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Friday, April 10th, 2026 • 5:00pm-7:30pm

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## County budget nears completion

Supervisors will hold final public hearing for county's 26-27 budget, levy April 13

**By BOB FENSKE**  
*Of the Reporter*

All that's needed now for Chickasaw County's 2026-27 budget and tax levy is for supervisors to sign off on the proverbial dotted line. This much is for sure: It's been a

much quieter "budget season" for county leaders than it was a year ago. "It's a working document, always subject to change," Board of Supervisors Chairman Jake Hackman said Tuesday morning when board members approved setting a public hearing on the bud-

get for the fiscal year that begins July 1. "In my opinion, it's a well put together budget ... one that keeps the taxpayer in mind." The setting of the public hearing for 9:10 a.m. on Monday, April 13, came during a budget work session that lasted for less than 15 minutes on Tuesday.

The weekly meeting was pushed back a day so that all five supervisors could be in attendance, but the heavy lifting, if you will, had been done weeks earlier. The budget, as published

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Nashua-Plainfield FFA member Cooper Mitchell (above) takes the joke well as he receives a bottle of Febreze from his fellow FFA members during the organization's annual banquet on Saturday, when Wyatt Forsyth (below) receives an honorary degree from chapter member Elayna O'Neill.

## County gets a good deal on road loan

County engineer says TIF projects free up money for rest of the county

**By BOB FENSKE**  
*Of the Reporter*

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors continued to move ahead Tuesday with its second tax-increment financing (TIF) project. And, at least according to the county's bond consultant, they got a "good deal" in the process. Board members voted 5-0 to accept a resolution to purchase \$1.85 million in general obligation capital loan notes for the repaving project of County Road B22 from Alta Vista to Highway 63. Piper Sandler's Garrett Pochop, whose firm serves as the county's bond consultant, said the county received seven bids from banks and recommended that supervisors approve the offer made by Luana Savings Bank for an average interest rate of 3.987 percent. Pochop, who joined the meeting by phone, said the Luana proposal also has what he called a "very flexible Call feature, which gives the county the ability to either eventually refinance the bond or pay the bond off early. It's an

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## HONORING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD FFA BANQUET CELEBRATES A YEAR IN WHICH CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHED A LOT



**By KELLY TERPSTRA**  
*Of the Reporter*

Step outside the box, dip your toe in the water and climb that mountain or run that race – because if you don't, you'll never know what it's like. Heidi Hull, Nashua-Plainfield's vocational agriculture teacher and N-P FFA advisor since 2017, implores her students to take such chances and expand their horizons. "If you live in your comfort zone, you're never going to experience anything," said Hull. "You're never gonna try the new food. You're never going to go to that new place." Yes, you can do that as well in the agriculture field – which a whole host of parents and family members alike celebrated on Saturday evening at the Big 4 Events Center at N-P's FFA annual chapter banquet. Yeah, one of the biggest college basketball games in the state's history was going on at exactly the same time – but these award winners from the towns of Nashua, Plainfield and surrounding area were celebrated and rightfully so. That's also what digital video recording

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**HAPPY Easter**

**Easter Egg Hunts set for Nashua, Plainfield Saturday**

Kids who want to score some candy will have a couple of options on Saturday as both Nashua and Plainfield will have Easter Egg Hunts that day. Nashua's Women of Today will sponsor its event at the Husky Wellness Center, beginning at 10 a.m. In Plainfield, the hunt will be held at the town park, which will be dotted with eggs for children to find, beginning at 1 p.m. That event is sponsored by the Plainfield Days Committee.

## Farming and family is important to Good Neighbor Award winners

Family of 1980 Nashua High graduate is humbled by honor

**By BOB FENSKE**  
*Of the Reporter*

Life would not be the same for the Tupper family of Poppe Farms without the two F's – farming and family. And throw in a third F word, friends, too, and you've got the reason that the family's machine shed was packed to the proverbial gills Thursday, when the family received the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award, a statewide award made possible for a partnership between the Coalition to

Support Iowa's Farmers, The Big Show on WHO Radio, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture. "It is nice, but it's also really humbling to be recognized for others," said Joanne Tupper, a 1980 Nashua High School graduate and the daughter of Edmund and Alma Poppe, who purchased the family's "home farm" in 1951. "I'm really a more behind-the-scenes girl, but for our family, this is a really nice honor."

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Members of the Poppe Farms "team" pose for a picture with Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and other dignitaries after receiving the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award during a ceremony Thursday.

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