTEL ACE HARDWARE, AIR FILTER- EMS/SHELVING SUPPLIES-SHERIFF/BATTERIES,CUSTODIAL,ELEC SUPP-GS.....484.37
AIRGAS, INC.PPE/SAFETY WELDER SEC RD.....663.01	ELENZ, KEITH, NVLSO WEBINAR TRAINING- VA GRANT.....65.58	LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC...COPIER LEASE CANON OFFICE SEC RD312.13	SCOTT CERWINSKE, MILEAGE REIMB. HEARTLAND MEETING.....114.80
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRICITY-CHICKASAW & SPLIT ROCK PARKS.....969.51	EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING, WATER ANALYSIS- CONSERVATION.....150.00	LITTLE WAPSI DIRECTIONAL DRILLING, CONTRACTOR FOR TILE CROSSING SEC RD.....9,879.22	SECTOR LLC IN CAR CAMERA DISPLAY REPAIR - SHERIFF.....200.00
ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, RUT FM TRANS AV FEB-JULY SEC RD.....6,147.28	FAREWAY STORES INC, POP MACH INVT-CH & DRINKING WATER-HERITAGE.....70.62	LORI CAREY, MILEAGE TO BOARD MEETINGS- 2ND 1/2 FY2025.....64.32	SHEILA SHEKLETON, LODGING/MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - ISACA SUMMER CONF.....708.96
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES SHOTGUN ACCESSORIES- SHERIFF.....2,954.86	FAYETTE COUNTY TREASURER, ALL-STAFF TRAINING - TREASURER.....100.00	LS SUPPLY & RENTAL INC, GARAGE DOOR OPENER FOR VAN- VA GRANT.....347.75	SHIRLEY TROYNA, MILEAGE & LODGING REIMBURSEMENT- RECORDER.....678.16
ANGELL ELECTRIC INC, AIR HANDLER REPAIR- COURTHOUSE.....80.00	FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, 3 WAY VESSEL- GENERAL SERVICES.....99.26	MARTINS GARDEN CENTER, (2) BRICKS - COURTHOUSE FLOWER GARDEN.....24.00	STANTON ELECTRIC, OUTSIDE ELECTRICAL AV SHOP SEC RD / ELEC REPAIR - CONSV.....577.84
ATS ELECTRONICS INC, COMPUTER HARDWARE-SHERIFF DP.....3,500.00	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, BOARDING PRISONERS- SHERIFF.....1,755.00	MAIL SERVICES LLC, PRINT FEES - TREASURER.....504.77	SUPERIOR LUMBER INC, RENTAL CUT-SAW V-48 PROJECT SEC RD.....110.00
AUSTIN HEMESATH, JAIL BOOKING ROOM- WINDOW COVERING- SHERIFF.....100.00	FOUNTAIN, SHANE, MILEAGE - BOARD MEETING 2ND 1/2 FY25.....58.29	MESSERSMITH PROMOTIONS 14 WALL CLOCK - VA GRANT.....1,165.28	WELDING SUPPLIES SEC RD.....187.23
AUTO VALUE, PARTS, STOCK PARTS & GEN SUP SEC RD.....640.71	FREDERICKSBURG PLBG & HTG LLC, PLUMBING SUPPLIES- SPLIT ROCK PART.....3.38	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, ELECTRICITY - 911 CELL.....146.55	TREWIN PUMPING SERVICE, HIRED PUMPING SERVICE NASHUA SHOP SEC RD.....275.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC, TASERS - SHERIFF.....40,000.00	FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF LANDFILL CONTRACT - SANITATION.....192.50	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES- COUNTY DEPT.....360.85	TRI-T FINISHING, SEAL COAT FOR CAR-SIDING- SHELTER TWIN POND 2,772.00
BASSETT, CITY OF, RUT FM TRANS BASSETT FEB-JULY-APR SEC RD.....1,363.48	GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC, HANSON UNIFORMS - SHERIFF.....149.79	MIKE PICKAR, MILEAGE- BOARD MEETINGS - 2ND 1/2 FY2025.....88.44	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES PARTS #23 & #30 SEC RD.....607.80
BMC AGGREGATES LC, ROCK - SHOULDERING, SPOT, CULVERT SEC RD.....28,353.82	GEERTS PLUMBING & HEATING INC., PLUMBING SUPPLIES - PUMPHOUSE TANKS.....540.55	MITKO LLC, PARTS #14 & #65 SEC RD.....193.55	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC, ANNUAL DATABASE SOFTWARE FEE- VA GRANT.....475.94
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT, PARTS #41, #86, CONCRETE SAW SEC RD.....1,548.45	GENUINE PARTS CO, PARTS #5 SEC RD.....23.21	NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PHONE/INTERNET - EMA.....89.04	U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, POSTAGE - EMA.....146.00
BOEHMER, KATIE...VA MEETING- JUNE 2025.....25.00	HASSMAN CONSTRUCTION CARSIDING FOR SHELTER - CONSERVATION.....6,100.00	NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, MEMOIRAL DAY AD- VA GRANT.....66.00	U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION PHONE/INTERNET - EMA.....291.53
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MEDICAL SUPPLIES- EMS.....83.39	HEARTLAND INSURANCE RISK POOL LIABILITY INSURANCE 7/1/25 - 6/30/26.....3,187.61	NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, NH SHOP UTILITIES SEC RD.....707.15	VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC.....CAMA SOFTWARE/ANNUAL CONTRACT - ASSESSOR.....14,966.25
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, ROCK - SHOULDERING SEC RD.....478.32	HOMETOWN TV & APPLIANCE, TV'S - EOC - EMA.....2,818.00	NORTH WASHINGTON, CITY OF RUT FM TRANS NW FEB-MAR-APR SEC RD.....3,339.57	VISA.....PARTS, TOOLS, SUPPLIES, PPE/SAFETY SEC RD.....1,857.62
BUTLER CO REC, ELECTRICITY - CONSERVATION HQ.....618.60	HY-VEE INC., PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION FOR INMATE- SHERIFF.....0.33	NORTHEAST IOWA SPRAY FOAM LLC, CONTRACTOR SPRAY FOAM AV SHOP SEC RD.....33,763.99	VISA.....SHOTGUN ACCESSORIES - SHERIFF.....473.09
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC, OUTSIDE ENG INSPECTIONS SEC RD.....6,719.00	IMAGING SPECTRUM INC, MEDIA FASTID/PASSPORT FOLDER- RECORDER.....345.52	ON TRACK SIGNS, DECALS #305-25 & #858-25 SEC RD.....120.00	VORTEX OPTICS.....BINOCULARS & WEAPON OPTICS - SHERIFF 4,949.79
CARDIO PARTNERS INC, AED EQUIPMENT- EMA.....7,374.00	IONIA, CITY OF, RUT FM TRANS IONIA FEB-JULY SEC RD.....5,221.69	OTTO'S OASIS, (2) BIRDBATHS- COURTHOUSE FLOWER GARDENS.....259.58	WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP & PART INC, TIRES FOR SHAWVER'S TRUCK - SHERIFF.....1,957.56
CASSIE KILCHER, MILEAGE- JAIL SCHOOL - SHERIFF.....280.00	IOWA COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM, FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION - CONSERVATION.....1,125.00	OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL CHURCH, OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL - VET GRAVE CARE- GEN SVC.....142.50	WENDEL MULLER, MONTHLY TOWER RENT- JULY 2025.....550.00
CENTURY LINK, TELEPHONE/INTERNET - 911.....33.95	IOWA EMS ASSOCIATION, MEMORIAL ENGRAVING- EMA.....150.00	PETROBLEND CORP, LUBRICANTS SEC RD.....1,669.00	WILLSON & PECHACEK PLC, LEGAL SVC/2023 GROMARK APPEAL TO COURT - ASSESSOR.....1,237.50
CHEMSEARCH, WEED KILLER - HERITAGE CENTER.....273.80	IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS SEC RD.....49.30	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC, PEST CONTROL TPNC & LANDFILL.....101.53	WINDSTREAM CORPORATION, PHONE/INTERNET - 911.....278.48
CHICKASAW COUNTY POSTAGE METER PURCHASED POSTAGE - GEN SVC, AUDITOR, TREASURER 9,500.00	IOWA STATE ASSOC OF COUNTIES, 2025 ISAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SHEILA.....260.00	PROTIVIN, CITY OF, RUT FM TRANS PROTIVIN FEB-JULY SEC RD.....1,052.88	WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. PHONE/INTERNET - 7/1 - 7/13 - 911.....199.78
CINTAS CORPORATION #762 UNIFORMS/ JANITORIAL SUPPLIES SEC RD.....2,539.61	ISAC, EDUCATIONAL TRAINING - TREASURER.....260.00	QUAD COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, TRAINING - MICHAEL GRAVES - EMA.....30.00	ZETRON INC, 2 YEAR EQUIP. MAINT. CONTRACT - 911.....8,936.85
CINTAS CORPORATION NO 2, CONSUMABLES- SUPPLIES-CH.....109.72	JACOB HACKMAN, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - CSS BOARD MEETING.....49.00	R & R WELDING INC, CULVERT MAINT SUP SEC RD.....15.60	ZIEGLER INC, PARTS #207, #53, #43, #206 & FILTERS SEC RD.....2,464.05
CJ COOPER & ASSOC INCRANDOM DOT DRUG TESTING (1) SEC RD.....55.00	JAMES ALLISON, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- 2ND HALF FY2025.....13.40	ROGUE TRADING CONSULTING, FORCIBLE ENTRY TRAINING - EMA.....500.00	ZIP'S AW DIRECT OUTSIDE REPAIR #40 SEC RD.....607.03
COMMUNITY INSURANCE OF IOWA, BOND FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS- 7/25 - 7/26.....539.75	JEFF BERNATZ, CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT- EMS.....223.76	RANDY NOSBISCH, VA COMM MONTHLY MEETING.....25.00	TOTALS.....409,116.96
COM-TEC LAND MOBILE RADIO, MOBILE RADIO FOR TRANSPORT CAR-SHERIFF.....5,418.17	JENDRO INC, GARBAGE PICKUP/ CONSERVATION.....512.92	RAPID PRINTERS, OFFICE SUPPLIES - COUNTY WIDE.....437.57	
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, DIESEL FUEL IONIA & AV SHOP SEC RD.....2,359.44	JOANNE MYRSIADES MILEAGE/BOARD MEETINGS- 2ND 1/2 FY 2025.....144.72	RECKER, TOM, TILE INSTALL REIMBURSE T RECKER SEC RD.....1,200.00	
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INC.. V-48 CONCRETE MAINT SEC RD.....2,649.10	JOHN DEERE FINANCIALS, SUPPLIES, PPE/SAFETY SEC RD.....610.48	RICKS SERVICE CENTER LLC, MV	
CROELL INC, V-48 CONCRETE MAINT SEC RD.....4,349.00	JURGENSEN, NICKOLAS, UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENT- EMS.....73.03		
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, WATER / WATER COOLER SEC RD, CO. ATTY, TREAS.....186.08			

Photo courtesy of Heather Hackman

Nashua Women of Today member Angie Dietz presents her organization's best Water Over the Dam Days Parade float award to Nashua Public Library Director Heather Hackman for the library's Mario-themed float during the June 28 parade.



City of Nashua CITY COUNCIL MINUTES City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on July 7, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Peggy Hall, Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Emie Willsher, and Dan Zwanziger. City employees(s) City Clerk John Ott, Carmen Mehmen Welcome Center Board Member, Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver were present along with 2 guests.

Council member J. Johnson/M, Willsher/S, M/C to approve the regular agenda after amending to remove 7(A) 25-19(3) Resolution to Approve Public Consulting Group Service Agreement and move Welcome Center Board Monthly Report after citizen comments. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting June 16, 2025; Permits: Building; Hwy 346 and Merrill St. Solar Sign and 67 Park St.; and the Consent Calendar Payment of Claims: (June 13-July 2, 2025) \$97,800.74+ \$14,399.60 (Wages) See Claims Report.

General Fund:..... \$47,122.35 Lake/Dam:..... \$93.95 Urban Revit:..... \$10.00 Road Use:..... \$16,164.73 Employee Benefit:..... \$4,016.34 Debt Service:..... \$35.06 Dam Repair After FEMA: .. \$24,817.41 Water:..... \$8,622.96 Sewer:..... \$11,317.54 Total Funds:..... \$112,200.34 J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C. to approve the consent agenda. RC: all ayes.

Mayor Kelleher asked for public comments: One citizen inquired about multiple nuisance properties in town and asked the council what they were doing about them. Mayor Kelleher explained that the city is working on them, but it is a process. He has been addressing nuisance properties. Council Member J. Johnson mentioned that things must be done in a certain order and if they aren't done correctly, the city could lose potential funding opportunities.

Karmen Mehmen presented the Welcome Center Board Monthly Report. She thanked the city crew for taking care of the repairs at the welcome center and mounting the TV. She also mentioned that Chick-Fill-A will be coming to the Welcome Center on July 21st. They had about 25 quilts on display during Water Over the Dam Days and there were about 20 people who viewed the displays. There were 192.5 hours volunteered at the Welcome Center in June. The council discussed vending machines, vendor commissions, vendor checks, restroom sinks, and closing the welcome center when the gift shop isn't open.

J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to not pay any vendor's commission until they have enough in sales to net a \$30 check and to have them remove their items from the Welcome Center if they have not sold enough to net \$30 in a 6 month period.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to have Pederson Plumbing install a new restroom sink at the welcome center with a standard sink without the motion sensors. RC: all ayes.

Willsher/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the bid from Hawkeye-Communication to replace the fire alarm monitoring system with a cellular dialer at the welcome center for an approximate cost of \$500 for a Starlink Cellular Communicator and \$50/Month for 24/7 Fire/Alarm Monitoring. RC: all ayes.

Resolutions:

Mayor Kelleher asked the council for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 25-21 Resolution to

Thank Terry and Shawna Hilleshem for Donation of Services to the Veterans Park Pier Project. Willsher/M, J. Jacobsen/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. 25-22 Resolution to Adopt a Credit Card Policy. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes.

Business of the Mayor:

Mayor Kelleher informed the council that it has been brought to his attention that there are some citizens concerned with the exit/entry of Veteran's Park after the pier project is completed. He asked the council their thoughts on tasking each department with coming up with a 3-year plan. The council supported the idea. Mayor Kelleher thanked everyone for their hard work on Water Over the Dam Days.

Department Reports:

City Clerk Ott informed the council that there is an award/check presentation from Butler-Bremer Communications and Iowa Area Development Group for a grant the city received for a feasibility study conducted on 302-308 Main St. The event will be on July 9th at 10:00AM. He also informed the council that the final Small Town Coaching Webinar will be at 9:00AM on Friday July 30th and it will be on financing sources and resources.

City Council:

The council had no information to report.

City Clerk Ott presented information for the Park Board. Park Board President Nate Sinnwell wanted to thank everyone for a very successful Water Over the Dam Days. He also said the dedication for Pa's Playground had an excellent turnout as there were about 75 participants that attended. He shared a plan for adding electrical at Pa's Playground, which would be paid for by donations. He also shared a monthly camping agreement.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the electrical plans for Pa's Playground that will be funded by donations. RC: all ayes.

Willsher/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the Monthly/Long Term Camping Agreement. RC: all ayes.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver presented his monthly report. He reviewed some of the calls that they went to in June. They spent 100 hours in Nashua in June and 1764.5 hours in FY'25.

Sheriff Shawver shared the Draft Agreement for the transfer of law enforcement assets from the City of Nashua's former police department to the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department. The one recommendation that City Clerk Ott shared with Ryan Shawver was a request by City Attorney Skilton to have this agreement be a supplemental to our existing agreement with the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department instead of a stand-alone agreement. Chickasaw County Sheriff Shawver will take the request back to Chickasaw County Attorney Laudner.

Discussion/Action:

The council discussed and/or acted on several agenda items, some were addressed during the department reports.

The council discussed the bids for 1020 Greeley St. The council is leaning towards selling the property to Mike Hannemann because his plan includes the development of the property with a new house, which the council sees as adding the most value to the city between the 3 bids submitted. City Clerk Ott will talk to Mike Hannemann about the terms that the council discussed and see if he is willing to agree to the terms.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve having 305 Main St. inspected for a cost of approximately \$700.00. RC: all ayes.

J. Johnson/M, Hall/S, M/C to approve Nick attending the continued education program at the Iowa Rural Water Fall Conference September 9th and 10th. RC: all ayes.

Other Business:

City Clerk Ott noted that Water/Wastewater Supervisor Nick Henningsen would like the council to consider purchasing another vehicle preferably a utility truck. He shared with the council a few utility trucks for sale. This was not on the agenda, so no decisions were made.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that Q4 FY'25 Fire Department Incident Reports and Minutes are available for review.

There was no other business.

S. Johnson/M to adjourn, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

Pending Approval by City Council

John Ott

CLAIMS REPORT (June 13-July 2, 2025) VENDOR, REFERENCE.....AMOUNT FIRST STATE BANK FY'25, LOANER LOAN INT. PMT.....\$35.06 LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK, HSA.....\$1,800.00 CRONIN, SKILTON, SKILTON, CH-TITLE OPINION 1020 GREELEY.....\$270.00 DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, DENTAL INS JULY '25.....\$357.24 G T MURPHY, ABSTRACTER 1020 GREELEY ST. ABSTRACT.....\$310.00 HAGEN, AMI, POOL FILL REFUND.....\$100.00 HEARTLAND ASPHALT, INC. CC RD AND MERRILL INTERSECT.....\$9,220.40 IA DEPT OF INSPECTION, APPEALS WC-ELEVATOR PERMIT #12533.....\$75.00 IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES CH-FY'25/26, LEAGUE DUES.....\$1,275.00 NATIONAL ELEVATOR, INSPECTIONS WC-ELEVATOR INSPECTION FEE '25.....\$85.00 OTT, JOHN W/SE-AFTER HOUR EMERG PHONE.....\$137.51 SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN DAM-LEGAL EXP MAY '25 \$24,817.41 SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO AMB-OXYGEN.....\$90.00 VALUE INSPIRED PRODUCTS V-19 PA'S PLAYGROUND-TABLE & BENCH.....\$3,230.00 WEDEKING ELECTRIC LLC CAMPGROUND-EMERGENCY.....\$199.67 BLUE CROSS WELLMARK HEALTH INS JULY '25.....\$7,322.60 AVESIS VISION INS JULY'25.....\$96.64 FLOYD CO. MEDICAL CENTER AMB-RX.....\$1,200.00 MAY'25.....\$25.00 HAWKINS, INC.....\$30.00 JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE GEN-GAR/REC JUNE'25.....\$12,415.85 MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT FD-CITY JACKET X2/PANTS.....\$9,307.68 MICK GAGE PLBG & HTG, INC SPLASH PAD PIPE.....\$114.10 MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC. TESTING.....\$717.00 PCC AMB-MAR'25 BILLING SERICE.....\$924.31 QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL SE-PLANT CL PUMP CHAMBER.....\$2,241.00 THE MILL, INC. PARK-SEED \$175.00 UNPLUGGED WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FD-G2/3/4/5 BATTERIES (10).....\$370.00 CHICKASAW COUNTY AUDITOR HAZMAT FEE - FY'25-26.....\$775.50 COOLEY PUMPING CEDAR VIEW PARK- JULY'25.....\$300.00 DIAMOND MAPS WA/SE-UNLIMITED USERS 12 MO.....\$336.00 IOWA MUNICIPALITIES WORKERS WORKER'S COMPENSATION PREMIUM.....\$715.00 IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES DANGER DAM SIGNS/NO TRUCK SIGN \$106.80 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL SE-PEX/UNCLOSER/DOUB SWIVEL.....\$149.39 LYNCH DALLAS PC FD-EMS AGREEMENT JUNE'25.....\$95.00 MARTIN'S FLAG COMPANY LLC PARK/ EXTRA IA/US 3X5 FLAGS.....\$409.31 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY GAS/ELEC JUNE'25.....\$6,221.52 MURPHY, COE, AND SMITH CH-TREASURER MAR/APR'25.....\$400.00 N E COMMUNITY ACTION CORP CH-DO-NATION FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.....\$1,551.00 ENTERPRISE MEDIA INC CH-LEGAL PUBLICATIONS JUNE'25.....\$609.83 RILEY'S INC. CH-COPY FEES JUNE'25.....\$182.60 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PICKLEBALL PAINT-HALL GRANT.....\$524.50 U.S. POST OFFICE POSTAGE BILLS JULY'25.....\$220.11 WEX BANK CITY FUEL EXPENSES.....\$809.71 IPERS REGULAR IPERS.....\$4,870.46 IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT FED/FICA TAX.....\$3,439.39 TREASURER STATE OF IOWA STATE TAX.....\$343.25 Accounts Payable Total.....\$97,800.74 Payroll Checks.....\$14,399.60 ***** REPORT TOTAL ***** \$112,200.34 GENERAL FUND.....\$47,122.35 LAKE/DAM.....\$93.95 URBAN REVITAL.....\$10.00 ROAD USE.....\$16,164.73 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT.....\$4,016.34 DEBT SERVICE.....\$35.06 DAM REPAIR-AFTER FEMA.....\$24,817.41 WATER.....\$8,622.96 SEWER.....\$11,317.54 TOTAL FUNDS.....\$112,200.34

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Six vying for Chickasaw County fair queen crown

To the Reporter

Current Chickasaw Fair Queen Emma Brincks' reign will soon come to an end, and six young women from around the county are seeking to replace her.

The new queen will be crowned at the annual Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show, which kicked off its six-day run on Tuesday at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.

The show's royalty winners will be revealed during the show's annual BBQ and Awards Night that is set for Saturday. The event runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and will include a meal served by the Chickasaw County Pork Producers.

Here is a look at the half-dozen candidates for this year's fair queen, who will represent the county both at the Iowa State Fair in August and various community events throughout the year.

Kinsli Albrecht

Kinsli is the 17-year-old daughter of Emity Fitch and Nathan Albrecht.

She attends Sumner-Fredericksburg High School. In her free time, Kinsli enjoys reading, cooking, baking, singing, drawing and listening to music.

Her future plans include pursuing a degree in social or

forensic anthropology.

If crowned, she plans to help out her community.

Elizabeth Deere

Elizabeth is the 17-year-old daughter of Mistie and Ben Deere and is sponsored by Deere Trucking LLC.

She attends New Hampton High School, where she is active in FFA. During her free time Elizabeth enjoys taking photos, drawing, spending time with family and friends, walking her dogs and working outside.

Her future plans include pursuing a nursing degree with the intentions to become a pediatric nurse and work at the University of Iowa Hospitals.

If crowned, Elizabeth would like to help get the younger generation involved.

Jennifer Eichenberger

Jennifer is the 17-year-old daughter of Heather and Jeremy Eichenberger and is sponsored by Holschlag Bin Sales.

She attends New Hampton High School, where she is active in FFA. Outside of school, she is active in her local 4-H club. During her free time, she enjoys participating in FFA events, working on her family farm, working with animals, showing livestock and working at the daycare.

Her future plans include get-



Albrecht



Deere



Eichenberger



Hennings



Schwickerath



Sorenson

ting her real estate license and pursuing a degree in agriculture education to become an ag teacher.

If crowned, Jennifer would like to advocate for the county fair with the hopes to boost member involvement.

Madelyn Hennings

Madelyn is the 17-year-old daughter of Greg and Valerie Hennings and is sponsored by Hennings Electric.

She attends Nashua-Plainfield High School, where she is active in band, jazz band, choir, fall and winter cheer, student council, NHS, DECA, FCCLA and yearbook committee. Outside of school, she participates on her dance competition team, 4-H, county council, Sunday School, VBS and youth music teacher at Republic Community Church. During

her spare time, Madelyn enjoys baking, playing piano, and writing music.

Her future plans include attending UNI to pursue a major in music education and a minor in music composition with the intentions of becoming a music teacher.

If crowned, Madelyn would strive to bring creativity and expertise to the Chickasaw County Royalty Program. She specifically wants to promote 4-H and all of its benefits with the hope to increase involvement.

Carrie Schwickerath

Carrie is the 18-year-old daughter of Tony and Janet Schwickerath and is sponsored by New Hampton Vet Clinic.

She recently graduated from New Hampton High School, where she was active in FFA,

student senate, supporting her class as treasurer, yearbook, spring play, fall play, interact, core interact, CLASS and NHS.

When she is not busy in school, you can find Carrie busy with her 4H club, county council, YDC, livestock committee, auction committee, Iowa Junior Red Angus Association and the Red Angus Association of America. During her free time Carrie enjoys sewing, working with her animals and showing cattle.

Carrie's future plans are to attend Iowa State University to major in animal science and veterinary medicine.

If crowned Carrie's plans as queen would be to focus on giving back to her community.

Michaela Sorenson

Michaela is the 15-year-old daughter of Victoria and Michael

Sorenson and is sponsored by Northeast Security Bank.

She attends Sumner-Fredericksburg High School, where she is active in TAG, volleyball, softball, band, marching band, jazz band, choir, show choir, individual speech, group speech and SWAT.

Sorenson is very active in her community — tutoring elementary students, assisting with middle school sports games and volunteering at volleyball camps. In her free time, she enjoys biking, working out, weightlifting and creating and listening to music.

In the future, Michaela plans to pursue a degree in physical therapy with the hopes to help young athletes with injuries.

If crowned, her goal is to represent this county as best she can and help to make it a better place.

Two in running for Little Miss

Two young girls are in the running for Little Miss Chickasaw County Fair and they include:

Evelyn Hanson

Evelyn is the 8-year-old daughter of Kitana and Tim Hanson and is sponsored by Schluetter Body Shop and Towing.

She attends New Hampton Elementary, where she is active in their youth softball program. Outside of school she enjoys watching her dad race, play softball, swimming and playing with her brothers.

Her favorite thing about the fair is trying out all of the rides, playing games and watching tough trucks. Her favorite thing about Chickasaw County is geocaching, watching parades, going to the parks and fishing!

Marjorie Holthaus

Marjorie is the 6-year-old daughter of Eric and Rachel Holthaus and is sponsored by Holthaus Family Chiropractic Center.

She attends St. Joseph Community School, but outside of school she is active in her 4H club and Annie's Dancers. When she is not busy with her activities you can find her dancing, playing soccer, swimming, reading or playing with her friends.

Her favorite thing to do at the fair is watch her brothers show their steers, help them with chores, and see all of the animals. Her favorite thing about Chickasaw County is going to the fair, playing at the park, or camping with her brothers for scouts.



Hanson



Holthaus

And the Little Mister winner is ...

Just one boy is seeking the title of Little Mister Chickasaw County Fair, and he is Cullen Mueterthies.

The 7-year-old son of Jeremy and Megan Mueterthies is sponsored by Mueterthies Dairy.

He attends Turkey Valley Elementary and is active in 4H, little league ball, wrestling and religion. When he is not busy with his activities, he enjoys showing, working in the shop with his dad, seeing the pigs at the farm, can am riding, hunting, fishing and loving every day!

His favorite thing at the fair is being able to show his animals and his favorite thing about Chickasaw County is taking the time to pick up pop cans out of the ditches.



Mueterthies

ISU Extension and Outreach to hold farmland leasing meeting in August

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Chickasaw County is hosting a farmland leasing meeting on Aug. 5 at 1 p.m., at the Chickasaw County Extension Office, 115 N. Broadway Avenue in New Hampton. The annual meeting is offered to address questions that landowners, tenants or other interested individuals have about leasing farmland.

The 2025 annual survey of cash rental rates for Iowa farmland shows that rates decreased, on average, by 2.9% in 2025 to \$271 per acre. This is the first decline in cash rents since 2019, after a peak of \$279 per acre the previous two years of the survey.

Topics will include land values, market outlook, and cash rent trends, cost of production, methods for determining a fair rental rate, legal updates regarding leases and communicating with tenants or landowners. Farm Management Field Specialists will also address common questions when a lease is impacted by a farm estate or succession plan.

"More than half of Iowa's farmland is rented, and strong landlord/tenant relationships are important for the long-term viability of Iowa's valuable farmland," said Ann Johanns, program specialist at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "While the trend in rental rates is fairly steady, individual agreements vary and attending a workshop is a great way to learn more or ask questions on specific aspects of farm lease arrangements."

The two-and-one-half-hour workshop is designed to assist landowners, farm tenants and other agri-business professionals with current issues related to farmland ownership, management and leasing arrangements. Attendees will gain a better understanding of current cash rental rate surveys and factors driving next year's rents.

Each registrant will receive a 100-page workbook with resources regarding land leasing agreements such as surveys, sample written lease agreements and termination forms, along with many other publications.

Registration is \$25 per individual and includes materials. Pre-registration is encouraged as an additional \$5 fee may be added if registering less than two calendar days before the meeting date. To register, call 641-394-2174 or email atupper@iastate.edu.

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It's a full house on first Family Night at library

The Nashua Public Library kicked off its annual series of Family Fun Nights Wednesday evening that included kids receiving a free book, families enjoying a light supper and, of course, a visit from Pikachu and Mario.

Library Director Heather Hackman said she was grateful for the support her facility receives from the city of Nashua, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, grants from the Community Partnership for Protecting Children and Theisen's for making the Family Fun Nights a reality.

She also gave a shout out to the Dairy Treat, Kwik Star, Casey's and McDonald's for donations that help the library provide the sack dinners and treats for those who attend the events.



Council approves new rules for vendors at welcome center

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

move forward in terms of drawing up a transfer of property resolution should Hannemann agree to the contract.

There was also substantial discussion on vendor's commission checks at the Welcome Center.

Through March 31 of this year, the city has taken in approximately \$23,000 in crafter sales and has paid out over \$17,500 of that revenue back to vendors in commission checks. That means the city is collecting just under 24 percent of the revenue from those crafter sales.

The city incurs a decent amount of expense to the Welcome Center with administrative costs, credit card fees, postage for mailing checks, etc. Those were some of the other reasons the Council talked about raising the commission the city collects from vendor sales.

The Council voted to not pay any vendor's commission until they have enough

sales to net a \$30 check. Vendors must now also remove their items from the Welcome Center if they have not sold enough to net \$30 in a six-month period.

The old process regarding commission checks was the city mailed a check each month to a vendor unless their check was less than \$30. Then the city would hold it until the end of the quarter and then mail all of their checks for that quarter.

Ott said the Welcome Center is starting to get vendors that throughout the entire quarter are not selling enough to equal a \$30 check. He said there are 25 vendors who didn't have \$30 or more in sales at the end of quarter number three in the Fiscal Year '25.

The Council also talked about locking up the Welcome Center if it is not open.

A new monthly/long-term camping agreement put together by the Nashua Park Board was agreed upon and approved by the Council.

The guidelines will be enforced in August

and include a \$525 a month rate for long-term campers.

City of Nashua employees or camp host must approve the site used, but not until monthly payment has been received by the city.

Other regulations drawn out in the agreement are that mowing is required and wastewater must be disposed of properly. If campers are found dumping wastewater on the campsite, that camper will be removed.

Campers must reseed areas where campers/rugs have killed underlying grass. The reseeded must be completed by the end of camping season.

A utility truck has been requested by Water/Wastewater Superintendent Nick Henningsen. The city discussed possibly purchasing a vehicle, although no action was taken.

"He just wants air conditioning and to not have to climb into the truck bed to get his tools out," said Ott.

Huskies have reason for optimism in 2026

BASEBALL: FROM 8

left-field line to score two runs to give Nashua-Plainfield a 3-1 lead.

Vance then gave way to Nashua-Plainfield ace Dawson Glaser, who went the final 1 1/3 innings to pick up the save in a Huskies' win that kept their season alive.

"Kolbie was just on, man," Hyde said, "and a lot of it was he threw strikes. Everyone who has watched us this year knows that's been our problem outside of Dawson. And man, what can you say about Clayden? He came up with the hit of his life. That was a fun game."

That set up a showdown with the Warriors on Tuesday, and for those who thought it would be a Warrior rout, well, they were disappointed.

Granted, early on, the game played out that way as South Winneshiek took a 5-2 lead after two innings and pushed the advantage to 6-2 in the third.

Glaser, though, found his footing, as did the Huskies' defense.

"We made too many errors early," Hyde said, pointing out that three of four runs South Winneshiek scored in the second inning were unearned. "Dawson pitched pretty well actually, and our guys stayed up."

"We kept talking to each other and saying, 'We're still in this, we're still in this,'" Kalainoff said. "I mean we were one big inning away, and the way we had played the last week, we knew we could do it."

The Huskies got a run back in the fifth to cut the deficit to 6-3, and then they loaded the bases with one out in the seventh. Up came Kalainoff, who delivered a bases-clearing double.

"I don't even know if it was a strike," he said with a laugh, "because it was pretty low, but there's no way I was going to go down looking there."

After a walk and a passed ball gave the Huskies runners on second and third, Kalainoff was thrown out on an attempted squeeze play, but senior Nic Brase delivered a key two-out single up the middle to score pinch-runner Lucas Sinnwell and the Huskies had a 7-6 lead and were just three outs away from a berth in the district

championship game.

Even though the Huskies couldn't get those outs, Kalainoff said he believes the Huskies certainly made a statement and found some much-needed momentum heading into 2026.

"At first, it was disappointing, and it still is a little bit," he said, "but no one expected we'd do what we did the last couple of games. We've got a lot of guys coming back and if we get into doing the offseason stuff, there's no reason we can't be a really good team next year."

Hyde agreed, although he also took a moment to salute his team's seniors — Glaser, Brase and Blake Wahl. While the latter came out for baseball for the first time this year, Glaser and Brase have been, as Hyde said, "big parts of our program for a long time and we're going to miss them."

Still, he sees potential for the 2026 Huskies.

"I love the fact that most of our guys are multi-sport guys," he said, "but if they will sacrifice a little, get the work in the offseason, I think these guys showed the last week what kind of team we can have."

OSAGE 14, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 8

Osage 621 140 0 - 14
NP 430 010 0 - 8
Zeke Kalainoff 0 IP, 0 H, 5 R, 0 ER, 5 BB, 0 K; Clayden Gerholdt 3 IP, 3 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 9 BB, 1 K; Cole Schamhorst 4 IP, 1 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 6 BB, 2 K.

HR — Eli Kalainoff. Runs — Matthew Malven 2, Dawson Glaser 2, Braeden Mitchell 1, Z. Kalainoff 1, E. Kalainoff 1, Kolbie Vance 1. RBIs — E. Kalainoff 3, Andrew Schmitt 2, Glaser 1, Nic Brase 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 3, RICEVILLE 1

NP 100 002 0 - 3
Rice 001 000 0 - 1
Vance 5 2/3 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 8 K; Glaser 1 1/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

2B — Vance, Gerholdt. Runs — Vance 1, E. Kalainoff 1, Mitchell 1. Hits — Vance 2, E. Kalainoff 1, Z. Kalainoff 1, Gerholdt 1. RBIs — Gerholdt 2, Glaser 1.

SOUTH WINNESHIK 8, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 7

NP 110 010 4 - 7
SW 141 000 2 - 8
Glaser 6 IP, 9 H, 7 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 7 K; Brase 1/3 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B — E. Kalainoff. Runs — Z. Kalainoff 2, Mitchell 2, E. Kalainoff 1, Malven 1, Lucas Sinnwell 1. Hits — Glaser 2, E. Kalainoff 1, Z. Kalainoff 1, Ethan Franzen 1, Brase 1. RBIs — E. Kalainoff 3, Glaser 1, Schmitt 1, Brase 1.

Huskies have chances late but fall to Rockford in regional opener

SOFTBALL: FROM 8

right-center field that scored Briella Hinrichsen all the way from first.

"I can't put the blame on her — not at all. I could only imagine what was going through Lydia's head at that time when that ball was hit to her. That's a lot of pressure on an eighth-grader," said Stastny-Hall.

The game was far from over at that point.

Hannah Brahn would reach base for N-P with one out in the bottom of the fifth after a grounder to third was not fielded cleanly. Brahn was able to advance to third on two wild pitches. Kalvig promptly slapped a hard grounder to shortstop that Danika deBuhr bobbled and her throw was late to first. Brahn elected to play it safe at third instead of advancing home in what would have surely been a close play at the plate.

"We usually go if they throw it to first, but she's not the fastest runner so she thought she was going to be out regardless if they would have threw it to first or back home," said Stastny-Hall.

Hillman bore down and got Nevaeh Bloker to pop up to second for the second out. Kalvig stole second with two outs and that put runners on second and third. N-P junior Abi Schmitt would put Rockford back on their heels with a drive to left-center field that put Koeningsfeld on the run in center.



Nashua-Plainfield softball coach Jessica Stastny-Hall talks with her team for the final time this season on Monday after the Huskies' lost a heartbreaker in the first round of the Class 1A regional tournament.

She ended up making a terrific catch to extinguish the threat and the inning. The clutch catch by the Warrior center fielder saw her jump up in the air to extend her arms and grab the ball back in her glove.

If that ball off the bat of Schmitt gets down, it's more than likely a 3-2 N-P lead.

N-P again threatened in the sixth after Elayna O'Neill's lead-off single on a slow-roller to third. Madison Wahl's come-

back to the circle wasn't fielded cleanly by Hillman and she reached base, putting runners on the corner with just one out. Hillman again wiggled her way out of the jam via a strikeout and grounder to second.

Asked what she thought was the difference in the second game versus Rockford compared to the meeting during the regular season and the N-P head coach had this to say.

"I think the girls underesti-

mated 'em," said Stastny-Hall.

Husky freshman ace Callie Jensen was stellar once again inside the circle, despite missing time out on the diamond last week to attend a cattle show in Tulsa, Oklahoma where she won grand champion with her steer at the National Junior Angus Show.

Jensen fanned 11 Rockford batters and surrendered just four hits and one earned run. She did not walk a batter.

"With Callie being gone for a week, I thought she did very good on the mound. Her bat struggled just a bit, but she put bat on the ball. She didn't really strike out. I can't complain on that," said Stastny-Hall. "She definitely did her job on the mound 100 percent."

Jensen's career high in K's came in her very first career varsity start last year as an eighth-grader against Rockford. She struck out 13 Warrior bat-

ters. Jensen also struck out 10 in a 6-5 loss versus South Winneshiek on June 12.

Hillman's first outing this season versus the Huskies saw her hit four batters, while she walked two and struck out two. She gave up eight runs, but only one earned.

Conversely, Jensen struck out eight Warrior batters in that regular season tilt.

N-P played three games in a row and started last week with a 6-2 loss at North Butler on Monday. Ranked teams West Fork (24-0 victory) and Osage (18-0 triumph) went on to defeat the Huskies during back-to-back league games on Tuesday and Wednesday.

N-P committed five errors against Osage, while Rockford and N-P made two errors each in their postseason contest.

Rockford went on to lose to Kee High, 4-1, on Wednesday in the quarterfinal round of postseason play.

OSAGE 18, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 0

Osage 463 5 - 18
Nashua-Plainfield 000 0 - 0
Pitching — Elizabeth Kalvig 3 IP, 12 H, 13 R, 7 ER, 1 BB, 2 K, Hannah Brahn 1 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.
Hits — Abi Schmitt 1, Kami Hannemann 1.

ROCKFORD 2, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 1

Rock 000 110 0 - 2
NP 001 000 0 - 1
Pitching — Callie Jensen 7 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 11 K.

3B — Kalvig. Runs — Kalvig. Hits — Elayna O'Neill 1, Madison Wahl 1, Kalvig 1.

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BATTLING TO THE END

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Nashua-Plainfield's Kolbie Vance (above) gets ready to deliver a pitch in Saturday's Class 1A district baseball game against Riceville while teammate Zeke Kalainoff (right) celebrates scoring the Huskies' first run during Tuesday's semifinal game against South Winneshiek.



Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield shortstop Clayden Geholdt (left) celebrates after teammate Nic Brase takes a throw from catcher Ethan Franzen and places the tag on South Winneshiek's Carter Wenthold to thwart a steal attempt Tuesday evening.

Huskies fall just short in Rockford rematch

Nashua-Plainfield falls 2-1 in regional opener

By KELLY TERPSTRA
Of the Reporter

Close contests and one-run games are just the nature of athletics.

Nail-biting wins and heart-breaking losses constitute the fabric of any chosen sport and the competitive DNA that resides in those that undertake such a challenging endeavor often produce outcomes that are often decided by one or two plays.

The Nashua-Plainfield softball team is just hoping some bounces and opportunistic fortune swing its way next summer out on the diamond.

Because after Rockford's 2-1 win over Jessica Stastny-Hall's Huskies in the opening round of Class 1A regional play this past Monday – that's all that N-P has to look forward to because the Warriors won the postseason rematch in an elimination game that ended the Top of Iowa Conference squad's season.

But to put it mildly, N-P has a lot to look forward to in 2026 with a squad that lost all five of its one-run games this summer and played a lot better than its 4-21 record would indicate. "There's a lot of good things coming towards our program," said Stastny-Hall. "I know the next grade coming up we have a lot of kids out for softball."

N-P's young squad was coming off a 5-24 campaign the year before and while the Huskies didn't win a league game in last year's season, they finished in last place with a mark of 0-14 – strides were made despite those setbacks.

One of the highlights of the year – outside an impressive take down of Class 3A New Hampton by a score of 7-2 – was against those Warriors on Rockford's home diamond back

on June 24. Rockford – who left the TIC East and joined the North division of the Iowa Star Conference at the start of the school year – was dominated by the Huskies in that regular season matchup. N-P capitalized on six Rockford errors in an 8-1 conquest.

Not this time around as junior Hannah Hillman pitched a complete-game three-hitter to silence N-P bats.

"We had some missed opportunities tonight that could have changed the game," said Stastny-Hall. "We definitely hit the ball, we were just hitting it to them."

N-P rapped out 10 hits in the first meeting with Hillman and Warriors, but Rockford came to play on this night and responded after trailing 1-0 in the fourth inning.

The Huskies got on the board first after eighth-grade shortstop Elizabeth Kalvig stroked a triple to right to lead off the bottom of the third. She would score the game's first tally on a bang-bang play at home after a wild pitch careened toward the backstop.

That lead was short-lived as Hillman's bloop double just in front of the outstretched glove of Madison Wahl found the outfield grass with one out in the top of the fourth. She would also come around to score on a wild pitch.

Rockford would take the lead for good after a fly ball in the fifth inning was not caught in right field by N-P that would have ended the inning. Husky eighth-grader Lydia Chester tried to make a play on the ball, but was unsuccessful.

Up stepped Ava Koeningsfeld and she made the Huskies pay with an RBI double to

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Nashua-Plainfield's Elizabeth Kalvig (above) scores the Huskies' only run while Kami Hannemann (below) makes solid contact during Monday's Class 1A first-round regional game.



NEVER-SAY-DIE HUSKIES MAKE SPIRITED PLAYOFF RUN, BEATING RICEVILLE BEFORE DROPPING HEARTBREAKER TO SOUTH WINN

By BOB FENSKE
Of the Reporter

Mason Hyde may be a young coach, but he's been around sports long enough to know that struggling teams simply quit.

His Huskies' baseball team was not one of those teams.

Oh sure, they entered the post-season with a disappointing 4-15 record, and most so-called experts had Nashua-Plainfield as a "one-and-done" postseason squad. They couldn't have been more wrong.

Sparked by a strong pitching performance from Kolbie Vance and a key two-run double by Clayden Gerholdt, the Huskies stunned Riceville 3-1 in the opening round of the Class 1A district tournament and then made a heroic comeback to take a 7-6 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning in Tuesday's semifinal game against South Winneshiek.

Alas, the Warriors rallied for an 8-7 win, but Nashua-Plainfield's first-year coach could not have been prouder of his Huskies.

"Oh, 100 percent I'm proud of them," Hyde said after his team closed out the regular season 5-16. "Nothing went right for us early in the year, and they could have thrown in the towel at

any time. But they didn't. They kept battling, they kept working and to see them do what they did in the playoffs, you're dang right, I'm proud of them."

And the spirited playoff run may have started in the final regular season game of the year. Yes, the Huskies gave up a six-spot to Osage in the top of the first inning during last Wednesday's game, but they battled back to cut the deficit to 8-7 with an Eli Kalainoff three-run home run before eventually falling 14-8 to the Green Devils.

"It was high and inside, and that's my pitch," Kalainoff said of his second dinger of the year, "and I don't know, I think that game was kind of big for us. Yeah, we lost, but we didn't just roll over and die when it was 6-0. That kind of, I think, got us going, and we were supremely confident going into the playoffs."

Riceville came into the game with a 15-10 record, but Vance pitched, as Hyde put it, "the game of his life." The sophomore went 5 2/3 innings, gave up just four hits, walked only two and struck out eight.

With the game tied at one in the top of the sixth inning, Clayden Gerholdt, who came into the game hitting a "buck-48," drilled a double down the

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