

COMING UP

in CHARLES CITY

FARMERS MARKET OPENS SATURDAY
— The Farmers Market in Central Park will operate from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, beginning May 5, and from 3:30-6 p.m. on Wednesdays through Oct. 20. **PAGE 2**

BROADBAND COMMISSION, MAY 4
— The meeting begins at 4 p.m. on Friday in the council chambers at City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

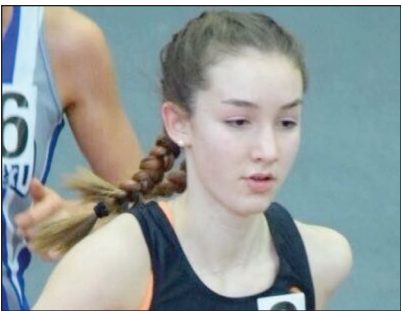
in **NASHUA**
NASHUA’S CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES, MAY 11-12
— The sales are scheduled for Friday, May 11, through Saturday, May 12. If you would like to be included in advertising have your information to city hall by noon on Friday, May 4

in **ROCKFORD**
SPRING CLEANUP, MAY 3-6
— Residents are invited to use the 30 dumpsters that Jendro Sanitation will put in the city dump during the Rockford Spring Cleanup that runs from Thursday to Sunday. There will not be curbside pickup.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE, MAY 5-6
— Shop Rockford this weekend during its city-wide garage sale beginning at 7 a.m. Friday to 8 p.m. Saturday

GO OUTSIDE
CAMPING KICKOFF, MAY 4-6
— Forecasters are predicting beautiful weather for the weekend when state park campgrounds will celebrate Camping Kickoff, May 4-6. State parks will feature more than 40 events across the state, including hikes, kayaking demonstrations, fishing clinics and much more to celebrate the start of the season.

Send in news
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AREA TEENS COMPETE AT DRAKE

DES MOINES — Charles City’s lone qualifier for this year’s Drake Relays placed 22nd in the finals of the high school girls 3,000-meter run. Her time was 11 minutes, 9.85 seconds. Connell’s season best so far is 10:43.53. Riceville junior Abby Marr placed 13th in girls high school

shot put. Her top throw was 37 feet, 9.25 inches, just short of her season best 38-11.05. Marr — whose best throw so far this season is 125-04 —placed 22nd in girls high school discus with a long of 107-01. Tipton junior Jamie Kofron took first with a 143 throw.

FLOYD COUNTY BOND ELECTION

In with the new jail

CHARLES CITY — Floyd County voters on Tuesday approved a bond referendum to upgrade the courthouse and build a new jail and law enforcement center. The county can now borrow up to \$13.5 million for the project.

The unofficial results show the referendum passing by 68.72 percent. The county needed 60 percent. The Floyd County Sheriff’s Department posted this message on its Facebook page after learning of the election victory: “The unofficial votes are in and looks like our LEC and court-

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS	TURNOUT				YES-NO VOTE					
	Reg. Voters	Ballots Cast	% Turnout	Blank	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	YES	NO	Over votes	Under votes
Jurisdiction Wide	1490	221	14.83%	0	1490	221	160	72.40%	61	27.60%
Charles City Corp / CC1	1623	306	18.85%	0	1623	305	226	74.10%	79	25.90%
Charles City Corp / CC2	1496	215	14.37%	0	1496	215	162	75.35%	53	24.65%
Charles City Corp / CC3	1079	190	17.61%	0	1079	190	106	55.79%	84	44.21%
Floyd-Cedar-Niles	1458	152	10.43%	0	1458	152	79	51.97%	73	48.03%
Rock Grove-Rudd	1063	157	14.77%	0	1063	157	102	64.97%	55	35.03%
Rockford-Ulster	676	80	11.83%	0	676	80	53	66.25%	27	33.75%
Scott-Union-Pleasant Grove	1313	205	15.61%	0	1313	205	131	63.90%	74	36.10%
St. Charles-Riverton	ABSENTEE	262	-	0	0	262	209	79.77%	53	20.23%
Total	10198	1788	17.53%	0	10188	1787	1228	68.72%	559	31.28%

house projects passes at over 68%. The Floyd County Sheriff’s Office wants to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who voted, took the tours and listened to our presentations. A special THANK YOU to our citizens campaign committee and all the people involved with this project since it started over 5 years ago.

“We look forward to moving to the next phase of design and construction. Again thank you everyone. NOW WAS THE TIME!” According to the county website, the project will include construction of a single story law enforcement center that includes the sheriff’s office, a 32-bed jail facility, communications

(dispatch) center, and a secure elevator separating inmates from the public for access to the third and fourth floor courtrooms. A lobby will connect the new center with the existing courthouse. A multi-purpose room serving as an emergency operating center, training room and meeting room is available from the lobby for public access. Improvements are also planned for the 1941 courthouse, including a replacement of windows to the original look of the courthouse, a new heating and cooling system and a reconfiguration of space needs for certain offices.

COMET SOCCER IMPROVING



The Charles City High School junior varsity soccer player Drew Staudt races a Waverly-Shell Rock player to the ball in one of two matches over the weekend in Waverly. The Comets lost to West Branch 2-0 and Waverly 5-2. Head coach Brad McKenzie said it was a “nice improvement from earlier this season when we played Waverly.

CHARLEY WESTERN TRAIL

City waiting for right time to raze bridge

CHARLES CITY — As the city waits for the right conditions to tear down the crumbling Charley Western Bridge, it’s hunting for more money to build its replacement. The exact date for demolition is still unsettled, but will most likely be in July, said Charles City Administrator Steven T. Diers. The Cedar River’s level will be a key determining factor. The water

needs to be as low as possible. In the meantime, the city is considering contracts for grant writing and administration with the North Iowa Area Council of Governments. The council approved the contracts Tuesday, April 24. According to Diers, the project has already been awarded \$249,000 through the Iowa Department of Transportation’s

Transportation Alternatives Program. The Floyd County Snowmobile Association has been awarded \$35,000 to donate toward the project as well. Through contracts, NIACOG will seek: • a state Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant. The maximum award is \$100,000. • a state recreational trail program grant. The maximum is

\$400,000 with a 25 percent local match required. • a federal Recreational Trail program grant. The maximum is \$400,000 with a 20 percent local match required. The most the city would need to pay NIACOG for this service would be \$10,000, but that would be only if the maximum \$900,000, cumulatively, is awarded.

Farmers Market opens May 5 in Charles City

Season lasts until Oct. 20; Vendor stalls are still available

NEWS RELEASE
CHARLES CITY – Locally-grown and organic produce,

baked goods, honey, plants and flowers, as well as craft items and more return to Central Park in Charles City this Saturday, May 5, as the 2018 Charles City Farmers Market opens for the season.
The Farmers Market operates

from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays and from 3:30-6 p.m. on Wednesdays through Oct. 20. It is held in and adjacent to Central Park along Blunt Street. Some of the vendors participate in the WIC/FMNP, CVV, SNAP and EBT programs

“It’s a wonderful opportunity to not only shop and learn about different food items, but to also ask questions of the people who actually grew or made what you are buying,” said Community Development Director Mark Wicks.

The Farmers Market is organized by Community Development and a vendor committee.
Vendor stalls are still available. For more information, please call (641) 228-2335 or email info@charlescitychamber.com.

Snap-On grill raffle to benefit Sheriff’s Reserve Unit

CHARLES CITY — A Snap-On grill and smoker is being raffled off to support the Floyd County Sheriff’s Office’s Reserve Unit.
The winning ticket will be drawn Friday, May 11.
Duane Kay, the area Snap-On dealer has donated this Snap-On grill and smoker (\$900 value) with all proceeds benefiting the Reserve Unit.
Tickets are \$10 for one or \$20 for three. Tickets are available from the Sheriff’s Office or Kay at Snap-On.



N-P baccalaureate is May 16, graduation May 20

NASHUA — Soon-to-be graduates from Nashua-Plainfield High School are less than three weeks from graduation.
On May 16, their Baccalaureate begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Senior Awards at 7:30 p.m. In the school gymnasium.
Graduation is at 2:30 p.m. May 20 in the gymnasium.
There is no school on May 28, Memorial Day.
The last scheduled day of school is June 1.

Charles City economic profile report rescheduled to May 9

CHARLES CITY — A public presentation on the latest Charles City economic profile report from the State of Iowa that was postponed due to weather has been reset for Wednesday, May 9. The free event, hosted by the Business Improvement Committee of Community Revitalization, will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Zastrow River Room of the Charles City Public Library.
Main Street Iowa Business Specialist Jim Thompson will be on hand to present and explain the Charles City data, which will include areas of business leakage as well as what businesses pull in customers from outside of town. Areas of additional business opportunities will also be highlighted.
For more information, please contact the Community Revitalization Office at 401 North Main St., (641) 228-2335, or email mark@charlescitychamber.com.

FISHING REPORT

CEDAR RIVER (ABOVE NASHUA): Water clarity is off-color, but should improve with fewer inputs. Water temperatures range from mid 50’s to low 60’s. Water levels are up, but stable.
Walleye - Fair: A variety of lures and baits are working; many anglers are using worms
Channel Catfish - Good: Catch catfish in the impoundments with dead chubs fished on bottom.
Smallmouth Bass - Fair: Nice sized smallies are finding their way to the creel. A variety of tackle is working; use a slow retrieve as the water is cold.

-- Iowa Department of Natural Resources

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Volunteers honored



Judy Hauser presents the Charles City Area Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year Award.



Mary Kellogg accepts the Foster Grandparent of the year award.



Charles City Area Chamber of Commerce President Jacie Garden presents Charles City Hy-Vee representative Jody Mehmen with a plaque honoring the store with the Volunteer Business of the year.



Young fans accept a Caught in the Act Award for Josslyn Lovik, for her Blessing Bags this past Valentines Day.

NEWS RELEASE
The annual Community Volunteer Recognition Event, organized by the Charles City Area Chamber of Commerce and Community Revitalization, took place 8 a.m. at the Charles City Senior Center on Friday, April 27.
Charles City’s Senior Center was overflowing with Charles City’s volunteers and their supporters. The award recipients are:

- Caught in the Act Recipients**
Josslyn Lovik, for her Blessing Bags this past Valentines Day.
Rylie Patrie, for making parachute cord bracelets with all proceeds benefiting the Iowa Donor Network.
The Charles City Wrestling Team, for shoveling sidewalks many times this past winter.
Joanne Starr, for her extensive volunteer work throughout the community
Gail and Tom Rouse, for their time donated to PAWS.
Jerry and Joyce Newton, for their community volunteerism.

PAWS Volunteers of the Year
Gail Rouse and Jamie Lewis

Charles City Community School Districts’ Volunteers of the Year
Washington: **Tammy Quade**, PTO president, for being instrumental in organizing and funding field trips for students.
Lincoln: **Kim Bahnsen**, for consistently helping students who struggle to read.
Middle School: **Jeff Sisson**, for volunteering an extensive number of hours in his classroom.
High School: **Paul Coonrod**, for helping with Iowa BIG North

Charles City Senior Center’s Volunteer of the Year
Julie Miller, for being present and active in many needed roles at the center this past year.

Foster Grandparent of the Year
Mary Kellogg

Community Revitalization Volunteer of the Year:
Nancy Clarke, for her hours of service on the Design Committee and helping at multiple events

Chamber Volunteer Business of the Year
Hy-Vee (Charles City, Iowa), for taking an active stance in many Chamber events and in the community

Chamber President’s Award
Mike Brown

Woman of the Year
Becky Meyer, for her work with RAGBRAI and many more community events.

Man of the Year
Craig Anderson, for his work with numerous organizations, including the Floyd County Fair and Youth Sports.