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Nashua residents take on future

More than 50 residents show up to discuss what city can do to improve its downtown

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

There was a lot of communication between citizens of Nashua and its city representatives last Tuesday at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa Welcome Center this past Tuesday.

The topic was the town's downtown area and just what does the future hold for that area of businesses on Main St.?

Val Johnson, with the Nashua Community Foundation, led the "Community Partners" meeting, which also saw the Nashua City Council take part in the town hall get-together along with Nashua Mayor Hal Kelleher.

The assemblage of over 50 people discussed a wide variety of issues concerning the downtown area and numerous buildings that are in a state of disarray near Main St. that may be torn down at some point in the future.

"Hal (Kelleher) was thanking everyone for coming and was really happy that this was finally happening," said Johnson, who is also the director of the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce as well as a member of the Nashua Community Foundation. "I do wish I would have just called the meeting four years ago, but it may or may not have changed anything."

Nashua City Clerk John Ott gave his take on how the meeting went down – which lasted around an hour-and-forty-five minutes

"It went very well. It was well-organized and it was well-received. There was a lot of attendance and it shows that the citizens really care," said Ott.

The main emphasis and direction of the discussion that was bantered back-and-forth for almost two hours was does the city of Nashua have a clear and feasible path to revitalize the

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New Nashua City Council member Peggy Hall takes the oath of office from City Clerk John Ott during Monday's meeting.

Nashua City Council finally back to full strength

City Council members appoint Hall to seat vacated when they appointed Kelleher city's mayor in December

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The clock was ticking, but Nashua's vacant City Council seat was finally filled at last Monday's meeting.

With a two-month deadline fast approaching to be able to appoint a council member within the required law of 60 days, Nashua city officials chose Peggy Hall to fill out the five-person Council.

Nashua's City Council had been conducting business and voting on important ordinances and resolutions with just four Council members since Hal Kelleher resigned his spot on the Council on Dec. 7 so he could be appointed mayor for Alex Anthofer, who resigned his mayoral spot back on October 16.

The new Council, which held its first meeting on Jan. 3 of this year, now includes the newly-elected Hall, as well as Samantha Johnson, Dan Zwanziger, Jake Johnson and Ernie

See City Council, 2

Supervisors are still working on budget puzzle

County leaders still have to decide what they're going to do with non-union salaries

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Crunch time is nearing for the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, and the puzzle pieces, at least when it comes to the county's 2024-25 budget, are still spread out all over the place.

Board members are now a month away from having to have a max levy in place, and although they did take action on a number of items that will affect next year's budget during Monday's meeting, there are still a ton of unanswered questions.

During a budget workshop near the end of Monday's meeting, County Attorney David Laudner said he understands that supervisors are facing a daunting challenge when it comes to putting together a budget.

Yet, he pointed out that board members have yet to act on the Compensation Board recommendations that call for 9 percent raises to the county's elected officials, save for supervisors. The Comp Board recommended 3.2 percent raises for the five men who will ultimately put together the budget and tax levy rates for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The deadline to have that budget certified is for all practical purposes April 15 because that's the date the county must submit its roads budget to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Jake Hackman, though, pointed out that the reality is the county must set its maximum tax levy by early March so that it can comply with a new state law that requires counties and other government entities to mail out those levies in the middle of that month.

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February definitely comes in like 'lamb'

We're going to cool down in coming days but still be far above normal temperatures

By Bob Fenske
Of the Reporter

Here are just a few scenes that could be seen in the Nashua area in recent days:

Folks riding their motorcycles ... kids coming home from school sans coats ... guys putting their golf clubs in the trunks of their cars ... snow, what's ever left, melting.

To say that February came in like a lamb might be the biggest understatement of this strange winter we're experiencing this year; after all, we recorded high temperatures four of the first eight days of the month.

This is Iowa, right? It is the second month of the year, correct?

The normal high temperatures for Nashua in early February are supposed to top out in the mid- to upper-20s. The normal lows are supposed to drop into the lower teens.

Thursday offered us the nicest day of the young year as we reached 56 degrees, the normal high for April 10. Sure, we could have lived without the wind, but seriously, who was complaining?

It was 56 degrees.

Granted, our heat wave will break today and we'll actually see highs in the 30s over the

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A 'tropical' start to the month

Here are the high and low temperatures in Nashua in what has been a far-from-typical February for Iowa:

	H	L
Feb. 1	36	28
Feb. 2	37	27
Feb. 3	49	23
Feb. 4	52	23
Feb. 5	53	22
Feb. 6	50	34
Feb. 7	46	33
Feb. 8	56	38

Jenn Kalainoff

A pretty remarkable duals team

Members of the Nashua-Plainfield wrestling team, their coaches and the Husky cheerleaders pose for a photo at the conclusion of Saturday's Class 1A state duals in Coralville, where the fifth-seeded Huskies finished the day with a fourth-place finish.

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Council member says the city faces financial challenges

Meeting: From 1

downtown area?

Johnson brought forth several key facets of a plan that includes obtaining grants to help pay for construction of potential new businesses or the remodeling of those structures – which Johnson is currently doing with a property she owns at 309 Main St. That building caught fire several years ago and she is also dealing with water issues from an adjacent and abandoned building (305 Main St.) that is in the process of getting abated by the city as it is a nuisance property.

"There will be no more state grants available unless a business district and ordinances are implemented," said Johnson.

Many people chimed in – several of them current businesses owners – to provide input on what has been an effort that has spanned decades in trying to get the downtown area back on its feet and thriving.

"We all want businesses in town, but the hurdle is clearly taking the buildings down – which is very, very expensive," said one person in attendance.

That particular person that spoke at the meeting said the cost to construct a new building after it is demolished can be upwards of $300,000, if not $400,000.

"It's going to be hard for those people to make that cash flow. You need to put some thought into the process of yes, it's what we want to do. We all want this to be a successful business," said the community member.

Johnson would like Nashua's downtown to return to a business district, which would allow prospective businesses owners that could potentially set up shop on Main St. to receive grants to offset the cost of construction. Those grants could only be obtained if an ordinance is passed to change Nashua's downtown area to a business district.

Johnson said her goal is to get an ordinance on the Nashua City Council agenda no later than the first meeting in March that would designate the 100 to 400 block of Main St. as a business district.

She would also like 51 percent of the first level of Main Street buildings going forward to be commercial and minimum maintenance done with vacant building registries.

A potential contract with INRCOG (Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments) to price a comprehensive plan to get the ball rolling on a potential remodel of the downtown area was also a desire for Johnson that City Council members would have to vote on to approve if it is listed on an agenda.

Former Nashua Mayor Alex Anthofer submitted requests to the city to help with a downtown facelift at a recent Nashua City Council meeting, but those proposals were voted down.

"What's holding up getting the ordinances passed," asked Karmen Mehmen.

Nashua City Council member Jake Johnson had this response.

"We don't need ordinances passed to do retail districts," said Jake Johnson. "You don't have to have a business district to put businesses in."

Jake Johnson also explained that the city can take over ownership of nuisance properties and tear them down – but like one person stated before – it's pricey.

"Getting the buildings isn't an issue, at all. We can get any building we want that taxes aren't paid on. If we want them, they're ours," said Jake Johnson.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

A large group of Nashua residents (above) turnout for a meeting to discuss the future of downtown Nashua, and during the discussion, City Council members (below) listen to audience members and their ideas to revitalize the area.

Jake Johnson gave an example of a nuisance property that was abated and torn down in Hampton in 2020. The two-story, double building cost $100,000 to demolish and that was before the leftover remnants of the building were brought to the landfill – which adds an added cost. He said the city recycled all the concrete, steel and block from the building after it was razed.

"We've got eight that need to come down – just say $100,000 a building. That's $800,000 before anything goes to landfill. So we're a million dollars. If people in town want to spend a million dollars – I don't think any of us have a problem spending the money, but everybody's taxes are going up and that's what everybody is complaining about. They don't want their taxes to go up," said Jake Johnson.

Jake Johnson also stated the obvious – that Nashua is dealing with a substantial problem with its dam, as well as other areas of the town that need to be addressed.

"On the other side of that, our roads, our water and our sewer have the issues," said Jake Johnson. "We have 12.1 miles of road in town. So if you want to pave every road in town with just an inch-and-a-half of overlay, you're looking at two million dollars – ($1.7 million)."

Jake Johnson reminded those at the meeting that should Nashua construct brand new water mains, that price tag is $4 million. He said to line all the sewers in town, that cost would come to $5 million.

"That's $10 million in infrastructure we need," said Johnson. "We can't get that. Our bonding limit is $4 million.

Jake Johnson said Nashua is bonded out at $3.7 million to fix the dam.

"That puts us at capacity," said Jake Johnson. "The biggest thing is do the people in town want to spend the money to tear the businesses down?"

One of Anthofer's bullet points in his proposals to the city was to reallocate or tap into the local-option sales tax or LOST (approximately $250,000), which is used for economic development and to help attract new tenants to vacant retail space or help with its renovation.

Val Johnson said she is hoping to have many future meetings concerning the downtown area of Nashua just like this past Tuesday's.

One Nashua resident – Shelly Weiss – had a message for the most recent incarnation of the City Council – which saw four of its members in attendance at the meeting. Weiss and her husband Robin Weiss, who passed away this past December, used to own Ionia Meat Processing.

"I don't want to see anybody get angry here tonight. For years and years and years, every Council has turned a blind eye to what needed to be done on Main St. Let's be the Council that's going to figure out how to get it done and do it," said Shelly Weiss. "You've got a room full of people here tonight that want to see it happen."

New council member says she is 'eager to learn and get started'

City Council: From 1

Willsher, who did not attend the meeting on Monday.

That meant only three Council members could vote on the appointment of Hall. The vote – even with just three Council members approving the resolution – was majority, which is required by law.

Jake Johnson motioned to appoint Hall to fill the vacant seat and Samantha Johnson seconded that motion. All three Council members voted the motion through to give the city a full City Council for the first time in almost two months.

Hall had this to say after being sworn-in by Nashua City Clerk John Ott.

"I am just eager to learn and get started," said Hall.

Hall and another interested citizen for the open Council seat – Ashley Caster – each spoke briefly in front of the Council as to the reasons why they thought they would be a good candidate to fill the void left by the open Council seat.

"I've been very involved in the community pretty much my entire life," said Hall. "I'm at a point in my life where I have the time to put forth. All I want to see is our community move forward and try to keep the young people we have here."

Hall's tenure as a Council member will be for a two-year term.

Jake Johnson made a motion to not discuss or take any action concerning the numerous proposals brought forth by Anthofer to the city at a prior Council meeting regarding the beautification and improvement of downtown Nashua.

All four Council members voted to not move forward with Anthofer's requests to the city, which included drafting a letter of support request for the Nashua Betterment Council and hiring a new employee for economic development.

Anthofer's proposed solutions to changing the landscape of the downtown area of Nashua also included increasing the city's contribution from $20,000 to $50,000 to help with revitalization at 307 Main Street and amending the ordinance for LOST (local-option sales tax).

Kelleher informed the Council that he will be doing inspections of properties for nuisance violations. His plan is to contact the property owners in person about any nuisance ordinance violations.

"It's going to be like a drive-by. The major thing right now is trying to clean up the neighborhoods with derelict vehicles and trash laying around – that sort of thing," said Kelleher. "We're not going to be going into anybody's homes or walking around the yards or anything."

Kelleher said he will provide open lines of communication to fix the nuisance problems.

"We'll work out how we're going to get that fixed and how we're going to proceed with that. If anything doesn't move forward within about 30 days the city would send out a letter documenting those efforts that were taken to get the ordinance complied with," said Kelleher.

Kelleher established regular business hours at his office at the City Hall. He said he will be in the office to talk to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays – from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sara Loy – who has repeatedly violated the city's ordinance concerning at-large animals from as far back as at least four years according to records provided to the Council – was given a 30-day extension to re-home one of those animals. Loy owns dogs in the 800 block of Main St. and has received several complaints about those animals running loose and confronting citizens within the city limits.

Ott said 656 of the 735 endpoints on the water meters within the city of limits of Nashua have been installed.

A date of February 19 for a second hearing amending the code of ordinance Chapter No. 65 Stop or Yield required was approved.

Council members also set a public hearing of March 4 for condemnation of property located at 311 Main St. in Nashua.

The next scheduled Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 19.

Winter enthusiasts are enduring a tough season

Meeting: From 1

weekend, but we're going to begin a string of days in the 40s on Monday.

Meanwhile, what little snow has fallen on us is fast disappearing; in fact, the official snow depth is zero. The only thing left are the snow we pushed into hills around town when we cleared our streets.

Nashua officially has received just 11.2 inches of snow this year, and if we're going to make our average of around 30 inches of snowfall for a season, things are going to have to change in a hurry.

Granted, there could be a lot of winter left, but for those of us — and there are plenty of us out there — who like to snowmobile, ice fish and yes, even bundle up, the winter of 2023-24 has been a giant disappointment.

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City of Nashua
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Hall

The Nashua City Council met in regular session on February 5, 2024 at Council Chambers in City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with Mayor Harold Kelleher III presiding. Council members present were Jake Johnson, Samantha Johnson, and Dan Zwanziger. Ernie Willsher was absent and there was one vacant council seat until Peggy Hall was appointed to the open seat. City employee(s) City Clerk John Ott was present along with Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Water/Wastewater Operator Chad McCleary and David Skilton City Attorney. There were also 9 guests in attendance.

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the regular agenda. J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C. RC: 3 Ayes, Willsher absent, and one vacancy.

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the regular meeting January 15, 2024 and the special meetings January 24, 2024 and January 31, 2024 ; Consent Calendar: Payment of Claims (January 12-February 1, 2024) $57,467.09 + 10,657.26 (Wages). J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 3 ayes, Willsher absent and one vacancy.

Mayor Kelleher called for public comments: Ashley Caster and Peggy Hall both gave reasons why they were interested in the open council seat and how they thought they could benefit the community.

Hearings/Resolutions

Mayor Kelleher called for a motion to approve the following resolutions: 24-17 Resolution to Appoint a New City Council Member. J. Johnson motioned to appoint Peggy Hall. S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 3 ayes, Willsher absent, and one vacancy. Peggy Hall was appointed to the council seat by majority vote. She was sworn in by City Clerk John Ott and immediately took her seat on the council. 24-18 Resolution to Approve Jonathan Seible as a volunteer for the Nashua Area EMS Service. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. 24-19 Resolution to Approve Pay Increase for Reece Reams for Attaining his CDL. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. 24-20 Resolution to Approve Wages for FY'25. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

Mayor Kelleher asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the 1st reading of Code of Ordinance #354 Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter #65 Stop or Yield Required. S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. The public hearing was opened at 7:09PM. After discussion, J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to close the public hearing. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. The public hearing was closed at 7:12PM. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to adopt Ordinance #354 Amending the Code of Ordinance Chapter #65 Stop or Yield Required. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. J. Johnson/M, S/Johnson/S, M/C to set the 2nd reading for February 19th. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to set the public hearing for condemnation of 311 Main St. for March 4, 2024. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

Business of the Mayor:

The mayor wanted to thank Ashley Caster and Peggy Hall for their interest in the open city council seat. The mayor also wanted to inform the citizens that he will be doing some drive by inspections of properties for nuisance violations. He will contact the property owners in person about any nuisance ordinance violations and allow 30 days to work towards resolving the issue before any formal action is taken. If the property owner hasn't worked towards abating the nuisance, the property owner will be sent a written notice about the nuisance violation. The Mayor will be available at city Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:00AM and 3:30-5:00PM to answer questions, or you can contact city hall.

Department Reports

City Clerk Ott informed the citizens about a meeting to discuss Main St. Nashua Partners will be conducting the meeting and it will be held February 6th at the Welcome Center at 6:30PM.

City Clerk Ott informed the council of some items of importance that the Deputy Clerk wanted to share including storm water fee address validation; curb stop issues; and writing off old accounts.

City Council

Hall the newly appointed council member stated that she is anxious to get started. J. Johnson wanted to encourage as many people as possible to attend the meeting at the Welcome Center.

Chad McCleary water/wastewater operator addressed some repair issues. One of the repairs is the screen at the wastewater treatment plant. The original estimate for the repair was $40,000 but after talking further with Vulcan that didn't include labor, just parts. Chad has since gotten an estimate for a new screen from Parkson and explained to the council that replacing may be a better option than repairing, but he needs to get more details on what the $75,000 estimate includes. He also said that he is going to go with the quote from Altorfer for the Labonty lift station as he hasn't had much luck in getting additional quotes. He also mentioned that the North clarifier RAS line got plugged sometime Wednesday, which allowed solids to float out. The DNR was notified. The issue got resolved and everything was back to normal by Friday morning.

Ryan Shawver reviewed the Chickasaw County Sheriff's monthly report. The Sheriff Department spent 200 hours in Nashua in January.

Discussion/Action

The council discussed and/or acted on several items.

J. Johnson/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to approve the Park Board applying for a gambling permit. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

The council discussed the Derelict Building Grant, but no action was taken.

The council discussed a few billing issues. 515 Main St. - S. Johnson M/, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the waiver request for the month of August for the water leak and to allow treating the vacancy like a snowbird, since the property owner was not living at the property and had no means to contact city hall. 146 Lakeshore – J. Johnson/M, to approve the waiver request and for the amount not forgiven allow it to be paid over a 6-month period. S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. 322 Main St. – J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to reimburse the property owner for the months that the storm water fees were charged a duplicate fee. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that City Attorney Skilton has been working with the rehoming of a dog at 821 Main St, but the owner hasn't had any luck so they agreed on a 30 day extension request, which will give them until the end of February.

J. Johnson/M, to not discuss or take any action on drafting a letter of support request for the Nashua Betterment Council for 307 Main St.; hiring a new employee for economic development; increasing the city's contribution from $20,000 to $50,000 and to make the funds available immediately as opposed to as a reimbursement for the Catalyst Grant for 307 Main St; and amending the ordinance for LOST (Local Option Sales Tax). S. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the purchase of a catch basin spoon for the sewer department if it is confirmed that the one that broke needs to be replaced and can't be fixed with new parts. The estimate for the sewer spoon is $585.00. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

Peggy/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to purchase new walkie talkies for public works/maintenance. The estimated cost is $60. RC: 3 Ayes, S. Johnson Nay, and Willsher absent.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to allow Zade, Lisa, and John to decide on the lettering design for the city vehicles. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to approve repair for the red truck. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

The repair estimate was $1,700.

Peggy/M, Zwanziger/S, M/C to approve the agreement for Mosquito Control of Iowa for $9,035. RC: 3 Ayes, S. Johnson abstained, and Willsher absent.

City Clerk Ott informed the council of a meeting on February 15 for a 5-2-1-0 HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Lives) Initiative meeting.

S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to approve the bid from Larson Painting for $10,000 for the Nashua Welcome Center in FY'25. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent

J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to table action on the estimate for the walking trail. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

City Clerk Ott informed the council that the city had worked with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on a tree management plan and the plan is in the final stages and he will share the plan when it is complete.

The council discussed a situation in which a member of the Nashua Area EMS service goes out on a call prior to their city shift starting, but they don't return until after their regular city shift would have started. The Nashua Area EMS Director wanted to know how to handle the compensation for the volunteer/city employee. Zenda the EMS director noted that this has only happened 1 time in the 6 months operating the Nashua Area EMS, but she wanted to get clarification from the council on how to handle it. J. Johnson/M, S. Johnson/S, M/C to pay them their volunteer stipend for the call and in addition pay them their employee wages for their normal workday. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent.

Other Business

City Clerk Ott mentioned that he had the January 2023 Minutes from the fire department available if anyone wanted to review it.

J. Johnson/M to end the open session and go into closed session. S. Johnson seconded. Motion Carried. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. The open session ended at 8:15PM. The reason the council went into closed session 21.5(1)(C) of the Iowa Code to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. After discussion, S. Johnson/M, J. Johnson/S, M/C to end the closed session and resume open session. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. The open session resumed at 8:45PM.

There was no other business:

S. Johnson/M to adjourn, J. Johnson/S, M/C. RC: 4 Ayes, Willsher absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:48PM.

Pending Approval by Council
John Ott

CLAIMS REPORT
(January 12-February 1, 2024)

VENDOR, REFERENCE.....AMOUNT
LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK, HSA $1,400.00
AVESIS, VISION INS FEB'24 .. $64.37
NASHUA AREA CHAMBER , CH-CHAMBER DUES 24 .. $50.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, AMB-RESUS REFILL/SWABSTIX $54.48
CRONIN, SKILTON, SKILTON, CH/UR 311-313 MAIN-LEGAL FEES $1,986.50
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA, DENTAL INS-FEB'24 ..... $241.88
FASTENAL COMPANY, ST-ROAD RUNNER SALT $550.00
FLOYD CO. MEDIACL CENTER, AMB-RX DEC'23 ..... $25.00
HAWKINS, INC. , ... $20.00
IOWA BASE INC, ST-3-SIGN BASE/6-BLOCKS ONEWAY $645.00
IOWA DOT, ST-SALT BULK$1,264.20
J & M DISPLAYS, INC. , PARK-FIREWORKS-WINTERFEST 24..... ..... $2,500.00
JENDRO SANITATION SERVICE, GAR/REC-JAN'24 ..... $12,076.94
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, PARK-BAND SHELL JAN'24 ..... $20.59
MURPHY, COE, AND SMITH, CH-TREASURER DEC'23 $180.00
OLY'S OIL UNDERCOATING & , ST-NEW TRUCK UNDERCOAT $277.13
S & T COLLISION, P/WA/SE-OIL CHG/WASHER FLD..... $52.53
SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY CO, AMB-O2 TEST 2 TANKS ... $33.00
U.S. POST OFFICE, CH-POSTAGE 2 ROLLS STANDARD $363.00
BLUE CROSS WELLMARK, HEALTH INS FEB'24 ..... $3,447.53
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, WA-1'RR WATER MAIN DIG $97.07
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP , WA-LEAK REPAIR MATERIALS..... ..... $430.23
DOLLAR GENERAL, LIB-OFFICE/PROGRAM SUPPLIES..... $212.70
MCCLEARY, CHAD, WA/SE CONTRACT FEB'24..... $7,435.00
IOWA ONE CALL , LOCATES $37.80
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, WA-HEATER FOR WELL 5 .... $286.69
KELLEHER, HAROLD , CH-REPAIR SUPPLIES TO RESTROOM . $6.41
MICK GAGE PLBG & HTG, INC , WA-MAIN REPAIRS ON LAKESHORE $3,170.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, GAS/ELEC JAN'24 ..... $7,511.99
MURPHY, COE, AND SMITH, CH-TREASURER AUG'23 $180.00
RAPID PRINTERS , CH-NAME PLATES NEW COUNCIL ... $51.00
RILEY'S INC., CH-COPY FEES JAN'24 ..... $250.26
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, L.L.C, FD-VISOR/HOOD 1/2 CITY 1/2 RUR $317.65
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN , DAM-LEGAL EXP REPAIRS DEC'23 ..... $3,927.70
U.S. POST OFFICE , SWR-BILLING FEB'24 ..... $239.95
CAPTIVATING CRAFTS LLC, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $88.99
DEBBIE L FINNEGAN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $45.00
DEUTH, BRENDA, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $58.84
SHERYL DORMAN, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 .... $123.24
SHARON LEERHOFF , WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $55.25
JANET PETEFISH , WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $51.38
NANCY SCHERER, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $65.03
SENNER, ANN L, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $79.05
SNELLING, MARLENE , WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $93.00
WORDES CYNTHIA A, WC-CRAFTER COMMISSION JAN'24 ..... $60.40
IPERS, REGULAR IPERS $3,727.00
IRS - USA TAX PAYMENT , FED/FICA TAX $3,065.41
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAX $454.92
AMAZON ,AMB-INK $92.98
Accounts Payable Total $57,467.09
Payroll Checks $10,657.26
***** REPORT TOTAL ***** $68,124.35
GENERAL FUND $27,042.15
LAKE/DAM $4,123.52
URBAN REVITAL $565.50
ROAD USE $7,026.97
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT..... $1,039.47
ARPA Funds Covid 19 ..... $112.48
PERM FUNDS-CITY WATSON $2,500.00
WATER $14,141.64
SEWER $11,572.62
TOTAL FUNDS $68,124.35

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Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

Making their own halftime entertainment!

A group of young Nashua-Plainfield students enjoy a rousing game of "Duck, Duck, Goose" during halftime of the Huskies' game with North Butler on Tuesday night.

Board still has plenty of budget questions to answer

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"I don't want to be that guy ... it's not hard. It's like dieting, you either eat less or work out more," Laudner said, "or a combination thereof. You're either going to have to raise taxes or cut somewhere, or a combination thereof. They're hard choices."

During this fiscal year, the county levied the maximum levy rate of $3.50 per $1,000 valuation for General Basic (GB), $1.17233 per $1,000 valuation for General Supplemental (GS) and $3.31935 per $1,000 valuation for Rural Services Basic (RSB).

Board members have indicated that they will once again max out GB and in a recent meeting, they reached consensus for an RSB levy for next year of a little more than $3.50 per $1,000.

They have also said that they will attempt to move some items in the budget from GB to GS, but as Hackman put it Monday, there are limitations the county faces.

"We can't raise GB anymore ... You can't pay people out of GS. It does not allow you to do that," Hackman said. "I don't know what else to say."

According to Iowa law, GS funds can be used to pay for only specific items — including elections, employee benefits, liability and property insurance, maintenance and operation of an emergency management agency and, for rural county services, an amount sufficient to pay for employee benefits that are associated with salaries for rural county service.

And the more the supervisors move to GS, the higher that levy goes.

BUT EVEN WHEN it comes to Chickasaw County's General Basic fund, there are still plenty of unknowns, especially with salaries.

Board members on Monday did approve a new three-year contract with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 234, the union that represents Secondary Roads workers. Under the terms of the contract, union employees will receive 5 percent raises on July 1 of this year and 4 percent raises on July 1 the following two years.

Board members, though, still have plenty of salaries to set. Not only are raises for elected officials not decided, neither are those for non-union workers in the county. And supervisors have yet to vote on a new union contract with the union that represents personnel in the Sheriff's Office.

In December, board members hinted strongly to department heads to not raise pay in the next fiscal year, but since then, some departments have followed that suggestion while others have included raises in their respective budgets.

Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal did not include raises for his employees in the budget he submitted, and on Monday, he asked supervisors when he and other department heads would get a definitive answer on 2024-25 wages.

Hackman was blunt when he answered, "I don't know when we're going to have that discussion, that debate. We have a lot of non-union members yet waiting to hear."

Board Chairman Scott Cerwinske said he'd like the board to act on the Compensation Board recommendations and salaries soon, possibly as early as this Monday.

Laudner said his worry is that time is running out for the board to make those decisions.

"You guys know you have hard choices to make," he said. "My fear is we just keep doing this and we get to March 1 and there's just going to be a rush at the last minute ... it's going to be a decision that's made without any feedback or any chance for anyone to come in and have any discussion."

ADDING TO THE challenge is what many believe is a worker shortage, and one department head said on Monday, that is very real.

During a discussion on hiring a new assistant to engineer and giving a current assistant to an engineer a wage increase, County Engineer Roman Lensing told board members that it's not only important for the county to find qualified employees but also to keep them.

He shared several statistics that showed Chickasaw County's assistants to the engineer are lagging behind in pay with other counties, both near and far from Chickasaw County.

Board members did approve the hiring of Leighton Gaul for a position that has been vacant for three months, and Gaul will be paid $31 per hour, almost $2 more hour than the last person to fill the position.

Supervisors also agreed to increase assistant to engineer Liza Herold's hourly wage from $29.15 to $33 after Lensing made a passionate plea for the increase.

"It saves the county a lot of money if we can do a lot of design, and I do not have the time to do it all with all the other responsibilities in here," he said. "She's been a big help [with design.] Right now, she's doing a bridge. She went out and surveyed Kenwood last week. She's gotten the CAD line work already done so I can get an estimate to the city of New Hampton for a meeting tonight. She's been doing a really good job."

He added that the county spent $1,000 to advertise for the position that Gaul will fill and received just three applicants.

"If we can't keep these people, we are wasting money on advertising and the training is significant," Lensing said.

Kuhn, who ended up supporting the wage increase, pushed back a bit.

"I just want to point out how badly we cut the Secondary Roads' budget," Kuhn said, "but yet we're able to afford these higher wages."

"It saves money to pay these people a couple of extra dollars," Lensing responded. "You will see

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Sandra Kay Szalkowski, 78

Sandra Kay Szalkowski, age 78 of Nashua, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, at Cedar Vale Assisted Living in Nashua.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Nashua, with the Rev. Tom Heathershaw celebrating the Mass.

Friends may greet the family from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/ Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to Mass at the church on Saturday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua have been entrusted with arrangements.

Born on Nov. 14, 1945, in Hampton, to Hio and Esther (Willand) Bodde, Sandra's life was a testament to her enduring kindness and dedication to nurturing the minds and hearts of those around her.

Sandra's journey began in the small town of Hampton, where her youthful curiosity and love of learning set the stage for what would become a lifelong commitment to education.

After completing her bachelor's degree in education, she embarked on a remarkable 34-year career as a beloved third-grade teacher in New Hampton. Sandra's classroom was a place of discovery and growth, where she imparted not only knowledge but also the values of thoughtfulness and generosity that she embodied so fully.

Sandra Szalkowski

Beyond the classroom, Sandra was an active and cherished member of the PEO and St. Elizabeth Circle, where her gentle spirit and wise counsel were a source of comfort and inspiration to many. Her involvement in these organizations was a reflection of her commitment to community and her unwavering support for the empowerment of others.

Sandra's interests took her far beyond the familiar landscapes of Iowa. Each summer, she eagerly anticipated traveling, with a particular fondness for Washington D.C. Her family fondly recalls how, despite her mild protests, she was swept up in the excitement of exploring historical sites. These adventures became cherished memories, woven into the fabric of their shared history.

At home, Sandra's heart was most content when surrounded by her family. She and her late husband Paul Szalkowski (married Nov. 28, 1968), who predeceased her in 2008, raised two sons, Jeffrey and Shawn, instilling in them the values she held dear.

Sandra's role as a grandmother was one she embraced with joy. The time spent with her grandchildren, especially making salsa, was filled with laughter and the simple pleasures of togetherness.

Those who knew Sandra will remember her for the thoughtful gestures, the gentle encouragement, and the generous spirit that she extended to all. Her presence was a comforting embrace, a quiet strength that uplifted and supported those around her.

Sandra's legacy is one of love, a love that was evident in every aspect of her life. From the countless students whose lives she shaped, to the family she nurtured with such care, to the community she served with such passion, Sandra's impact will be felt for generations to come.

Sandra is survived by her sons, Jeffrey Szalkowski of Peosta and Shawn (Karen) Szalkowski of Indianola; and her grandchildren, Sam and Cassie.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Hio and Esther (Willand) Bodde; and her husband, Paul Szalkowski.

The family would like to thank the staff at Cedar Vale in Nashua, St. Croix Hospice and many neighbors for their help and support through the years.

Briefs

UNI dean's list

Students from the area that are attending the University of Northern Iowa were recently named to the dean's list.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have earned a grade point average of no less than 3.50 while earning a minimum of 12 semester hours in which at least 1 semester hour is graded credit.

Nashua: Jayne Levi, Shara Ungs.

UNI graduates

A list of area students that recently graduated from the University of Northern Iowa, their degree and their majors are as follows:

Nashua: Sarah Jepperson, Bachelor of Arts, Human Services.

Hawkeye dean's list

Hawkeye Community College announces the dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. The dean's list is an official recognition of outstanding academic accomplishment by full-time students. To make the dean's list, an individual must be a full-time student and successfully complete 12 or more credits in the fall or spring semesters with a semester GPA of 3.50 or better for courses taken at Hawkeye.

Students from the area listed were:

Nashua: Bo Harrington, Kendrick Huck, Kaden Miller, Ashlee Olson, Landon Pratt, Chase Rust.

Wichita State dean's list

Wichita State University has announced the names of 3,686 students who were on the WSU Dean's Honor Roll for fall 2023.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Area students on the dean's list included Marcus Pennington of Nashua.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING --- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
Chickasaw County Emergency Management Commission

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2024/2025 budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/21/2024 Meeting Time: 05:35 PM Meeting Location: 260 E Prospect St 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 receipts and expenditures on file with the County Coordinator.

		Actual FYE June 30 , 2023	Estimated FYE June 30 , 2024	Proposed FYE June 30 , 2025
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE:	1	267,096	381,847	244,778
REVENUES:				
County Contribution	2	222,608	100,000	0
Other Revenues	3	77,643	15,000	15,000
Total Revenues (2+3)	4	300,251	115,000	15,000
EXPENDITURES:				
Administration and Operations	5	132,913	144,069	160,046
Capital Outlays	6	52,587	108,000	92,000
Total Expenditures (5+6)	7	185,500	252,069	252,046
Total Ending Fund Balance	8	381,847	244,778	7,732

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES February 1, 2024

The Board convened on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, Joan Knoll, Ahlers & Cooney Attorney Michael Galloway, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Deputy Sheriff Adam Hanson, Sheriff office Cathy Knutson, Teamsters 238 Jeanne Austin.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for February 1, 2024. Roll Call All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from January 29, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to go out for RFP from Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP), Assured Partners, and Cottingham & Butler for health benefit consultants' services. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment, Attorney David Laudner sent out letter to Mike Franke on January 31, 2024 for the withdrawal of the purchase agreement due to lack of funding.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to open public hearing for the Budget Amendment #2 for FY 2023-2024 at 9:10 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinske. Motion carried

Discussed Budget Amendment #2. Joan Knoll asked the Board of Supervisors about paying for renovations for EMS building out of Capital Funds. No written comments.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to close public hearing for the Budget Amendment #2 for FY 2023-2024 at 9:34 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman to lower department 1 by $600,000.00 and department 37 by $13,500.00 for EMS from Budget Amendment #2 for FY 2023-2024.

Motion failed due to lack of second.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to lower department 1 by $600,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Kuhn, Breitbach, Hackman, Cerwinske. Nays; Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to lower department 37 by $13,500.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow. Nays; Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Motion Failed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Resolution 02-01-24-05 RESOLUTION TO AMEND DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors approved a Departmental Appropriations on June 12, 2023, for all departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2023 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa, and WHEREAS, the appropriations approved on February 1, 2024, are hereby amended in accordance with the attached sheet for the following reasons and with no increase in current fiscal year taxes. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF February 1, 2024. . /ss/ Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Motion by Kuhn, seconded Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 02-01-24-06 RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to periodically transfer from ARPA Fund (0003) to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund (0004) during the FY 2023-2024 budget year, and WHEREAS, said transfer must be in accordance with the Code of Iowa, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, as follows:

1.The transfer from the ARPA Fund (0003) to the Emergency Medical Services Fund (0004) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, shall be the $13,500.00. 2. The amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balance in the transferring fund. 3. The Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and notify the Treasurer of the amount of said transfers. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1ST Day of February, 2024 the vote thereon being as follows: /ss/ Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach,Cerwinske. Nays; Suckow, Hackman. Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) - exchange of initial proposals with Teamsters 238.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:17 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) - exempt session to engage in collective bargaining with Teamsters 238.

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

BUDGET FY 23-24, FY23-24 AMEND 1, FY23-24 AMEND 2, FY 23-24 BUDGET ,
DEPT. NO, DEPT
1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS $272,599.00, $5,000.00, $11,100.00, $288,699.00
2, AUDITOR/ELECTIONS$427,031.00 $50,578.00, $15,031.00, $492,640.00
3, TREASURER .....$414,025.00, $- , $42,188.00 , $456,213.00
4, CO. ATTORNEY ....$302,883.00, $-, $1,040.00, $303,923.00
5, SHERIFF$2,250,685.00, $222,967.00, $91,614.00, $2,565,266.00
7, RECORDER .....$187,101.00, $-, $784.00, $187,885.00
20, CO ENGINEER $9,946,322.00, $294,794.00, $10,241,116.00
21, VETERANS AFFAIRS ..... $80,935.00, $-, $350.00, $81,285.00
22, CONSERVATION $583,000.00, $26,000.00, $8,300.00, $617,300.00
23, PUBLIC HLTH & HOME CARE SERV .....$1,441,540.00, $-, $65,000.00, $1,506,540.00
24, WEED COMMISSIONER $970.00, $- , $970.00
25, DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES .....$2,070.00, $- , $2,070.00
26, CHICKASAW HERITAGE BUILDING CENTER $120,557.00 $300,000.00, $6,914.00, $427,471.00
27, STATE DHS .....$10,000.00, $-, $10,000.00
28 , MEDICAL EXAMINER ....$50,355.00, $-, $50,355.00
30, CO RELIEF .....$27,500.00, $-, $27,500.00
31, CLERK OF COURT ..... $70,000.00, $-, $70,000.00
32, SANITARIAN (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH) .....$101,417.00, $-, $300.00, $101,717.00
33, CO LIBRARY ....$124,338.00, $- , $124,338.00
37, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES$1,110,704.00 , $366,500.00, $201,364.00, $1,678,568.00
45, LAW ENFORCEMENT BLDG .....$53,580.00, $-,$53,580.00
46, COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING .....$40,287.00, $-, $14,450.00, $54,737.00
49, LEMC ..$39,550.00, $-, $39,550.00
50, TWP CLERKS AND TRUSTEES .....$11,710.00, $-, $11,710.00
51, GENERAL SERVICES $806,982.00, $60,400.00, $350.00, $867,732.00
52, DATA PROCESSING$313,000.00 , $-, $313,000.00
53, HAZMAT WASTE, $6,007.00, $-, $6,007.00
54, FAIR & 4-H .....$14,000.00, $-, $14,000.00
55, SANITARY DISPOSAL ..... ,$34,500.00, $-, $85,000.00, $119,500.00
58, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION .....$5,000.00, $-, $5,000.00
65, CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT ...$48,000.00, $-, $48,000.00
70EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, $100,000.00, $-, $100,000.00
75, RECORDER'S SURCHARGE, $2,500.00, $- , $2,500.00
79, RECYCLING, $27,384.00, $-, $27,384.00
80, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, $350.00, $- , $350.00
83PLANNING COMMISSION, $9,172.00, $-, $9,172.00
95, K-9 UNIT, $6,600.00, $-, $6,600.00
96, DARE ACCT, $700.00, $-, $700.00
99, NON-DEPARTMENTAL, $1,984,323.00, ($236,000.00), $52,270.00 , $1,800,593.00
LEASE AGREEMENTS - RADIO COMM $18,000.0
COUNCIL ON AGING $7,000.00
NORTHEAST IA AREA AGENCY ON AGING..... $1,000.00
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY ACTION $25,000.00
.....($5,000.00)
RIVERVIEW CENTER..... $2,000.00
..... $1,000.00
HELPING SERVICES NORTHEAST IOWA..... $5,000.00
FOSTER GRANDPARENTS $1,000.00
SOIL CONSERVATION..... $4,000.00
COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT $5,000.00
EASTERN TOURISM..... $500.00
NORTHEAST IOWA RC&D$6,000.00
UPPER WASPI RIVER WATER SHED $600.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENT $40,000.00
CHICKASAW COUNTY TOURISM $17,750.00
ARPA $1,150,000.00
.....($500,000.00)
DEBT SERVICE $476,473.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS..... $225,000.00
..... $68,000.00
CO ECONOMIC DEV-NASHUA DAM $50,000.00
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE - ISG PIPELINE $150,000.00
AG EXTENTION FARM SAFETY $2,870.00
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES-TIF $30,000.00
GILMORE CO PROPERTY TAXES $400.00
ARPA JAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY $9,000.00
CO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT $10,000.00
SUB TOTAL $1,984,323.00
.....($236,000.00)
..... $52,270.00
TOTAL $21,027,677.00
..... $596,055.00
..... $22,713,971.00
TRANSFERS OUT..... $2,678,515.00
..... $99,955.00
..... $2,778,470.00
GRAND TOTAL WITH TRANSFERS $23,706,192.00
.....($136,045.00)
..... $25,492,441.00
56, ASSESSOR $555,822.00
66, SCHROEDER STEWARSHIP FUND..... $1,200.00
70, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION $252,069.00
71, 911 SERVICE BOARD$514,105.00
90, SAUDE FARM $2,100.00

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ISU Extension cover crop workshop to be held in Osage later this month

Iowa Learning Farms, in partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, will host a cover crop and relay intercropping workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Milton R. Owen Nature Center near Osage. We welcome farmers and landowners to attend these free workshops and join us for a complimentary meal.

Cover crops provide many benefits to farmers and landowners, including reduced soil erosion, weed suppression, reduced nutrient loads entering water bodies, increased organic matter in the soil, and forage for livestock. In a relay intercropping system, where three crops are grown in two years, the benefits include a marketable small grain cover crop and additional revenue for the farmer. Workshop attendees will have the opportunity to compare and contrast these two conservation practices, discuss new relay intercropping opportunities, ask questions, and share their experiences.

The event will be held at the Milton R. Owen Nature Center, 18793 Hwy 9, Osage, and is free and open to farmers and landowners, though we require reservations to ensure adequate space and food. Attendees will enjoy a complimentary meal and be entered in a drawing for ISU Prairie Strips honey.

For reasonable accommodations and to RSVP, please contact Alena Whitaker at 515-294-2473 or ilf@iastate.edu. Iowa Learning Farms field days and workshops are supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information about Iowa Learning Farms, visit www.iowalearningfarms.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES
January 29, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Cerwinske. Vice-chairperson Breitbach called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Assessor Raymond Armel, Big Four Fair Board Director Nancy Hillesheim and Dwight Kolthoff, Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton, Jeremy McGrath, Mike Kennedy.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for January 29, 2024. Roll Call Ayes: Kuhn, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from January 22, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the vacancy in the Auditor's office effective January 23, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

No public comment

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize auditor's signature on an agreement for temporary clerical services with Kathy Lechtenberg starting January 30, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Big 4 Fair Board of Directors Nancy Hillesheim and Dwight Kolthoff discussed budget request.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to reinstate Homestead Credits and Exemptions for Billy's Farm, Inc, Three Shoes, Inc, V.J.C Farms, Inc, Ionia Pigs, Inc, Heying Farms, LTD, and Edson Farms, Inc. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to recommend Joanne Heying as Board of Supervisor representative for the Examining Board for a six-year term. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Discussed Secondary Roads updates.

Discussed potential locally funded paving project on Kenwood Ave from Highway 18 South approx. 0.67 to County Road B57.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve blueprints for EMS building with changes. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Discussed construction manager for EMS building project.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to go with Mailing Services for the HF718 mailings. Roll Call: Ayes; Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Nays; Hackman. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Discussed that RFP for health benefit consultants would be tabled to a later agenda.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to direct Attorney Laudner to pull purchase agreement with Mike Franke for a tower site due to lack of funding. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Budget work session

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bill in the amount of $1,449.90. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve the voided checks to Rapid Printers and in the amount of $2,669.79. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount of $101,822.30. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve payroll, check dated January 26, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments.

Supervisor Kuhn, January 23, Hotel/Motel

Supervisor Suckow, January 25, Northeast Iowa Workforce

Supervisor Hackman, January 24, CSS

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 12:29 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Steve Breitbach, Vice-Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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JAN. 15-31,2024

20/20 FX LLC, (ASSR) COMPUTER SERVER + LABOR, INTERNET, , PARTS & EQUIP DATA PROC 11,347.40
ACES, MONTLY DATA PROCESSING SUPPORT- FEB 189.00
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C., ADMIN SERVICES- BOND RELATED SERVICES- URBAN RENEW 2,570.00
AIRGAS, INC., (EMS) OXYGEN CYLINDER RENTAL, MED/ LAB SUPPLS 411.33
ALLIANT ENERGY/ IPL, INTERSECTION LIGHTING 38.56
ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTLS 68.62
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SHERIFF- SUPPLIES & UNIFORM 286.88
ANDERSON LAW OFFICE, (CA) TEMP ASSIS - CTY ATTY - DECEMBER 2023 ..... 3,550.44
AXON ENTERPRISE INC, SHERIFF- POLICE SUPPLIES- TASER BATTERY PACKS - 5 ..... 436.00
BAUMGARTNER, DAVID, (CLERK) SUBSTANCE ABUSE MATTERS 1,654.74
BLACK HAWK COUNTY SHERIFF, (CLERK) SERVICES FEES SRCR012828 ..... 43.89
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT GAS EMS SHOP/STAFF RENTAL DEC, CO SHOPS 503.09
BMC AGGREGATES LC, ROCK 648.09
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COMPANY, OUTSIDE RPRS #87 & HRDWRE #47 & #257, LUBR & FILTER 3,980.86
BOEHMER, KATIE, VA COM MEETING JAN 11 2024 ..... 25.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, (EMS) MEDICAL SUPPLIES 216.02
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, ROCK & WINTER CONTRACT SAND 6,723.08
BUTLER CO REC (CONS) ELEC + GEO @ TPNC & TWIN PONDS, SANIT-UTLS,, INTRSCTN LGHTG & NASHUA SHOP 771.56
BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, (911) POWER @ ANCHOR 236.89
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., CO OFFICE PHONE & NH SHOP INTERNET/PHONE & FIBER TOWERS 1,233.84
C. H. MCGUINESS CO. INC., (GEN SVC) PARTS + LABOR TO REPLACE VALVES 1,156.47
CAREY, RANAE, REIMB. MILEAGE & MICROWAVE 274.63
CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON, LUB, FILTERS, PARTS 567.80
CASS LASER ENGRAVING, SHERIFF- STAFF RECOGNITION PLAQUES X3 ..... 360.00
CENTURY LINK, 911 PHONES. 33.95
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF, SHERIFF MILEAGE REIMB. FOR JUV SERVICE, POSTAGE REMB .. 1,185.90
CHICKASAW COUNTY AG EXT DISTRICT, (GEN SVC) PEST CONTROL REG CLASS 55.00
CINTAS CORPORATION #762, FIRST AID NH SHOP 153.79
CJ COOPER & ASSOC INC/S & G HARVIEUX INC, RANDOM DRUG TESTING 285.00
CLOUDCOVER USA, INC, (DATA) FIREWALL ANNL SUBSCRIPTION 820.00
COLLINS, JANE, PH - MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS 246.28
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA INC, WINTER CONTRACT SALT 41,483.61
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, DIESEL FUEL IONIA & AV SHOPS 3,500.00
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INC, BRIDGE MAINT SUPPLIES 559.30
CRESCO SHOPPER, (99) 23-24 WINTER/SPRING TRAVEL LEISURE GUIDE 191.25
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, CO DEPTS BOTTLED WATER/COOLER RENTAL, SFTNER SALT CO BLDG 303.61
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIP CO, (EMA) PSS FOLDING ORANGE TRAFFIC CONES, ... 338.99
DEERE, MISTIE, PH - MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS 577.71
FAREWAY STORES INC, CRTHS-POP FOR MACHINE, SHER SUPPLS, HERIT.-DRINKING WATER 170.30
FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, DIESEL FUEL BURG SHOP & GAS #3 ..... 2,399.97
FASTENAL COMPANY, HARDWARE 158.44
FAYETTE COUNTY, (SHERIFF) BOARDING INMATE FEES FOR NOV & DEC 3,114.00
FIRE SERV TRAINING BUREAU, (EMA) FFI CERTIFICATION FEES - J.HOLTHAUS 50.00
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, DIESEL FUEL, GAS & TOOLS CO DEPT & BLDG 7,278.34
FLICK, TAMMY, PH- MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS 226.63
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, BOARDING INMATE JAN 3,132.50
FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, LEACHATE FEES - DEC. 2023, INTRSCTN LGHTG, F'BURG SHOP UTLS 278.48
GEERTS PLUMBING & HEATING INC., COURTHOUSE THERMOSTAT 254.42
HACKMAN, JACOB J, REIMB. - LDG & MLG- ISAC MEETING- JAN 2024 ..... 397.87
HEALTHCARE FIRST, PH - AUDITING/CLERICAL SVC. SURVEYS SENT TO CLIENT 104.74
HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, PH - DATA PROCESSING - SOFTWARE 1,800.00
HOMETOWN PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL CO BLDGS 313.87
HUMBOLDT MFG. CO., LAB - ROTARY LAB SIFTER 3,736.00
I & S GROUP INC, (99) PROF SERVICES @ HOMELAND ENERGY 14,584.76
IACME, M.E.I. DUES FOR 2024 .... 300.00
IMAGING SPECTRUM INC, PAPER-RECORDER 288.41
INOVALON PROVIDER INC, PH - MEDICAL SUPPLS/LAB- MEDICARE BILLING SFTWR,,AUDIT/CLERICAL -PH 2,325.66
INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF UPPER IOWA, BATTERY #31 ..... 431.85
IONIA, CITY OF, IONIA SHOP UTLS 125.00
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE ENG, (GS) DUES FOR BOILER INSPECTION . 40.00
IOWA COUNTY RECORDER'S ASSOCIATION, REC- 2024 RESEARCH & EDUCATION DUES 250.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, GENERAL SUPPLIES, RECERT - R LENSING 247.54
IOWA HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION, PH - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE 875.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, SHERIFF- ADMIN SVC- MOSHER 150.00
IOWA STATE ASSOC OF ASSESSORS, (ASSR) ANNUAL ISAA MEMBERSHIP DUES 680.00
IOWA WEED COMMISSIONERS ASSOC, (WEED COMM) '24 IWCA CONFERENCE REG 227.00
ISAC, (REC) 2024 ISAC SPRING CONFERENCE REG, BOS MTG & EDTRNG-SUCKOW 310.00
JASPER COUNTY, IOWA, (CLERK) SERVICE FEES 64.00
JENDRO INC, (RECYCLE) PICKUP, GRBG CO BLDGS 2,737.61
JERICO CEMETERY FUND, (GS) VET GRAVE CARE = JERICO CEMETERY 420.00
JHB GROUP INC, (EMA) MOBILE COMMAND CENTER.. 125,939.65
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, (CONS) ANTI FREEZE, PARTS, HERIT- OIL,-SEC RD- HRDWR, PARTS & SUPPLS 1,097.22
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF, (CLERK) SERVICE FEES 43.17
JURGENSEN, NICKOLAS, EMS- REIMBUREMENT- UNIFORM . 81.89
KAHN TILE SUPPLY LLC, CULVERT 638.70
KIME, JENNY, PH - MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS 451.30
KIPP, KAITLYN, UNIFORM REIMB EMS 168.96
KLOCKE'S EMERGENCY VEHICLES, EMS - MV MAINTENANCE- RUB RAIL 189.48
KNUTSON, ANN, PH - MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS 5.24
KOCH OFFICE GROUP, COPIES - OFFICE & SHOP 247.22
KOTTKE, RICH, VA COMM MEETING 1/11/2024 ..... 25.00
KUEHN, KATHRYN, VA COMM MEETING 1-11-2024 ..... 25.00
KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK, DIESEL FUEL & GAS-SEC RD 3,953.36
KWIK TRIP INC, CO DEPTS - FUEL 4,436.72
L & R MANUFACTURING LLC, HARDWARE, PARTS #53, EQUIP CONSUMEABLES 1,698.22
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC, PH - INTERPRETER SVC- STATE GRANT 31.50
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.,ELECTRICAL PARTS & SUPPLIES 1,713.53
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASES ENG OFFICE 647.58
LECHTENBERG, DEREK, EH- MEAL REIMB. - IOWWA CONFERENCE 141.69
LENSING, ROMAN C., 2023 ENG CONF HOTEL REIMB. 668.20
LESTER, MEGAN, PH- MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS 500.42
LS SUPPLY & RENTAL INC, BRIDGE FORM MATERIALS 58.07
LUANA SAVINGS BANK, RECORDER- DEPOSIT SLIPS .. 53.02
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC., EH- LAB FEES- WELL WATER TESTING 1,017.25
MARV & ZIPS REPAIR INC, PARTS #44 ..... 43.07
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL, PH - MEDICAL/LAB SUPPLIES 183.79
MERCY HEALTH SERVICES - IA CORP, RANDOM DRUG TESTING 90.00
MERCY ONE-WAVERLY, MEI SRVS 1.4.24 ..... 175.00
METAL CULVERTS INC., STOCK CULVERTS 37,170.16
MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC, (GS) URINAL VALVE 323.60
MID TECH SERVICES, HERITAGE - SHIPPING FEES FOR WATER SAMPLES 18.54
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, (911) POWER @ NASHUA TOWER, INTRSCTN LGHTG - SEC RD 141.72
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFORMATION CENTER, SHERIFF- DUES & MEMBERSHIP- 2024 ..... 100.00
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, SAUDE SHOP ELECT & INTRSCTN LIGHT, ELEC. CO PARKS, POWER @ LAWLER TOWER 967.05
MITKO LLC, PARTS & HARDWARE #64 & #65 ..... 946.25
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC, RADIOS #24, #38, 1 FOR STOCK PARTS 8,490.48
MT CARROLL CEMETERY, (GS) 2023 VET CARE 180.00
MULLER, WENDEL, (99) LAND RENT FOR FEB (NASHUA TOWER) 500.00
NASHUA REPORTER, BOS PUBLICATIONS 743.38
NE DISTRICT ISAA, 2024 DUES & MTG ASSR 325.00
NEW HAMPTON CARE CENTER, LLC, (SHERIFF) DECEMBER JAIL MEALS 50.00
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, (SHER & EMS) INTERNET, PHONE + TV MONTHLY BILL, EMA INTERNET 947.77
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, PUBLICATIONS BOS 568.21
NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, UTILS @ COUNTY BLDGS 5,021.03
NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER, (99) DEC TOURISM CONTRACT - CHAMBER 1,592.50
NORSOLV SYSTEMS, GENERAL SUPPLIES 253.95
NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING INC, PH- RADIO INTERVIEW 25.00
NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORP, ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE - DEC ..... 2023 ..... 922.85
NORTHERN IOWA THERAPY PC, PH- PHYSICAL & OCCUPATION THERAPY- CLIENTS 6,720.00
NOSBISCH, RANDY, VA COMM MEETING JAN 11 2024 ..... 25.00
OMEGA MACHINE TOOL INC, MAINTENANCE - REPAIR STRIKER PLATE 25.00
ON TRACK SIGNS, SHERIFF- M.V. REPAIR/MAINT. REMOVE TRUCK DECAL- 100.00
OSSIAN INC, CHLORIDE 9,891.00
OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL CHURCH, (GS) OUR LADE OF MT CARMEL VET CARE 142.50
PAULUS, JUDY, PH- MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS 227.29
PETERS, WENDY, PH- MILEAGE- CLIENT CALLS 388.42
PHILLIPS REFRIGERATION, NASHUA SHOP HEATER 68.00
PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY (EMS) SEP - DEC. MONTHLY, AMBULANCE SOFTWARE BILLING 14,054.14
RAPID PRINTERS / OFFICE WORLD, SUPPLS CO DEPTS & CUSTODIAL 3,517.80
RILEY'S INC, CUSTODIAL & OFFICE SUPPLS CO DEPTS, COPY FEES-CO DEPTS 1,370.48
S & T COLLISION CENTER AND AUTO LLC, (SHERIFF) LABOR TO FIX DOOR + PARTS 86.32
SADLER POWER TRAIN INC, PARTS #29 ..... 234.22
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC, (EMA) OHD FIT TESTING 50.00
SANOFI PASTEUR INC, PH - MEDICAL SUPPLIES- VACCINE- TUBERSOL SOLUTION 90.70
SAVE RITE MEDICAL, PH - MEDICAL/LAB SUPPLIES- WOUND CARE 217.00
SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, TOOLS, GENERAL SUPPLIES, EQUIP CONSUMEABLE. 1,048.40
SCOTT PHARMACY INC, (SHERIFF) INMATE MEDS 62.03
SECTOR LLC, (SHERIFF) VEHICLE BATTERY SERVICE + NEW BATTERIES 647.50
SHEKLETON, JULIA, PH- MILEAGE- CLIENT CALL 269.21
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, (ATTY) SHIELDWARE LICENSE 1,500.00
SNAP ON TOOLS, TOOL 97.25
SOUTH WATER AVENUE APARTMENTS LLC, (EMS) FEB MONTHLY APARTMENT RENT. 1,100.00
SPEICHER, DEAN, VA COMM MEETING- JAN 11, 2024 ..... 25.00
STAPLES INC, PH - OFFICE SUPPLIES 55.56
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, (HER) WATER TESTING @ HERITAGE 14.50
SUPERIOR LUMBER INC, BRIDGE MAINT SUPPLIES 15.09
TREWIN PUMPING SERVICE, (SANI) HAULING OF LEACHATE FROM OLD LANDFILL 175.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, PARTS #31 ..... 155.81
U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, CELL PHONE & TABLET SVC EMERG PREP GRANT CO DEPTS 1,276.62
US POSTAL SERVICE, POSTAGE FOR BUSINESS REPLY MAIL 250.00
VANGUARD PUBLISHING CO LLC, HELP WANTED - MECHANIC & ASSIST TO ENG, ASSR BUDGET PUBLICATION 429.85
VERIZON WIRELESS, SHERIFF - CELL PHONE - DEC-JAN, CAR LAPTOPS 934.45
VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC, SHERIFF- 2016 DURANGO REPAIRS & MUD FLAPS 1,506.54
VISA, (EMA) MONTHLY VISA BILL 382.67
VISA, DATA PROCESS SRVS, SUPPLS, MISC SHOP ACTIVITIES SEC RDS 3,385.57
VISA, PH- AUDITING/CLERICAL SVC,FUEL & MEAL SHER DEPT, EDUC TRNG EH & SHER 1,221.30
WATERLANDER, MARC, WELL PLUG REIMB 500.00
WATSON, INDIA, (MEI) MEI FEES + MILEAGE REIMB 234.38
WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP & PART INC, PARTS & TIRE REPAIRS SHER & SEC RD DEPT ... 5,706.17
WEBSTER, JAMES, PLUG WELL REIMB 122.00
WELTER, LISA, PH - MILEAGE - CLIENT CALLS 48.47
WENDLAND, WALTER, WELL PLUG REIMB 500.00
WEX, (ASSR) FUEL FOR OFFICE VEHICLE 36.70
XSTREAM PRESSURE EQUIPMENT, EQUIPMENT REPAIR 399.90
YSBRAND, MATTHEW,
MATT YSBRAND -MLG & LODGING REIMB- ISAC LEADERS ... 240.29
ZIEGLER INC, PARTS, FILTERS, OUTSIDE REPAIRS 2,481.02
ZIP'S AW DIRECT , HARDWARE - PULL CHAINS- SEC RDS, UNF & POLICE SUPPLS- SHER DEPT 1,173.99
GRAND TOTAL 401,315.85

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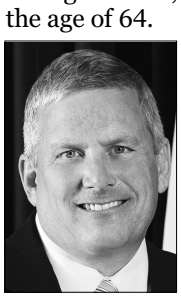
Iowa farmers lose one of top supporters with the death of Northey

By Jared Strong
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Bill Northey, who was Iowa's top agriculture official for more than a decade and a leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, died recently at the age of 64.


Northey

His death was publicly announced Monday by the Agribusiness Association of Iowa, of which he was chief executive.

"Bill was a tireless advocate for agriculture and a beloved leader," the association said.

An association spokesperson said Northey died suddenly but did not know the cause of death. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Northey, a longtime farmer, was Iowa's agriculture secretary from 2007 to 2018, after which he was undersecretary for farm production and conservation at the USDA until 2021.

He was an Iowa State University graduate who was raised on a farm in Dickinson County, according to the association.

He was president of the National Corn Growers Association in the mid-1990s and a decade later was first elected agriculture secretary for Iowa.

"Bill was a great leader whose work ethic and passion for Iowa agriculture was unmatched," Gov. Kim Reynolds said in a statement. "Iowans and farmers around the country were fortunate to have such a rock-solid advocate and friend."

Reynolds ordered flags at half staff until after Northey's funeral.

Numerous public officials and agriculture groups heaped praise on Northey on Monday:

• U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack: "Bill's colleagues, the Iowa agriculture community, and so many who knew him will feel the absence of such a passionate, knowledgeable and devoted leader for a long time to come."

• Mike Naig, the current state agriculture secretary: "As secretary, he had a tremendously positive impact on our state and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, but his influence went well beyond our borders.

'Whether it was on issues like soil conservation, water quality, renewable energy, foreign animal disease preparedness or trade, Bill was respected nationally and internationally. Bill was smart and people looked toward his leadership on every issue he focused on."

• U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley: "Today the Iowa farm community lost a giant. Bill Northey was a dear friend and fierce advocate for the family farmer.

"As Iowa's Secretary of Agriculture and Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation at the United States Department of Agriculture under President Trump, Bill's commitment to agriculture, biofuels and conservation were unmatched."

• Jeff Kaufmann, chairman of the Republican Party of Iowa: "His legacy extends far beyond the boundaries of his political office.

"Bill's warmth, approachability, and genuine concern for the well-being of this state and Iowans will be his legacy."

• Iowa Farm Bureau Federation: "The Iowa Farm Bureau is saddened to learn of the passing of Bill Northey – a tireless champion, defender and promoter of farmers and agriculture at both the state and federal levels.

"His steadfast dedication and life's work to ensuring agriculture thrives will continue to impact farm families here in Iowa and across the nation for years to come."

• Monte Shaw, executive director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association: "Bill has always been a thoughtful but forceful leader for farmers and rural America.

"He was an incredible friend to ethanol and biodiesel producers because he saw the big picture. This wasn't just about turning a profit — this was about preserving a way of rural life."

• U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst: "Bill Northey dedicated his life to Iowa agriculture. Throughout his career as a farmer, leader in key agriculture organizations, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary, he was a steadfast advocate for the producers that feed and fuel our world. He helped establish Iowa as a national leader on key initiatives including ethanol and the Nutrient Reduction Strategy, while always remaining grounded and connected to his family farm in Dickinson County."

Legal Notice

City of Nashua
MEETING MINUTES
Welcome Center

There was a Nashua Community Meeting held February 6, 2024, at 6:30PM at the Welcome Center. This meeting was not a city council meeting; however, the discussion of the meeting was Nashua Downtown/Main St. and therefore the Mayor and 4 council members did attend the meeting to listen to the citizens and answer questions. No city business was voted upon by the council. Pending Council Approval John Ott City Clerk

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02/9/24

Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN TH MATTER OF THE ESTATE
ROBERT J. WOLFF, deceased
Probate No. ESPR003191
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Robert J. Wolff, deceased, who died on or about January 4, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 2, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Robert J. Wolff, deceased, bearing the date of May 16, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Michael Stastny was appointed as Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 of four months from the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated: February 6, 2024.

Michael Stastny,
Executor 2675 Scenic Lane
Nashua IA 50658

Mary Rose Shelley
Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C.
314 East 4th Street
Waterloo, IA 50703
ATTORNEYS FOR EXECUTOR

Date of Second Publication: 16th day of February, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Chickasaw County Road Department plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities."

The storm water discharge will be from a bridge construction project located in Section 34, Township 94N, Range 12W, along 310th Street in Chickasaw County. Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source and will be discharged to the following stream: East Fork Wapsipinicon River.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Environmental Protection Division, Henry A. Wallace Building, 502 E 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD HANSEN, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR003189
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Richard Hansen, deceased, who died on or about January 1, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on January 26, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Richard Hansen, deceased, bearing the date of January 23, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Tamera Sudol was appointed as Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 of four months from the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated: February 2, 2024.
Tamera Sudol, Executor
2638 Scenic Lane Nashua IA 50658

Mary Rose Shelley
Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C.
314 East 4th Street Waterloo, IA 50703
ATTORNEYS FOR EXECUTORS
Date of Second Publication:16th day of February, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
Chickasaw County 911 Service Board

The 911 Service Board of the above named jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 2/21/2024 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: 260 E Prospect St 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 budgeted receipts and expenditures on file with the 911 Service Board Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished upon request.

	FYE June 30, 2023 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2024 Re-Estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2025 Proposed Expenditures	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Surcharge
1. Surcharge Fund	161,954	514,105	416,605	0	44,927	286,532	0		175,000
2. Operating Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3. TOTAL	161,954	514,105	416,605	0	44,927	286,532	0	0	175,000

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2024 NASHUA Business Directory

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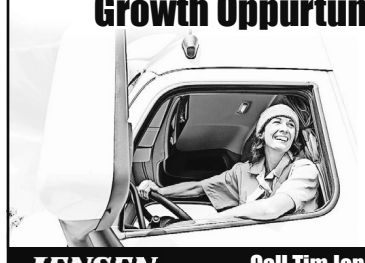
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After win over Lake Mills, state duals go south for the Huskies

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between two of the more recognizable faces in the sport of prep wrestling in the state of Iowa.

"If you didn't get to see the match then it's hard to describe to you what happened," said Frost. "We put a move in 10 to 15 seconds left in the match, which is one of Rinken's specialties. It's kind of a whizzer, hop over the top, put the leg in the other side – Rinken sits down, it's two points."

N-P and Rinken did not get the call and the 3-2 victory – which would have given the Huskies an 18-12 lead at that point in the match versus the Pirates.

"Well this particular referee decided it wasn't going to be two and we didn't get the two points to win by a point," said Frost. "After the dual, talking to the head official referee and even a head referee that we had right here in the building, it's two points."

Alburnett – with Neighbor's razor-thin win – proceeded to win eight matches in a row starting with that 120-pound win by Alburnett's top grappler over Rinken and won going away – 47-21.

"Obviously, that was a major upset," said Frost about Rinken's match. "You can call it controversial if you want, but he suffers his first loss."

That was all she wrote at that point after Alburnett stole N-P's momentum. N-P closed out the dual with a pin by No. 3 Titus Evans over the Pirates' Luke Schneider in 55 seconds at 175 pounds.

"I'm sure they were in a very revengeful mood because we took two third-place trophies away from them," said Frost. "Everybody knows the story. I'm sure they've had that circled for quite awhile."

Alburnett went on to lose in the championship bout versus, you guessed it, No. 3 seed Don Bosco. The Dons earned a 45-31 win after claiming three out of the last four matches by pin over the Pirates.

"Bosco's just that tough. Alburnett's solid, too," said Frost. "Bosco just has a little more extra horsepower."

With that win by the Dons, Don Bosco won its fourth-consecutive state duals title and sixth in the last seven years. The Dons have won 14 state dual crowns, tops in Iowa.

N-P vied to replicate its third-place finish from last winter in the last match of the night against No. 2 seed Wilton, but the Beavers overcame a 12-0 hole to rip off seven wins in a row and claimed a 48-30 win over the Huskies.

Rinken took on No. 11 Austin Etzel (36-9) of Wilton at 120 pounds and suffered a shoulder injury that forced him to injury default to the underdog Beaver grappler.

"I think his shoulder popped in and out. He was in a lot of pain," said Frost.

The match was tied at 3-3 when the match was called because of injury.

"We tried to wrestle again and he was in another situation and he was in too much pain. It wasn't worth it so we just injury defaulted in that match," said Frost.

Frost said Rinken's injury may have had an emotional impact on the squad later on in the match versus Wilton.

"We started out great, then the thing happened to Rinken and I think we just fell apart," said Frost. "For some reason we end up getting on our back like three or four matches in a row and getting pinned."

N-P will get right back at it at Lake Mills this Saturday as the Huskies will find out how many they send down to the traditional state tournament in Des Moines.

Jenn Kalainoff

No. 1 ranked Jayden Rinken (above) of Nashua-Plainfield wrestles No. 2 Rowdy Neighbor of Alburnett in their match at 120 pounds on Saturday in Coralville while Husky senior Hayden Munn (below) controls his opponent.

The Huskies competed at districts last year at Lake Mills and broke the school record with 13 state qualifiers. Class 1A district meets take the top two wrestlers in each of 14 weight classes to compete at the traditional state tournament.

State duals competition first started in 1987 in Iowa. N-P has won state championships in 2004 and 2012.

The Huskies placed state runner-up in three-consecutive seasons (2008-2010) to Don Bosco. Frost also guided N-P to a third-place dual finish at state in 2006 and a seventh-place state dual result in 2022.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 46, LAKE MILLS 222

175 - Eli Kalainoff (NP) pinned Josiah Kjeldahl, 1:20. 190 - Titus Evans (NP) pinned Ethan Lawson, 1:45. 215 - Tate White (NP) tech fall Andrew Grunhovd, 19-4. 285 - Wyatt Hanna (LM) dec. Aiden Sullivan, 6-3. 106 - Lucas Oldenkamp (LM) pinned Connor Sullivan, 1:03. 113 - Nic Brase (NP) won by forfeit. 120 - Hayden Munn (NP) maj. dec. Carter Helgeson, 14-5.

126 - Jayden Rinken (NP) pinned Hayden Helgeson, 3:53. 132 - Landon Price (LM) pinned Luke Zwanziger, 0:36. 138 - Steve Brandenburg (LM) maj. dec. Tyler Zimmer, 12-3. 144 - Devon Blanchard (NP) maj. dec. Caleb Skogen, 12-4. 150 - Aiden Gelner (NP) dec. Austin Stene, 5-1. 157 - Jackson Carey (NP) pinned Eli Smith, 0:59. 165 - Beau Kaufman (LM) dec. Dylan Blanchard, 4-1.

ALBURNETT 47, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 21

190 - White (NP) maj. dec. River Williams, 16-6. 215 - A. Sullivan (NP) pinned Sevy Redel, 2:56. 285 - Emmitt Fleshman (A) pinned Isaac Jones, 1:57. 106 - Atlee Dewitt (A) pinned C. Sullivan, 1:44. 113 - Brase (NP) tech fall Clayton Strang, 16-0. 120 - Rowdy Neighbor (A) dec. Jayden Rinken, 2-1. 126 - Tayten Coufal (A) maj. dec. Munn, 16-4.

132 - Cooper Franklin (A) pinned Luke Zwanziger, 5:13. 138 - Preston Klostermann (A) pinned Zimmer, 1:28. 144 - Dawson Becker (A) dec. De. Blanchard, 11-7. 150 - Reece Klostermann (A) maj. dec. Gelner, 13-0. 157 - Shayden Washburn (A) dec. Carey, 4-3. 165 - Hunter Sauer (A) pinned Dy. Blanchard, 1:19. 175 - Evans (NP) pinned Luke Schneider, 0:55.

WILTON 48, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 30

215 - A. Sullivan (NP) pinned Francisco Honts, 2:20. 285 - Isaac Jones (NP) pinned Carter Drake-Metzger, 2:36. 106 - Liam Adlfinger (W) pinned C. Sullivan, 0:58. 113 - Mason Shirk (W) dec. Brase, 3-0. 120 - Austin Etzel (W) inj. default over Rinken, 3:27. 126 - Owen Adlfinger (W) pinned Munn, 3:52. 132 - Brody Brisker (W) pinned Zwanziger, 0:32.

138 - Gabriel Brisker (W) pinned Zimmer, 2:34. 144 - Jordan Dusenberry (W) pinned De. Blanchard, 0:23. 150 - Gelner (NP) pinned Hayden Hill, 5:37. 157 - Owen Milder (W) dec. Carey, 9-7. 165 - Jensen Boorn (W) pinned Dy. Blanchard, 2:10. 175 - Evans (NP) pinned Gatlin Rogers, 2:22. 190 - White (NP) pinned Kane Willey, 4:46.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P's Kadence Huck makes a move toward the basket versus North Butler on Tuesday evening.

N-P blasts Don Bosco by 25 points in non-league tilt

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2023-2024.

"It was important for us to get that win last night and to get this win tonight against probably our biggest rival," said Smith.

N-P blasted two-win Don Bosco, 48-23, on Monday night in a makeup game that was originally slated to be played in early January. The Huskies took on North Butler on its home floor a week before Christmas on Dec. 18. with a lineup that was short-handed at best. The result was a 38-35 NB victory in the first meeting between the longtime adversaries.

"That was one of those games where we had – I think by the end of that game we had six healthy girls," said Smith on the first time his team took on NB. "At full strength we liked our odds."

N-P actually led 18-2 early in the second quarter after a O'Neill bucket down low, which was part of a 16-0 run after the game was tied at 2-2.

"I kind of figured it'd be a close one," said Smith. "Sometimes when you jump out to those early leads, there's kind of some fluky things that happen. They're a tough team."

The Huskies held NB without a point for 10:40 until the 4:37 mark of the second quarter. That's when the Bearcats broke the scoring drought to make it 18-4. N-P led 22-9 at the break, but North Butler stormed back. An 11-0 Bearcat run was capped by senior Reagan Mulder's bucket near the rim with four minutes left in the game. That made the score a single-possession contest – still in N-P's favor – at 31-28. O'Neill answered right back on the next possession with a field goal made down on the blocks to push the lead back up to five points, 33-28. Jady Thorne's 3-pointer from the wing with 2:59 left made it 35-31, but that key trey from beyond the 3-point arc brought forth another O'Neill response with a conversion in the lane to make it 37-31.

N-P drained some free-throws and generated some stops on defense down the stretch and that made a North Butler 3-pointer converted on right before the final buzzer sounded meaningless in terms of who came out on top.

"For whatever reason in that second quarter we started missing layups and our free-throw shooting wasn't the best," said Smith. "Down the stretch we hit some big plays when it mattered, so it ended up being okay."

Huck broke the single-season steals record at N-P this year, breaking the old mark set by 2022 Husky alum Jennah Carpenter, who tallied 104 steals in back-to-back seasons her junior and senior seasons. Huck is second in steals throughout state to freshman Rylee Mudderman of Kee High, who has swiped 139 steals. Each defensive stalwart averages almost seven steals a game.

Those individual stats are all fine and dandy, but Huck was most pleased about the win over North Butler.

"Finally getting a number up on that board is really big," smiled Huck.

Huck finished with just two steals against North Butler, but came up with 10 steals against Don Bosco (2-18) to go along with her 22 points.

O'Neill registered a double-double against the Bearcats as she grabbed 10 rebounds. She missed just two shot attempts in 11 tries.

Huck – who leads the team in scoring with a 15-point average – tallied 14 points in a 72-31 loss at West Fork (12-9, 9-5) last week Friday.

N-P celebrated the careers of Husky seniors Maci Malven, Jalynn Pratt and Myranda Webster at halftime of the boys game on Tuesday. Each N-P senior played their final regular season game for the Huskies.

"They make practice fun. Everybody has their role on the team and I definitely think they play a major role, especially just leading the team. It's a really good group," said Huck.

WEST FORK 72, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 31

NP	5	12	12	2	- 31
WF	22	16	26	8	- 72

Elayna O'Neill 1-7 0-2 2, Kadence Huck 5-8 4-6 14, Marleigh Lowe 2-5 1-4 5, Jalynn Pratt 2-9 0-0 6, Paige Franzen 1-3 0-0 2, Ava Kirk 0-3 0-0 0, Myranda Webster 1-4 0-0 2, Bailey Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Kristen Lee 0-1 0-0 0, Maci Malven 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 12-42 5-12 31.

3-point field goals - Pratt 2-4, Malven 0-1, Lowe 0-2, Franzen 0-2, Kirk 0-3.

Rebounds - O'Neill 5, Huck 5, Malven 2, Pratt 2, Franzen 2, Lowe 1, Webster 1.

Assists - Malven 3, Pratt 2, O'Neill 1, Huck 1.

Steals - Huck 6, Lowe 2, Franzen 1, O'Neill 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 48, DON BOSCO 23

DB	5	3	8	7	- 23
NP	7	14	14	13	- 48

O'Neill 0-3 2-2 2, Huck 11-13 0-0 22, Lowe 2-12 0-0 4, Pratt 2-10 1-2 5, Franzen 1-6 0-0 2, Kirk 2-7 0-0 4, Webster 2-6 0-0 4, Bond 0-0 0-0 0, Lee 0-1 0-0 0, Malven 1-1 0-0 2, Jennifer McLeland 1-6 0-0 2. Totals 22-65 3-4 48.

3-point field goals - Kirk 1-6, Franzen 0-1, Pratt 0-2, Lowe 0-4.

Rebounds - O'Neill 6, Huck 6, Pratt 6, Lowe 5, Webster 4, Franzen 3, Lee 3, Bond 2, Kirk 1.

Assists - Franzen 4, Huck 3, O'Neill 2, Pratt 1, Webster 1.

Steals - Huck 10, Lowe 5, Franzen 3, Pratt 2, Kirk 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 42, NORTH BUTLER 33

NB	2	7	8	16	- 33
NP	16	6	9	11	- 42

Huck 5-9 1-4 11, Webster 0-1 0-0 0, Malven 0-1 0-0 0, Pratt 0–5 0-0 0, Franzen 2-7 2-2 6, Kirk 0-0 0-0 0, O'Neill 9-11 1-6 19, Lowe 2-5 2-2 6. Totals 18-39 6-14 42.

3-point field goals - Malven 0-1, Pratt 0-2, Franzen 0-2.

Rebounds - O'Neill 10, Huck 8, Lowe 7, Franzen 3, Kirk 1, Malven 1.

Assists - Huck 5, Franzen 4, Lowe 2, O'Neill 2, Pratt 2.

Steals - Franzen 5, O'Neill 4, Lowe 3, Huck 2, Malven 1, Pratt 1, Kirk 1.

Blocks - Franzen 2, O'Neill 1.

Kelly Terpstra/Reporter

N-P senior Maci Malven is honored on Senior Night alongside her parents Tim and Paige Malven.

Malven nets career high 25 points against Rockford in scoring flourish

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son series against the Huskies by a score of 55-52. NB won the first meeting with the Huskies back in December by a score of 59-44.

North Butler (7-14, 4-12) nailed nine treys – the same as N-P – but outrebounded the Huskies, 31-22, in the second fray.

"At one point I counted four of their 3's come off of offensive rebounds," said Mueller. "Rebounding the basketball is going to have a direct effect on the game. We lost that battle."

N-P can score with the best of them in the state as evident by its 78-73 track-meet-of-a-win versus Rockford (5-15) on Monday night. That was a season-high point total, but one must remember the Warriors placed dead last in the league with a 3-13 mark. N-P and North Butler finished in a tie for seventh place in the Top of Iowa East.

Defense has been an issue all season long for the Huskies – who allow teams to shoot just over 45 percent from the floor against them. To make matters worse on Tuesday against North Butler, N-P wasn't making buckets.

NB led 29-21 at the break and feasted off second-chance scoring opportunities.

Trailing 48-34 at the start of the fourth quarter, Mueller slapped on the full-court press and it worked – to a tee. N-P ended up going on an 11-0 run that saw sophomore Jase Hansen cap the scoring outburst with a baseline 3-pointer to trim NB's lead to 48-45 with 5:02 remaining in the game.

"The press brought us some energy and it kind of changed the flow," said Mueller. "We let them execute their offense so well in the first half that when we started to do ball pressure it just took their rhythm away a little bit. I should have done that earlier."

Bearcat senior Hunter Rademaker got loose for a wrap-around layup with 3:56 left in the game to answer N-P's challenge and halt the scoring run to give North Butler a 50-45 advantage. His 10-footer nailed with 3:03 remaining pushed NB's lead back up to seven at 52-45. He would finish with 22 points to lead all scorers.

N-P sophomore Matthew Malven drained a 3-pointer at the top of the key to slice NB's lead to 54-52 with two seconds remaining in regulation.

There just wasn't enough time left and enough defensive stops mustered by the Huskies to mount a comeback large enough to pull out the come-from-behind victory.

Malven and Hansen each scored 14 points apiece versus North Butler. Malven hit for 25 points and Hansen netted 23 points in the win over Rockford. The sensational sophomore duo combined to score 48 points and nail 18 of 29 field goal attempts. The 25 points for Malven is a career high.

The Husky seniors this year are Hunter Hackman, Tucker Franzen and Trae Geise. Franzen averages 11.4 ppg and Geise registers 10.8 ppg. Malven is second on the team with an 11-point scoring clip. Those seniors were honored at halftime of the girls game on Tuesday night.

Husky sophomore guard Landon Foelske injured his elbow in last week Friday night's 71-50 loss at West Fork (17-3, 15-1) and he did not play versus Rockford or North Butler. His status is uncertain for the postseason game on Monday against Janesville.

Geise led the Huskies in scoring at West Fork with 17 points and Franzen notched 12 points against the Warhawks.

North Linn takes on the winner of Highland versus Cedar Valley Christian in a preliminary contest that will be played tonight (Friday).

West Fork ended winning the conference outright over second-place Osage (16-4, 12-3).

WEST FORK 71, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 50

NP	16	17	12	5	- 50
WF	21	18	14	18	- 71

Tucker Franzen 5-10 0-2 12, Trae Geise 7-10 3-6 17, Matthew Malven 0-4 0-0 0, Jase Hansen 5-10 0-0 11, Jake Smith 2-9 2-2 6, Landon Foelske 0-1 0-2 0, Avery Mueller 0-1 0-0 0, Trent Rodruck 1-7 1-4 3, Hunter Hackman 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 20-53 7-18 50.

3-point field goals - Franzen 2-7, Hansen 1-4, Smith 0-1, Malven 0-3.

Rebounds - Geise 6, Malven 4, Smith 4, Hansen 3, Hackman 3, Rodruck 1.

Assists - Smith 3, Malven 2, Geise 2, Franzen 2, Hackman 1.

Steals - Geise 2, Hansen 2, Franzen 1, Foelske 1, Rodruck 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 78, ROCKFORD 73

Rock	16	19	11	27	- 73
NP	20	23	11	24	- 78

Franzen 3-10 8-12 16, Geise 3-6 1-2 7, Malven 8-15 5-6 25, Hansen 10-14 0-1 23, Smith 2-7 0-0 5, Mueller 0-0 0-0 0, Rodruck 1-4 0-0 2, Hackman 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 27-58 14-21 78.

3-point field goals - Malven 4-7, Hansen 3-6, Franzen 2-7, Smith 1-2, Hackman 0-1.

Rebounds - Rodruck 7, Greise 7, Malven 6, Hackman 3, Smith 2, Franzen 1, Hansen 1, Mueller 1.

Assists - Malven 9, Geise 3, Franzen 2, Hansen 2, Smith 1, Mueller 1, Hackman 1.

Steals - Malven 5, Geise 2, Franzen 1, Hansen 1.

Blocks - Geise 2, Malven 2, Rodruck 1.

NORTH BUTLER 55, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 52

NB	14	14	20	13	- 55
NP	9	12	13	18	- 52

Franzen 2-7 0-0 6, Geise 2-5 4-7 8, Malven 4-15 3-4 14, Hansen 5-6 0-0 14, Hackman 3-4 2-3 8, Mueller 0-0 0-0 0, Rodruck 1-1 0-0 2, Smith 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 17-40 9-14 52.

3-point field goals - Hansen 4-4, Malven 3-11, Franzen 2-5, Hackman 0-1.

Rebounds - Geise 6, Hansen 4, Smith 3, Mueller 3, Franzen 2, Hackman 2, Malven 1, Rodruck 1.

Assists - Malven 5, Mueller 4, Geise 2, Hackman 1, Rodruck 1.

Steals - Geise 1, Malven 1, Hackman 1.

Blocks - Geise 1, Malven 1.

Jenn Kalainoff

Nashua-Plainfield's Titus Evans turns Alburnett's Luke Schneider to his back on his way to a first period fall during the Class 1A state duals semifinals meet between the Huskies and the Pirates on Saturday in Coralville.

Huskies take fourth at state duals

Nashua-Plainfield gets revenge against Lake Mills, drops duals to Alburnett and Wilton

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The Huskies of Nashua-Plainfield can hold their head high after reeling in another top finish at the state dual meet this past Saturday.

But this year's state duals sure had a different feel to it than last year when the Huskies and head coach Al Frost brought back home a third place state dual trophy from Coralville and the spectator-friendly venue of Xtream Arena.

N-P (22-9) was wrestling with a full lineup for one of the few times this winter, but a controversial decision, then an injury to its star wrestler definitely had a bearing on the outcome of Class 1A's semifinal round and made the ride home bittersweet to say the least for the Huskies.

The No. 5 seeded Huskies avenged two losses in the regular season to No. 4 seed Lake Mills (23-9) by dominating the Bulldogs right from the get-go to cruise into the semis with a 46-22 triumph.

"I'm proud of the Huskies for winning that first dual and getting in the top half of a pretty tough 1A pool," said Frost.

Then the Huskies locked horns with the No. 1 seeded and No. 1 ranked Alburnett Pirates – who were obviously out for blood against N-P.

N-P edged the powerful Pirates in the final match of last year's state duals by a score of 41-29 to outlast Alburnett for third place. Then to top it off, Frost and his talented Huskies slipped past Alburnett once again, this time by the slimmest of margins – one-half point to be exact – to claim the final trophy and third place recognition at the state traditional tournament a week later.

Garret Rinken – N-P's all-time record holder in wrestling – earned his second state title in addition to helping his team haul home that trophy in a scintillating finish for the Husky faithful that watched the finals match at 120 pounds.

It was Garret's little brother, junior Jayden, that had himself a trying day down in Coralville last Saturday and a lot of what took place was out of his control.

Jayden (44-2) – ranked No. 1 at 120 pounds and the defending state champ at 106 pounds in Class 1A – was upset (2-1) by second-ranked Rowdy Neighbor of Alburnett with N-P holding a 15-12 edge prior to Neighbor's stunning victory over Rinken.

The loss was Rinken's first of the season and the Rinken-Neighbor showdown came with it a controversial finish.

Neighbor (47-2) – the defending state runner-up at 113 points – led 2-1 over Rinken with about 15 seconds remaining in the much-hyped and talked about head-to-head matchup

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Huskies' heavyweight Isaac Jones (above) works to turn Wilton's Carter Drake-Metzger while teammate Evan Kalainoff (below) controls Lake Mills' Josiah Kjeldahl at the state duals that were held on Saturday in Coralville.

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Nashua-Plainfield senior Hunter Hackman puts up a reverse layup during Tuesday night's game against North Butler.

Husky boys close out regular season, hit the road for the postseason

Nashua-Plainfield begins Class 1A district tournament on Monday against Janesville

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

The North Linn Lynx loom.

That's the behemoth of a hoops squad that will more than likely await the winner of the Nashua-Plainfield vs. Janesville first round Class 1A district matchup on the Wildcats' home floor Monday.

Husky boys basketball coach Matt Mueller knows his squad has to take care of business first and foremost against a 10-10 Wildcat squad before it ever even thinks about slaying Goliath next week Thursday, Feb. 15.

Because David's stone won't mean that much or even be able to be thrown if Janesville comes out on top in the postseason fray that also begins next week for a boat load of small-school class teams across the state of Iowa.

If N-P (8-13, 4-12) is gonna slay a "beast" like North Linn (18-1) – the No. 1 ranked team in Class 1A and defending state runner-up that lost to Grandview Christian in the title game last winter – it's going to have to play better than it did against North Butler on Tuesday night at home in the regular season finale.

Mueller said his young squad will be up for the challenge and the Husky group that features three seniors – who were all honored on Senior Night on Tuesday – is excited for postseason to get underway.

"I think it will bring the best out in all our guys. We're going into this game swinging away and playing hard," said Mueller. "That's our focus the next few days of practice, just to totally get ready for Janesville and play our best game possible."

Rebounding and a slow start hampered Nashua-Plainfield in its rivalry TIC tilt against North Butler – a game that saw a fantastic finish, but the Bearcats eventually held on to sweep the sea-

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N-P girls close out regular season with pair of wins

Huskies top Don Bosco, use fast start to beat North Butler

By Kelly Terpstra
Of the Reporter

You can knock these Huskies down, but they bounce right back up.

Just ask Nashua-Plainfield star guard Kadence Huck – who like her team, might encounter some bumps and bruises along the way, but can rise out of a scrum standing tall just like the Huskies did to down rival North Butler on Tuesday evening in the regular season finale, 42-33.

Huck finished with 11 points and like she's done all season – wreaked havoc atop N-P head coach Josh Smith's zone press. Huck's defense and sophomore center Elayna O'Neill's career-high 19 points helped fuel a 16-2 N-P lead after one period of play against the Huskies' nearest and often times most impassioned Top of Iowa East Conference foe. The two rivals brought plenty of fans to the "Dawg Pound" on N-P's Senior Night, a game that North Butler (4-17, 2-12) rallied in to make for an exciting finish.

Huck – a junior who is second in the entire state (all five classes) in steals (134) this season – talked about her job to disrupt a team's offense even before they can get past half court.

"I'm up there because I'm fast. I can get from side to side pretty easily," said Huck, a five-time state title holder in track and field. "I'm aggressive at it. I get up when I fall."

N-P (6-15, 1-13) closed out the regular season with two-straight victories and more importantly, gave itself a little momentum before it played at Gladbrook-Reinbeck (13-9) on Thursday in the start of Class 1A regional postseason play on Thursday.

"Anything can happen in the playoffs. It's all about who gets hot at the right time and who can play the best on any given night," said Smith.

The win over North Butler was also N-P's first league victory in 14 tries. The TIC only played 14 conference games this season because nearby area squad Rockford did not field a varsity girls basketball team in

See Girls Hoops, 7

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Nashua-Plainfield's Marleigh Lowe gets past the North Butler defense and gets ready to put up a shot in the Huskies' regular season finale on Tuesday night.

Huskies' season comes to an end with 75-35 loss to Rebels

The Nashua-Plainfield girls basketball team put up a good fight, but it wasn't quite enough as its season came to an end Thursday night with a 75-35 loss to Gladbrook-Reinbeck in the opening round of the Class 1A regional tournament.

The Rebels (14-9), who play in the West division of the North Iowa Cedar League, led the regional contest by a score of 58-33 headed into the final period of play and limited the Huskies to just two points in the fourth quarter.

N-P (6-16) was led by junior guard Kadence Huck, who scored 15 points. She managed five field goals and was 5-8 from the free-throw line. Husky sophomore center Elayna O'Neill and junior forward Paige Franzen each notched five points apiece.

The Rebels were led by sophomore Kennedy Brant's game-high 21 points. Elly Sieh, another sophomore for GBR, hit for 19 points.

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